

2023 USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET SEASON

IT'S A WRAP: WIGAL WINS CLOSEST TITLE RACE IN USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET HISTORY

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Points weren't top of mind for Zach Wigal at the beginning of the 2023 USAC Midwest Thunder Speed2 Midget season.

Among the Belpre, Ohio driver's initial plans for the year were to compete only on a part-time basis with the USAC Midwest Thunder series due to scheduling conflicts with his busy racing slate which routinely took him back and forth between his Ohio home and North Carolina's Millbridge Speedway in the micro sprint ranks.

As it turned out, however, Wigal managed to accomplish it all, starting all 21 events on the season en route to capturing the USAC Midwest Thunder driving title by the narrowest margin in series history – three points and one single position.

Zach Wigal opened the year with the first of his six victories on the season with a May win at Montpelier (Ind.) Motor Speedway, finishing just ahead of Bryce Massingill (Troy, Ohio). In the series' next outing in June at Ohio's Moler Raceway Park, Massingill turned the tables by passing Wigal for the lead and the first of his own six wins on the season with Wigal finishing a distant second.

Massingill and Wigal duels became a familiar theme throughout the season as the two Buckeyes continuously traded feature wins and the point lead, which they did, as fate would have it, six different times.

Wigal reeled off successive wins at Limaland Motorsports Park, Moler, Paragon Speedway, Atomic Speedway and Circle City Raceway. Meanwhile, Massingill grabbed first place trophies thereafter at Atomic, Limaland, Moler twice and at Montpelier late in the year.

During that late August stop at Montpelier, Wigal's 12-point lead turned into a 35-point deficit due to a miraculous charge by Massingill after, ironically, having no charge earlier in the night. That, coupled with an avalanche of issues for Wigal, loomed large on the title race.

Electrical issues in his heat race forced Bryce Massingill to start near the tail end of the field, but as it turned out, it still couldn't keep him out of victory lane. Massingill blitzed through the field from the outside of row 10, then raced into the lead with two laps remaining to win from the 20th spot by a 0.156 second margin. At the same time, an engine issue plagued Wigal on lap four while he was leading, subsequently dropping him from first to 22nd in the finishing order.

Wigal dug in and answered in the ensuing rounds with authority, taking a win at Circle City followed by a third at Montpelier, a fourth at Waynesfield and another fourth at Gas City. The Waynesfield race spelled doom for Massingill (Troy, Ohio), who dropped out early with a 20th place finish due to mechanical issues, sending Wigal back to the top of the points with one race remaining in October at Gas City.

For the final race of the season, Wigal enlisted the assistance of USAC NOS Energy Drink Midget National Championship driver Chase McDermand who owned the car that Wigal drove in this year's Driven2SaveLives BC39 at The Dirt Track at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. McDermand served as Wigal's crew chief for the night at Gas City.

Needing to finish three spots ahead of Wigal in the finale, Massingill led the opening two laps of the feature before Matt Lux (Manilla, Ind.) took over for good. For Wigal, a fourth-place result provided him with a three-point edge in the title race, which proved to be the difference over Massingill who finished as the runner-up in the feature and in the points.

For Wigal, it was pure joy to conclude his first full year with the series as a champion. On the other hand, it was a bitter pill for Massingill who has now finished third (2021), second (2022) and second (2023) in the series standings over the past three years.

Four drivers earned their first feature victories with the series in 2023, including three-time winner Luke Hall (Ludlow Falls, Ohio), a home state winner at Fremont Speedway and twice more at Waynesfield Raceway Park, the latter of which saw his engine expire on the final lap before coasting across the finish line just a half-car length ahead of Jakeb Boxell.

Past TQ Midget champion Matt Lux made his initial foray into the USAC Midwest Thunder series this past year, winning four times overall. Two of those wins came in non-points special events in May at Ohio's half-mile Eldora Speedway and weeks later at Circle City Raceway in Indianapolis, Ind. He also picked off a pair of full points wins in the second half of the year at Montpelier and again in the season finale at Gas City.

Tate Martz's most recent USAC victory had come all the way back in 2010. More than 13 years later, the three-time USAC Midwest Ford Focus Midget champion (2004-05-06) from Rushville, Ind. earned his first career victory under the USAC Midwest Thunder Speed2 Midget banner at Gas City. Martz became the third veteran racer to earn his first career Midwest Thunder feature triumph this season, all of whom are over the age of 40 (Matt Lux & Luke Hall).

The Coons name is synonymous in USAC racing lore with Jerry Coons Jr. earning a total of four career national championships with the club in his Triple Crown career. The next generation of the Coons racing family entered victory lane for the first time in USAC competition when Jerry's son, Cale Coons (Greencastle, Ind.), raced to his first career USAC Midwest Thunder Speed2 Midget victory in September at Montpelier and was named series Rookie of the Year.

Series stalwarts West Pinkerton and Chett Gehrke each returned to the win column in 2023 with dubs on back-to-back nights when the series ran in conjunction with USAC NOS Energy Drink Indiana Sprint Week Presented By Honest Abe Roofing. Pinkerton (Reynolds, Ind.) made only two starts on the year, finishing first at Gas City then finishing as the runner-up to winner Gehrke (Broken Arrow, Okla.) at Kokomo.

Wigal topped all drivers with 107 laps led, five fast qualifying times and eight heat race scores. Massingill led all competitors with 16 top-fives while 2022 series champion Stratton Briggs (Anna, Ohio) took third in the final standings on the strength of 18 top-ten results.

Wigal, Massingill and Briggs were among the six drivers who started all 21 feature events in 2023 along with Lux, Gunnar Lucius (Delphos, Ohio) and Abby Hohlbein (Cloverdale, Ohio).

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WIGAL A WINNER IN MIDWEST THUNDER OPENER AT MONTPELIER

Montpelier, Indiana (May 6, 2023).....Zach Wigal kicked off the USAC Midwest Thunder Speed2 Midget season in impressive fashion by collecting Saturday's opening night victory at Indiana's Montpelier Motor Speedway.

Wigal (Belpre, Ohio) chased early leader Jakeb Boxell (Yoder, Ind.) for the initial 14 laps before taking over at the front of the field with six laps remaining. Wigal fended off a late-race challenge from Bryce Massingill to earn his third career series victory and first at the Montpelier quarter mile.

Following Wigal to the finish line were Massingill (Troy, Ohio) in second and reigning series champion Stratton Briggs (Anna, Ohio) in third. Gunnar Lucius (Delphos, Ohio) brought it home fourth with Ian Creager (Covington, Ohio) rounding out the top-five.

Wigal now sits at the top of the USAC Midwest Thunder Speed2 Midget standings for the first time in his career and holds a three-point edge over Massingill.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: May 6, 2023 – Montpelier Motor Speedway – Montpelier, Indiana

FEATURE: (20 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Zach Wigal (#18 Wigal), 2. Bryce Massingill (#35 Massingill), 3. Stratton Briggs (#71 Briggs), 4. Gunnar Lucius (#22 Lucius), 5. Ian Creager (#36 Creager), 6. Matt Lux (#5KB Wells), 7. Tyler Nelson (#10N Nelson), 8. Josh Yenser (#16y Yenser), 9. Marcel Berndt (#2 Briggs), 10. Brendon Cascadden (#21 Fedorczyk), 11. Abby Hohlbein (#11H Hohlbein), 12. Oz Osborn (#4 Osborn), 13. Tyler Kalb (#32 Kalb), 14. Justin Dickerson (#11T Taylor), 15. Casey Meyer (#9K Meyer), 16. Tommy Kouns (#98 Kouns), 17. Jakeb Boxell (#44JB Boxell), 18. Alex Watson (#3E Watson), 19. Cody Dye (#4T Dye), 20. Carl Peterson (#49p Peterson), 21. Bryce Dues (#23D Dues), 22. Ryan Moran (#01 Moran), 23. Michael Magic (#5m Magic). NT

ALSO AT THE TRACK: Tate Martz (#34 GMB), Tommy Bigelow (#2B Bigelow), Brayden Schwartz (#55s Schwartz), Jody Paul (#5J Paul), Kyle Keaton (#6K Keaton), Steven Gresham (#27G Gresham), Chett Gehrke (#10 Moore) & Travis Walters (#97 Walters).

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-14 Jakeb Boxell, Laps 15-20 Zach Wigal.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET POINTS: 1-Zach Wigal-70, 2-Bryce Massingill-67, 3-Stratton Briggs-64, 4-Gunnar Lucius-61, 5-Ian Creager-58, 6-Matt Lux-55, 7-Tyler Nelson-52, 8-Marcel Berndt-46, 9-Abby Hohlbein-41, 10-Tyler Kalb-37.

NEXT USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE: May 12, 2023 – Limaland Motorsports Park – Lima, Ohio

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RAIN HITS LIMALAND, POSTPONES MIKE STREICHER MEMORIAL

Lima, Ohio (May 12, 2023).....Rain forced the rescheduling of the third annual Mike Streicher Memorial race at Ohio's Limaland Motorsports Park on Friday night.

Just prior to the USAC Midwest Thunder Speed2 Midget feature, the skies opened up and officials were forced to cancel the rest of the evening's racing program.

Twenty-three cars and drivers were on hand for the event.

The USAC Midwest Thunder Midgets, Midwest Shooting Center UMP Modifieds and Dirt Track Truck Series feature lineups are set and will be ran at the start of the evening on Friday, June 16, prior to the regularly scheduled event.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: May 12, 2023 – Limaland Motorsports Park – Lima, Ohio – Mike Streicher Memorial

AT THE TRACK: Ryan Moran (#01 Moran), Cale Coons (#3 Coons), Alex Watson (#3w Watson), Kayla Roell (#4K Martin), Matt Lux (#5KB Wells), Michael Magic (#5m Magic), Cole Morgan (#7m Morgan), Tyler Nelson (#10 Nelson), Abby Hohlbein (#11H Hohlbein), Josh Yenser (#16y Yenser), Zach Wigal (#18 Wigal), Chett Gehrke (#21 Fedorczyk), Gunnar Lucius (#22 Lucius), Bryce Dues (#23D Dues), Tyler Kalb (#32 Kalb), Bryce Massingill (#35 Massingill), Ian Creager (#36 Creager), Logan Prickett (#37 Prickett), Jakeb Boxell (#44JB Boxell), Page Perrine (#55 Perrine), Brayden Schwartz (#55s Schwartz), Stratton Briggs (#71 Briggs) & Luke Hall (#74 Bassitt).

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET POINTS: 1-Zach Wigal-80, 2-Bryce Massingill-77, 3-Stratton Briggs-74, 4-Gunnar Lucius-71, 5-Ian Creager-68, 6-Matt Lux-65, 7-Tyler Nelson-62, 8-Josh Yenser-59, 9-Abby Hohlbein-51, 10-Tyler Kalb-47.

NEXT USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE: May 20, 2023 – Eldora Speedway – Rossburg, Ohio – Non-Points Special Event

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MASSINGILL TURNS THE TABLES, WINS AT MOLER

Williamsburg, Ohio (June 2, 2023).....After Bryce Massingill finished second to Zach Wigal a month ago in the season opening points race for the USAC Midwest Thunder Speed2 Midgets, he made sure to turn the tables the next time around.

On Friday night, Massingill (Troy, Ohio) reversed the order by finishing first with Wigal second at Williamsburg, Ohio's Moler Raceway Park, and now both are tied atop the series points.

Wigal (Belpre, Ohio) held the upper hand on the opening lap after starting from the pole. However, Matt Lux (Manilla, Ind.), winner of the two most recent special events on the schedule, took and led laps two through four. Wigal reassumed control on the fifth circuit and gripped the top position for the next five laps.

On lap 10, sixth-starting Massingill had worked his way into contention and made his winning move past Wigal. From there, Massingill led the remaining 11 laps to earn his eighth career series victory.

Wigal came home second with Lux third, reigning series champion Stratton Briggs (Anna, Ohio) fourth and Josh Yenser (Plain City, Ohio) fifth.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 2, 2023 – Moler Raceway Park – Williamsburg, Ohio

VMS MOTORSPORTS FIRST QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Bryce Massingill, 35, Massingill-13.990; 2. Abby Hohlbein, 11H, Hohlbein-14.367; 3. Cale Coons, 11T, Taylor-14.463; 4. Luke Lemons, 33L, Lemons-14.569; 5. Alex Watson, 3E, Watson-14.673; 6. Cole Morgan, 7m, Morgan-14.843; 7. Brayden Schwartz, 55s, Schwartz-14.880; 8. Kayla Roell, 4K, Roell-17.468.

VMS MOTORSPORTS SECOND QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Tyler Nelson, 10, Nelson-13.921; 2. Jakeb Boxell, 44JB, Boxell/Merkler-14.120; 3. Matt Lux, 5KB, Wells-14.200; 4. Ian Creager, 36, Creager-14.331; 5. Chett Gehrke, 10, Moore-14.695; 6. Gunnar Lucius, 22, Lucius-14.759; 7. Bryce Dues, 23D, Dues-14.897.

VMS MOTORSPORTS THIRD QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Zach Wigal, 18, Wigal-14.131; 2. Logan Prickett, 3, Prickett-14.551; 3. Stratton Briggs, 71, Briggs-14.711; 4. Josh Yenser, 16y, Yenser-15.376; 5. Michael Magic, 5m, Magic-16.758; 6. Jim Jones, 97, Jones-NT; 7. Tate Martz, 34, GMB-NT.

