



# Oakley Nabs Championship !

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Round 11 landed in Bucksport Tennessee. The Robert Patterson Memorial.

Many Mid-South racers remember Robert fondly. Sarges Cycles was a true racers shop and Robert was always a threat to win the Pro Class when he could have been racing the senior class!

Brock Oakley came into this season with a mission....to win the Junior B class championship. Standing in his way were two past Mid-South Youth Champions, Cole Kirchoff and Justin Lenord. The Junior B class is usually the largest youth class in the series and winning the

championship is not easy.

Along the way Justin Lenord broke his femur and that left Cole Kirchoff the main competition for Oakley.

At Bucksnot, Sam Thurman moved up to Junior B from the Mini A class and was determined to win. He grabbed the holeshot and looked strong off the start. Cole Kirchoff was in second with Oakley in third.



A few turns into the race Thurman got off course. This allowed Kirchoff and Oakley to get by. Kirchoff still had a chance at the championship and would have to win the last three rounds and have a little luck on his side to win.

KTM mounted Oakley needed only to win one more event to secure his first Championship.

As the trio came through the tent on lap one it was Oakley, Thurman and Kirchoff in spots one two and three. The racing was really tight and the racers fought each other on lap two also. On lap three, Thurman wrecked trying to get around another racer and lost a little time. Kirchoff was now in second.

Going into lap four it was Oakley and Kirchoff fighting for a Championship and Thurman now a minute off the lead. Thurman crashed hard on lap 4, got a nice soil sample and ended his day with a courtesy ride on a four wheeler out of the woods.

This left the remaining battle for the win between Oakley and Kirchoff as it had been all season since Lenord's injury.



With precious time winding down Oakley stayed strong and held off Kirchoff for his first AMA Youth Championship.

Coming in third place was Performance Supercycle rider Cory Jordan, Thurman still received 4<sup>th</sup> place for his effort , while Carly Vogel came in fifth.

The 12<sup>th</sup> round of the Winter series is a two day event co-sanctioned with the GNCC's and will be held the Famous Loretta Lynn's Dude Ranch on April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>.