

Mason Madej Racing

MRP Rotax Max Challenge, Michiana Raceway Park August 9th 2009...

Round 9: Started the morning off with a good breakfast at Dino's before heading to the track. Once at the track we got the kart ready for the first round of practice. The kart was good in warm ups but we're still missing something. With the competition



being so close to be off the slightest bit can be very frustrating; keeping your patience not to over drive the kart and setup can be a battle of its own in these situations.

Qualifying was okay but I felt the kart had too much rear grip. For the prefinal we will be starting from the 3rd spot with one teammate ahead of me and one to my right. We took the green and made it through turn one clean without any positions in the top four changing, as we ran nose to tail for the first few laps and then the racing started, with me wanting second, my teammate wanting third and all of us wanting first. The battling spread things out a little bit with first and second pulling just out of reach; my battle was now for third with my teammate and sometimes

personal tuner. He made a few attempts, the final one with only three laps to go when he got to my inside making the pass into the very tight turn one and two section. But I charged back on the outside putting me on the inside for turn two. He fought hard but I was able to take the spot back and finished up in third, I really enjoyed the battle with my teammate, I am glad I beat him or I would never hear the end of it. The final was pretty much a photocopy of the prefinal holding off my teammate the entire race. We finished the day up with a third place finish.

We were a little off today, I was fighting understeer problems all day but I feel we know what is needed to fix the issue. I believe we are planning to go testing next week before I go back to school.

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