

TORO – Texas Off-road Racing Organization

Round 2 – Bowie MX, Bowie, Texas

Kirkpatrick Gets the Win!

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Round 2 action of the Tucker Rocky/MSR/Answer/ProTaper-sponsored Texas Off-road Racing Organization this week was held at Bowie MX in Bowie, Texas. The course featured a combination of tight wood sections, rock-laden hills, pristine motorcross and an extreme section near camp that was a spectator favorite. A slight rain on Friday and a steady mist on Saturday provided a nice amount of moisture for the 482 racers in attendance to practice on, but by Sunday the wind picked up and dried the track out making it pretty dusty for race day.

With the Nationals and ISDE completed, the AA line of eighteen Pro riders looked like a virtual Who's Who in racing. Spastic Designs/KTM/CSR Suspension-rider Chris Bach down from Illinois for the winter is staying with fellow national rider and former TORO AA Champion, Matt Crouch. ISDE riders Cole Kirkpatrick, Cooper Bailey and Brian Storrie were on the line along with all of the Texas area young guns.

It was SMS Racing/Gas Gas/MSR-sponsored Caleb Ramsay out front with Crouch, Bailey and Kirkpatrick following. "I was able to get by Bailey about a half mile into the first lap and continued to follow Crouch and Ramsay. We got to a section that had several lines and I had my eyeballs glued to Crouch's rear fender and followed right past an awesome line I was looking for," laughed, KTM/Cycle Shack of Lubbock/Enduro Engineering-sponsored Kirkpatrick.

Bach said, "I took a good line through a pretty gnarly ravine section, and made a few quick passes to launch myself into third place behind my new roommate, Crouch. As we freight-trained through the woods, I heard a semi-familiar two-stroke sound behind me and I knew it was fellow KTM pilot Kirkpatrick. I've raced him before at some National events and knew that he would be fast."

Ramsay and Crouch had bike problems near the end of the first lap so that put Bach in the lead with Kirkpatrick following. Kirkpatrick said, "At the start of the third lap, I was about seven seconds behind Bach. We diced back and forth, but neither one of us could make any time because of the traffic. I pitted, thinking that I could catch him, but the traffic was thinner at this point in the race and I thought that I had made a huge mistake. Then, I see him stalled out on the trail. I got a gift!"

"About three miles from the finish line with just over a lap to go, my bike stalled, while leading," said, Bach. "I babied it back to the pits where I tried to see if anything was wrong with the carburetor. Nothing seemed wrong, so I topped it off with a gallon of gas and hit the track again only to have it stall again about 50 feet from the pit. This time, it wouldn't re-fire. After about six minutes of wondering what was going on, the bike started out of nowhere, and I was able to finish the race."

Bach was docked a lap for pitting outside of the designated gas area. He finished fourteenth in the field.

Bach said, "I was unaware that I was breaking the rules. I didn't know about the designated pit area until after the race, but special thanks to the promoters for playing by the rules."

Honda Kawasaki West/Clarke/Answer Racing-sponsored Cameron Ishmael worked himself from a last place start to a second place finish and is the current series point leader. Third place went to Storm Lake Honda/Bachman Family Racing/PMP Sprockets-sponsored Cooper Bailey.

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Results

AA: 1. Cole Kirkpatrick (KTM); 2. Cameron Ishmael (KAW); 3. Cooper Bailey (KTM); 4. Matt Forsythe (HON); 5. Cody Beck (KTM)

HVY A: 1. David Lucas Jr (KTM); 2. Brad Mayo (SUZ); 3. Danny Cooksey (KTM); 4. Richard English (KTM); 5. Casey Meyer (GG)

HVY B: 1. Jon Young (KTM); 2. Justin Buttrill (KAW); 3. Brian Pierce (Yam); 4. Justin McKinley (YAM); 5. Cody Lawson (SUZ)

HVY C: 1. Jason Sinclair (KTM); 2. Brandon McQueen (KTM); 3. Toby Parr (SUZ); 4. Trey Wall (Kaw); 5. Randy Loewen (YAM)

LITE A: 1. Andrew Clark (KTM); 2. Troy Sanford (KTM); 3. TJ Tarver (YAM); 4. Spencer Patterson (YAM); 5. Taylor Thomas (YAM)

LITE B: 1. Kyle Ward (KAW); 2. John Short (KTM); 3. Chris Scott (KTM); 4. Andrew Dierdorf (KTM); 5. Colton Sutton (SUZ)

LITE C: 1. Casidy Drevecky (KTM); 2. Brandon Beck (HON); 3. Calvin Myers (YAM); 4. Jeffrey Polley (KTM); 5. Kyle Tedder (YAM)

30+ A: 1. Cecil Parker (SUZ); 2. Cutter Holloway (KAW); 3. Russell Clark (YAM); 4. Scott McCarns (KTM); 5. Kevin Breton (KAW)

30+ B: 1. Kevin Lowrimore (YAM); 2. Craig Smith (SUZ); 3. Ryan Griffith (KTM); 4. Bryan Debrick (KTM); 5. Jason Coffman (KTM)

30+ C: 1. Chad McDonald (KTM); 2. Rob Ledoux (YAM); 3. Patrick Thomas (KTM); 4. Mark Tate (YAM); 5. Shea Kirkman (KTM)

