Leonard, Griebel Top Podiums at Broome-Tioga WYNOA Hare Scrambles

Round 4: 2016 Western New York Off-Road Association (WYNOA) Hare Scramble Series

Hurds Motorsports, promoters of the Broome-Tioga Sports Center, hosted round 4 of the Western New York Off-Road Association’s (WNYOA) Hare Scramble Series on Sunday, May 29, in Binghamton, New York. Mother Nature cooperated by bringing sunshine and blue skies and warm temperatures that made dust a problem, especially on the starts of the quad divisions.

Rider turnout was spectacular! The pit area was filled to capacity and even extended to the national hill area, making it look like a motocross national was underway. Track conditions started out good due to the excellent work of the dedicated Broome-Tioga truck crew. They began watering the racecourse early in the day but the warm temperatures and strong breeze quickly dried out the track surface and dust became a factor, especially for the starts of the quad divisions.

The WNYOA race series uses a transponder system for scoring. Mechanics and spectators can monitor their riders lap times and position in real time on a large screen monitor near the scoring/transponder area.

When the green flag flew signaling the start of the AA bike class, Matthew Keefer, Dallas Mica, Brett Ward, Josh Lord, James Steiner Jr. and Marcus Scutt-Cornell led the pack out of the first turn and onto the racecourse. When the leaders exited the second turn, Mica had taken the lead and was followed by Keefer, Steiner, Carter Calkins and Ward.

After the leaders came through the scoring/transponder area and started lap two, Scutt-Cornell had taken the point position. Ward moved up to second, Trevor Cobb now held third, Keefer dropped back to fourth and Benjamin Bouwens rounded out the top five.

By the start of the third lap, Cobb had taken the lead and was followed by Bouwens, Ward, Loic Leonard and Keefer.

Leonard was battling his way through the pack and had worked his way into the lead by the start of lap four. Bouwens remained second. Grant Maryott moved up to take third with Carter Calkins in tow. Keefer remained fifth.

Leonard continued to lead the AA division at the start of lap five and had a four second lead over Bouwens in second. Maryott, Calkins and Keefer rounded out the top five.

Leonard continued to extend his lead and started the sixth lap with a 24-second advantage. Maryott passed Bouwens to take second. Bouwens was relegated to third. Calkins and Keefer remained fourth and fifth.

Leonard took the checkered flag and the win with a 23-second lead. Bouwens, Maryott, Calkins and Keefer closed out the top five.

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The AA bike hare scramble podium. Loic Leonard (center) topped the AA bike division podium. Benjamin Bouwens (left) took the runner up tier of the AA podium. Grant Maryott (right) completed the AA bike hare scramble podium.

Matthew Keefer (62), Dallas Mica (1), Brett Ward (26), Josh Lord (28), James Steiner Jr. (6) and Marcus Scutt-Cornell (22) lead the start of the AA division bike hare scramble.

Dallas Mica (1), Matthew Keefer (62), James Steiner (6) and Carter Calkins (44) battle for the lead as they exit the second turn of the AA division bike hare scramble.
Andrew Gross (221), Scott Griebel (221), Ty Space (288), Brandon Kenyon (247) and Tyler Nash (201) lead the start of the 250 A bike hare scramble. When the flag dropped for the start of the 250 A bike class, Andrew Gross, Scott Griebel, Ty Space, Brandon Kenyon and Tyler Nash led the pack out of the first turn.

Griebel took the lead on exiting the second turn and was followed by Gross, Kenyon, Space and Tyler Nash. When the leaders exited the scoring area at the start of lap two, Space was now in the point position. Griebel continued to hold second. Bryan Post was now third. Scott Moore moved up to secure fourth and Kirk Schultes rounded out the top five.

Nash, who was running sixth on lap three, passed the top four riders to take the lead at the start of lap four and was followed by Griebel, Ovitt, Space and Cook.

Griebel took the lead on lap five and had over a minute lead over Moore, now in second. Moore, Cook and Ovitt rounded out the top five.

Griebel held on and took the checkers and the win with a one minute, 24-second lead. Moore, Cook, Jacob Albrecht and Drew Griffis completed the top five.