

2012 Off-Road Cup 9-Hour Report

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Golden Pine Raceway in Prentiss, MS is one of the premier motocross tracks in the south and includes some fun flowing trails in the piney woods adjacent to the track. Saturday, February 5th racers from many different states experienced its excellence at The 2nd Annual Off-Road Cup 9-hour team race to determine the best race series in America. Participants traveled as far as 1100 miles to experience this spectacular event. The “best of the best” showed up on the starting line under cool bright skies for the 9 hour battle.

The intensity was present just minutes after the national anthem was played as the racers took off with Cole Kirkpatrick (KTM) representing MORE [Midwest Off Road Events] capturing the holeshot. Kirkpatrick’s teammates were Zach Ingram (HSB) and Steve Leivan (KTM). Cheyenne Harmon (HON) put his TORN [Texas Off-Road Nationals] team into second place just five seconds behind MORE but after pit stops, bike problems, etc. the team eventually fell back to 4th. Harmon’s teammates were Curtis & Cross Kirchmeier. MHSC [Missouri Hare Scramble Championship Series] quickly moved into second place behind MORE and held it there for most of the day with fast, consistent laps. The MHSC team included a strong lineup of Caleb Wohletz (KTM), Kole Henslee (KTM), and Caleb Haynes (KTM). LACC [Louisiana Cross-Country Series] got off to a mid-pack start with Andy Beebe (HSQ) starting off first. Beebe handed it off to young team member Evan Shows (KTM) who impressively fought his way into second place at one point. Beebe, Shows, and Jason Harvey (SUZ) would eventually put the LACC Series on the final podium block in third just 1 lap behind MHSC in second. TORN finished 4th place in the pro class followed by SERA [Southern Enduro Riders Association] in 5th with Wesley Burks (KTM), Spencer Cook (KTM), and Dalton Little (HON). The MORE team was able to enjoy a nice \$1,000 award, MHSC \$600, and LACC \$400, but most importantly a fun time was had by all and great memories were made.

The Overall Ironman was Zach Crawl (KTM) representing the AHSCS [Arkansas Hare Scramble Championship Series] with an impressive 36 laps. Crawl was in second for a large portion of the day but kept pushing and moved into the lead on lap 29. Dusty Neuville (KTM) representing the LACC Series finished in second just 3 minutes

behind and on the same lap. Third Overall Ironman and final winner of some cold hard cash was Stephen Stuenkel (Hall's Cycles Husqvarna) representing the AMA District 17 HS Series with 34 laps. Stuenkel won the Ironman Lites class.

Several racers showed their patriotism by sporting red, white, and blue. Antonio Venable (KTM) from Lafayette, LA participating in the Ironman Class was presented with the Patriotic Award since he painted his entire bike with our flag's colors and eagle decals. The many different series represented in the event were: AMA District 16, AMA District 17, Arkansas Cross-Country, Arkansas Hare Scramble Championship Series, D19MX, Iowa Enduro Rider's Association, Louisiana Cross-Country Series, Midwest Off Road Events, Missouri Hare Scramble Series, Southern Enduro Rider's Association, Southeast Cross-Country Association, Texas Off-Road Championship Series, Texas Off-Road Nationals, and Wisconsin Cross-Country.

Acadiana Racing LLC (promoters of this event) would like to sincerely thank everyone for participating and also Randy Rector with Golden Pine Raceway for allowing the event on his beautiful property.