

TORO – Texas Off-road Racing Organization
Round 5 – 4-L Ranch – Jacksboro, Texas

A Franklin Clinic!

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Round five of the Tucker Rocky/MSR/Answer/ProTaper-sponsored Texas Off-road Racing Organization was held in Jacksboro, Texas where Landowner/Promoter, Tim Lambert put together a challenging course utilizing the rock-laden hills throughout the property to test the 322 racers in attendance. After enjoying temperatures in the 60s all week, the mercury dropped late Friday night making for a very cold and windy practice day Saturday and chilly early racing on Sunday.

In Men's Pro action Cycletown South/Tucker Rocky/MSR-sponsored Haydn Franklin, said, "I was about fifth or so off the line in heavy dust and about two miles in I went down hard," He joked, "I now have about a c-cup sized lump hanging off my elbow and the fans that saw my crash scored it a 9.59!" The 34-year-old Franklin is a Texas State Enduro Hall of Famer inducted in 1996 and Expert Trials rider said, "This type of course plays well to my technical riding abilities."

Franklin didn't lose positions with the crash and worked through the crowd to come in the chute just back of Kawasaki West/Answer/Powersport GrafX-mounted Cameron Ishmael at the start of the second lap on the nine mile course. Franklin made his pass on Ishmael that lap and held the lead the rest of the race with Ishmael closing the gap on him near the finish. Franklin held him off for the win.

TORO, with the help of sponsors Rekluse Motorsports, Red River Dirt Riders, North Texas Powersports, Munn Racing, Bad Boyz Motorsports, Maxim Motorsport, Monster Energy, ScottUSA, MSR, and Silkolene has established a ground-breaking pro class for the woman in the sport and came up with over \$7,500 in series money and prizes for the class in its inaugural year.

Racing the long program with the men's pro class (1.5 hours-plus-a-lap), Ladies Pro racing action saw 14-year-old MSR/Fastway/Silkolene-sponsored Ashley Crouch take her fifth straight win of the series on her CFR150R. Kerrie Swartz and Sherri Stephens are second and third place respectively in the series and have been battling with Crouch all season, but just can't seem to pull off a win to date.

Also in Sunday action, the highly coveted Maxim Motorsport-sponsored custom helmet in memory of Stephen Griner honoring the fastest A rider saw Heavy A rider, 19-year-old Monster Energy/Boss Motorsports-sponsored Colby Bolling and 42-year-old Todd Slavik battling it out again with Bolling winning out for the overall this round.

"It was extremely dusty and I knew Slavik was going to have a tough time with traffic starting on the row behind me," Bolling said, "I got a not so great start and just tried to be smart about my passes. The rocks and dust made it difficult to get by, but I was able to get out front and just rode smooth."

Bolling enjoys this type of terrain and plans to do some of the Tecate Score Desert races – the 250, 500 and 1,000 are on his list, along with some GNCC races and a few enduros this year after wrapping up his TORO season.

Results:

AA: 1. Haydn Franklin (KTM); 2. Cameron Ishmael (Kaw); 3. Matt Forsythe (KTM); 4. Cooper Bailey (Hon); 5. Caleb Ramsay (Kaw)

LDS AA: 1. Ashley Crouch (Hon); 2. Sherri Stephens (Suz); 3. Heidi Possin (Kaw); 4. Kerrie Swartz (Yam); 5. Kalalynn Sellers (Hon)

HVY A: 1. Colby Bolling (Yam); 2. Jamison Gryder (Yam); 3. Troy Sanford (KTM); 4. Casey Meyer (KTM); 5. Tyler Ruckdeschell (KTM)

HVY B: 1. Daulton Atterberry (KTM); 2. Garrett Everett (Hon); 3. Jason Linnet; 4. Aaron Lambert (Kaw); 5. Chance Vick (KTM)

HVY C: 1. Derek Lambert (Hon); 2. Pete McElvain (KTM); 3. Paul Scallin (Yam); 4. Kevin McDonald (Suz); 5. Cole Carpenter (KTM)

LITE A: 1. Tate Reynolds (KTM); 2. Brian Pierce; 3. Kory Bailey (KTM); 4. Dalton Green (Yam); 5. James Neumann (Suz)

LITE B: 1. Hal Anderson Jr (Yam); 2. RJ Miller (Kaw); 3. Tanner Winders (KTM); 4. Justin Johnson (Hon); 5. Sam Gaines (KTM)

LITE C: 1. Jimmy Turner (Kaw); 2. Tyler Chidester (Yam); 3. Scotty Willingham (Kaw); 4. Josh Gagliardi (KTM); 5. Mason Chumney (Suz)

30+ A: 1. Richard English (KTM); 2. Scott Bailey (KTM); 3. Ryan Griffith (KTM); 4. Scott McCarns (KTM); 5. Billy Moseley (Suz)

