

TORO – Texas Off-road Racing Organization
Round 5 – Humphries Farm - Edgewood, Texas
Kirkpatrick Snags Record Pro Purse!
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Round five of Texas Off-road Racing Organization action was held at the Humphries Farm in Edgewood, Texas. TORO's volunteer staff designed and built the 7.5 mile big bike course consisting of almost all woods and the 1.3 mile pee wee course on a property that had never been raced before. 419 racers turned out on Super Bowl weekend to get their wheels on this 100% virgin track with all proceeds going back into the club.

Landowner, Hal Humphries, involved the local community by raising monies for what turned out to be the largest pro purse in TORO history - \$1450 plus 100% payback. This was enough to draw 26 pro riders to the line for a very exciting race!

Matt Crouch was keyed up about the race course.

"After practice Saturday, everyone was talking about how good the track was; it was an awesome course," said the National Pro off-road rider. "It reminded me of an OMA track with the roughness of a GNCC."

KTM pilot, Haydn Franklin said, "It was a tight, rough track; I wish all of them were like this one! Surprisingly, I got a good start and ran in second, but Cole Kirkpatrick was not in sight. I mixed it up all race with Crouch, Cameron Ishmael and Tony Joiner."

Franklin had encountered several problems during his race, crashing about six times. At one point he had a tree about the size of his thumb stuck between his handlebars and the barkbusters right along the fork.

"It was the weirdest thing," Franklin laughed, "the tree got so jammed up in there I had to stop to take it out. My bars were all sideways so I finally had to bang them on a tree to straighten them out. I was able to battle back to get past Crouch and I got a gift when Ishmael ran out of gas on the final lap, but I wasted a lot of time with it and didn't have enough left to reel in Joiner."

KTM/Cycle Shack of Lubbock/Moose Racing-sponsored Kirkpatrick took the holeshot and gapped the field by almost four minutes, taking the win, and moving into the lead in series points.

With just one round left to go the battle for the highly coveted Maxim Motorsport-sponsored custom helmet in memory of Stephen Griner honoring the fastest A rider is incredibly close between the leader and last year's winner, Cecil Parker, and last year's runner-up, David Lucas! Just one point in tie-breakers separates the two.

TORO's Overall fastest racers in class are awarded at year end with Al Lamb Dallas Honda-sponsored limited-edition rings. Brian Pierce has a one point lead over Anthony Bishop for fastest B rider, while Brandon Beck leads Jason Sinclair by two points for top C class honors. The Mini/Ladies/Woman program has Brandon Glenn with a four point lead over John Short and the overall Pee Wee battle shows Nathan Wood with a commanding lead over Nicholas DiMauro and Blake Breton.

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Results

AA: 1. Cole Kirkpatrick (KTM); 2. Tony Joiner; 3. Haydn Franklin (KTM); 4. Matt Crouch (Yam); 5. Matt Forsythe (Hon)

HVY A: 1. Chris Cason (KTM); 2. David Lucas Jr (KTM); 3. Jake Johnson (Hon); 4. Danny Cooksey (KTM); 5. Brad Mayo (Suz)

HVY B: 1. Brian Pierce (Yam); 2. Jamison Gryder (Hon); 3. Anthony Bishop (KTM); 4. Justin McKinley (Yam); 5. Chuck Ware (KTM)

HVY C: 1. Jason Sinclair (KTM); 2. Trey Wall (Kaw); 3. Brandon McQueen (Kaw); 4. Toby Parr (Suz); 5. Justin Shelton (Yam)

LITE A: 1. JD Reed (KTM); 2. TJ Tarver (Yam); 3. James Neumann (Suz); 4. Troy Sanford (KTM); 5. Tyler Miller (Kaw)

LITE B: 1. John Short (Hon); 2. Cameron Vrzak (KTM); 3. Brandon Glenn; 4. Chris Scott (KTM); 5. Kyle Ward (Kaw)

LITE C: 1. Brandon Beck (Hon); 2. Beau Bentley; 3. Kyle Tedder (Yam); 4. Calvin Myers (Yam); 5. Nathan Foster (Yam)

30+ A: 1. Cecil Parker (Suz); 2. Kevin Ruckdeschell (KTM); 3. Russell Clark (Yam); 4. Scott McCarns (KTM); 5. Cutter Holloway (Kaw)

30+ B: 1. Kevin Lowrimore (Yam); 2. Bill Schmidt (KTM); 3. Craig Smith (Suz); 4. JD Seale (Hon); 5. David Kunkle (Yam)

30+ C: 1. Chad McDonald (KTM); 2. Rob Ledoux (Yam); 3. Kenneth Crawford (Yam); 4. Eric Ellison (Yam); 5. Craig Montgomery (Yam)

35+ B: 1. Jeff Nichols (KTM); 2. Keir Coughlin (Yam); 3. Scott Chidester (Yam); 4. Kevin Freeman (KTM); 5. Brian Dunn (KTM)

