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AMA MID-SOUTH CROSS COUNTRY MOTORSPORTS CHAMPIONSHIP

Cregg Collects Another

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Jeff Cregg

Jeff Cregg was out to prove it one more time when he entered the last round of the Mid-South Cross Country racing series in Gamaliel, Kentucky. He wanted more than anything to show that he had what it takes to bring home the prize, and so a few miles after Grady Short raised his green flag, Cregg got the lead and checked out for another overall win.



He said, "The only battle I had was with me. It was a good day, and I just had to come out here one more time to prove that there is a reason why I am wearing the number one plate. It was really an uneventful race. I got the lead when Chase hit a tree. Afterwards, I didn't have any trouble all day. I just eased on by him, didn't see anyone from that point on, and tried my best to pull a big lead."

Cregg held the lead for the rest of the race and pulled away as planned. He enjoyed the creek crossings and said the nine-mile track just flowed. His win attributed him to a second place in Overall finish for this season.

"My Sarge's Cycle and Team Green Kawasaki cranked just right," said Cregg. "The Pirellis and Tire Balls gripped everything perfectly, and my Johnny Signs graphics and Moose gear kept me looking good, nice and dry. I really had a good day."



While it is always great to know that someone had a trouble free ride, most of the riders in the top five held a different story, and more than one felt the sudden crunch in the worst part of the track, the tornado-damaged section.

Bishop was the first one to smack a tree and Darin Downs[left] was not far behind, hitting that same tree, giving Tristan Refferin[312] his chance in second place. That too was short lived, as Redferrin found the pain from trees just like everyone else, Downs and Redferrin battle was

in full force until Downs shifted into fast mode and pulled the lead one-quarter of a mile from the finish.

“I got around Tristan right at the end for the last time,” said the Barry Heath Racing supported Downs. “I think it was a good course and Tristan gave me my money’s worth today.”

Going into the finish, Redferrin was in the lead coming through the last creek crossing. However, Redferrin said his 250 was no match for Down’s ability to race a YZ 450 Yamaha in the long stretch of the grass track. Downs got by him and Redferrin held on but was unable to get back around him. Downs finished in second place while Referrin followed in third.



Redferrin[312] said, “Darin passed me like I was standing still, and there was no way that I was going to get

Meanwhile, those remaining in AA’s top five were Chase Bishop [30] and P. A. Allen. Bishop landed the holeshot and was

the first to smack that memorable tree. He had a rough ride but respectfully finished in spite of repeated injury to self and bike, and Mid-South’s five-time overall champion, was out and about just having fun wondering why he didn’t think of that earlier. “Entering a race just for fun,” he said. “I like it. Next year, I might enter Vet A class.”



Jeff Cregg held the same Vet A sentiments.
