

TORO – Texas Off-road Racing Organization
Round 1 – Freestone MX Park - Wortham, Texas

Season Opener Success!

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The Texas Off-road Racing Organization kicked off their fifth year at Freestone MX Park in Wortham, Texas. This beautiful facility had never played host to an off-road event and really did a nice job combining six miles of their adjacent woods with the well-manicured motocross track. The weather was sunny and a bit on the warm side for a winter series in Texas, but few complained.

Morning action kicked off with the Short Course participants taking the line. The start in front of the motocross gates was groomed and watered, a site the off-roaders were unfamiliar with. When they got out on the woods trails the watering stopped and as the dust settled, it was Allan Sherer taking the win in the Open C class, while Chuck Watkins grabbed his first victory of the year in the 250 C class and Anthony DiMauro was at the top of the 200 C action.

After the track was cleared the Ladies and Minis were next for their 45 minutes plus a lap. Of the six 85cc Mini A riders that took the line it was Austin Henderson finishing ahead of the bunch for his first victory of the season. Chris Storrie saw the finish flagger first in the Mini B class as did Trevor Buck at the C level.

The Ladies A class was loaded with talent and one very skilled 16 year old, Lauren Powell, captured the holeshot and lead throughout for the win. Richardson Motorsports, Amsoil, and Yamaha sponsored Powell said, "It was really cool lining up with Sheri Stephens and Christine Tarver. Christine has raced nationally and I took one of Sheri's courses on off-road racing several years ago. To go up against them both was an honor, but to win felt pretty cool!"

In other Ladies action, Felicia Corbin and Kala Sellers had a close race in the Ladies B class with Felicia taking this one. Melanie Klander took the win in the C class and in the new +30 C Woman program, Connie Green was victorious.

In the afternoon program National guest Jeff Dement took an early lead and easy victory in the AA class, while putting on quite a show for fans through the motocross portion of the track. Josh Young, first place Pro from the South Texas Off Road Motorcyclists (STORM) club held on to second place for a couple of laps until Yamaha, MSR, and ScottUSA-sponsored, Matt Crouch, caught up.

Crouch said, "I didn't know who the guy was on the KTM (Young), but we stayed together for quite awhile until he started to fade some with a couple laps to go. I got by him, but was passed by (Vernon) McKiddie and didn't have enough left to catch him. With such a loaded Pro class I feel pretty good about taking third!"

The order finished up as Dement, McKiddie, Crouch, Young with four-time TORO Champion, Steve Leivan rounding out the field.

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AA: 1. Jeff Dement (Suzuki); 2. Vernon McKiddie (Suzuki); 3. Matt Crouch (YAM); 4. Josh Young (KTM); 5. Steve Leivan (YAM)

Open A: 1. David Lucas Jr; 2. Cecil Parker; 3. Cody Beck; 4. Bob Whitmire; 5. David Grice

Open B: 1. Cutter Holloway; 2. Brian Jacobs; 3. Richard English; 4. Chris Scott; 5. Tom Burnz

Open C: 1. Allan Sherer; 2. Bryan Debrick; 3. Chris Elwood; 4. Casey Meyer; 5. Hagen Robertson

