

TORO – Texas Off-road Racing Organization  
Round 5 – Cross Bar Ranch – Davis, Oklahoma

**FRANKLIN ON A ROLL!**

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Round five of the Tucker Rocky/MSR/Answer/ProTaper-sponsored Texas Off-road Racing Organization had members venturing outside Texas for a race promoted by Todd Slavik and Haydn Franklin at Cross Bar Ranch in Davis, Oklahoma. This was the first time the two had promoted for TORO and the first time TORO had been out of Texas. Having put on several events in their past, the pair utilized this outstanding property to its fullest constructing a very challenging 10.5 mile course using existing trails and cutting miles of new trail.

“We knew our course would challenge riders, but we still wanted everyone to have a good time so Friday we had 10-year-old Brendan Griner take a lap on his 65cc to make sure he could make it through unassisted – he did,” said, Slavik. “Unfortunately, with the rain we had Saturday and the storms Saturday night, the course took a turn for the worse making it real rough and wet – it was going to be a tough race; people needed to ride smart, carry momentum and make good decisions.”

Concerned about the ladies and minis on smaller bikes with water crossings already getting deep and hill climbs getting real slick, the TORO Board of Directors decided late Saturday night to expand the less technical Pee Wee course from two miles to six first thing Sunday morning and have the minis and ladies run that instead of the main track; the Experts and Amateur would still run a full program as planned - these decisions worked well.

In Pee Wee action Saturday, Morgan Michalka (65A class) and Bobby Wallace (65B class) earned their first victories of the season, while Colby Lindsey (50B class) and Preston McBride (50C class) both expanded their series leads with wins. Tyler Witten (65C class) is now in a series points tie with Travis Jenkins with the win. Although Ethan Moore took the gold this race in the Jr. Beginner class, it is first-time racer Joseph Anderson who leads the series points.

In pro action Sunday, it was Cycletown South/KTM/MSR-sponsored Haydn Franklin out front early with Cooper Bailey and Zach Ingram close behind.

“I fell in behind Franklin and just followed him for the first few miles, until he made a mistake and I was able to get by,” said, Bailey. “I led for about a mile and decided to let him go to watch him through the tough lines.”

This was Bailey’s first race back after suffering a broken back in September. He didn’t want to push too hard and over do it. “I’m not sure I could have won racing top speed, but I’m happy to finish and to be back riding,” Bailey said.

Franklin finished with over a minute on Bailey and close to two on Ingram. With two rounds left, Franklin has a commanding 23 point lead in series points.

The Missourian’s came away with a pair of wins and were all smiles! Andrew Smith put the hurt on the Lite A class winning by over 14 minutes, while Jamie Yeager earned his first win in the Heavy A class coming in 12 minutes ahead of his closest competition. Both lead in series points.

## RESULTS - RACE 5

**AA:** 1. Haydn Franklin (KTM); 2. Cooper Bailey (Kaw); 3. Zach Ingram (Yam); 4. Steve Leivan (Yam); 5. Cameron Ishmael (Kaw)

**LADIES AA:** 1. Ashley Crouch (Kaw); 2. Kerrie Swartz (Yam); 3. Danielle Mulkey (KTM)

**HEAVY A:** 1. James Yeager (Yam); 2. Ryan Woodard (KTM); 3. Tyler Ruckeschell (KTM)

**HEAVY B:** 1. Brandon McQueen (KTM); 2. Mee Sung Gillette; 3. Scotty Willingham (Kaw)

**HEAVY C:** 1. Nathan Swaim (Hon); 2. Josh Brewer (Hon); 3. Dakota Kuhlman; 4. Marshall Buck (KTM); 5. James Shearin (Hon)

**LITE A:** 1. Andrew Smith (Yam); 2. Brian Montgomery (KTM); 3. Chris Storrie (KTM); 4. Cheyenne Harmon; 5. Trevor McEntire

**LITE B:** 1. Deven McManaman (KTM); 2. Josh Woessner (KTM); 3. Tyler Chidester (Yam)

**LITE C:** 1. Zack Watson (Suz); 2. Ethan Werchan (KTM); 3. Larry Wilkinson (Yam); 4. Cody Nicolay (KTM); 5. Carter Hanthorn (Suz)

**+30 A:** 1. Allan Swartz (Yam); 2. Scott Bailey (KTM); 3. Scott McCarns (KTM)

**+30 B:** 1. Michael W Ashley, Jr (Hon); 2. David Powell (KTM); 3. Ed Landry (KTM)

**+30 C:** 1. Tony Castleberg (Yam); 2. Jason Hammond (Kaw); 3. Shane Hammond (Hon); 4. Ian Powell (Kaw); 5. Dwayne Birkenfeld (Yam)

**+35 B:** 1. Brad Warren (KTM); 2. Barri Mulkey (KTM); 3. Jonathan Dunn (Yam); 4. Chad Deen (Suz); 5. Dale Richter (Hon)

