

2022 USAC IMRA SPEED2 MIDGET SEASON

UNDEFEATED: McMAHILL GOES 6-FOR-6 TO SCORE 2022 USAC IMRA TITLE

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In the annals of USAC racing, you'd be hard pressed to find an instance in which a driver went undefeated en route to a season-long championship.

Mark McMahonill became that individual in 2022 as he raced to six victories in six feature starts in his Ron & Mark McMahonill-owned No. 57 to capture his second consecutive USAC Engler Illinois Midget Racing Association Speed2 Midget title.

McMahonill (Peoria, Ill.) soared to wins in each successive start at a trio of Illinois venues – thrice at Spoon River Speedway, twice at Adams County Speedway and once at Champaign County Speedway.

In achieving his feat, he became the first driver since Patrick Bruns in 2014 to go through an entire USAC Regional series season with a perfect record. Bruns won all four of his starts that season eight years ago but was not credited with a season title.

However, the title was all McMahonill's this year as he captured the crown by 45 points over Shane Morgan to become the first back-to-back USAC IMRA champ since Andy Baugh in 2018-19. McMahonill's USAC IMRA win total now stands at 12, placing him second all-time in the category behind all-time leader Baugh at 29.

To demonstrate his dominance, McMahonill also led 97 out of a possible 110 feature laps run during the 2022 season, which is at a clip of more than 88 percent. Furthermore, McMahonill ran his streak to seven consecutive victories dating back to his win during the final race of 2021. That's tied for the third-longest winning streak in USAC history.

Billy Boat reeled off 11-straight Western States Midget victories in 1995. Adam Pierson collected 11 consecutive DMA Speed2 triumphs in 2016. A.J. Foyt's splendid 1964 campaign included seven successive National Championship (Indy Car) wins. Billy Vukovich III was dominant on the USAC Supermodified trail in 1987, garnering seven-in-a-row. Prior to McMahonill, Jacob Denney was the latest to reach the mark with seven-straight visits to Midwest Thunder Speed2 victory lane in 2021.

The other dominant force on the IMRA trail in 2022 was Mother Nature, who won six times herself to claim victory in the half of the events. However, Shane Morgan (Creve Coeur, Ill.) gave a good chase to finish a distant second in the standings, tying his best points finish of second from 2018. His best runs of the season came via a pair of runner-up results at Adams County and Spoon River.

Jake Sollenberger (Canton, Ill.) put himself inside the top-five of the year-end USAC IMRA standings for the fifth time in the past seven seasons while equaling his career-best series points finish of third in 2019. He posted his best feature finish of the 2022 season in August with a third at Spoon River.

Thomas Harris (Lewistown, Ill.) had his best career IMRA run this past season by finishing fourth in the standings on the strength of a second place result in the season opener at Spoon River.

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McMAHILL PICKS UP WHERE HE LEFT OFF AT SPOON RIVER

Canton, Illinois (May 29, 2022).....Defending USAC Engler IMRA Speed2 Midget champion Mark McMahill picked up right where he left off last season by scoring the victory in Sunday night's series season opener at Spoon River Speedway in Canton, Ill.

McMahill (Peoria, Ill.) captured the win in the 2021 season finale and then took the season opener in 2022 after the first four scheduled events were lost to Mother Nature.

By doing so, McMahill became just the second driver in series history to win the finale of the preceding season before going on to win the opener of the next season, following Andy Baugh in 2019-20.

Thomas Harris (Lewistown, Ill.) led the opening three laps before McMahill got by and went on to score the win ahead of Harris, Shane Morgan (Creve Coeur, Ill.), Jake Sollenberger (Canton, Ill.), Russell Johnston (Monmouth, Ill.) and Kelli Harter (Mechanicsburg, Ill.)

USAC ENGLER IMRA SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: May 29, 2022 – Spoon River Speedway – Canton, Illinois

HEAT RACE: (8 laps) 1. 51R-Thomas Harris, 2. 5-Jake Sollenberger, 3. 0-Russell Johnston, 4. 57-Mark McMahill, 5. 22K-Kelli Harter, 6. 15m-Shane Morgan. NT

FEATURE: (15 laps) 1. Mark McMahill, 2. Thomas Harris, 3. Shane Morgan, 4. Jake Sollenberger, 5. Russell Johnston, 6. Kelli Harter. NT

USAC ENGLER IMRA SPEED2 MIDGET POINTS: 1-Mark McMahill-75, 2-Thomas Harris-75, 3-Jake Sollenberger-68, 4-Shane Morgan-67, 5-Russell Johnston-64, 6-Kelli Harter-59.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-3 Thomas Harris, Laps 4-15 Mark McMahill.

