2019 USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET SEASON REVIEW

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LEFFEL TAKES MTM SPEED2 OPENER AT GAS CITY

Gas City, IN.....Two-time and defending USAC Midwest Thunder Speed2 Midget Series Champion Aaron Leffel of Springfield, Ohio captured the 2019 series opener Friday night at Gas City I-69 Speedway. He passed John Heydenreich on lap 16 and led the final five laps to beat Gunnar Lucius, Heydenreich, Stratton Briggs and Chris Bounds. The series continues tonight at Montpelier (Ind.) Motor Speedway.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: May 17, 2019 – Gas City, Indiana – Gas City I-69 Speedway

FEATURE: (20 laps) 1. Aaron Leffel (#11L Taylor), 2. Gunnar Lucius (#22L Lucius), 3. John Heydenreich (#22H Givens), 4. Stratton Briggs (#71 Briggs), 5. Chris Bounds (#84 Bounds), 6. Ian Creager (#36 Creager), 7. Tommy Bigelow (#2B Bigelow), 8. Kevin Smith (#11T Taylor), 9. Anthony Haas (#66 Haas), 10. Kyle Kriegbaum (#63 Kriegbaum), 11. Alex Watson (#3 Watson), 12. Adam Schmenk (#6 Schmenk), 13. Don Bigelow (#4B Bigelow), 14. Bryce Dues (#23 Dues), 15. Tim Key (#6K Key), 16. Tyler Key (#5T Key), 17. Matt Cogley (#50 Cogley), 18. Zane Briggs (#10 Briggs), 19. Jon Steed (#7 Steed), 20. Alex Cogley (#18 Cogley), 21. Kevin Blue (#Dw7 Blue), 22. Cory Guingrich (#62 Guingrich). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-7 Stratton Briggs, Laps 8-15 John Heydenreich, Laps 16-20 Aaron Leffel.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET POINTS: 1-Aaron Leffel-70, 2-Gunnar Lucius-67, 3-John Heydenreich-64, 4-Stratton Briggs-61, 5-Bounds-58, 6-Ian Creager-55, 7-T. Bigelow-52, 8-Smith-49, 9-Haas-46, 10-Kyle Kriegbaum-43.

NEXT USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE: May 18, 2019 – Montpelier Motor Speedway – Montpelier, Indiana

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NEXT USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE: May 24, 2019 – Bloomington Speedway – Bloomington, Indiana

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LEFFEL GETS 2ND STRAIGHT MIDWEST THUNDER WIN AT BLOOMINGTON

Bloomington, Indiana (May 24, 2019).....Aaron Leffel of Springfield, Ohio remains undefeated during the 2019 USAC Speed2 Midwest Thunder Midget season after capturing the victory Friday night in the series debut at Indiana's Bloomington Speedway.

Leffel, the two-time defending series champion who also won the series' season opener a week earlier at Gas City, overtook Stratton Briggs for the lead on lap 13 and dominated the remaining eight laps to score the victory over Patrick Ryan, Jacob Denney, Cody Trammell and Cory Guingrich.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: May 24, 2019 – Bloomington Speedway – Bloomington, Indiana

FEATURE: (20 laps) 1. Aaron Leffel (#11L Taylor), 2. Patrick Ryan (#23 Ryan), 3. Jacob Denney (#11T Taylor), 4. Cody Trammell (#34T Trammell), 5. Cory Guingrich (#62 Guingrich), 6. Ian Creager (#36 Creager), 7. Jon Watson (#25 Watson), 8. Zane Briggs (#10B Briggs), 9. Brent Fordyce (#4 Fordyce), 10. Kyle Kriegbaum (#12 Kriegbaum), 11. Tyler Kalb (#32T Kalb), 12. Stratton Briggs (#71 Briggs), 13. Brent Watson (#17 Watson), 14. Mark Nieft Jr. (#20N Nieft), 15. Cindy Chambers (#18c Chambers), 16. Tim Key (#6K Key), 17. Alex Watson (#3 Watson), 18. Cody Beard (#7 Beard), 19. Gunnar Lucius (#22L Lucius). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-12 Stratton Briggs, Laps 13-20 Aaron Leffel.

