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At Mid Ohio in August, 29 Miata's took to the track for Saturday's practice. Qualifying was led by Dan Fargo of Team Tedlar followed by Chris Williams and Brian Murdick. About 20 minutes prior to the race the storm clouds opened up and the rains came pouring down so hard the race was postponed until Sunday Morning.

The track was cool and wet Sunday morning, leaving everyone guessing on the optimal tire/swaybar setup. Fargo chose to go with slicks and had little traction at the start, allowing those with rain tires to have a significant traction advantage. Murdick cut through the top two and had the lead by turn 11. David Spencer started 4th and followed Murdick past Fargo and Williams but was not able to get past Murdick before the race was stopped after only 22 minutes because 2 cars went off and got stuck in China Beach. Chris Price, Robert Keller, and Rick Deerwester rounded out the top 5.

The track dried out for qualifying and provided everyone with much better traction. Spencer grabbed the pole with a 1:41.151 followed by Price, John Guthrie, Murdick, and Fargo. The top 7 cars qualified within 1 second of each other! Spencer held on to the lead at the start followed by Price and Guthrie. Guthrie was able to get by Price in turn 1 of the first lap but Price got a run through the keyhole and was able to get back by Guthrie going into 7. Spencer was able to keep the lead thanks to a bump from Guthrie down the backstraight! Price and Guthrie got by Spencer on the backstraight and the top 3 broke away from the pack but a 3 car train of Fargo, Williams, and Murdick were making a run at the leaders when the race was black flagged due to cars off. SM Rookie Chris Arbuckle had the lead for the restart, which included the white flag signaling only 1 lap to go, followed by 2 Honda's and then the SM leaders. Spencer ran alongside Guthrie at the start and Price got held up by the Honda's in turn 1. Spencer went inside and Guthrie went to the outside but got held up by Arbuckle. Spencer got past Price for the lead and Guthrie lost a few places to Williams and Fargo. Williams could not hang on and went off track at the outside of Madness as he was challenging Price for 2nd. Price lost it going into Thunder Valley and drove off track but staying in it to get back on track in front of Fargo to hang on to 2nd. The final order was Spencer, Price, Fargo, Guthrie, Keller, and Williams.

For complete results and lap records, please see www.nasagreatlakes.com.

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