



***MidSouth XC Round
10! Hazard Hill! One***

“MUDDER” Of a Race!

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Round # 10 Mid South Cross Country (MSXC)

Hazard Hill

Van Leer, Tennessee

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The rain had stopped the night before in Middle Tennessee making the ground spongy but still very ride able at Hazard Hill, a favorite of 2011 Pirelli Answer/Maxxis/ProTaper Mid South Cross Country series. Three Hundred riders gathered at the top of the hill that formed the pit area and the bike riders prepped and ready, headed toward the

line.



It was then the weather went to the dogs and the racers were left in a rut. Mid South races have a 10AM start for the AA and all other classes. It was about 9:30 a cold, hard rain began falling in a

serious pour down soaking the start and all who were on the line.

The AA class had five, on the start, Zac Nash (KTM), in a move up from Heavy A, Shane O'Banion (KTM), Dustin Gibson (KTM), Michael Williams (Kaw) and Damon Prince (Suz). Only two did 5 laps, two did four and one did not finish. The course had turned into a rain soaked quagmire that sucked the bikes down to the bottom of ruts, holding them fast in place between rocks and roots with engines screaming to get out. Engines and pistons gave up before most riders were ready but in the end Zac Nash won his first Overall and first in AA proving perseverance pays off.

Performance Supercycle, KTM, Moose, Motorex, Pirelli, Smith, IMS, GDR suspensions, PG Graphics and Troy Ross as trainer back Zac in this year's racing effort. Zac has not disappointed any of his supporters and continues to gain strength and building confidence each race he enters. Zac is one to watch



Zac Nash "AA winner and Overall

Zac commented on this race at Van Leer, "The race this weekend was a MUDDER!!!! I wrapped the Heavy A championship at the race the week before (7 Creeks; Cadiz, KY) and was looking forward to my first race in the AA class. I entered the woods in third place off the start behind Shane O'Banion and Dustin Gibson. I tried to stay with them on the first lap and in the process I pulled a lead on the rest of the AA class. I felt good and focused on maintaining a good pace and keeping the wheels rolling. I managed not to get stuck the entire race and consistently kept pulling laps in. When I crossed the finish line on the last lap I managed to have worked I managed to have worked my way into the lead. My first race in the AA class was a success! Dustin and Shane's bikes blew up. They were about two or three minutes ahead when they broke, but I was consistent and there in the end."

Damon Prince finished with five laps with second overall, his best effort this season. Shane O'Banion did finish the race with four laps for third place and Dustin Gibson did four laps before he finally had to pull off due to mechanical failure for fourth. Home town local, Michael Williams pulled a DNF and finished no complete laps. If pictures tell stories maybe Michael was lucky to still have a working Kawasaki at the end of the day.



Damon Prince "AA Second Place

Damon Prince, of Lexington, TN and recent graduate of Murray State in Kentucky and another local not a stranger to

Hazard Hill was very satisfied he stayed in the race and finished with a second in AA. Damon said, "It rained for about 30 or 40 minutes before the race started. Thank goodness it stopped about 10:45 and let us get the race in without another drop or at least that I saw. I just got off the start and tried to just race the track because I knew it was going to be bad. I mainly tried to be consistent and pick good lines all day. On the 4th lap my bike started making noises like it was getting hot so I stopped and dad filled it up with water. I guess it all turned out to be a pretty good plan for my best ever Mid South finish in 2nd overall." Shane O'Banion gave it a valiant effort but in the end the failure was machine not man that took its toll. Shane a recent graduate of Western Kentucky University has been consistent this season in being the point's leader of the AA class. Shane added his comments on Hazard Hill.



Shane O'Banion "AA" 3rd place



Dustin Gibson 2010 MSXC Overall winner only got 4 laps in this day.

“It was nice up on Hazard Hill until about 10AM and that’s when the rain began to fall. It rained for exactly an hour on top of an already saturated course, so needless to say, it was a little muddy. I got the hole shot and rode hard for about 100 feet and decided that this wasn’t such a good idea due to the conditions so I simply just rode a lap and let the trail wear in. Me and Dustin really charged hard the whole race just to keep upright and the wheels rolling. On the next to last lap, both our bikes started acting up and losing power. Dustin pulled out of the race and didn’t even attempt the final lap, but I did. I was trying to be as easy as I could on the last lap, just riding it hard enough to make it around one last time. At about two miles to go, the bike quit. I just sat there a few minutes and then got the idea to run the water out of

my Camelback onto the cylinder to try and cool the motor. I then “bump” started the bike down a hill and made it about another quarter of a mile before it quit again. Even though it was a really bad day, it could have been worse and I still got tenth and kept the points lead.”



NOW THAT'S A RUT!

Next event is Round 11 at Foxhollow! I hope it's a dry, sunny day!

