

2025 USAC MIDWEST THUNDER MIDGET SEASON REVIEW



Nelson Cruises! 2025 USAC Midwest Thunder SpeeD2 Midget Review

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Originally, Tyler Nelson assumed his hopes and dreams for a USAC Midwest Thunder SpeeD2 Midget championship in 2025 were over.

While holding onto a 14-point lead in the series standings, Nelson had a pre-planned family vacation that was going to force him to miss the final three races of the season.

However, Mother Nature quickly came to Nelson's rescue. First, the penultimate event in late September at Ohio's Moler Raceway Park was rained out. From the high seas, Nelson quickly devised a plan to have his car ready for the double feature finale at Indiana's Montpelier Speedway on the first weekend of October.

At 7:30am on the morning of the season finale, Nelson had stepped off the cruise ship at Cape Canaveral in Florida. After the flight back home and a drive north to Montpelier, by 10pm later that same night, Nelson was the series champion.

With sixth and third place finishes on each end of the Montpelier double, Nelson secured the series title by a 50-point margin over Matt Lux. With it, Nelson, who originally hails from Olathe, Kansas but now resides in Indianapolis, Indiana, became the first series champion not from the state of Ohio!

The 28-year-old won once on the season, charging eighth to first and leading the final six laps to earn his first career series victory in June at Millstream Speedway aboard the Curtis Motor Sales – The Auto Spot Lynch Machining LynK chassis powered by a 4 Piston Racing Honda engine.

With crew chief Mike Hurst at the helm, Nelson was the lone driver to finish inside the top-10 in all 11 of his feature starts on the season. Hurst was a standout racer himself, winning three USAC Regional Midget main events during the 1990s at the Indianapolis Speedrome.

Rain was the biggest winner throughout the series season, claiming 12 victories. However, six drivers were able to stop the rain and reach victory lane in 2025: Nelson, Luke Hall, Bryce Massingill, Zach Wigal, Jake Boxell and Matt Lux.

Lux (Manilla, Indiana) finished a career best second in the standings, his third consecutive year inside the top-five. He won once at Honest Abe Roofing Lincoln Park Speedway in September, leading all 25 laps. Lux was recognized with the VMS Motorsports Quick Time of the Year award after accumulating a total five fast qualifying times between full points and non-points special events during the season.

Massingill (Troy, Ohio), the 2024 series champ, finished third in the championship with three points race victories while also becoming the winningest driver in series history with his 16th career score in the Mike Streicher Memorial at Limaland Motorsports Park. He added two more triumphs at Fremont Speedway and Moler for a total of three wins on the year and emerged with his fifth consecutive top-three points finish.

Hall (Ludlow Falls, Ohio) also notched three points wins on the season, leading all but the first lap at Lawrenceburg Speedway in August. Then, in October's season finale at Montpelier, he doubled up with two wins in a single evening. Ian Creager (Covington, Ohio) returned to the top-five of the points for the fifth time in his career. Brayden Schwartz (Troy, Ohio) earned the Most Improved Driver award after moving up from 11th in the 2024 standings to sixth this season.

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The Wally Sexton Rookie of the Year award went to Buddy Hollmeyer (Cincinnati, Ohio), a former Kenyon Midget racer who migrated to the Midwest Thunder series to finish seventh in the final point tally. Jalen Cox (Winchester, Indiana) was the second best Rookie with the series, taking 13th. Cox was honored with the Rosewood Machine and Tool Company Precision Move of the Year.

Zach Wigal won twice, as the 2023 series champ wired all 25 laps on two separate occasions at both Atomic Speedway in June and again at Millstream in August.

Jake Boxell (Zanesville, Indiana) made the two biggest charges of the series season, and therefore, was awarded the 2025 Performance Powder Coating Hard Charger of the Year award. Boxell went 23rd to 2nd in June at Millstream, then made the most miraculous move of the year by racing from 18th to the win in September's Ashlea Albertson Memorial at Circle City Raceway, making the winning move around Michael Magic with three laps remaining.

Three non-points special events were held throughout the 2025 season. Hall has competed (and won) at Ohio's Eldora Speedway for more than two decades, but in May, he accomplished something he never achieved before – winning a midget race at the Big E by racing from eighth to first to check it off that list.

Furthermore, Massingill overtook Hall for the lead with three laps remaining to score the victory in a June special at Waynesfield Raceway Park. Daltyn England (Springfield, Illinois), meanwhile, closed out the season with a special event winning performance at Coles County Speedway, a race co-sanctioned by MARA.

Five drivers started all 11 points paying features during the season: Buddy Hollmeyer, Matt Lux, Cole Morgan, Tyler Nelson & Brayden Schwartz.

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Massingill is First Two-Time Mike Streicher Memorial Winner

By: Gerry Keyser

Elida, Ohio (May 9, 2025).....Troy, Ohio's Bryce Massingill became the first two-time winner of the Mike Streicher Memorial presented by Post Printing on Friday night at Elida, Ohio's Limaland Motorsports Park.

With heavy rain beginning the week, it was questionable whether Limaland would be able to run, but the staff and crew pulled together and the racetrack was pristine for the fifth annual event honoring the memory of the 1991 USAC National Midget champion.

In the 25-lap A-Main, Chett Gehrke and Massingill led the field to the green with Gehrke grabbing the early lead. Caution flew on lap two as Boxell came to a stop on the front stretch with a broken fuel pump, ending his bid to win back-to-back Streicher Memorial races.

Gehrke resumed his lead on the restart, but Massingill took the lead on lap five and never looked back. Zach Wigal, the 2023 Mike Streicher Memorial winner, charged to second on lap 18, but wasn't able to close on Massingill, who won and became the first two-time victor of the Streicher Memorial after also winning in 2022.

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Running behind Massingill at the finish line were Wigal, Gehrke, Luke Hall, and Matt Lux.

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FIRST QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Zach Wigal, 18, Wigal-13.480; 2. Chett Gehrke, 10, Moore-13.769; 3. Carl Peterson, 49, Peterson-14.270; 4. Buddy Hollmeyer, 11, Taylor-14.270; 5. Brayden Schwartz, 55s, Schwarz-14.611; 6. Michael Magic, 5m, Magic-15.464; 7. Travis Stickels, 87, Stickels-15.464.

SECOND QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Gunnar Lucius, 22, Lucius-13.935; 2. Jalen Cox, 11x, Cox-13.991; 3. Cole Morgan, 7m, Morgan-14.425; 4. Cody Dye, 4T, Dye-14.808; 5. Dylan Trost, 21, Trost-15.046; 6. Jim Jones, 97, Jones-15.046.

THIRD QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Ian Creager, 36, Creager-13.827; 2. Tyler Nelson, 91, Nelson-13.932; 3. Ryan Moran, 01, Moran-14.061; 4. Drew Rader, 74H, Rader-14.150; 5. Jon Watson, 2w, Watson-15.124; 6. Bryce Massingill, 35, Massingill-NT.

FOURTH QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Jakeb Boxell, 44JB, Boxell/Merkler-13.728; 2. Matt Lux, 5, Wells-13.926; 3. Luke Hall, 74, Heitmeyer-13.952; 4. Ryan Barr, 11T, Taylor-14.511; 5. Jacob Sabaj, 21J, Sabaj-14.565; 6. Derrick Noffsinger, 18N, Noffsinger-15.051.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Zach Wigal (4), 2. Chett Gehrke (3), 3. Buddy Hollmeyer (1), 4. Carl Peterson (2), 5. Brayden Schwartz (5), 6. Travis Stickels (7), 7. Michael Magic (6). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Gunnar Lucius (4), 2. Cole Morgan (2), 3. Jalen Cox (3), 4. Cody Dye (1), 5. Dylan Trost (5), 6. Jim Jones (6). NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Bryce Massingill (6), 2. Ryan Moran (2), 3. Tyler Nelson (3), 4. Ian Creager (4), 5. Drew Rader (1), 6. Jon Watson (5). NT

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Luke Hall (2), 2. Jakeb Boxell (4), 3. Matt Lux (3), 4. Ryan Barr (1), 5. Jacob Sabaj (5), 6. Derrick Noffsinger (6). NT

FEATURE: (25 laps) 1. Bryce Massingill (2), 2. Zach Wigal (7), 3. Chett Gehrke (3), 4. Luke Hall (6), 5. Matt Lux (12), 6. Ryan Moran (4), 7. Tyler Nelson (11), 8. Gunnar Lucius (1), 9. Drew Rader (19), 10. Jalen Cox (10), 11. Cole Morgan (8), 12. Ian Creager (15), 13. Ryan Barr (16), 14. Buddy Hollmeyer (9), 15. Carl Peterson (13), 16. Cody Dye (14), 17. Jacob Sabaj (20), 18. Brayden Schwartz (17), 19. Derrick Noffsinger (23), 20. Jon Watson (22), 21. Travis Stickels (21), 22. Jakeb Boxell (5). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-4 Chett Gehrke, Laps 5-25 Bryce Massingill.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET POINTS: 1-Bryce Massingill-70, 2-Zach Wigal-67, 3-Chett Gehrke-64, 4-Matt Lux-58, 5-Ryan Moran-55, 6-Tyler Nelson-52, 7-Drew Rader-46, 8-Jalen Cox-43, 9-Ian Creager-39, 10-Buddy Hollmeyer-35.

NEXT USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE: May 17, 2025 – Eldora Speedway – Rossburg, Ohio – Non-Points Special Event

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

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VMS Motorsports Fast Qualifier: Zach Wigal (13.480)

Performance Electronics First Heat Winner: Zach Wigal

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

Hoosier Auto Racing Fans Third Heat Winner: Bryce Massingill

Performance Electronics Fourth Heat Winner: Luke Hall

Performance Powder Coating Hard Charger: Drew Rader (19th to 9th)

Rosewood Machine & Tool Precision Move of the Race: Matt Lux

Lynn Cook – A Racer's Friend Hard Luck: Jim Jones

LynK Chassis 10th Place Bonus: Jalen Cox

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It's All Hall at Eldora's USAC Midwest Thunder Midget Race

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Rossburg, Ohio (May 17, 2025).....Luke Hall has competed (and won) at Rossburg, Ohio's Eldora Speedway for more than two decades, but on Saturday night, he accomplished something he never achieved before – winning a midget race at the Big E.

The Ludlow Falls, Ohio racer checked that off the list during Saturday's Family Fireworks Night Presented by Casey's USAC Midwest Thunder SpeeD2 Midget non-points special event.

Starting eighth, Hall hustled his way to the lead by lap seven of the 20-lap feature, passing race long leader Matt Lux who had won both previous USAC Midwest Thunder features at Eldora in 2023 and 2024.

From there, Hall led the remaining 14 laps to score the win over reigning series champion Bryce Massingill while fast qualifier Lux crossed the line in third, Luke Lemons fourth and Michael Magic fifth.

