



Vanleer Tn. 2-27-11  
Hazzard Hill



AMA Youth Cross  
Country  
Championship Series  
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## Clark Conquers the Hill



Round 10 of the MSXC Youth Series was held in Vanleer Tn. This track has been a staple of the MSXC for many moons. Landowner/promoter Rob Rodgers has laid out many different Youth courses over the years, some with nasty hillclimbs, others with off-camber downhills steep enough to scare a billygoat!

The weather turned sour right before the start and the rain came in hard and fast. The rain did take a short break, long enough to get the first race off without umbrellas.

In the Junior A class, Andrew “Dice” Clark has been up and down this season like the roll of the dice. Always up front but when it seemed like he had a win or two “in the bag”, his arch-rival and schoolmate Hunter Hutchinson seemed to take it away!



Today the same ole battle between the two emerged, with Clark going into the woods first and Hutchinson right behind. Hutchinson got around Clark and kept the lead for the first two laps. On lap three Clark pushed his way around Hutchinson and was 1 second ahead.

The duo held tight as Clint Watson, Clarksville's MX'er Samuel Redman and hometown boy Dalton Riddle were trying to keep pace.

Clark bobbed on lap 5 which enabled “Hutch” to slip by and put 28 seconds on Clark.

It seemed like “Hutch” had done it again and with the race winding down, He was about to beat his classmate and friend Clark. Some serious Monday morning bragging rights at the schoolyard are all important and about to be in “Hutch's” favor.

The “roll of the dice” landed this time in Clarks direction and it was Hutchinson who crashed on lap seven and handed the lead back to Clark. It didn't hurt that Clark put in his fastest lap time and was ready to capitalize on Hutch's mistake. On the last lap Hutchinson put a charge, but it was not enough and Clark pumped his fist in the air celebrating a hard fought victory.

KTM mounted Clint Watson was ready for a big mistake from either Clark or Hutchinson and came in a strong third. Samuel Redman finished fourth and Vanleers' own Dalton Riddle was fifth.



Round 11 will be held on 3-20-11 at Foxhollow, Tn. [www.msxc racing.com](http://www.msxc racing.com)