



AMA Mid South Cross
Country Championship



Hazzard Hill
Van Leer, Tn 12-16-12

Downs Tops The Hill



Darin Downs

Round 6 of the MSXC series was a two day event held at MSXC owner Rob Rodgers property in Van Leer, Tn. Saturday was youth Quads and Side-by-Side UTV races. On Sunday, the regular race schedule was followed. At 11:00 am the Adult bikes roared off the line with the AA class first.

15 year old Austin Lee grabbed the MSXC holeshot and darted off into the Tennessee woods with the early lead.

After Lap one, it was Lee in the lead, followed by Steven Squire in second.

A trio of Yamaha riders came through next. Jordan Ashburn was in third, John Maschino following Ashburn in fourth, with Downs rounding out the top five. The AA riders sure know how to make it exciting!

As lap two closed, it was still Lee holding down the lead, Squire was one second behind Lee, Ashburn was in third, but Downs had gotten by Maschino for fourth and was charging to the front.



Jordan Ashburn

As lap three came to a close, Lee was still holding on to an impressive ride with first place, but things were changing behind him. Ashburn and Downs were on the move and making up lost time from the first two laps. Downs said “ Man, those guys got away from me the first two laps and it took me three laps to catch up.”

**Austin
Lee**



On lap 4, all three pitted at exactly the same time. Downs was in the lead and stopped first, then Ashburn and Lee. It seemed like a Nascar race with each crew trying to get their guy back on the track in the lead! Ashburn took off first with Downs and Lee close behind.

It all came down to an exciting last lap finish with Downs putting in the fastest lap time of the day and securing his first win of the season!

After the race , an excited Downs was glad to finally win one. With the season at the halfway mark, Ashburn sits at the top the overall points championship, Downs is 15 points back and Lee not far off of either of them.

Round 7 is going to be exciting and will be held in Maplesville Al on January 6th.