U.S. LAWNS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Bryce Massingill (3), 2. Kayla Roell (7), 3. Cale Coons (2), 4. Alex Watson (4), 5. Luke Lemons (1), 6. Abby Hohlbein (8), 7. Cole Morgan (5), 8. Brayden Schwartz (6). NT

STEIFEL AUTO & HOMES SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Ian Creager (1), 2. Matt Lux (2), 3. Jakeb Boxell (3), 4. Tyler Nelson (4), 5. Gunnar Lucius (6), 6. Chett Gehrke (5). NT

PERFORMANCE ELECTRONICS THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Stratton Briggs (2), 2. Zach Wigal (4), 3. Logan Prickett (3), 4. Josh Yenser (1), 5. Michael Magic (5). NT

FEATURE: (20 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Bryce Massingill (6), 2. Zach Wigal (1), 3. Matt Lux (4), 4. Stratton Briggs (2), 5. Josh Yenser (12), 6. Cale Coons (7), 7. Ian Creager (5), 8. Logan Prickett (9), 9. Tyler Nelson (11), 10. Jakeb

Boxell (8), 11. Chett Gehrke (17), 12. Bryce Dues (20), 13. Luke Lemons (13), 14. Abby Hohlbein (16), 15. Brayden Schwartz (19), 16. Cole Morgan (18), 17. Jim Jones (21), 18. Alex Watson (10), 19. Kayla Roell (3), 20. Gunnar Lucius (14), 21. Michael Magic (15). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Zach Wigal, Laps 2-4 Matt Lux, Laps 5-9 Zach Wigal, Laps 10-20 Bryce Massingill.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET POINTS: 1-Zach Wigal & Bryce Massingill-147, 3-Stratton Briggs-135, 4-Matt Lux-129, 5-Ian Creager-120, 6-Josh Yenser-117, 7-Tyler Nelson-108, 8-Gunnar Lucius-94, 9-Abby Hohlbein-86, 10-Jakeb Boxell-82.

NEXT USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE: June 3, 2023 – Atomic Speedway – Chillicothe, Ohio

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

VMS Motorsports Fast Qualifier: Tyler Nelson

Performance Powder Coating Hard Charger: Bryce Dues (20th to 12th)

HARF/DARF Hard Luck: Gunnar Lucius

Rosewood Machine Precision Move of the Race: Chett Gehrke

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MASSINGILL GOES BACK-TO-BACK AT ATOMIC

Chillicothe, Ohio (June 3, 2023).....One night after scoring his first victory of the USAC Midwest Thunder Speed2 Midget season, Bryce Massingill doubled-up by capturing his second consecutive series win on Saturday night at Chillicothe, Ohio's Atomic Speedway.

Fifth-starting Massingill (Troy, Ohio) trailed Tyler Nelson (Olathe, Kan.) for the first 14 circuits before Nelson was befallen by trouble as he went to the sidelines and a disappointing 18th place result.

From that point forward, it was all Massingill who led the final six laps to earn his ninth career series checkered flag while also extending his series point lead to six markers over Zach Wigal.

Josh Yenser (Plain City, Ohio) crossed the line in second with Wigal (Belpre, Ohio) third, Jakeb Boxell (Zanesville, Ind.) fourth and Stratton Briggs (Anna, Ohio) fifth.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 3, 2023 – Atomic Speedway – Chillicothe, Ohio

VMS MOTORSPORTS FIRST QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Zach Wigal, 18, Wigal-15.198; 2. Kayla Roell, 4K, 15.414; 3. Alex Watson, 97, Jones-16.125; 4. Abby Hohlbein, 11H, Hohlbein-16.487; 5. Gunnar Lucius, 22, Lucius-16.487; 6. Jody Paul, 5J, Paul-16.487; 7. Tyler Kalb, 32, Kalb-16.487.

VMS MOTORSPORTS SECOND QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Tyler Nelson, 10, Nelson-15.242; 2. Jakeb Boxell, 44JB, Boxell/Merkler-15.457; 3. Bryce Dues, 23D, Dues-15.706; 4. Cale Coons, 11T, Taylor-15.891; 5. Luke Lemons, 33L, Lemons-15.949; 6. Cole Morgan, 7m, Morgan-15.972; 7. Cody Dye, 4T, Dye-16.568.

VMS MOTORSPORTS THIRD QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Matt Lux, 5KB, Wells-15.348; 2. Bryce Massingill, 35, Massingill-15.417; 3. Stratton Briggs, 71, Briggs-15.517; 4. Josh Yenser, 16, Yenser-15.637; 5. Ian Creager, 36, Creager-15.659; 6. Brayden Schwartz, 55s, Schwartz-16.694.

PERFORMANCE ELECTRONICS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Zach Wigal. (Remainder of results are incomplete.)

STEIFEL AUTO & HOMES SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Jakeb Boxell (3), 2. Tyler Nelson (4), 3. Bryce Dues (2), 4. Cale Coons (1), 5. Luke Lemons (5), 6. Cole Morgan (6), 7. Cody Dye (7). NT

U.S. LAWNS THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Josh Yenser (1), 2. Bryce Massingill (3), 3. Stratton Briggs (2), 4. Matt Lux (4), 5. Ian Creager (5), 6. Brayden Schwartz (6). NT

FEATURE: (20 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Bryce Massingill (5), 2. Josh Yenser (2), 3. Zach Wigal (6), 4. Jakeb Boxell (4), 5. Stratton Briggs (9), 6. Bryce Dues (8), 7. Gunnar Lucius (7), 8. Luke Lemons (14), 9. Ian Creager (15), 10. Kayla Roell (16), 11. Abby Hohlbein (3), 12. Cole Morgan (17), 13. Alex Watson (10), 14. Matt Lux (12), 15. Cody Dye (20), 16. Brayden Schwartz (18), 17. Tyler Kalb (13), 18. Tyler Nelson (1), 19. Cale Coons (11). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-14 Tyler Nelson, Laps 15-20 Bryce Massingill.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET POINTS: 1-Bryce Massingill-217, 2-Zach Wigal-211, 3-Stratton Briggs-193, 4-Josh Yenser-184, 5-Ian Creager-166, 6-Matt Lux-164, 7-Gunnar Lucius-146, 8-Jakeb Boxell-143, 9-Tyler Nelson-135, 10-Abby Hohlbein-127.

NEXT USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE: June 16, 2023 – Limaland Motorsports Park – Lima, Ohio

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

VMS Motorsports Fast Qualifier: Zach Wigal

Performance Powder Coating Hard Charger: Luke Lemons, Ian Creager & Kayla Roell (+6)

HARF/DARF Hard Luck: Tyler Nelson

Rosewood Machine Precision Move of the Race: Luke Lemons, Ian Creager & Kayla Roell

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WIGAL WINS STREICHER MEMORIAL, MASSINGILL WINS AT LIMA TOO

Lima, Ohio (June 16, 2023).....Zach Wigal and Bryce Massingill run one-two in USAC Midwest Thunder Speed2 Midget series points, and on Friday night at Ohio's Limaland Motorsports Park, each picked up a feature victory.

Opening the night was the rescheduled Mike Streicher Memorial, which had been rained out on May 12. Wigal (Belpre, Ohio) led all 20 laps from the pole en route to the victory, his second of the season.

In the second end of the doubleheader, fourth starting Bryce Massingill (Troy, Ohio) chased down Matt Lux (Manilla, Ind.) for the lead with seven laps remaining to score his third victory in his last four series starts.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 16, 2023 – Limaland Motorsports Park – Lima, Ohio – Mike Streicher Memorial

PERFORMANCE ELECTRONICS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Zach Wigal (#18 Wigal) (2), 2. Matt Lux (#5KB Wells) (3), 3. Jakeb Boxell (#44JB Boxell-Merkler) (4), 4. Josh Yenser (#16y Yenser) (1), 5. Brayden Schwartz (#55s Schwartz) (5), 6. Jim Jones (#97 Jones) (7), 7. Ryan Moran (#01 Moran) (6), 8. Cody Downard (#3D Downard) (8). NT

STEIFEL AUTO & HOMES SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Bryce Massingill (#35 Massingill) (3), 2. Alex Watson (#21 Fedorczyk) (2), 3. Tate Martz (#34 GMB) (4), 4. Thomas Bigelow (#2B Bigelow) (6), 5. Chett Gehrke (#10 Moore) (7), 6. Travis Walters (#97T Walters) (5). NT

U.S. LAWNS THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Gunnar Lucius (#22 Lucius) (1), 2. Abby Hohlbein (#11H Hohlbein) (4), 3. Stratton Briggs (#71 Briggs) (5), 4. Cody Dye (#4T Dye) (6), 5. Bryce Dues (#23D Dues) (7). NT

PERFORMANCE ELECTRONICS FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Luke Hall (#74 Heitmeyer) (3), 2. Ian Creager (#36 Creager) (4), 3. Kyle Ford (#11T Taylor) (1), 4. Michael Magic (#5m Magic) (2), 5. Kayla Roell (#4K Roell) (7), 6. Luke Lemons (#33L Lemons) (5), 7. Cole Morgan (#7m Morgan) (6). NT

SEMI: (10 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Kayla Roell (4), 2. Ryan Moran (9), 3. Cole Morgan (12), 4. Bryce Dues (3), 5. Lucas Lemons (8), 6. Brayden Schwartz (1), 7. Jim Jones (5), 8. Chett Gehrke (2), 9. Travis Walters (6). NT

ALSO AT THE TRACK FOR THE FIRST FEATURE: Cale Coons (#3 Wells), Tyler Kalb (#32 Kalb) & Bryce Dues (#23D Dues)

ALSO AT THE TRACK FOR THE SECOND FEATURE: Page Perrine (#55 Perrine), Tyler Nelson (#10 Nelson), Logan Prickett (#3 Wells) & Cody Downard (#3D Downard).

FIRST FEATURE: (20 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Zach Wigal (1), 2. Gunnar Lucius (4), 3. Luke Hall (7), 4. Josh Yenser (15), 5. Alex Watson (20), 6. Stratton Briggs (21), 7. Ian Creager (3), 8. Jakeb Boxell (12), 9. Michael Magic (11), 10. Cole Morgan (16), 11. Brayden Schwartz (18), 12. Page Perrine (19), 13. Chett Gehrke (20), 14. Kayla Roell (13), 15. Tyler Nelson (10), 16. Bryce Massingill (5), 17. Logan Prickett (17), 18. Matt Lux (2), 19. Abby Hohlbein (6), 20. Ryan Moran (9), 21. Bryce Dues (8). NT

SECOND FEATURE: (20 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Bryce Massingill (4), 2. Zach Wigal (3), 3. Matt Lux (1), 4. Luke Hall (2), 5. Abby Hohlbein (5), 6. Gunnar Lucius (8), 7. Jakeb Boxell (9), 8. Ian Creager (6), 9. Alex Watson (7), 10. Kayla Roell (17), 11. Stratton Briggs (11), 12. Tate Martz (10), 13. Josh Yenser (13), 14. Kyle Ford (12), 15. Bryce Dues (20), 16. Ryan Moran (18), 17. Cody Dye (15), 18. Cole Morgan (19), 19. Thomas Bigelow (14), 20. Michael Magic (16). NT

FIRST FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-20 Zach Wigal.

SECOND FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-14 Matt Lux, Laps 15-20 Bryce Massingill.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET POINTS: 1-Zach Wigal-338, 2-Bryce Massingill-308, 3-Stratton Briggs-279, 4-Josh Yenser-272, 5-Gunnar Lucius-258, 6-Ian Creager-257, 7-Matt Lux-245, 8-Jakeb Boxell-234, 9-Abby Hohlbein-200, 10-Alex Watson-195.

NEXT USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE: June 17, 2023 – Fremont Speedway – Fremont, Ohio

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

First Feature Performance Powder Coating Hard Charger: Alex Watson & Stratton Briggs

First Feature Rosewood Machine & Tool Precision Move of the Race: Alex Watson & Stratton Briggs

First Feature HARF/DARF Hard Luck: Kayla Roell

Second Feature Performance Powder Coating Hard Charger: Kayla Roell & Bryce Dues

Second Feature HARF/DARF Hard Luck: Lucas Lemons

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SKYWALKER! LUKE HALL WINS AT FREMONT

Fremont, Ohio (June 16, 2023).....Luke Hall captured his first career USAC Midwest Thunder Speed2 Midget feature on Saturday night at Ohio's Fremont Speedway.

Hall (Ludlow Falls, Ohio) trailed Matt Lux for the initial five laps before taking over on the sixth circuit. From there, Hall paced the field for the remaining 15 laps en route to victory.

Matt Lux (Manilla, Ind.) finished as the runner-up with Bryce Massingill (Troy, Ohio) third, point leader Zach Wigal (Belpre, Ohio) fourth and reigning series champion Stratton Briggs (Anna, Ohio) fifth.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 17, 2023 – Fremont Speedway – Fremont, Ohio

VMS MOTORSPORTS QUALIFYING: 1. Zach Wigal, 18, Wigal-16.317; 2. Abby Hohlbein, 11H, Hohlbein-16.429; 3. Stratton Briggs, 71, Briggs-16.458; 4. Bryce Massingill, 35, Massingill-16.489; 5. Kayla Roell, 11J, Martin-16.504; 6. Jakeb Boxell, 44JB, Boxell/Merkler-16.510; 7. Gunnar Lucius, 22, Lucius-16.626; 8. Alex Watson, 21, Fedorczyk-16.656; 9. Luke Hall, 74, Weitmeyer-16.684; 10. Matt Lux, 5KB, Wells-16.693; 11. Josh Yenser, 16y, Yenser-16.822; 12. Ian Creager, 36, Creager-16.918; 13. Brayden Schwartz, 55s, Schwartz-17.049; 14. Kyle Ford, 11T, Taylor-17.235; 15. Jim Jones, 97, Jones-17.285; 16. Cole Morgan, 7m, Morgan-17.325; 17. Marcel Berndt, 2, Briggs-17.342, 18. Cody Dye, 4T, Dye-17.693; 19. Jody Paul, 5J, Paul-18.191; 20. Cody Downard, 3D, Downard-19.032; 21. Bryce Dues, 23D, Dues-NT.

