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Round 4: The Big Stripper



Buttrick Brags

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So what do you do after you win a Gold Medal in Portugal? Maybe go south, Mid-South that is. Like the ISDE, Cory Buttrick came and conquered one more score for his resume. This time he went north for an MSXC in Lynnville, Indiana, and he couldn't have asked

for a better ride. The Big Stripper event proved that this was one hot spot for a good time.

Buttrick was on top of his game and got the lead not too far off of the start. His first obstacle was overcoming a near dead last start in front of Jordan Ashburn and behind most of the AA class. This didn't seem to be a problem for the ISDE third place podium champion. He worked his way up fairly fast and got around Dustin Gibson who got the holeshot to lead everyone around the winding curves of the Pirelli, MSR, and Maxxis back series.

Once out front, his challenge was staying there. As the lapped traffic came into view, his lead diminished. Ashburn got around him, but this world champion didn't back down one bit. Shortly thereafter, Ashburn stopped for fuel and Buttrick maneuvered his lead.





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"I knew that was my chance, and I knew I had to get on it really hard," said Buttrick. "If I was gonna do it, then it was then, so I passed him and rode really hard for the next lap. I stopped for gas on the final lap, and then rode smooth into the finish."



Likewise, Ashburn rode heart and soul for four laps. With his dead last start, he pushed it and got around Buttrick on the second lap. When he gassed for his third lap, Buttrick moved into the lead, but Ashburn held it together for a second place podium finish.

He said, Well, I didn't get the best start. I had to get around Gibson and Bishop and a bunch of them on the first lap. I could see Cory when I was on the ridges, but it took about another

half of a lap. He must have crashed or something because I caught him and passed him and pretty much chased him all day. He got back around me when I stopped for gas, and I finished in second."

Chase Bishop was the next rider to take the podium and probably had the most adventuresome ride of the three. He slid out and landed in one of those big stripper holes, and found himself at the very bottom. Everyone passed him and then he landed another mistake.

He said, "It started out good. Then I did what I usually do here, and that is end up in a big hole and the rest of it, I'm not so sure about. On my last lap, I slid out on one of the hills and landed into a tree. It took me forever to get that out and when I finally did, I couldn't get my bike started. Other than that, I really don't have any complaints. I would like to thank my mom and dad, God, and all of my sponsors."



Results:

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OA: 1. Cory Buttrick (KTM); 2. Jordan Ashburn (Kaw); 3. Darin Downs (Kaw); 4. Zachary Nash (KTM); 5. Chase Bishop (Yam); 6. P.A.Allen (KTM); 7. Chris Douglas (Kaw); 8. Damon Prince (Suz); 9. Tanner Byarly (KTM); 10.Ezell Tyson (KTM).