

Pirelli Moose Racing Maxxis

AMA MID-SOUTH CROSS COUNTRY MOTORSPORTS CHAMPIONSHIP
THE TFTC RUN

Gibson Grabs Gun

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The Mid-South Cross Country racers were a little more pumped than usual when the Tennessee Fire Arms Training Center opened as a new venue in Birdsong. That plus the promise of a free tire for every winner made the competition more tangible. With the aide of some very generous people, Randy Redferrin stoked the fire, making the eleventh race in the series one enticing Maxxis treat.



Dustin Gibson (14) was hot stuff at the TFTC Run. Once he got the lead, there was no stopping him. Shortly after the start, the Barry Heath Racing, Husaberg, and Pirelli backed Gibson got around Darin Downs(232) and learned all too soon that this was going to be a challenge for several laps, not only for him but also for everyone. Toward the end however, the rain soaked terrain tacked up nicely for his first place in overall finish. He went home with a big chunk from the five hundred dollar pro purse and his fourth win for this season.



He said, "After the second lap today, I thought man this was going to be horrible. I didn't expect to do this good because I stepped on a nail yesterday, and I have been sitting on the couch for three or four weeks with my hand hurting. I was going to just come out and get some time in."

Naturally, a nail in foot has one way of putting a damper on any man's lead, but he amazingly bit his bullet and held tight for the win.

"By about the fourth or fifth lap," he said, "the track actually got better, but my last lap was rough for me. My hand hurt, my wrist was sore, and I was beat. I

really thought Chase was going to hunt me down, so I am kind of pumped about this win. I thought the track was great, and I would really like to thank my sponsors for helping me out. Barry Heath has been helping me and helping the series. I really appreciate him, Clay Stuckey, and everyone else. It really means a lot."

Chase Bishop was the next AA rider to finish. He was in second place off the start and tried to stay consistent throughout. On his last lap, he pushed to bridge the gap but fell and lost just enough time to allow 4 Stroke A's winner, Jacob Patterson to maneuver his first podium ever.



Bishop said, "Dustin pulled away from me and then I saw him on the last lap. He was about twenty seconds ahead, and I really charged hard to catch up to him. I fell and lost a good bit of time there and was lucky that no one else snuck by me."

Kawasaki Team Green and Answer supported Patterson said, "I put it on cruise control, got the hole shot, and didn't make a single mistake for three laps solid. Then, I fell on the fourth lap, got up, came back, and a couple of my friends told me that I was thirty seconds down. I put on a charge and finished in second place overall."

The racers of the series were extremely thankful for each of the sponsors listed below. Their charitable contributions provided just another reason to race Mid-South. Overall, they gave one sweet incentive for each of the following winners:



Tristan Redferrin	Maxxis	Jordan Johns
Jacob Patterson	Joe's Cycle Shop	Timmy P'Pool
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Eddie Crain	Snap on Tools	Jim Sorrels
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