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AMA MID-SOUTH CROSS COUNTRY ATV MOTORSPORTS CHAMPIONSHIP
THE BIG STRIPPER

Ockerman Ousts Em

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Round four of the Mid-South Cross Country ATV racing series made its way into Lynnville, Indiana, and the Lynnville Area Dirt Riders' club created a great course for the ATV's. The eleven-mile course naturally held a difficult time due to its topography, which was originally created by strip mining crews, now, was renovated into the perfect



terrain for cross country racing, hare scramble style. The only problem, it was tight; especially when traveling along its ridges and tight wood areas. Needless to say; it was tough but for some reason, the riders just say, "Bring it on."

Off the Pro class start, Yamaha / GT Thunder / Rekluse / Maxxis / Moose mounted **Donnie Ockerman [17]** got the lead immediately after the green flag waved. He continued his lead throughout the entire race and had a good battle brewing with **Ryan Lane**. On their last lap, right before the finish, the two were bumping and grinding but for Lane, it would have to be another time for his win because Ockerman held strong and finished first as they freight trained into the score tent.



"I pretty much took off," said Ockerman, "and I could hear Ryan [Pictured Left] behind me all day. The last lap, we got into lappers, and he caught me there at the end. We had some fun for a little bit, and we were riding like we always have in the past."

Unlike Ockerman, the next two racers to finish held no spot light for their start, but their finish shined with some impressive moves as they made their way to the front of the Mid-South pack. Both Lane and **Craig Reed** got a bad start, and at this track that means a difficult time to pass. By the end of the first lap, Lane moved into second place and

his last lap became more of a challenge, so he was happy with second.

DC Cylce / Maxxis / Axis supported Lane said, “This running ridges, you just have to kind of force a pass because it is just too hard to get by anyone. I think if I could have gotten into second a little sooner, it might have been different, but I just didn’t have enough time. This last lap, I tried to force a pass by Donnie but it just didn’t work. I’m just glad I finished.”

Reed said, “It wasn’t a very good hole shot and I was in the back pushing all day. I just pushed and pushed and pushed and made it to third with two minutes down. That’s just the best I could do. I tried; I really did.”

Hopefully, more good times are in store for the next round in Iuka, Mississippi. This is one track that is perfect for spectators, and the riders like it, too.

Happy Thanksgiving