RESULTS Round 10: Hazard Hill
Further results can be found at
<http://www.msxc.com>

AA--1. Zac Nash (KTM) 2.
Damon Prince (Suz) 3. Shane
O'Banion (KTM) 4. Dustin
Gibson (Suz)
--Heavy A--1. Brandon
Ferguson (Yam) 2. Beau
Nicewinter(KTM) 3. Dexter
Colvin (Yam)
LightA-- 1. Dillon Phelps
(KTM)2. Jenner Turner (KTM)
3. Jase Martin (Hus)
Vet A:1. Ryan Morphey (KTM)
2. Mark Jones (Yam) 3. Jeff
Cowan (Yam)4. Jeff Green
(KTM) 5. Carlos
Humphrey(KTM)
Senior A: 1. Timmy
Ppoule(Kaw) 2. Gregg Elrod
(Hus) 3. Eddie Crain (Kaw) 4.
Robert Adkins (KTM) 5. Kenny
Moore (Yam)
SuperSeniorA: 1. Eric Gill
(KTM) 2. Mark Wood (Hon) 3.
Mark Guy Yam) 4. John Glaus
(Yam)
250B: 1. Mike Moore(Yam) 2.
James Dicus (KTM) 3. Adam
Elliott (Yam) 4. Blake Diesser
(Yam) 5. Blake Ricketts (Yam)
Light B: 1. Zac Greenwell
(KTM) 2. Jake Froman (KTM) 3.
Tanner McCoy (KTM) 4. Lee
Yarboro (KTM) 5. Ezra
Hickerson (Suz)

4 Stroke B: 1. Drexel Payne
(Yam) 2. Dirk Richards (Kaw)
3. Blake Redferrin (KTM) 4.
Braxton Dallas (Yam)
5. Nick Bryant (Hon)
Open B: 1. Chase Peeler (KTM)
2. Austin Toone (KTM) 3.
Brandon Rinsch (KTM) 4. Justin
Riley (Yam) 5. Kurt Moore
(KTM)
Vet B: 1. Brian Peck (KTM) 2. PJ
Shortt (Suz) 3. Stephan Bynum
(Kaw) 4. Dustin Arant (KTM) 5.
Kevin McClain (KTM)
Senior B: 1. Gregg Rumery
(Yam) 2. Chance Blackwell
(KTM) 3. Todd Elrod (KTM) 4.
Dennis Holden (KTM) 5. John
McMahon (Kaw)
Masters: 1. Robert Ellis (KTM)
2. Jim Sorrels (KTM) 3. Alan
Staples (Yam) 4. Jeffery Frizzell
(Yam) 5. Ron Nelson (KTM)
Super SeniorB: 1. Gregg Tucker
(KTM) 2. Dillon Pirtle (Yam) 3.
Bob Pullman (Hus) 4. Chris
Sumner (Hon) Jed Goad (KTM)
Golden Masters : 1. Paul
Michaels(KTM) 2. Don Rye
(KTM) 3. Robert Berg Sr.
(KTM)
250 C: 1. Shane Free (Yam) 2.
Lee Sumner (KTM) 3. Jacob

Oliver (Kaw) 4. Zachary Downs (KTM) 5. Daniel Arant (Hon)
200C: 1. Dalton Cross (KTM) 2. Ryan Dile (KTM) 3. Lee Sumner (KTM) 4. Johnny Rye (Yam) 5. Daniel Burke (KTM)
300 4 Stroke C: 1. Rex Nuhring (Yam) 2. Ryan Watson (KTM) 3. Logan Ppoole (KTM) 4. Ben Ellis (KTM) 5. Bronson Childs (Kaw)
Open 4 Stroke C: 1. Justin Miller (KTM) 2. Cody Dile (KTM) 3. Jeffery Barnett (Kaw) 4. Landon Hogue (Hon) 5. Matthew Davis (KTM)
Vet C: 1. Heath Robinson (Yam) 2. Kent McReynolds (Yam) 3. John Trolla (KTM) 4. Kevin Murphy (Suz) 5. Chris Webb (Kaw)
Senior C: 1. John Duke (Kaw) 2. Thomas Sorrells (Suz) 3. Mathew Plaster (KTM) 4. John Fowler (Suz) 5. D.B. Allen (Kaw)
Super Senior C: 1. Clinton Clark (Yam) 2. Rickey Doores (N/A) 3. Jeff Curtis (KTM) 4. Kerry Wolfe (KTM) 5. Thomas Higdon (Yam)
Junior MC: 1. Thomas Young (Hon) 2. Mathew Lynn (KTM) (3) Franklin Hughes (KTM) 4.

Ethan Suiter (Kaw) Beginner
MC: 1. Brent Parker (Kaw) 2.
Colton Ward (Kaw) 3. Patrick
Uebellhor (Hon) 4. Michael
Moreland (KTM)