

Pirelli Moose Racing Maxxis

AMA MID-SOUTH CROSS COUNTRY MOTORSPORTS CHAMPIONSHIP
THE SUGAR FARM

cregg's Candy

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Jeff Cregg couldn't wait to get his hands on one more checkered flag, so when he entered Michigan City, Mississippi, his mouth watered for Mid-South Cross Country's savory treat. Two hours later, he collected the Sugar Farm win, which ultimately set him one-step closer to **Dustin Gibson**, the rider who has been holding onto first place in points since day one. Now, with his second win, this Mid-South Champion finally caught a vision, willing to defend, another Championship.



Off the start, Cregg got a back of the pack start (pictured left), but somehow, somehow pulled it off and made it to the finish line in front of everyone else. He was looking good, racing his **Moose, Johnny Signs, Pirelli, Pro Action, and Kawasaki** backed ride into his second, first place finish this season.

He said, "I really don't know how I beat these guys! I guess I just had it in me. Plus, I really love this place. I can remember it being just as fun last year."

Cregg got the lead on the first lap and maintained it until the end. He suffered no problems whatsoever, so with a little bit of luck and a whole lot of skill, he held tight for five laps with **Jordan Ashburn** and **Gibson** heating up the trail behind him.

"The last couple of laps, Dustin started to catch me," said Cregg. "He was putting the pressure on me, and I was just trying to stay smooth. Then before I knew it, he was gone and the next thing I know, Jordan was right behind me. I thought I was in the clear, but he chased me right into the finish."



Ashburn said, "He was so fast in the tight stuff. I did get the hole shot and not far into the woods, I had gotten hung on a tree. Everyone passed me, and I pretty much chased after everyone all day today. I finally passed Dustin. For two laps, I knew he was up there in front of me by about twenty seconds, and I couldn't make it up. Then Dustin passed me, and we caught up to him. There was no passing him though, he was awesome."

Unfortunately, luck was not on Gibson's side for the win, but he did get a little piece of it for the podium. He ran out of gas not too far from the finish. Fortunately, Josh Scott, the track promoter saved the day and gave him some. Ashburn finished the race taking second place while Gibson got third place.

Gibson said, "I'd like to congratulate Jeff and Jordan for their ride. They were both riding strong and had a good race."

Shane Obanion, Chase Bishop, and Jacob Patterson were next in line. Obanion charged from the 250 A class while Patterson was the hot rider in 4 Stroke A. They pulled their weight past many AA riders. Obanion nested a fourth place in overall finish, Patterson maneuvered in sixth, and Bishop finished in fifth place overall, claiming fourth place in AA.



Jordan Ashburn

Jordan Ashburn got another hole shot and a second place finish in Michigan City, Mississippi, while Jeff Cregg gets another win for the Mid-South Cross Country racing series.



Jacob Patterson

Dylan Cox and Michael Williams were the lone B riders to make top twenty-five. Racing his RM Suzuki, Cox tore up the trails as the Light B winner and ended his race in thirteenth place in overall while Williams led the remaining B riders as the 4 Stroke B winner. These boys were fast and turning heads. Impressed by their speed, the spectators took notice because they will no doubt be watching them as future AA riders.

Daniel Niedergeses, Cody Smith, and Chris Hobbs were among the fastest in the some of the novice classes. They

each won their class with time to spare, and **Taylor Downs and Nicholas Seagraff** were not too far behind them as they led their classes into victory as well.