STIEFEL'S HOME & AUTO FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Luke Hall, 2. Matt Lux, 3. Zach Wigal, 4. Ian Creager, 5. Cole Morgan, 6. Marcel Berndt, 7. Cody Dye. NT

PERFORMANCE ELECTRONICS SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Jakeb Boxell, 2. Brayden Schwartz, 3. Stratton Briggs, 4. Jody Paul (#5J Paul), 5. Cody Downard (#3D Downard). NT

U.S. LAWNS THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Abby Hohlbein, 2. Bryce Massingill, 3. Josh Yenser, 4. Alex Watson, 5. Kyle Ford, 6. Jim Jones, 7. Gunnar Lucius. NT

FEATURE: (20 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Luke Hall, 2. Matt Lux, 3. Bryce Massingill, 4. Zach Wigal, 5. Stratton Briggs, 6. Alex Watson, 7. Josh Yenser, 8. Ian Creager, 9. Marcel Berndt, 10. Abby Hohlbein, 11. Gunnar Lucius, 12. Kayla Roell, 13. Brayden Schwartz, 14. Cody Dye, 15. Jim Jones, 16. Jakeb Boxell, 17. Cole Morgan, 18. Kyle Ford. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-5 Matt Lux, Laps 6-20 Luke Hall.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET POINTS: 1-Zach Wigal-399, 2-Bryce Massingill-372, 3-Stratton Briggs-337, 4-Josh Yenser-324, 5-Matt Lux-312, 6-Ian Creager-306, 7-Gunnar Lucius-299, 8-Jakeb Boxell-265, 9-Alex Watson-250, 10-Abby Hohlbein-243.

NEXT USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE: June 23, 2023 – Moler Raceway Park – Williamsburg, Ohio

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

VMS Motorsports Fast Qualifier: Zach Wigal

Stiefel's Home & Auto First Heat Winner: Luke Hall

Performance Electronics Second Heat Winner: Jakeb Boxell

U.S. Lawns Third Heat Winner: Abby Hohlbein

Performance Powder Coating Hard Charger: Gunnar Lucius

Rosewood Machine & Tool Precision Move of the Race: Brayden Schwartz

HARF/DARF Hard Luck: Cole Morgan

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WIGAL BRINGS HOME A VICTORY AT MOLER

Williamsburg, Ohio (June 23, 2023).....Zach Wigal became a three-time USAC Midwest Thunder Speed2 Midget winner on Friday night at Williamsburg, Ohio's Moler Raceway Park.

Wigal (Belpre, Ohio) raced to the lead past Ian Creager by lap three after starting back in the fourth position. From there, Wigal led the remaining 18 laps to earn the victory in the 20-lap finale.

Jakeb Boxell (Zanesville, Ind.) came home second with reigning series champ Stratton Briggs (Anna, Ohio) third, Bryce Massingill (Troy, Ohio) fourth and Gunnar Lucius (7) fifth.

Wigal, who was also the fastest qualifier, extended his series point lead to 36 over Bryce Massingill with his victory.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 23, 2023 – Moler Raceway Park – Williamsburg, Ohio

FIRST VMS MOTORSPORTS QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Abby Hohlbein, 11H, Hohlbein-13.785; 2. Bryce Massingill, 35, Massingill-13.896; 3. Cale Coons, 11T, Taylor-13.906; 4. Jakeb Boxell, 44JB, Boxell/Merkler-14.062; 5. Gunnar Lucius, 22, Lucius-14.078; 6. Brayden Schwartz, 55s, Schwartz-14.404.

SECOND VMS MOTORSPORTS QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Matt Lux, 5KB, Wells-13.777; 2. Stratton Briggs, 71, Briggs-13.871; 3. Josh Yenser, 16y, Yenser-14.021; 4. Cole Morgan, 7m, Morgan-14.382; 5. Page Perrine, 55, Perrine-14.510; 6. Tyler Kalb, 32, Kalb-14.607.

THIRD VMS MOTORSPORTS QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Zach Wigal, 18, Wigal-13.663; 2. Luke Lemons, 33L, Lemons-13.896; 3. Ian Creager, 36, Creager-13.899; 4. Alex Watson, 20x, Watson-14.373; 5. Cody Dye, 4T, Dye-14.691.

STIEFEL'S HOME & AUTO FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Bryce Massingill (3), 2. Jakeb Boxell (1), 3. Gunnar Lucius (5), 4. Abby Hohlbein (4), 5. Cale Coons (2), 6. Brayden Schwartz (6). NT

U.S. LAWNS SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Matt Lux (4), 2. Stratton Briggs (3), 3. Josh Yenser (2), 4. Tyler Kalb (6), 5. Cole Morgan (1), 6. Page Perrine (5). NT

PERFORMANCE ELECTRONICS THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Zach Wigal (4), 2. Ian Creager (2), 3. Alex Watson (1), 4. Luke Lemons (3), 5. Cody Dye (5). NT

FEATURE: (20 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Zach Wigal (4), 2. Jakeb Boxell (1), 3. Stratton Briggs (5), 4. Bryce Massingill (3), 5. Gunnar Lucius (7), 6. Ian Creager (2), 7. Josh Yenser (8), 8. Abby Hohlbein (10), 9. Luke Lemons (12), 10. Matt Lux (6), 11. Cale Coons (13), 12. Cole Morgan (14), 13. Cody Dye (15), 14. Alex Watson (9), 15. Brayden Schwartz (16), 16. Page Perrine (17), 17. Tyler Kalb (11). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-2 Ian Creager, Laps 3-20 Zach Wigal.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET POINTS: 1-Zach Wigal-469, 2-Bryce Massingill-433, 3-Stratton Briggs-401, 4-Josh Yenser-376, 5-Ian Creager-361, 6-Gunnar Lucius-357, 7-Matt Lux-355, 8-Jakeb Boxell-332, 9-Abby Hohlbein-292, 10-Alex Watson-285.

NEXT USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE: July 3, 2023 – Waynesfield Raceway Park – Waynesfield, Ohio

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

VMS Motorsports Fast Qualifier: Zach Wigal

Stiefel's Home & Auto First Heat Winner: Bryce Massingill

U.S. Lawns Second Heat Winner: Matt Lux

Performance Electronics Third Heat Winner: Zach Wigal

Performance Powder Coating Hard Charger: Zach Wigal (4th to 1st) & Luke Lemons (12th to 9th)

Rosewood Machine & Tool Precision Move of the Race: Cody Dye

HARF/DARF Hard Luck: Chett Gehrke

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LUKE, HE IS YOUR WINNER! HALL WINS HEWITT CLASSIC AT WAYNESFIELD

Waynesfield, Ohio (July 3, 2023).....Luke Hall raced to his second USAC Midwest Thunder Speed2 Midget feature victory in his last three starts during Monday night's Jack Hewitt Classic at Ohio's Waynesfield Raceway Park.

Hall (Ludlow Falls, Ohio) trailed early race leader Matt Lux for the first 13 circuits before taking over up front. From there, Hall led the final seven to capture the victory in his Kyle Heitmeyer-owned machine.

Bryce Massingill (Troy, Ohio) charged from fifth on the final lap to grab second with Matt Lux (Manilla, Ind.) third, Jakeb Boxell (Zanesville, Ind.) fourth and reigning series champion Stratton Briggs (Anna, Ohio) fifth.

Zach Wigal (Belpre, Ohio) finished sixth and retains a 24-point lead in the series' championship standings.

Gunnar Lucius and Kyle Ford shared Performance Powder Coating Hard Charger honors. Lucius (Delphos, Ohio) advanced from 14th to 7th while Kyle Ford (Needham, Ind.) picked his way from 17th to 10th.

Abby Hohlbein (Cloverdale, Ohio) earned VMS Motorsports Fast Qualifying honors and finished 8th.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 3, 2023 – Waynesfield Raceway Park – Waynesfield, Ohio – Jack Hewitt Classic

FEATURE: (20 laps) 1. Luke Hall (#74 Heitmeyer), 2. Bryce Massingill (#35 Massingill), 3. Matt Lux (#5KB Wells), 4. Jakeb Boxell (#44JB Boxell-Merkler), 5. Stratton Briggs (#71 Briggs), 6. Zach Wigal (#18 Wigal), 7. Gunnar Lucius (#22 Lucius), 8. Abby Hohlbein (#11H Hohlbein), 9. Darin Naida (#21 Fedorczyk), 10. Kyle Ford (#11T Taylor), 11. Alex Watson (#20x Watson), 12. Hilton Rowett (#11x Rowett), 13. Ian Creager (#36 Creager), 14. Luke Lemons (#33L Lemons), 15. Taylor Nibert (#7m Nibert), 16. Michael Magic (#5m Magic), 17. Cody Dye (#4T Dye), 18. Josh Yenser (#16y Yenser), 19. Carl

Peterson (#49p Peterson), 20. Logan Prickett (#37 Prickett), 21. Travis Walters (#97T Walters), 22. Brayden Schwartz (#55s Schwartz), 23. Jim Jones (#97 Jones). NT

ALSO AT THE TRACK: Thomas Bigelow (#2B Bigelow), Bryce Dues (#23D Dues), Ryan Moran (#01 Moran) & Rylan Gray (#6m Magic)

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-13 Matt Lux, Laps 14-20 Luke Hall.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET POINTS: 1-Zach Wigal-524, 2-Bryce Massingill-500, 3-Stratton Briggs-459, 4-Matt Lux-419, 5-Gunnar Lucius-409, 6-Josh Yenser-403, 7-Ian Creager-398, 8-Jakeb Boxell-393, 9-Abby Hohlbein-341, 10-Alex Watson-326.

NEXT USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE: July 8, 2023 – Montpelier Motor Speedway – Montpelier, Indiana

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

VMS Motorsports Fast Qualifier: Abby Hohlbein

Stiefel's Home & Auto First Heat Winner: Stratton Briggs

U.S. Lawns Second Heat Winner: Jakeb Boxell

Performance Electronics Third Heat Winner: Matt Lux

Performance Electronics Third Heat Winner: Luke Hall

Performance Powder Coating Hard Charger: Gunnar Lucius (14th to 7th) & Kyle Ford (17th to 10th)

Rosewood Machine & Tool Precision Move of the Race: Bryce Massingill (5th to 2nd on the last lap)

HARF/DARF Hard Luck: Thomas Bigelow & Brayden Schwartz

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JUST ENOUGH LUX TO WIN AT MONTPELIER

Montpelier, Indiana (July 8, 2023).....Matt Lux's surefire victory came in jeopardy on the final corner of the final lap during Saturday night's USAC Midwest Thunder Speed2 Midget feature at Indiana's Montpelier Motor Speedway.

Lux (Manilla, Ind.) took over the lead with four laps remaining, then as he rounded the fourth and final turn, the rearend on his car broke. As he coasted to the line, he had just enough to reach the line and defeat Tate Martz by a narrow 0.215 second margin.

The victory was Lux's first of the points season after earlier winning back-to-back non-points special events in May at Ohio's Eldora Speedway and at Indiana's Circle City Raceway.

Lux also picked up Performance Powder Coating Hard Charger honors for his effort in advancing from seventh to first.

Points leader Zach Wigal (Belpre, Ohio) led the opening lap before yielding to last weekend's Waynesfield, Ohio winner Luke Hall (Ludlow Falls, Ohio). Hall led the next four before Tate Martz took his turn at the front from laps six through 15.

Hall moved by to the top of the scoring pylon with five laps remaining to earn the victory with Martz second, VMS Motorsports Fast Qualifier Bryce Massingill (Troy, Ohio) third, Wigal fourth and Ian Creager (Covington, Ohio) third.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 8, 2023 – Montpelier Motor Speedway – Montpelier, Indiana

VMS MOTORSPORTS FIRST QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Matt Lux, 5KB, Wells-14.913; 2. Zach Wigal, 18, Wigal-15.039; 3. Stratton Briggs, 71, Briggs-15.173; 4. Luke Hall, 74, Heitmeyer-15.234; 5. Gunnar Lucius, 22, Lucius-15.262; 6. Travis Walters, 97, Walters-15.693.

VMS MOTORSPORTS SECOND QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Bryce Massingill, 35, Massingill-14.866; 2. Michael Magic, 5m, Magic-14.919; 3. Ian Creager, 36, Creager-15.175; 4. Abby Hohlbein, 11H, Hohlbein-15.190; 5. Chett Gehrke, 10, Moore-15.380.

VMS MOTORSPORTS THIRD QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Jakeb Boxell, 44JB, Boxell/Merkler-15.006; 2. Aaron Leffel, 11T, Taylor-15.429; 3. Tate Mertz, 34, GMB-15.555; 4. Luke Lemons, 33L, Lemons-15.819; 5. Josh Yenser, 16y, Yenser-15.899; 6. Steven Gresham, 27G, Gresham-18.126.

U.S. LAWNS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Luke Hall (3), 2. Zach Wigal (4), 3. Matt Lux (5), 4. Stratton Briggs (6), 5. Gunnar Lucius (1), 6. Travis Walters (2). NT

STIEFEL'S HOME & AUTO SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Ian Creager (6), 2. Bryce Massingill (5), 3. Abby Hohlbein (3), 4. Chett Gehrke (1), 5. Michael Magic (2), 6. Steven Gresham (4). NT

PERFORMANCE ELECTRONICS THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Tate Mertz (5), 2. Aaron Leffel (4), 3. Jakeb Boxell (3), 4. Luke Lemons (2), 5. Josh Yenser (1). NT

FEATURE: (20 laps) 1. Matt Lux (7), 2. Tate Mertz (3), 3. Bryce Massingill (5), 4. Zach Wigal (4), 5. Ian Creager (2), 6. Abby Hohlbein (8), 7. Stratton Briggs (10), 8. Aaron Leffel (6), 9. Michael Magic (14), 10. Gunnar Lucius (13), 11. Josh Yenser (15), 12. Luke Lemons (12), 13. Jakeb Boxell (9), 14. Travis Walters (16), 15. Luke Hall (1), 16. Chett Gehrke (11), 17. Steven Gresham (17). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Zach Wigal, Laps 2-5 Luke Hall, Laps 6-15 Tate Mertz, Laps 16-20 Matt Lux.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET POINTS: 1-Zach Wigal-585, 2-Bryce Massingill-564, 3-Stratton Briggs-511, 4-Matt Lux-489, 5-Ian Creager-456, 6-Gunnar Lucius-452, 7-Josh Yenser-444, 8-Jakeb Boxell-430, 9-Abby Hohlbein-396, 10-Alex Watson-326.