Heat race victories were captured by Hall, Stratton Briggs, Lux and Jalen Cox.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET SPECIAL EVENT RACE RESULTS: May 17, 2025 – Eldora Speedway – Rossburg, Ohio

FIRST QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Luke Hall, 74, Heitmeyer-18.302; 2. Luke Lemons, 33L, Lemons-18.493; 3. Cole Morgan, 7m, Morgan-18.831; 4. Jimmie Guidry, 21G, Guidry-19.272; 5. Ian Creager, 36, Creager-19.418; 6. Steve Gresham, 27G, Gresham-19.631; 7. Jacob Sabaj, 21s, Sabaj-NT.

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SECOND QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Bryce Massingill, 35, Massingill-17.757; 2. Stratton Briggs, 71, Briggs-17.985; 3. Tommy Bigelow, 2B, Bigelow-18.626; 4. Cody Dye, 4T, Dye-18.774; 5. Mark McMahill, 77, McMahill-19.008; 6. Jon Watson, 2w, Watson-19.156; 7. Michael Magic, 5m, Magic-NT.

THIRD QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Matt Lux, 5, Wells-17.590; 2. Zach Wigal, 18, Wigal-17.806; 3. Chett Gehrke, 10, Moore-18.113; 4. Drew Rader, 74H, Heitmeyer-18.519; 5. Ryan Barr, 11T, Taylor-18.600; 6. Buddy Hollmeyer, 11, Taylor-18.930.

FOURTH QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Jakeb Boxell, 44JB, Boxell/Merkler-18.028; 2. Jalen Cox, 11x, Cox-18.201; 3. Brayden Schwartz, 55s, Schwartz-18.506; 4. Nolan Kiefer, 97N, Kiefer-18.689; 5. Tyler Kalb, 32, Kalb-18.752; 6. Jim Jones, 97, Jones-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Luke Hall (4), 2. Luke Lemons (3), 3. Ian Creager (5), 4. Jimmie Guidry (1), 5. Jacob Sabaj (7), 6. Steve Gresham (6), 7. Cole Morgan (2). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Stratton Briggs (3), 2. Bryce Massingill (4), 3. Michael Magic (7), 4. Tommy Bigelow (2), 5. Mark McMahill (5), 6. Cody Dye (1), 7. Jon Watson (6). NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Matt Lux (4), 2. Zach Wigal (3), 3. Chett Gehrke (2), 4. Drew Rader (1), 5. Ryan Barr (5), 6. Buddy Hollmeyer (6). NT

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Jalen Cox (3), 2. Tyler Kalb (5), 3. Brayden Schwartz (2), 4. Nolan Kiefer (1), 5. Jakeb Boxell (4), 6. Jim Jones (6). NT

FEATURE: (20 laps) 1. Luke Hall (8), 2. Bryce Massingill (4), 3. Matt Lux (2), 4. Luke Lemons (1), 5. Michael Magic (10), 6. Chett Gehrke (11), 7. Stratton Briggs (5), 8. Jalen Cox (7), 9. Drew Rader (15), 10. Tyler Kalb (6), 11. Ryan Barr (19), 12. Nolan Kiefer (16), 13. Mark McMahill (18), 14. Buddy Hollmeyer (23), 15. Brayden Schwartz (12), 16. Cody Dye (22), 17. Jon Watson (26), 18. Jimmie Guidry (13), 19. Steve Gresham (21), 20. Jacob Sabaj (17), 21. Tommy Bigelow (14), 22. Ian Creager (9). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-6 Matt Lux, Laps 7-20 Luke Hall.

NEXT USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 SPECIAL EVENT MIDGET RACE: May 22, 2025 – Circle City Raceway – Indianapolis, Indiana – Non-Points Special Event

A Full Nelson for Tyler at Millstream

By: Richie Murray - USAC Media

Findlay, Ohio (June 15, 2025).....Tyler Nelson raced from his 8th place starting position to score a USAC Midwest Thunder SpeeD2 Midget victory on Sunday night at Findlay, Ohio's Millstream Speedway.

Nelson (Olathe, Kansas) picked his way through the field from the outside of the fourth row while Bryce Massingill and Luke Hall swapped the lead back and forth for much of the 25-lap main event.

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Massingill led the opening 13 circuit before Luke Hall led the next three. Massingill surged back to the front to lead laps 17, 18 and 19. That's when Nelson made his charge to the front past defending series champion Massingill on lap 20.

From there, Nelson paced the final six laps to earn his first career USAC Midwest Thunder victory in his own No. 91.

Nelson, who was also the VMS Motorsports Fast Qualifier, was followed to the line by Performance Powder Coating Hard Charger Jakeb Boxell who made a miraculous +21 charge from 23rd to 2nd! Matt Lux grabbed third with Gunnar Lucius fourth and Buddy Hollmeyer fifth.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 15, 2025 – Millstream Speedway – Findlay, Ohio

VMS MOTORSPORTS FIRST QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Luke Hall, 74, Heitmeyer-18.621; 2. Luke Lemons, 33L, Lemons-19.094; 3. Carl Peterson, 49, Peterson-19.349; 4. Cole Morgan, 7m, Morgan-19.365; 5. Brayden Schwartz, 55s, Schwartz-19.575; 6. Buddy Hollmeyer, 11, Taylor-19.833; 7. Derrick Noffsinger, 18N, Noffsinger-20.202; 8. Ian Creager, 36, Creager-NT.

VMS MOTORSPORTS SECOND QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Tyler Nelson, 91, Nelson-18.440; 2. Zach Wigal, 18, Wigal-18.481; 3. Chett Gehrke, 10, Moore-18.722; 4. Jakeb Boxell, 44JB, Boxell/Merkler-18.766; 5. Drew Rader, 74H, Heitmeyer-18.897; 6. Ryan Moran, 01, Moran-18.965; 7. Jon Watson, 2w, Watson-20.043; 8. Taten Long, 99, Long-20.805.

VMS MOTORSPORTS THIRD QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Michael Magic, 21, Fedorczyk-18.902; 2. Bryce Massingill, 35, Massingill-18.931; 3. Gunnar Lucius, 22, Lucius-18.956; 4. Matt Lux, 5, Wells-19.055; 5. Jacob Sabaj, 21s, Sabaj-19.188; 6. Dylan Trost, 21T, Trost-19.435; 7. Cody Dye, 4T, Dye-19.607; 8. Jim Jones, 97, Jones-20.342.

PERFORMANCE ELECTRONICS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Luke Hall (4), 2. Luke Lemons (3), 3. Cole Morgan (1), 4. Carl Peterson (2), 5. Buddy Hollmeyer (6), 6. Brayden Schwartz (5), 7. Derrick Noffsinger (7). NT

STIEFEL'S HOME & AUTO SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Chett Gehrke (2), 2. Tyler Nelson (4), 3. Drew Rader (5), 4. Ryan Moran (6), 5. Jon Watson (7), 6. Taten Long (8), 7. Zach Wigal (3), 8. Jakeb Boxell (1). NT

HOOSIER AUTO RACING FANS THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Bryce Massingill (7), 2. Matt Lux (1), 3. Gunnar Lucius (2), 4. Michael Magic (3), 5. Jim Jones (6), 6. Cody Dye (5), 7. Jacob Sabaj (4), 8. Dylan Trost (8). NT

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Tyler Nelson (8), 2. Jakeb Boxell (23), 3. Matt Lux (9), 4. Gunnar Lucius (2), 5. Buddy Hollmeyer (13), 6. Brayden Schwartz (16), 7. Cody Dye (18), 8. Jim Jones (15), 9. Taten Long (17), 10. Ryan Moran (11), 11. Bryce Massingill (1), 12. Drew Rader (7), 13. Luke Hall (3), 14. Luke Lemons (6), 15. Jacob Sabaj (21), 16. Michael Magic (12), 17. Cole Morgan (5), 18. Zach Wigal (20), 19. Dylan Trost (24), 20. Carl Peterson (10), 21. Chett Gehrke (4), 22. Jon Watson (14), 23. Derrick Noffsinger (19). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-13 Bryce Massingill, Laps 14-16 Luke Hall, Laps 17-19 Bryce Massingill, Laps 20-25 Tyler Nelson.

NEXT USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE: June 19, 2025 – Waynesfield Raceway Park – Waynesfield, Ohio

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

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VMS Motorsports Fast Qualifier: Tyler Nelson (18.440)

Performance Electronics First Heat Winner: Luke Hall

Stiefel's Home & Auto Second Heat Winner: Chett Gehrke

Hoosier Auto Racing Fans Third Heat Winner: Bryce Massingill

Performance Powder Coating Hard Charger: Jakeb Boxell (23rd to 2nd)

Rosewood Machine & Tool Precision Move of the Race: Luke Lemons

Lynn Cook – A Racer's Friend Hard Luck: Zach Wigal

Wilwood Certificate: Matt Lux

Saldana Racing Products Certificate: Jacob Sabaj

LynK Chassis Cash Bonus: Ryan Moran

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Massingill Marches to Waynesfield Victory

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Waynesfield, Ohio (June 19, 2025).....Bryce Massingill overtook Luke Hall for the lead with three laps remaining to score the victory during Thursday night's USAC Midwest Thunder SpeeD2 Midget non-points special event feature at Ohio's Waynesfield Raceway Park.

Massingill (Troy, Ohio) started the 25-lap main event seventh on the grid but steadily worked his way forward to third on lap 20 and to second on lap 21. On lap 23, Massingill got by racelong leader Luke Hall (Ludlow Falls, Ohio) to take over the lead and the win in his family-owned No. 35.

Ninth starting Jakeb Boxell (Zanesville, Indiana) took second from Hall on the final lap to finish in the runner-up spot. Hall, who led a race-high 22 of 25 laps, came home third. Jalen Cox (Winchester, Indiana) crossed the line fourth while Tyler Nelson (Olathe, Kansas) rounded out the top-five.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET SPECIAL EVENT RACE RESULTS: June 19, 2025 – Waynesfield Raceway Park – Waynesfield, Ohio

VMS MOTORSPORTS FIRST QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Alex Watson, 3w, Watson-14.168; 2. Jacob Sabaj, 21s, Sabaj-14.204; 3. Ian Creager, 36, Creager-14.327; 4. Carl Peterson, 49, Peterson-14.362; 5. Tyler Kalb, 32, Kalb-14.416; 6. Brayden Schwartz, 55s, Schwartz-14.421; 7. Steve Myers Jr., 88, Myers-NT.

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VMS MOTORSPORTS SECOND QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Tyler Nelson, 91, Nelson-13.505; 2. Gunnar Lucius, 22, Lucius-13.885; 3. Bryce Massingill, 35, Massingill-13.946; 4. Ryan Moran, 01, Moran-14.022; 5. Cole Morgan, 7m, Morgan-14.076; 6. Derrick Noffsinger, 18N, Noffsinger-15.118.

