

# Pirelli Moose Racing Maxxis

AMA MID-SOUTH CROSS COUNTRY ATV MOTORSPORTS CHAMPIONSHIP  
THE SUGAR FARM



## Lane's Lookin' Good

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**R**yan Lane pulled one sweet move at the eighth round of the **Pirelli, Moose, and Maxxis** backed **Mid-South Cross Country** racing series. He nested his first win this season in Michigan City, Mississippi, but it wasn't without a little bit of pain.

Off the **Sugar Farm** start, he ran about third place following **Donnie Ockerman** and **David Crain** into the hole shot curve. When the fourteen-manned Pro group entered the woods, he got into a no guts, no glory frame of mind and pulled the lead by gunning through the obstacle that barricaded him from the front line, a thicket of thorns and briars. Yikes! He quickly made the meaning of putting his head down come to life as he tore threw the thick stuff, gaining entry to the lead.

"I was just holding these guys up," said Lane, "and there just weren't too many places to pass out there. Once I got around Donnie and David, I struggled with breaking in a new pair of boots. I think I wore out my transmission in the process because I couldn't get out of second gear and couldn't get on the rear brakes."



All bunched up with only one path to follow, the frontrunners freight trained for the next two hours. Three laps later, Lane led them through a quad swapping last lap and finished in first place overall. He rode fast and smooth like a Pro should, and luckily it was without mistake. This maneuver moved him into a second place victory in points, right below Ockerman's grand overall.

Meanwhile, Ockerman, **Jody Estes**, **David Crane**, and **Jeffery Pickens** were fighting from the rear. They sifted back and forth continually with Pickens following Lane, but Ockerman and Estes outmaneuvered them into a

podium finish. On the last lap, Ockerman, Pickens and Estes got their final swap when Pickens fumbled, giving Ockerman and Estes second and third places. Crane followed in fourth and Pickens completed the top five.

“It was tight!” said **Yamaha**, GT Thunder, **Moose**, **Maxxis**, **Scott** backed Ockerman. “There wasn’t any passing out there. I just stayed with him and thought I would at least take second. On the last lap, Jeffery passed me by the creek and that let Lane get out in front a little bit further. Later, Jeffery smoked a tree and I got around him.”

“I had a great ride and stayed with Pickens pretty much all day,” said **Rekluse** supported Estes. “We kind of fell back and then caught up with Donnie and Ryan and stayed in a pack all day, back and forth; back and forth. It was awesome. Other than that, I had a lot of luck again. Pickens was in front of me, and he hit a tree.”

Mid-South’s Pro Am class also held some sweet adventures with **Damien Camplin** getting his third win this season. He came in seventh place in overall for today’s event and **Phillip Wall**, **Jacob Yates** and **Terry Smith** followed him for some impressive finishes in the top eleven overall positions.

Fast guys among the A riders in the 30 + class were **Chris Berry**, **Sean Delaney**, and **Marshall Suggs**. **Christopher Jones**, **Ben Walden**, and **William McNallay** topped out all of the B riders while **Richard Stanley**, **Doyle Keeton**, **Wayne Moore**, **Bo Riddle**, and **Josh Griffin** toughed it out in the 40+ class.



**"Don't let anyone tell you that you're lucky because luck is what happens at the intersection of preparation and opportunity. If you are prepared and given an opportunity, most of the time you will be successful".**

**Jeff Fisher (Tennessee Titans)**

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