

# Mason Madej Racing

MRP Rotax Max Challenge, Michiana Raceway Park June 14<sup>th</sup> 2009...

Started the morning off with a Hugh Mc Skillet Burrito for breakfast and a tightly packed car ride to the track; talking some serious team closeness. We arrived a little earlier than normal. My father and I had the kart ready for morning warm ups with enough time to give support to team members in need. Not wanting to put any extra wear to my practice tires the 1<sup>ST</sup> warm up I ran only a few laps to put a quick shakedown on everything and I parked it. Knowing any chassis adjustments wouldn't



reflex to fresh tires and having confidence in our chassis setup log, we used the 2<sup>nd</sup> round to get a feel for the track conditions. After drivers briefing it was time for Qualifying and a Fresh set of Mojo tires. I rolled off the grid 5<sup>th</sup> for qualifying, it actually worked well for me considering the first four were all packed up together and I was able to set myself up with some clear track. I qualified 1<sup>st</sup> and set a new track record, at the time of 42.403sec., beating the previous record by .361sec. It's my first track record of the season and my first in Rotax International class. Moving on to the Prefinal, for the fourth time this season it's me and my teammate Andy starting on the front row, and once again Andy and I went through turn 1 smooth and clean. I was able to pull out to a sizable lead over the first few laps, and the chase was on. I was in a zone and 100% concentrated on technique and consistency; the kart was driving perfectly and I went on to win by 1.09sec. Even though we had the correct setup in the

Prefinal, during lunch break we had the thought of making a possible jet change for the final, after some discussion we decided against it. Lunch break came to an end and it was on to the finals, I would be starting from Pole position with my Cir/Birel Teammates Andy Dunne and Rc Zirves lined up behind me. I was able to get a good start and retain the lead; this race wasn't going to be as easy as I had Andy and Zach all over me with Josh and Rc not far behind. Around mid race Zach had a good run on me down the front straight making the move up the inside into turn one, he was in there but I was able to hold him off. A few laps later Zach made the move to my inside once again this time going into turn nine, I tried holding him off again with the outcome of running a little wide and losing grip allowing Andy to make the pass as well. After battling for a couple of laps I was able to make the pass. Zach pulled out a good lead and with only a few laps to go the battle was for second and I was able to hold Andy off and take home second.

It was a good weekend where everything worked well; we set a new track record and finished in a good point scoring 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

I would like to thank everyone for their support.