VMS MOTORSPORTS THIRD QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Jakeb Boxell, 44JB, Boxell/Merkler-13.547; 2. Luke Hall, 74, Heitmeyer-13.702; 3. Jalen Cox, 11x, Taylor-13.793; 4. Buddy Hollmeyer, 11, Taylor-14.169; 5. Taten Long, 99, Long-14.955; 6. Dylan Trost, 21, Trost-NT.

PERFORMANCE ELECTRONICS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Carl Peterson (1), 2. Ian Creager (2), 3. Alex Watson (4), 4. Jacob Sabaj (3), 5. Tyler Kalb (5), 6. Brayden Schwartz (6), 7. Steve Myers Jr. (7). NT

STIEFEL'S HOME & AUTO SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Tyler Nelson (4), 2. Bryce Massingill (2), 3. Gunnar Lucius (3), 4. Ryan Moran (1), 5. Cole Morgan (5), 6. Derrick Noffsinger (6). NT

HOOSIER AUTO RACING FANS THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Jakeb Boxell (4), 2. Luke Hall (3), 3. Jalen Cox (2), 4. Buddy Hollmeyer (1), 5. Taten Long (5). NT

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Bryce Massingill (7), 2. Jakeb Boxell (9), 3. Luke Hall (2), 4. Jalen Cox (6), 5. Tyler Nelson (4), 6. Ian Creager (8), 7. Gunnar Lucius (5), 8. Tyler Kalb (13), 9. Buddy Hollmeyer (12), 10. Jacob Sabaj (10), 11. Cole Morgan (14), 12. Carl Peterson (3), 13. Taten Long (15), 14. Derrick Noffsinger (17), 15. Ryan Moran (11), 16. Alex Watson (1), 17. Brayden Schwartz (16), 18. Steve Myers Jr. (18). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-22 Luke Hall, Laps 23-25 Bryce Massingill.

NEXT USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE: June 21, 2025 – Atomic Speedway – Chillicothe, Ohio

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

VMS Motorsports Fast Qualifier: Tyler Nelson (13.505)

Performance Electronics First Heat Winner: Carl Peterson

Stiefel's Home & Auto Second Heat Winner: Tyler Nelson

Hoosier Auto Racing Fans Third Heat Winner: Jakeb Boxell

Performance Powder Coating Hard Charger: Jakeb Boxell (9th to 2nd)

Rosewood Machine & Tool Precision Move of the Race: Jalen Cox

Wilwood Tough Brake: Jakeb Boxell

Saldana Racing Products Certificate: Ryan Moran

LynK Chassis Cash Bonus: Jacob Sabaj

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Wigal Wires Atomic in USAC Midwest Thunder Midgets

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Chillicothe, Ohio (June 21, 2025).....Zach Wigal wired all 25 laps to capture Saturday night's USAC Midwest Thunder SpeeD2 Midget feature victory at Chillicothe, Ohio's Atomic Speedway.

Wigal (Belpre, Ohio) started fourth in the field but had picked his way to the lead by the end of lap one. From that point forward, the 2023 series champion was never headed en route to his first win of the 2025 series season. Overall, it was Wigal's 12th career USAC Midwest Thunder SpeeD2 Midget main event win.

Crossing the line behind Wigal were defending series champion Bryce Massingill (Troy, Ohio), followed by Performance Powder Coating Hard Charger Tyler Nelson (Olathe, Kansas) who advanced from 10th to 3rd.

It was a breakout night for Cole Morgan (Brookville, Ohio) who finished fourth to earn the Rosewood Machine & Tool Company Precision Move of the Race. Sprint Car regular Ryan Barr (Piqua, Ohio) rounded out the top-five.

Heat races presented by Performance Electronics, Stiefel's Home & Auto and Hoosier Auto Racing Fans were won by Luke Hall (Ludlow Falls, Ohio), Cole Morgan and Buddy Hollmeyer (Norwood, Ohio).

Wigal also earned VMS Motorsports Fast Qualifier honors with a time of 14.832 seconds.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 21, 2025 – Atomic Speedway – Chillicothe, Ohio

VMS MOTORSPORTS FIRST QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Zach Wigal, 18, Wigal-14.832; 2. Tyler Nelson, 91, Nelson-14.875; 3. Bryce Massingill, 35, Massingill-15.026; 4. Luke Hall, 74, Heitmeyer-15.105; 5. Brayden Schwartz, 55s, Schwartz-15.950; 6. Taylor Nibert, 11N, Nibert-16.526.

VMS MOTORSPORTS SECOND QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Matt Lux, 5, Wells-14.955; 2. Ian Creager, 36, Creager-15.038; 3. Cole Morgan, 7m, Morgan-15.398; 4. Tommy Bigelow, 2B, Bigelow-16.027; 5. Jim Jones, 97, Jones-16.286; 6. Dylan Trost, 21, Trost-NT.

VMS MOTORSPORTS THIRD QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Ryan Barr, 11T, Taylor-15.542; 2. Tyler Kalb, 32, Kalb-15.619; 3. Buddy Hollmeyer, 11, Taylor-15.637; 4. Luke Lemons, 33L, Lemons-15.862; 5. Jakeb Boxell, 404, Boxell/Merkler-NT.

PERFORMANCE ELECTRONICS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Luke Hall (1), 2. Zach Wigal (4), 3. Bryce Massingill (2), 4. Tyler Nelson (3), 5. Brayden Schwartz (5), 6. Taylor Nibert (6). NT

STIEFEL'S HOME & AUTO SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Cole Morgan (2), 2. Matt Lux (4), 3. Ian Creager (3), 4. Tommy Bigelow (1), 5. Dylan Trost (6), 6. Jim Jones (5). NT

HOOSIER AUTO RACING FANS THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Buddy Hollmeyer (2), 2. Ryan Barr (4), 3. Tyler Kalb (3), 4. 33L-Luke Lemons (1), 5. Jakeb Boxell (5). NT

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Zach Wigal (4), 2. Bryce Massingill (1), 3. Tyler Nelson (10), 4. Cole Morgan (3), 5. Ryan Barr (2), 6. Matt Lux (5), 7. Ian Creager (8), 8. Buddy Hollmeyer (6), 9. Tyler Kalb (9), 10. Brayden

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Schwartz (13), 11. Taylor Nibert (16), 12. Dylan Trost (14), 13. Jim Jones (17), 14. Luke Lemons (12), 15. Luke Hall (7), 16. Tommy Bigelow (11). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-25 Zach Wigal.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET POINTS: 1-Tyler Nelson-186, 2-Bryce Massingill-178, 3-Matt Lux-177, 4-Zach Wigal-164, 5-Buddy Hollmeyer-142, 6-Cole Morgan-131, 7-Luke Hall-131, 8-Brayden Schwartz-125, 9-Gunnar Lucius-110, 10-Ian Creager-101.

NEXT USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE: June 28, 2025 – Fremont Speedway – Fremont, Ohio

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

VMS Motorsports Fast Qualifier: Zach Wigal (14.832)

Performance Electronics First Heat Winner: Luke Hall

Stiefel's Home & Auto Second Heat Winner: Cole Morgan

Hoosier Auto Racing Fans Third Heat Winner: Buddy Hollmeyer

Performance Powder Coating Hard Charger: Tyler Nelson (10th to 3rd)

Rosewood Machine & Tool Precision Move of the Race: Cole Morgan

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Massingill Wins a Wild One at Fremont

Richie Murray - USAC Media

Fremont, Ohio (June 28, 2025).....Bryce Massingill emerged from a late-race ruckus to win Saturday night's USAC Midwest Thunder SpeeD2 Midget feature at Ohio's Fremont Speedway.

The defending series champion from Troy, Ohio started fourth on the grid for the 25-lap feature as Zach Wigal led the opening 15 circuits from the pole.

On the lap 16 restart, fifth starting Luke Hall charged under Wigal to take over the top spot. With six laps remaining, Hall drifted sideways right in the middle of the racetrack in turns one and two. Massingill center punched Hall right on the left side nerf bar, which refired Hall, and all were able to continue on.

However, with five laps to go, Massingill used a powerful run down the back straight to swipe the lead from Hall. Moments later, Wigal followed suit into second as Hall's car suddenly seemed to lose a little bit of power, dropping him to third.

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On the final lap, Wigal made one last ditch effort for the win, sliding across the nose of Massingill for the lead in turns one and two. As the two made bumper-to-bumper contact, Wigal slid up the track and Massingill dipped under to retain the lead and race onward to victory.

Massingill was followed to the line by Wigal with Hall third, VMS Fast Qualifier Jakeb Boxell fourth and Tyler Nelson fifth.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 28, 2025 – Fremont Speedway – Fremont, Ohio

VMS MOTORSPORTS FIRST QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Chett Gehrke, 10, Moore-16.295; 2. Cole Morgan, 7m, Morgan-16.465; 3. Bryce Massingill, 35, Massingill-16.470; 4. Carl Peterson, 49, Peterson-16.620; 5. Jim Jones, 97, Jones-16.652; 6. Wes Pinkerton, 211, Pinkerton-16.710; 7. Buddy Hollmeyer, 11, Taylor-17.392.

VMS MOTORSPORTS SECOND QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Jakeb Boxell, 44JB, Boxell/Merkler-15.804; 2. Abby Hohlbein, 11H, Hohlbein-16.258; 3. Luke Hall, 74, Heitmeyer-16.285; 4. Matt Lux, 5, Wells-16.405; 5. Ian Creager, 36, Creager-16.461; 6. Ryan Moran, 01, Moran-16.655; 7. Cody Dye, 4T, Dye-NT.

VMS MOTORSPORTS THIRD QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Zach Wigal, 18, Wigal-16.001; 2. Tyler Nelson, 91, Nelson-16.394; 3. Stratton Briggs, 71, Briggs-16.534; 4. Drew Rader, 74H, Heitmeyer-17.104; 5. Brayden Schwartz, 55s, Schwartz-17.505; 6. Taten Long, 99, Long-17.619.