ALSO AT THE TRACK: Bryce Dues (#23 Dues) & Kevin Blue (#DW7 Blue)

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET POINTS: 1-Aaron Leffel-140, 2-Ian Creager-110, 3-Stratton Briggs-100, 4-Gunnar Lucius-92, 5-Kyle Kriegbaum-86, 6-Cory Guingrich-81, 7-Stratton Briggs-76, 8-Patrick Ryan-67, 9-John Heydenreich-64, 10-Jacob Denney-64.

NEXT USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE: June 14, 2019 – Gas City I-69 Speedway – Gas City, Indiana

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GEHRKE GETS MTM WIN AT GAS CITY

Gas City, Indiana (June 14, 2019).....Chett Gehrke (Broken Arrow, Oklahoma) captured the victory in Friday's USAC Speed2 Midwest Thunder Midget feature at Indiana's Gas City I-69 Speedway.

Gehrke got by Alex Watson (Columbus, Ohio) on a lap five restart and lead the remaining 16 laps to seal the deal for his first series win of the season.

Series point leader Aaron Leffel (Springfield, Ohio) was second ahead of Watson, Cory Guingrich (Celina, Ohio) and Stratton Briggs (Anna, Ohio).

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 14, 2019 – Gas City I-69 Speedway – Gas City, Indiana

FIRST HEAT: (6 laps) 1. Chett Gehrke (#11c Matteson), 2. Stratton Briggs (#71 Briggs), 3. Cory Guingrich (#62 Guingrich), 4. Gunnar Lucius (#22L Lucius), 5. Tommy Bigelow (#2B Bigelow), 6. Jacob Denney (#11T Taylor), 7. Ian Creager (#36 Creager). NT

SECOND HEAT: (6 laps) 1. Alex Watson (#3 Watson), 2. Anton Hernandez (#8JR Wood), 3. Mark Nieft Jr. (#20N Nieft), 4. Adam Schmenk (#6 Schmenk), 5. Zane Briggs (#10 Briggs), 6. Tyler Kalb (#32T Kalb), 7. Don Bigelow (#4B Bigelow). NT

THIRD HEAT: (6 laps) 1. Jon Steed (#7 Steed), 2. Aaron Leffel (#11L Taylor), 3. Chris Bounds (#65 Bounds), 4. Kyle Kriegbaum (#12 Kriegbaum), 5. Ryan Moran (#01 Moran), 6. Braden Watson (#29 Watson). NT

FEATURE: (20 laps) 1. Chett Gehrke, 2. Aaron Leffel, 3. Alex Watson, 4. Cory Guingrich, 5. Stratton Briggs, 6. Chris Bounds, 7. Gunnar Lucius, 8. Kyle Kriegbaum, 9. Tommy Bigelow, 10. Jacob Denney, 11. Tyler Kalb, 12. Zane Briggs, 13. Ryan Moran, 14. Jon Steed, 15. Mark Nieft Jr., 16. Don Bigelow, 17. Anton Hernandez, 18. Adam Schmenk, 19. Ian Creager, 20. Braden Watson. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-4 Alex Watson, Laps 5-20 Chett Gehrke.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET POINTS: 1-Aaron Leffel-207, 2-Stratton Briggs-158, 3-Gunnar Lucius-144, 4-Cory Guingrich-142, 5-Ian Creager-135, 6-Kyle Kriegbaum-135, 7-Alex Watson-134, 8-Zane Briggs-115, 9-Chris Bounds-113, 10-Jacob Denney-107.