35+ C: 1. Michael Kaufman (KTM); 2. Justin Harris (KTM); 3. Jeremy Mathiessen; 4. David Millhollon (ATK); 5. Kenny Long (Suz)

40+ A: 1. Todd Slavik (Kaw); 2. Darryl Smith; 3. Ray Jennings (KTM); 4. Randy Green (Hon); 5. Rick Thompson (Hon)

40+ B: 1. Dwayne Vantilburg (KTM); 2. Allan McDonald (KTM); 3. George Gross (Yam); 4. David Needham (Hon); 5. Monty Damron (KTM)

40+ C: 1. Kane Hansard (KTM); 2. Dean Kellogg (Hon); 3. Todd Broom (Yam); 4. Kevin Beale (Hon); 5. Greg Nocktonick (KTM)

45+ B: 1. Scott Chinnock (Kaw); 2. James Otto (Hon); 3. Ronny Donald (KTM); 4. Marty Ishmael (Kaw); 5. Jeff Ross (Yam)

45+ C: 1. Dave Maples (KTM); 2. Kenneth Estes (Yam); 3. Greg Blocker (KTM); 4. Clint Duncan (Kaw); 5. Walter Lee (KTM)

50+ A: 1. Glen Boyett (Yam); 2. Andrew Cooksey (KTM); 3. Larry Hunter (KTM); 4. Kevin Sinclair (KTM); 5. Bill Cason (KTM)

50+ B: 1. Bruce Anderson (KTM); 2. Cameron Petty (KTM); 3. Larry Smallwood (KTM); 4. Nitro Mr (Suz); 5. John Hesse (KTM)

50+ C: 1. Scott Roberts (Kaw); 2. Wayne Welch (Hon); 3. Steve Christian (KTM); 4. Michael McKenna (KTM); 5. Marc Eddy (Hon)

60+: 1. Ruben Martin (Suz); 2. Jim McElvain (KTM); 3. Dwight Leatherwood (KTM); 4. Leon Kirchmeier (Yam); 5. Jay Gentry (Yam)

LDS A: 1. Ashley Crouch (Hon); 2. Kacey White (Kaw); 3. Crystal Akins (Hon); 4. Danielle Mulkey (KTM); 5. Ginny King (Hon)

LDS B: 1. Krystal Winders (KTM); 2. Taylor Vrzak (Kaw)

LDS C: 1. Mallory Nichols (Kaw); 2. Kristin Page (KTM); 3. Sammie Jo Shearin (Kaw); 4. Kaitlyn Mulkey (KTM); 5. Heather Davey (Hon)

LDS 30+ B: 1. Elena Thomas (Kaw); 2. Connie Green (Hon); 3. Tammi Needham (KTM); 4. Tammy Jo Tarver (KTM); 5. Tonya Aylor (Hon)

LDS 30+ C: 1. Vanessa Holloway (Hon); 2. Susette Dupuis (Hon); 3. Angel Potts (Suz); 4. Melody Dooly (Yam); 5. Glenise Noland (Yam)

MINI A: 1. Brandon Glenn (Hon); 2. John Short (Hon); 3. RJ Miller (Kaw); 4. Blues Henderson (Kaw); 5. Kalalynn Sellars (Suz)

MINI B: 1. Shane Dusold (KTM); 2. Blake Parker (KTM); 3. Ryan Harrington (Suz); 4. Tyler Chidester (Hon); 5. Dillon Green (Kaw)

MINI C: 1. Tanner Winders (KTM); 2. Heath Thomas (Suz); 3. Blake Maples (KTM); 4. Logan Teter (Kaw); 5. Tate Keffer (Suz)

P/W 50 A: 1. Hunter Budd

P/W 50 B: 1. Cole Reaves (KTM); 2. Jason Norman (Cobra); 3. Garrett Thompson (Kaw)

P/W 50 C: 1. Mark Thomas (KTM); 2. Krece Nowak (KTM); 3. Colby Lindsey (Hon); 4. Tanner Sims (KTM); 5. Stetson Schmidt (KTM)

P/W 65 A: 1. Nathan Wood (KTM); 2. Austin McKinney (KTM); 3. Blake Breton (Kaw); 4. Ben Otto (Kaw); 5. Ty Bench (KTM)

P/W 65 B: 1. Erik Wilky (KTM); 2. Alex Isakson (Kaw); 3. Luke Thomas (KTM); 4. Cayden Cox (Kaw); 5. Zach Urban (Kaw)

P/W 65 C: 1. Brett Rucker (Kaw); 2. Colton Tarver (Kaw); 3. Aaron Landers (KTM); 4. Blake Harris (Kaw); 5. Allen Narita (Kaw)

JR. BEG: 1. Ashley Wood; 2. Andrew Garrett (Hon); 3. Kyle Narita (Hon); 4. Bradyn Snow (Hon); 5. Connor Coughlin (Yam)