

TORO – Texas Off-road Racing Organization
Round 4 – Brian Storrie Grand Prix (BSGP), Storrie Farm - Denton, Texas
Kirkpatrick Holds off Wharton!
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Round 4 action of the Tucker Rocky/MSR/Answer/ProTaper-sponsored Texas Off-road Racing Organization was held in Denton, Texas at the Storrie Farm. This property, just outside of Dallas, combines all of the elements of off-road racing; tight tree sections, Euro-style grass track, moto section, creek jump and more in its seven mile layout. Without any recent moisture, the ground was hard-packed and dusty for the 468 racers in attendance.

This was the first trip to "The Farm" for Cole Kirkpatrick of Lubbock, "Brian Storrie's track was really cool. I felt right at home on the hard-pack grass tracks and even better in the tight woods. The course was a little dry in the open parts but, the traction was great in the woods. I was able to get the holeshot and tried to put as much distance between myself and the field in the opening laps. I felt really good from the start and was having a blast."

National pro motocross rider 17-year-old Tyler Wharton was not as fortunate off the start, "I had to kick it about eight times and the stress was really building in me. By the time I got off the line I was about 10 seconds down from the last place guy. On top of that, I stalled it in the woods!"

Wharton made his way through the crowd, "I just put my head down and didn't make any more mistakes – I was really proud of that. I caught up to the first place guy, but I couldn't seem to close in until we were on the last lap – if there was just one more lap."

Kirkpatrick said, "I could see Wharton working his way through the pack fast and I think around the midway point he had moved into second. He would gain on me in the open sections and I would get the time back in the tight woods. It was really cool that Tyler came out and raced with all of us - he even had handguards! I only wish that I could stay as close to him on a motocross track as he was to me off-road!" Kirkpatrick went on to thank his sponsors KTM, Cycle Shack of Lubbock, Moose Racing, Enduro Engineering, Maxxis Tires, and his dad.

Wharton's future plans include, spending next weekend in California testing his new bikes with Honda, racing the Outdoor Nationals this year and Supercross next.

In other action, John Short (Lite B/Mini A) was busy making a day of his racing, putting in eight laps/56 miles between the two back-to-back programs. Short started out the day in the Mini A class doing battle with last year's overall winner, Brandon Glenn. Short said, "Glenn and I exchanged the lead a couple of times. On the last lap I got caught up behind a lapped rider in the woods and had to wait for an opening to get past. By that time Glenn had gotten too far ahead to catch."

The Lite B class was next for 13-year-old Short. He took the Silkolene holeshot, but after a couple mistakes – found himself in third pretty quick. Short said, "I made a few early mistakes, but had plenty of time to get back to the front. When I finally got by Chris Scott, I was able to pull a decent lead to the finish." Short asked to thank his parents for their help with his racing.

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Results

AA: 1. Cole Kirkpatrick (KTM); 2. Tyler Wharton (Hon); 3. Cody Beck (KTM); 4. Brian Storrie (KTM); 5. Cameron Ishmael (Kaw)

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

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

HVY C: 1. Jason Sinclair (KTM); 2. Brandon McQueen (Kaw); 3. Pete McElvain (KTM); 4. Trey Wall (Kaw); 5. Trevor McEntire (Kaw)

LITE A: 1. Tyler Miller (Kaw); 2. Troy Sanford (KTM); 3. JD Reed (KTM); 4. James Neumann (Suz); 5. Michael Bohrer (KTM)

LITE B: 1. John Short (Hon); 2. Chris Scott (KTM); 3. Cameron Vrzak (KTM); 4. Blake Endsley; 5. Andrew Dierdorf (KTM)

LITE C: 1. Brandon Beck (Hon); 2. Mike Zanotto (Hon); 3. Larry Goodson (Yam); 4. Chaz Sims (Yam); 5. Calvin Myers (Yam)

30+ A: 1. Cecil Parker (Suz); 2. Curtis Kirchmeier; 3. Cutter Holloway (Kaw); 4. Kevin Ruckdeschell (KTM); 5. Scott McCarns (KTM)

30+ B: 1. JD Seale (Hon); 2. Joseph Osbon (Suz); 3. Bryan Debrick (KTM); 4. Kevin Lowrimore (Yam); 5. Craig Smith (Suz)

