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Round 3: Seven Creeks



Ride Em Gibson

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The Mid-South Cross Country Motorsports

Championship got off to a great start when they gave landowner and Mid-South racer, **Chris Sumner** a chance at the reigns. He teamed up with **Bobby and Steve Thomas**, Mid-South's most experienced promoters and together, they promoted one fantastic track. Nearly 600 members of the **Pirelli / Moose Racing / Parts Unlimited / Maxxis challenge** thoroughly enjoyed Seven Creeks, and who wouldn't?

It was a freshly cut course located just outside of Land between the Lakes. Not only was it the most beautiful setting. It also proved to be the perfect spot to end **Jeff Cregg's** winning streak, and it also gave KTM Powersport Graphics/ Hard Equipment / Scott / Motorex / **Maxxis** backed **Dustin Gibson** the perfect chance, ending his losing streak.

Gibson may not have been the first AA rider to leave the start, however he was the one to accomplish everything else in first place. He got the holeshot and led everyone throughout the s curve and disappeared into the woods with Cregg in last place.

Throughout the first lap, they broke in new trail with Gibson charging in front and Cregg charging near the rear. Cregg wasted no time and quickly passed several riders. Then he made a move for second place when the rest got stuck on a steep hill. Next lap, Cregg got his chance and swapped for the lead.



"It was going pretty good," said Gibson, "and then all of a sudden, there was an off camber section. I hit some roots, going in second gear fast. It wasn't good. I ended up on my back, and I'm not sure what happened. My bike was on top of me, I got burned, and Cregg got around me; some other people did too. It wasn't pretty."

Cregg[170] said, "I kept pushing hard and got around a few guys. I saw Dustin go down really hard, and I thought I was going to do the same, but he finally caught back up to me and battled with me pretty much the whole race."



On the last lap, Cregg was in the lead right before the creek section, but Gibson took an outside line and got around him. He plunged in and held it wide open through every rock, root, and deep crevice that a creek could muster. In the end, it paid off because he took home his first, first place win for this season, and he tipped the scales ever so slightly in his favor.

Meanwhile Cregg was not giving up anything very easily. He raced just as hard, taking second place not far behind Mid-South's two-time champion. With Cregg gaining by two wins, he still holds a promising lead for the series win.

Third and fourth places in overall went to KTM mounted **Chris Bach** and Suzuki jockeyed **Broc Sims**. They had a great battle going into one of those creeks, but Bach (No Number ☺) got the best of it.

"I ran in third place all day," said Sims. "Then Bach got me because I cannot ride in those creek sections, so if we never see another one for the rest of the series, I'll be happy."

My Own Race:

Jordan Ashburn

5th Place in Overall

"I got the holeshot," said Ashburn, the winner of 250 A class. "**Loupie Lambruno** got around me once, but then I passed him, won my race, and finished in fifth place in overall."

John Maschino

6th Place in Overall

"I got to riding better in the last part of the race, but it was too lately to do anything. I wanted to thank **Obermeyer, Tire Balls, Bridestone, and MSR.**"



Sincere apologies to Dustin Burgess, he was pictured in the creek crossing of last article's Pro Action Race as Nathan Woodruff. Of course, this could have been clear cut and no problem had he used his membership number instead of the number he chose. ☺

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Bowman Boasts

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Jeremiah Bowman is apparently becoming a household name among the riders of the Mid-South Cross Country Youth Championship. Now in his third win, he turned heads and got everyone's attention with a clear message at Seven Creeks. Simply stated, he's the fastest rider in the Mid-South youth series.

He said, "I got a bad start with two kicks off the line, and then I realized that my bike was in neutral."

Needless to say, it took him a while to get caught up with the rest of the riders but when he did, they were history. He was strong and had a trouble free ride afterward, taking first place in the Junior A class.

Off the start, Hobbs got the holeshot and led for the entire first lap. He enjoyed his lead and had no problems with breaking in the new trail.

"I felt pretty good today," said Hobbs. "I don't know why it was so different, but I had a really good time and I did really well."

Bowman got by him on the second lap shortly after the score tent, however that didn't stop his persistence. He kept on keeping on and stuck with his second place position, ending with his best finish ever in second place.

He said, "I've never done this well before. I think it was the track. It was really fast and wide open. I liked it, but I did get a little tired at the end of the race."

Jacob Oliver, Dylan Majors, and Taylor Downs respectfully rounded out the top five.

The Chris Sumner property made for a nice course in Cadiz, Kentucky, and the Junior B class held the largest participants with twenty-five racers on the starting line. Jake Lewis, Logan P'Pool, and Brett Iott dug deep to finish in the podium. They raced a very challenging course, making five laps through gnarly creeks, tough ditches, and slick roots.

The Mini classes also toughed out the same tricky course, finishing with three laps or less. Dalton Riddle made all the right moves and finished his race in second place behind Austin Lee. Riddle said that he missed an arrow and got tripped up on the course, not realizing that he was supposed to go into a ditch. Instead, he simply went over it. Afterward, he

realized that it was much easier to jump it, so he did it again on the last lap. Riddle was in the lead for a lap until his bike slid out from under him and Lee made fast pursuit into first place. Tyler Harris dominated in third place.

The Pee Wee classes enjoyed a smaller track. They continue their fast chase for Sam Thurman. It's everyone's goal to race like Thurman. The 7-8 year olds had a good race with Sam Thurman leading the way, followed by Zach Kirchoff and Drew Landers while the 4-6 year olds had a little trouble with Kruz Sampson who plowed into victory lane with Britten Crain and Camden Feltner following.