NEXT USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE: July 14, 2023 – Moler Raceway Park – Williamsburg, Ohio

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

VMS Motorsports Fast Qualifier: Bryce Massingill (14.866)

U.S. Lawns First Heat Winner: Luke Hall

Stiefel's Home & Auto Second Heat Winner: Ian Creager

Performance Electronics Third Heat Winner: Tate Mertz

Performance Powder Coating Hard Charger: Matt Lux (7th to 1st)

Rosewood Machine & Tool Precision Move of the Race: Michael Magic

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MASSINGILL MASTERS MOLER FOR USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SCORE

Williamsburg, Ohio (July 14, 2023).....Bryce Massingill scored his season-leading fourth USAC Midwest Thunder Speed2 Midget feature victory of the season on Friday night at Williamsburg, Ohio's Moler Raceway Park.

Massingill (Troy, Ohio) became the fourth different leader of the 25-lap race, taking the lead with six laps remaining to earn his second victory of the season at Moler.

Starting fourth, Massingill initially worked his way to the front on lap 15 after Aaron Leffel (Springfield, Ohio) led the first four and Stratton Briggs (Anna, Ohio) led laps 5-14. However, Massingill's first lead was brief, lasting just a single lap before Briggs took over on lap 16. Briggs headed the field until lap 20 when Massingill assumed the top spot for good.

Briggs crossed the line in second with Ian Creager (Covington, Ohio) in third, Josh Yenser (Plain City, Ohio) fourth and Gunner Lucius (Delphos, Ohio) rounding out the top-five.

Point leader Zach Wigal (Belpre, Ohio) made a furious charge from his 22nd starting spot to finish sixth, which earned him Performance Powder Coating Hard Charger honors. It also kept Wigal afloat atop the standings by a slim six-point margin over Massingill.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 14, 2023 – Moler Raceway Park – Williamsburg, Ohio

VMS MOTORSPORTS FIRST QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Matt Lux, 5KB, Wells-14.213; 2. Ian Creager, 36, Creager-14.417; 3. Abby Hohlbein, 11H, Hohlbein-14.497; 4. Gunnar Lucius, 22, Lucius-14.599; 5. Cole Morgan, 7m, Morgan-14.830; 6. Alex Watson, 3E, Watson-14.897; 7. Jody Paul, 5J, Paul-15.311; 8. Zach Wigal, 18, Wigal-NT.

VMS MOTORSPORTS SECOND QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Bryce Massingill, 35, Massingill-14.564; 2. Michael Magic, 5m, Magic-14.659; 3. Rylan Gray, 6m, Hall-14.779; 4. Josh Yenser, 16y, Yenser-14.793; 5. Tate Martz, 34, GMB-15.069; 6. Cody Dye, 4T, Dye-15.119; 7. Steven Gresham, 27G, Gresham-15.308; 8. Isla Rowett, 11x, Rowett-16.420.

VMS MOTORSPORTS THIRD QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Stratton Briggs, 71, Briggs-14.646; 2. Kayla Roell, 4K, Roell-14.764; 3. Aaron Leffel, 11T, Leffel-15.166; 4. Kyle Keaton, 6K, Keaton-15.253; 5. Luke Lemons, 33L, Lemons-15.269; 6. Bryce Dues, 23D, Dues-15.310; 7. Jimmie Guidry, 2, Briggs-15.802.

STIEFEL'S HOME & AUTO FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Gunnar Lucius (1), 2. Matt Lux (4), 3. Ian Creager (3), 4. Abby Hohlbein (2), 5. Cole Morgan (5), 6. Jody Paul (7), 7. Alex Watson (6), 8. Zach Wigal (8). NT

PERFORMANCE ELECTRONICS SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Bryce Massingill (4), 2. Josh Yenser (1), 3. Michael Magic (3), 4. Rylan Gray (2), 5. Cody Dye (6), 6. Tate Martz (5), 7. Isla Rowett (8), 8. Steven Gresham (7). NT

U.S. LAWNS THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Stratton Briggs (3), 2. Aaron Leffel (2), 3. Kyle Keaton (1), 4. Kayla Roell (7), 5. Jimmie Guidry (6), 6. Luke Lemons (4), 7. Bryce Dues (5). NT

FEATURE: (25 laps) 1. Bryce Massingill (4), 2. Stratton Briggs (3), 3. Ian Creager (7), 4. Josh Yenser (2), 5. Gunner Lucius (5), 6. Zach Wigal (22), 7. Matt Lux (6), 8. Luke Lemons (18), 9. Aaron Leffel (1), 10. Abby Hohlbein (10), 11. Rylan Gray (11), 12. Alex Watson (19), 13. Kayla Roell (12), 14. Bryce Dues (21), 15. Jimmie Guidry (15), 16. Cole Morgan (13), 17. Isla Rowett (20), 18. Steven Gresham (23), 19. Jody Paul (16), 20. Michael Magic (8), 21. Tate Martz (17), 22. Kyle Keaton (9), 23. Cody Dye (14). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-4 Aaron Leffel, Laps 5-14 Stratton Briggs, Lap 15 Bryce Massingill, Laps 16-19 Stratton Briggs, Laps 20-25 Bryce Massingill.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET POINTS: 1-Zach Wigal-640, 2-Bryce Massingill-634, 3-Stratton Briggs-578, 4-Matt Lux-541, 5-Ian Creager-520, 6-Gunnar Lucius-510, 7-Josh Yenser-505, 8-Abby Hohlbein-439, 9-Jakeb Boxell-430, 10-Alex Watson-365.

NEXT USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE: July 15, 2023 – Paragon Speedway – Paragon, Indiana

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

VMS Motorsports Fast Qualifier: Matt Lux (14.213)

Stiefel's Home & Auto First Heat Winner: Gunnar Lucius

Performance Electronics Second Heat Winner: Bryce Massingill

U.S. Lawns Third Heat Winner: Stratton Briggs

Performance Powder Coating Hard Charger: Zach Wigal (22nd to 6th)

Rosewood Machine & Tool Precision Move of the Race: Aaron Leffel

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WIRE-TO-WIRE FOR WIGAL AT PARAGON

Paragon, Indiana (July 15, 2023).....Zach Wigal showed no mercy in a dominant wire-to-wire performance with the USAC Midwest Thunder Speed2 Midgets on Saturday night at Indiana's Paragon Speedway.

The championship point leader from Belpre, Ohio raced to the front from the outside of the front row, then led all 20 circuits en route to his fourth victory of the 2023 season.

In the process, Wigal was able to bump up his point lead over Bryce Massingill from six to 15 by virtue of his performance.

Matt Lux (Manilla, Ind.) finished as the runner-up with Gunnar Lucius (Delphos, Ohio) third, Massingill (Troy, Ohio) fourth and Luke Lemons (Dayton, Ohio) fifth.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 15, 2023 – Paragon Speedway – Paragon, Indiana

VMS MOTORSPORTS FIRST QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Kayla Roell, 4K, Roell; 2. Wes Pinkerton, 9p, Pinkerton; 3. Ian Creager, 36, Creager; 4. Gunnar Lucius, 22, Lucius; 5. Luke Lemons, 33L, Lemons; 6. Cole Morgan, 7m, Morgan; 7. Dave Osborn, 4, Osborn; 8. Jimmie Guidry, 2, Briggs; 9. Casey Meyer, 9, Meyer.

VMS MOTORSPORTS SECOND QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Stratton Briggs, 71, Briggs; 2. Zach Wigal, 18, Wigal; 3. Matt Lux, 5KB, Wells; 4. Chett Gehrke, 93c, Gehrke; 5. Bryce Massingill, 35, Massingill; 6. Abby Hohlbein, 11H, Hohlbein; 7. Chris Dickey, 12, Pinkerton; 8. Steven Gresham, 27G, Gresham.

PERFORMANCE ELECTRONICS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Gunnar Lucius (1), 2. Ian Creager (2), 3. Cole Morgan (6), 4. Kayla Roell (4), 5. Luke Lemons (5), 6. Dave Osborn (7), 7. Casey Meyer (9), 8. Wes Pinkerton (3), 9. Jimmie Guidry (8). NT

U.S. LAWNS SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Matt Lux (2), 2. Stratton Briggs (4), 3. Zach Wigal (3), 4. Chett Gehrke (1), 5. Bryce Massingill (5), 6. Abby Hohlbein (6), 7. Steven Gresham (8), 8. Chris Dickey (7). NT

FEATURE: (20 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Zach Wigal (2), 2. Matt Lux (4), 3. Gunnar Lucius (1), 4. Bryce Massingill (10), 5. Luke Lemons (9), 6. Ian Creager (5), 7. Chett Gehrke (8), 8. Kayla Roell (7), 9. Abby Hohlbein (12), 10. Chris Dickey (15), 11. Cole Morgan (3), 12. Dave Osborn (11), 13. Steven Gresham (14), 14. Stratton Briggs (6), 15. Casey Meyer (13), 16. Jimmie Guidry (16). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-20 Zach Wigal.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET POINTS: 1-Zach Wigal-710, 2-Bryce Massingill-695, 3-Stratton Briggs-613, 4-Matt Lux-608, 5-Ian Creager-575, 6-Gunnar Lucius-574, 7-Josh Yenser-505, 8-Abby Hohlbein-485, 9-Jakeb Boxell-430, 10-Alex Watson-365.

NEXT USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE: July 21, 2023 – Gas City I-69 Speedway – Gas City, Indiana

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

VMS Motorsports Fast Qualifier: Kayla Roell

Performance Electronics First Heat Winner: Gunnar Lucius

U.S. Lawns Second Heat Winner: Matt Lux

Performance Powder Coating Hard Charger: Bryce Massingill (10th to 4th)

Rosewood Machine & Tool Precision Move of the Race: Gunnar Lucius

HARF/DARF Hard Luck Award: Stratton Briggs

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USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 21, 2023 – Gas City I-69 Speedway – Gas City, Indiana

FEATURE: (20 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Wes Pinkerton (#9p Pinkerton), 2. Jakeb Boxell (#44JB Boxell-Merkler), 3. Tate Martz (#34 GMB), 4. Abby Hohlbein (#11H Hohlbein), 5. Stratton Briggs (#71 Briggs), 6. Cale Coons (#11T Taylor), 7. Matt Lux (#5KB Wells), 8. Ryan Moran (#01 Moran), 9. Luke Hall (#74 Heitmeyer), 10. Ian Creager (#36 Creager), 11. Michael Magic (#5m Magic), 12. Zach Wigal (#18 Wigal), 13. Alex Watson (#3E Watson), 14. Kayla Roell (#4K Roell), 15. Gunnar Lucius (#22 Lucius), 16. Brad Strunk (#21 Fedorczyk), 17. Marcel Berndt (#2 Briggs), 18. Luke Lemons (#33L Lemons), 19. Chett Gehrke (#10 Moore), 20. Page Perrine (#55 Perrine), 21. Chris Dickey (#12 Pinkerton), 22. Bryce Massingill (#35 Massingill). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Ryan Moran, Laps 2-20 Wes Pinkerton.

ALSO AT THE TRACK: Josh Yenser (#16y Yenser), Isla Rowett (#11x Rowett), Elijah Knoke (#1J Knoke), Cole Morgan (#7m Morgan), Brayden Schwartz (#55s Schwartz), Bryce Dues (#23D Dues), Cody Dye (#4T Dye), Blake Adams (#44 Adams), Tyler Kalb (#32 Kalb) & Thomas Bigelow (#2B Bigelow).

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET POINTS: 1-Zach Wigal-749, 2-Bryce Massingill-718, 3-Stratton Briggs-671, 4-Matt Lux-660, 5-Ian Creager-618, 6-Gunnar Lucius-607, 7-Abby Hohlbein-546, 8-Josh Yenser-515, 9-Jakeb Boxell-497, 10-Alex Watson-402.

NEXT USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE: July 22, 2023 – Kokomo Speedway – Kokomo, Indiana

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USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 22, 2023 – Kokomo Speedway – Kokomo, Indiana

VMS MOTORSPORTS FIRST QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Ian Creager, 36, Creager-14.284; 2. Abby Hohlbein, 11H, Hohlbein-14.534; 3. Rylan Gray, 6m, Hall-14.604; 4. Chett Gehrke, 93c, Gehrke-14.901; 5. Hilton Rowett, 11x, Rowett-14.988; 6. Tyler Kalb, 32, Kalb-15.095; 7. Alex Watson, 3E, Watson-15.221; 8. Blake Adams, 44, Adams-15.236; 9. Bryan Brewer, 11J, Brewer-NT.

VMS MOTORSPORTS SECOND QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Wes Pinkerton, 9p, Pinkerton-14.141; 2. Matt Lux, 5KB, Wells-14.173; 3. Tate Martz, 34, GMB-14.289; 4. Zach Wigal, 18, Wigal-14.375; 5. Cale Coons, 11T, Taylor-14.584; 6. Gunnar Lucius, 22, Lucius-14.898; 7. Cody Dye, 4T, Dye-15.168; 8. Marcel Berndt, 2, Briggs-15.257.

VMS MOTORSPORTS THIRD QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Bryce Massingill, 35, Massingill-14.186; 2. Kayla Roell, 4K, Roell-14.265; 3. Michael Magic, 5m, Magic-14.358; 4. Stratton Briggs, 71, Briggs-14.386; 5. Jakeb Boxell, 44JB, Boxell-14.410; 6. Luke Lemons, 33L, Lemons-14.991; 7. Cole Morgan, 7m, Morgan-15.073; 8. Bryce Dues, 23D, Dues-15.108.