NEXT USAC ENGLER IMRA SPEED2 MIDGET RACE: June 5, 2022 – Adams County Speedway – Quincy, Illinois

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McMAHILL CONTINUES ROLL AT ADAMS COUNTY

Quincy, Illinois (June 5, 2022).....Mark McMahill, the defending USAC Engler IMRA Speed2 Midget champion, continued his winning streak with his second consecutive victory to start the 2022 season on Sunday at Adams County Speedway in Quincy, Ill.

McMahill (Peoria, Ill.) has now won three-in-a-row dating back to the 2021 finale and notched the latest in fine fashion as he led all 15 laps of the main event.

Patrick Ryan (Springfield, Ill.) took second ahead of Shane Morgan (Creve Coeur, Ill.), Thomas Harris (Lewistown, Ill.) and Jake Sollenberger (Canton, Ill.).

USAC ENGLER IMRA SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 5, 2022 – Adams County Speedway – Quincy, Illinois

HEAT RACE: (8 laps) 1. 57-Mark McMahill (2), 2. 15m-Shane Morgan (3), 3. 5-Jake Sollenberger (5), 4. 23-Patrick Ryan (1), 5. 51R-Thomas Harris (4).

FEATURE: (15 laps) 1. Mark McMahill (1), 2. Patrick Ryan (4), 3. Shane Morgan (2), 4. Thomas Harris (5), 5. Jake Sollenberger (3). NT

USAC ENGLER IMRA SPEED2 MIDGET POINTS: 1-Mark McMahon-153, 2-Thomas Harris-140, 3-Shane Morgan-138, 4-Jake Sollenberger-132.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-15 Mark McMahon.

NEXT USAC ENGLER IMRA SPEED2 MIDGET RACE: July 3, 2022 – Adams County Speedway – Quincy, Illinois

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McMAHILL STRIKES AGAIN AT ADAMS COUNTY

Quincy, Illinois (July 3, 2022).....Mark McMahon rolled on with his third consecutive USAC Engler IMRA Speed2 Midget victory to begin the 2022 season, scoring once more on Sunday at Adams County Speedway in Quincy, Ill.

Defending series champion McMahon (Peoria, Ill.) led all 20 laps from start to finish and has now won four-in-a-row dating back to the 2021 finale.

Shane Morgan (Creve Coeur, Ill.) collected the runner-up spot while Thomas Harris (Lewistown, Ill.) took third, Russell Johnston (Monmouth, Ill.) was fourth and Jake Sollenberger (Canton, Ill.) fifth.

USAC ENGLER IMRA SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 3, 2022 – Adams County Speedway – Quincy, Illinois

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 51R-Thomas Harris (1), 2. 15m-Shane Morgan (3), 3. 5-Jake Sollenberger (2), 4. 127-Jim Picardi (4). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 57-Mark McMahon (3), 2. 0-Russell Johnston (2), 3. 20-Reuben Haslett (4), 4. 9-Keith Wilson (1). NT

FEATURE: (20 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Mark McMahon (1), 2. Shane Morgan (3), 3. Thomas Harris (2), 4. Russell Johnston (4), 5. Jake Sollenberger (5), 6. Reuben Haslett (8), 7. Keith Wilson (6), 8. Jim Picardi (7). NT

USAC ENGLER IMRA SPEED2 MIDGET POINTS: 1-Mark McMahon-231, 2-Shane Morgan-212, 3-Thomas Harris-212, 4-Jake Sollenberger-196.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-20 Mark McMahon.

NEXT USAC ENGLER IMRA SPEED2 MIDGET RACE: July 9, 2022 – Spoon River Speedway – Canton, Illinois

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UNDEFEATED McMAHILL RACKS UP 4TH STRAIGHT IN CHAMPAIGN

Urbana, Illinois (July 29, 2022).....Mark McMahon kept his undefeated streak intact with his fourth consecutive victory of the USAC Engler IMRA Speed2 Midget season on Friday night at the Champaign County Fairgrounds in Urbana, Ill.

The reigning series champ from Peoria, Ill. led the final 18 laps of the 20-lap main event after taking over the reins from Bryan Stanfill who led the opening two circuits.

McMahill extended his point lead to 29 with the victory while Stanfill (Bakersfield, Calif.) grabbed second with Brandon Smith (Mason City, Ill.) third, Shane Morgan (Creve Coeur, Ill.) fourth and Devin Feger (East Peoria, Ill.) rounding out the top-five in fifth.

