

Pirelli Moose Racing Maxxis

AMA MID-SOUTH CROSS COUNTRY MOTORSPORTS CHAMPIONSHIP

Round 3: The Egyptian



CREGG COLLECTS CRAB ORCHARD

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Going after a twelve hundred-dollar Pro Purse always makes for an interesting race so with that in mind, Little Egypt's Off Road club whipped up an memorable Thanksgiving treat. Even the Pros felt the crunch of this challenge, making the Egyptian's twelve-mile loop one tough battleground. They will no doubt rank the third round of the Mid-South Cross Country Motorsports Championship as one unforgettable event with **Jeff Cregg (1)**, **Jordan Ashburn (927)**, and **John Maschino (2)** checking out the podium in moneybag style.

Off the start, **Sean Gentry** got the hole shot on a Kawasaki 250 F, and he led the AA class down a long, straight a way that wedged into a tight, wood section. One mile in, Ashburn, Cregg, **PA Allen**, and **Dustin Gibson** took over as the front-runners. They busted through the trail only to find one horrible delay. They were racing on the Youth track, so they turned back around and found themselves fighting in the 250 A class.

While most would enter, "Wow is me" mentality, they faced the situation head on and hammered down with **Chase Bishop** and Maschino taking the lead as the lone riders for the first lap.

Maschino said, "I had a poor start but around that second corner everybody slid wide, so I took advantage and tucked in there about mid-pack. Then after we crossed the road, everybody was looking for the arrows. I was one of the first ones to see it, so I passed everyone there. I just kept going and came through the first lap in second place" behind Bishop.

During the second lap, Cregg and Ashburn entered the picture, but Maschino held tight and finished it first when Ashburn and Bishop blew a corner and went down.

The Sarge's Cycles / Johnnie Signs / IMS / Tire Balls / Mechanics Wear sponsored Cregg said, "Jordan and I caught John, and we all battled together on the third lap. I pulled away and was worried that the bike was going to run out of gas, so I slowed down. Jordan caught up to me, and we battled until the end. I came out on top."



The last three laps were hard laps, and in the end, it was a knobby to knobby, Kawasaki victory with Cregg taking the biggest chunk of the prize. Seconds later, Ashburn finished with Obermeyers, Yamaha mounted Maschino and two 250 A riders, **Tristan Redferrin (312)** and **Shane Obanion** following.

Troy Shumate, Marty Thacker, and Larry Still are doing well in each of their classes, taking their third win for the season. Racing his Yamaha, Shumate is mastering the Vet B class while Thacker has the KTM strong hold over Paul Michels and Gary Copeland in Super Senior class, and Still has mastered the Masters class on his Honda.

My Own Race



Loupie Lambruno

Light A Winner

Loupie Lambruno (639) is also on a winning streak in the Light A class, claiming his third win for this season. He rode an impressive race coming in eighth place in overall at the Egyptian and did even better at Lakeview, finishing in fifth place in overall. Currently ranked as sixth place in overall, he is optimistic for a top five finish this season.

Bryan Dewar

Light B Winner

Bryan Dewar grabbed the Light B win again. Unfortunately, for him, he had a dead last finish in the second round at Crofton while Tyson Ezell claimed the victory.

**Next stop: Lynnville, Indiana,
One of Mid-South's long time favorites
hosted by the Lynnville Area Dirtbike Riders.**

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Martin Egyptian King

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Off the start of the third round of the **Mid-South Cross Country Youth** series, bikes may have been flying, but **Jase Martin** slid on by and got a second wind at the Egyptian. He held nothing back and gained another win for this season in the **Pirelli / Moose Racing / Maxxis** backed series.

It was an edge of your seat start for the Junior A class, and **Blake Clark** and **Autumn Patterson** felt the crunch shortly after the green flag. It happened somewhere in between **Luke Chiman**, **Brett Iott**, and **Logan P'Pool** rounding the Junior A hole shot, and Martin cruising past their crash site. Clark's KTM slid out and Patterson's Kawasaki ricocheted onto his bike with Clark under it. While both had to take a few deep breaths to get the color back in their faces, Patterson took off after the Junior B start and Clark decided to sit this one out and hopefully will recover for the next round.

Meanwhile RG3 / Amsoil / Steel MX / Powersport GrafX / John Roth backed Martin caught the frontrunners about a mile into the course. Racing his Suzuki RM 85, he passed Iott first, and then picked a better line when P'Pool was going around a corner. Next, was Chiman, He got by him while he was launching a jump.

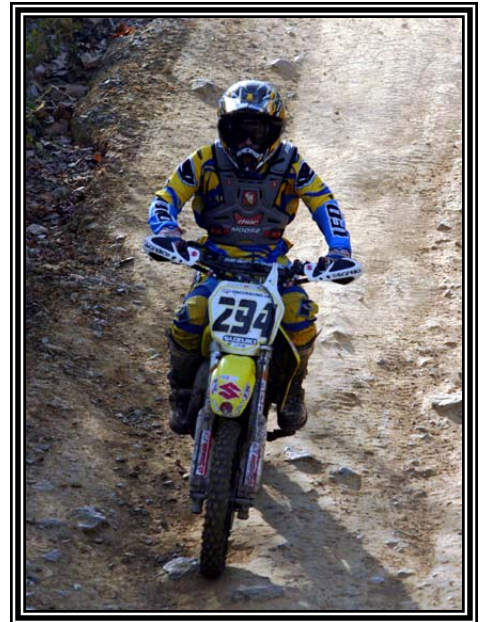
He said, "I just felt like I flew over that and that's when I got the lead. After that, I was gone. On my third lap, I took it easy and ran a steady pace and finished in first place really comfortably."

Chilman had an impressive ride, getting the hole shot and finishing in second place while his fellow Indiana, native **Zach Greenwell** maneuvered his Honda directly behind him.

"Once he [Martin] got around me in that open section," said Chilman, "he left me. I tried to follow his dust for a while, but then that was gone too. It was a good race. The track was rocky and fast, maybe a little too fast."

Greenwell said, "I think I got to work on my starts. I got another bad one, and I have to go home and practice. I would like to thank my sponsors: Simics Motorsports, Six Pin Motorsports, and Smith."

Junior B's winner was **Josh Cartwright**. He had a good battle going with the point's leader, **Austin Lee**. They moved back and forth several times before Cartwright took control. Unfortunately, Cartwright raced without signing up for points, so this battle will not go toward a series win. Lee finished in second place with **Jake Froman** following.



While the Junior B class entertains the largest turnout for riders, it will undoubtedly be an exciting race next go round in Lynnville, Indian. Many of the top riders are from that area, which includes Lee, Froman, **Blake Ricketts**, and **Cole Kirchoff**. Currently, Lee, Froman, and Ricketts are in the top three in the point's perspective. They will have to dig deep to see whose on top in the fourth round.

The podium for the Mini classes were **Justin Lenard**, **Jacob Pyne**, and **Carly Vogel** in the A class while **Matthew Harris**, **Dawson Dunnick**, and **Ezra Darnell** were the top three riders in the B class. Pee Wee's podium included **Langdon Feltner**, **Leighton Tittle**, and **Garrett Russell** for the 7 -8 class, and **Cole Echols**, **Joshua Pyne**, and **Dylan Profitt** ranked top three for ages 4-6.

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