PERFORMANCE ELECTRONICS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Chett Gehrke (1), 2. Ian Creager (4), 3. Abby Hohlbein (3), 4. Hilton Rowett (5), 5. Bryan Brewer (9), 6. Alex Watson (7), 7. Tyler Kalb (6), 8. Blake Adams (8), 9. Rylan Gray (2). NT

U.S. LAWNS SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Zach Wigal (1), 2. Wes Pinkerton (4), 3. Cale Coons (5), 4. Gunnar Lucius (6), 5. Marcel Berndt (8), 6. Cody Dye (7), 7. Matt Lux (3), 8. Tate Martz (2). NT

U.S. LAWNS THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Michael Magic (2), 2. Stratton Briggs (1), 3. Jakeb Boxell (5), 4. Kayla Roell (3), 5. Bryce Massingill (4), 6. Cole Morgan (7), 7. Luke Lemons (6), 8. Bryce Dues (8). NT

SEMI: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Matt Lux (5), 2. Bryan Brewer (1), 3. Luke Lemons (6), 4. Cole Morgan (3), 5. Alex Watson (4), 6. Rylan Gray (11), 7. Blake Adams (10), 8. Bryce Dues (9), 9. Cody Dye (2), 10. Tyler Kalb (7). NT

FEATURE: (20 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Chett Gehrke (1), 2. Wes Pinkerton (4), 3. Ian Creager (3), 4. Cale Coons (7), 5. Gunnar Lucius (10), 6. Matt Lux (15), 7. Alex Watson (18), 8. Michael Magic (5), 9. Hilton Rowett (9), 10. Bryce Massingill (14), 11. Luke Lemons (16), 12. Abby Hohlbein (6), 13. Rylan Gray (19), 14. Kayla Roell (11), 15. Jakeb Boxell (8), 16. Zach Wigal (#32) (23), 17. Cole Morgan (17), 18. Blake Adams (20), 19. Cody Dye (22), 20. Bryce Dues (21), 21. Marcel Berndt (13), 22. Bryan Brewer (12), 23. Stratton Briggs (2). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-20 Chett Gehrke.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET POINTS: 1-Zach Wigal-780, 2-Bryce Massingill-761, 3-Matt Lux-715, 4-Stratton Briggs-694, 5-Ian Creager-682, 6-Gunnar Lucius-665, 7-Abby Hohlbein-585, 8-Jakeb Boxell-530, 9-Josh Yenser-515, 10-Alex Watson-454.

NEXT USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE: August 4, 2023 – Moler Raceway Park – Williamsburg, Ohio

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

VMS Motorsports Fast Qualifier: Wes Pinkerton

U.S. Lawns First Heat Winner: Chett Gehrke

Performance Electronics Second Heat Winner: Zach Wigal

Stiefel's Home & Auto Third Heat: Michael Magic

Performance Powder Coating Hard Charger: Alex Watson (18th to 7th)

Rosewood Machine & Tool Precision Move of the Race: Tyler Kalb

HARF/DARF Hard Luck Award: Zach Wigal

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MASSINGILL ZIPS TO MOLER WIN, TAKES OVER POINT LEAD

Williamsburg, Ohio (August 4, 2023).....Bryce Massingill raced to his series-leading fifth feature victory of the USAC Midwest Thunder Speed2 Midget season on Friday night at Ohio's Moler Raceway Park.

In the process, Massingill (Troy, Ohio) also took over the series point lead after racing to the lead 12 laps into the feature event, passing former point leader Zach Wigal just after the midway point.

Wigal controlled the first half of the 20-lap main event before being overtaken by Massingill. Wigal fell back to third and remained in contention with four laps to go when the lapped car of Matt Lux broke a wheel, which sent him flipping into the wall. Massingill slipped by without trouble, but Wigal got caught up in, knocking him out of the race and out of the point lead with an 18th place result.

In the end, Massingill prevailed in a four-lap, three-car "trophy dash" for his third win at Moler in four tries this season. Defending series champ Stratton Briggs (Anna, Ohio) took second with Ian Creager (Covington, Ohio) third, Cale Coons (Greencastle, Ind.) fourth and Gunnar Lucius (Delphos, Ohio) fifth.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 4, 2023 – Moler Raceway Park – Williamsburg, Ohio

VMS MOTORSPORTS FIRST QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Zach Wigal, 18, Wigal-14.524; 2. Ian Creager, 36, Creager-14.647; 3. Cale Coons, 11T, Taylor-14.679; 4. Matt Lux, 5KB, Wells-14.705; 5. Bryce Dues, 23D, Dues-14.727; 6. Kyle Keaton, 6K, Keaton-14.736; 7. Michael Magic, 5m, Magic-14.899; 8. Conner Bolding, 2, Briggs-14.956; 9. Jakeb Boxell, 44JB, Boxell/Merkler-14.974.

VMS MOTORSPORTS SECOND QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Stratton Briggs, 21, Fedorczyk-15.070; 2. Chett Gehrke, 10, Moore-15.148; 3. Cole Morgan, 7m, Morgan-15.238; 4. Tate Martz, 34, GMB-15.265; 5. Carl Peterson, 49p, Peterson-15.284; 6. Alex Watson, 3E, Watson-15.336; 7. Josh Yenser, 16y, 15.348; 8. Cody Dye, 4T, Dye-15.593; 9. Steven Gresham, 27G, Gresham-16.321.

VMS MOTORSPORTS THIRD QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Bryce Massingill, 35, Massingill-15.015; 2. Gunnar Lucius, 22, Lucius-15.193; 3. Abby Hohlbein, 11H, Hohlbein-15.277; 4. Tyler Kalb, 32, Kalb-15.531; 5. Kayla Roell, 4K, Roell-15.650; 6. Luke Lemons, 33L, Lemons-15.740; 7. Brayden Schwartz, 55s, Schwartz-15.755; 8. Jimmie Guidry, 21G, Guidry-16.190; 9. Page Perrine, 55, Perrine-17.281.

PERFORMANCE ELECTRONICS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Zach Wigal (4), 2. Ian Creager (3), 3. Cale Coons (2), 4. Jakeb Boxell (9), 5. Matt Lux (1), 6. Kyle Keaton (6), 7. Michael Magic (7). NT

U.S. LAWNS SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Tate Martz (1), 2. Stratton Briggs (4), 3. Cole Morgan (2), 4. Josh Yenser (7), 5. Chett Gehrke (3), 6. Alex Watson (6), 7. Cody Dye (8), 8. Carl Peterson (5). NT

STIEFEL'S HOME & AUTO THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Bryce Massingill (4), 2. Abby Hohlbein (2), 3. Gunnar Lucius (3), 4. Tyler Kalb (1), 5. Luke Lemons (5), 6. Brayden Schwartz (6), 7. Page Perrine (8), 8. Kayla Roell (9), 9. Jimmie Guidry (7). NT

FEATURE: (20 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Bryce Massingill (4), 2. Stratton Briggs (1), 3. Ian Creager (3), 4. Cale Coons (7), 5. Gunnar Lucius (9), 6. Abby Hohlbein (6), 7. Tate Martz (5), 8. Cole Morgan (8), 9. Chett Gehrke (14), 10. Jakeb Boxell (10), 11. Tyler Kalb (12), 12. Michael Magic (19), 13. Kayla Roell (23), 14. Brayden Schwartz (18), 15. Jimmie Guidry (24), 16. Cody Dye (20), 17. Page Perrine (21), 18. Zach Wigal (2), 19. Matt Lux (13), 20. Kyle Keaton (16), 21. Josh Yenser (11), 22. Luke Lemons (15), 23. Alex Watson (17), 24. Carl Peterson (22). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-11 Zach Wigal, Laps 12-20 Bryce Massingill.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET POINTS: 1-Bryce Massingill-831, 2-Zach Wigal-807, 3-Stratton Briggs-761, 4-Ian Creager-746, 5-Matt Lux-740, 6-Gunnar Lucius-723, 7-Abby Hohlbein-640, 8-Jakeb Boxell-573, 9-Josh Yenser-538, 10-Alex Watson-477.

NEXT USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE: August 5, 2023 – Atomic Speedway – Chillicothe, Ohio

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

VMS Motorsports Fast Qualifier: Zach Wigal

U.S. Lawns First Heat Winner: Zach Wigal

Performance Electronics Second Heat Winner: Tate Martz

Stiefel's Home & Auto Third Heat: Bryce Massingill

Performance Powder Coating Hard Charger: Kayla Roell (23rd to 13th)

Impact Racing Luck Racer: Tate Martz

HARF/DARF Hard Luck Award: Thomas Briggs

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WIGAL WINS AT ATOMIC

Chillicothe, Ohio (August 5, 2023).....Zach Wigal prevailed to win his series-tying fifth USAC Midwest Thunder Speed2 Midget feature of the season on Saturday night at Chillicothe, Ohio's Atomic Speedway.

Wigal started from the pole position and waged a racelong battle with outside front row starter Jakeb Boxell throughout the scheduled 20-lap distance with Boxell (Zanesville, Ind.) credited with a second place finish, Ian Creager (Covington, Ohio) in third, defending series champion Stratton Briggs (Anna, Ohio) in fourth and point leader Bryce Massingill (Troy, Ohio) in fifth.

An inadvertent white flag was displayed on both lap 18 and 19 of the scheduled 20-lap feature, which in turn caused some drivers in the field to slow, thinking the second flag shown was the checkered. The finish ultimately reverted to the running order as the field crossed the start/finish line on lap 19. Atomic Speedway stated that both Boxell and Creager would receive a second-place finisher payout.

Wigal was the evening's VMS Motorsports Fast Qualifier and also grabbed the victory in Performance Electronics Heat Race One. Boxell scored U.S. Lawns Heat Two while Cale Coons (Greencastle, Ind.) collected Stiefel's Home & Auto Heat Three.

Cole Morgan (Brookville, Ohio) turned in a fine top-10 run by advancing from his 18th starting position to finish 9th, which earned him the night's Performance Powder Coating Hard Charger award.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 5, 2023 – Atomic Speedway – Chillicothe, Ohio

VMS MOTORSPORTS FIRST QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Zach Wigal, 18, Wigal-14.810; 2. Gunnar Lucius, 22, Lucius-14.978; 3. Stratton Briggs, 21, Fedorczyk-15.071; 4. Alex Watson, 3E, Watson-15.285; 5. Kyle Keaton, 6K, Keaton-15.323; 6. Cody Dye, 4T, Dye-16.558; 7. Jody Paul, 5J, Paul-17.019.

VMS MOTORSPORTS SECOND QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Ian Creager, 36, Creager-15.006; 2. Chett Gehrke, 10, Moore-15.016; 3. Cale Coons, 11T, Taylor-15.140; 4. Travis Walters, 97, Walters-15.183; 5. Luke Lemons, 33L, Lemons-15.566; 6. Carl Peterson, 49p, Peterson-15.893; 7. Brayden Schwartz, 55s, Schwartz-15.952.

VMS MOTORSPORTS THIRD QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Bryce Massingill, 35, Massingill-14.846, 2. Abby Hohlbein, 11H, Hohlbein-15.090, 3. Jakeb Boxell, 44JB, Boxell-15.234, 4. Josh Yenser, 16y, Yenser-15.496, 5. Cole Morgan, 7m, Morgan-15.603, 6. Matt Lux, 5KB, Wells-15.712, 7. Jimmie Guidry, 21J, Guidry-15.947.

PERFORMANCE ELECTRONICS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Zach Wigal (4), 2. Stratton Briggs (2), 3. Gunnar Lucius (3), 4. Kyle Keaton (5), 5. Cody Dye (6), 6. Jody Paul (7), 7. Alex Watson (1). NT

U.S. LAWNS SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Jakeb Boxell (2), 2. Josh Yenser (1), 3. Bryce Massingill (4), 4. Abby Hohlbein (3), 5. Matt Lux (6), 6. Cole Morgan (5), 7. Jimmie Guidry (7). NT

STIEFEL'S HOME & AUTO THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Cale Coons (2), 2. Ian Creager (4), 3. Travis Walters (1), 4. Carl Peterson (6), 5. Chett Gehrke (3), 6. Luke Lemons (5), 7. Brayden Schwartz (7). NT

FEATURE: (19 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Zach Wigal (1), 2. Jakeb Boxell (2), 3. Ian Creager (4), 4. Stratton Briggs (3), 5. Bryce Massingill (9), 6. Gunnar Lucius (7), 7. Chett Gehrke (14), 8. Carl Peterson (11), 9. Cole Morgan (18), 10. Josh Yenser (6), 11. Matt Lux (15), 12. Cody Dye (13), 13. Brayden Schwartz (20), 14. Jimmie Guidry (21), 15. Travis Walters (8), 16. Kyle Keaton (10), 17. Abby Hohlbein (12), 18. Cale Coons (5), 19. Luke Lemons (17), 20. Jody Paul (16). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-18 Jakeb Boxell, Lap 19 Zach Wigal.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET POINTS: 1-Bryce Massingill-889, 2-Zach Wigal-877, 3-Stratton Briggs-822, 4-Ian Creager-810, 5-Matt Lux-781, 6-Gunnar Lucius-778, 7-Abby Hohlbein-669, 8-Jakeb Boxell-640, 9-Josh Yenser-581, 10-Alex Watson-487.

NEXT USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE: August 12, 2023 – Montpelier Motor Speedway – Montpelier, Ohio

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

VMS Motorsports Fast Qualifier: Zach Wigal

Performance Electronics First Heat Winner: Zach Wigal

U.S. Lawns Second Heat Winner: Jakeb Boxell

Stiefel's Home & Auto Third Heat: Cale Coons

Performance Powder Coating Hard Charger: Cole Morgan (18th to 9th)

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MARTZ MARCHES TO FIRST USAC MIDWEST THUNDER WIN

Gas City, Indiana (August 18, 2023).....Tate Martz's most recent victory in USAC's developmental midget series came all the way back in 2010.

