

TORO – Texas Offroad Racing Organization

Round 6 – RFC Ministries – Bells, Texas

Lafferty, Jenks, Gallt OH BOY!!

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To roll out of the sack Saturday morning and see a Factory KTM hauler out your front window at a TORO race is not a site usually seen, but it was a WELCOME one! Six-time National Enduro Champion Mike Lafferty with National riders, Robbie Jenks and Chris Gallt were in the area and came out to take in their first TORO event. After becoming TORO members and making a few practice laps, Lafferty, nursing a cold, commented, "We're here to get some testing done. There's a foot of snow on the ground where we're from so this is much better for us. We really wanted to look at the suspension, but this track is too smooth for that so we'll get some engine testing in."

TORO Series Director Shawn Goolsby said, "It was really great to have Lafferty, Jenks and Gallt racing with us. When you get to watch it first hand it gives a new definition to "fast." I was really amazed at the turn out for the AA class with 21 on the line, surprised me to see so many especially since the weather was a bit on the chilly side Sunday morning. In fact, the turn out as a whole was pretty good, in the 370's, considering parts of the weekend's temperatures were in the 20s."

TORO's own G&S Suzuki/Moose/Scott's Mark Weeks grabbed the holeshot at the start of the 1.5 hour plus a lap event on the nine mile course. Weeks said, "I had the lead for a little bit, but fell through a creek crossing and didn't make the bridge. I held on to second for a couple of laps until Jenks, then Gallt, caught me. It was GREAT having them here! I hope they show back up next race – I can learn A LOT from them as long as I stay close enough to watch!"

The track had a spectator area referred to as "The Pit" where the riders could go through a series of jumps, if they were so inclined and the Pros put on quite a show! TORO's Scoring Director Jeff Van Matre said, "Go over there and watch the Pros come through, you'll see why Lafferty gets paid for what he does! He's amazing!"

In the end it was Lafferty, Jenks, Gallt with TORO's Mark Weeks and Motorsports/MSR/Gaerne's Matt Crouch rounding out the top five. Despite his sixth place finish, SCR/Yamaha/Answer/Dunlop's Steve Leivan is locked in to his third straight AA TORO Championship. The order of second through fifth place in AA will be decided at the final round of the winter series February 5/6 in Denton, Texas.

Other TORO riders with locks on season class wins are: Open A, Justin Bonner; 250A, Bert Reynolds; +30A, Brent Sellers; +38A, Kenny Vowell; +45A, Andrew Cooksey; 200B, Cameron Ishmael; +30B, Robert Gravley; +38B, Jeff Posey; +45B, Rick Brightwell; +50B, Charlie Robinson; +60, Bill Fleming; Mini A, Garrett Bollom; Mini C, Cheyenne Harmon; PW50C, Parker Campbell; PW65A, Troy Sanford; and Jr. Beginner, Jacob Bailey.

RESULTS - RACE 406

AA: 1. Mike Lafferty (KTM); 2. Robbie Jenks (KTM); 3. Chris Gallt (KAW); 4. Mark Weeks (SUZ); 5. Matthew Crouch (YAM)

Open A: 1. Kori Joyce; 2. Tref Hodge; 3. Jason Brisendine; 4. Justin Bonner

Open B: 1. Christian Vowell; 2. Anthony Bishop; 3. Richard English; 4. Brian Jacobs; 5. Chris Scott

Open C: 1. Brandon Belcher; 2. Eric Looney; 3. Daniel Perkins; 4. John Ashley; 5. Matt Davis

250 A: 1. Bert Reynolds; 2. Oliver Benetis; 3. Jody Crawford; 4. Preston Trent; 5. David Danz

250 B: 1. Devon Coetzer; 2. Cooper Bailey; 3. Carl Hudgins; 4. Eddie Whitener; 5. Austin Wann

250 C: 1. Jeff Sorrell; 2. Will Dinwiddie; 3. Rob Dewey; 4. Bryan Cotton; 5. Jason C Mitchell

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

200 B: 1. Cameron Ishmael; 2. Cody Beck; 3. Casey Jobe; 4. Matt Sparks

200 C: 1. Joshua Woessner; 2. Tyler Ruckdeschell; 3. Eric Hudgins; 4. Austin Winter; 5. Jessica Callahan

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

+30 B: 1. Robert Gravley; 2. Sean Needum; 3. Allan McDonald; 4. Johnny Hayes; 5. Drop Dead Fred Robeson

