

STEVE LEIVAN ~ 2015 Race Report

Event: National Enduro Rounds 8-9; Lynville, IN & Matthews, IN

National Hare Scrambles East Round 5; Kahoka, MO

Bike: 2015 KTM 250 XC

My ability to get my reports done the last couple of months has, well, pretty much sucked. The excuse that I will use - we had five rain outs in our MORE series this year which made our fall schedule very crammed. We had three races in five weekends and I spent between five and eight days at each one of those - AND raced on the weekends in between. I've heard that "work expands to fill the time allowed". I've tried to use ALL the allowed time! Sorry for the delay - now - on with it!

ROUND 8 NEPG (2ND +40 "A"): The Black Coal round of the series was extremely dusty and not nearly as much fun as the other rounds (because of the conditions). I totally forgot to pre-enter on time and ended up back on row 57 instead of my preferred spot in the 20's. That meant plenty of traffic, plenty of dust, and plenty of silty ruts to deal with. I wasn't too pumped on the conditions and my test scores early in the day reflected that. The last two sections were much better and the trail was decent in there. I rode really good in those tests but gave away to much time early on and couldn't make it all up.

There is always an upside though. Although I finished second in the +40 "A" class on the day, I also wrapped up the class National Championship for the second year in a row. So it was still a great day and I was pumped to win another number one plate!

ROUND 9 NEPG (1ST +40 "A"): Always one of my two favorite races of the year, the Muddobbers race was drier than I have ever seen it, but still a really great event. The trail is always fun and always different and always a good time. I had a few fast guys on my row so there was always someone for me to chase after and stay on the gas. I got word at the halfway point that Shane Watts was putting about 15 seconds a test on me and that inspired me to push a bit harder. I was able to turn quicker times than him in the final three sections and end the day with the class victory. I was pretty pumped on that as well!

ROUND 5 NHS EAST (2ND PRO/OVERALL): My intentions have been to race in Texas for the last three weekends, but rain has put a stop to that. I used the rain-outs as an opportunity to hit the National HS in North East Missouri on November 8. The track was totally amazing and the most fun I have had on a motorcycle in a long time. The dirt was sticky and very predictable

and just really fun to ride. I got into the top three early in lap one, took over second just before the halfway point, and just tried to enjoy the track and let the fun factor dictate my pace. I rode really well and was pretty much dialed in all day - even though I nearly ran out of gas at the end. Luckily I was close to the pits and was able to get a quick splash and not lose a spot. I ended up finishing second overall behind the new champ Ryder Lafferty. Super pumped to finish on the podium at a National again - and to do it at 44.

That's my last couple of months in a nutshell. The MORE stuff is on break until April of 2016 so I'm back on the grind of trying to improve my fitness every day and I have plenty of races and riding planned for this winter in Texas and other places. It never stops.

I truly appreciate all of the support from everyone that allows me to still do what I do. Thank you!