

The Broome-Tioga Race Report

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12th Annual Halloween Classic

Mitchell Ellinwood and Sean Ballard spooked their competition into submission in the 250 C and 250 B divisions, respectively, at the 12th Annual Halloween Classic at the Broome-Tioga Sports Center in Binghamton, New York.

Mother Nature was semi-cooperative for the event. Rain showers in the wee hours of the morning made practice sessions a bit slick and racing began under gray skies and a slight drizzle. The rain eventually subsided and the sun appeared but only for a short time before additional clouds rolled in but the rain never came. Riders said track conditions were the best they have seen all season.



Austin Llewellyn (43) and Nick Kraeger (296) lead the start of the opening 250 C moto at the Halloween Classic.

Austin Llewellyn, Nick Kraeger and Garrett Madison led the 28-rider strong pack out of the switch-back first turn in the opening 250 C moto. Llewellyn continued to hold down the point position when the leaders cleared the difficult front rhythm section and was trailed by Chris Ray, Kraeger, Madison and John Welch. The top two remained unchanged at the start of the second lap. Mitchell Ellinwood was now running third which pushed Madison back to fourth and Kraeger fifth. Llewellyn had a four second advantage by the start of lap three. Just prior to the start of the lap, Ellinwood sailed into second over the huge Broome-Tioga Dinner Table tabletop when Ray failed to jump the obstacle. Ray was displaced to third. Ellinwood began to reel in Llewellyn and had reduced his lead to two seconds on lap four but Llewellyn picked up his pace and held on to take the win with a three second lead. Ellinwood, Ray, Madison and Angelo Curro closed out the top five.

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Angelo Curro (117) and Chris Ray (930) lead the start of the final 250 C moto at the Halloween Classic.

Curro, Ellinwood, Ray, Madison and Llewellyn led the start of the final 250 C moto. Curro maintained the point after the first pass through the technical front rhythm section. Ellinwood, Llewellyn, Madison and Donald Janovsky rounded out the top five. Curro had a three second advantage at the start of lap two and increased it to four seconds by the start of lap three. Second and third were unchanged when Janovsky passed Madison to claim fourth. Madison was relegated to fifth. Janovsky continued to pick off riders and passed Llewellyn on the huge Broome-Tioga ski jump taking third. Llewellyn was relegated to fourth. Meanwhile out front, Curro continued to maintain his four second lead all the way to the checkered flag and take the win. Ellinwood, Janovsky, Madison and Llewellyn followed.



Mitchell Ellinwood (250) holds second place on the opening lap of the second 250 C moto at the Halloween Classic at Broome-Tioga.

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Ellinwood's consistent 2-2 rides earned the top tier of the podium. Curro's fifth in moto one and the win in moto two took the runner-up tier and Llewellyn (1-5) completed the rostrum.

Cory Recla and John Thierfelder shared the holeshot off the start of the first 250 B moto and were followed by Cody Sawyer, Pete Schachtler and Jake Stout. Recla quickly pulled a gap on Thierfelder when Schachtler began to pressure Thierfelder for second near the end of lap one. Thierfelder, apparently under pressure, had big get-off on the big off-camber double that allowed Schachtler to inherit second, Stout third, Brandon Aldrich fourth and Corey Burnett fifth. Recla started lap two with a five second lead. Second and third remained unchanged when Burnett and Sean Ballard passed Aldrich to take fourth and fifth. Recla increased his lead to seven seconds at the start of lap three. Ballard was on fire and was quickly dicing his way through the pack, first passing Burnett in the rhythm section to take fourth. On the following lap, Ballard passed both Stout and Schachtler in the front rhythm section to move into second. Schachtler was relegated to third and Stout fourth. By the start of lap five, Ballard had reduced Recla's lead to four seconds and two by the start of lap six and made the pass for the lead where he had made all his other passes, in the difficult front rhythm section. Recla was relegated to second. Ballard could have slowed his pace a bit but actually seemed to pick-up the pace even more and took the checkers eight seconds ahead of Recla. Schachtler, Stout and Burnett completed the top five.

Stout continued to lead and had an eleven second lead established by the end of lap three that looked pretty much untouchable but Ballard wasn't done moving up and passed Recla for second just prior to the start of lap four. Ballard began to reel Stout in and had reduced his lead to four seconds by lap five. At the start of lap six, Ballard had reduced Stout's advantage to two seconds and made the pass for the lead with a lap and a half to go. Ballard took the checkers six seconds ahead of Stout. Recla, Thierfelder, and Sawyer followed.



John Thierfelder (25) and Pete Schachtler (52) battle for second early in the first 250 B moto at the Halloween Classic.

Ballard (1-1) topped the podium. Recla (2-3) took second and Stout (4-2) third.



Corey Recla (555) and John Thierfelder (25) share the holeshot at the start of the opening 250 B moto at the Halloween Classic.

Stout, Sawyer, Recla, Thierfelder and Schachtler led the start of the final 250 B moto. Stout remained out front and held a slight advantage over Thierfelder, now second at the start of lap two. Stout, Recla and Schachtler rounded out the top five. Ballard was moving through the pack again after a poor start and took fourth on lap two and moved into third just before the start of lap three.



Jake Stout (13), Cody Sawyer (16) and Corey Recla (555) lead the start of the final 250 B moto at the Halloween Classic.