USAC ENGLER IMRA SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 29, 2022 – Champaign County Fairgrounds – Urbana, Illinois

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Bryan Stanfill (#24 Hull), 2. Shane Morgan (#15m Morgan), 3. Brandon Smith (#11 Smith), 4. Kelli Harter (#22 Harter), 5. Patrick Bruns (#77 Bruns), 6. Molly Day (#51 Day), 7. John Heitzman (#00 Heitzman). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Mark McMahonill (#57 McMahonill), 2. Tyler Roth (#18 Roth), 3. Devin Feger (#7x Mahan), 4. Russell Johnston (#0 Johnston), 5. Reuben Haslett (#20 Haslett), 6. Keith Wilson (#9 Wilson). NT

FEATURE: (20 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Mark McMahonill, 2. Bryan Stanfill, 3. Brandon Smith, 4. Shane Morgan, 5. Devin Feger, 6. Tyler Roth, 7. Patrick Bruns, 8. Russell Johnston, 9. Reuben Haslett, 10. Molly Day, 11. Keith Wilson, 12. Kelli Harter, 13. John Heitzman. NT

USAC ENGLER IMRA SPEED2 MIDGET POINTS: 1-Mark McMahonill-309, 2-Shane Morgan-280, 3-Thomas Harris-212, 4-Jake Sollenberger-196.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-2 Bryan Stanfill, Laps 3-20 Mark McMahonill.

NEXT USAC ENGLER IMRA SPEED2 MIDGET RACE: August 6, 2022 – Spoon River Speedway – Canton, Illinois

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5-FOR-5 FOR McMAHILL IN USAC IMRA RUN AT SPOON RIVER

Canton, Illinois (August 6, 2022).....Mark McMahonill captured his fifth consecutive USAC Engler IMRA Speed2 Midget victory of the season on Saturday night at Spoon River Speedway in Canton, Ill.

The reigning series champ and current point leader from Peoria, Ill. traded the lead early with Austin Archdale before taking over control and leading the rest of the way for his fifth series victory in five tries and sixth consecutive win dating back to last year.

McMahill extended his point lead to 34 by virtue of his while Shane Morgan (Creve Coeur, Ill.) took second, with Jake Sollenberger (Canton, Ill.) third, Patrick Ryan (Springfield, Ill.) fourth and Andy Baugh (Mason City, Ill.) rounding out the top-five.

USAC ENGLER IMRA SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 6, 2022 – Spoon River Speedway – Canton, Illinois

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Patrick Ryan (#23 Ryan), 2. Thomas Harris (#51R Johnson), 3. John Heitzman (#00 Heitzman), 4. Jim Picardi (#127 Picardi), 5. Andy Baugh (#31 Mallonee), 6. Abby Hohlbein (#11H Hohlbein). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Austin Archdale (#7x Mahan), 2. Mark McMahonill (#57 McMahonill), 3. Jake Sollenberger (Utsinger #5), 4. Shane Morgan (#15m Morgan), 5. Kelli Harter (#22K Harter), 6. Cody Dye (#4T Dye). NT

FEATURE: (20 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Mark McMahonill, 2. Shane Morgan, 3. Jake Sollenberger, 4. Patrick Ryan, 5. Andy Baugh, 6. John Heitzman, 7. Cody Dye, 8. Jim Picardi, 9. Kelli Harter, 10. Austin Archdale, 11. Thomas Harris, 12. Abby Hohlbein. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Mark McMahonill, Laps 2-4 Austin Archdale, Laps 5-20 Mark McMahonill.

USAC ENGLER IMRA SPEED2 MIDGET POINTS: 1-Mark McMahon-386, 2-Shane Morgan-352, 3-Jake Sollenberger-266, 4-Thomas Harris-260, 5-Cody Dye-55, 6-Abby Hohlbein-42.

NEXT USAC ENGLER IMRA SPEED2 MIDGET RACE: August 14, 2022 – Adams County Speedway – Quincy, Illinois

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McMAHILL COMPLETES PERFECT USAC IMRA SEASON WITH WIN AT SPOON RIVER

Canton, Illinois (September 17, 2022).....Mark McMahon completed a perfect six-for-six season with the USAC Engler IMRA Speed2 Midgets as he collected his sixth consecutive series victory in six tries during Saturday night's finale at Spoon River Speedway in Canton, Ill.

The now two-time USAC IMRA champion from Peoria, Ill. took over the lead six laps into the 20-lap event after passing Cody Gerdes, then controlled the rest of the way to win once more over Gerdes (Eureka, Ill.), Ian Creager (Covington, Ohio), Shane Morgan (Creve Coeur, Ill.) and Jake Sollenberger (Canton, Ill.).

It's McMahon's seventh consecutive USAC IMRA feature triumph dating back to last season and made him the first back-to-back champ of the series since Andy Baugh in 2018-19.

