

Moto XXX Motocross Round 5 Race Report: Buchanan, Michigan

In the motocross community, Fourth of July weekend means one thing: Red Bud Motocross. Round five of the AMA Motocross Championship took place this past weekend at the famed Red Bud Track and Trail in Buchanan, Michigan. Thousands of fans lined the fences and were treated to some great weather and intense racing. Speed TV had same-day coverage of the race and while it may not have looked that way, there were 38 other riders on the track. Two of them were Moto XXX team riders and they both posted some impressive results.

Saturday did not get off to the best start as Lites rider Mitch Dougherty was only able to complete two laps in the first qualifying session. After regrouping during the break Dougherty was able to post the second fastest lap time in the third session. Both Josh Summey and Kyle Lewis used the track time to get their bikes dialed in while posting some decent times.

Sunday morning qualifying saw Josh Summey leading the team with the 15th fastest time. He was closely followed by team veteran Kyle Lewis in the 17th position. While Mitch Dougherty posted the 25th fastest time in the Lites division.



In the highly competitive Lites class, getting a good start is critical to posting a strong moto finish.

Unfortunately for Mitch, a stall shortly after the drop of the gate saw the New Yorker rounding the first turn in almost last place. Mitch was able to pick off riders during the first lap and crossed the line in 34th place. Dougherty moved into 31st position on lap six and shortly after passed another rider for 30th, ultimately where he would finish.

Motocross class moto one started off well for the Moto XXX duo of Josh Summey and Kyle Lewis. Both riders started up front and upon the completion of lap one, Josh and Kyle sat eighth and ninth, respectively. The running

order stayed pretty much the same until lap nine when David Vuillemin passed Josh for the eighth position. Summey stayed close to DV and would hold on to the ninth position at the checkered flag. Lewis put in consistent laps throughout the moto and would cross the line two spots behind Summey in 11th. Moto one also saw Summey posting the 10th fastest lap time of the day.





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Lites class moto two started off a little better for Dougherty but a wheelie cost him valuable time heading down the long start straight. As the pack completed lap one, Mitch was sitting in 31st position with riders in striking distance. On lap three, Mitch moved up to 27th but a collision with another rider resulted in a slide back to 31st. Never giving up, Dougherty put his head down and passed those riders back on his way to 26th place by the moto's end. Combined with his first moto performance, Mitch would finish 30th overall.

Moto two for the motocross class had Lewis choosing a mid-pack gate while Summey chose to line up further inside. Lewis' gate choice would prove to be the better of the two as Summey was forced dodge flying bikes and riders heading down the start straight. Further outside, Lewis powered into the loamy first turn emerging with a top 10 start. Summey dove to the inside line but would exit turn one in nearly last place.

Josh was able to find the holes and make it past 20 plus riders on his way to 15th at the end of lap one. Similar to moto one, Lewis sat just behind Summey in the 16th position. On the second lap, Summey moved up two more spots to 13th where he would ride strong and eventually finish. Lewis also rode consistent the entire race and would cross the line 16th. At the end of the day, Summey would earn 11th place overall, marking his best finish in the first five rounds. Not far behind, Lewis would earn 13th place overall.



The riders and teams have a chance to rest and regroup next weekend before heading back east for round six. Unadilla Valley Sports Center, the famed New York track, will host round six of the AMA Motocross Championship on July 14th and 15th. Unadilla marks the half-way point for the 12 round series and is always an exciting event. See you there!

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