

McArthur, Ohio District 11 & 15 Enduro
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Even though it was in Southern Ohio, McArthurs' Little Burr Enduro found its way onto the District 15 Enduro schedule and it deserved it. If you have ridden Southern Ohio you know the one thing that never happens is a dry Enduro. But 2005 must be a drought year in Ohio too because conditions could not have been much better. O.K. you could say it was a little warm but that's just me, at least it wasn't raining.

This club knows how to put on a race. You can tell their roots run deep in Enduro history, you can almost feel the surrounding hillsides begging you to try your luck at their trails as so many have in the past. And on this day one of Ohio's youngest rising stars put his name in history with a close but convincing win.

I think this is the first Enduro I have ever rode that gave me a scorecard with 18 spots for timed checks, and by the end of the day all were filled but one. Eight test sections with one tricky O.B. check in section, you know what I mean, by the time you see the flag and it's all white, it's too late to go in early. The only person I know that could figure that out in time is the master of time keeping and hot riding Jeff Fredette. Plus 40 miles of the race was run at 30 mph and the balance of the actual 92 miles at 24 mph.

Enough can't be said of the good technical terrain they have there. Up and down left and right you really have to be on your game. And one of the best grass tracks with trees spaced about 20 feet apart for at least 2 miles was really neat. It did get long for normal guys like me but give credit to the club; they ended it just about the time you were just starting to get that uneasy feeling in your stomach. Did you hear that Roselawn, we really don't need to ride that first section again at the end of the race. Sorry just me babbling cause I am out of shape.

Anyway Nick Farringer won it with a 25. I don't know how old Nick is but he does not look a day over 18. And he had to beat a lot of really fast people. Rodney Judson was second with Jeff Anderson third. I think Cody Mastin was next but overall A had the same score and I didn't get that kids name either. Another young gun and overall B would have been about 8th overall with yet another fast kid that I don't know. Did you hear me, its looks like in this part of the country finally there is about to be a transition to a new generation of really fast young guys. That's what I am really happy about! If these guys keep progressing and we as the older bunch get the prestige back into Enduros like the old days, the sport now has the elements to go to the next level. So Roselawn is next, go out and support that club with your attendance. Because the sport needs you.