

Jordan Ashburn Won It All Workin' It at "The Big Stripper"

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The Lynnville Dirt Rider Club produced a race that provided a twelve mile race course that wound around the pole to become ridge top trail, plunging down into ravines of narrow track and tightly wooded trails with bumps and grinds over rocks tree roots and ruts lap after lap. The fast competition cherished this all with a "bring it on" mentality while some were unfortunate and didn't finish with broken bikes and body parts. The LA Dirt Riders, host to the Black Coal National Enduro, on this chilly day in November were host also to the *Pirelli/Maxxis/Answer/MSR Pro Taper Mid South Cross Country* series. LA Dirt Riders did an outstanding job with organizing the management of this race and have always done so since the first event in 1995. The city park became a small city within the city of Lynnville, Indiana with support and fans surrounding the 335 riders for this event in a beautiful campground and lake setting on a perfect fall day.

The "AA Class was first off the line with Shane O'Banion (KTM) circling the sharp, first turn left around a tree. Right behind Shane on his six o'clock was Jordan Ashburn (Kaw) in what would become the kind of race that all spectators love to watch. Shane O might have gotten the lead off in the first few seconds but that went back and forth between Jordan and Shane for the next two hours. This was the show to watch!



Minutes count in a race between first and second and in this case it came down to seconds. It was another bad day for Shane O. He were following. Jordan by now was on the fourth and final lap and as Jordan went high on an embankment to go around the five bikes they were lapping, Shane O followed his lead. Fate smiled on Jordan. Misfortune struck a blow to Shane O. Skill and technique had worked perfectly for Jordan and upon following his lead Shane O landed in a spot just a bit different and came down in logs lying across the trail causing a hard crash for Shane O and landing his bike upside down wedged under and between two logs. Time slipped away as he pulled and tugged on his KTM until another rider, Golden Master Tom Carter (KTM) stopped and between the two got the KTM that was Shane's up and running. Shane took off 90 seconds down to Jordan's lead; Jordan was long gone down the trail.



**#15 Jordan Ashburn
“AA” Class #1 and Overall Winner**

**#837 Shane O’Banion
A” Class 2nd Place**

Jordan Ashburn was cruising hard toward home, realizing the target on his back that was Shane O’Banion, Jordan rode, throttle wide open and as Jordan went through the scoring tent first, Shane O had caught up to Jordan and went through one second later giving Shane the second place and Jordan the win, the winner overall. In the end, Jordan came to MSXC, rode hard and accomplished all his overall goals, “AA” class winner and overall winner.

The rest of the story wasn’t told until Tuesday after the race. You see Jordan had a slight injury several weeks ago that damaged his hand. After the race at Lynnville, his hand was worse. Upon examination by Jordan’s doctor x-rays found that he had a broken his hand. Most people walk away from Lynnville with injuries and not the other way around, arriving with one already sustained. This is an amazing racer who ran

an amazing race! This was a great race day and wow, what a ride.

Monster Energy Kawasaki, Pro Circuit, Moose, Johnny Signs, Maxima Oils, Barber Cycles, Dunlop, Renthal and Acerbis, Monster Energy Kawasaki, Pro Circuit, Moose, Johnny Signs, Maxima Oils, Barber Cycles, Dunlop, Renthal and Acerbis and of course his Mom and Dad assist in powering Jordan's racing efforts both here at Mid South and GNCC where he won the Overall Amateur title for 2010.

Shane O'Banion would like to also thank his supporters Gail, his wife, Gill Roofing, Pro-Action KTM, Mansfield Chevrolet, Ballance Racing, FMF and FOX.

Good ride guys!

The "A" Class, second off the line also had its own set of drama for the lead. The first rounding the tree was #32 Broc Gourley (KTM), and #21 Brandon Ferguson (Yam) followed in a pack by #721 Cody Smith (KTM) and Beau Nicewinter (KTM).



The break in the “A” class start was revealed by #45 Zac Nash (KTM) who had a bad start, a dead start making Zac last off the line. Disadvantaged, he made up time, lap after lap, determined to bring on the win. Zac was riding an average of 38 minute laps for four laps when he finished 1st in the “A” class. Broc Gourley(KTM) was 45 seconds behind Zac and Travis Schaffer (Yam) also 45 seconds behind Broc when they finished first, second and third in the “A” class. Again proving seconds count.



The Mid South Cross Country series had a changing of the guard this season when Scott Horton retired his position after over 20 years with MSXC beginning with the Mid South Winter Series. Scott was the developer of the Score Machine bar code system used at MSXC. Round 5 was the first race Scott missed in 15 years at MSXC. He still is the IT support and tech support for Score Machine and MSXC.

Robert Rodgers has now become the face of Mid South Cross Country Series. Robert has past experience in aircraft parts & sales and now makes MSXC his sole endeavor as a self employed position. Robert is comfortable and happy in this change in his life and welcomes the challenge. He has raced as one of the riders in Mid South for several years as a competitor and promoter. This season has progressed at a good pace with rider turnout gaining each round. Robert lives in Dickson County in the Van Leer community.

