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Round 6: Triple Sanction

MacDonald Tops the Triple



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Corey MacDonald may not have felt the like he had the edge over the competition of the Mid-South Cross Country, SERA, and SETRA triple sanctioning event because when he entered the start it grew into a oh no what have I done feeling. However, once the green flag was raise, the butterflies vanished, and he was pumped by his Southeast Cross Country Shoot Out win.

After a conservative start in fourth place, Macdonald took an inside line and got around two riders and then followed the frontrunners, Steward Baylor and Dustin Gibson for most of the first lap. Toward the end, he got around Gibson and then around Baylor when he took a wrong turn. After a quick shout to warn him, Macdonald moved into first. From that point and with aide from Harper's Yamaha / Upstate Cycle/ Scott / and a pending Owen Suspension support ride, he showed no mercy and held his ground. His only flaw happened earlier when he slid out on some ice while maneuvering around a lapped rider. When all was said and done, he was ready to go one more lap.

"When I got on the start, I was looking all around just thinking oh no," said Macdonald, "but I am so glad I stuck around because I would have never known that I was going to be the winner. After I hollered at him to let him know he went the wrong way, I left him. I could hear him for a while, but then I didn't know if something happened to him or what because I didn't hear him anymore. Today was a good day to race. My fingers got a little numb, but it was not too bad out there. I got to race with my buddy and had a good time."



woods, and he continued his lead for most of the first lap.



KTM Hard Parts / Shoei / Power Sports Graphics / Renthal backed Baylor (538) wasn't quite so happy with his outcome. The dial on his suspension wasn't quite set to comfortable mode and getting into a good groove was not going to be a factor for his second place finish. In spite, he was the first rider off of the start and Gibson got around him to complete the hole shot curve. Shortly thereafter, he was right back in first once they ventured the



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He said, "I really think I could have done better, and I am a little disappointed with my ride. When I blew that corner, both of them got around me. I got back around Dustin and got close to Corey again, but I just couldn't get a hold of the bike. I don't know what was wrong with it."

Meanwhile, Gibson struggled with more brake problems. On his third lap, he finally had to pull into a pit to fix it, but it was too late to catch the other two. He was happy that he finally got to finish a race and a third place podium finish is not too bad a triple sanctioned event.