NEXT USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE: June 22, 2019 – Montpelier Motor Speedway – Montpelier, Indiana

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USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 22, 2019 – Montpelier Motor Speedway – Montpelier, Indiana

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NEXT USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE: June 29, 2019 – Montpelier Motor Speedway – Montpelier, Indiana

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BRIGGS LEADS LAST 7 TO WIN MONTPELIER MTM

Montpelier, IN……Stratton Briggs of Anna, Ohio passed Gunnar Lucius on lap 14 and led the rest of Saturday night's 20-lap USAC Speed2 Midwest Thunder Midget race at Montpelier Motor Speedway. Cory Guingrich took second at the checkered flag ahead of Aaron Leffel, Alex Watson and Jacob Denney.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 29, 2019 – Montpelier Motor Speedway – Montpelier, Indiana

FEATURE: (20 laps) 1. Stratton Briggs (#71 Briggs), 2. Cory Guingrich (#62 Guingrich), 3. Aaron Leffel (#11L Taylor), 4. Alex Watson (#3 Watson), 5. Jacob Denney (#11T Taylor), 6. Gunnar Lucius (#22 Lucius), 7. Ian Creager (#36 Creager), 8. Tom Hessel (#7T Hessel), 9. Zane Briggs (#10 Briggs), 10. Tommy Bigelow (#2B Bigelow), 11. Kyle Kriegbaum (#12 Kriegbaum), 12. Jon Steed (#7 Steed), 13. Don Bigelow (#4B Bigelow), 14. Mark Nieft Jr. (#20N Nieft), 15. Bryce Dues (#23D Dues), 16. Chuck White (#C4 White), 17. Tim Key (#6K Key), 18. Jon Watson (#25 Watson), 19. Hayden Haas (#00 Haas), 20. Cody Downard (#3D Downard). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-13 Gunnar Lucius, Laps 14-20 Stratton Briggs.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET POINTS: 1-Aaron Leffel-271, 2-Stratton Briggs-228, 3-Cory Guingrich-209, 4-Gunnar Lucius-199, 5-Alex Watson-195, 6-Ian Creager-187, 7-Kyle Kriegbaum-176, 8-Jacob Denney-162, 9-Zane Briggs-161, 10-Tommy Bigelow-141.

NEXT USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE: July 5, 2019 – Bloomington Speedway – Bloomington, Indiana

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USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 5, 2019 – Bloomington Speedway – Bloomington, Indiana

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USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 13, 2019 – Montpelier Motor Speedway – Montpelier, Indiana

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WATSON'S LAST-LAP PASS NETS VICTORY AT MONTPELIER

Montpelier, Indiana (July 13, 2019)……Past USAC champion Alex Watson used a last lap pass to get by two-time and defending series champ Aaron Leffel and win Saturday's USAC Midwest Thunder Speed2 Midget feature at Indiana's Montpelier Motor Speedway.

Columbus, Ohio's Watson, the 2015 USAC Midwest HPD Midget champ, earned his first series win of the year by leading one lap, but it was most important one of all. Adam Taylor (Dwight, Ill.) led the first six laps before falling back to 12th at the checkered. Leffel (Springfield, Ohio) assumed the lead on the seventh circuit, leading a race-high 13 laps until Watson got by on the 20th and final lap.

Leffel took second ahead of Stratton Briggs (Anna, Ohio), Gunnar Lucius (Delphos, Ohio) and Ohio's Jacob Denney who rounded out the top-five at the checkered.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 13, 2019 – Montpelier Motor Speedway – Montpelier, Indiana

FEATURE: (20 laps) 1. Alex Watson (#3 Watson), 2. Aaron Leffel (#11L Taylor), 3. Stratton Briggs (#71 Briggs), 4. Gunnar Lucius (#22 Lucius), 5. Jacob Denney (#11T Taylor), 6. Jon Steed (#7 Steed), 7. Cory Guingrich (#62 Guingrich), 8. Adam Schmenk (#6 Schmenk), 9. Ian Creager (#36 Creager), 10. Nate Foster (#57F Foster), 11. Kyle Kriegbaum (#12 Kriegbaum), 12. Adam Taylor (#7T Taylor), 13. Zane Briggs (#10 Briggs), 14. Don Bigelow (#4B Bigelow), 15. Bryce Dues (#23B Dues), 16. Tim Key (#6K Key), 17. Tom Hessel (#7T Hessel), 18. Tommy Bigelow (#2B Bigelow), 19. Mark Nieft Jr. (#20N Nieft). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-6 Adam Taylor, Laps 7-19 Aaron Leffel, Lap 20 Alex Watson.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET POINTS: 1-Aaron Leffel-338, 2-Stratton Briggs-292, 3-Alex Watson-265, 4-Cory Guingrich-261, 5-Gunnar Lucius-260, 6-Ian Creager-233, 7-Jacob Denney-220, 8-Kyle Kriegbaum-217, 9-Zane Briggs-198, 10-Tommy Bigelow-168.

