

TORO – Texas Off-road Racing Organization
Round 8 – Bowie Motocross, LLC – Bowie, Texas
Crouch Takes TORO Championship in the Mud!
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Bowie Motocross, LLC played host to the final round of the Texas Off-road Racing Organization's fifth season of action. The promoter did a masterful job of coordinating the surrounding woods with the motocross track. The terrain was rocky with quite a few little elevation changes and tight woods. There was an extreme section near the camping area, which proved to be a lot of fun for the spectators and quite a challenge for the riders who chose it over the alternate... then entered the rain. By the time Saturday practice rolled around it had become evident that the final series championships would come down to survival in the slop!

"There was lightening in the area so we decided to postpone all activity until the open practice at 2:00pm. This allowed us the time to assess the situation and discuss options with the landowner, said Series Director, Shawn Goolsby. The decision was made to continue as planned and practice was opened for all 171 members who braved the conditions."

In AA action the championship was only separated by a few points between three riders, SMS Racing's Caleb Ramsay, TJ Cycle-sponsored Josh Young and Matt Crouch.

"I had a pretty poor performance at the last event at Muenster so I didn't feel a lot of pressure at this one, said HHOC Racing/WER/Fastway-sponsored Crouch. I took the holeshot and the lead. Josh got around me and we played cat and mouse for quite a while. Then Caleb got around me and he and Josh put about 20 to 30 seconds on me and were pretty much out of sight. On the second lap I reeled them both back in and by the end of the lap had the lead back. I think I ended up pulling away by about a minute or so to win the Championship!"

17 year old Couch started racing years ago as a mini and has never won a championship of any kind. "I'm very excited to have my first win be in the TORO pro class," said Crouch.

17 year old SMS Racing's Beau Otto won his race in the 250 A class to clench the Overall A win and the coveted Stephen Griner Championship helmet. "What a great track this was. It's really too bad they got so much rain," said Otto.

Otto added, "I thought I blew it earlier in the season at Bonita when I had a bad race, but all the others in contention had a bad one, too. This is my first Championship, EVER! I plan to run the AA class next season in TORO."

In other action, "Drop Dead" Fred Robison got the win and the Overall B award while Chris Storrie wrapped up the Overall Mini Championship. Paul Brooks took the Overall C title while Kala Sellers sealed the Overall Ladies with her win. JD Reed and Trenton Thompson picked up the Overall 65cc and Overall 50cc wins, respectively.

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RESULTS - RACE 508

AA: 1. Matt Crouch (Yam); 2. Josh Young (KTM); 3. Caleb Ramsay (Gas Gas); 4. Bryan Vaughan (KTM); 5. Brian Storrie (KTM)

OPEN A: 1. Cooper Bailey (KTM); 2. Cody Beck (Hon)

OPEN B: 1. Cutter Holloway (Hon); 2. Richard English (KTM); 3. Tommy Hogue (Hon)

OPEN C: 1. Hagen Robertson (Hon); 2. Casey Meyer (Gas Gas); 3. Marshall Buck (KTM); 4. Bryan Debrick (Yam); 5. Anthony Brent (Hon)

250 A: 1. Beau Otto (KTM); 2. Aaron Ramsay (KTM); 3. Devon Coetzer (Suz)

250 B: 1. Luke Humphries (Yam); 2. Garrett Bollom (Kaw)

250 C: 1. Matt Sullivan (Suz); 2. Chuck Watkins (Yam); 3. Daniel Cox (Hon); 4. Marc Haught; 5. Eric Hudgins (Yam)

200 A: 1. Logan Price (KTM); 2. Matt Sparks (Suz)

200 B: 1. Tyler Ruckdeschell (KTM)
200 C: 1. Griffin Gardner (KTM); 2. Ryan Shehan (KTM); 3. Trey Dasinger (Hon); 4. Colton Sutton (Kaw); 5. Cole Carpenter (Suz)
+30 A: 1. Craig Smith (Suz); 2. TJ Tarver (KTM)
+30 B: 1. Drop Dead Fred Roberson (KTM); 2. Michael Forbis (Suz); 3. Rodney Forbis (KTM); 4. Shawn Goolsby (Suz); 5. Kevin Lowrimore (Yam)
+30 C: 1. Dempsey Addy (Hon); 2. Chris Adams (Yam); 3. Shad Copus (Yam); 4. Kevin Klander (Kaw); 5. Joe Osbon (Suz)
+35 A: 1. Scott Bailey (KTM); 2. Sean Needum (Yam)
+35 B: 1. Lonnie Hull (Kaw); 2. Kevin Ruckdeschell (KTM); 3. Scott McCarns; 4. Carl Dobson (KTM); 5. Kelly Schreiber (Yam)
+35 C: 1. Paul Brooks (other); 2. Grady Simmons (Kaw); 3. James Katt (Hon); 4. Mike Hughes (KTM); 5. Roger Beck (Kaw)
+40 A: 1. Ricky Thompson (Kaw)
+40 B: 1. Mark Coetzer (Yam); 2. George Gross (Yam)
+40 C: 1. Terry Poe (KTM); 2. Mark Carpenter (KTM); 3. Donald Hudgins (Kaw); 4. Hank Kautz (Hon); 5. Todd Asbill (Hon)
+45 A: 1. Glen Boyett (Yam)
+45 B: 1. Scott Armel (Yam); 2. Bill McGovern (Suz); 3. Mike Looney (Yam)
+45 C: 1. Allen Rhoden (KTM); 2. David Weeks (Suz); 3. John Johns (Yam)
+50 A: 1. Barry Patrick (Hon)
+50 B: 1. Ron Beck (Hon)
+50 C: 1. Ted Ramsay; 2. Mel Tooley (KTM); 3. Gerry Rains (Kaw); 4. Ron Meyer (Gas Gas)
LADIES B: 1. Kala Sellers (Suz); 2. Jennifer Webb (Kaw); 3. Shannon Kancir (Hon); 4. Felicia Corbin (Kaw); 5. Jena Cox (Yam)
LADIES C: 1. Amber Terry (Suz); 2. Crystal Akins (Suz); 3. Kayla Adams (Yam); 4. Hannah Otto (Kaw); 5. Kate Strawbridge (Yam)
LADIES +30 C: 1. Tammy Jo Hansen (Hon); 2. Glenise Noland (Hon); 3. Melissa Strawbridge (Yam); 4. Becky Hudgins (Yam)
MINI B: 1. Chris Storrie (KTM); 2. Max Weaver (Yam); 3. Destry Smith (Gas Gas)
MINI C: 1. Ryan Warren (Hon); 2. William Bergeron (Yam); 3. Jake Werchan; 4. Alex Fry (Hon); 5. Brandon Beck (Kaw)
PEE WEE 50 A: 1. Mason Bowland (KTM); 2. Cole Neal (KTM); 3. Tyler Scrogum (KTM)
PEE WEE 50 B: 1. Nathan Wood (other); 2. Ben Otto (KTM); 3. Parker Campbell (KTM)
PEE WEE 50 C: 1. Colton Hansen (KTM); 2. Jacob Bailey (KTM); 3. Nathan Klander (KTM); 4. Garrett Thompson (KTM); 5. Trayton Waldrip (KTM)
PEE WEE 65 A: 1. JD Reed (KTM)
PEE WEE 65 B: 1. Blake Matthews (Kaw)
PEE WEE 65 C: 1. Jake Hensley (Kaw); 2. Justin Bailey (KTM); 3. Haley Neal (KTM); 4. Zachary Urban (Kaw); 5. Ciara Ashlock (Hon)
JR. BEGINNER: 1. Alexis Matthews (Yam)