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Round 6: The Triple Sanction

Gourley Mops Maplesville

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Round 6 of the MSXC Youth Winter Series was held at the Reynolds Pasture in Maplesville Alabama. The Perry Mountain Motorcycle club has been hosting events there since 1970. Non-AMA sanctioned events have been held there by the club since the 40's for people who share the love of off road riding and racing.

The Triple Sanction is a two day event with the Youth and Quads racing on Saturday, and the Adult bikes have Sunday to themselves.

Brandon Gourley, #41 pictured below, and his family made the long trip from Booneville In. to the Reynold's dirt bike pasture paradise, with hopes of warmer racing weather like most of the other MSXC families. Only the warmer weather failed to show up.



With temperatures unseasonably and unreasonably cold for Maplesville, the Junior A class took off with **Luke Chilman** grabbing the holeshot. When the A class came within sight of the scoring tent on lap one, it looked like a freight train of riders linked together with **Chilman** leading, **Colin Brasher** in second, **Blake Clark** in third and **Gourley** tailing in fourth. Only one second separated each of them.

On lap two as the train emerged from the woods, a new conductor was leading the charge. Honda mounted **Brasher**, had passed **Chilman** when he crashed, along with **Gourley**, **Clark** and KTM rider **Austin Lee** getting by also. **Chilman** was now in fifth. Still, only a few seconds separated the top five.

With the race at the halfway point, the young 12 year old **Gourley** began to take charge and passed **Brasher** for the lead. On lap four **Gourley** burned the fastest complete lap time on the day and was now holding a comfortable lead over the rest of the pack. Only a mistake or bike trouble could ruin his day. At the end of 60 minutes of racing, **Gourley** had put the Rincken Mods/Scott/Pirelli/ Yamaha on the top spot of the podium. SOS KTM rider **Blake Clark** had found his way around **Brasher** for second. **Brasher** held on for third, **Austin Lee** came in fourth and **Luke Chilman** rounded out the top five.

Gourley said "I got a good start and battled with someone for a little then I began to pull away. It was hard to pass also."

Not only did **Gourley** win the Junior A class on Saturday, but on Sunday morning he won the Junior MC class and overalled the Adult C classes on his 85 to boot!

Blake Rinsch, pictured below, was the standout in the Junior B class on Saturday.



The Sparks and Sons/Renthal/Dunlop sponsored **Rinsch** logged in his first win of the season and gave himself a big boost in points. He was followed by **Kelly Adkins** in second, **Andrew Clark**, **Hunter Hutchinson** and **Clint Watson** in fifth place. **Rinsch** said “ I got second off the start behind **Kelly Adkins** and passed him on the second lap. From there things went pretty good until my bike started cutting out. I took it easy on the last lap and won.”

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Results

P/W (4-6) 1. Zane Williams (KTM); 2. Grayson Huddleston (KTM); 3. Cade Holder (KTM); 4. Alex Nicholas (KTM); 5. Major Paracca (Yam)

P/W (7-8) 1. Nathan McCoy (KTM); 2. Daniel Spurgeon (Cob); 3. Conner Barrett (KTM); 4. Etan Gregg (KTM); 5. Ty Gallimore (Cob)

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

Mini A 1. Sam Thurman (KTM); 2. Brett Gourley (KTM); 3. Ben Jones (Kaw); 4. Kaleb Hagan (KTM); 5. Dylan Gossett (KTM)

Junior B 1. Blake Rinsch (KTM); 2. Kelly Adkins (Yam); 3. Andrew Clark (KTM); 4. Hunter Hutchinson (KTM); 5. Clint Watson (Hon)

Junior A 1. Brandon Gourley (Yam); 2. Blake Clark (KTM); 3. Colin Brasher (Hon); 4. Austin Lee (KTM); 5. Steve Nicholas (KTM)

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