

# Mason Madej Racing

MRP Rotax Max Challenge, Michiana Raceway Park August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2009...

Round 8: This weekend we're racing on track A my favorite track configuration at MRP. Morning practice went okay the kart felt really good. I thought it was going to handle great with new tires, I thought wrong; there was way too much rear grip in



qualifying with the fresh tires and I qualified third. Before the Prefinal we made a few little adjustments not wanting to over adjust, but it just wasn't enough. I was able to hang in there at the beginning, but as the tires heated the kart began to bind in tight corners and by race end becoming a mild hop. We made it a little better but I would have to settle for third place. I still felt some problems in the kart and we adjusted a little more for the final. I would be starting in the third spot right behind my teammate Andy, I got right on his tail at the start and followed him through turn one and made the pass in turn two for second place, now facing the challenge of chasing the leader and protecting my position from the guy behind me. My teammate

pulled away and the race was now for second, it was very close as the third place driver was lingering right behind me the entire race. Holding off several pass attempts I took home second.

It was a very trying day, but we came away with a good finish and my track record is still standing.

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