

THE BIG "E"

POLARIS
Performance

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Rocky Mountain WORCS presented by MotoWorks

(May 12-13-Los Olivos, CA) Round 5 of the 2007 WORCS series took place at the Zaca Station Off Road Park. This was the first National Event held at this facility, and despite some issues with the racetrack promoters, the weekend ended up being a huge hit for racers and fans.

The Pro gates were short on a few regulars, but not short on excitement, as it proved to be the most exciting race yet this season. Epic Racings **Josh Frederick** coming off 4 straight WORCS Pro wins, was set to make it 5 for 5. Reigning champion #1 **Doug Eichner** aboard his hot new Duncan Racing Polaris Outlaw 525 had ideas of ending Frederick's streak, and show why he is a multi-time National Champion. The quest for 5 for 5 did not start well for Frederick, as he quickly tangled with the #11 machine of **Tim Shelman** and lost valuable time early on. #114 **Jeremy Schell** took the holeshot and ran with it, quickly building a cushion on the field. A second pack of riders including #1 **Eichner**, #48 **Dustin Terry**, and #14 **Mike Cafro**, tailed Schell for a couple of laps. Schell for the second straight race would have a front tire problem.

The veteran Eichner patiently waited, then blasted the Outlaw around Schell for the lead. Schell's tire issue took a turn for the worst, as he lost control of his Epic Racing Honda and ended up trapped underneath it. Luckily for Schell, #10 **Levi Marana** would show what a true sportsman he is by giving up his 3rd position and stopping to free his competitor. Eichner continued to push the Outlaw 525, as Frederick, like he has done all season, got into a groove and went from last to second place. With one lap to go Frederick desperately tried to catch Eichner, but this would be the day for Eichner to award Team Polaris with their first ever Pro ATV victory. Finally Eichner's streak of bad luck would end, as the Duncan Polaris camp was heard by all celebrating the well deserved win. Behind Eichner was points leader #2 **Frederick**, and #5 **John Schafe** who got his first podium of the year. Fourth went to #114 **Schell**, and #10 **Marana** got 5th, but first in sportsmanship.



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After four rounds of struggling to get back in the groove of defending his '06 WORCS National Championship, **Doug Eichner** and the newly formed Duncan Racing Polaris Team pulled off his first victory of the 2007 season at Round 5 of the WORCS series in California.



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