

TORO – Texas Off-road Racing Organization
Round 7- Tom Robison – Honey Grove, Texas
Ramsay Takes Win and Championship!
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The seventh and final round of the Tucker Rocky/MSR/Answer/ProTaper-sponsored Texas Off-road Racing Organization was held in Honey Grove, Texas on private land with veteran race promoter, Tom Robinson at the helm. Robinson, a pro racer himself and one of the favorite promoters on the circuit, always comes up with a fast and flowing course still difficult enough to wear the TORO stamp of approval. This 12.5-mile beauty was no exception and 354 racers experienced its pleasure.

In Men's AA action Sunday there was just one point separation between veteran racer SMS Racing-Owner, Brian Storrie and the young SMS Racing-sponsored, Caleb Ramsay for the Championship.

"All year we have been battling back and fourth. I've had tons of speed but, he is extremely consistent," said, Ramsay. "I knew what I had to do - get the holeshot, put the hammer down, and never look back. The plan was simple but, every motorcycle racer knows just how unpredictable this sport is and things don't always work out as planned."

Both racers got a great dead-engine kick with Storrie just slightly in the lead at the first turn, Ramsay right with him and both laying it over and hanging it out! The next turn filtered into the woods and Ramsay was able to twist it open enough to get around the outside to take the lead.

Storrie held second place for a while, but he took the high line at a tank dam and Matt Forsythe took a nice low line for a beautiful pass into second. Haydn Franklin wasn't far behind with his opportunity to move into third and all three started to put a little distance on the pack. Ramsay was on fire and setting a blistering pace, but Forsythe was right there with him and closing each lap. Franklin started to fade back some as the two young riders pushed out front.

"At the end of the third lap Forsythe was about 15 seconds behind me. If he passed me it wouldn't affect my year end position but it could knock Brian Storrie to third place for the overall. Since Brian is my sponsor (and I am a nice guy) I wasn't about to let that happen!" explained, Ramsay. "Through one of the tight woods sections Forsythe got real close to me, about four seconds or so. But, through the straights, jumps, and grass track I gapped him to about 10 seconds. Then, right before the finish, I washed out! My bike was still running so I jumped on and sprinted to the finish with Forsythe on my rear tire. I crossed the line to take my second TORO win and my first PRO Championship!"

Also in Sunday action, the highly coveted Maxim Motorsport-sponsored, Jerry Bernardo custom painted helmet in memory of Stephen Griner honoring the fastest A rider went to Todd Slavik. The Al Lamb's Dallas Honda-sponsored overall rings going to the fastest rider in each program went to Daulton Atterberry (B), Jimmy Turner (C), Cheyenne Harmon (Mini) and Nathan Wood (PW).

RESULTS - RACE 7

AA: 1. Caleb Ramsay (Kaw); 2. Matt Forsythe (KTM); 3. Haydn Franklin (KTM); 4. Brian Storrie (KTM); 5. Austin Henderson (Kaw)

LDS AA: 1. Ashley Crouch; 2. Kerrie Swartz (Yam); 3. Sherri Stephens (Suz); 4. Jordon Milbauer (Hon)

HVY A: 1. JD Reed (KTM); 2. Colby Bolling (Yam); 3. Casey Meyer (KTM); 4. Jamison Gryder (Yam); 5. Cameron Vrzak (Suz)

HVY B: 1. Daulton Atterberry (KTM); 2. Trey Wall (Yam); 3. Jason Sinclair (KTM); 4. Aaron Lambert (Kaw); 5. Stephen Tucker (Kaw)

HVY C: 1. Pete McElvain (KTM); 2. Matthew Thompson (Hon); 3. Kevin McDonald (Suz); 4. Colton Baird (KTM); 5. Trevor Buck

LITE A: 1. Kory Bailey (KTM); 2. Brian Pierce (Yam); 3. Tate Reynolds (KTM); 4. Dalton Green (Yam); 5. Christopher Storrie (KTM)

LITE B: 1. RJ Miller (Kaw); 2. Justin Johnson (Hon); 3. Landon Landry (KTM); 4. Tanner Winders (KTM); 5. Trevor McEntire (Kaw)

LITE C: 1. Jimmy Turner (Kaw); 2. DJ Allen (KTM); 3. Josh Gagliardi (KTM); 4. Scotty Willingham (Kaw); 5. Heath Thomas (KTM)

30+ A: 1. Scott Bailey (KTM); 2. Richard English (KTM); 3. Billy Moseley (Suz); 4. Jeff Van Matre (Yam); 5. Mark Vrzak (GG)

30+ B: 1. Michael Ashley (Hon); 2. Jeff Jackson (Hon); 3. Mee Sung Gillette (Hon); 4. Kent Schmidt (Yam); 5. Dempsey Addy (Yam)