30+ B: 1. Michael Ashley (Hon); 2. Barri Mulkey (KTM); 3. Mee Sung Gillette (Hon); 4. Jeff Jackson (Hon); 5. Dempsey Addy (Yam)

30+ C: 1. Joe Koster (Yam); 2. Kenneth Crawford (Yam); 3. Chris Siggins (Yam); 4. Kevin Grimes (Yam); 5. Ryan Shehan (KTM)

35+ B: 1. DDFred Robeson; 2. Keir Coughlin (KTM); 3. Chad Deen (KTM); 4. Brian Dunn (KTM); 5. Grady Simmons (KTM)

35+ C: 1. Jason Bolling (Yam); 2. Dale Richter (Hon); 3. Alan Vaughan (KTM); 4. David Millhollon (Suz); 5. Jonathan Dunn (Yam)

40+ A: 1. Todd Slavik (KTM); 2. Randy Green (Hon); 3. Mark Slawson (KTM); 4. Kevin Ruckdeschell (KTM); 5. Dwayne Vantilburg (KTM)

40+ B: 1. Darren Rose (Hon); 2. Greg Nocktonick (KTM); 3. Ed Landry (KTM); 4. Ronald Taylor (Hon); 5. Kelly Rickgauer (KTM)

40+ C: 1. David Schmidt (KTM); 2. Chris Jablonski (KTM); 3. Dean Kellogg (Hon); 4. Robert Smiley (Yam); 5. Jeff Deford (Suz)

45+ B: 1. Michael Vasily (KTM); 2. Marty Ishmael (Kaw); 3. Stephen Powelson (KTM); 4. James Otto (Kaw); 5. Gary Cavender (Yam)

45+ C: 1. Michael Wood (KTM); 2. Joe Tanner (Suz); 3. Mark Atterberry (Hon); 4. John F Johns (KTM); 5. Carter Whitt (KTM)

50+ A: 1. Glen Boyett; 2. Larry Hunter (KTM)

50+ B: 1. Bill Loftin (Yam); 2. Ronny Donald (KTM); 3. Charlie Robinson (Yam); 4. Scott Roberts (Suz); 5. Rick Dinwiddie (Suz)

50+ C: 1. Greg Blackstone (Yam); 2. Mike McManaman (Kaw); 3. Jim Leuthesser (KTM); 4. Roger Jackson (Yam); 5. Tony Dimauro (KTM)

60+: 1. Bob Miller (KTM); 2. Jay Gentry (Yam)

LDS A: 1. Kacey White (Kaw); 2. Crystal Akins (Kaw); 3. Shelley Dixon (KTM); 4. Angela Wilky (KTM); 5. Jena Cox (KTM)

LDS B: 1. Danielle Slawson (KTM); 2. Ariel Deen (Hon); 3. Taylor Vrzak (Kaw); 4. Mackenzie

Michalka (Hon); 5. Lillian Otto (Hon)

LDS C: 1. Chantel James (Hon); 2. Jackie Barrington (Hon); 3. Ariel Greene (KTM); 4. Tiffany Vardell (Hon); 5. Sarah Clark (Yam)

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

LDS 30+ C: 1. Sheryl Lambert (Hon); 2. Angel Potts (KTM); 3. Beverly Koffman (KTM); 4. Kristin Stucki (Hon); 5. Liss Strawbridge (Hon)

MINI A: 1. Cheyenne Harmon (Suz); 2. Blues Henderson (Kaw); 3. Trevor Buck (KTM)

MINI B: 1. Tanner Winders (KTM); 2. Dillon Green (Kaw); 3. Zachary Watson (Hon); 4. Wyatt Callahan (Suz); 5. Nic Dimauro (Yam)

MINI C: 1. Caleb Wright (Hon); 2. Mason Dickinson (Yam); 3. Erik Wilky (KTM); 4. Blake Breton (Yam); 5. Trenton Threadgill (Hon)

P/W 50 A: 1. Jason Norman (Cobra)

P/W 50 B: 1. Kyler Lowrimore (KTM); 2. Andrew Garrett (KTM); 3. Justin Taylor (KTM)

P/W 50 C: 1. Colby Lindsey (KTM); 2. Cameron Harris (KTM); 3. Tristan Powell (KTM); 4. Mason Cleveland (KTM); 5. Connor Coughlin (KTM)

P/W 65 A: 1. Nathan Wood; 2. Ben Otto (Kaw); 3. Morgan Michalka

P/W 65 B: 1. Colten Inglet (Kaw); 2. Mason Michalka (KTM); 3. Grant Kersey (Kaw); 4. Colton Tarver (Kaw); 5. Allen Narita (Kaw)

P/W 65 C: 1. Cole Reaves (KTM); 2. Logan Nocktonick (Kaw); 3. Jordan Cartwright (KTM); 4. Bobby Wallace (KTM); 5. Jason Norman (Cobra)

JR. BEG: 1. Nate Duncan (Kaw); 2. Kaitlyn Koster (Kaw); 3. Joshua Wilson (KTM)