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Redferrin the Force

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ristan Redferrin highlighted Mid-South Cross Country's Fox Hollow event in rare form. Racing his Kawasaki KX 250, he set this year's record by taking first place in Overall from the 250 A line and outfoxed Mid-South's AA winner, Jordan Ashburn in Bucksnot, Tennessee.

Redferrin dominated his first lap. After a fourth place start, he moved into first place very quickly passing passing Shane Obanion, Darin Downs, and Troy Shumate. Then he tucked in for the entire AA class and got around Damon Prince, P. A. Allen, Logan Chilman, Chase Bishop, and Ashburn.

"I really didn't know that I had overall until a friend told me," said Redferrin. "On the first lap, I passed everyone, but I'm not sure how. It was slick, and I wrecked a bunch of times. You couldn't see anything under the leaves. Later, Shane, Darin, Chase, and Jordan got back around me when I went down and when I stopped for gas."

The next two laps had a fast pace yet were rough due to a few mud bogs, the usual steep hills, and any number of hare scrambling, bike stopping terrain. In spite, he charged for the class lead again, passing Obanion and then moving back into the AA arena. He got around Bishop and then retrieved his Overall position in elapsed time.

He said, "Since this was the Robert Patterson Memorial, it's hard to not think about him and all that he stood for. He was a big sponsor for so many racers, and so it makes me think about everyone who has helped me. I want to thank God for keeping me safe, and my family for the sacrifices they make. Joe's Cycle, they have bailed me out so much, and Parts Unlimited, Johnny Signs, and Just Having Fun Racing have helped me, too."



While Ashburn admits that it is a lot easier coming from the second row, he didn't seem to mind his second place finish in the Overall perspective. Last season at this race, he was the one who got overall from a 250 A start, and now, he is ranked for the Overall Championship.

Monster Energy Kawasaki, Renthal, Shoei, Smith, and Pro Circuit supported Ashburn said, "The track was new so Bishop, Chilman, and I were missing it and shooting turns everywhere. Tristen, Shane, and Darin caught up to us, and Tristen got around me. There was something wrong with my goggles, so I stopped, I got back around him, and then I pulled away. I had no idea that he was in overall, but that's okay. It's done. I'm finished, already won it."

Bishop and Downs finished in second place in each of their classes and got third and fourth places in overall while Jacob Patterson [12] was the lone ride in the top five who was in the 4 Stroke A class. He rode his best, honored with the fact that it was his father, the late Robert Patterson, who seemed to be on everyone's mind.

Patterson said, "Everything went well for a change. I got the holeshot, let Tyson Ezell around me, and played with him for a couple of laps. Pretty much at will took off from the pack and led the race. After that, everything went great!"

Landon Hogue may not have been the faster rider on the track, but he was happy, boasting the Beginner's class win. Hopefully, his smile will continue as he maneuvers his Honda into a very large playing field amongst the Novice.

