

Mason Madej Racing

MRP Rotax Max Challenge, Michiana Raceway Park July 5th 2009...

Round 6: As part of the double header weekend, we are running a different track configuration today but it is a track we have raced numerous times. After yesterday's race my father and I had the opportunity to sit back and discuss our setup for today



and by taking in what we have learned so far this weekend and combining it with our past setup logs we came up with what should be a good starting setup. When we arrived at the track this morning we made the final changes to our setup and were ready to hit the track. The morning warm ups went well making only fine adjustments to the exhaust power valve; we came out of warm ups running very fast and ready for qualifying. I drove fast and accurate in qualifying and scored the pole position; it looks as though we put together a real good setup. I am really looking forward to the prefinal and feeling very confident. Knowing I would be racing with some very good drivers in the prefinal I knew I had to drive hard if I wanted to win. On the start the carburetor responded perfectly giving me a huge jump allowing me to hold onto the lead through turn 1, from that point I made sure to stay smooth and consistent for the rest of the race and it paid off as I brought home another win. I knew the final was going to be a very

hard and close 18 lap race. I would be starting next to Wes Phillips; an excellent and well known national level driver from California, Wes competed in the Rotax World Finals representing the USA in 2008, so it would be a real honor to race side by side with him. I got a great start making it through turn 1 still in the lead. I got focused and in the zone running the first 10 laps of the race with Wes right on my tail just hunting and seeking the hole, after a few attempts he got to my inside going into turn one making the pass, I tried to make a comeback but just couldn't do it and I would have to settle for a second place finish.

It was a very long and enjoyable weekend. To bring home a win and a second place finish was a great weekend for the point championship standings; I am currently leading the standings by 8 points.

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