USAC ENGLER IMRA SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: September 17, 2022 – Spoon River Speedway – Canton, Illinois

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Mark McMahon (#57 McMahon), 2. Ian Creager (#36 Creager), 3. Thomas Harris (#51R Johnson), 4. John Heitzman (#00 Heitzman), 5. Keith Wilson (#9 Wilson), 6. Andy Baugh (#31 Mallonee). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Cody Gerdes (#5G Gerdes), 2. Jake Sollenberger (#5 Utsinger), 3. Shane Morgan (#15m Morgan), 4. Charles Kunz (#27 Kunz), 5. Reuben Haslett (#20 Haslett). NT

FEATURE: (20 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Mark McMahon, 2. Cody Gerdes, 3. Ian Creager, 4. Shane Morgan, 5. Jake Sollenberger, 6. Thomas Harris, 7. John Heitzman, 8. Reuben Haslett, 9. Keith Wilson. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-5 Cody Gerdes, Laps 6-20 Mark McMahon.

FINAL USAC ENGLER IMRA SPEED2 MIDGET POINTS: 1-Mark McMahon-464, 2-Shane Morgan-419, 3-Jake Sollenberger-331, 4-Thomas Harris-321, 5-Ian Creager-71, 6-Cody Dye-55, 7-Abby Hohlbein-42.

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2022 USAC IMRA SPEED2 MIDGET DRIVER POINT STANDINGS:

POS.	PTS.	DRIVER, HOMETOWN
1.	464	Mark McMahon, Peoria, Ill.
2.	419	Shane Morgan, Creve Coeur, Ill.
3.	331	Jake Sollenberger, Canton, Ill.
4.	321	Thomas Harris, Lewistown, Ill.

5. 71 Ian Creager, Covington, Ohio
6. 55 Cody Dye, Covington, Ky.
7. 42 Abby Hohlbein, Cloverdale, Ohio

2022 USAC IMRA SPEED2 MIDGET FEATURE WINNERS:

May 29: Spoon River Speedway - Canton, IL

WINNER: Mark McMahonill (Mark & Ron McMahonill #57)

Jun 5: Adams County Speedway - Quincy, IL

WINNER: Mark McMahonill (Mark & Ron McMahonill #57)

Jul 3: Adams County Speedway - Quincy, IL

WINNER: Mark McMahonill (Mark & Ron McMahonill #57)

Jul 29: Champaign County Speedway - Urbana, IL

WINNER: Mark McMahonill (Mark & Ron McMahonill #57)

Aug 6: Spoon River Speedway - Canton, IL

WINNER: Mark McMahonill (Mark & Ron McMahonill #57)

Sep 17: Spoon River Speedway - Canton, IL

WINNER: Mark McMahonill (Mark & Ron McMahonill #57)

2022 USAC IMRA SPEED2 MIDGET FEATURE WINS:

6-Mark McMahonill (May 29 at Spoon River Speedway, Jun 5 at Adams County Speedway, Jul 3 at Adams County Speedway, Jul 29 at Champaign County Speedway, Aug 6 at Spoon River Speedway & Sep 17 at Spoon River Speedway)

2022 USAC IMRA SPEED2 MIDGET TOP-5 FEATURE FINISHES:

6-Mark McMahonill & Shane Morgan

5-Jake Sollenberger

3-Thomas Harris

2-Russell Johnston & Patrick Ryan

1-Andy Baugh, Ian Creager, Devin Feger, Cody Gerdes, Brandon Smith & Bryan Stanfill

2022 USAC IMRA SPEED2 MIDGET TOP-10 FEATURE FINISHES:

6-Mark McMahonill & Shane Morgan

5-Jake Sollenberger

4-Thomas Harris

3-Reuben Haslett & Russell Johnston

2-Kelli Harter, John Heitzman, Jim Picardi, Patrick Ryan & Keith Wilson

1-Austin Archdale, Andy Baugh, Patrick Bruns, Ian Creager, Molly Day, Cody Dye, Devin Feger, Cody Gerdes, Tyler Roth, Brandon Smith & Bryan Stanfill

2022 USAC IMRA SPEED2 MIDGET FEATURE LAPS LED:

97-Mark McMahill

5-Cody Gerdes

3-Austin Archdale & Thomas Harris

2-Bryan Stanfill

2022 USAC IMRA SPEED2 MIDGET HEAT RACE WINS:

4-Mark McMahill

2-Thomas Harris

1-Austin Archdale, Cody Gerdes, Patrick Ryan & Bryan Stanfill

2022 USAC IMRA SPEED2 MIDGET FEATURE STARTS:

6-Mark McMahill & Shane Morgan

5-Thomas Harris & Jake Sollenberger

3-Kelli Harter, Reuben Haslett, John Heitzman, Russell Johnston & Keith Wilson

2-Jim Picardi & Patrick Ryan

1-Austin Archdale, Andy Baugh, Patrick Bruns, Ian Creager, Molly Day, Cody Dye, Devin Feger, Cody Gerdes, Abby Hohlbein, Tyler Roth, Brandon Smith & Bryan Stanfill