30+ C: 1. Kenneth Crawford (Yam); 2. Chris Siggins (Yam); 3. Joe Koster (Yam); 4. Kevin Grimes (Yam); 5. Marshall Buck

35+ B: 1. Drop Dead Fred Robes; 2. Keir Coughlin (KTM); 3. Chad Deen (KTM); 4. Brian Dunn (KTM); 5. Donny Alumbaugh (KTM)

35+ C: 1. Jason Bolling (Yam); 2. Dale Richter (Hon); 3. Alan Vaughan (KTM); 4. Troy Anderson (Suz); 5. Jonathan Dunn (Yam)

40+ A: 1. Todd Slavik (KTM); 2. Randy Green (Hon); 3. Mark Slawson (KTM); 4. Dwayne Vantilburg (KTM); 5. Doug Dixon (KTM)

40+ B: 1. Kenny Long (Hon); 2. Darren Rose (Hon); 3. Kelly Rickgauer (KTM); 4. Joe Rafael (Hon); 5. Greg Nocktonick (KTM)

40+ C: 1. Dean Kellogg (Hon); 2. David Schmidt (KTM); 3. Brad Threadgill (Hon); 4. Robert Smiley (Yam); 5. Roger Anderson (KTM)

45+ B: 1. Michael Vasily (KTM); 2. Marty Ishmael (Kaw); 3. Billy Wilky (KTM); 4. James Otto (Kaw); 5. Bobby Vick (KTM)

45+ C: 1. Mark Atterberry (Hon); 2. Michael Wood (KTM); 3. Walter Lee (KTM); 4. Ray Blair (Kaw); 5. Carter Whitt (KTM)

50+ A: 1. Glen Boyett; 2. Larry Hunter (KTM); 3. Kevin Sinclair; 4. Larry Smallwood (KTM); 5. Thomas Cade (Hon)

50+ B: 1. Greg Blackstone (Yam); 2. Bill Loftin (Yam); 3. Rick Dinwiddie (Suz); 4. Mr Nitro (KTM); 5. Cameron Petty (KTM)

50+ C: 1. Jim Leuthesser (KTM); 2. Mike McManaman (Kaw); 3. Roger Jackson (Yam)

60+: 1. Bob Miller (KTM); 2. Jay Gentry (Yam)

LDS A: 1. Krystal Winders (KTM); 2. Kacey White (Kaw); 3. Crystal Akins (Kaw); 4. Shelley Dixon (KTM); 5. Angela Wilky (KTM)

LDS B: 1. Lillian Otto (Hon); 2. Danielle Slawson (KTM); 3. Taylor Vrzak (Kaw); 4. Kaitlyn Mulkey (KTM); 5. Mackenzie Michalka (Hon)

LDS C: 1. Jackie Barrington (Hon); 2. Chantel James (Hon); 3. Ariel Greene (KTM); 4. Tiffany Vardell (Hon); 5. Kristin Page (KTM)

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

LDS 30+ C: 1. Sara Schmidt (Yam); 2. Angel Potts (KTM); 3. Beth Fowler (Hon); 4. Melody Dooly (Yam); 5. Glenise Noland (Hon)

MINI A: 1. Cheyenne Harmon (Suz)

MINI B: 1. Tanner Winders (KTM); 2. Dillon Green (Kaw); 3. Cody Coffey (Hon); 4. Nic DiMauro (Yam); 5. Zachary Watson (Hon)

MINI C: 1. Justin Bailey (Yam); 2. Caleb Wright (Hon); 3. Mason Dickinson (HON); 4. Erik Wilky (KTM); 5. Blake Breton (Yam)

P/W 50 A: 1. Cole Reaves; 2. Jason Norman (Cobra)

P/W 50 B: 1. Justin Taylor (KTM); 2. Andrew Garrett (KTM); 3. Colby Lindsey; 4. Kyler Lowrimore (KTM)

P/W 50 C: 1. Cameron Harris (KTM); 2. Tristan Powell (KTM); 3. Colton Pratt (Yam); 4. Mason Cleveland (KTM); 5. Jacob Head (KTM)

P/W 65 A: 1. Nathan Wood (KTM); 2. Ben Otto (Kaw); 3. Morgan Michalka

P/W 65 B: 1. Mason Michalka (KTM); 2. Colten Inglet (Kaw); 3. Colton Tarver (Kaw); 4. Allen Narita (Kaw); 5. Michael Anderson (KTM)

P/W 65 C: 1. Jason Norman (Cobra); 2. Logan Nocktonick (Kaw); 3. Tyler Head (Kaw); 4. Bobby Wallace (KTM); 5. Jordan Cartwright (KTM)

JR. BEG: 1. Nate Duncan (Kaw); 2. Kaitlyn Koster (Kaw); 3. Morgan Reaves (Hon)