



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

Round 5 Hazzard Hill
Spurgeon Handles the Hill
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Round 5 of the MSXC Youth Winter Series kicked off with some really cold weather. Reminding all in attendance that this is a winter series, the early morning temperature reading was showing a frigid 18 degrees. Signup began at 7:00 AM sharp and not only were the ears and hands of the parents frozen, but the pens for writing were in protest also.

Daniel Spurgeon # 91 pictured below, suited up for battle with the cold and his fellow 50 class racers in the 7 to 8 division. The frigid temps seemed to not bother Spurgeon or his fellow racers. Each racer had hopes as they took off of ending Spurgeons 4 race winning streak and his seemingly lock on first place in the series points.



The Turn One Graphics/One Vision Motorsports/ backed and Cobra mounted Spurgeon, grabbed the MSXC holeshot. On lap one a duo of KTM riders, Cole Echols and round one winner Nathan McCoy, put much needed pressure on Spurgeon. Echols was only 3 seconds behind and McCoy was fighting through the roots and ruts in third place. With 30 minutes of racing time total, there would be plenty of room for mistakes and time for the cold weather to factor in.

On lap two Spurgeon began to stretch his lead out a little on Echols and McCoy. He seemed to be in command of the race. The battle would now be on for second place between Echols and McCoy.

On laps two through four the Tiplersville Mississippi native McCoy had strong lap times and Echols struggled fighting the ruts, roots and rocks, but on laps six through nine Echols began reeling McCoy back in.

Meanwhile out front and after 10 full laps of racing, the checkered flag fell with Spurgeon lapping everyone in his class and securing his 5th win in a row. This puts Spurgeon well on his way to a MSXC Championship. McCoy held back Echols for second and Echols would settle in for third place on the day.

Spurgeon said after the race, "Wow, look at that, I have a front flat tire! It was fun and I want to thank my mom and dad and all my sponsors for their support."



Cobra mounted **Dylan Proffitt**, number 315 pictured above, and KTM rider Caleb Echols went at it in the 50cc 4-6 class.

Proffitt from Gracey Ky., grabbed the MSXC raced into the woods with the lead. Not too far behind him was Hot Springs Arkansas native Echols. Proffitt put in six strong laps and secured the win. Echols battled the nasty conditions and had a good ride to finish in second. For more information and the next race go to msxcracing.com.

Results:

P/W(4-6): 1. Dylan Proffitt (Cob); 2. Cole Echols (KTM)

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

Mini A: 1. Brett Gourley (KTM); 2. Ben Jones (Kaw); 3. Sam Thurman (KTM) 4.
Spencer Winter (KTM); 5. Caleb Hagen (KTM)

Mini B: 1. Matthew Harris (KTM); 2. Kruz Sampson (Cob); 3. Landon Morrison (KTM);
4. Wesley Hardin (Kaw); 5. Leighton Tittle (KTM)

JR A: 1. Colin Brasher (Hon); 2. Austin Lee (KTM); 3. Jake Froman (Kaw); 4. Luke
Chilman (Kaw); 5. Blake Clark (KTM)

JR B: 1. Andrew Clark (KTM); 2. Tanner McCoy (KTM); 3. Kelly Adkins (Yam); 4.
Hunter Hutchinson (KTM); 5. Dalton Riddle (Suz)