NEXT USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE: July 20, 2019 – Montpelier Motor Speedway – Montpelier, Indiana

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USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 20, 2019 – Montpelier Motor Speedway – Montpelier, Indiana

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NEXT USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 2, 2019 – Gas City I-69 Speedway – Gas City, Indiana

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USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 2, 2019 – Gas City I-69 Speedway – Gas City, Indiana

FEATURE: (20 laps) 1. Chett Gehrke (#93c Gehrke) 2. Stratton Briggs (#71 Briggs), 3. Andy Baugh (#37 Raymond), 4. Aaron Leffel (#11L Taylor), 5. Cory Guingrich (#62 Guingrich), 6. Alex Watson (#3 Watson), 7. Patrick Ryan (#23 Ryan), 8. Tommy Bigelow (#2B Bigelow), 9. Ian Creager (#36 Creager), 10. Zane Briggs (#10 Briggs), 11. Tyler Kalb (#32 Kalb), 12. John Heitzman (#43 Heitzman), 13. Mark Nieft Jr. (#20N Nieft), 14. Don Bigelow (#4B Bigelow), 15. Nate Foster (#57F Foster), 16. Tommy Kouns (#11T Taylor), 17. Kyle Kriegbaum (#12 Kriegbaum), 18. Leonard Foster (#57 Foster), 19. Gunnar Lucius (#22 Lucius), 20. Anton Hernandez (#8JR Wood). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Alex Watson, Laps 2-15 Stratton Briggs, Laps 16-18 Chett Gehrke, Lap 19 Stratton Briggs, Lap 20 Chett Gehrke.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET POINTS: 1-Aaron Leffel-399, 2-Stratton Briggs-359, 3-Alex Watson-320, 4-Cory Guingrich-319, 5-Gunnar Lucius-285, 6-Ian Creager-279, 7-Jacob Denney-220, 8-Kyle Kriegbaum-246, 9-Zane Briggs-241, 10-Tommy Bigelow-217.

NEXT USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE: August 9, 2019 – Bloomington Speedway – Bloomington, Indiana

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USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 9, 2019 – Bloomington Speedway – Bloomington, Indiana

FEATURE: (25 laps) 1. #71 Stratton Briggs, 2. #62 Cory Guingrich, 3. #10B Zane Briggs, 4. #4 Brent Fordyce, 5. #57F Nate Foster, 6. #12 Kyle Kriegbaum, 7. #23D Bryce Dues, 8. #3 Alex Watson, 9. #11L Aaron Leffel, 10. #20N Mark Nieft Jr., 11. #36 Ian Creager, 12. #11T Jacob Denney. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-5 Stratton Briggs, Laps 6-9 Alex Watson, Laps 10-14 Cory Guingrich, Laps 15-25 Stratton Briggs.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET POINTS: 1-Aaron Leffel-445, 2-Stratton Briggs-429, 3-Cory Guingrich-386, 4-Alex Watson-369, 5-Ian Creager-320, 6-Zane Briggs-305, 7-Kyle Kriegbaum-301, 8-Gunnar Lucius-285, 9-Jacob Denney-259, 10-Tommy Bigelow-217.

NEXT USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE: August 10, 2019 – Montpelier Motor Speedway – Montpelier, Indiana

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LEFFEL LEVELS THE COMPETITION AT MONTPELIER

Montpelier, Indiana (August 10, 2019)……Aaron Leffel led all 20 laps to win Saturday night's USAC Midwest Thunder Speed2 Midget feature at Montpelier Motor Speedway, his third victory of the season, all of which have come at different tracks.