PERFORMANCE ELECTRONICS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Chett Gehrke (4), 2. Bryce Massingill (2), 3. Carl Peterson (1), 4. Cole Morgan (3), 5. Wes Pinkerton (6), 6. Buddy Hollmeyer (7), 7. Jim Jones (5). NT

STIEFEL'S HOME & AUTO SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Luke Hall (2), 2. Matt Lux (1), 3. Jakeb Boxell (4), 4. Abby Hohlbein (3), 5. Ryan Moran (6), 6. Ian Creager (5), 7. Cody Dye (7). NT

HOOSIER AUTO RACING FANS THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Zach Wigal (4), 2. Tyler Nelson (3), 3. Brayden Schwartz (5), 4. Stratton Briggs (2), 5. Taten Long (6). NT

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Bryce Massingill (4), 2. Zach Wigal (1), 3. Luke Hall (5), 4. Jakeb Boxell (7), 5. Tyler Nelson (6), 6. Abby Hohlbein (11), 7. Cole Morgan (10), 8. Brayden Schwartz (9), 9. Wes Pinkerton (13), 10. Carl Peterson (2), 11. Ian Creager (17), 12. Cody Dye (19), 13. Taten Long (15), 14. Buddy Hollmeyer (16), 15. Jim Jones (18), 16. Chett Gehrke (3), 17. Matt Lux (8), 18. Stratton Briggs (12), 19. Ryan Moran (14). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-15 Zach Wigal, Laps 16-20 Luke Hall, Laps 21-25 Bryce Massingill.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET POINTS: 1-Bryce Massingill-248, 2-Tyler Nelson-244, 3-Zach Wigal-231, 4-Matt Lux-206, 5-Luke Hall-195, 6-Cole Morgan-183, 7-Buddy Hollmeyer-177, 8-Brayden Schwartz-174, 9-Jakeb Boxell-161, 10-Ian Creager-142.

NEXT USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE: July 12, 2025 – Paragon Speedway – Paragon, Indiana

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

VMS Motorsports Fast Qualifier: Jakeb Boxell (15.804)

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Performance Electronics First Heat Winner: Chett Gehrke

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

Hoosier Auto Racing Fans Third Heat Winner: Zach Wigal

Performance Powder Coating Hard Charger: Cody Dye (19th to 12th)

LynK Chassis 10th Place Bonus: Carl Peterson

Saldana Racing Products Gift Certificate: Jim Jones

Wilwood Disc Brakes Tough Brake: Brayden Schwartz

Rosewood Machine & Tool Precision Move: Luke Hall

Lynn Cook A Racer's Friend Hard Luck: Stratton Briggs

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Massingill Makes it 2-in-a-Row, Wins at Moler

Richie Murray - USAC Media

Williamsburg, Ohio (August 1, 2025).....Bryce Massingill led all 25 laps to score his third points-paying USAC Midwest Thunder SpeeD2 Midget feature win of the season on Friday night at Williamsburg, Ohio's Moler Raceway Park.

Massingill (Troy, Ohio) finished 1.6 seconds ahead of the field to earn his 18th career feature victory with the series while also extending his point lead to 13 markers over Tyler Nelson.

Following Massingill en route to his second straight series win was Luke Hall (Ludlow Falls, Ohio) who took second with Ian Creager (Covington, Ohio) third, Tyler Nelson (Olathe, Kansas) fourth and Matt Lux (Manilla, Indiana) fifth.

Michael Magic (Winder, Georgia) turned around a challenging night after his regular ride in the family-owned No. 5m suffered a blown head gasket. Fellow racer Steve Gresham put Magic in his No. 27G midget for the feature. Starting last, Magic advanced nine positions from 17th to eighth to receive the Performance Powder Coating Hard Charger award.

Jon Watson (Columbus, Ohio) was the recipient of the Saldana Racing Products gift certificate as the first car out of the feature after experiencing brake issues.

Jimmie Guidry (Rockport, Indiana) captured Wilwood Disc Brakes High Pill gift certificate after drawing the number 9 in the redraw. Guidry went on to finish 11th in the feature.

Heat races presented by Performance Electronics, Stiefel's Home & Auto and Hoosier Auto Race Fans were won by Tyler Nelson, Cole Morgan (Brookville, Ohio) and Bryce Massingill.

Matt Lux was the VMS Motorsports Fast Qualifier. His lap of 13.592 seconds was the quickest time of the night.

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Jim Jones (Ventura, California) had the moment of the night after leading the first seven laps of his heat race. His second place finish put him into the redraw where he pulled the number one pill to start on the pole of the feature. Jones received the Rosewood Machine and Tool Company Precision Move of the race for his efforts.

What a night it was for Cole Morgan who qualified fourth in his group, thereby placing him on the pole of his heat race, which he went on to win. Drawing the number four pill for the feature, Morgan jumped into the third position while running an exciting line up against the wall as he chased the leaders. Unfortunately, Morgan spun on lap 13 but quickly worked his way back up to seventh by lap 18 only to have an engine issue that dropped him back to 12th. He was able to carve his way back to 10th at the checkered, picking up the LYNK Chassis 10th place cash award. For his efforts and challenges, he was also recognized with the Lynn Cook "A Racer's Friend" Hard Luck award.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 1, 2025 – Moler Raceway Park – Williamsburg, Ohio

VMS MOTORSPORTS FIRST QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Tyler Nelson, 91, Nelson-13.607; 2. Gunnar Lucius, 22, Lucius-13.923; 3. Jimmie Guidry, 21G, Guidry-14.165; 4. Dylan Trost, 21, Trost-14.420; 5. Jim Jones, 97, Jones-14.606; 6. Steve Gresham, 27G, Gresham-15.298; 7. Cody Dye, 4T, Dye-NT.

VMS MOTORSPORTS SECOND QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Matt Lux, 5, Wells-13.592; 2. Ian Creager, 36, Creager-13.617; 3. Jalen Cox, 11x, Taylor-13.879; 4. Cole Morgan, 7m, Morgan-14.019; 5. Brayden Schwartz, 55s, Schwartz-14.041; 6. Jason Shaffer, 40, Shaffer-NT.

VMS MOTORSPORTS THIRD QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Bryce Massingill, 35, Massingill-13.628; 2. Luke Hall, 74, Heitmeyer-13.645; 3. Chett Gehrke, 93c, Gehrke-14.033; 4. Jon Watson, 2w, Watson-14.189; 5. Buddy Hollmeyer, 11, Taylor-14.198; 6. Michael Magic, 5m, Magic-14.198.

PERFORMANCE ELECTRONICS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Tyler Nelson (4), 2. Jim Jones (2), 3. Jimmie Guidry (3), 4. Cody Dye (5), 5. Steve Gresham (1), 6. Gunnar Lucius (6), 7. Dylan Trost (7). NT

STIEFEL'S HOME & AUTO SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Cole Morgan (1), 2. Matt Lux (4), 3. Ian Creager (3), 4. Jalen Cox (2), 5. Brayden Schwartz (5), 6. Jason Shaffer (6). NT

HOOSIER AUTO RACING FANS THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Bryce Massingill (4), 2. Luke Hall (3), 3. Jon Watson (1), 4. Buddy Hollmeyer (5), 5. Chett Gehrke (2). NT

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Bryce Massingill (2), 2. Luke Hall (3), 3. Ian Creager (5), 4. Tyler Nelson (7), 5. Matt Lux (8), 6. Jalen Cox (11), 7. Brayden Schwartz (13), 8. Michael Magic (17), 9. Chett Gehrke (14), 10. Cole Morgan (4), 11. Jimmie Guidry (9), 12. Buddy Hollmeyer (12), 13. Jim Jones (1), 14. Cody Dye (10), 15. Jon Watson (6), 16. Dylan Trost (16). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-25 Bryce Massingill.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET POINTS: 1-Bryce Massingill-318, 2-Tyler Nelson-305, 3-Matt Lux-264, 4-Luke Hall-262, 5-Zach Wigal-231, 6-Cole Morgan-226, 7-Brayden Schwartz-226, 8-Buddy Hollmeyer-216, 9-Ian Creager-206, 10-Jim Jones-166.

NEXT USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE: August 8, 2025 – Millstream Speedway – Findlay, Ohio

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CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

VMS Motorsports Fast Qualifier: Matt Lux (13.592)

Performance Electronics First Heat Winner: Tyler Nelson

Stiefel's Home & Auto Second Heat Winner: Cole Morgan

Hoosier Auto Racing Fans Third Heat Winner: Bryce Massingill

Performance Powder Coating Hard Charger: Michael Magic (17th to 8th)

LynK Chassis 10th Place Bonus: Cole Morgan

Saldana Racing Products Gift Certificate: Jon Watson

Wilwood Disc Brakes Tough Brake: Jimmie Guidry

Rosewood Machine & Tool Precision Move: Jim Jones

Lynn Cook A Racer's Friend Hard Luck: Cole Morgan

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Wigal Wires Millstream USAC Midwest Thunder Midgets

Richie Murray - USAC Media

Findlay, Ohio (August 8, 2025).....Zach Wigal wired all 25 laps to capture Friday night's USAC Midwest Thunder SpeeD2 Midget feature victory at Findlay, Ohio's Millstream Speedway.

The 2023 series champion from Belpre, Ohio started from the pole and never looked back as he raced to his second triumph of the series season by a 0.691 second margin in a race that was slowed by only one caution.

Joining Wigal on the podium was Jakeb Boxell (Zanesville, Indiana) and Matt Lux (Manilla, Indiana).

Bryce Massingill (Troy, Ohio) entered the race as the series point leader but crashed out of the feature. Furthermore, Luke Hall (Ludlow Falls, Ohio), fourth in points, dropped out early with mechanical issues, opening the door for Tyler Nelson, Matt Lux and Wigal to advance up the standings.

Lux was the VMS Motorsports Fast Qualifier, turning a 16.161 second lap. Wigal won the Performance Electronics First Heat while Boxell captured the Stiefel Home & Auto Second Heat as Ian Creager (Covington, Ohio) scored the Hoosier Auto Racing Fan Club Third Heat.

Michael Magic (Winder, Georgia) earned his second consecutive Performance Powder Coating Hard Charger award. Back in the family owned No. 5m, he started 16th and raced up to an eighth place feature finish.

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Massingill received the Lynn Cook A Racers Friend Hard Luck award after flipping on lap 13 of the feature while running in second place. He was uninjured, but the crash ended his two race series winning streak.

Boxell took the Rosewood Machine and Tool Company Precision Move of the Race. Boxell is always an exciting competitor with multiple Precision Move awards to his credit over the last several years. Starting fifth, Boxell moved into the second spot on lap 17, 1.9 seconds behind race leader Wigal. Over the final eight laps, Boxell closed to within 0.691 seconds as he charged to the front, running his fastest lap of the night on lap 19.

Abby Hohlbein received the LynK Chassis cash bonus for finishing in the 10th position during the feature.

Creager picked up the Wilwood Disc Brakes Tough Brake of the Race gift certificate after pulling the number nine pill in the feature redraw. Creager went on to finish fifth in the feature.