**+35 C:** 1. Mark Baird (KTM); 2. Alan Vaughan (KTM); 3. David Millhollon (Suz); 4. Troy Anderson (Hon); 5. Jim Barnes (Kaw)

**+40 A:** 1. Mark Slawson (KTM); 2. Erik Nielsen (Kaw); 3. Kevin Ruckdeschell (KTM); 4. Darin Shirley (Hon); 5. Clint McBride (Kaw)

**+40 B:** 1. Brian Dunn (KTM); 2. Jerry Stewart (Yam); 3. Michael Vasily (KTM); 4. Scott Chidester (KTM); 5. Kevin Freeman (KTM)

**+40 C:** 1. Tim Doogs (KTM); 2. Roger Anderson (KTM); 3. Dave Sabella (KTM); 4. Rick Nowlan (KTM); 5. JC Mitchell (KTM)

**+45 B:** 1. Dale Atterberry (Kaw); 2. Marty Ishmael (Kaw); 3. Todd Asbill (Hon); 4. William Wilky (KTM); 5. James Otto (Kaw)

**+45 C:** 1. Mark Atterberry (Hon); 2. Doug Gilles (Yam); 3. Scott Feland (Hon); 4. David Schmidt (KTM); 5. Dean Kellogg (Hon)

**+50 A:** 1. Glen Boyett; 2. Mike Connell (KTM); 3. Greg Blackstone (Yam); 4. Larry Hunter (KTM)

**+50 B:** 1. Bill Loftin (Yam); 2. David Maples; 3. John Hesse (KTM); 4. Mike McManaman (KTM); 5. Cameron Petty (KTM)

**+50 C:** 1. Tim Kohls (Hon); 2. John F Johns (KTM); 3. Mike Wood (KTM); 4. Nelson Newton (KTM); 5. Jim Leuthesser (Hon)

**+60:** 1. Richard Wilson (KTM); 2. Bob Miller (KTM)

**LADIES A:** 1. Jordon Milbauer (Hon); 2. Angela Wilky (KTM); 3. Krystal Winders (KTM); 4. Kaitlyn Mulkey (KTM)

**LADIES B:** 1. Hattie White (KTM); 2. Ariel Deen (Suz); 3. Danielle Slawson (KTM); 4. Chantel James (Hon)

**LADIES C:** 1. Jackie Barrington (Hon); 2. Tiffany Vardell (KTM); 3. Sammie Jo Shearin (Kaw); 4. Sarah Clark (Kaw); 5. Megan Dunn (Yam)

**LADIES +30 B:** 1. Shannon Kancir (KTM); 2. Connie Green (Hon)

**LADIES +30 C:** 1. Melody Pyland (Hon); 2. Beverly Koffman (KTM); 3. Tonya Aylor (Yam); 4. Elizabeth Freeman (KTM); 5. Tammy Peters (Yam)

**MINI A:** 1. Dillon Green (Kaw); 2. Jake Ingram; 3. Zack Watson (Suz); 4. Caleb Wright (Hon); 5. Aston Pounds (Kaw)

**MINI B:** 1. Justin Bailey (Hon); 2. Trenton Threadgill (Hon); 3. Hunter Barnes (Kaw); 4. Blake Breton (Hon); 5. Matthew Hatton (Kaw)

**MINI C:** 1. Colten Inglet (Kaw); 2. Keaton McElroy (Kaw); 3. Drew Higgins (KTM); 4. Ben Otto (Kaw); 5. Michael Anderson (KTM)

**PW50 B:** 1. Colby Lindsey (KTM); 2. Colton Pratt (Yam); 3. Seth Hopkins (KTM); 4. Conner Coughlin (KTM)

**PW 50 C:** 1. Preston McBride (KTM); 2. Michael Vrzak (KTM); 3. Nate Duncan (KTM); 4. Tucker Gattis (Yam)

**PW 65 A:** 1. Morgan Michalka (KTM); 2. Mason Michalka (Suz); 3. Jacob Bailey (KTM); 4. Ben Otto (Kaw); 5. Brendan Griner (Kaw)

**PW 65 B:** 1. Bobby Wallace (KTM); 2. Jason Norman (Cobra); 3. Destiny Slawson (KTM); 4. Tandem Ditzel (Kaw); 5. Colton Pratt (Yam)

**PW 65 C:** 1. Tyler Witten (KTM); 2. JP Hoffman (KTM); 3. Travis Jenkins (Kaw); 4. Tyler Kohls (KTM); 5. Tristan Powell (KTM)

**JR. BEGIN:** 1. Ethan Moore (Yam); 2. Kevan Anthony (KTM); 3. Joseph Anderson (Suz); 4. Blakeley Knight (Hon); 5. CJ Pratt (Yam)