35+ B: 1. Jeff Nichols (KTM); 2. Robert Smith (HON); 3. Shawn Goolsby (SUZ); 4. Keir Coughlin (YAM); 5. Chad Deen (YAM)

35+ C: 1. Jonathan Dunn (YAM); 2. Brady Snow (HON); 3. Justin Harris (KTM); 4. Jessica Parker (KTM); 5. Mike Bailey (SUZ)

40+ A: 1. Ray Jennings (KTM); 2. Gayle Hoyt (HON); 3. Randy Green (HON); 4. Mark Coetzer (YAM); 5. Terry Poe (KTM)

40+ B: 1. Dwayne Vantilburg (KTM); 2. Allan McDonald (KTM); 3. David Needham (HON); 4. George Gross (YAM); 5. Vaughn Johnson (HON)

40+ C: 1. Kevin Beale (HON); 2. Kane Hansard (KTM); 3. Scott Cail (KTM); 4. Hank Kautz (KTM); 5. Marc Haught (KAW)

45+ B: 1. Scott Chinnock (KAW); 2. Brad Burnie (HON); 3. James Otto (HON); 4. Kip Carroll (HON); 5. Marty Ishmael (KAW)

45+ C: 1. Kenneth Estes (YAM); 2. Ray Blair (KAW); 3. JT Tanner (SUZ); 4. Clint Duncan (KAW); 5. Jim Isakson (HON)

50+ A: 1. Glen Boyett (YAM); 2. Andrew Cooksey (KTM); 3. Jeff Kring (YAM); 4. Kevin Sinclair (KTM)

50+ B: 1. Larry Smallwood (KTM); 2. Barry Jones (KTM); 3. Nitro Mr (SUZ); 4. Bruce Anderson (KTM); 5. John Wagoner (HON)

50+ C: 1. Wayne Welch (HON); 2. Scott Roberts (KAW); 3. Mel Tooley (KTM); 4. Kelly Johnson (KTM); 5. Hank Weishuhn (KTM)

60+: 1. Ruben Martin (SUZ); 2. Jim McElvain (KTM); 3. Hazen Smith (HON); 4. John Davenport (KTM); 5. Dwight Leatherwood (KTM)

LDS A: 1. Crystal Akins (HON); 2. Ashley Crouch (YAM); 3. Ginny King (HON); 4. Kate Strawbridge (KAW); 5. Danielle Mulkey (KTM)

LDS B: 1. Krystal Winders (KTM); 2. Hannah Otto (KAW); 3. Taylor Vrzak (KAW); 4. Angela Wilky (KTM)

LDS C: 1. Christie Poe (KTM); 2. Kaitlyn Mulkey (KTM); 3. Kristin Page (KTM); 4. Elizabeth Freeman (KTM); 5. Sarah Clark (YAM)

LDS 30+ B: 1. Elena Thomas (KAW); 2. Tammi Needham (KTM); 3. Brandi Ing (SUZ); 4. Tammy Jo Tarver (KTM); 5. Tonya Aylor (HON)

LDS 30+ C: 1. Melody Dooly (YAM); 2. Glenise Noland (YAM); 3. Kerri Hostetter (HON); 4. Vanessa Holloway (HON); 5. Sherry Beck (HON)

MINI A: 1. Brandon Glenn (HON); 2. John Short (KTM); 3. Brandon Robinson (KTM); 4. Blues Henderson (KAW); 5. Dalton Green (KAW)

MINI B: 1. Ryan McKinney (YAM); 2. Blake Parker (KTM); 3. Ryan Harrington (SUZ); 4. Wesley Moody (HON); 5. Tyler Chidester (HON)

MINI C: 1. Nicholas Dimauro (YAM); 2. Jack Licata (HON); 3. Tate Keffer (SUZ); 4. Hunter Glenn (KAW); 5. Zachary Watson (KAW)

P/W 50 A: 1. Cole Neal (KTM)

P/W 50 B: 1. Cole Reaves (KTM); 2. Garrett Thompson (KAW); 3. Jorey Polley (KTM)

P/W 50 C: 1. DJ Forbis (KTM); 2. Mark Thomas (KTM); 3. Stetson Schmidt (KTM); 4. Krece Nowak (KTM); 5. Colby Lindsey (HON)

P/W 65 A: 1. Nathan Wood (KTM); 2. Blake Breton (Kaw); 3. Ben Otto (Kaw); 4. Nicholas Dimauro (Yam); 5. Cole Neal (KTM)

P/W 65 B: 1. Alex Isakson (Kaw); 2. Tyler Scrogum (KTM); 3. Matt Majors (KAW); 4. Luke Thomas (KTM); 5. Colten Inglet (KAW)

P/W 65 C: 1. Brett Rucker (KAW); 2. Aaron Landers (KTM); 3. Jacob Bailey (KTM); 4. Blake Harris (KAW); 5. Jack Sullivan (KAW)

JR BEG: 1. Andrew Garrett (HON); 2. Tyler Knickrehm (YAM); 3. Ashley Wood (HON); 4. Kyle Narita (HON); 5. Mikey Vrzak (YAM)