



MSXC AMA Youth Cross
Country Championship
Series 1-29-12



Barren Hollow
Hurricane Mills Tn.
By Rich Thurman

Watson Rules The Hollow

Round 6 of the MSXC Youth AMA Championship Series landed at a new track. The event had been threatened from happening by heavy rain for days leading up to the race. Tennessee has its coldest weather in February but on this day, the sun was shining, no clouds and nothing but blue skies all day long! And to top it off, the high temperature was a friendly 55 degrees and the track was perfect!

CLINT WATSON



Clint Watson was looking for his first win of the season in the Junior A class.

The recipe for a good race seemed elementary to Watson, get a good start, choose good lines and try not to crash.

Trying to foil the plan was a host of Junior A riders; Sam Thurman, Justin Lenard, Harrison Hardin, Kyle Tiesler and Carly Vogel. Series regular Dalton Riddle is out with an injury.

Off the start, Sam Thurman grabbed the holeshot on his KTM/ Performance Supercycle/NashBfit/ Racing Nutrition/96 Small Engine/FLS. Inc backed super mini.

It didn't take long for the plan to go south for Thurman, He missed a turn and crashed not far off the start.

Following him and also missing the turn was Lenard. Wisely, Watson took the right line and was in the lead followed by Hardin and Tiesler. Lenard quickly got back on track in fourth, Thurman fifth and Vogel sixth.

Watson pushed hard the first couple of miles and gapped the other Junior A racers.

At the end of lap one, Watson had built up almost a minute lead over Lenard, who was now in second Hardin third, Thurman fourth, Tiesler fifth and Vogel sixth.

With G2 hanguard/KTM rider Watson firmly in control of the race, the battle for the next three spots was on.



Lenard and Thurman were fighting it out for second while Hardin and Tiesler were battling for fourth place.

Lenard held second on lap two with Thurman right behind. Hardin was in third, but had Tiesler slowly gaining on him on lap three.



On lap four things began to change, Thurman settled into the race finally and passed Lenard for 2nd place and Tiesler had gotten around Hardin for 4th.

On lap 5, Watson put in his fastest lap and cruised to victory. Afterward he said “ Man I was really nervous that last lap trying not to make a mistake and blow it!”

Thurman finished in second after his so-called “crash-a-thon”, Lenard came in 3rd while Tiesler recieved 4th. Harrison Hardin finished 5th and Carly Vogel placed 6th.

Round 7 awaits on February 12th at Hazard Hill in Van-Leer Tennessee.

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