

TORO – Texas Off-road Racing Organization  
Round 1 – Red River Motorcycle Trails – Bulcher, Texas  
**Franklin Stays in it for the Win!**  
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The Red River Dirt Riders (RRDR) opted to kick off THE winter racing series in Texas in a big way opening the ninth season of the Tucker Rocky/MSR/Answer/ProTaper-sponsored Texas Off-road Racing Organization (TORO) in Bulcher, Texas on a track utilizing parts of the park made famous by the Last Man Standing race! The nine mile course was cut all along the Pete's Knee, Joshua Tree Hill, Triple Threat, and Texas Stadium area giving riders options all throughout to take an easier, longer way or a more difficult way rewarded by faster lap times, if cleaned.

“Taking nine miles of an enduro course and turning it into a hare-scramble track where bar-to-bar racing can be done without a lot of bottlenecks is always a difficult task” said, Archie Taliaferro, RRDR President, “In certain strategic places we cut several lines of varying degrees of difficulty so passing could take place and racers could continue their pace on this challenging course.”

In Pro action Sunday, coming off of his fifth place finish in the National Enduro Series, Cole Kirkpatrick took the lead early and was first to Joshua Tree where he made quick work of the near-vert, rocky obstacle. Texas Enduro Hall of Famer, Haydn Franklin cleared it next with Cameron Kirkpatrick, Cole's younger brother on his rear wheel.

The older Kirkpatrick increased his lead to over two minutes prior to having bike problems take him out three laps into the five lap race. “I didn't know Cole was out, I just focused on keeping his brother behind me and riding smooth – Cameron was running really good and kept me pushing hard the entire two-plus hours.” said, Cycletown South/KTM/MSR-sponsored, Franklin.

“I didn't have to pit so I just stayed focused on increasing my lead. I gave a quick thought to not taking Pete's Knee (a gnarly rock ledge) on the final lap, but I didn't want to go out like that!” Franklin added, staying his course to take the win with Cameron Kirkpatrick less than a minute behind and Cameron Ishmael rounded out the podium with a solid third place finish.

In Ladies Pro action, 15-year-old Tucker Rocky/Silkolene/Fastway-sponsored Ashley Crouch increased her lead each lap to just under four minutes over her closest competitor, Kerrie Swartz, for a huge win after over two hours of racing!

The Lite A class saw Andrew Smith out of Missouri take the win by a minute and a half over Oklahoma's Daulton Atterberry. Smith's time was fast enough to earn him first place points toward the highly coveted Maxim Motorsport-sponsored custom helmet in memory of Stephen Griner honoring the fastest A rider at year end.

In the amateur program, David Schmidt took TORO gold in the 45+C class, with Dean Kellogg and Mark Atterberry battling for second and third respectively on a beautiful fall day with temperatures in the 70s. The +60 class saw Richard Wilson with a convincing victory over Ray Grupp and Bill Fleming to start the season off.

Go to [www.race-toro.org](http://www.race-toro.org) for more information on winter racing in Texas.

#### RESULTS - RACE 1

**AA:** 1. Haydn Franklin (KTM); 2. Cameron Kirkpatrick (KTM); 3. Cameron Ishmael (Kaw); 4. Caleb Ramsay (Kaw); 5. Brian Storrie (KTM)

**LADIES AA:** 1. Ashley Crouch (Kaw); 2. Kerrie Swartz (Yam); 3. Hannah Otto (KTM); 4. Danielle Mulkey (KTM); 5. Sherri Stephens (KTM)

**HEAVY A:** 1. Cooper Swanson (KTM); 2. David Lucas; 3. James Yeager (Yam); 4. Todd Slavik; 5. Tyler Ruckeschell (KTM)

**HEAVY B:** 1. Chris Alcorn (Yam); 2. Stephen Tucker (Suz); 3. Brandon McQueen (KTM); 4. Dustin Bray (Yam)

**HEAVY C:** 1. Nathan Swaim (Hon); 2. Marcus Smallwood (Yam); 3. Josh Brewer (Hon); 4. Braden Wood (Yam); 5. Nick Fennell (Hon)

**LITE A:** 1. Andrew Smith (Yam); 2. Daulton Atterberry; 3. Brian Montgomery (KTM); 4. James Neumann (Suz); 5. Dalton Green (Kaw)

**LITE B:** 1. Cheyenne Harmon; 2. Tyler Chidester (Yam); 3. Jake Hensley (KTM); 4. Scott Morgan (Hon); 5. Bryce Dozier (Kaw)

**LITE C:** 1. Zack Watson; 2. Larry James (Kaw); 3. Aaron Young (KTM); 4. Ryan Harrington (Suz); 5. Blake Parker (Suz)

**+30 A:** 1. Scott Bailey (KTM); 2. Cecil Parker (KTM); 3. William Toombs (Yam); 4. Rick English (KTM); 5. Scott McCarns (KTM)

**+30 B:** 1. Michael W Ashley, Jr (Hon); 2. Kenneth Crawford (Yam); 3. Mee Sung Gillette (Hon)

**+30 C:** 1. Jason Hammond (Kaw); 2. Shane Hammond (Hon); 3. Kevin Grimes (KTM); 4. Butch Werchan (KTM); 5. Jessica Parker (KTM)