Score Machine was retained with original personnel operating the computer system. The guy in the tent scanning helmets for years is Marc Swainson who assisted Scott Horton. He still is there every race for all events, rain, shine, snow or ice. Marc has worked for ATT as his regular job for 13 years and lives in Clarksville, TN. John LaRocca is the race day assistant to Marc, keeping things organized and running smoothly while 300 plus motorcycles, ATV's and mini's parade through the scoring tent each race day.



John LaRocca

In 1964, Peabody Coal Company deeded 1,100 acres of reclaimed strip mine ground to the Town of Lynnville Indiana for recreational purposes. Lynnville Park located in the “L.A.” area is a haven for fisherman with a 274 acre lake, camping, and astronomers and off road motorcycle trails.

RESULTS:

Overall: 1. Jordon Ashburn (Kaw) 2. Shane O’Banion (KTM) 3, Jeff Gregg (KTM) 4. Dustin Gibson (KTM) 5. Zac Nash (KTM)

“AA”: 1. Jordan Ashburn (Kaw) 2. Shane O’Banion (KTM) 3. Jeff Gregg (KTM) 4. Dustin Gibson (KTM) 5. John Mashino (Yam)

Heavy A: 1. Zach Nash (KTM) 2. Broc Gourley (KTM) 3. Brandon Ferguson (Yam) 4. Brandon Ferguson (Yam) 5. Beau Nicewinter (KTM)

Light A: 1. Dillon Phelps (KTM) 2. Cody Miller (Kaw) 3. Jase Martin (Hus) 4. John Hix (KTM) 5. Jenner Turner (KTM)

Vet A: 1. Marty Michaels (Kaw) 2. Brandon Wofford (KTM) 3. Curtis Ryan (Yam) 4. Scott Kirchoff (Yam) 5. Jeremy Garrett (KTM)

Senior A: 1. Greg Elrod (Hus) 2. Rodney Carrier (KTM) 3. David McWilliams (Hon) 4. Timmy Ppoole (Kaw) 5. Kenny Moore (Yam)

Super Senior A: 1. Eric Gill(KTM) 2. Kent Stanley (KTM) 3. James Harris (KTM) 4. Mark Guy (Yam)

250 B: 1. Blake Rickettes (Yam) 2. Mike Moore (Yam) 3. Blake Diesser (Yam) 4. James Dicus (KTM) 5. Chris Mayfield (KTM)

Super Senior B: 1. Gregg Tucker (KTM) 2. Dillon Pirtle (Yam) 3. Robbie Clark (KTM) 4. David Marshan (KTM) 5. Eddie O’Banion (Yam)

Golden Masters: 1. Paul Michaels (KTM) 2. Don Rye (Hon) 3. Tom Carter (KTM)

250 C: 1. Nicolas Bean (KTM) 2. Colton Wallace (Suz) 3. Daniel Burke (KTM) 4. Lee Sumner (KTM) 5. TJ Webecher (KTM)

200 C: 1. Dalton Cross (KTM) 2. Gabe Garrett (KTM) 3. Jesse Sorrels (Hon) 4. Reggie Wulff (Yam) 5. Quinten Allen (KTM)

300 4 Strokes C: 1. Logan Ppoole (KTM) 2. Bronson Childs (Kaw) 3. Ryan Watson (KTM) 4. Kyler McGrew (KTM) 5. Bryer Modlin (Kaw)

Open 4 Stroke C: 1. Sam Weisman (Yam) 2. Zach Greenwell (Hon) 3. Tyler Harris (KTM) 4. Taylor Downs (Yam) 5. Ezra Hickerson (Suz) 5. Jake Froman (KTM)

Open B: 1. Matt Calhoon (Kaw) 2. Sammy Dorris (KTM) 3. Nick Bryant (Hon) 4. Jeremy Newland (Kaw) 5. Drexel Payne (Yam)

Vet B: 1. Greg Childers (KTM) 2. Dustin Arant (KTM) 3. Kevin McClain (KTM) 4. Shaun Garner (KTM) 5. Stephen Bynum (Kaw)

Senior B: 1. Greg Rumery (Yam) 2. Todd Elrod (KTM) 3. Chance Blackwell (KTM) 4. Gary Bisang (KTM) 5. David Lutz (KTM)

Masters: 1. Robert Ellis (KTM) 2. Jim Sorrels (Hon) 3. Steven Lambruno(KTM) 4. Justin Miller(KTM) 5. Cody Dial(KTM)

Vet C: 1. Kevin Murphy(Kaw) 2. Troy Kirby (KTM) 3. Kent McReynolds(Yam) 4. Clint Boling(Hon) 5. Heath Robinson(Yam)

Senior C: 1. John Duke(Kaw) 2. Robert Mitchell Sr(KTM) 3. Brian Hayes(KTM) 4. Junior Griffith (Hon) 5. John Fowler(Suz)

Super Senior C: 1. Jeff Curtis(KTM) 2. Clinton Clark(Yam) 3. Joseph Pinson(KTM) 4. Bill Hester(KTM) 5. Martin Kingsbury(Yam)

Junior MC: 1. Clay Butts(Kaw)

Beginner MC: 1. Justis Georgis(Yam) 2. Adam Thomas(KTM) 3. Merle Carter Jr. (KTM) 4. Michael Plenke(KTM) 5. Steve Besty(Yam)

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