



The Robert & Michael
Patterson Memorial
Race 3-25-12



Bucksport, Tn.
By: Rich Thurman

TITTLE TOPS BUCKSNORT

Round 9 of the MSXC AMA Youth Cross Country Championship Series was held in honor of two men that have contributed much to the MSXC series and to the off road community as well.

This race was the 5th anniversary of Robert Patterson's passing. Robert was a driving force in the motorcycle community as the proud owner of Sarges Cycles, the company his father had started. With heavy hearts, this round also commemorated the passing of Roberts brother Michael. Michael was the man that always brought the plaques and signed up all racers at most MSXC events. Michael also loved baking. On several occasions, Michael would bring baked goods sell them at signup. Mayilyn, his sister, always did the paperwork for the racers and Micheal would input the information in the computer.



Leighton Tittle

At Bucksnot, **Leighton Tittle** grabbed the holeshot in the Mini A class with **Nathan McCoy** and **Britten Crain** close behind. These three have been close all season long.

The trio of riders were followed by **Wesely Choate** in fourth and **Cooper Bangus** in fifth.

On lap one the KTM mounted **Tittle** had the lead over **McCoy** and **Crain**. On lap two the Mississippi native **McCoy** had passed **Tittle** for the lead. **Tittle** made a 90 degree turned to go up a big hill and didn't have enough speed and momentum to make it up. **McCoy** took advantage of **Tittle** getting stuck and got around **Tittle** for the lead. On the next big hill **Tittle** got by **McCoy** and the race was on! **Crain** was not to far behind in third.



McCoy fell back about a minute on laps three and four. On lap five **McCoy** put in hard charge to catch back up turning the fastest lap time of the class, but it wasn't enough. **Tittle** had too big of a lead by then and took home the win at the

Patterson Memorial on the day.

Kawasaki mounted **Britten Crain** finished a strong third place followed by **Choate** in fourth and **Bangus** finished in fifth.



Tittle wrapped up the Mini A Championship with the win. Two other mini class championships are in the bag also for **Garrett Elrod** in Mini B and **Dylan Profitt** in the 50 cc 7 to 8 year old class. **Daniel Spurgeon** looks to have his locked up in the Junior B class also.

That leaves only the Junior A class championship undecided between **Sam Thurman** and **Clint Watson**.

Be sure to catch all the youth racing at Round 10 in Greensburg, Ky on April 22!