Leffel (Springfield, Ohio), the two-time and defending series champ and current series point leader, was followed to the line by Gunnar Lucius (Delphos, Ohio), Stratton Briggs (Anna, Ohio), Alex Watson (Columbus, Ohio) and Cory Guingrich (Celina, Ohio).

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 10, 2019 – Montpelier Motor Speedway – Montpelier, Indiana

FEATURE: (20 laps) 1. Aaron Leffel (#11L Taylor), 2. Gunnar Lucius (#22 Lucius), 3. Stratton Briggs (#71 Briggs), 4. Alex Watson (#3 Watson), 5. Cory Guingrich (#62 Guingrich), 6. Zane Briggs (#10 Briggs), 7. Nate Foster (#57F Foster), 8. Bryce Dues (#23D Dues), 9. Adam Schmenk (#6 Schmenk), 10. Tom Hessel (#7T Hessel), 11. Tommy Bigelow (#2B Bigelow), 12. Tyler Kalb (#32T Kalb), 13. Brandon Watson (#29w Watson), 14. Corey Bedwell (#11B Bedwell), 15. Kyle Kriegbaum (#12 Kriegbaum), 16. Don Bigelow (#4B Bigelow), 17. Tim Key (#6K Key). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-20 Aaron Leffel.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET POINTS: 1-Aaron Leffel-515, 2-Stratton Briggs-493, 3-Cory Guingrich-444, 4-Alex Watson-430, 5-Zane Briggs-360, 6-Gunnar Lucius-352, 7-Kyle Kriegbaum-334, 8-Ian Creager-320, 9-Jacob Denney-259, 10-Tommy Bigelow-258.

NEXT USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE: August 16, 2019 – Gas City I-69 Speedway – Gas City, Indiana

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GEHRKE GRABS 3RD STRAIGHT GAS CITY MTM WIN

Gas City, Indiana (August 16, 2019)……The last three times Chett Gehrke has brought his USAC Midwest Thunder Speed2 Midget to Gas City I-69 Speedway this season, the end result was a celebration in victory lane.

The Broken Arrow, Okla. native once again took control at the Indiana quarter-mile dirt oval, leading all 20 laps en route to victory, over Aaron Leffel (Springfield, Ohio), Alex Watson (Columbus, Ohio), Stratton Briggs (Anna, Ohio) and Thomas Briggs (Anna, Ohio).

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 16, 2019 – Gas City I-69 Speedway – Gas City, Indiana

FEATURE: 1. Chett Gehrke (#93c Gehrke) 2. Aaron Leffel (#11L Taylor), 3. Alex Watson (#3 Watson), 4. Stratton Briggs (#71 Briggs), 5. Thomas Briggs (#2 Briggs), 6. Ryan Moran (#01 Moran), 7. Chris Bounds (#65 Bounds), 8. Ian Creager (#36 Creager), 9. Zane Briggs (#10 Briggs), 10. Anton Hernandez (#8JR Wood), 11. Tommy Kouns (#11T Taylor), 12. Bryce Dues (#23D Dues), 13. Mark Nieft Jr. (#20N Nieft), 14. Nate Foster (#57F Foster), 15. Kyle Kriegbaum (#12 Kriegbaum), 16. Zach Guingrich (#62 Guingrich), 17. Don Bigelow (#4B Bigelow), 18. Tim Key (#6K Key), 19. Leonard Foster (#57 Foster), 20. Chuck White (#C4 White), 21. Cory Guingrich (#42 Guingrich), 22. Adam Schmenk (#6s Schmenk). NT

ALSO AT THE TRACK: Brandon Watson (#29 Watson).

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-20 Chett Gehrke.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET POINTS: 1-Aaron Leffel-582, 2-Stratton Briggs-554, 3-Alex Watson-494, 4-Cory Guingrich-467, 5-Zane Briggs-406, 6-Ian Creager-369, 7-Kyle Kriegbaum-367, 8-Gunnar Lucius-352, 9-Jacob Denney-262, 10-Tommy Bigelow-258.

