

TORO – Texas Off-road Racing Organization
Round 6 – Red River Motorcycle Trails (Red River Dirt Riders) – Bulcher, Texas
Kirkpatrick Clenches TORO Championship!
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The final round of 2007/2008 Texas Off-road Racing Organization Championship Series action was held at the Red River Motorcycle Trails in Bulcher, Texas; home of the first three Red Bull Last Man Standing races. The Red River Dirt Riders, led by Archie Taliaferro and Brian Otto, had “old school MX” on their minds when they designed and built the fast and flowing 6.5 mile big bike course out of the LMS qualifier course. Even with temperatures in the low 30s and rain falling, there were still 277 racers that didn’t miss out on the fruits of their labor.

Saturday afternoon Pee Wee races saw the majority of the nasty weather, but that didn’t stop Connor Addy from taking the line in the Jr. Beginner class for his first race ever and claiming a gold medal for his efforts! Justin Bailey (PW65A), Kyler Lowrimore (PW50C), and Aaron Landers (PW65C) also came out the victor in the mud with their first wins of the season!

In Sunday Pro action KTM/Moose Racing/Maxxis/FMF-sponsored Cole Kirkpatrick said, “I was looking forward to this race mainly because I had raced the course in December and remembered how much fun it was! I rode two laps of practice, enough for me to find good lines across the two creeks that would surely get nasty,” Kirkpatrick said. “On Sunday, I got the holeshot on my KTM300XC and tried to stay on two wheels. The track was fun and messy!”

Answer/Big Hal BBQ/Vanessa – sponsored rider Matt Forsythe was right with Kirkpatrick at the start.

“Kirkpatrick and I bumped in the first turn and Matt Crouch swung wide to the outside and got by me. I decided not to practice Saturday to put less wear and tear on my bike so I was a little off the pace at first and Kirkpatrick was opening up a gap on us. Crouch fell over and I was able to get around him - I set my sights on Kirkpatrick,” Forsythe said. “I’m a good mud rider so I was excited about this race.”

“I was only a few seconds back of Kirkpatrick on the first couple laps, but on the forth lap I looped it out on a hill and lost a lot of time. Kirkpatrick got away from me so I just held my pace for a solid second place finish.”

Kirkpatrick said as he got in a groove, “It took me a while to get used to the mud, but once I did I was really able to pick my pace up. I got stuck for just a few seconds on the second to last lap, but it was nothing major. I crossed the finish line in first and won my first TORO Championship. It was a great year!”

Also in Sunday action, Moose Racing/SMS Racing/Cycle Suspension-sponsored David Lucas, Jr. clenched the highly coveted Maxim Motorsport-sponsored custom helmet in memory of Stephen Griner honoring the fastest A rider.

Go to www.race-toro.org for more information on winter racing in Texas.

Results

AA: 1. Cole Kirkpatrick (KTM); 2. Matt Forsythe (Yam); 3. Joe McClellan (KTM); 4. Cody Beck (KTM); 5. Devon Coetzer (Kaw)

HVY A: 1. David Lucas, Jr (KTM); 2. Brad Mayo (Suz); 3. Danny Cooksey (KTM); 4. Richard English (KTM); 5. Casey Meyer (GG)

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

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

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

LITE B: 1. Chris Scott (KTM); 2. Andrew Dierdorf (KTM); 3. Josh Woessner (KTM); 4. John Short (KTM)

LITE C: 1. Brandon Beck (Hon); 2. Ethan Werchan (Hon); 3. Kyle Tedder (Yam); 4. Chaz Sims (Yam); 5. Cutter Patterson (Suz)

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

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

30+ C: 1. Chad McDonald (KTM); 2. Brock Dennison (KTM); 3. Rob Ledoux (Yam); 4. Eric Ellison (Yam); 5. Steven Owens (Yam)

35+ B: 1. Keir Coughlin (Yam); 2. Jeff Nichols (KTM); 3. Paul Brooks (Yam); 4. Chad Deen (Yam); 5. Robert Smith (Hon)

35+ C: 1. Kenny Long (Suz); 2. Phil Schuler (KTM); 3. Jonathan Dunn (Yam); 4. Brady Snow (Hon); 5. Gary Strawbridge (Yam)

40+ A: 1. Ray Jennings (KTM); 2. Darryl Smith (KTM); 3. Randy Green (Hon); 4. Bobby Southard; 5. Terry Poe (KTM)

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

40+ C: 1. Todd Broom (Yam); 2. Kane Hansard (KTM); 3. Hank Kautz (KTM); 4. Dave Schmidt; 5. Dean Kellogg (Hon)

45+ B: 1. Scott Chinnock (Kaw); 2. Gary Cavender (Yam); 3. Bill Dasinger (Hon)

45+ C: 1. Walter Lee (KTM); 2. Jim Isakson (Hon); 3. Tim Barnes (KTM); 4. John Johns (KTM); 5. JT Tanner (Suz)

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

50+ B: 1. Cameron Petty (KTM); 2. Larry Smallwood (KTM); 3. Rick Dinwiddie; 4. David Bickel (Yam)

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

60+: 1. "Railing" Ron Meyer (GG)

LDS A: 1. Ashley Crouch (Yam); 2. Sherri Stephens (KTM); 3. Kate Strawbridge (Kaw); 4. Kacey White (Kaw); 5. Crystal Akins (Hon)

LDS B: 1. Krystal Winders (KTM); 2. Hattie White (KTM); 3. Laura Ratliff (KTM)

LDS C: 1. Heather Davey (Hon); 2. Mallory Nichols (Kaw); 3. Ariel Deen (Hon); 4. Kaitlyn Mulkey (KTM); 5. Stephanie Hiles (Yam)

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

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

MINI A: 1. Blues Henderson (Kaw); 2. Dalton Green (Kaw); 3. Brandon Robinson (KTM); 4. Ryan McKinney (Yam)

MINI B: 1. Shane Dusold (KTM); 2. Tyler Chidester (Hon); 3. Derrick Taylor (Hon); 4. Carter York; 5. Jake Hensley (Kaw)

MINI C: 1. Tanner Winders (KTM); 2. Nicholas DiMauro (Yam); 3. Heath Thomas (Suz); 4. Zachary Watson (Kaw); 5. Aaron Young (KTM)

P/W 50 B: 1. Cole Reaves (KTM)

P/W 50 C: 1. Kyler Lowrimore (KTM); 2. Colby Lindsey (Hon); 3. Tanner Sims (KTM); 4. Stetson Schmidt (KTM); 5. Andrew Garrett (KTM)

P/W 65 A: 1. Justin Bailey (KTM); 2. Blake Breton (Kaw); 3. Nicholas DiMauro (Yam); 4. Nathan Wood (KTM); 5. Ty Bench (KTM)

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

P/W 65 C: 1. Aaron Landers (KTM); 2. Brett Rucker (Kaw); 3. Carson Bradshaw (Kaw); 4. Jacob Bailey (KTM); 5. Colton Tarver (Kaw)

JR. BEG: 1. Connor Addy (Yam)