



## Mid-South AMA Youth Cross Country Series By Pirelli / Maxxis / Answer / MSR / Pro Taper

Round 4

Clark Covers the Stripper

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THE BIG STRIPPER: Lynneville, In. 11/15/09

Lynneville Park in Indiana played host to round 4 of the **MSXC** Youth Winter Series. The old coal strip mines have been around along time and many a racer has survived the normally frigid temperatures for precious points and bragging rights in their class. This time the weather did not leave the young riders with frozen fingers and toes.

With temperatures in the 50's, **Andrew Clark #32** pictured right, took his shot at the Stripper. KTM rider Tanner McCoy grabbed the MSXC holeshot with Clark and Dalton Riddle close behind. Clark passed McCoy on lap one but the battle had just begun. On laps two through four, Clark held the lead but McCoy was ready to capitalize on a any mistake Clark might make.

Dalton Riddle, round three winner, was also in the mix and hoping to get his second win in a row.

As lap five came around, McCoy had slipped past Clark and seemed to be in command for the win. The Stripper though is not an easy course to keep a lead, as there are not many places to get around slower riders. This keeps the racing tight and the outcome up in the air until the last few turns.

As McCoy and Clark emerged from the woods, it was Clark now in the lead



and only a few tight grass track turns left to decide who would be victorious in round five.

McCoy dove inside Clark in sight of the checkered flag and slid out leaving Clark all alone for his second win of the season.

Clark said, "Man that was close! I knew he was right there and trying to pass me at the finish, then all the sudden, I did not hear him anymore. The track was whooped out but I am glad I won."

McCoy picked his bike up and rode to second place finish. Matthew Bell on his Yamaha slipped in for third and Dalton Riddle came in fourth place.

In the 85cc Junior A class, Three fellow Indiana racers looked right at home on native soil. Boonville native Brandon Gourley grabbed the MSXC holeshot while two more Indiana boys, Jake Froman and Austin Lee were hot on his heels. It looked like it would be an all hometown podium until round two winner Colin Brasher, out of Princeton Ky., began his charge to the front. On the last lap Brasher set his sights on Froman and pushed past him at the finish with only three seconds to spare.

After the race Gourley commented, "Man that track was whooped out and there were not many places to pass." KTM ace Lee finished a hard fought race in second , Brasher came in third with Froman rounding out the top four.

Peewee (4-6): 1.Dylan Profitt (Cob); 2. Chase Hale (Yam); 3. Caleb Echols (KTM); 4. Conner Trice (Hon); 5. Spencer Loudon (KTM)

Pewee (7-8): 1. Daniel Spurgeon (Cob); 2. Cole Echols (KTM) 3. Nathan McCoy (KTM); 4. Ty Gallimore (Cob); 5. Garrett Elrod (KTM)

Mini B: 1. Matthew Harris (KTM); 2. Zach Kirckoff (Kaw); 3. Landon Morrison (Suz); 4. Jaron Wood (KTM); 5. Leighton Title (KTM)

Mini A: 1. Brett Gourley (KTM); 2. Sam Thurman (KTM); 3. Cory Jordan (KTM); 4. Ben Jones (Kaw); 5. Kalab Hagan (KTM)

Junior B: 1. Andrew Clark (KTM); 2. Tanner McCoy (KTM); 3. Matthew Bell (Yam); 4. Dalton Riddle (Suz); 5. Cole Kirchoff (Yam)

Junior A: 1. Brandon Gourley (Yam); 2. Austin Lee (KTM); 3. Colin Brasher (Hon); 4. Jake Froman (Kaw); 5. Lance Hoover (KTM)