

TORO – Texas Offroad Racing Organization

Round 5 – D&J Ranch – Bonita, Texas

Carter Takes First Off-Road Win!

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D&J Ranch in Bonita, Texas is a natural phenomenon. The landowner, Dan Burch, can take a box blade around a large percentage of the track and smooth it out prior to each event leaving only a few sections of whoops. However, after TORO's limited practice on Saturday, the soft sand starts to develop them again. If there hasn't been rain in the area, this track can deliver the beating of a lifetime. Fortunately, there was plenty of rain on the 13 mile course to keep the normal enormous, numerous whoops down to just plenty of really big ones!

After the amateurs raced three laps in the morning and the minis/ladies took two on a shortened course, the Pros had their turn on the track and SMS Racing/Motion Cycle Sports/Thor rider Dwain Carter said it was "Brutal!" At 31 years old, Carter is new to this type of racing. He has spent all his time at the motocross track and until TORO, had never competed in off-road. Carter said, "Its taking some time to get the bike set up for this type of racing. I broke a chain at the opener because I didn't know about using an o-ring. It's that type of stuff I've had to learn and some of it I've had to learn the hard way."

Carter continued, "I had a pretty good start and found myself behind Clay Hoenshell and my friend, David Widmer. Widmer made a move to pass Hoenshell, but Hoenshell passed him back quickly. Widmer let me by like – 'YOU TRY IT!' That's when Hoenshell put a little space on us all! I stalled on the second lap and it took about six kicks to get it started. I could hear Leivan coming, but was able to get it going again to keep him behind me. I pitted on the forth lap with Leivan right on me. He has a quick pour and was going to gas a lot faster than me. Leaving gas, I only had a few seconds on him at that point and Hoenshell, having not pitted, was pulling away from us both."

Carter went on, "My friend Brian Storrie, following me on the track, kept telling me 20 seconds, 10 seconds, 20 seconds, 10 seconds, so I just decided to keep pushing forward and not concerning myself with what Leivan was doing right behind me. Then I saw Hoenshell out of gas along the side of the track. I held on to win! This is the first money I've made in off-road!!"

SCR Yamaha/Answer/Dunlop backed Leivan went on to finish second with Hoenshell taking a splash of gas and coming in third. Leivan said, "Perhaps Hoenshell was the fastest, but the checkered flag was at mile 52 rather than mile 50. We stopped. He didn't. We made it. He didn't."

The win puts Carter in third for the season, Matt Crouch in second and Leivan with a commanding 22 point lead on the field with two rounds to go.

RESULTS - RACE 405

AA: 1. Dwain Carter (other); 2. Steve Leivan (YAM); 3. Clay Hoenshell (KAW); 4. David Widmer (HON); 5. Mark Weeks (SUZ)

Open A: 1. Cody Harris; 2. Justin Bonner; 3. Jason Brisendine; 4. Richard Songer

Open B: 1. Chris Scott; 2. Christian Vowell; 3. Andy Voight; 4. James Hill; 5. Don Whitten

Open C: 1. Kori Joyce; 2. Marshall Buck; 3. Matt Davis; 4. Nick Donald; 5. Eric Looney

250 A: 1. Bert Reynolds; 2. Clint McBride; 3. Rene (Bud) Beunier; 4. Jeff Van Matre; 5. Craig Smith

250 B: 1. Mike Richards; 2. DJ McMillon; 3. Austin Wann; 4. Aaron Bevars; 5. Jacob Shumate

250 C: 1. Shawn Clemons; 2. Rob Dewey; 3. Will Dinwiddie; 4. Jeff Sorrell; 5. Kevin Kuykendall

200 A: 1. Beau Otto; 2. Tyler Schexnailder; 3. Nathan Rodgers; 4. Tod Martin; 5. Taylor Neubauer

200 B: 1. Cameron Ishmael; 2. Logan Price; 3. Casey Jobe; 4. Matt Sparks

200 C: 1. Justin Mckinley; 2. Michael Bohrer; 3. Austin Winter; 4. Tyler Ruckdeschell; 5. Hal Anderson Jr

+30 A: 1. Brent Sellers; 2. Scott Bailey; 3. Johnny Cox; 4. Kelly Braddock; 5. Cecil Parker

