



AMA MSXC Cross Country  
Championship  
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The Triple Sanction  
Shootout, Maplesville, Al  
1-6-13 By Rich Thurman

# Ashburn Rolls 'Bama

The Reynolds Pasture is always a favorite stop on the MSXC circuit. The drive down south in January is usually met with warmer weather. Every now and then a dose of winter inches south of the Tennessee/Alabama border, but in most cases, its at least 15 to 25 degrees warmer in Maplesville.

This year the weather and the racing were both were just right.

Ampro Yamaha's Jordan Ashburn came down from Cookeville Tennessee to the Pasture and lined up with 22 other Pro riders from all over the south looking to come away with a big win.



Jordan Ashburn

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The top 5 Pro finishers came from 5 different states. Chris Bach came in from North Carolina, Grant Baylor from South Carolina, last round winner Darin Downs hails from the fertile fields of Kentucky and Alex McRee dropped in from Georgia.

Off the start, Brandon Ferguson grabbed the holeshot, followed by Ashburn, Bach and Baylor. Downs couldn't get his bike to start up and was in last place.

On the first lap, Ashburn took the top spot away from Ferguson. RidePG backed Bach on a KTM and Baylor, also riding a KTM, got by for second and third.

Austin Lee was in fourth with Ferguson now in fifth.

Alex McRee is carrying the #1 plate from the Setra series for good reason. He riding fast and was in the top five by lap two.



Chris Bach

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At the close of the second lap, things pretty much held in check. With all the racers settling in, the top eight or nine riders closed the gap. Anyone of them could end up on the podium.

On lap three there was a shakeup. Bach and Baylor were now first and second, Ashburn held down third. This set up a last lap thriller. One of the three would have to dig down deep to take the win. When the checkered flag came out, it was Ashburn in for the win. It sure was a lot closer than the Bama/ Notre Dame finish and a lot more exciting as Bach was right on his wheels for second place and only 2 seconds back!

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Damon "Fresh" Prince has a nice video on youtube of the race. Check it out:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bo1Z0z7Cmls&feature=share>

**NEXT: Round 8: Jan. 27 Russell Creek, Greensburg, KY**