

# Mason Madej Racing

MRP Rotax Max Challenge, Michiana Raceway Park July 19<sup>th</sup> 2009...

Round 7: Due to transport issues I arrived at the track a little late and only made half of the final morning practice, I was a little bit slower than my teammate. But the chassis felt good and the lap times were reasonable and I felt ready for qualifying. Before drivers briefing I spent time with visiting family members that came out to watch me race, it was very nice having



them there. With the possibility of rain throughout the day we decided not to mount up a new set of race tires and I qualified second and my teammate had captured the pole position. Congratulations to Bob for winning his first pole start of the season, I was looking forward to racing him hard into turn one. But that just wasn't going to be today as a rain shower came through between qualifying and Prefinal. The track was wet, but drying quickly. My teammate and I opted to stay on racing slicks; not wanting to wear out our rain tires on the drying track. Starting from the front row with everyone behind us on rain tires? This was going to be interesting. We respectfully made it through turn one

clean. I then got settled into a zone and I had not given up yet; I did everything I could and pushed the tires to their edge of grip for the conditions. At the end I was able to bring it home in one piece for a third place finish. After all that the sun was now out and the track had about dried; I began to wonder about our decision to not go with new tires today. But nearing the start of our final it begins to sprinkle, and then turning into a steady rain; looks as though it's going to be another final in full rain setup. Going into the final I knew even on rain tires it was going to be hard to pass so I had to get a good start. Sure enough I managed to get into second by the first turn. Going down the front straight on the first lap the race leader suffered a mechanical failure forfeiting the first position. Leaving me to drive smart and hold the position for the rest of the race. Sure enough I was able to do it, managing another win. I have to say it was one long crazy day and everything worked out great in the end.

It was nice to bring home a win in front of family. I want to thank Jeff, Amy, Jake and Jordan for coming out to watch my race today and for their never ending support.

