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Newsletter



UNDER THE LIGHTS: ONE FINAL SHOT AT THE CHAMPIONSHIP

WHEN YOU LEAVE IT ALL ON THE TRACK:

There are race weekends that you circle on the calendar.

And then there are race weekends that you feel.

Glen Helen was always going to be one of those weekends.

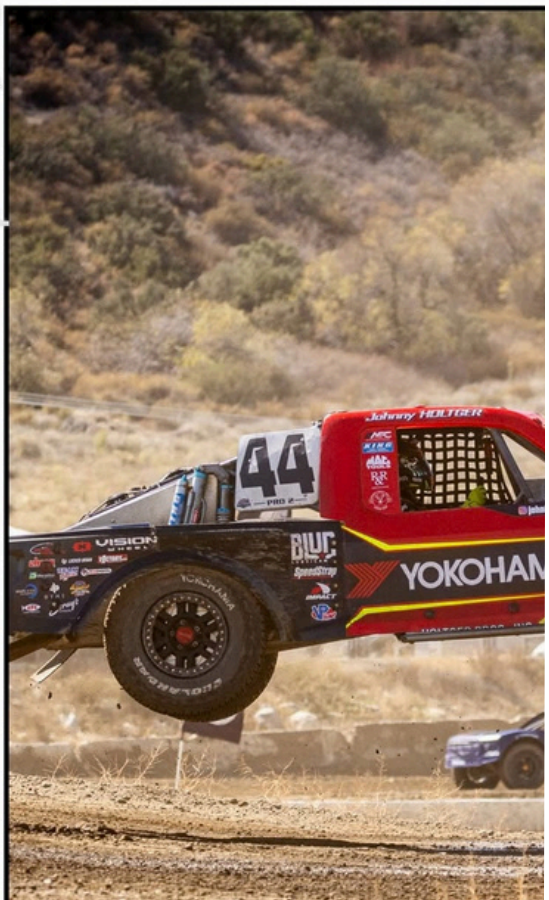
After a season of podiums, victories, hard-fought battles, and plenty of late nights in the shop, Johnny and the team arrived in California with one final goal: win the PRO 2 championship.

Johnny had made the trip out west early, giving the team time to get laps in and put the PRO 2 through its paces. By the time the final rounds arrived, the truck was dialed in and the team was ready.

But the championship wasn't going to be handed over.

It was going to have to be earned.





ROUND 14:
THE CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHT HEATS UP



As the sun disappeared and the lights around Glen Helen came alive, the stage was set.

Johnny entered Round 14 just a few points behind the championship leader and knew there was no reason to wait.

From his second-row starting position, Johnny immediately went to work, getting right into the battle at the front of the field.

He settled into third early, but rather than simply following the trucks ahead, Johnny began searching the track for an advantage. Inside. Outside. Different lane through the Split lanes. Every lap was an opportunity to learn where the PRO 2 could make up time.

And the work paid off.

Johnny moved into second place just before the competition caution, while the championship leader was running a few positions behind.

Suddenly, the championship picture was getting very interesting.







At the restart, Johnny stayed within striking distance of the leader, but a forced move to the outside line opened the door for another competitor to slip by. Johnny wasn't interested in settling.

He put the throttle down, fought his way back into second, and went right back to hunting the leader.

Johnny continued closing the gap as the leader's truck began showing signs of wear. But with the clock winding down, there simply wasn't enough time left to make a final move.





Johnny crossed the finish line in second.

It was a huge result and it set up exactly the kind of championship finale everyone had been hoping for. Johnny was within 15 points.

The championship door was open.

And Johnny was ready to kick it in.

As Johnny put it after the race:
"What a fun race."



ROUND 15:
EVERYTHING ON THE LINE

The final round of the 2026 AMSOIL Championship Off-Road Series arrived under the lights at Glen Helen.

Thousands of fans filled the track, knowing exactly what was at stake.

One final race.

One final championship.

And Johnny had a shot.





After the events of Round 14, the math was simple, Johnny needed to finish eight positions ahead of the points leader to take the PRO 2 championship outright.

From P3, Johnny got exactly the start he needed.

He was aggressive from the opening laps, pushing toward the leaders and searching for every line that could give him an advantage. The PRO 2 was hooked up, and Johnny was driving like a championship was on the line.



He attacked the rhythm section, tripling through the jumps, carrying speed and fighting for every inch of the track.

Lap after lap, he continued closing the gap.

Then came the move.

Just before the halfway point, Johnny made his way into second place.

And he wasn't done.



The longer the race went, the quicker Johnny looked.

When the competition caution came out, Johnny was sitting in second and the championship fight was still alive.

Then the green flag flew.

The restart brought chaos.





The competition jumped the start, sending Johnny backward and forcing him into another battle just to regain the ground he'd worked so hard to earn.

But Johnny fought.

Three-wide through sections of the course. Door-to-door racing. No room to breathe.
He continued pushing, refusing to give up the position or the championship without a fight.

And then came the break nobody wanted.

Something went wrong with the PRO 2, forcing Johnny to pull back.

After everything the team had put into this season, it was a brutally tough way for the final round to unfold.

Johnny was able to return and cross the finish line, but the championship result was no longer in his hands.





NOT THE ENDING WE WANTED

There's no way around it — this one hurts.

When you put everything you have into a season and arrive at the final round with a legitimate shot at a championship, you don't travel to California hoping for a good story.

You go there to win.

Johnny and this team had the speed. They had the preparation. They had the fight. And for much of the weekend, they showed it.

But the story of this season isn't defined by one moment.

It's defined by the countless hours behind the scenes. The early mornings. The late nights. The crew turning wrenches. The battles on the track. The wins. The podiums. The setbacks. The comebacks. And most importantly, a team that never stopped fighting.

To every sponsor, partner, family member, friend, and fan who stood behind Johnny and the race team throughout the 2026 season:

Thank you.



You were there for every start, every pass, every podium, every celebration, and the tough ones too.

This season may not have ended the way we wanted.

But we're not walking away from it empty-handed.

We're walking away knowing exactly how close we were.

And knowing that there's still more to give.

2026: THAT'S A WRAP.

Thank you for riding with us.

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