

TORO – Texas Off-road Racing Organization
Round 1 – Stone Creek Park – Bells, Texas
Coetzer's First TORO Pro Win!
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Tucker Rocky/MSR/Answer/ProTaper-sponsored Texas Off-road Racing Organization kicked off its seventh year of winter racing action just north of the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex in Bells, Texas. Stone Creek Park played host to the opening round where 534 racers (a TORO record) were treated to unseasonably warm, sunny weather all weekend.

In Saturday's Pee Wee action, Nathan Wood and Wyatt Eversole were on top of a packed 65cc Expert class. Matt Majors held off Luke Thomas for the win in the 65cc Intermediate class while Brett Rucker led the amateurs.

There were eleven - first-time, six and under, racers on air-cooled 50s who took the line in the Honda Kawasaki West-sponsored Jr. Beginner class and when it was all said and done, little Ashley Wood stood atop of the podium for her first win with Tyler Knickrehm and Connor Coughlin rounding out the top three.

In Sunday action, last year's fastest Mini rider is off to another quick start, Brandon Glenn, got out front early and took the win in the Mini A class.

Sunday afternoon, it was 17-year-old Grapevine Kawasaki/Moose Racing/FMF rider Devon Coetzer fighting for the victory in the AA class. Coetzer said, "I was one of the last people off the line and made my way up to about fifth after the jumps off the start. I worked my way up to second and got around Austin Henderson when he fell on the wall. After that I had an open track and just tried not to make mistakes."

Munn KTM/Moose Racing/ScottUSA rider Cody Beck had to make his way up through nearly the entire pack after a failed dead engine start to take second in the class. Beck said, "I thought after running several GNCCs that I had the DES down – wrong – I kicked, put it into gear and it didn't go! I thought it started, but it didn't. I worked my way past Cameron Ishmael when he fell on the wall, Matt Forsythe was messing with his goggles when I got by him and I put a decent block pass on Joe McClellan to get into second with Coetzer up ahead. We came into the wall together on the final lap and neither of us made – well, my bike did, but I didn't! I just couldn't get by him for the win this time."

17-year-old Maxim Motorsport/Big Hal BBQ/JSR's Precision Welding-sponsored Forsythe rounded out the podium. Forsythe said, "I didn't do too bad on the start, but I got some dirt in my eye under my goggles and had to pull off to fix it – I fell back to about sixth place at that point. I had to work my way back up through the pack and Henderson ran out of gas on the last lap so I was able to take third."

David Lucas (Heavy A) and Cecil Parker (30+ A) had identical leading laptimes to start the battle for the highly coveted Maxim Motorsport-sponsored custom helmet in memory of Stephen Griner honoring the fastest A rider.

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Results

AA: 1. Devon Coetzer (Kaw); 2. Cody Beck (KTM); 3. Matt Forsythe (HON); 4. Cameron Ishmael (Kaw); 5. Joe McClellan (KTM)

HVY A: 1. David Lucas Jr (KTM); 2. Logan Price; 3. Danny Cooksey (KTM); 4. Richard English (KTM); 5. Brad Mayo (Suz)

HVY B: 1. Anthony Bishop (KTM); 2. Cody Lawson (Suz); 3. Brian Pierce (Yam); 4. Jamison Gryder; 5. Justin McKinley

HVY C: 1. Randy Loewen; 2. Phillip Geho (Yam); 3. Brandon McQueen; 4. Toby Parr (Suz); 5. Matt Fomby (KTM)

LITE A: 1. JD Reed (KTM); 2. James Neumann (Suz); 3. Taylor Inglet; 4. Taylor Thomas; 5. Tyler Miller (Kaw)

LITE B: 1. Chris Scott; 2. John Short (KTM); 3. Kyle Ward; 4. Zachary Walker (Yam); 5. Cameron Vrzak (KTM)

LITE C: 1. Zach Olson (Hon); 2. Cannan Baula; 3. Calvin Myers (Yam); 4. Brandon Beck (Hon); 5. Mike Zanolto

30+ A: 1. Cecil Parker; 2. Cutter Holloway (Kaw); 3. Scott McCarns (KTM); 4. Jack Liddell; 5. Kevin Breton (Kaw)

30+ B: 1. JD Seale (Hon); 2. Bill Schmidt (KTM); 3. Kevin Lowrimore (Yam); 4. Barri Mulkey (KTM); 5. Ryan Griffith (KTM)

30+ C: 1. Chad McDonald; 2. Craig Montgomery (Yam); 3. Nathan Rockwell (Yam); 4. Steven Owens (Yam); 5. Rob Ledoux (Yam)

35+ B: 1. Billy Moseley (Suz); 2. Mark Vrzak (GG); 3. Mel Bernard; 4. Robert Smith (Hon); 5. Chad Deen (Yam)

