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Putnam Park Road Course/May 16-17, 2009/NASA Great Lakes & Midwest
Crossover Event

NASA Great Lakes Spec Miata at Putnam Park

We had another great weekend on the 16 & 17 of May at Putnam Park in Mount Meridian Indiana. The weather was an issue on Saturday, but we were able to turn some hot laps near the end of the race.

David Spencer dominated the weekend at his home track. He was heard saying, "This is my backyard". He qualified on the pole on Saturday on a wet track with a fastest lap on 1.24. He was followed by season point's leader Brian Murdick and Chris Griswold. The Race started with a crash in turn one dividing the pack into two groups those who were in front of the crash and those who weren't. The three front runners David Spencer, Brian Murdick and Mid West driver Michael Benet pulled away for some exciting racing. A battle for 4th raged for most of the race between Chris Williams and Bill Biel with Biel emerging victorious and locking in his 4th place finish. What a great race!!!

Sunday again featured Spencer with an amazing qualifying time of 1.21:8. The track record was set last year in the May race by Crispin Beaver at 1.22:379. Brian Murdick the second qualifier finished a full second behind Spencer. Weather for the race was perfect and this time so was the start. After 40 minutes of fierce racing Spencer again took the podium. He is going to be tough to beat at Putnam this year. Murdick again finished behind Spencer and they were followed by Chris Williams.

With two races under our belt, Brian Murdick is still leading the point's race with his convincing performance at Mid Ohio in April. He is followed by David Spencer in 2nd and Jeff Davidson fell back to 3rd.

We will be at Grattan Raceway Park in Belding, Michigan for our June race instead of Bluegrass in Kentucky. The race schedule starts on Friday the 5th with one race that day, and for those who can't make it, two races on Saturday. You will be able to pick your two best finishes for the weekend. I'm looking forward to a great weekend of racing.

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