More than 13 years later, the Rushville, Ind. native earned his first career victory under the USAC Midwest Thunder Speed2 Midget banner on Friday night at Indiana's Gas City I-69 Speedway.

Martz, whose 2010 Indianapolis Speedrome victory came when the series was named the USAC Midwest Ford Focus series, is a three-time USAC champion during his reign with the Focus series in 2004-05-06.

At Gas City, Martz wasted no time getting to the front, charging from sixth to first by the end of lap one. From that point forward, Martz was never headed as he became the third veteran racer to earn his first career Midwest Thunder feature triumph this season, all of whom are over the age of 40 (Matt Lux & Luke Hall).

Tyler Nelson (Olathe, Kan.) notched his best finish of the series season with a runner-up result. Cale Coons (Greencastle, Ind.) performed likewise, picking up his best career finish with the series in third. Matt Lux (Manilla, Ind.) grabbed fourth while Abby Hohlbein (Cloverdale, Ohio) rounded out the top-five.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 18, 2023 – Gas City I-69 Speedway – Gas City, Indiana

VMS MOTORSPORTS QUICK TIME DASH: (3 laps) 1. Tate Martz, 2. Luke Hall, 3. Matt Lux. NT

FEATURE: (20 laps) 1. Tate Martz (#34 GMB), 2. Tyler Nelson (#10N Nelson), 3. Cale Coons (#11T Taylor), 4. Matt Lux (#5KB Wells), 5. Abby Hohlbein (#11H Hohlbein), 6. Ian Creager (#36 Creager), 7. Stratton Briggs (#21 Fedorczyk), 8. Zach Wigal (#18 Wigal), 9. Jakeb Boxell (#44JB Boxell-Merkler), 10. Alex Watson (#16y Yenser), 11. Logan Prickett (#37 Prickett), 12. Chett Gehrke (#10 Moore), 13. Ryan Moran (#01 Moran), 14. Cole Morgan (#7m Morgan), 15. Carl Peterson (#49p Peterson), 16. Scott Albrecht (#74x Albrecht), 17. Page Perrine (#55 Perrine), 18. Gunnar Lucius (#22 Lucius), 19. Bryce Massingill (#35 Massingill), 20. Luke Hall (#74 Heitmeyer). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-20 Tate Martz.

ALSO AT THE TRACK: Brayden Schwartz (#55s Schwartz), Jimmie Guidry (#21 Guidry), Keith Ousley (#14 Ousley), Blake Adams (#44 Adams), Michael Magic (#5m Magic), Thomas Bigelow (#2B Bigelow) & Casey Meyer (#9 Meyer).

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET POINTS: 1-Zach Wigal-926, 2-Bryce Massingill-914, 3-Stratton Briggs-874, 4-Ian Creager-865, 5-Matt Lux-842, 6-Gunnar Lucius-805, 7-Abby Hohlbein-727, 8-Jakeb Boxell-686, 9-Josh Yenser-581, 10-Alex Watson-530.

NEXT USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE: August 12, 2023 – Montpelier Motor Speedway – Montpelier, Ohio

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

VMS Motorsports Fast Qualifier: Tate Martz

Performance Electronics First Heat Winner: Cale Coons

U.S. Lawns Second Heat Winner: Tate Martz

Stiefel's Home & Auto Third Heat: Matt Lux

Performance Powder Coating Hard Charger: Stratton Briggs (18th to 7th)

Rosewood Machine & Tool Precision Move of the Race: Tyler Nelson

Semi Winner: Zach Wigal

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20TH TO 1ST: MIRACULOUS MASSINGILL CHARGES TO MONTPELIER WIN

Montpelier, Indiana (August 26, 2023).....Electrical issues in his heat race forced Bryce Massingill to start near the tail end of the field during Saturday night's USAC Midwest Thunder Speed2 Midget feature at Indiana's Montpelier Motor Speedway.

Yet, as it turned out, it still couldn't keep the Troy, Ohio native away from victory lane.

Massingill blitzed through the field from the outside of row 10, then raced into the lead past Jakeb Boxell with two laps remaining with Massingill beating Boxell to the line by a margin of 0.156 sec.

For Massingill, the comeback victory was major two-fold. His series-leading sixth victory of the season pushed him back into the point lead by 35 points following Zach Wigal's engine issues on lap four while he was leading.

Matt Lux (Manilla, Ind.) led the opening lap from the pole position before Wigal took over from two through four. Jakeb Boxell then went topside from his eighth starting position to the lead in just five laps.

On a mission, Boxell opened his lead nearly a full straightaway by midrace. Massingill, using a starkly different path on the bottom, reached fifth by lap eight and landed inside the top-three by the 12th circuit.

Jakeb Boxell (Zanesville, Ind.) collected a runner-up finish with Luke Hall (Ludlow Falls, Ohio) third, Stratton Briggs (Anna, Ohio) fourth and Tyler Nelson (Olathe, Kan.) fifth.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 26, 2023 – Montpelier Motor Speedway – Montpelier, Indiana

FIRST VMS MOTORSPORTS QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Ian Creager, 36, Creager-15.542; 2. Tate Martz, 34, GMB-15.591; 3. Stratton Briggs, 21, Fedorczyk-15.696; 4. Gunnar Lucius, 22, Lucius-15.722; 5. Cale Coons, 11T, Taylor-15.778; 6. Cole Morgan, 7m, Morgan-16.486; 7. Thomas Bigelow, 2B, Bigelow-17.596; 8. Keith Ousley, 14, Ousley-18.745.

SECOND VMS MOTORSPORTS QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Jakeb Boxell, 44JB, Boxell/Merkler-15.501; 2. Zach Wigal, 18, Wigal-15.538; 3. Matt Lux, 5KB, Wells-15.595; 4. Bryce Massingill, 35, Massingill-15.711; 5. Luke Lemons, 33L, Lemons-15.973; 6. Chett Gehrke, 93, Gehrke-16.116; 7. Abby Hohlbein, 11H, Hohlbein-16.347; 8. Brayden Schwartz, 55s, Schwartz-16.449.

THIRD VMS MOTORSPORTS QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Tyler Nelson, 10, Nelson-15.732; 2. Michael Magic, 5m Magic-15.756; 3. Luke Hall, 74, Heitmeyer-16.174; 4. Logan Prickett, 37, Prickett-16.213; 5. Ryan Moran, 01, Moran-16.378; 6. Carl Peterson, 49p, Peterson-16.511; 7. Blake Adams, 44, Adams-16.952; 8. Casey Meyer, 9, Meyer-17.633.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Tyler Nelson (4), 2. Michael Magic (3), 3. Luke Hall (2), 4. Ryan Moran (5), 5. Logan Prickett (1), 6. Carl Peterson (6), 7. Blake Adams (7), 8. Casey Meyer (8). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Matt Lux (2), 2. Zach Wigal (3), 3. Jakeb Boxell (4), 4. Abby Hohlbein (7), 5. Chett Gehrke (6), 6. Luke Lemons (5), 7. Bryce Massingill (1), 8. Brayden Schwartz (8). NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Stratton Briggs (2), 2. Tate Martz (3), 3. Ian Creager (4), 4. Cale Coons (5), 5. Gunnar Lucius (1), 6. Cole Morgan (6), 7. Keith Ousley (8), 8. Thomas Bigelow (7). NT

FEATURE: (20 laps) 1. Bryce Massingill (20), 2. Jakeb Boxell (8), 3. Luke Hall (7), 4. Stratton Briggs (5), 5. Tyler Nelson (2), 6. Gunnar Lucius (15), 7. Matt Lux (1), 8. Michael Magic (4), 9. Abby Hohlbein (11), 10. Luke Lemons (17), 11. Ian Creager (9), 12. Chett Gehrke (14), 13. Tate Martz (6), 14. Cale Coons (12), 15. Carl Peterson (16), 16. Ryan Moran (10), 17. Blake Adams (19), 18. Cole Morgan (18), 19. Logan Prickett (13), 20. Brayden Schwartz (23), 21. Casey Meyer (22), 22. Zach Wigal (3), 23. Thomas Bigelow (24), 24. Keith Ousley (21). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Matt Lux, Laps 2-4 Zach Wigal, Laps 5-18 Jakeb Boxell, Laps 19-20 Bryce Massingill.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET POINTS: 1-Bryce Massingill-984, 2-Zach Wigal-949, 3-Stratton Briggs-935, 4-Ian Creager-906, 5-Matt Lux-894, 6-Gunnar Lucius-860, 7-Abby Hohlbein-773, 8-Jakeb Boxell-753, 9-Josh Yenser-581, 10-Alex Watson-530.

NEXT USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE: September 15, 2023 – Circle City Raceway – Indianapolis, Indiana

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

VMS Motorsports Fast Qualifier: Jakeb Boxell

Performance Electronics First Heat Winner: Tyler Nelson

U.S. Lawns Second Heat Winner: Matt Lux

Stiefel's Home & Auto Third Heat: Stratton Briggs

Performance Powder Coating Hard Charger: Bryce Massingill (20th to 1st)

Rosewood Machine & Tool Precision Move of the Race: Jakeb Boxell

HARF/DARF Hard Luck: Zach Wigal

Impact Racing Lucky Racer: Carl Peterson

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WIGAL DOTS THE I'S AT CIRCLE CITY

Indianapolis, Indiana (September 15, 2023).....Zach Wigal raced to his series-leading sixth USAC Midwest Thunder Speed2 Midget victory of the season on Friday night at Indianapolis, Indiana's Circle City Raceway.

Wigal (Belpre, Ohio) ran second to racelong leader Matt Lux (Manilla, Ind.) for the first 13 laps of the 20-lap event. On lap 14, Wigal made the winning move as he slipped by Lux for the lead and controlled the pace for the remaining seven laps to take the checkered flag.

Behind Wigal, Lux finished second with Cale Coons (Greencastle, Ind.) third, series point leader Bryce Massingill (Troy, Ohio) fourth and Germany's Marcel Berndt rounding out the top-five.

VMS Motorsports Fast Qualifier Abby Hohlbein (Cloverdale, Ind.) finished sixth after starting 15th to earn Performance Powder Coating Hard Charger honors.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: September 15, 2023 – Circle City Raceway – Indianapolis, Indiana

VMS MOTORSPORTS FIRST QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Zach Wigal, 18, Wigal-13.406, 2. Tim Siner, 77, Holderfield-13.624, 3. Page Perrine, 55, Perrine-13.885, 4. Marcel Berndt, 2, Briggs-13.991, 5. Blake Adams, 44, 14.031, 6. Logan Prickett, 3, Prickett-14.186, 7. Tanner Tecco, 4, Tecco-15.044, 8. Travis Stickels, 87, Stickels-15.171, 9. Jakeb Boxell, 44JB, Boxell/Merkler-15.171, 10. John Ralsten, 6m, Ralsten-NT.

VMS MOTORSPORTS SECOND QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Aaron Leffel, 11L, Taylor-13.343, 2. Michael Magic, 5m, Magic-13.368, 3. Tate Martz, 34, GMB-13.375, 4. Bryce Massingill, 35, Massingill-13.384, 5. Tyler Nelson, 10, Nelson-13.647, 6. Jimmie Guidry, 21G, Guidry-14.569, 7. Thomas Bigelow, 2B, Bigelow-14.981, 8. Alex Watson, 20x, Watson-18.037, 9. Josh Yenser, 16y, Yenser-18.037.

VMS MOTORSPORTS THIRD QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Abby Hohlbein, 11H, Hohlbein-13.117, 2. Kayla Roell, 4K, Roell-13.180, 3. Matt Lux, 5KB, Wells-13.335, 4. Cale Coons, 11T, Taylor-13.386, 5. Stratton Briggs, 21, Fedorczyk-13.505, 6. Ian Creager, 36, Creager-13.522, 7. Gunnar Lucius, 22, Lucius-13.724, 8. Cole Morgan, 7m, Morgan-13.939, 9. Luke Lemons, 33L, Lemons-14.238, 10. Jody Paul, 5J, Paul-15.343.

PERFORMANCE ELECTRONICS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Zach Wigal (4), 2. Marcel Berndt (1), 3. Tim Siner (3), 4. Logan Prickett (6), 5. Blake Adams (5), 6. Tanner Tecco (7), 7. Page Perrine (2), 8. John Ralsten (10). NT

U.S. LAWNS SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Bryce Massingill (1), 2. Michael Magic (3), 3. Tyler Nelson (5), 4. Aaron Leffel (4), 5. Tate Martz (2), 6. Alex Watson (8), 7. Jimmie Guidry (6), 8. Tom Bigelow (7). NT

STIEFEL'S HOME & AUTO THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Cale Coons (1), 2. Matt Lux (2), 3. Kayla Roell (3), 4. Stratton Briggs (5), 5. Abby Hohlbein (4), 6. Cole Morgan (8), 7. Gunnar Lucius (7), 8. Luke Lemons (9), 9. Jody Paul (10), 10. Ian Creager (6). NT

SEMI: (12 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Alex Watson (2), 2. Gunnar Lucius (6), 3. Cole Morgan (3), 4. Luke Lemons (9), 5. Jimmie Guidry (5), 6. Page Perrine (4), 7. John Ralsten (7), 8. Jody Paul (12), 9. Josh Yenser (11), 10. Tanner Tecco (1). NT

FEATURE: (20 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Zach Wigal (3), 2. Matt Lux (2), 3. Cale Coons (6), 4. Bryce Massingill (4), 5. Marcel Berndt (1), 6. Abby Hohlbein (15), 7. Kayla Roell (9), 8. Tate Martz (14), 9. Stratton Briggs (12), 10. Tyler Nelson (8), 11. Alex Watson (16), 12. Logan Prickett (10), 13. Luke Lemons (19), 14. Gunnar Lucius (17), 15. Michael Magic (5), 16. Blake Adams (13), 17. Cole Morgan (18), 18. Jimmie Guidry (20), 19. Aaron Leffel (11), 20. Tim Siner (7). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-13 Matt Lux, Laps 14-20 Zach Wigal.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET POINTS: 1-Bryce Massingill-889, 2-Zach Wigal-877, 3-Stratton Briggs-822, 4-Matt Lux-781, 5-Ian Creager-810, 6-Gunnar Lucius-778, 7-Abby Hohlbein-669, 8-Jakeb Boxell-640, 9-Josh Yenser-581, 10-Alex Watson-487.