250 A: 1. Beau Otto; 2. Nathan Rodgers; 3. Christian Vowell; 4. Chris Cason; 5. Devon Coetzer

250 B: 1. Garrett Bollom; 2. Justin McClellan; 3. Tom Daughtry; 4. Josh Woessner; 5. Brad Mayo

250 C: 1. Chuck Watkins; 2. Danny Potts; 3. Mike Satterfield; 4. Corey Waldrop; 5. Trenton Hardgrave

200 A: 1. Mark Strong

200 B: 1. Logan Price; 2. Danny Cooksey; 3. Justin McKinley; 4. Kenny Brown; 5. Don Ortega

200 C: 1. Anthony DiMauro; 2. Trey Dasinger; 3. Tyler Ruckdeschell; 4. Griffin Gardner; 5. Corey Chase Fuller

+30 A: 1. Tracy Anders; 2. Johnny Cox; 3. Brent Sellers; 4. Thomas Wilson; 5. Steven Rathmann
+30 B: 1. Drop Dead Fred Robeson; 2. Michael Pope; 3. Rodney Forbis; 4. Kevin Lowrimore; 5. James A. Hill
+30 C: 1. Dempsey Addy; 2. Kevin Klander; 3. Eric Neubauer; 4. Mark Tate; 5. Chris Bailey
+35 A: 1. Curtis Kirchmeier; 2. Scott Bailey; 3. Sean Needum; 4. Kevin Breton
+35 B: 1. Scott McCarns; 2. Kelly Schreiber; 3. Kevin Ruckdeschell; 4. Lonnie Hull; 5. Dennis Arnold
+35 C: 1. Paul Brooks; 2. John Kittleson; 3. Steve Avila; 4. Eric Kancir; 5. Chris Smith
+40 A: 1. Kenny Vowell; 2. Ray Jennings; 3. Randy Green; 4. Dan McKinley; 5. Phillip Gentry
+40 B: 1. Steve Turner; 2. Russell Clark; 3. David Paris; 4. Randy Hancock; 5. Mike Sullivan
+40 C: 1. James Rathmann; 2. Jeff Edwards; 3. Tim Barnes; 4. Terry Poe; 5. Ray Callahan
+45 A: 1. Glen Boyett; 2. Doug Taft; 3. Doug Gray; 4. Russell Weeks; 5. Tim Pritchard
+45 B: 1. Brad Burnie; 2. Wesley Smallwood; 3. Thom Kuhns; 4. Scott Armel; 5. Kenneth Brown
+45 C: 1. Randy Norrell; 2. Allen Rhoden; 3. David Weeks; 4. Dewayn Crow; 5. Nelson Newton
+50 A: 1. Billy Young; 2. Ruben Martin; 3. Barry Patrick; 4. Bill Cason; 5. Tom Johnson
+50 B: 1. Bill McGovern; 2. Brad Miller; 3. Larry Smallwood; 4. Gene Ficker; 5. Bill Chedsey
+50 C: 1. Gerry Rains; 2. Steven Smith; 3. Max Brand; 4. Ted Ramsay; 5. Ron Meyer
+60: 1. Hazen Smith; 2. Dwight Leatherwood; 3. Leon Kirchmeier; 4. Jay Gentry
Ladies A: 1. Lauren Powell; 2. Sherri Stephens; 3. Christine Tarver; 4. Ashley Crouch; 5. Ashton Pope
Ladies B: 1. Felicia Corbin; 2. Kala Sellers; 3. Jennifer Webb; 4. Lisa Lowe; 5. Jena Cox
Ladies C: 1. Melanie Klander; 2. Hannah Otto; 3. Crystal Akins; 4. Amber Terry; 5. Kayla Adams
Ladies +30 C: 1. Connie Green; 2. Bethany Young; 3. Tammy Jo Hansen; 4. Melody Dooly; 5. Jamie Collins
Mini A: 1. Austin Henderson; 2. Brandon Glenn; 3. Tyler Miller; 4. Bubba Gray; 5. Jeffrey Harris
Mini B: 1. Chris Storrie; 2. Cheyenne Harmon; 3. Andrew Dierdorf; 4. Destry Smith; 5. Troy Sanford
Mini C: 1. Trevor Buck; 2. Cross Kirchmeier; 3. Joseph Evans; 4. Brian Tucker; 5. Taylor Sage
Pee Wee 50 A: 1. Cooper Adair; 2. Nick Burnett; 3. Tyler Scrogum; 4. Mason Bowland; 5. Cole Neal
Pee Wee 50 B: 1. Ben Otto; 2. Nathan Wood; 3. Chase Rathmann; 4. Logan Hughes
Pee Wee 50 C: 1. Trenton Thompson; 2. Tanner McDonald; 3. Steven Lucas; 4. Lane Rathmann; 5. Jacob Bailey
Pee Wee 65 A: 1. JD Reed
Pee Wee 65 B: 1. Blake Matthews; 2. Casey Karr; 3. Blake Parker; 4. Jordan Buckaloo; 5. Brandon Trotter
Pee Wee 65 C: 1. Dillon Green; 2. Haley Neal; 3. Nicholas Dimauro; 4. Gaston Johnson; 5. John Adair
Jr. Beginner: 1. Nathan Klander; 2. Alexis Mathews