

TORO – Texas Off-road Racing Organization

Round 4 – D & J Ranch - Bonita, Texas

FRANKLIN'S STRAIGHT UP WIN!

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Round four of the Tucker Rocky/MSR/Answer/ProTaper-sponsored Texas Off-road Racing Organization was held in Bonita, Texas; a property known for its treacherous deep sand. With uncommonly cold temperatures the week leading up to the event and in the teens the weekend of, the entire 13.5 mile course was frozen! It was the first time in TORO's nine years this had happened and it made for "hard-packed," faster than normal racing on a usually very technical, sand whoop track.

In Sunday's Pro action, Cycletown South/KTM/MSR-sponsored Haydn Franklin got a good jump on the light. Franklin said, "I got another good start and pulled the lead early and stayed focused. On a fast straight I could hear the 4-stroke of Caleb Ramsay behind me – I knew it was him, I know how he rides and he was coming fast! At the end of the straight he passed then his bike ceased – he was out."

The first lap saw Franklin with almost a minute lead over Cameron Kirkpatrick and Cameron Ishmael. Cole Kirkpatrick was sitting back in fourth place a minute eighteen off the lead.

"I was riding really smooth and really didn't feel that fast," Franklin said, "I knew Cole would be hunting for me, so I just held pace and continued to push."

With at least a minute lead over everyone after lap 2, Franklin was on fire – it was still Franklin, Cameron Kirkpatrick, Ishmael and Cole Kirkpatrick. At the start of the third lap and after a perfect pit, Franklin began to conserve energy. Cole passed Ishmael and his brother to move into second place behind Franklin and less than a minute behind at the start of Lap 4. Cameron Kirkpatrick developed a painful blister on his hand and pulled off the track at that point, Franklin kept a conservative pace while listening for Cole.

"I knew he would be gaining, but I still had plenty left if it came to that," said, Franklin, "it has been a long time since I've had a straight up win over Cole, so I was feeling it!"

Cole Kirkpatrick was able to close to within eleven seconds of Franklin at the finish with Ishmael, Brian Storrie and Troy Sanford rounding out the top five.

Franklin said, "My 2010 KTM 250XC from Cycletown South couldn't have been better - it just feels real good with me and the win feels great!"

With three rounds to go, Franklin has expanded his lead to 11 point over his competition for the series title.

In Ladies Pro action, House of Horsepower/Baker Boys of OKC/ScottUSA – sponsored Kerrie Swartz took the lead early and had smooth sailing to a very convincing first win of her pro career with Ashley Crouch, Hannah Otto and Danielle Mulkey behind in that order.

RESULTS - RACE 4

AA: 1. Haydn Franklin (KTM); 2. Cole Kirkpatrick (KTM); 3. Cameron Ishmael (Kaw); 4. Brian Storrie (KTM); 5. Troy Sanford (KTM)

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

HEAVY A: 1. Daulton Atterberry; 2. Todd Slavik; 3. James Yeager (Yam); 4. Brian Pierce (Yam); 5. Tyler Ruckeschell (KTM)

HEAVY B: 1. Paul Scallin (Yam); 2. Brandon McQueen (KTM); 3. Scotty Willingham (Kaw)

HEAVY C: 1. James Duewer (Hon); 2. Nathan Swaim (Hon); 3. Josh Brewer (Hon); 4. Karl Whitcombe (Yam); 5. Cody Young (KTM)

LITE A: 1. Cheyenne Harmon; 2. Brian Montgomery (KTM); 3. Dalton Green (Kaw); 4. Andrew Smith (Yam); 5. Chris Storrie (KTM)

LITE B: 1. Hutton Woods (Yam); 2. Trevor Buck (KTM); 3. Landon Landry (KTM); 4. Scott Morgan (Hon); 5. Deven Mcmanaman (KTM)

LITE C: 1. Zack Watson (Suz); 2. Bryant Vaught (Yam); 3. Justin Floyd (KTM); 4. Larry James (Kaw); 5. Taylor Higgins (KTM)

+30 A: 1. Scott Bailey (KTM); 2. Allan Swartz (Yam); 3. William Toombs (Yam)

+30 B: 1. Michael W Ashley, Jr (Hon); 2. Mee Sung Gillette (Hon); 3. Kenneth Crawford (Yam); 4. Jason Baber (Hon); 5. David Powell (KTM)

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

+35 B: 1. Barri Mulkey (KTM); 2. Mark Vrzak (Kaw); 3. Brad Warren (KTM); 4. Jonathan Dunn (Yam); 5. Chad Deen (Suz)

