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Lane Takes Two

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If there were anything certain about the tenth round of the Mid-South Cross Country ATV series, it would be that the Fox Hollow podium sure knows how to have fun and make a race interesting. Donnie Ockerman, Ryan Lane, and Jody Estes bounced in and out of the lead so much that they were beginning to look like kernel pop corn in a hot skillet. In the end, Houser / DC Cycle / Precision / Moose backed Lane landed in the front with Estes and Ockerman jumping in the winner's circle behind him.

"It was fun today," said Lane. "There were four of us and David [Crain] fell back, but we ran together most of the day. I wish we could do that every weekend. That was fun. Toward the end, I took a line to get around Donnie, and then just tried not to make any mistakes."

Lucky for Lane, that strategy wasn't really needed. Thanks to one lapper and an overactive Pro who is in a very tight battle with Estes for the Mid-South Championship.

OffRoad Connection / Dirt Works / Rekluse / WKC Powersports supported Jody Estes held the same good



fortune and was next in line. For most of the second lap, he ran behind Donnie with Lane in tow. Then a couple of miles from the finish it all came to a head with one lapper scrambling in the middle of it all.

Estes said, "Ryan got by me. I flipped at the bottom of the hill and by the time I got back up, Ryan was in front of Donnie. Then we got behind a lapper, and Ryan shot out across the ruts trying to pass him while they were going up a hill."

Unfortunately, it was farewell to first for Ockerman. He made a bad mistake getting behind the lapper instead of getting in front. This

episode landed him in a tree, which no doubt, put a huge smile on Estes's face when he made the pass for second place finish.

While the season is quickly ending, the Pro class will most likely sizzle until the last race. So far, Ockerman leads in points; however, Jody Estes is not too far behind and is able to take it with the right finish. Meanwhile, second place is also thriving with a tight battle between Lane and Estes.

"I still have a good chance," said Ockerman. "I have one drop left and I think if I just show up the next race, I should have it. This race, I had some bad luck. On the first lap, I got the holeshot and got stuck behind the Pro Am class, worked my way up, put on a good pace, got back up front, and put some time on everybody. I caught a stump and got off course. I had to get off my quad to get me back on track and then the lappers started. Jody and the others caught up and then we started going back and forth until I got put in a tree. That's pretty common. I think every race I get run over. That's okay. I'd rather be the nice guy and win."

