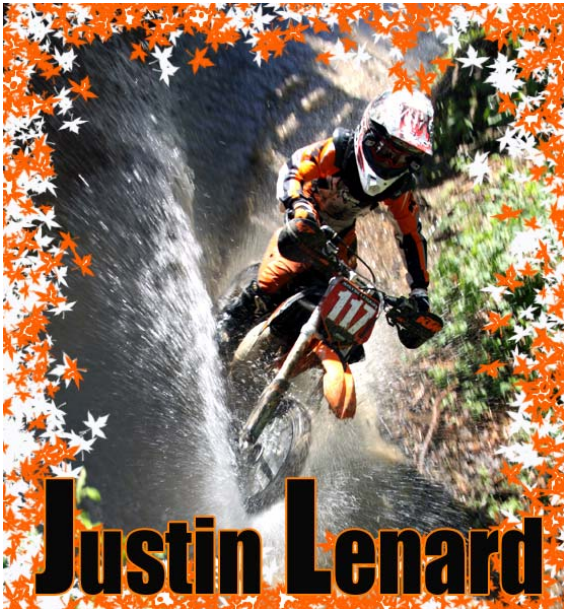


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## AMA MID-SOUTH CROSS COUNTRY MOTORSPORTS YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP



# Lenard Lands Creek

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Justin Lenard had just one goal Sunday, to win the race. In the 65cc 10 to 11 year old class, the series had come down to a winner take all last race showdown. The contenders for the title were Lenard and Indiana's Jacob Pyne, both riding KTMs.

After being dominant in the beginning of the series, Lenard suffered a leg injury that sidelined him for a few races and Pyne had taken advantage of Lenard's misfortune by grabbing the points lead in his absence.

Then along came Andrew Clark out of nowhere to put in 3 solid race wins in a row throwing a big wrench in both Lenard and Pyne's quest for the championship. Clark managed to almost upset both riders' chances but would be second at best in the points if he won the final round.

The stage was set at the creek. The weather was perfect and the riders were ready when they lined up for battle in the early morning hours. There would be water crossings large enough to ruin anyone's day in the process.

Lenard grabbed the holeshot onto the mx portion of the track with Clark in second and Johnny Sign's rider Pyne in third. At the end of the first 10 minute lap, only a few seconds separated all three. Nervous parents on all three sides eagerly awaited the second and final lap to see who would be crowned the next Mini A champion.



The trio came through the last creek crossing the same way they started with Lenard in first, Clark in second and Pyne in third. Jubilation broke out in the Lenard camp when the young gun came through the scoring tent in first after the mx portion of the track and also with his first AMA Mid-South Cross Country Championship!



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Lenard said after the race “Man I just wanted to get out front and win. I knew Andrew was right behind me and I wanted to keep him there. He tried to pass me a couple of times but I cut him off. I’m just glad it’s over and I won!”

Clark said’ I tried to pass him but I crashed once and had to catch back up to him. I ran out of time.”

Pyne finished the race in third place but second in the series point’s championship with a great season behind him. Although finishing in second at East Fork Creek, Andrew Clark will finish the series in third overall. It was an awesome race to end to the Mid-South Youth Cross Country Series with Lenard putting a fork in it at the creek!