NEXT USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE: August 17, 2019 – Montpelier Motor Speedway – Montpelier, Indiana

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USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 17, 2019 – Montpelier Motor Speedway – Montpelier, Indiana

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NEXT USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE: September 13, 2019 – Gas City I-69 Speedway – Gas City, Indiana

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BRIGGS BAGS MIDWEST THUNDER WIN AT GAS CITY

Gas City, Indiana (September 13, 2019)……Stratton Briggs chased down Aaron Leffel with seven laps remaining to capture the victory in Friday night's 20-lap USAC Midwest Thunder Speed2 Midget feature event at Gas City I-69 Speedway.

Point leader Leffel (Springfield, Ohio), who won in May at Gas City, led the first 13 laps before Briggs (Anna, Ohio) took over control. Briggs' third victory of the season allowed him to close the gap on two-time and defending series champion Leffel in the season standings with just 25 points separating the two and just a pair of races remaining.

Briggs and Leffel were followed to the line by Nate Foster (Greenwood, Ind.), Gunnar Lucius (Delphos, Ohio) and Chett Gehrke (Broken Arrow, Okla.).

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: September 13, 2019 – Gas City I-69 Speedway – Gas City, Indiana

FEATURE: (20 laps) 1. Stratton Briggs (#71 Briggs), 2. Aaron Leffel (#11L Taylor), 3. Nate Foster (#57F Foster), 4. Gunnar Lucius (#22 Lucius), 5. Chett Gehrke (#93c Gehrke), 6. Cory Guingrich (#42 Guingrich), 7. Zane Briggs (#10 Briggs), 8. Zach Guingrich (#62 Guingrich), 9. Kyle Kriegbaum (#12 Kriegbaum), 10. Nick Bowers (#2 Briggs), 11. Corey Bedwell (#11 Bedwell), 12. Ian Creager (#36 Creager), 13. Bryce Massingill (#11T Taylor), 14. Josh Chess (#72 Chess), 15. Michael Magic (#5m Magic), 16. Mark Nieft Jr. (#20N Nieft), 17. Don Bigelow (#4B Bigelow), 18. Tommy Bigelow (#2B Bigelow), 19. Leonard Foster (#57 Foster), 20. Bryce Dues (#23D Dues), 21. Mike Hessel (#7T Hessel), 22. Brandon Dailey (#5D Dailey), 23. Mike Magic (#4m Magic). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-13 Aaron Leffel, Laps 14-20 Stratton Briggs.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET POINTS: 1-Aaron Leffel-649, 2-Stratton Briggs-624, 3-Cory Guingrich-522, 4-Alex Watson-494, 5-Zane Briggs-458, 6-Gunnar Lucius-413, 7-Kyle Kriegbaum-413, 8-Ian Creager-408, 9-Tommy Bigelow-285, 10-Nate Foster-285.

NEXT USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE: September 14, 2019 – Montpelier Motor Speedway – Montpelier, Indiana

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BRIGGS SWEEPS MTM WEEKEND WITH MONTPELIER VICTORY

Montpelier, Indiana (September 14, 2019)……Stratton Briggs swept the weekend with his second straight USAC Midwest Thunder Speed2 Midget feature victory in as many nights with Saturday's win at Indiana's Montpelier Motor Speedway, his fourth of the year.

Briggs (Anna, Ohio), who won the night before at Gas City I-69 Speedway, took over the lead from series point leader Aaron Leffel at the halfway point of Saturday's 20-lap main event, and led the final 10 laps for the victory over Michael Magic, Leffel, Josh Chess and Tom Hessel.

Briggs gained six points on Leffel toward the season championship race with two events remaining, Sept. 21 in Montpelier, Ind. and on Oct. 5 at Gas City, Ind. Two-time and defending series champion Leffel now leads Briggs by just 19 points.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: September 14, 2019 – Montpelier Motor Speedway – Montpelier, Indiana