35+ C: 1. Kenny Long; 2. Darell Murdock (KTM); 3. Jonathan Dunn (Yam); 4. Roger Anderson; 5. Cody Geho (Yam)

40+ A: 1. Ray Jennings (KTM); 2. Randy Green (Hon); 3. Terry Poe; 4. Dwayne Gensler (Yam); 5. Rick Thompson (Hon)

40+ B: 1. Jerry Stewart (Hon); 2. Dwayne Vantilburg (KTM); 3. Michael Vasily (KTM); 4. Darren Rose (Suz); 5. Allan McDonald (KTM)

40+ C: 1. Todd Broom (Yam); 2. Hank Kautz (KTM); 3. Kevin Beale (Hon); 4. Kane Hansard; 5. Marc Haught (Kaw)

45+ B: 1. Scott Chinnock (Kaw); 2. James Otto (Hon); 3. Marty Ishmael (Kaw); 4. Jeff Ross; 5. Danny McDonald (Kaw)

45+ C: 1. Ron Alcorn (Suz); 2. Victor Tulloch (Yam); 3. Kenneth Estes (Yam); 4. JT Tanner; 5. Jim Isakson (Hon)

50+ A: 1. Andrew Cooksey (KTM); 2. Doug Taft (Kaw); 3. Kevin Sinclair (KTM); 4. Larry Hunter (KTM); 5. Mark Stromberg (KTM)

50+ B: 1. Larry Smallwood (KTM); 2. Barry Jones (KTM); 3. Rick Dinwiddie (Kaw); 4. John Wagoner; 5. Cameron Petty (KTM)

50+ C: 1. Wayne Welch (Hon); 2. Mike Wash (KTM); 3. Mel Tooley (KTM); 4. Kelly Johnson (KTM); 5. Dewayn Crow (Yam)

60+: 1. Ruben Martin (Suz); 2. Hazen Smith (Hon); 3. Dwight Leatherwood (KTM); 4. Jim McElvain (KTM); 5. Ron Meyer (GG)

LDS A: 1. Sherri Stephens (KTM); 2. Danielle Mulkey (KTM); 3. Crystal Akins (Hon); 4. Ginny King (Hon); 5. Kacey White (Kaw)

LDS B: 1. Krystal Winders (KTM); 2. Taylor Vrzak (Kaw); 3. Lily Otto (Hon); 4. Laura Ratliff

LDS C: 1. Heather Davey (Hon); 2. Mallory Nichols (Kaw); 3. Kaitlyn Mulkey (KTM); 4. Christie Poe (Hon); 5. Ariel Deen (Hon)

LDS 30+ B: 1. Jena Cox (KTM); 2. Elena Thomas (Kaw); 3. Tammi Needham (KTM); 4. Joyce Needum; 5. Tammy Jo Tarver (KTM)

LDS 30+ C: 1. Brandi Ing (Suz); 2. Glenise Noland (Yam); 3. Angel Potts (Suz); 4. Melody Dooly (Yam); 5. Vanessa Holloway (Hon)

MINI A: 1. Brandon Glenn; 2. John Short (KTM); 3. Blues Henderson (Kaw); 4. RJ Miller (Kaw); 5. Dalton Green (Kaw)

MINI B: 1. Blake Parker (KTM); 2. Tyler Chidester (Hon); 3. Ryan Harrington (Suz); 4. Shane Dusold (KTM); 5. Derrick Taylor (Hon)

MINI C: 1. Heath Thomas (Suz); 2. Nicholas Dimauro (Yam); 3. Hunter Glenn (Kaw); 4. Zachary Watson (Kaw); 5. Walker Richard (Yam)

P/W 50 B: 1. Cole Reaves (KTM); 2. Garrett Thompson (Kaw)

P/W 50 C: 1. Krece Nowak (KTM); 2. Mark Thomas (KTM); 3. Ethyn Irvin; 4. Peyton Irvin; 5. Stetson Schmidt (KTM)

P/W 65 A: 1. Nathan Wood (KTM); 2. Wyatt Eversole (Kaw); 3. Justin Bailey (Yam); 4. Blake Breton (Kaw); 5. Nicholas Dimauro (Yam)

P/W 65 B: 1. Matt Majors (Kaw); 2. Luke Thomas (KTM); 3. Cayden Cox; 4. Colten Inglet; 5. Zach Urban (Kaw)

P/W 65 C: 1. Brett Rucker; 2. Carson Bradshaw (Kaw); 3. Aaron Landers; 4. Colton Tarver (Kaw); 5. Blake Harris (Kaw)

JR BEG: 1. Ashley Wood (Hon); 2. Tyler Knickrehm (Yam); 3. Connor Coughlin (Yam); 4. Kyle Narita (Hon); 5. Andrew Garrett (Hon)