

Mason Madej Racing

MRP Rotax Max Challenge, Michiana Raceway Park May 31st 2009...

First round of Morning warm up went well, we made a slight change adding more front end grip for the 2nd round, I ended up running about a half second slower, but came to find out everyone slowed about a half second from the 1st round. After drivers briefing it was time for Qualifying and a fresh set of Mojo tires. After setting the fast time in official practice I had the honors of a clear track in front of me for qualifying; qualified 2nd to my Teammate Andy Dunne by .035sec. On to the Prefinal we go, turn one can always be exciting with 10 guys behind you wanting to be where you are, thankfully I had my other teammate starting right behind me. Turn one went smooth and the race was between Andy and myself, I was struggling with too much rear grip causing the kart to not want to rotate very well, did my best to fight for the win but just didn't have enough for Andy who went on to win the Prefinal, if you have to lose its always better when it's to a teammate. After some discussion with my Father/tuner it was on to the final, I would be starting from outside front row again. Knowing I had to make my move right away I timed the start perfectly and was able to take the lead from Andy in turn one, but I knew he wasn't going to just let it go. He was able to get a run on me down the front straight and making the pass into one. Still I knew I had to make my move early and was able to retake the lead on lap 2 in the same place down the front straight, after some great nose to tail racing I was able to take the checkers by .30sec. to score my first final win of the season and my first Rotax International win.