30+ C: 1. Craig Montgomery (Yam); 2. Kris Neubauer; 3. Eric Ellison (Yam); 4. Rob Ledoux (Yam); 5. Brock Dennison (KTM)

35+ B: 1. Mark Vrzak (GG); 2. Chad Deen (Yam); 3. Robert Smith (Hon); 4. Jeff Nichols (KTM); 5. Keir Coughlin (Yam)

35+ C: 1. Phil Schuler; 2. Kenny Long (Suz); 3. Michael Kaufman (KTM); 4. Brady Snow (Hon); 5. David Millhollon (ATK)

40+ A: 1. Randy Green (Hon); 2. Mark Slawson (KTM); 3. Rick Thompson (Hon); 4. Terry Poe; 5. Mark Coetzer (Yam)

40+ B: 1. Dwayne Vantilburg (KTM); 2. Dave LaFond (KTM); 3. Allan McDonald (KTM); 4. Fred Neal (KTM); 5. David Needham (Hon)

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

45+ B: 1. Scott Chinnock (Kaw); 2. Larry Smith (Suz); 3. James Otto (Hon); 4. Marty Ishmael (Kaw); 5. Billy Wilky

45+ C: 1. Walter Lee; 2. Kenneth Estes (Yam); 3. Jim Isakson (Hon); 4. Clint Duncan (Kaw); 5. Greg Blocker (KTM)

50+ A: 1. Glen Boyett (Yam); 2. Andrew Cooksey (KTM); 3. Jeff Kring (Yam); 4. Bill Cason; 5. Larry Hunter (KTM)

50+ B: 1. Larry Smallwood (KTM); 2. Bruce Anderson (KTM); 3. John Wagoner (Hon); 4. Rick Dinwiddie; 5. Cameron Petty (KTM)

50+ C: 1. Scott Roberts (Kaw); 2. Mel Tooley (KTM); 3. Ron Beck (Hon); 4. Wayne Welch (Hon); 5. Marc Eddy (Hon)

60+: 1. Ruben Martin (Suz); 2. Dwight Leatherwood (KTM); 3. Jim McElvain (KTM); 4. Leon Kirchmeier; 5. Bill Pando (KTM)

LDS A: 1. Ashley Crouch (Yam); 2. Crystal Akins (Hon); 3. Kacey White (Kaw); 4. Kate Strawbridge (Kaw); 5. Danielle Mulkey (KTM)

LDS B: 1. Angela Wilky (KTM); 2. Krystal Winders (KTM); 3. Haley Neal (KTM); 4. Taylor Vrzak (Kaw); 5. Hattie White

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

LDS 30+ B: 1. Elena Thomas (Kaw); 2. Brandi Ing (Suz); 3. Tammi Needham (KTM); 4. Laura Rafael (Yam); 5. Tammy Jo Tarver (KTM)

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

MINI A: 1. Brandon Glenn (Hon); 2. John Short (Hon); 3. Dalton Green (Kaw); 4. Blues Henderson (Kaw); 5. Kalalynn Sellars (Suz)

MINI B: 1. Blake Parker (KTM); 2. Jake Hensley (Kaw); 3. DJ Allen (KTM); 4. Tyler Chidester (Yam); 5. Derrick Taylor (Hon)

MINI C: 1. Jack Licata (Hon); 2. Heath Thomas (Suz); 3. Blake Maples (KTM); 4. Nicholas DiMauro (Yam); 5. Zak Isakson

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

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

P/W 50 C: 1. Mark Thomas (KTM); 2. Krece Nowak (KTM); 3. Colby Lindsey (Hon); 4. Tanner Sims (KTM); 5. Garet Nabors (Cobra)

P/W 65 A: 1. Nathan Wood (KTM); 2. Austin McKinney (KTM); 3. Nicholas DiMauro (Yam); 4. Ty Bench (Kaw); 5. Cole Neal (KTM)

P/W 65 B: 1. Erik Wilky (KTM); 2. Cayden Cox (Kaw); 3. Zach Urban (Kaw); 4. Matt Majors (Kaw); 5. Hunter Young

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

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