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Round 5: Rocky Mound

Gibson Rocks the Mound

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Some people have all the luck and Dustin Gibson and Rocky Mound's promoter Jerry Henderson shared equal amounts of its wealth during the fifth round of the Mid-South Cross Country racing series. Usually threats of no bike and thunderstorms in the forecast naturally send most to the hills, yet they stood fast and had great outcomes for the wait.

It was like magic watching Gibson (right) win the AA class on a borrowed bike. When long time friend and trainer, P.A. Allen provided the FAR backed KX 250, it laid Gibson's fears to rest, so Gibson got down to business. He took the lead shortly after the green flag and simply checked out.

While everyone knows that the checkered flag is not earned on the first turn, Gibson was not intimidated by his dead last start. Right around the seventh mile marker, he maneuvered his first place position and never looked back.

He said, "The bike didn't kick, so I took off easy and played it cool. I had a lot of fun at the beginning of the race but kind of toward the end it was actually kind of boring. I really didn't have anyone to challenge me. I pulled away and rode by myself. Toward the end, I started doing some stupid stuff but I really just settled in for the win and tried to not make any mistakes."



His lonely ride may have been attributed to Jeff Cregg, who currently is leading in points but admitted to feeling a little under the weather at this event. He got the flu the night before and wasn't riding up to his full potential. Neither was Jake Fiddler, Mid-South's AA rookie who only last year won the 250 A class and took home a number four plate for finishing the series in fourth place in overall. He too felt the brunt of an illness, just getting over mono.

In spite Cregg (170) managed to drift back and fourth in third place, battling with Fiddler. Just before the finish, he moved into second place while Fiddler was happy with third place and fifth place in Overall, giving Cody Miller and Jacob Patterson the perfect spot in the top five.



Miller (right) was the second man off of 4 Stroke A start and then he had a major crash. His misfortune forced him to push himself, and he went way beyond the normal limits. Not only did he get around the three racers in his class, Sean Gentry, Brandon Freeman and Douglas Gresham, but he also moved into several A classes and then finished the race in third place in Overall.



Likewise, Patterson rode an impressive race in 250 A class. After he got the lead, he continued his charge and maneuvered fourth place in Overall.

My Own Race:

John Maschino

5th Place in AA

“Jeff Cregg would have gotten the hole shot,” said John Maschino, “but I pushed him out of the way. After a while, I decided to let him go by because he was riding faster than me.”

Donovan Fields

1st Place in 300 4 Stroke C

“I couldn’t stay off of the ground,” said Donovan Fields. “Now, I think I’ll just go and park it.”

**Sincere apologies to Dwayne Rogers
he was the real winner
of Lynnville’s Senior B class.**