NEXT USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE: September 16, 2023 – Montpelier Motor Speedway – Montpelier, Indiana

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

VMS Motorsports Fast Qualifier: Abby Hohlbein

Performance Electronics First Heat Winner: Zach Wigal

U.S. Lawns Second Heat Winner: Bryce Massingill

Stiefel's Home & Auto Third Heat Winner: Cale Coons

Performance Powder Coating Hard Charger: Abby Hohlbein (15th to 6th)

Rosewood Machine & Tool Precision Move of the Race: Marcel Berndt

Impact Racing Lucky Racer: Tyler Nelson

HARF/DARF Hard Luck Award: Tim Siner

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THE NEXT GENERATION: CALE COONS WINS HIS FIRST AT MONTPELIER

Montpelier, Indiana (September 16, 2023).....The Coons name is synonymous in USAC racing lore with Jerry Coons Jr. earning a total of four career national championships with the club in his Triple Crown career.

Now, the next generation of the Coons racing family has entered victory lane for the first time in USAC competition.

Cale Coons, son of Jerry Coons Jr., raced to his first career USAC Midwest Thunder Speed2 Midget victory on Saturday night at Indiana's Montpelier Motor Speedway.

The Greencastle, Ind. native zipped by racelong leader Zach Wigal with six laps remaining to reign victorious in the 20-lap main event in his Team Taylor Racing ride.

Wigal (Belpre, Ohio) led the first 14 laps of the feature before falling back to third at the finish line. Bryce Massingill (Troy, Ohio) took the second spot from Wigal in the waning laps and was able to extend his series point lead over Wigal to 29.

Aaron Leffel (Springfield, Ohio) grabbed fourth while Luke Lemons (Dayton, Ohio) scored a fifth after starting all the way back in the 19th position, which earned him Performance Powder Coating Hard Charger honors.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: September 16, 2023 – Montpelier Motor Speedway – Montpelier, Indiana

FEATURE: (20 laps) 1. Cale Coons (#11T Taylor), 2. Bryce Massingill (#35 Massingill), 3. Zach Wigal (#18 Wigal), 4. Aaron Leffel (#11L Taylor), 5. Luke Lemons (#33L Lemons), 6. Matt Lux (#5KB Wells), 7. Stratton Briggs (#21 Fedorczyk), 8. Cole Morgan (#7m Morgan), 9. Gunnar Lucius (#22 Lucius), 10. Ian Creager (#36 Creager), 11. Tyler Nelson (#10N Nelson), 12. Tate Martz (#34 GMB), 13. Josh Yenser (#16y Yenser), 14. Michael Magic (#5m Magic), 15. Tyler Kalb (#32 Kalb), 16. Jimmie Guidry (#21G Guidry), 17. Abby Hohlbein (#11H Hohlbein), 18. Jon Watson (#20x Watson), 19. Ryan Moran (#01 Moran), 20. Jakeb Boxell (#44JB Boxell-Merkler). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-14 Zach Wigal, Laps 15-20 Cale Coons.

ALSO AT THE TRACK: Marcel Berndt (#2 Briggs), Luke Hall (#74 Heitmeyer), Blake Adams (#44 Adams), Jim Jones (#97 Jones), Jody Paul (#5J Paul), Thomas Bigelow (#2B Bigelow), John Ralsten (#6m Ralsten) & Brayden Schwartz (#55 Schwartz).

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET POINTS: 1-Bryce Massingill-1112, 2-Zach Wigal-1083, 3-Stratton Briggs-1033, 4-Matt Lux-1016, 5-Ian Creager-959, 6-Gunnar Lucius-941, 7-Abby Hohlbein-857, 8-Jakeb Boxell-786, 9-Josh Yenser-581, 10-Luke Lemons-628.

NEXT USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE: October 7, 2023 – Waynesfield Raceway Park – Waynesfield, Ohio

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

VMS Motorsports Fast Qualifier: Bryce Massingill

Performance Electronics First Heat Winner: Zach Wigal

U.S. Lawns Second Heat Winner: Aaron Leffel

Stiefel's Home & Auto Third Heat: Bryce Massingill

Semi Winner: Jakeb Boxell

Performance Powder Coating Hard Charger: Luke Lemons (19th to 5th)

Rosewood Machine Precision Move of the Race: Cole Morgan

HARF/DARF Hard Luck: Jim Jones

Impact Racing Lucky Racer: Ian Creager

Larry Hajduk Memorial Crew Chief Awards: Thomas Briggs & Noah Lemons

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HALL BLOWS ENGINE, BUT STILL GOOD ENOUGH TO WIN AT WAYNESFIELD

Waynesfield, Ohio (October 7, 2023).....Luke Hall had his engine expire on the final lap, but it wasn't enough to deny him a victory during Saturday night's USAC Midwest Thunder Speed2 Midget feature at Ohio's Waynesfield Raceway Park.

Hall (Ludlow Falls, Ohio) led the first 19 laps relatively comfortably after starting from the pole position. However, on the 20th and final lap, Hall's engine blew but still managed to hold off Jakeb Boxell by a narrow .059 sec. margin at the finish line.

For Hall, it was his third series victory of the season and his second consecutive at Waynesfield after also winning there on July 3.

Boxell (Zanesville, Ind.) finished second with Chett Gehrke (Broken Arrow, Okla.) third, Zach Wigal (Belpre, Ohio) fourth and Stratton Briggs (Anna, Ohio) fifth. Gunnar Lucius advanced 15 spots from 21st to 6th to earn Performance Powder Coating Hard Charger honors.

Wigal became the new series point leader, erasing a 29-point point deficit in the penultimate race of the season. Bryce Massingill (Troy, Ohio), who dropped out and finished 20th due to mechanical issues, fell to second in the standings, nine points behind Wigal with one event remaining on October 21 at Indiana's Gas City I-69 Speedway.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: October 7, 2023 – Waynesfield Raceway Park – Waynesfield, Ohio

FIRST VMS MOTORSPORTS QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Abby Hohlbein, 11H, Hohlbein-13.744; 2. Aaron Leffel, 11L, Taylor-13.995; 3. Chett Gehrke, 21, Fedorczyk-14.006; 4. Josh Yenser, 16y, Yenser-14.061; 5. Brayden Schwartz, 55s, Schwartz-14.314; 6. Cole Morgan, 7m, Morgan-14.371; 7. Jimmie Guidry, 2, Briggs-14.445; 8. Tyler Kalb, 32, Kalb-14.603.

SECOND VMS MOTORSPORTS QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Jakeb Boxell, 44JB, Boxell/Merkler-13.658; 2. Tyler Nelson, 10, Nelson-13.768; 3. Luke Hall, 74, Heitmeyer-13.844; 4. Zach Wigal, 18, Wigal-13.893; 5. Adam Taylor, 5m, Magic-14.026; 6. Ryan Moran, 01, Moran-14.170; 7. Page Perrine, 55, Perrine-14.548; 8. Bryce Massingill, 35, Massingill-NT (Time of 13.850 disallowed).

THIRD VMS MOTORSPORTS QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Matt Lux, 5KB, Wells-13.654; 2. Tate Martz, 34, GMB-13.677; 3. Stratton Briggs, 71, Briggs-13.804; 4. Cale Coons, 11T, Taylor-14.176; 5. Ian Creager, 36, Creager-14.205; 6. Gunnar Lucius, 22, Lucius-14.208; 7. Jody Paul, 5J, Paul-16.172.

U.S. LAWNS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Chett Gehrke (2), 2. Abby Hohlbein (4), 3. Aaron Leffel (3), 4. Tyler Kalb (8), 5. Josh Yenser (1), 6. Cole Morgan (6), 7. Jimmy Guidry (7), 8. Brayden Schwartz (5). NT

PERFORMANCE ELECTRONICS SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Jakeb Boxell (4), 2. Luke Hall (2), 3. Adam Taylor (5), 4. Zach Wigal (1), 5. Bryce Massingill (8), 6. Tyler Nelson (3), 7. Ryan Moran (6), 8. Page Perrine (7). NT

STIEFEL'S HOME & AUTO THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Stratton Briggs (2), 2. Matt Lux (4), 3. Cale Coons (1), 4. Tate Martz (3), 5. Ian Creager (5), 6. Jody Paul (7), 7. Gunnar Lucius (6). NT

FEATURE: (20 laps) 1. Luke Hall (1), 2. Jakeb Boxell (4), 3. Chett Gehrke (6), 4. Zach Wigal (11), 5. Stratton Briggs (5), 6. Gunnar Lucius (21), 7. Matt Lux (3), 8. Adam Taylor (8), 9. Josh Yenser (13), 10. Aaron Leffel (7), 11. Tyler Kalb (10), 12. Tyler Nelson (17), 13. Ryan Moran (20), 14. Ian Creager (15), 15. Tate Martz (12), 16. Page Perrine (23), 17. Cole Morgan (16), 18. Jimmie Guidry (19), 19. Abby Hohlbein (2), 20. Bryce Massingill (14), 21. Cale Coons (9), 22. Jody Paul (18), 23. Brayden Schwartz (22). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-20 Luke Hall.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET POINTS: 1-Zach Wigal-1144, 2-Bryce Massingill-1135, 3-Stratton Briggs-1091, 4-Matt Lux-1068, 5-Gunnar Lucius-996, 6-Ian Creager-994, 7-Abby Hohlbein-882, 8-Jakeb Boxell-853, 9-Josh Yenser-674, 10-Cale Coons-591.

NEXT USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE: October 21, 2023 – Gas City I-69 Speedway – Gas City, Indiana

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

VMS Motorsports Fast Qualifier: Matt Lux

U.S. Lawns First Heat Winner: Chett Gehrke

Performance Electronics Second Heat Winner: Jakeb Boxell

Stiefel's Home & Auto Third Heat: Stratton Briggs

Performance Powder Coating Hard Charger: Gunnar Lucius (21st to 6th)

Rosewood Machine Precision Move of the Race: Jakeb Boxell

HARF/DARF Hard Luck: Brayden Schwartz

Performance Powder Coating Winner Bonus: Luke Hall

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LUX LOGS USAC MIDWEST THUNDER FINAL AT GAS CITY, WIGAL WINS TITLE

Gas City, Indiana (October 21, 2023).....Matt Lux raced off into the sunset of the USAC Midwest Thunder Speed2 Midget season with a feature victory during Saturday night's 2023 finale at Indiana's Gas City I-69 Speedway.

Meanwhile, by virtue of his fourth-place result, Zach Wigal (Belpre, Ohio) claimed the series championship by a narrow three-point margin (one position) over Bryce Massingill (Troy, Ohio) – the closest points race in series history.

Massingill led the opening two laps of the feature before Lux (Manilla, Ind.) took over for good. Lux led the remaining 18 circuits of the 20-lap feature to score the main event win by a 2.723 second margin.

For Lux, it was this fourth overall feature victory of the season, two of which came in points races and two others in non-points special events.

As far as Wigal, his fourth-place result provided him with a three-point edge in the title race over Massingill who finished as the runner-up behind Lux in the feature.

Following Lux to the finish line at Gas City was Massingill with Abby Hohlbein (Cloverdale, Ohio) third, Wigal fourth and Adam Taylor (Wheatfield, Ind.).

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: October 21, 2023 – Gas City I-69 Speedway – Gas City, Indiana

FIRST VMS MOTORSPORTS QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Bryce Massingill, 35, Massingill-12.892; 2. Matt Lux, 5KB, Wells-12.927; 3. Adam Taylor, 21, Fedorczyk-13.163; 4. Chett Gehrke, 5m, Magic-13.461; 5. Kayla Roell, 4K, Roell-13.585; 6. Page Perrine, 55, Perrine-13.905; 7. Jake Goeglein, 8, Goeglein-14.038; 8. Thomas Bigelow, 2B, Bigelow-14.395.

SECOND VMS MOTORSPORTS QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Ian Creager, 36, Creager-13.125; 2. Ryan Moran, 01, Moran-13.228; 3. Cale Coons, 11T, Taylor-13.285; 4. Abby Hohlbein, 11H, Hohlbein-13.340; 5. Jeff Champagne, 2, Briggs-13.442; 6. Jon Watson, 20x, Watson-13.816; 7. Jim Jones, 97, Jones-13.816.

THIRD VMS MOTORSPORTS QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Logan Prickett, 3, Prickett-12.870; 2. Jakeb Boxell, 44JB, Boxell/Merkler-12.923; 3. Stratton Briggs, 71, Briggs-12.949; 4. Zach Wigal, 18, Wigal-12.954; 5. Gunnar Lucius, 22, Lucius-13.144; 6. Cole Morgan, 7m, Morgan-13.291; 7. Jimmie Guidry, 21G, Guidry-13.822.

