



THURMAN LANDS LAKEVIEW

Mid-South Youth Cross Country Championship Series By: Rich Thurman
Round 1 The Lodge at Lakeview White Plains KY. 10-6-11

Round 1 of the MSXC Cross Country Series has been held the past few years at the "Lodge at Lakeview." Named appropriately for the beautiful lake in the front of the property, its a beautiful sight Sunday morning as the fog lifts off the water as the MSXC youth racers start warming up their bikes and head down to the starting line.



Sam Thurman, pictured above, moved up from the 65 class to the Junior A class skipping the Junior B. The KTM/Performance Supercycle/Racing Nutrition/NashBFit backed Thurman got a last place start and had his work cut out for him right off the bat. Justin Lenard, who just had a cast cut off his wrist on Wednesday prior to the race, grabbed the holeshot and the early lead.



Lenard, pictured above, rode a fast first lap on his KTM with Kawasaki mounted Dalton Riddle and Thurman close behind. The racing was tight with Lenard leading laps one and two and looking like he has always looked, fast and smooth. The injury seemed to be no factor as the first two laps were in the books.

Not far behind the trio of racers were Harrison Hardin on a KTM and Kawasaki rider Kyle Tiesler.

Hardin, Tiesler and Thurman all hail from the same hometown, Pegram, Tn and love to talk smack about the races come Monday morning!

On lap three, the deck was shuffled a little bit. Thurman had taken over the lead followed by Lenard and Riddle. Tiesler had gotten by Hardin for fourth with MSXC regular Carly Vogel behind the fifth place Hardin in sixth on her Honda CRF 150.

Dalton Riddle, pictured below, had closed in on Lenard and it looked like a

great last lap battle for the win.



As the sound of a motorcycle drew closer and closer , it was Sam Thurman emerging out of the woods in lead and securing the first win on the season in the Junior A class. Lenard came through in second and Riddle's chances would come up short when a front flat slowed him up a bit on the last lap.

Fourth place went to Kyle Tiesler, fifth was Harrison Hardin and Vogel finished in sixth with some bike problems of her own.

Lenard showed some heart by finishing strong with a swollen wrist that is more than likely still healing from a crash 6 weeks ago! All in all it was an awesome start to the 32nd season of MSXC racing.

Round 2 is Saturday and Sunday at Red Boiling springs with a rare Saturday two hour UTV race starting at 1:00 PM.

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