Taten Long (Miller City, Ohio) was the recipient of a Saldana Racing Products gift certificate after being the first driver out of the feature.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 8, 2025 – Millstream Speedway – Findlay, Ohio

VMS MOTORSPORTS FIRST QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Matt Lux, 5, Wells-16.161; 2. Zach Wigal, 18, Wigal-16.338; 3. Ryan Moran, 01, Moran-16.479; 4. Chett Gehrke, 10, Moore-16.579; 5. Abby Hohlbein, 11H, Hohlbein-16.630; 6. Cody Dye, 4T, Dye-17.501; 7. Derrick Noffsinger, 18N, Noffsinger-18.017; 8. Michael Magic, 5m, Magic-NT

VMS MOTORSPORTS SECOND QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Bryce Massingill, 35, Massingill-16.560; 2. Cole Morgan, 7m, Morgan-16.566; 3. Tyler Nelson, 91, Nelson-16.663; 4. Buddy Hollmeyer, 11, Taylor-17.243; 5. Taten Long, 99, Long-17.806; 6. Alex Watson, 3w, Watson-NT; 7. Jakeb Boxell, 44JB, Boxell/Merkler-NT.

VMS MOTORSPORTS THIRD QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Luke Hall, 74, Heitmeyer-16.362; 2. Wes Pinkerton, 211, Pinkerton-16.482; 3. Ian Creager, 36, Creager-16.683; 4. Jon Watson, 2w, Watson-17.080; 5. Brayden Schwartz, 55s, Schwartz-17.115; 6. Dylan Trost, 21, Trost-17.167; 7. Jim Jones, 97, Jones-17.963.

PERFORMANCE ELECTRONICS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Zach Wigal (3), 2. Chett Gehrke (1), 3. Matt Lux (4), 4. Ryan Moran (2), 5. Abby Hohlbein (5), 6. Michael Magic (8), 7. Derrick Noffsinger (7), 8. Cody Dye (6). NT

STIEFEL'S HOME & AUTO SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Jakeb Boxell (7), 2. Bryce Massingill (4), 3. Tyler Nelson (2), 4. Cole Morgan (3), 5. Buddy Hollmeyer (1), 6. Taten Long (5). NT

HOOSIER AUTO RACING FANS THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Ian Creager (2), 2. Luke Hall (4), 3. Wes Pinkerton (3), 4. Brayden Schwartz (1), 5. Dylan Trost (5), 6. Jim Jones (6), 7. Jon Watson (7). NT

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Zach Wigal (1), 2. Jakeb Boxell (5), 3. Matt Lux (3), 4. Chett Gehrke (4), 5. Ian Creager (9), 6. Wes Pinkerton (7), 7. Tyler Nelson (6), 8. Michael Magic (16), 9. Cole Morgan (11), 10. Abby Hohlbein (13), 11. Dylan Trost (15), 12. Brayden Schwartz (12), 13. Buddy Hollmeyer (14), 14. Derrick Noffsinger (19), 15. Jim Jones (18), 16. Jon Watson (20), 17. Cody Dye (21), 18. Alex Watson (22), 19. Bryce Massingill (2), 20. Ryan Moran (10), 21. Luke Hall (8), 22. Taten Long (17). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-25 Zach Wigal.

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USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET POINTS: 1-Tyler Nelson-357, 2-Bryce Massingill-343, 3-Matt Lux-328, 4-Zach Wigal-301, 5-Luke Hall-285, 6-Cole Morgan-272, 7-Brayden Schwartz-265, 8-Ian Creager-264, 9-Buddy Hollmeyer-253, 10-Jakeb Boxell-228.

NEXT USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE: August 16, 2025 – Montpelier Motor Speedway – Montpelier, Indiana

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

VMS Motorsports Fast Qualifier: Matt Lux (16.161)

Performance Electronics First Heat Winner: Zach Wigal

Stiefel's Home & Auto Second Heat Winner: Jakeb Boxell

Hoosier Auto Racing Fans Third Heat Winner: Ian Creager

Performance Powder Coating Hard Charger: Michael Magic (16th to 8th)

LynK Chassis 10th Place Bonus: Abby Hohlbein

Saldana Racing Products First Out: Taten Long

Wilwood Disc Brakes Tough Brake (Highest Pill Drawn): Ian Creager

Rosewood Machine & Tool Precision Move: Jakeb Boxell

Lynn Cook A Racer's Friend Hard Luck: Bryce Massingill

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Rain Hits Montpelier, Washes Out Feature

Richie Murray - USAC Media

Montpelier, Indiana (August 16, 2025).....Rain hit Indiana's Montpelier Speedway just before the feature, washing out the remainder of Saturday night's USAC Midwest Thunder SpeeD2 Midget event.

Twenty-four drivers were on hand for the event with Tyler Nelson (Olathe, Kansas) capturing VMS Motorsports Fast Qualifying time with a lap of 14.822 seconds.

Nelson also scored a win in his heat race as did Matt Lux (Manilla, Indiana) and Abby Hohlbein (Cloverdale, Ohio). Heat races were presented by Performance Electronics, Stiefel's Home & Auto and Hoosier Auto Racing Fans.

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USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 16, 2025 – Montpelier Speedway – Montpelier, Indiana – Back to School Night

VMS MOTORSPORTS FIRST QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Tyler Nelson, 91, Nelson-14.822; 2. Ian Creager, 36, Creager-15.081; 3. Luke Hall, 74, Heitmeyer-15.109; 4. Michael Magic, 5m, Magic-15.531; 5. Bryce Massingill, 11B, Taylor-15.601; 6. Dylan Trost, 21, Trost-15.844; 7. Bryce Dues, 0H, Sniper-16.026; 8. Travis Stickels, 87, Stickels-19.181.

VMS MOTORSPORTS SECOND QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Matt Lux, 5, Wells-15.135; 2. Jalen Cox, 11x, Taylor-15.335; 3. Chett Gehrke, 10, Moore-15.357; 4. Wes Pinkerton, 211, Pinkerton-15.565; 5. Tylar Rankin, 21R, Fedorczyk-15.694; 6. Derrick Noffsinger, 18N, Noffsinger-15.782; 7. Jim Jones, 97, Jones-15.997; 8. Chase Hodge, 7c, Hodge-16.837.

VMS MOTORSPORTS THIRD QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Abby Hohlbein, 11H, Hohlbein-15.302; 2. Ryan Moran, 01, Moran-15.699; 3. Buddy Hollmeyer, 11, Taylor-15.913; 4. Brayden Schwartz, 55s, Schwartz-15.945; 5. Luke Lemons, 404, Lemons-16.055; 6. Cole Morgan, 7m, Morgan-16.187; 7. Jon Watson, 2w, Watson-16.256; 8. Seth Crandall, 91s, Crandall-17.457.

PERFORMANCE ELECTRONICS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Tyler Nelson (4), 2. Luke Hall (2), 3. Ian Creager (3), 4. Bryce Massingill (5), 5. Dylan Trost (6), 6. Travis Stickels (8). NT

STIEFEL'S HOME & AUTO SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Matt Lux (4), 2. Chett Gehrke (2), 3. Wes Pinkerton (1), 4. Jalen Cox (3), 5. Tylar Rankin (5), 6. Jim Jones (7), 7. Derrick Noffsinger (6), 8. Chase Hodge (8). NT

HOOSIER AUTO RACING FANS THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Abby Hohlbein (4), 2. Cole Morgan (5), 3. Brayden Schwartz (1), 4. Buddy Hollmeyer (2), 5. Ryan Moran (3), 6. Jon Watson (6). NT

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USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET POINTS: 1-Tyler Nelson-367, 2-Bryce Massingill-353, 3-Matt Lux-338, 4-Zach Wigal-301, 5-Luke Hall-295, 6-Cole Morgan-282, 7-Brayden Schwartz-275, 8-Ian Creager-274, 9-Buddy Hollmeyer-263, 10-Chett Gehrke-235.

NEXT USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE: August 23, 2025 – Lawrenceburg Speedway – Lawrenceburg, Indiana

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

VMS Motorsports Fast Qualifier: Tyler Nelson (14.822)

Performance Electronics First Heat Winner: Tyler Nelson

Stiefel's Home & Auto Second Heat Winner: Matt Lux

Hoosier Auto Racing Fans Third Heat Winner: Abby Hohlbein

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Hall Banks Victory at the Burg

By: Richie Murray - USAC Media

Lawrenceburg, Indiana (August 23, 2025).....Luke Hall raced to victory with the USAC Midwest Thunder SpeeD2 Midgets on Saturday night at Indiana's Lawrenceburg Speedway.

Starting fifth in his Kyle Heitmeyer owned entry, Hall (Ludlow Falls, Ohio) officially led all but one lap, taking over the lead on the second circuit and remaining out front for the final 19 laps of the 20-lap feature en route to his first points victory of the series season and his fifth overall.

Zach Wigal (Belpre, Ohio) finished as the runner-up with point leader Tyler Nelson (Olathe, Kansas) third, Bryce Massingill (Troy, Ohio) fourth and VMS Fast Qualifier Matt Lux (Manilla, Indiana) rounding out the top-five.

Jake Roell (Dillsboro, Indiana) received the Performance Powder Coating Hard Charger award. After being unable to compete in his heat race due to mechanical issues, Roell tagged the tail of the feature and advanced from his 21st starting position to finish 10th.

Heat races presented by Performance Electronics, Stiefel Home & Auto and Hoosier Auto Racing Fans were won by Wigal, Nelson and Abby Hohlbein, initially. Hohlbein also led the first two laps of the feature but was disqualified for an unapproved part.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 23, 2025 – Lawrenceburg Speedway – Lawrenceburg, Indiana

VMS MOTORSPORTS FIRST QUALIFYING GROUP: (8 laps) 1. Matt Lux (#5 Wells), 2. Tyler Nelson (#91 Nelson), 3. Luke Hall (#74 Heitmeyer), 4. Parker Perry (#27G Gresham), 5. Jake Roell (#4K Roell), 6. Wes Pinkerton (#21w Fedorczyk), 7. Cole Morgan (#7m Morgan), 8. Chett Gehrke (#93c Gehrke). NT

VMS MOTORSPORTS SECOND QUALIFYING GROUP: (8 laps) 1. Zach Wigal (#18 Wigal), 2. Stratton Briggs (#71 Briggs), 3. Bryce Massingill (#35 Massingill), 4. Michael Magic (#5m Magic), 5. Dylan Trost (#21 Trost), 6. Alex Watson (#3w Watson), 7. Brayden Schwartz (#55s Schwartz). NT

VMS MOTORSPORTS THIRD QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Ian Creager (#36 Creager), 2. Ryan Barr (#11T Taylor), 3. Buddy Hollmeyer (#11 Taylor) (3), 4. Cody Dye (#4T Dye) (6), 6. Carl Peterson (#49 Peterson) (7), 7. Jon Watson (#2w Watson) (1), DQ. Abby Hohlbein (#11H Hohlbein). NT