FEATURE: (20 laps) 1. Stratton Briggs (#71 Briggs), 2. Michael Magic (#5m Magic), 3. Aaron Leffel (#11L Taylor), 4. Josh Chess (#72 Chess), 5. Tom Hessel (#7T Hessel), 6. Kyle Dager (#2 Briggs), 7. Zach Guingrich (#62 Guingrich), 8. Corey Bedwell (#11 Bedwell), 9. Gunnar Lucius (#22 Lucius), 10. Adam Schmenk (#6 Schmenk), 11. Cory Guingrich (#42 Guingrich), 12. Tommy Bigelow (#2B Bigelow), 13. Jon Watson (#25 Watson), 14. Bryce Massingill (#11T Taylor), 15. Bryce Dues (#23D Dues), 16. Zane Briggs (#10 Briggs), 17. Ian Creager (#36 Creager), 18. Kyle Kriegbaum (#12 Kriegbaum), 19. Mark Nieft Jr. (#20N Nieft), 20. Don Bigelow (#4B Bigelow), 21. Mike Magic (#4m Magic), 22. Tim Key (#6K Key), 23. Brandon Dailey (#5D Dailey). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-10 Aaron Leffel, Laps 11-20 Stratton Briggs.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET POINTS: 1-Aaron Leffel-713, 2-Stratton Briggs-694, 3-Cory Guingrich-563, 4-Alex Watson-494, 5-Zane Briggs-489, 6-Gunnar Lucius-459, 7-Kyle Kriegbaum-440, 8-Ian Creager-437, 9-Tommy Bigelow-324, 10-Bryce Dues-307.

NEXT USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE: September 21, 2019 – Montpelier Motor Speedway – Montpelier, Indiana

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NEXT USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE: September 21, 2019 – Montpelier Motor Speedway – Montpelier, Indiana

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USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: October 5, 2019 – Gas City I-69 Speedway – Gas City, Indiana

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WATSON WINS GAS CITY FINALE; LEFFEL LOCKS UP 3RD MTM TITLE

Gas City, Indiana (October 5, 2019)……Alex Watson wired all 25 laps to snag Saturday's USAC Midwest Thunder Speed2 Midget season finale at Indiana's Gas City I-69 Speedway.

Watson (Columbus, Ohio) was dominant from start-to-finish in earning his second series victory of the year ahead of second-place finisher Cody Beard (Huntingburg, Ind.).

Meanwhile, by virtue of a 3rd place finish, Aaron Leffel (Springfield, Ohio) locked up his third consecutive series championship by 22 points over fourth-place finisher Stratton Briggs (Anna, Ohio) while Nate Foster (Greenwood, Ind.) rounded out the top-five.

USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET RACE RESULTS: October 5, 2019 – Gas City I-69 Speedway – Gas City, Indiana

FEATURE: (25 laps) 1. Alex Watson (#3 Watson), 2. Cody Beard (#7B Beard), 3. Aaron Leffel (#11L Taylor), 4. Stratton Briggs (#71 Briggs), 5. Nate Foster (#57F Foster), 6. Cory Guingrich (#42 Guingrich), 7. Jon Watson (#25 Watson), 8. Gunnar Lucius (#22 Lucius), 9. Jacob Denney (#11T Taylor), 10. Kyle Dager (#2 Briggs), 11. Chris Bounds (#65 Bounds), 12. Zane Briggs (#10 Briggs), 13. Kyle Kriegbaum (#12 Kriegbaum), 14. Mark Nieft Jr. (#20N Nieft), 15. Zach Guingrich (#62 Guingrich), 16. Ryan Thomas (#17 Thomas), 17. Bryce Dues (#23D Dues), 18. Tommy Bigelow (#2B Bigelow), 19. Denny Smith (#66 Smith), 20. Don Bigelow (#4B Bigelow), 21. Tim Key (#6 Key), 22. Ian Creager (#36 Creager), 23. Jon Steed (#7 Steed). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-25 Alex Watson.

FINAL USAC MIDWEST THUNDER SPEED2 MIDGET POINTS: 1-Aaron Leffel-777, 2-Stratton Briggs-755, 3-Cory Guingrich-618, 4-Alex Watson-564, 5-Zane Briggs-528, 6-Gunnar Lucius-508, 7-Kyle Kriegbaum-477, 8-Ian Creager-460, 9-Tommy Bigelow-351, 10-Nate Foster-343.