

PIRELLI MOOSE RACING MAXXIS

AMA MID-SOUTH CROSS COUNTRY YOUTH MOTORSPORTS CHAMPIONSHIP
BEAR HOLLOW

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CLARK CLOBBERS THE BEAR

After a long night filled with rain and snow, the youth racers woke up Sunday morning and arrived at the track to some extreme conditions in the early morning. On what would normally be a good day to ride sleds, make snowmen and have some good snowball fights, today the fighting was done on a racetrack with below freezing temperatures covered in snow and slick as riding on a well, waxed sled.

Not just the hills and rocks but the whole track would be a challenge today for all the Youth.

Andrew Clark suited up for battle with the elements and his fellow racers in the 65cc 10 and 11 year old class. KTM mounted point's leader **Jacob Pyne** # 143 from Bloomfield Indiana grabbed the holeshot ahead of **Clark** # 32 and it looked like **Pyne** would slip/slide away with his 5th win of the season.

Clark played it cool on his Kawasaki , stayed within striking distance and with a few hundred yards to go, caught **Pyne** and notched his first win of the season.

Clark said, "It was so cold and slick, I was just trying to finish and then I came around a corner and saw **Jacob** stuck. I pulled my front wheel out of the rut he was stuck in and went around him for the win. I am so happy but my hands are frozen and hurt real bad!" Hometown racer **Drew Landers** finished third.

Cycle Sport USA backed **Sam Thurman** #53 topped the 65 class for 9 to 10 year olds aboard his Johnny Signs, Panolin oils, K100 backed KTM. It was his 7th win of the season and locked down his 4 AMA Mid-South Championship in as many years.

Thurman also cited the harsh conditions and frozen hands after his win. "Man that was a hard race. I got stuck in a deep rut and when I got out I was in second. I saw a place to pass **Cory Jordan** and then I tried to catch **Andrew** and **Jacob** in the older class but I but didn't. My hands are really cold, I need to go warm them up now!" **Cory Jordan** had great race and finished second along with **Zach Kirchoff** in third.

In the Senior 50 cc class, **Nathan McCoy** got the win over series leader **Leighton Tittle** aboard his KTM. **Cole Echols** topped **Jeremy Lenard** and **Garrett Elrod** in the 4 to 6 50 cc class.

The Junior A class was won by **Jase Martin** with **Logan P'Pool** and **Luke Chilman** rounding out the top three.

The 85 Junior B class had the most entries and was stacked with four Indiana boys in the top five. **Austin Lee** won followed by **Jake Froman** in second. **Blake Ricketts** along with **Jesse Parr** completed the Indiana sweep and **Lance Hoover** who made the trek from Alabama finished in fifth.

Results:

Junior A: 1. Jase Martin (Suz); 2. Logan P' Pool (KTM); 3. Luke Chilman (Kaw); 4. Brett Iott (Kaw); 5. Blake Clark (KTM).

Junior B: 1. Austin Lee (KTM); 2. Jake Froman (Suz); 3. Blake Ricketts (Yam); 4. Jesse Parr (Kaw); 5. Lance Hoover (KTM).

Mini A: 1. Andrew Clark (Kaw); 2. Jacob Pyne (KTM); 3. Drew Landers (Kaw); 4. Dylan Gossett (KTM).

Mini B: 1. Samuel Thurman (KTM); 2. Cory Jordan (KTM); 3. Zachary Kirchoff (Kaw); 4. Ben Jones (Kaw); 5. Dawson Dunnuck (KTM).

Pee Wee 7-8: 1. Nathan McCoy (KTM); 2. Leighton (KTM); 3. Garrett Russell (KTM); 4. Ruddell Gadd (KTM).

Pee Wee 4-6: 1. Cole Echols (KTM); 2. Jeremy Lenard (KTM); 3. Garrett Elrod (KTM); 4. David Jurist (KTM).

