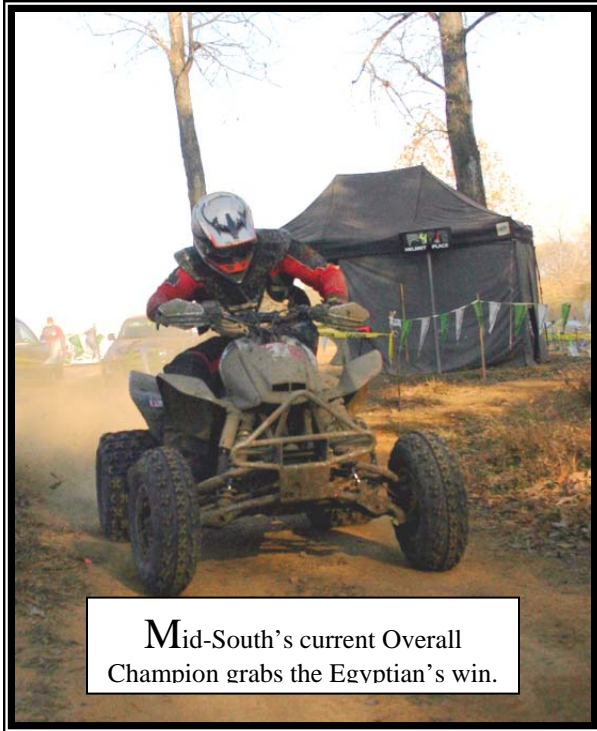


Pirelli Moose Racing Maxxis

AMA MID-SOUTH CROSS COUNTRY ATV MOTORSPORTS CHAMPIONSHIP
THE EGYPTIAN



Mid-South's current Overall
Champion grabs the Egyptian's win.

REED RULES

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Craig Reed moved into the winner's circle at the third round of the **Pirelli, Moose Racing, and Maxxis** backed Mid-South series. He launched his first win for the season in Crab Orchard, Illinois, and this time he was racing to prove one thing; he still has it.

He said, "I just came to win to show them that I can still do it. I broke my arm earlier in the summer and lost all of my sponsors except for ARSFX and Axis Shocks."

After four months of recoup time, a fifth place finish and one not so good finish, he felt it was long enough. The Egyptian was going to be the place to make it right, so this Mid-South Cross Country ATV Motorsports Champion cut loose, rode strong in spite of a few delays, and got the win with **Dusty Ross** and **Jeremy McCord** taking second and third places.

"Coming out of the hole shot, I wrecked on the first turn," said Reed. "I got hung for about a minute and a half around this bottleneck, and then I lost my foot peg. It blew up pretty good, too, but I just pushed as hard as I could and picked off one rider at a time."

Reed took the lead on his second lap when **Jody Estes** pulled out of the race, leaving Ross as his main competition. Not a problem, he stayed out front for the remaining time and claimed the fastest lap time to boot.



Dusty Ross maneuvers second
place in Crab Orchard, Illinois.

Jeremy
McCord busts
a move for
third place.

McEwen Motorsports / wife backed Ross put in a great ride, too. After getting the hole shot, he led the Pro class around most of the twelve-mile loop until Estes took over to claim first place on the first lap. Later, Ross got back around him when Estes encountered problems with his quad and finished thirty seconds down from Reed. Lucky for Ross, this secured his second place tie for the season with two other racers, **Donnie Ockerman** and **Ryan Lane**.

"I broke my lever off and smacked a tree," said Ross, "but other than that, it was all right. I just tried to save my second for the rest of the day."



McCord said, "I think this was my best start so far this season. I swung inside at the bottleneck, pulled into the woods about fifth place, and finished in third. It was a good day."

So far, the Mid-South series is gearing up for some great battles ahead with another three-way tie in the race for the Overall Championship. It is one tight ride between Estes, Reed, and **Bill Balance**, each claiming one of the wins. This plus the battle for second will make it one sight to see for even the sorest of eyes. Especially when considering, what a winter racing series encounters throughout its extreme, wintry weather. Mother Nature will hopefully be kind to the next three events in Lynnville, Indiana; Iuka, Mississippi; and Vanleer, Tennessee.

Derek Manor, in ATV 16-20 C class, has a noteworthy achievement. He is the only racer who has three wins. Congratulations!

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