

DELAWARE STATE ENDURO

Taking the ECEA series down to the last race

The final round of the ECEA enduro season, and there were two riders with a shot at the championship. Nine-time ECEA champ Jack Lafferty Jr. was holding a slim two point lead over Mike Bradway. Now throw in a handful of other top riders, such as now eight-time nation enduro champ Mike Lafferty, two-time ECEA champ Rich Lafferty, newly-crowned ECEA hare scrambles champ Ryan Rodgers and national rider Jeff Melik, things were going to heat up before the day was done. A week's worth of rain prior to the event, this was sure to be a real dog fight.

Sunday morning was a bright, sunny day. A little breezy, but for late October who could complain. Rumor had it the woods weren't that wet, and the trail should be perfect. Well, the rumors were true. The ground had soaked up a week's worth of rain very well. That doesn't mean the rain didn't scare some people, though. After going over the rider list it seemed quite a few didn't make the trip to Delaware.

Fairway cycles Mike Bradway didn't start his day the way he wanted. Mike burnt the first check of the day. Well, that must have lit a fire under his ass, because Mike went on to a third overall for the day. They ended



Jack Lafferty Jr. tried to nail one more point and take the series win for the tenth time, but just missed it.

up overturning his burnt check at the end of the day. It didn't matter, because even with the burn points Mike still would have finished third overall, which was all he needed to wrap up the championship.

Matto Cycle rider Jack Lafferty Jr. finished fifth overall. Jack said he just kind of cruised today, never really able to get going like he wanted. So for the eleventh time, Jack finishes second overall for the year.

Red Bull KTM rider Mike Lafferty showed up at Delaware to have a little fun and tune himself up for the final rounds of the AMA National Enduro series. Well, tune up he did! Mike dominated the race all day, despite the fact that he felt he didn't ride that well. Riding well or not, Mike bested the field by an amazing 10 points. Congrats to the youngest Lafferty on the win. Rich Lafferty made a appearance at Delaware and put in a great ride, finishing second overall. Matto Cycle rider and ECEA young gun Andrew Delong had an impressive ride, finishing fourth overall.

My hat's off to the Delaware enduro riders for putting on a great event. You guys continue to amaze me at the effort you put into your enduro. The sluice this year was phenomenal to watch. It's been a long



Mike Bradway stayed steady all season, always at the top, and took the series championship at Delaware.

time since I have seen that much water there. ☺

It was a great season of racing this year. I have had a lot of fun meeting new people this year, and look forward to next season! Congratulations to Mike Bradway on his championship! (Mike, let it go..... You know you burnt that check!) Congratulations to all the class winners this year. I also would like to congratu-

late Mike Lafferty on becoming the eight-time National champ. You're the man, Mike, and we are all pulling for you to get number nine! (9x would look real nice.) I hope everyone has a great off-season, and a wonderful holiday!

C-Ya in the woods! ↑



Mike Lafferty took a break from his national pursuits and easily took the overall at Delaware.



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