+30 B: 1. Robert Gravley; 2. Sean Needum; 3. Tom Eaton; 4. Allan McDonald; 5. Jason Fitts

+30 C: 1. Cutter Holloway; 2. Paul Brooks; 3. T.L. Sadler; 4. Bubba Reeves; 5. Keir Coughlin

+38 A: 1. Kenny Vowell; 2. Dan McKinley; 3. Randy Green; 4. Phillip Gentry; 5. Russell Weeks

+38 B: 1. Jeff Posey; 2. Bruce Korbelik; 3. Mark Coetzer; 4. David L. Groff, Sr.; 5. Russell Clark

+38 C: 1. David Paris; 2. Scott Armel; 3. Randy Hancock; 4. Jon Crawford; 5. George Gross
+45 A: 1. Mike Abbott; 2. Mark Bergman; 3. Tom Johnson; 4. Andrew Cooksey; 5. Doug Taft
+45 B: 1. Bill Cason; 2. Curt Phillips; 3. Bud Beunier III; 4. Rick Brightwell; 5. Mark Ashlock
+45 C: 1. Keith Morrison; 2. Michael Snoddy; 3. Greg Blackman; 4. Rick Dinwiddie; 5. Phil Gable
+50 A: 1. Billy Young; 2. Larry Hunter; 3. Dennis Willmon; 4. Ruben Martin
+50 B: 1. Brad Miller; 2. Charlie Robinson; 3. Ron Beck; 4. Tom Mcelvain; 5. John Davenport
+50 C: 1. Jimmy Stovall; 2. Greg Beckley; 3. Tim Braden; 4. Ted Ramsay; 5. Stuart Johnston
+60: 1. Bill Fleming; 2. Hazen Smith; 3. Doyle Rogers; 4. Will Stidd; 5. Jay Gentry
Ladies A: 1. Tracy Taz Kisor; 2. Heidi Possin; 3. Sherri Stephens; 4. Laura Rafael; 5. Jessica Juvrud
Ladies B: 1. Candice McMillon; 2. Felicia Corbin; 3. Ashley Crouch; 4. Jennifer Webb; 5. Patty
Vowell
Ladies C: 1. Shannon Markham; 2. Kala Sellers; 3. Trisha Johnson; 4. Melanie Klander; 5. Connie
Green
Mini A: 1. Christopher Groening; 2. Justin Dunn; 3. Garrett Bollom; 4. Taylor Inglet
Mini B: 1. David L. Groff, Jr.; 2. Danny Cooksey; 3. Branden Richards; 4. Jeffrey Harris; 5. Billy
Dasinger
Mini C: 1. Cheyenne Harmon; 2. Trevor Buck; 3. Christopher Storrie; 4. Phillip Geho; 5. Kenny
Brown
Pee Wee 50 A: 1. Gaston Johnson; 2. Mason Bowland; 3. Macie Arrington; 4. Wyatt Sadler
Pee Wee 50 B: 1. Tyler Scrogum; 2. Cole Neal; 3. Nick Burnett; 4. Eric Lucas; 5. Matthew Aldridge
Pee Wee 50 C: 1. Parker Campbell; 2. Colton Corbin; 3. Trenton Thompson; 4. Logan Hughes; 5.
Alex Isakson
Pee Wee 65 A: 1. Troy Sanford; 2. JD Reed; 3. Syth Rodriguez
Pee Wee 65 B: 1. Dalton Green; 2. Blake Matthews; 3. Josh Nolen; 4. Tyler Chidester; 5. Hudson
Blacketer
Pee Wee 65 C: 1. Blake Parker; 2. Hannah Otto; 3. Leah Gravley; 4. Blake Breton; 5. Michael
Brown
Jr. Beginner: 1. Jacob Bailey; 2. Steven Lucas; 3. Colton Hansen; 4. Joel Juvrud; 5. Garrett
Thompson