



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

Round 9: Foxhollow / Robert Patterson Memorial
Tittle Manhandles the Memorial



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With points leader Matthew Harris missing in action from the 65cc 7 to 9 class, round nine of the Mid-South Youth Cross Country Series by Pirelli/Answer/MSR/Pro Taper/Maxxis was completely open for a new winner. Not that Harris's vacancy left the class without stiff competition. Landon Morrison was also looking to gain valuable needed points on class leader Harris.

Leighton Tittle, number 27, has been looking for his first win of the season and finally found the top spot on the podium at Bucksport. He had some motivation though from his new sponsor Mc Ewen Motorsports, in that if he won, a new set of gear would be waiting. It wasn't a piece of cake to get there though. The track

had received some heavy rain like it does every year just before the race. The hills and hollers of the Foxhollow farm generally drain well.

When the flag fell, it was Suzuki mounted Morrison who jumped out to an early lead followed by KTM rider Tittle and Wesley Hardin on his KX 65. The three young racers have been battling all season and today would be no different. Through the creek crossings, hills and tree roots the trio of riders were keeping pace with each other until lap seven when Tittle made his move on Morrison. He passed Morrison and set his sights on his first win of the season. In a thirty minute race though, anything can happen and when the checkered flag fell, it was Tittle who had his first win of the season and a new set of racing gear to pick out!

Morrison would keep pace with Tittle, but would have to settle for second on the day. Wesley Hardin put in his best finish of the season by rounding out the class in third. Fourth place went to Garrett Russell on his KTM from Symsonia Kentucky.

Tittle said, "I had fun racing today and I was glad to win my first race of the season. "I want to thank my mom and dad and Mc Ewen Motorsports for helping me out."

Racing in the 65cc 10-11 division was handled by Brett Gourley from Booneville Indiana. Gourley and his family drove all night long and covered over 700 miles from a week of racing in Texas to put the young KTM rider on the top podium spot Sunday morning.

Gourley grabbed the holeshot and lead the race until he crashed and Ben Jones got by. Gourley remounted and on lap two passed Jones and held on for the win. Coming in second was Illinois racer Jones with Kalib Hagan, Dillion Bryant and Blake Pierce finishing third through fifth respectively.

Mr. Gourley was exhausted but rewarded for his driving by seeing all of his "G Mafia" boys take home wins in their respective classes!

Results:

Peewee (4-6): 1. Dylan Proffitt (Cob); 2. Grayson Huddleston (KTM); 3. Chase Hale (KTM)

Peewee (7-8): 1. Daniel Spurgeon (Cob); 2. Nathan McCoy (KTM); 3. Jeremy Lenard (KTM);

4. Garrett Elrod (Cob); 5. Brady Huddleston (KTM)

Mini A 1. Brett Gourley (KTM); 2. Ben Jones (Kaw); 3. Kalab Hagan (KTM) 4. Dillon Bryant (Suz); 5. Pierce Blake (Kaw)

Mini B 1. Leighton Tittle (KTM); 2. Landon Morrison (Suz); 3. Wesley Hardin (Kaw); 4. Garrett Russell (Kaw)

Junior A 1. Brandon Gourley (Kaw); 2. Austin Lee (KTM); 3. Jake Froman (Kaw); 4. Colin Brasher (Hon); 5. Blake Clark (KTM)

Junior B 1. Hunter Hutchinson (KTM); 2. Andrew Clark (KTM); 3. Kelly Adkins (Yam); 4. Blake Rinsch (KTM); 5. Dalton Riddle (Suz)