+30 C: 1. Bubba Reeves; 2. Cutter Holloway; 3. T.L. Sadler; 4. Scott Dawson; 5. Keir Coughlin
+38 A: 1. Kenny Vowell; 2. Adrian Jacobs; 3. Randy Green; 4. Dan McKinley; 5. Mike Davis
+38 B: 1. Jeff Posey; 2. Bruce Korbelik; 3. Russell Clark; 4. Kevin Ruckdeschell; 5. David L. Groff, Sr.
+38 C: 1. Randy Hancock; 2. Gary Collins; 3. Gary Mason; 4. Ray Blair; 5. Larry Smith
+45 A: 1. Doug Taft; 2. Andrew Cooksey; 3. Mark Stromberg; 4. Ronny Donald
+45 B: 1. Mark Ashlock; 2. Curt Phillips; 3. Rick Brightwell; 4. Barry Jones; 5. Mike Looney
+45 C: 1. David Laski; 2. Rick Dinwiddie; 3. Phil Gable; 4. Russell Smith; 5. Greg Blackman
+50 A: 1. Larry Hunter; 2. Billy Young; 3. Ruben Martin; 4. Dennis Willmon
+50 B: 1. Charlie Robinson; 2. Brad Miller; 3. Kenneth Daniel; 4. Ron Beck; 5. Frank Leivan
+50 C: 1. Greg Beckley; 2. Jimmy Stovall; 3. Ray Grupp; 4. Gerry E. Rains; 5. Bill Sellers
+60: 1. Bill Fleming; 2. Hazen Smith; 3. Jerry Boren; 4. Jay Gentry
Ladies A: 1. Sherri Stephens; 2. Heidi Possin; 3. Christine Tarver; 4. Tracy Taz Kisor; 5. Cathy Estes
Ladies B: 1. Candice McMillon; 2. Felicia Corbin; 3. Ashley Crouch; 4. Jennifer Webb; 5. Renee Mercer
Ladies C: 1. Shannon Markham; 2. Kala Sellers; 3. Bethany Young; 4. Michelle Fitts; 5. Melanie Klander
Mini A: 1. Christopher Groening; 2. Garrett Bollom
Mini B: 1. Branden Richards; 2. David L. Groff, Jr.; 3. Noah Eaton; 4. Danny Cooksey; 5. Andrew Dierdorf
Mini C: 1. Justin Beimler; 2. Cheyenne Harmon; 3. Phillip Geho; 4. Kenny Brown; 5. Jake Wilson
Pee Wee 50 A: 1. Zack Barton; 2. Macie Arrington; 3. Gaston Johnson; 4. Mason Bowland; 5. Wyatt Sadler
Pee Wee 50 B: 1. Tyler Scrogum; 2. Cole Neal; 3. Matthew Aldridge; 4. Eric Lucas
Pee Wee 50 C: 1. Parker Campbell; 2. Alex Isakson; 3. Trenton Thompson; 4. Colton Corbin; 5. Tyler Sudderth
Pee Wee 65 A: 1. Troy Sanford; 2. JD Reed; 3. Syth Rodriguez
Pee Wee 65 B: 1. Dalton Green; 2. RJ Miller; 3. Jordan Buckaloo; 4. Josh Nolen; 5. Tyler Chidester
Pee Wee 65 C: 1. Blake Parker; 2. Hannah Otto; 3. Casey Karr; 4. Leah Gravley; 5. Haley Neal
Jr. Beginner: 1. Colton Hansen; 2. Jacob Bailey; 3. Joel Juvrud; 4. Garrett Thompson; 5. Brayden Voigt