PERFORMANCE ELECTRONICS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Tyler Nelson (3), 2. Matt Lux (4), 3. Luke Hall (2), 4. Cole Morgan (7), 5. Wes Pinkerton (6), 6. Chett Gehrke (8). NT

STIEFEL'S HOME & AUTO SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Zach Wigal (4), 2. Michael Magic (1), 3. Bryce Massingill (2), 4. Stratton Briggs (3), 5. Dylan Trost (5), 6. Alex Watson (6), 7. Brayden Schwartz (7). NT

HOOSIER AUTO RACING FANS THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Ian Creager (4), 2. Ryan Barr (2), 3. Buddy Hollmeyer (1), 4. Cody Dye (5), 5. Carl Peterson (6), 6. Jon Watson (7), DQ. Abby Hohlbein (3). NT

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FEATURE: (20 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Luke Hall (5), 2. Zach Wigal (8), 3. Tyler Nelson (9), 4. Bryce Massingill (1), 5. Matt Lux (6), 6. Michael Magic (2), 7. Wes Pinkerton (13), 8. Cole Morgan (10), 9. Dylan Trost (14), 10. Jake Roell (21), 11. Buddy Hollmeyer (12), 12. Alex Watson (17), 13. Ryan Barr (7), 14. Brayden Schwartz (19), 15. Stratton Briggs (11), 16. Jon Watson (20), 17. Ian Creager (4), 18. Cody Dye (15), 19. Carl Peterson (18), 20. Chett Gehrke (16), DQ. Abby Hohlbein (3). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Bryce Massingill, Laps 2-20 Luke Hall.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET POINTS: 1-Tyler Nelson-431, 2-Bryce Massingill-414, 3-Matt Lux-396, 4-Zach Wigal-368, 5-Luke Hall-365, 6-Cole Morgan-331, 7-Brayden Schwartz-310, 8-Buddy Hollmeyer-304, 9-Ian Creager-303, 10-Chett Gehrke-258.

NEXT USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE: September 12, 2025 – Circle City Raceway – Indianapolis, Indiana

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

VMS Motorsports Fast Qualifier: Matt Lux

Performance Electronics First Heat Winner: Tyler Nelson

Stiefel's Home & Auto Second Heat Winner: Zach Wigal

Hoosier Auto Racing Fans Third Heat Winner: Ian Creager

Performance Powder Coating Hard Charger: Jake Roell (21st to 10th)

LynK Chassis 10th Place Bonus: Jake Roell

Saldana Racing Products First Out: Chett Gehrke

Wilwood Disc Brakes Tough Brake (Highest Pill Drawn): Tyler Nelson

Rosewood Machine & Tool Precision Move: Zach Wigal

Lynn Cook A Racer's Friend Hard Luck: Jon Watson

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18th to 1st! Boxell Charges to Spectacular Circle City Victory

Richie Murray - USAC Media

Indianapolis, Indiana (September 12, 2025).....Starting 18th on the grid ain't no thang for Jakeb Boxell.

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From his outside row nine starting position, the Zanesville, Indiana racer scurried up through the field, then made the winning pass around the outside of Michael Magic with three laps remaining to win Friday's USAC Midwest Thunder SpeeD2 Midget Ashlea Albertson Memorial feature at Indianapolis, Indiana's Circle City Raceway.

Magic led the first 22 circuits from the pole, but Boxell proved to be too much in the end as he collected his second career series triumph in his Boxell-Merkler Racing No. 404.

Magic (Winder, Georgia) took second with Matt Lux (Manilla, Indiana) third, Luke Hall (Ludlow Falls, Ohio) fourth and Bryce Massingill (Troy, Ohio) fifth.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: September 12, 2025 – Circle City Raceway – Indianapolis, Indiana

VMS MOTORSPORTS FIRST QUALIFYING GROUP: (8 laps) 1. Abby Hohlbein, 11H, Hohlbein-13.184; 2. Michael Magic, 5m, Magic-13.649; 3. Noah Whitehouse, 77, Whitehouse-13.801; 4. Jake Roell, 3, Roell-13.861; 5. Brayden Schwartz, 55s, Schwartz-13.885; 6. Sheldon Males, 11m, Males-14.469; 7. Tyler Watkins, 67, Watkins-14.498.

VMS MOTORSPORTS SECOND QUALIFYING GROUP: (8 laps) 1. Ian Creager, 36, Creager-13.352; 2. Matt Lux, 5, Wells-13.392; 3. Luke Hall, 74, Heitmeyer-13.461; 4. Chett Gehrke, 93c, Gehrke-13.531; 5. Buddy Hollmeyer, 11, Taylor-13.543; 6. Jakeb Boxell, 404, Boxell-13.545; 7. Jim Jones, 97, Jones-13.988.

VMS MOTORSPORTS THIRD QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Jalen Cox, 11x, Taylor-13.295; 2. Gunnar Lucius, 22, Lucius-13.513; 3. Wes Pinkerton, 21, Fedorczyk-13.546; 4. Chase Hodge, 7c, Hodge-13.759; 5. Cody Dye, 4T, Dye-14.116; 6. Parker Perry, 27, Gresham-NT; 7. Travis Stickels, 87, Stickels-NT.

VMS MOTORSPORTS FOURTH QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Tyler Nelson, 91, Nelson-13.242; 2. Bryce Massingill, 35, Massingill-13.360; 3. Elijah Knoke, 4K, Roell-13.442; 4. Dylan Trost, 21T, Trost-13.520; 5. Derrick Noffsinger, 18N, Noffsinger-14.016; 6. Alex Watson, 3w, Watson-14.535; 7. Cole Morgan, 7m, Morgan-15.389.

PERFORMANCE ELECTRONICS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Noah Whitehouse (2), 2. Michael Magic (3), 3. Abby Hohlbein (4), 4. Jake Roell (1), 5. Brayden Schwartz (5), 6. Tyler Watkins (7), 7. Sheldon Males (6). NT

STIEFEL'S HOME & AUTO SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Matt Lux (3), 2. Luke Hall (2), 3. Buddy Hollmeyer (5), 4. Chett Gehrke (1), 5. Jakeb Boxell (6), 6. Ian Creager (4), 7. Jim Jones (7). NT

HOOSIER AUTO RACING FANS THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Jalen Cox (4), 2. Gunnar Lucius (3), 3. Chase Hodge (1), 4. Cody Dye (5), 5. Parker Perry (6), 6. Wes Pinkerton (2), 7. Travis Stickels (7).

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Bryce Massingill (3), 2. Elijah Knoke (2), 3. Tyler Nelson (4), 4. Cole Morgan (6), 5. Derrick Noffsinger (5), 6. Dylan Trost. NT

SEMI: (12 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Ian Creager (2), 2. Tyler Watkins (1), 3. Sheldon Males (5), 4. Wes Pinkerton (3), 5. Jim Jones (6). NT

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Jakeb Boxell (18), 2. Michael Magic (1), 3. Matt Lux (6), 4. Luke Hall (4), 5. Bryce Massingill (8), 6. Gunnar Lucius (2), 7. Ian Creager (21), 8. Abby Hohlbein (9), 9. Tyler Nelson (12), 10. Noah

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Whitehouse (3), 11. Parker Perry (19), 12. Jalen Cox (7), 13. Brayden Schwartz (17), 14. Jake Roell (13), 15. Wes Pinkerton (22), 16. Jim Jones (25), 17. Buddy Hollmeyer (10), 18. Derrick Noffsinger (20), 19. Sheldon Males (24), 20. Elijah Knoke (5), 21. Chett Gehrke (14), 22. Cole Morgan (16), 23. Cody Dye (15), 24. Tyler Watkins (23), 25. Chase Hodge (11). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-22 Michael Magic, Laps 23-25 Jakeb Boxell.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET POINTS: 1-Tyler Nelson-477, 2-Bryce Massingill-472, 3-Matt Lux-460, 4-Luke Hall-426, 5-Zach Wigal-368, 6-Ian Creager-355, 7-Cole Morgan-354, 8-Brayden Schwartz-347, 9-Buddy Hollmeyer-333, 10-Jakeb Boxell-298.

NEXT USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE: September 20, 2025 – Honest Abe Roofing Lincoln Park Speedway – Putnamville, Indiana

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

VMS Motorsports Fast Qualifier: Abby Hohlbein (13.184)

Performance Electronics First Heat Winner: Noah Whitehouse

Stiefel's Home & Auto Second Heat Winner: Matt Lux

Hoosier Auto Racing Fans Third Heat Winner: Jalen Cox

Fourth Heat Winner: Bryce Massingill

Performance Powder Coating Hard Charger: Jakeb Boxell (18th to 1st)

LynK Chassis 10th Place Bonus: Noah Whitehouse

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Lux Goes Back to Victory Lane at Lincoln Park

Richie Murray - USAC Media

Putnamville, Indiana (September 20, 2025).....Matt Lux returned to victory lane for the first time during the 2025 USAC Midwest Thunder Speed2 Midget season on Saturday night at Honest Abe Roofing Lincoln Park Speedway.

Lux (Manilla, Indiana), who was also the VMS Motorsports Fast Qualifier, led all 25 laps from the pole for his first series win since May 2024 at the very same 5/16-mile dirt oval in Putnamville, Indiana. Overall, it's Lux's fourth career points-paying victory with the series.

Following Lux to the line were point leader Tyler Nelson (Olathe, Kansas) in second. Jalen Cox (Winchester, Indiana) ran third with Buddy Hollmeyer (Norwood, Ohio) fourth and Alex Watson (Columbus, Ohio) fifth.

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Cox received the Rosewood Machine & Tool Precision Move of the Race after advancing from sixth to third for his first career podium finish with the series.

Meanwhile, Brayden Schwartz (Troy, Ohio) was the Performance Powder Coating Hard Charger, moving from 10th to sixth in the main event. Chase Hodge (Pittsboro, Indiana) received the LynK Chassis bonus for finishing 10th in the feature. Jim Jones (Ventura, California) was the recipient of the Lynn Cook - A Racer's Friend Hard Luck Award after struggling with brake and steering issues that led to an early retirement in the feature.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: September 20, 2025 – Honest Abe Roofing Lincoln Park Speedway – Putnamville, Indiana

VMS MOTORSPORTS FIRST QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Matt Lux, 5, Wells-13.648; 2. Cole Morgan, 7m, Morgan-14.385; 3. Buddy Hollmeyer, 11, Taylor-14.423; 4. Sammy Males, 11m, Males-14.818; 5. Jim Jones, 97, Jones-17.032; 6. Jon Watson, 2w, Watson-NT; 7. Ian Creager, 36, Creager-NT.

