

# Mason Madej Racing

MRP Rotax Max Challenge, Michiana Raceway Park July 4<sup>th</sup> 2009...

Round 5: We are running a brand new track configuration today, being part of a 4<sup>th</sup> of July special double header weekend. When we arrived at the track we gave the kart a quick look over and prepped it for morning warm up. The kart felt good in



the practice sessions and my father and I collectively worked out a great setup, I didn't feel the chassis needed much adjustment for qualifying. Putting on our race tires should be all that's needed to put it on pole; we put on the tires and sure enough I qualified first by two tenths of a second while setting the track record. I was feeling pretty confident going into the pre final. Once again I would be sharing the front row with my teammate Andy. We went into the first turn side by side and I was able to maintain the lead, but I couldn't hold it for long as I was passed only a few laps in by Andy. I pushed as hard as I could but was unable to make it back

to the front of the field finishing up in second position. Going into the final it started to rain and then on the warm up lap it really started to rain, race officials stopped the track and permitted 15 minutes to make needed set up changes. I knew that a full rain setup would be in need. I love racing in the rain, it's very challenging; it takes a lot of concentration and technique, just by simply adjusting your body weight the slightest amount you can change the grip levels of the kart immensely. Once the track reopens I would be starting second, and knew that I would have to push the kart very hard to win the race. Focused and assertive I started my chase for the leader. After settling into a pace I started closing fast, with the race nearing its end I was able to make a pass and take the lead. And with only a few laps remaining I would pull a big enough lead to secure the win. I came over the finish line first, soaked with water, and very happy.