



ASHBURN DIGS IN AT THE HOLLOW

Round 3 Mid-South AMA Cross Country Championship Series
Hurricane Mills, Tn. 10-27,28-12 Barren Hollow By: Rich Thurman



Round Three was another two-day event for the MSXC. If you were driving I-40 west of Nashville Saturday and Sunday somewhere around the 143 exit, you could not have missed all the campers camped out right beside the interstate.

Round three did not disappoint either, well that is, as long as your ride home did not end up in the ER as Dustin Gibson and Damon Prince's ride did!

Gibson grabbed the MSXC holeshot pictured above, with Ampro Yamaha /MSR backed Jordan Ashburn and Darin Downs close behind.

The race course was tight and there were not a lot of prime places to pass.

Ashburn said the “lappers were really hard to get around.” Downs said the same thing. “ I would come up on them, rev my engine and they acted like I was in their class!”

As the first lap came to a close, Downs was in first, Ashburn was one second behind him, Gibson was two seconds behind Ashburn and 15 year old Austin Lee was one second behind Gibson. The four of them were close enough to each other to throw a big blanket over!

At the end of the second lap, all four held their positions.

Ashburn seemed to be hitting his stride and on the third lap, and put in the one of the fastest laps of the day. Behind him, the carnage had already begun. Damon “Fresh Prince” of Murray crashed hard and broke his hand. Gibson threw his leg out in a turn only to throw out a knee in the process and possibly worse.

Now it was a two way battle for the win. Ashburn was holding strong, but Downs was not about to let him cruise on in with an easy win.

With the race winding down, Ashburn burned the fastest lap of the day on his last lap and beat Downs by about 21 seconds at the finish.

Downs was disappointed and showed frustration at the finish with the riders who were hard to get by and seemed to hold him back, but he was still pleased with his performance after getting 2nd overall and second in the Pro Class on the day. Third place in the Pro Class was Austin Lee. Lee rode great and had his best class finish this year along with his third overall. Fourth overall was an Austin Lee rival from the mini days, Jake Froman.

Froman had a great ride winning the Light A class and was the top amateur rider also.



5th overall went to open B rider Dirk Richards. Richards finished 7th overall at Red Boiling Springs and may have just gotten himself a promotion to the A class after those two finishes!

B class winners Kyle Sharp, 250B; Logan PPool-Light B; Dirk Richards-Open B; Ryan Patterson-Vet B; John McMahon-Senior B; Myron Graves-Super Senior B; Chris Sumner-Masters B; John Duke-Golden Masters; Ted Presson-60 plus.

C class winners were Colton Wallace-250C; Dalton "The Riddler" Riddle-200C; Caleb Doores-4Stk C; Rusty Leffew-Vet C; Ricky Doores-Senior C; Ronnie Dickens- Super Senior C; Rob Hanks-Beginner

Round 4 will be held on 11/18 at The Big Stripper in Lynnville, IN