VMS MOTORSPORTS SECOND QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Tyler Nelson, 91, Nelson-13.846; 2. Michael Magic, 5m, Magic-14.088; 3. Jalen Cox, 11x, Taylor-14.340; 4. Alex Watson, 11T, Taylor-14.374; 5. Brayden Schwartz, 55s, Schwartz-14.755; 6. Tyler Watkins, 67, Watkins-14.938; 7. Chase Hodge, 7c, Hodge-14.967.

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Matt Lux (2), 2. Tyler Nelson (1), 3. Jalen Cox (6), 4. Buddy Hollmeyer (4), 5. Alex Watson (8), 6. Brayden Schwartz (10), 7. Jon Watson (11), 8. Tyler Watkins (12), 9. Cole Morgan (5), 10. Chase Hodge (14), 11. Michael Magic (3), 12. Sammy Males (7), 13. Jim Jones (9), 14. Ian Creager (13). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-25 Matt Lux.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET POINTS: 1-Tyler Nelson-544, 2-Matt Lux-530, 3-Bryce Massingill-472, 4-Luke Hall-426, 5-Brayden Schwartz-402, 6-Cole Morgan-400, 7-Buddy Hollmeyer-394, 8-Ian Creager-390, 9-Zach Wigal-368, 10-Michael Magic-312.

NEXT USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE: September 26, 2025 – Moler Raceway Park – Williamsburg, Ohio

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

VMS Motorsports Fast Qualifier: Matt Lux (13.648)

Performance Powder Coating Hard Charger: Brayden Schwartz (10th to 6th)

Rosewood Machine & Tool Precision Move of the Race: Jalen Cox

Lynn Cook – A Racer's Friend Hard Luck Award: Jim Jones

LynK Chassis 10th Place Bonus: Chase Hodge

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Hall Doubles Up at Montpelier

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Montpelier, Indiana (October 4, 2025).....Luke Hall doubled up by winning both 20-lap USAC Midwest Thunder SpeeD2 Midget feature events on Saturday night at Indiana's Montpelier Speedway, the final two series points-paying events of the season.

With his third and sixth place finishes in the two respective feature events, Tyler Nelson of Olathe, Kansas captured the 2025 USAC Midwest Thunder SpeeD2 Midget driving championship.

The first feature of the evening was the makeup date for the event rained out on August 16. In this one, Nelson led the opening nine laps before the eighth place starting Hall (Ludlow Falls, Ohio) took control on the 10th lap and led the remaining 10 circuits. Hall was followed to the line by Performance Powder Coating Hard Charger Bryce Massingill, Nelson, Ian Creager and Jalen Cox.

In the second of the two features, Hall started sixth and methodically moved his way forward. Drew Rader (lap 1), Michael Magic (laps 2-3) and Matt Lux (laps 4-8) swapped the lead early in the going before Lux once again found his way to the front in his Kyle Heitmeyer owned machine, then led the final 12 laps to win again over Bryce Massingill while Stratton Briggs took third with Rader fourth and Lux fifth.

For Hall, it was his second and third points-paying series victories of the year and the sixth and seventh of his career.

Nelson was the VMS Motorsports Fast Qualifier with a lap of 15.094 seconds. Lux was the winner of the Performance Electronics heat race one with Hall taking Stiefel Home & Auto heat race two, Stratton Briggs scoring Hoosier Auto Racing Fans heat three and Bryce Massingill Performance Electronics heat four.

Massingill captured Performance Powder Coating Hard Charger honors in the first feature, starting 19th after going to a backup car and advancing 17 spots to finish in the runner-up position.

Buddy Hollmeyer received the Rosewood Machine & Tool Precision Move after advancing 10 positions from 18th to 8th in the first feature.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: October 4, 2025 – Montpelier Speedway – Montpelier, Indiana

VMS MOTORSPORTS FIRST QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Matt Lux, 5, Wells-15.099; 2. Ian Creager, 36, Creager-15.440; 3. Wes Pinkerton, 21, Fedorczyk-15.671; 4. Alex Watson, 11L, Taylor-15.730; 5. Brayden Schwartz, 55s, Schwartz-15.850; 6. Dylan Trost, 21T, Trost-16.019; 7. Luke Lemons, 404, Boxell/Merkler-16.039; 8. Jim Jones, 97, Jones-16.210.

VMS MOTORSPORTS SECOND QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Michael Magic, 5m, Magic-15.219; 2. Ryan Moran, 01, Moran-15.388; 3. Luke Hall, 74, Heitmeyer-15.395; 4. Jalen Cox, 11x, Cox-15.512; 5. Derrick Noffsinger, 18N, Noffsinger-15.842; 6. Cole Morgan, 7m, Morgan-16.050; 7. Taylor Nibert, 11N, Nibert-16.777; 8. Travis Stickels, 87, Stickels-17.522.

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VMS MOTORSPORTS THIRD QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Tyler Nelson, 91, Nelson-15.094; 2. Gunnar Lucius, 22, Lucius-15.246; 3. Abby Hohlbein, 11H, Hohlbein-15.394; 4. Stratton Briggs, 71, Briggs-15.485; 5. Chase Hodge, 7c, Hodge-15.606; 6. Buddy Hollmeyer, 11, Taylor-15.774; 7. Tyler Watkins, 67, Watkins-16.247; 8. Jacob Goeglein, 8, Goeglein-16.503.

VMS MOTORSPORTS FOURTH QUALIFYING GROUP: 1. Bryce Massingill, 35, Massingill-15.392; 2. Drew Rader, 74H, Heitmeyer-15.403; 3. Jon Watson, 2w, Watson-15.794; 4. Bryce Dues, 0H, Sniper-16.062; 5. Sammy Males, 11m, Males-16.805; 6. Taten Long, 99, Long-16.825; 7. Cody Beard, 7x, Beard-NT.

PERFORMANCE ELECTRONICS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Matt Lux (4), 2. Alex Watson (1), 3. Wes Pinkerton (2), 4. Ian Creager (3), 5. Luke Lemons (7), 6. Brayden Schwartz (5), 7. Dylan Trost (6), 8. Jim Jones (8). NT

STIEFEL'S HOME & AUTO SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Luke Hall (2), 2. Michael Magic (4), 3. Jalen Cox (1), 4. Ryan Moran (3), 5. Derrick Noffsinger (5), 6. Cole Morgan (6), 7. Taylor Nibert (7), 8. Travis Stickels (8). NT

HOOSIER AUTO RACING FANS THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Stratton Briggs (1), 2. Tyler Nelson (4), 3. Abby Hohlbein (2), 4. Buddy Hollmeyer (6), 5. Chase Hodge (5), 6. Jacob Goeglein (8), 7. Tyler Watkins (7), 8. Gunnar Lucius. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Bryce Massingill (4), 2. Drew Rader (3), 3. Jon Watson (2), 4. Cody Beard (7), 5. Bryce Dues (1), 6. Taten Long (6), 7. Sammy Males (5). NT

SEMI: (12 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Taylor Nibert (2), 2. Taten Long (4), 3. Jim Jones (5), 4. Travis Stickels (6), 5. Dylan Trost (1), 6. Tyler Watkins (7), 7. Jacob Goeglein (3), 8. Sammy Males (8). NT

FIRST FEATURE: (20 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Luke Hall (8), 2. Bryce Massingill (19), 3. Tyler Nelson (4), 4. Ian Creager (5), 5. Jalen Cox (9), 6. Michael Magic (16), 7. Brayden Schwartz (2), 8. Buddy Hollmeyer (18), 9. Cole Morgan (7), 10. Chase Hodge (15), 11. Jon Watson (13), 12. Derrick Noffsinger (14), 13. Travis Stickels (21), 14. Dylan Trost (10), 15. Luke Lemons (20), 16. Ryan Moran (11), 17. Abby Hohlbein (3), 18. Wes Pinkerton (1), 19. Matt Lux (6), 20. Bryce Dues (17), 21. Jim Jones (12). NT

SECOND FEATURE: (20 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Luke Hall (6), 2. Bryce Massingill (4), 3. Stratton Briggs (8), 4. Drew Rader (1), 5. Matt Lux (5), 6. Tyler Nelson (2), 7. Wes Pinkerton (9), 8. Ian Creager (13), 9. Brayden Schwartz (18), 10. Abby Hohlbein (11), 11. Buddy Hollmeyer (15), 12. Alex Watson (7), 13. Jalen Cox (17), 14. Cody Beard (16), 15. Cole Morgan (19), 16. Chase Hodge (20), 17. Derrick Noffsinger (14), 18. Taten Long (22), 19. Jim Jones (23), 20. Taylor Nibert (21), 21. Travis Stickels (24), 22. Jon Watson (12), DQ. Michael Magic (3) (disqualified for missing the scales after finishing 3rd). NT

**Luke Lemons flipped during the makeup feature. Tyler Watkins flipped during the semi.

FIRST FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-9 Tyler Nelson, Laps 10-20 Luke Hall.

SECOND FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Drew Rader, Laps 2-3 Michael Magic, Laps 4-8 Matt Lux, Laps 9-20 Luke Hall.

FINAL USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET POINTS: 1-Tyler Nelson-653, 2-Matt Lux-603, 3-Bryce Massingill-596, 4-Luke Hall-556, 5-Ian Creager-490, 6-Brayden Schwartz-490, 7-Buddy Hollmeyer-474, 8-Cole Morgan-469, 9-Zach Wigal-368, 10-Michael Magic-367.

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CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

VMS Motorsports Fast Qualifier: Tyler Nelson (15.094)

Performance Electronics First Heat Winner: Matt Lux

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

Hoosier Auto Racing Fans Third Heat Winner: Stratton Briggs

Fourth Heat Winner: Bryce Massingill

First Feature Performance Powder Coating Hard Charger: Bryce Massingill (19th to 2nd)

First Feature Rosewood Machine & Tool Precision Move of the Race: Buddy Hollmeyer

First Feature Hard Luck: Luke Lemons

First Feature LynK Chassis 10th Place Bonus: Chase Hodge

First Feature Wilwood Tough Brake: Luke Hall

Second Feature Performance Powder Coating Hard Charger: Brayden Schwartz (18th to 9th)

Second Feature Rosewood Machine & Tool Precision Move of the Race: Stratton Briggs

Second Feature Hard Luck: Taylor Nibert

Second Feature LynK Chassis 10th Place Bonus: Brayden Schwartz

Second Feature Wilwood Tough Brake: Stratton Briggs

Second Saldana Racing Products Certificate: Ryan Moran

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England Rocks in USAC MW Thunder Special at Coles County

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USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET SPECIAL EVENT RACE RESULTS: October 11, 2025 – Coles County Speedway – Mattoon, Illinois – Co-Sanctioned by MARA

ROD END SUPPLY QUALIFYING: 1. Charles Kunz, 4K, Kunz-11.011; 2. R.J. Corson, 15c, Corson-11.039; 3. Bryce Massingill, 35, Massingill-11.052; 4. Mitchell Davis, 56, Davis-11.076; 5. Daltyn England, 19E, England-11.127; 6. Jace Sparks, 40, Sparks-11.175; 7. Tyler Roth, 18, Roth-11.183; 8. Cody Beard, 7, Beard-11.230; 9. Miles Doherty, 8D, Doherty-11.244; 10. Chase Hodge, 7c, Hodge-11.275; 11. Mark McMahill, 11K, Kunz-11.280; 12. Jake Sollenberger, 5, Sollenberger-11.534; 13.

