



Lenard **Boils** the Springs

Round 3 AMA MSXC Youth Championship Winter Series
10-17-10 "Rose Hill"

Red Boiling Springs, Tn.

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Promotor Mark Hix laid out a 4 mile youth course Sunday morning that was full of creek crossings, hills, single track, and nasty mud sections from natural springs that abound on his property. One creek jump proved to be a disaster for more than one youth racer that morning.

After winning the championship two years ago in the 65 cc Mini A class, Justin Lenard knows it is a long series and anything can happen. The KTM mounted Lenard dnf'd round 1 when his bike quit on the first turn. He placed third at round 2 and came ready to come out on top at round 3.



Lenard, along with round two winner Brock Oakley and Obermeyer Yamaha's Cole Kirchoff, managed to clear the hazard just fine. Others were not so fortunate. Oakley grabbed the lead and took control of the race early on. He lead laps one and two with Lenard and Kirchoff hot on his heels. The track conditions took a toll on Oakleys' bike when he got a front flat tire.

On lap three, Kirchoff took over the lead and control of the pace. Pictured here, Kirchoff #262, looked strong and it seemed he had the race locked up.

Lenard though stayed just close enough to make it exciting till he made a pass on the last lap for the win.

All three racers , Lenard , Kirchoff and Oakley had fought hard throughout the hour long race and any one of them could have come away with the win.

“ Lenard said “He (Kirchoff) lead most of the time after we got around Brock (Oakley) but crashed in the creek bed. I didn't pass him until the last lap. He kept trying to make a pass but I wouldn't let him around.”

Fourth place went to Performance Supercycle rider Cory Jordan and fifth went Jordan Ellis.

Today was Lenards day and round four awaits at Salem Kentucky on Halloween.

See ya there!

For complete results and more information on the AMA Championship Youth Cross Country Series go to www.msxc racing.com

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