

Doubling the fun

Dungey, Wilson earn titles at Budds Creek

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Saturday, the best riders in the world throttled into Budds Creek MX Park in Mechanicsville for Round 4 of the national 2010 Lucas Oil AMA Pro Motocross Championship.

Ryan Dungey of Belle Plaine, Minn., and the current 450 class points leader, carried a four-moto win streak into Budds Creek, but had to settle for third in Moto 1 behind Honda Red Bull Racing's Andrew Short of Smithville, Texas, and Jagermeister KTM's Mike Alessi of Victorville, Calif., after an early crash.

However, in the second moto, Dungey, a rookie in the 450 class, cruised to a top finish and claimed the overall victory on the day. It was his third consecutive 450 class win of the season.

"Every race I try to be the best I can and give it all I have," Dungey said. "I don't look down the road because that's when you start skipping steps and I just focus on myself and not everybody. I worked hard to get to this position and it's always folks along the way. I try to do what I can every moto."

Kawasaki's Chad Reed, the 2009 AMA champion at Budds Creek a year ago, came in second behind Dungey in the second moto and took third overall.

After earning a first place in Moto 1, Andrew Short came in fifth in Moto 2, but came in second overall in a competitive 450 field.

Through four rounds, Dungey leads the 450 field with 171 championship points, while Reed is second with 135 points.

"I needed a good start in the second moto and it took me awhile to get going," Dungey said. "But once I got out front, it was good to be in that position and choose my own lines. When you're behind someone, you lose a lot of energy. These guys don't make it easy on me out there, so it really forces me to be on my game."

"I was just happy to leave healthy and to go home and live to see another day," Reed said. "So I had a great week in preparing for this race and I love racing on this track. I was thankful to just get on the podium. Today was very hot and brutal and it's always pretty humid here, but I was really impressed; the guys did a nice job on the track. It was rough."



Dungey also pointed out that going from the 250 class to the 450 from a year ago is a huge adjustment.

"It's definitely more races and you are taking on a lot more," said Dungey, the 250 class champion at MX Park last year. "To be honest I've looked forward to the 450; it's a challenge and tough field of competition. I think each year the bar raises a little more and more. It's pretty cool."

In the second moto of the 250 race, Kawasaki's Dean Wilson of Scotland was able to take the lead from Honda's Wiliaml Hahn and earn the win. With the fourth-place finish from the first moto, Wilson was able to earn the overall win at Budds Creek over Honda's Justin Barcia.

After four rounds, Christophe Pourcel of France, who won the first moto on Saturday, still leads the 250 class with 169 championship points and his Kawasaki teammate, Tyla Rattray, is second with 144 points.

Motocross action will continue this weekend with the fifth round at the Thunder Valley National in Lakewood, Colo.

"I just tried to pace myself all day," said Wilson, who won his first career race. "If you pushed too hard, you were going to get tired because of the grueling heat in the second moto. I just wanted to win and I didn't even know I won the overall. I didn't find out until after. I was just trying to get the monkey off my back. The fans were awesome out there and the Budds Creek track was really tough, but I had a lot of fun out there."

Wilson added, "The track was very choppy and it was big bumps everywhere. It was really rough and it took a beating on the body."

Archer falls short

Tony Archer, 17, of Waldorf was one of the 90 entries for the Budds Creek event in the 250 class.

Main races consist of 40 riders maximum per class. To qualify for the two moto races, riders had to perform based on time through two practice rounds. The current top 10 riders in points automatically are seeded into the moto races.

The remaining 30 riders will be determined based on the top 30 qualifying times.

Archer fell just short of qualifying for the two motos, as he needed a 2-minute 10-second flat lap time, but in the second practice round, he was off by a tenth of a second.

In the first round, Archer came in with a 2:11.

Though Archer wanted to be among the 40 racers in the motos, he enjoyed living in the moment and competing against the best of the best in the world during the qualifying rounds.

"It was cool; the track is always awesome," Archer said. "But I just wasn't able to make the time. However, I watched all of the motos and in the class 250 I was focusing on what was happening in the top 5. Dean Wilson really raced well and battled the whole day."