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Eric Webber, 48, Webber-11.607; 14. Chris Baue, 11J, Kunz-11.682; 15. Cole Morgan, 7m, Morgan-11.716; 16. Sheldon Males, 11, Males-12.824; 17. Keith Wilson, 9, Wilson-20.000.

AUTO METER FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Mitchell Davis (6), 2. Jace Sparks (5), 3. Cody Beard (4), 4. Jake Sollenberger (2), 5. R.J. Corson (7), 6. Chase Hodge (3), 7. Chris Baue (1), 8. Sheldon Males (8). NT

CASM SAFETY PRODUCTS SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Tyler Roth (5), 2. Daltyn England (6), 3. Miles Doherty (4), 4. Bryce Massingill (7), 5. Mark McMahill (3), 6. Charles Kunz (8), 7. Eric Webber (2), 8. Cole Morgan (1), 9. Keith Wilson (9). NT

FUSION ENGINEERING FEATURE: (25 laps) 1. Daltyn England (7), 2. Bryce Massingill (9), 3. Miles Doherty (3), 4. Cody Beard (4), 5. Jake Sollenberger (1), 6. Cole Morgan (15), 7. Mitchell Davis (8), 8. R.J. Corson (10), 9. Charles Kunz (11), 10. Tyler Roth (5), 11. Mark McMahill (2), 12. Chase Hodge (12), 13. Jace Sparks (6), 14. Sheldon Males (16), 15. Chris Baue (14), 16. Eric Webber, 17. Keith Wilson. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-14 Mark McMahill, Laps 15-17 Mitchell Davis, Laps 18-25 Daltyn England.

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2025 USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET STAT LEADERS:

Driver Champion: Tyler Nelson

Rookie of the Year: Buddy Hollmeyer

Most Feature Wins: 3-Luke Hall & Bryce Massingill

Laps Led: 68-Bryce Massingill

Top-Fives: 8-Matt Lux & Bryce Massingill

Top-Tens: 11-Tyler Nelson

Fast Qualifying Times: 4-Matt Lux

Heat Race Wins: 5-Luke Hall

Feature Starts: 11-Buddy Hollmeyer, Matt Lux, Cole Morgan, Tyler Nelson & Brayden Schwartz

Biggest Charge of the Season: Jun 15 at Millstream Speedway – Jakeb Boxell (23rd to 2nd)

2025 USAC Midwest Thunder SpeeD2 Midget Driver Points

Pos.	Pts.	Driver, Hometown
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1	653	Tyler Nelson, Olathe, Kansas
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2	603	Matt Lux, Manilla, Indiana
3	596	Bryce Massingill, Troy, Ohio
4	556	Luke Hall, Findlay, Ohio
5	490	Ian Creager, Covington, Ohio
6	490	Brayden Schwartz, Troy, Ohio
7	474	Buddy Hollmeyer, Cincinnati, Ohio
8	469	Cole Morgan, Brookville, Ohio
9	368	Zach Wigal, Belpre, Ohio
10	367	Michael Magic, Winder, Georgia
11	315	Jim Jones, Ventura, California
12	298	Jakeb Boxell, Zanesville, Indiana
13	296	Jalen Cox, Winchester, Indiana
14	281	Chett Gehrke, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma
15	265	Wes Pinkerton, Reynolds, Indiana
16	257	Jon Watson, Columbus, Ohio
17	247	Dylan Trost, Pleasant Hill, Ohio
18	236	Cody Dye, Covington, Kentucky
19	219	Abby Hohlbein, Cloverdale, Ohio
20	187	Ryan Moran, Ottawa, Ohio
21	185	Gunnar Lucius, Delphos, Ohio
22	173	Alex Watson, Columbus, Ohio
23	156	Drew Rader, Findlay, Ohio
24	133	Taten Long, Miller City, Ohio
25	124	Carl Peterson, Waterford, Michigan
26	124	Stratton Briggs, Anna, Ohio
27	64	Taylor Nibert, South Vienna, Ohio
28	62	Jacob Sabaj, Corunna, Michigan

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29	31	Tommy Bigelow, Winchester, Indiana
30	10	Jason Shaffer, Piqua, Ohio
31	10	Seth Crandall, Canal Winchester, Ohio

2025 USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET FEATURE WINNERS:

May 9: Limaland Motorsports Park - Elida, Ohio

WINNER: Bryce Massingill (Jason Massingill #35)

May 17: (SE) Eldora Speedway - Rossburg, Ohio

WINNER: Luke Hall (Kyle Heitmeyer #74)

Jun 15: Millstream Speedway - Findlay, Ohio

WINNER: Tyler Nelson (Tyler Nelson #91)

Jun 19: (SE) Waynesfield Raceway Park - Waynesfield, Ohio

WINNER: Bryce Massingill (Jason Massingill #35)

Jun 21: Atomic Speedway - Chillicothe, Ohio

WINNER: Zach Wigal (Lee Wigal #18)

Jun 28: Fremont Speedway - Fremont, Ohio

WINNER: Bryce Massingill (Jason Massingill #35)

Aug 1: Moler Raceway Park - Williamsburg, Ohio

WINNER: Bryce Massingill (Jason Massingill #35)

Aug 8: Millstream Speedway - Findlay, Ohio

WINNER: Zach Wigal (Lee Wigal #18)

Aug 23: Lawrenceburg Speedway - Lawrenceburg, Indiana

WINNER: Luke Hall (Kyle Heitmeyer #74)

Sep 12: Circle City Raceway - Indianapolis, Indiana

WINNER: Jakeb Boxell (Boxell-Merkler Racing #404)

Sep 20: Honest Abe Roofing Lincoln Park Speedway - Putnamville, Indiana

WINNER: Matt Lux (Bill Wells #5)

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Oct 4: Montpelier Speedway - Montpelier, Indiana

WINNER: Luke Hall (Kyle Heitmeyer #74)

Oct 4: Montpelier Speedway - Montpelier, Indiana

WINNER: Luke Hall (Kyle Heitmeyer #74)

Oct 11: (SE) Coles County Speedway - Mattoon, Illinois

WINNER: Daltyn England (Daltyn England Racing #19E)

(SE) represents a non-point, special event

2025 USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET FEATURE WINS: (FULL POINTS)

3-Luke Hall (Aug 23 at Lawrenceburg Speedway, Oct 4 at Montpelier Speedway & Oct 4 at Montpelier Speedway)

3-Bryce Massingill (May 9 at Limaland Motorsports Park, Jun 28 at Fremont Speedway & Aug 1 at Moler Raceway Park)

2-Zach Wigal (Jun 21 at Atomic Speedway & Aug 8 at Millstream Speedway)

1-Jakeb Boxell (Sep 12 at Circle City Raceway)

1-Matt Lux (Sep 20 at Honest Abe Roofing Lincoln Park Speedway)

1-Tyler Nelson (Jun 15 at Millstream Speedway)

2025 USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET FEATURE WINS: (NON-POINTS SPECIAL EVENTS)

1-Daltyn England (Oct 11 at Coles County Speedway)

1-Luke Hall (May 17 at Eldora Speedway)

1-Bryce Massingill (Jun 19 at Waynesfield Raceway Park)

2025 USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET FEATURE LAPS LED:

68-Bryce Massingill

65-Zach Wigal

50-Luke Hall

30-Matt Lux

24-Michael Magic

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15-Tyler Nelson

4-Chett Gehrke

3-Jakeb Boxell

1-Drew Rader

2025 USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET TOP-5 FEATURE FINISHES:

8-Matt Lux & Bryce Massingill

7-Luke Hall & Tyler Nelson

5-Zach Wigal

4-Jakeb Boxell

3-Ian Creager

2-Jalen Cox, Chett Gehrke & Buddy Hollmeyer

1-Ryan Barr, Stratton Briggs, Gunnar Lucius, Michael Magic, Cole Morgan, Drew Rader & Alex Watson

2025 USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET TOP-10 FEATURE FINISHES:

11-Tyler Nelson

9-Matt Lux

8-Bryce Massingill

7-Luke Hall, Cole Morgan & Brayden Schwartz

6-Ian Creager

5-Michael Magic & Zach Wigal

4-Jakeb Boxell, Jalen Cox, Abby Hohlbein, Buddy Hollmeyer & Wes Pinkerton

3-Chett Gehrke & Gunnar Lucius

2-Chase Hodge, Ryan Moran & Drew Rader

1-Ryan Barr, Stratton Briggs, Cody Dye, Jim Jones, Tyler Kalb, Taten Long, Carl Peterson, Jake Roell, Dylan Trost, Tyler Watkins, Alex Watson, Jon Watson & Noah Whitehouse

2025 USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET FAST QUALIFYING TIMES:

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4-Matt Lux

3-Tyler Nelson

2-Zach Wigal

1-Jakeb Boxell & Abby Hohlbein

2025 USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET HEAT RACE WINS:

5-Luke Hall

4-Matt Lux & Bryce Massingill

3-Tyler Nelson & Zach Wigal

2-Stratton Briggs, Jalen Cox, Ian Creager, Chett Gehrke & Cole Morgan

1-Jakeb Boxell, Abby Hohlbein, Buddy Hollmeyer & Noah Whitehouse

2025 USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET FEATURE STARTS:

11-Buddy Hollmeyer, Matt Lux, Cole Morgan, Tyler Nelson & Brayden Schwartz

10-Ian Creager, Luke Hall & Bryce Massingill

9-Jim Jones

8-Michael Magic & Jon Watson

7-Cody Dye & Chett Gehrke

6-Jalen Cox, Abby Hohlbein, Derrick Noffsinger, Wes Pinkerton, Dylan Trost & Zach Wigal

5-Jakeb Boxell & Ryan Moran

4-Chase Hodge, Taten Long, Carl Peterson & Alex Watson

3-Ryan Barr, Stratton Briggs, Luke Lemons, Gunnar Lucius, Drew Rader & Travis Stickels

2-Taylor Nibert, Jake Roell, Jacob Sabaj & Tyler Watkins

1-Cody Beard, Tommy Bigelow, Bryce Dues, Jimmie Guidry, Tyler Kalb, Elijah Knoke, Sammy Males, Sheldon Males, Parker Perry & Noah Whitehouse

2025 USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET SEMI WINS:

1-Ian Creager & Taylor Nibert

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