PERFORMANCE ELECTRONICS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Matt Lux (3), 2. Bryce Massingill (4), 3. Adam Taylor (2), 4. Kayla Roell (5), 5. Chett Gehrke (1), 6. Page Perrine (6), 7. Thomas Bigelow (8), 8. Jake Goeglein (7). NT

U.S. LAWNS SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Abby Hohlbein (1), 2. Ian Creager (4), 3. Cale Coons (2), 4. Ryan Moran (3), 5. Jeff Champagne (5), 6. Jon Watson (6), 7. Jim Jones (7). NT

STIEFEL'S HOME & AUTO THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Stratton Briggs (2), 2. Zach Wigal (1), 3. Jakeb Boxell (3), 4. Logan Prickett (4), 5. Gunnar Lucius (5), 6. Cole Morgan (6), 7. Jimmie Guidry (7). NT

FEATURE: (20 laps) 1. Matt Lux (3), 2. Bryce Massingill (2), 3. Abby Hohlbein (1), 4. Zach Wigal (5), 5. Adam Taylor (7), 6. Cale Coons (8), 7. Stratton Briggs (6), 8. Kayla Roell (10), 9. Ian Creager (4), 10. Gunnar Lucius (15), 11. Chett Gehrke (13), 12. Jimmie Guidry (21), 13. Page Perrine (16), 14. Cole Morgan (18), 15. Jon Watson (17), 16. Jake Goeglein (22), 17. Thomas Bigelow (19), 18. Jim Jones (20), 19. Logan Prickett (12), 20. Ryan Moran (11), 21. Jeff Champagne (14), 22. Jakeb Boxell (9). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-2 Bryce Massingill, Laps 3-20 Matt Lux.

FINAL USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET POINTS: 1-Zach Wigal-1205, 2-Bryce Massingill-1202, 3-Stratton Briggs-1143, 4-Matt Lux-1138, 5-Ian Creager-1040, 6-Gunnar Lucius-1039, 7-Abby Hohlbein-946, 8-Jakeb Boxell-876, 9-Josh Yenser-674, 10-Cale Coons-646.

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

VMS Motorsports Fast Qualifier: Logan Prickett

Performance Electronics First Heat Winner: Matt Lux

U.S. Lawns Second Heat Winner: Abby Hohlbein

Stiefel's Home & Auto Third Heat: Stratton Briggs

Performance Powder Coating Hard Charger: Jimmie Guidry (21st to 12th)

Rosewood Machine Precision Move of the Race: Bryce Massingill

Impact Lucky Driver: Stratton Briggs

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2023 USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET STAT LEADERS:

Driver Champion: Zach Wigal

Most Feature Wins: 6-Bryce Massingill & Zach Wigal

Laps Led: 107-Zach Wigal

Top-Fives: 16-Bryce Massingill

Top-Tens: 18-Stratton Briggs

Fast Qualifying Times: 5-Zach Wigal

Heat Race Wins: 8-Zach Wigal

Feature Starts: 21-Stratton Briggs, Abby Hohlbein, Gunnar Lucius, Matt Lux, Bryce Massingill & Zach Wigal

Biggest Charge of the Season: Aug 26 at Montpelier Motor Speedway – Bryce Massingill (20th to 1st)

2023 USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET DRIVER POINT STANDINGS:

POS.	PTS.	DRIVER, HOMETOWN
1.	1205	Zach Wigal, Belpre, Ohio
2.	1202	Bryce Massingill, Troy, Ohio
3.	1143	Stratton Briggs, Anna, Ohio
4.	1138	Matt Lux, Manilla, Ind.
5.	1040	Ian Creager, Covington, Ohio
6.	1039	Gunnar Lucius, Delphos, Ohio
7.	946	Abby Hohlbein, Cloverdale, Ohio
8.	876	Jakeb Boxell, Zanesville, Ind.

9. 674 Josh Yenser, Hilliard, Ohio
10. 646 Cale Coons, Greencastle, Ind.
11. 618 Cole Morgan, Brookville, Ohio
12. 577 Luke Lemons, Moraine, Ohio
13. 571 Alex Watson, Columbus, Ohio
14. 557 Chett Gehrke, Broken Arrow, Okla.
15. 511 Luke Hall, Findlay, Ohio
16. 503 Tate Martz, Rushville, Ind
17. 479 Kayla Roell, Dillsboro, Ind.
18. 471 Michael Magic, Winder, Ga.
19. 416 Tyler Nelson, Olathe, Kan.
20. 353 Brayden Schwartz, Troy, Ohio
21. 316 Cody Dye, Covington, Ky.
22. 241 Logan Prickett, Shelbyville, Ohio
23. 240 Tyler Kalb, Columbus, Ohio
24. 239 Page Perrine, Fort Jennings, Ohio
25. 212 Marcel Berndt, Pfaffenhofen an der Ilm, Ger.
26. 186 Carl Peterson, Waterford, Mich.
27. 166 Wes Pinkerton, Reynolds, Ind.
28. 132 Jim Jones, Ventura, Calif.
29. 121 Jody Paul, Orient, Ohio
30. 117 Blake Adams, Decatur, Ind.
31. 113 Steven Gresham, Seymour, Ind.
32. 111 Travis Walters, Van Buren Township, Mich.
33. 107 Adam Taylor, Wheatfield, Ind.
34. 105 Kyle Ford, Needham Ind.
35. 99 Casey Meyer, Columbus, Ind.
36. 88 Rylan Gray, Greenfield, Ind.
37. 87 Kyle Keaton, Lucasville, Ohio
38. 66 Chris Dickey, Westfield, Ind.
39. 60 Jon Watson, Columbus, Ohio
40. 33 Taylor Nibert, South Vienna, Ohio

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| 41. | 31 | Tommy Kouns, Lebanon, Ind. |
| 42. | 31 | Brad Strunk, Wilmington, Ohio |
| 43. | 31 | Scott Albrecht, Danville, Ind. |
| 44. | 23 | Bryan Brewer, Vallonia, Ind. |
| 45. | 20 | Cody Downard, Lima, Ohio |
| 46. | 20 | John Ralsten, Vienna, W.Va. |
| 47. | 10 | Elijah Knoke, Columbus, Ind. |

2023 USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET FEATURE WINNERS:

May 6: Montpelier Motor Speedway - Montpelier, IN

WINNER: Zach Wigal (Lee Wigal #18)

May 20: (SE) Eldora Speedway – Rossburg, OH

WINNER: Matt Lux (Bill Wells #5KB)

May 25: (SE) Circle City Raceway - Indianapolis, IN

WINNER: Matt Lux (Bill Wells #5KB)

Jun 2: Moler Raceway Park - Williamsburg, OH

WINNER: Bryce Massingill (Jason Massingill #35)

Jun 3: Atomic Speedway - Chillicothe, OH

WINNER: Bryce Massingill (Jason Massingill #35)

Jun 16: Limaland Motorsports Park - Lima, OH

WINNER: Zach Wigal (Lee Wigal #18)

Jun 16: Limaland Motorsports Park - Lima, OH

WINNER: Bryce Massingill – (Jason Massingill #35)

Jun 17: Fremont Speedway - Fremont, OH

WINNER: Luke Hall (Kyle Heitmeyer #74)

Jun 23: Moler Raceway Park - Williamsburg, OH

WINNER: Zach Wigal (Lee Wigal #18)

Jul 3: Waynesfield Raceway Park - Waynesfield, OH

WINNER: Luke Hall (Kyle Heitmeyer #74)

Jul 8: Montpelier Motor Speedway - Montpelier, IN

WINNER: Matt Lux (Bill Wells #5KB)

Jul 14: Moler Raceway Park - Williamsburg, OH

WINNER: Bryce Massingill (Jason Massingill #35)

Jul 15: Paragon Speedway - Paragon, IN

WINNER: Zach Wigal (Lee Wigal #18)

Jul 21: Gas City I-69 Speedway - Gas City, IN

WINNER: Wes Pinkerton (Jerry Pinkerton #9p)

Jul 22: Kokomo Speedway - Kokomo, IN

WINNER: Chett Gehrke (Chett Gehrke #93c)

Aug 4: Moler Raceway Park - Williamsburg, OH

WINNER: Bryce Massingill (Jason Massingill #35)

Aug 5: Atomic Speedway - Chillicothe, OH

WINNER: Zach Wigal (Lee Wigal #18)

Aug 18: Gas City I-69 Speedway - Gas City, IN

WINNER: Tate Martz (GMB Racing #34)

Aug 26: Montpelier Motor Speedway - Montpelier, IN

WINNER: Bryce Massingill (Jason Massingill #35)

Sep 15: Circle City Raceway - Indianapolis, IN

WINNER: Zach Wigal (Lee Wigal #18)

Sep 16: Montpelier Motor Speedway - Montpelier, IN

WINNER: Cale Coons (Team Taylor Racing #11T)

Oct 7: Waynesfield Raceway Park - Waynesfield, OH

WINNER: Luke Hall (Kyle Heitmeyer #74)

Oct 21: Gas City I-69 Speedway - Gas City, IN

WINNER: Matt Lux (Bill Wells #5KB)

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2023 USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET FEATURE WINS: (FULL POINTS)

6-Bryce Massingill (Jun 2 at Moler Raceway Park, Jun 3 at Atomic Speedway, Jun 16 at Limaland Motorsports Park, Jul 14 at Moler Raceway Park, Aug 4 at Moler Raceway Park & Aug 26 at Montpelier Motor Speedway)

6-Zach Wigal (May 6 at Montpelier Motor Speedway, Jun 16 at Limaland Motorsports Park, Jun 23 at Moler Raceway Park, Jul 15 at Paragon Speedway, Aug 5 at Atomic Speedway & Sep 15 at Circle City Raceway)

3-Luke Hall (Jun 17 at Fremont Speedway, Jul 3 at Waynesfield Raceway Park & Oct 7 at Waynesfield Raceway Park)

2-Matt Lux (Jul 8 at Montpelier Motor Speedway & Oct 21 at Gas City I-69 Speedway)

1-Cale Coons (Sep 16 at Montpelier Motor Speedway)

1-Chett Gehrke (Jul 22 at Kokomo Speedway)

1-Tate Martz (Aug 18 at Gas City I-69 Speedway)

1-Wes Pinkerton (Jul 21 at Gas City I-69 Speedway)

2023 USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET FEATURE WINS: (NON-POINTS SPECIAL EVENTS)

2-Matt Lux (May 20 at Eldora Speedway & May 25 at Circle City Raceway)

2023 USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET FEATURE LAPS LED:

107-Zach Wigal

72-Matt Lux

46-Jakeb Boxell & Luke Hall

43-Bryce Massingill

30-Tate Martz

20-Chett Gehrke

19-Wes Pinkerton

14-Stratton Briggs & Tyler Nelson

6-Cale Coons

4-Aaron Leffel

2-Ian Creager

1-Ryan Moran

2023 USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET TOP-5 FEATURE FINISHES:

16-Bryce Massingill

14-Zach Wigal

12-Stratton Briggs

9-Matt Lux

7-Jakeb Boxell & Gunnar Lucius

6-Ian Creager & Luke Hall

5-Cale Coons

4-Abby Hohlbein & Josh Yenser

3-Tate Martz

2-Chett Gehrke, Luke Lemons, Tyler Nelson & Wes Pinkerton

1-Marcel Berndt, Aaron Leffel, Adam Taylor & Alex Watson

2023 USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET TOP-10 FEATURE FINISHES:

18-Stratton Briggs

17-Ian Creager, Matt Lux, Bryce Massingill & Zach Wigal

16-Gunnar Lucius

13-Abby Hohlbein

12-Jakeb Boxell

9-Josh Yenser

8-Cale Coons

7-Luke Hall

6-Luke Lemons

5-Chett Gehrke, Tate Martz, Tyler Nelson, Kayla Roell & Alex Watson

4-Aaron Leffel, Michael Magic & Cole Morgan

3-Marcel Berndt

2-Wes Pinkerton & Adam Taylor

1-Brendon Cascadden, Chris Dickey, Bryce Dues, Kyle Ford, Ryan Moran, Darin Naida, Carl Peterson, Logan Prickett & Hilton Rowett

2023 USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET FAST QUALIFYING TIMES:

5-Zach Wigal

2-Abby Hohlbein, Matt Lux & Bryce Massingill

1-Jakeb Boxell, Tate Martz, Tyler Nelson, Wes Pinkerton, Logan Prickett & Kayla Roell

2023 USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET HEAT RACE WINS:

8-Zach Wigal

6-Stratton Briggs, Matt Lux & Bryce Massingill

5-Jakeb Boxell

4-Luke Hall

3-Cale Coons, Gunnar Lucius & Tate Martz

2-Ian Creager, Chett Gehrke & Abby Hohlbein

1-Aaron Leffel, Michael Magic, Bryce Massingill, Tyler Nelson & Josh Yenser

2023 USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET FEATURE STARTS:

21-Stratton Briggs, Abby Hohlbein, Gunnar Lucius, Matt Lux, Bryce Massingill & Zach Wigal

20-Ian Creager

18-Jakeb Boxell

17-Cole Morgan

14-Luke Lemons, Alex Watson & Josh Yenser

13-Cale Coons & Michael Magic

12-Chett Gehrke & Kayla Roell

10-Cody Dye, Tate Martz & Brayden Schwartz

9-Luke Hall, Ryan Moran & Tyler Nelson

8-Jimmie Guidry

7-Bryce Dues, Page Perrine & Logan Prickett

6-Tyler Kalb & Carl Peterson

5-Marcel Berndt & Aaron Leffel

4-Jim Jones

3-Blake Adams, Thomas Bigelow, Kyle Ford, Steven Gresham, Kyle Keaton, Casey Meyer, Jody Paul & Travis Walters

2-Chris Dickey, Rylan Gray, Oz Osborn, Wes Pinkerton, Hilton Rowett, Adam Taylor & Jon Watson

1-Scott Albrecht, Bryan Brewer, Brendon Cascadden, Jeff Champagne, Justin Dickerson, Jake Goeglein, Tommy Kouns, Darin Naida, Taylor Nibert, Keith Ousley, Isla Rowett, Tim Siner & Brad Strunk

2023 USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET SEMI WINS:

1-Jakeb Boxell & Kayla Roell

2023 USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET DASH WINS:

1-Tate Martz