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Ockerman Performs Triple Take

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Ockerman pulled another win at the Mid-South Cross Country, SETRA, and SERA Triple Sanctioned event in Maplesville, Alabama. Of course, this time was no different than the rest. It came with a ready-made excuse. Racing his 09Yamaha, YFZ 450R, Ballance was fighting the no gas worry blues. Now, it is safe to say that Ockerman's lucky charm has been sizzling with some sweet stuff, and dangling three wins over Ballance certainly makes an attractive trinket for anyone.



Donnie Ockerman dangles another win, tying him on top in points with Bill Ballance.

Right from the get go, Ockerman was on it, and things just could not have gone any better for the progressive frontrunner. Off the start, he got the hole shot and left the rest of his competitors fighting in a bottleneck.

When Ballance finally got around him on their second lap, Ockerman stayed the course and followed closely not easing up for anything. In the end, he got the checkered flag with Ballance and Jody Estes rounding the podium.

“There are still a few things that I need to learn from him,” said Ockerman. “We came up to this bottle necked hill climb and it was a mess. I didn’t know which way to turn, and he pointed me up the right line. I just followed him, and he just eased me up it, right on out of there.”

“You know, really, I’m just not ready to give up my 08. I know what it needs, and I know what it can do. I am just not comfortable enough to give that up just yet. Bill is racing the new one and is getting to know it. Maybe next round, I’ll be ready, but I like it just the way it is right now. Who knows?”

One basic question lured the Ballance dilemma; does my 09 have enough gas to finish off my fifth unexpected lap? **He didn’t know and cautioned on the sure side of a finish.**



Bill Ballance graced the Mid-South Cross Country Racing Series with some fast moves and another entry.

He said, “I was expected to get that checkered flag on that fourth lap and when it didn’t come out, I wondered if I had enough fuel to make it one more lap. There were people out there running out, so I ran back to the truck and got some. It really is all good. Donnie was riding really good, I had fun, and they said I got second.”

Jody Estes held no shame in his ride as well. He rocked the house in third place and was the second rider to leave the start. In between, he quite possibly could have collected most of the rain soaked mud because he was not far behind the Ockerman, Ballance trade off. From head to knobby, chunks of mud dripped, but he held the distance at twenty seconds and was the third Pro rider to take the flag.



Jody Estes got third place at the triple sanction event, located in Maplesville, Alabama.

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