

TORO – Texas Offroad Racing Organization
Round 7 – BSGP – Denton, Texas
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Widmer Just Shy of First Win!
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The final round of the Texas Offroad Racing Organization's fourth season was a wet one. The area had gotten hit with a ton of rain and was saturated. In fact, according to the National Weather Service, 2004 was one of the five wettest years EVER in Dallas (Denton is just North of Dallas). It didn't help matters that it rained the entire Saturday night prior to the race.

SCR/Yamaha/Answer/Dunlop's Steve Leivan had the AA title wrapped up, but came down from Missouri to race anyway. He recounted, "The race was shortened to four laps due to the gnarly conditions and worsening course. I rode a cautious first lap and kept it on two wheels. Most everyone crashed at least once that lap and I worked my way around the fallen riders and into third behind Matt Crouch and Dwain Carter."

Leivan continued, "Caleb Ramsay and David Widmer were riding fast on lap two and both got around me. On lap three I worked my way back around Ramsay and closed in on Carter. I chose a rut with more traction in a section of switchbacks to overtake Carter near the end of lap three. Widmer was the only one left in front of me and he had a 15 second lead. He fell in a slick turn and had trouble getting up. I got around him and tried to pick the shallowest ruts and keep my momentum for another few miles to hold on for the win."

Xtreme Powder Coating/SMS Racing/M4 Exhaust sponsored David Widmer, exclaimed, "I should have had that win!! I got roosted pretty good by Ramsay and Crouch early on and had to slow to be able to see. I fell back to last and thought I would just see how far up I could move. I was riding really aggressive and started catching up and moving past people. I took the lead with about a half a lap to go when I began to ride cautiously. Big mistake! That's when a lapper popped out of a berm and I went down. I was stuck under my bike and about 30 or 40 seconds later, Leivan got by. I didn't have long enough to catch up before the end."

At 32, Widmer has been racing for 28 years. In 1997 he broke his back at a Motocross race. It took him four years and some prodding from his friend and fellow AA rider, Brian Storrie to get him back on a bike, but he did. Widmer said, "That day on the first lap I was an amateur, the second, an intermediate and by the third lap I was back to expert speed. By the fourth lap Brian was getting pretty mad!"

It was Motorsports/MSR/Gaerne rider Matt Crouch who took second place this MSR/Answer sponsored TORO season, G&S Suzuki/Moose/Scott's Mark Weeks was one point down in third, then Widmer, and SMS Racing/Motion Cycle Sports/Thor rider Dwain Carter rounding out the top five in the AA class.

RESULTS - RACE 407

AA: 1. Steve Leivan (YAM); 2. David Widmer (HON); 3. Dwain Carter (other); 4. Joe McClellan (KTM); 5. Amancio Castillo Jr (KTM)

Open A: 1. Kori Joyce; 2. Todd Corwin; 3. Jeff Womack; 4. Justin Bonner

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

Open C: 1. Matt Davis; 2. Brandon Belcher; 3. Luke Gohlke; 4. Andrew Tokarz; 5. Michael Ashley

250 A: 1. Preston Trent; 2. Craig Smith

250 B: 1. Cooper Bailey; 2. Austin Wann; 3. Eric Gifford; 4. Eddie Whitener; 5. Grant Wright

250 C: 1. Will Dinwiddie; 2. Rob Dewey; 3. Tyler Baucom; 4. Jim Swanson; 5. Kevin Kuykendall

200 A: 1. Tyler Schexnaider; 2. Tod Martin; 3. Beau Otto; 4. Nathan Rodgers

200 B: 1. Logan Price; 2. Cody Beck; 3. Sean Criqui; 4. Cameron Ishmael; 5. Matt Sparks

200 C: 1. Justin McKinley; 2. Ryan Shehan; 3. Joshua Woessner; 4. Hal Anderson Jr; 5. Michael Bohrer

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

+30 B: 1. Jerry Moore; 2. Drop Dead Fred Robeson; 3. Tom Eaton; 4. Allan McDonald; 5. Jason Fitts

+30 C: 1. Scott Dawson; 2. Keir Coughlin; 3. T.L. Sadler; 4. Cutter Holloway; 5. Dempsey Addy
+38 A: 1. Randy Green; 2. Dan McKinley
+38 B: 1. Bruce Korbelik; 2. Kevin Ruckdeschell; 3. Russell Clark; 4. David L. Groff, Sr.; 5. Hal Anderson
+38 C: 1. Scott Armel; 2. Gary Collins; 3. Chuck Wiedenhofer; 4. Randy Hancock; 5. George Gross
+45 A: 1. Doug Taft
+45 B: 1. Mark Ashlock; 2. Mike Looney; 3. Kenneth Brown
+45 C: 1. Greg Blackman; 2. John Hesse; 3. Kelly Sparks; 4. Rick Dinwiddie
+50 A: 1. Ruben Martin; 2. Billy Young; 3. Larry Hunter
+50 B: 1. Brad Miller; 2. Frank Leivan; 3. Charlie Robinson; 4. Ron Beck
+50 C: 1. Jimmy Stovall; 2. Ron Meyer; 3. Gerry E. Rains; 4. Bill Sellers
+60: 1. Hazen Smith
Ladies A: 1. Tracy Taz Kisor; 2. Heidi Possin; 3. Sherri Stephens
Ladies B: 1. Candice McMillon 2. Felicia Corbin; 3. Jennifer Webb; 4. Renee Mercer; 5. Ashley Crouch
Ladies C: 1. Trisha Johnson; 2. Michelle Fitts; 3. Kala Sellers; 4. Cindy Gross; 5. Melanie Klander
Mini A: 1. Corey Perdue; 2. Justin Dunn; 3. Garrett Bollom
Mini B: 1. David L. Groff, Jr.; 2. Branden Richards; 3. Billy Dasinger; 4. Danny Cooksey; 5. Andrew Dierdorf
Mini C: 1. Justin Beimler; 2. Kenny Brown; 3. Phillip Geho; 4. Cheyenne Harmon; 5. Christopher Storrie
Pee Wee 50 A: 1. Gaston Johnson; 2. Macie Arrington; 3. Mason Bowland; 4. Wyatt Sadler
Pee Wee 50 B: 1. Tyler Scrogum; 2. Cole Neal; 3. Matthew Aldridge; 4. Nick Burnett; 5. Eric Lucas
Pee Wee 50 C: 1. Trenton Thompson; 2. Daniel Buckaloo; 3. Alex Isakson; 4. Parker Campbell; 5. Logan Hughes
Pee Wee 65 B: 1. RJ Miller; 2. Dalton Green; 3. Jordan Buckaloo; 4. Josh Nolen; 5. Blake Matthews
Pee Wee 65 C: 1. Casey Karr; 2. Blake Parker; 3. Hannah Otto; 4. Dillon Green; 5. Leah Gravley
Jr. Beginner: 1. Colton Hansen; 2. Steven Lucas; 3. CJ Holloway; 4. Garrett Thompson; 5. Joel Juvrud