**+35 B:** 1. Chad Deen (Suz); 2. Brad Warren (KTM); 3. Barri Mulkey (KTM); 4. Jim Robinson (KTM); 5. Michael Forbis (KTM)

**+35 C:** 1. Troy Anderson (Hon); 2. Rob Ledoux (Yam); 3. Bill Horner (KTM); 4. Mike Krause (Hon); 5. Alan Vaughan (KTM)

**+40 A:** 1. Erik Nielsen (Kaw); 2. Kevin Ruckdeschell (KTM); 3. Bobby Southard (KTM); 4. Larry Smith (Suz); 5. Bill Bray (GG)

**+40 B:** 1. Scott Hopkins (KTM); 2. Bill Wright (Hon); 3. Brian Dunn (KTM); 4. Scott Chidester (KTM); 5. Ed Landry

**+40 C:** 1. Tim Doogs (KTM); 2. Roger Anderson (KTM); 3. Dave Sabella (KTM); 4. JD Bagley (Yam); 5. Scott Andrews

**+45 B:** 1. Marty Ishmael (Kaw); 2. Dale Atterberry (Kaw); 3. Darren Rose (Hon); 4. William Wilky (KTM); 5. Mark Coetzer (Yam)

**+45 C:** 1. David Schmidt (KTM); 2. Dean Kellogg (Hon); 3. Mark Atterberry (Hon); 4. Larry Gilles (Hon); 5. Chris Brown (KTM)

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

**+50 B:** 1. Randy Sawyer (Yam); 2. Greg Blackstone (Yam); 3. Bill Loftin (Yam); 4. John Hesse (KTM); 5. Charlie Robinson (Yam)

**+50 C:** 1. John F Johns (KTM); 2. Tim Kohls (Hon); 3. Rob Woodard (KTM); 4. Nelson Newton (KTM); 5. Tony DiMauro (KTM)

**+60:** 1. Richard Wilson (KTM); 2. Ray Grupp (Hon); 3. Bill Fleming (KTM); 4. Dwight Leatherwood (KTM); 5. Bob Miller (KTM)

**LADIES A:** 1. Jordon Milbauer (Hon); 2. Kaitlyn Mulkey (KTM); 3. Angela Wilky (KTM); 4. Taylor Vrzak (Kaw); 5. Shelley Dixon (KTM)

**LADIES B:** 1. Mackenzie Michalka; 2. Danielle Slawson (KTM); 3. Ariel Deen (Suz); 4. Lily Otto (Hon); 5. Brandi Ing (KTM)

**LADIES C:** 1. Chantel James; 2. Tiffany Vardell (KTM); 3. Ariel Greene (KTM); 4. Sammie Jo Shearin (Kaw); 5. Sarah Clark (Kaw)

**LADIES +30 B:** 1. Shannon Kancir (KTM); 2. Connie Green (Hon); 3. Laura Rafael (Yam); 4. Irma Lucas (Hon)

**LADIES +30 C:** 1. Melody Pyland (Hon); 2. Beverly Koffman (KTM); 3. Tonya Aylor (Yam); 4. Kris McManaman (KTM); 5. Carol Benson (Hon)

**MINI A:** 1. John Short (Kaw); 2. Dillon Green (Kaw); 3. Caleb Wright (Hon); 4. Aston Pounds (Kaw)

**MINI B:** 1. Nicholas DiMauro (KTM); 2. Zack Watson; 3. Wyatt Callahan (Kaw); 4. Blake Breton (Hon); 5. Mason Dickinson (Hon)

**MINI C:** 1. Matthew Hatton (Kaw); 2. Ben Otto (Kaw); 3. Drew Higgins (KTM); 4. Keaton McElroy (Kaw); 5. Harrison Dunn (KTM)

**PEE WEE 50 B:** 1. Seth Hopkins (KTM); 2. Colton Pratt (Yam); 3. Conner Coughlin (KTM)

**PEE WEE 50 C:** 1. Preston McBride (KTM); 2. Nate Duncan (KTM); 3. Dylan Franklin; 4. Michael Vrzak (KTM); 5. Evan Mcgeath (KTM)

**PEE WEE 65 A:** 1. Hunter Budd (Cobra); 2. Ben Otto (Kaw); 3. Jacob Bailey (KTM); 4. Michael Anderson (KTM); 5. Mason Michalka (Suz)

**PEE WEE 65 B:** 1. Jason Norman (Cobra); 2. Bobby Wallace (KTM); 3. Daniel Dowd Jr. (Kaw); 4. Tandem Ditzel (Kaw); 5. Colton Pratt (Yam)

**PEE WEE 65 C:** 1. Travis Jenkins (Kaw); 2. Tyler Kohls (KTM); 3. Tyler Whitten (KTM); 4. Kieran Hatton (Kaw); 5. Justin Taylor (KTM)

**JR. BEGINNER:** 1. Joseph Anderson (Suz); 2. Blakeley Knight (Hon); 3. Kevan Anthony (KTM); 4. Ethan Moore (Yam); 5. Haydn Nocktonick (KTM)