+35 C: 1. Rob Ledoux (Yam); 2. Clint Kelley (KTM); 3. David Millhollon (Suz); 4. Bill Floyd (KTM); 5. Jim Barnes (Kaw)

+40 A: 1. Clint Woods (Yam); 2. Mark Slawson (KTM); 3. Darin Shirley (Hon); 4. Kevin Ruckdeschell (KTM); 5. Bobby Southard (KTM)

+40 B: 1. Scott Chidester; 2. Brian Dunn (KTM); 3. Jerry Stewart (Yam); 4. Jim Robinson (KTM); 5. Michael Vasily (KTM)

+40 C: 1. Josh Rogers (Kaw); 2. Tim Doogs (KTM); 3. Dave Sabella (KTM); 4. Roger Anderson (KTM); 5. Darren Drewno (KTM)

+45 B: 1. Dale Atterberry (Kaw); 2. Marty Ishmael (Kaw); 3. William Wilky (KTM); 4. Todd Asbill (Hon); 5. Brad Threadgill (Hon)

+45 C: 1. David Schmidt (KTM); 2. Larry Gilles (Hon); 3. Mark Atterberry (Hon); 4. Doug Gilles (Yam); 5. Clint Duncan (Kaw)

+50 A: 1. Glen Boyett; 2. Larry Hunter (KTM); 3. Greg Blackstone (Yam); 4. Archie Taliaferro (KTM)

+50 B: 1. Bill Loftin (Yam); 2. John Hesse (KTM); 3. Cameron Petty (KTM); 4. Mike McManaman (KTM)

+50 C: 1. Louis Blackwell (Kaw); 2. John F Johns (KTM); 3. Rob Woodard (KTM); 4. Nelson Newton (KTM)

+60: 1. Richard Wilson (KTM); 2. Bob Miller (KTM); 3. Andy Anderson (Yam)

LADIES A: 1. Angela Wilky (KTM); 2. Mackenzie Michalka (Suz); 3. Jordon Milbauer (Hon); 4. Kaitlyn Mulkey (KTM); 5. Taylor Vrzak (Kaw)

LADIES B: 1. Ariel Deen (Suz); 2. Hattie White (KTM); 3. Danielle Slawson (KTM); 4. Chantel James (Hon)

LADIES C: 1. Tiffany Vardell (KTM); 2. Sammie Jo Shearin (Kaw); 3. Sarah Clark (Kaw); 4. Joanna Ruckdeschell (Yam); 5. Racey Donald (Kaw)

LADIES +30 B: 1. Connie Green (Hon)

LADIES +30 C: 1. Tonya Aylor (Yam); 2. Kris McManaman (KTM); 3. Beverly Koffman (KTM); 4. Elizabeth Freeman (KTM); 5. Karen Hatton (Hon)

MINI A: 1. Mark McKinney (Kaw); 2. Dillon Green (Kaw); 3. Zack Watson (Suz); 4. Caleb Wright (Hon)

MINI B: 1. Justin Bailey (Hon); 2. Blake Breton (Hon); 3. Trenton Threadgill (Hon); 4. Hunter Barnes (Kaw); 5. Matthew Hatton (Kaw)

MINI C: 1. Keaton McElroy (Kaw); 2. Drew Higgins (KTM); 3. Erik Wilky (Hon); 4. Colten Inglet (Kaw); 5. Mason Smith (Hon)

PW 50 B: 1. Colby Lindsey (KTM); 2. Seth Hopkins (KTM); 3. Conner Coughlin (KTM); 4. Colton Pratt (Yam)

PW 50 C: 1. Preston McBride (KTM); 2. Michael Vrzak (KTM); 3. Nate Duncan (KTM); 4. Tucker Gattis (Yam)

PW 65 A: 1. Mason Michalka (Suz); 2. Jacob Bailey (KTM); 3. Morgan Michalka (KTM); 4. Michael Anderson (KTM); 5. Ben Otto (Kaw)

PW 65 B: 1. Jason Norman (Cobra); 2. Destiny Slawson (KTM); 3. Tandem Ditzel (Kaw); 4. Bobby Wallace (KTM); 5. Brendan Griner (Kaw)

PW 65 C: 1. Tyler Witten (KTM); 2. Travis Jenkins (Kaw); 3. Kirstyn Adams (Kaw); 4. Justin Meyer (Suz); 5. Cheyenne Dooly (Kaw)

JR. BEGIN: 1. Ethan Moore (Yam); 2. Joseph Anderson (Suz); 3. Kevan Anthony (KTM); 4. Blakeley Knight (Hon); 5. CJ Pratt (Yam)