

Three way Battle Leaves O'Banion Winner at Foxhollow !

Round 11: Bucksnot, Tennessee

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Shane O'Banion (KTM) made his Overall and AA lead solid at the MSXC Foxhollow race. His regular race bike was dead on arrival after the last race event in Van Leer. Now, on a borrowed KTM, riding an unfamiliar machine, he fought for this win through tight trail and fields with Dustin Gibson and Zac Nash hot on the trail and all three swapped the lead several times. Arrow direction problems contributed to confusion of the chase and in the end the final results were Shane O'Banion, Dustin Gibson and Zac Nash.

Dustin Gibson (KTM) described his ride. Dustin commented, "The race started slow for me. I took off holding up two fingers in honor and memory of Robert Patterson*. After the first turn I picked it up and passed into 2nd quickly following Shane again for a mile or so lost the front end and everyone passed me again. Once more I made my way past everybody pretty quick and was behind Shane but this time I passed him and pulled a little on him before losing the front end again. I passed everybody again but this time Shane (O'Banion) let me by and I again pulled a short gap again but this time lost the track! We all were searching for the arrows and found our way with me in the back again. Again, I passed everyone and again Shane (O'Banion) let me by but again lost the front end but this time only Shane (O'Banion) and Zac (Nash) were the only ones around at this point! I knew I was faster so I just followed to the pits where I stopped for a splash of gas and to beat back down my bark buster from one of the few crashes. It was not a good pit, taking us too long but I knew I could make up the time on the 2nd lap. I caught Zac (Nash) and passed a few miles later a "lapper" stalled in the ditch in front of me. I slammed into him! I went over the bars and into him ("lapper"). We were both OK but it was luck that Zac (Nash) didn't hit us! It took a few seconds to get up and going again with all this I still made up about 10 seconds on Shane (O'Banion). The next lap was smooth and I made up enough time to be within 15 seconds of Shane (O'Banion). A mile into the last lap I lost the rear brakes! Something had ripped a hole in my line so I tried to make sure to finish and get some points. The track was perfect! It was a real hare scramble with a mix of tight single track to some open fields and woods" Dustin did finish in 2nd!

Zac Nash(KTM) admitted that the Bucksnot race was not one of his better races. Zac commented, "I went into the woods third and during the first lap the trail was hard to find. The leader switched frequently and I came through the first lap in 3rd place right behind Dustin Gibson. He pitted on the first lap and tried to close the small gap Shane (O'Banion) had pulled on us. I continued to charge and Dustin caught back up to me about 6 miles into the second lap. I followed him until I pitted. I could not close the gap to catch Dustin after I pitted. I finished the race in 3rd "AA" class. I never could get my groove on the track and struggled all day."

Damon Prince (Suz) said that the race went pretty well for him. Damon, 4th place "AA" commented, "The first lap was pretty interesting with fresh new trail. I got separated from Shane (O'Banion), Dustin(Gibson) and Zac (Nash) close to the end of the first lap after a crash that separated my shoulder. Luckily it went back in quickly. The rest of the race was

painful though. I just held on and tried to stay as consistent as possible. Everyone was riding really well and all in all it was a great day with great weather." Painful day for Damon!

Next MSXC race Round 12 is a GNCC co-sanction at Loretta Lynn's April 30, 2011.

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RESULTS 3/20/2011

--AA--1. Shane O'Banion (KTM) 2. Dustin Gibson (KTM) 3. Zac Nash (KTM) 4. Damon Prince (Suz) 5. Eric Gill (KTM)
--Heavy A--1. Brandon Ferguson (Yam) 2. Jeff Cowan (KTM) 3. Beau Nicewinter (KTM) 4. Loupie Lambruno (KTM)
LightA-- 1. Dillon Phelps (KTM) 2. Cody Miller (Kaw) 3. (Jase Martin (Hus)
Vet A: 1. Ryan Morphew (KTM) 2. Josh Scott (Kaw) 3. Mark Jones (Yam) 4. Scott Kirchoff (Yam) 5. Jeff Green (KTM)
Senior A: 1. Gregg Elrod (Hus) 2. Eddie Crane (Kaw) 3. Jeff Griffin (KTM) 4. Kenny Moore (Yam) 5. Ronald Skipper (Kaw)
SuperSeniorA: 1. Mark Wood (Hon) 2. Mark Guy (Yam) 250B: 1. Blake Ricketts (Yam) 2. James Dicus (KTM) 3. Mike More (Yam) 4. Chris Mayfield (KTM) 5. Blake Desser (Yam)
Light B: 1. Taylor Downs (Yam) 2. Mike Moore (Yam) 3. Eric Vender (KTM) 4. Greg Rumery (Yam) 5. Kevin Alderson (Hon)
4 Stroke B: 1. Drexel Payne (Yam) 2. Braxton Dallas (Yam) 3. Blake Redferrin (KTM) 4. Nick Bryant (Hon)
Open B: 1. Chase Peeler (KTM) 2. Austin Toon (KTM) 3. Justin Riley (Yam) 4. Brandon Rinch (KTM) 5. Caid Griffin (KTM)
Vet B: 1. James Cochran (Kaw) 2. Dustin Arant (KTM) 3. Brian Peck (KTM) 4. Stephan Bynum (Kaw) 5. Eric Chapel (Suz)
Senior B: 1. Todd Elrod (KTM) 2. Chance Blackwell (KTM) 3. Myron Graves (KTM) 4. Troy Kirby (KTM) 5. John McMahon (Kaw)
Masters: 1. Robert Ellis (KTM) 2. Jim Sorrels (KTM) 3. Ron Nelson (KTM) 4. Ricky Miller (Kaw) 5. Alan Staples (Yam)
Super Senior B: 1. Gregg Tucker (KTM) 2. Daniel Newcomb (Kaw) 3. Bob Pullman (Hus) 4. Dillon Pirtle (Yam)
Golden Masters : 1. Paul Michaels (KTM) 2. Don Rye (Hon) 3. Robert Berg Sr. (KTM) 4. Steve Thomas (Hus)
250 C: 1. Dalton Cross (KTM) 2. Lee Sumner (KTM) 3. Daniel Burke (KTM) 4. Ryan Dile (Hon) 5. Wesley McCarver (KTM)
200C: 1. Gabe Garrett (KTM) 2. Allen Quinten (KTM) 3. Anthony Ferguson (Suz) 4. Trent McCormick (KTM) 5. Brown Holden (KTM)
300 4 Stroke C: 1. Logan Ppool (KTM) 2. Ryan Watson (KTM) 3. Bronson Childs (Kaw) 4. Ben Ellis (KTM) 5. Adam Thomas (Yam)
Open 4 Stroke C: 1. Cody Dile (KTM) 2. Justin Miller (KTM) 3. Jeffery Barnett (Kaw) 4. Jacob Chism (Hon) 5. Michael McCormick (Hon)
Vet C: 1. Heath Robnson (Yam) 2. Joe McCoy (KTM) 3. Kevin Murphy (Suz) 4. Kent McReynolds (Yam) 5. Robert Williford (Suz)
Senior C: 1. Catce Tiesler (Suz) 2. John Duke (KTM) 3. Brian Hayes (KTM) 4. David Renshaw (Hon) 5. Darrel McManaway (Kaw)
Super Senior C: 1. Bill Hester (KTM) 2. Jeff Curtis (KTM) 3. Thomas Higdon (Yam) 4. Kerry Wolf (KTM)
Junior MC: 1. Thomas Young (Hon) 2. Ethan Sutter (Kaw) 3. Canady Rochelle (Hon)

Beginner MC: 1. Colton Ward (Kaw) 2. Bradley Stout
(Hon)