

CODY ROBINSON COMPLETES HIS SWEEP AT MICHIANA RACEWAY PARK IN WKA'S GEORGE KUGLER MANUFACTURERES CUP

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# HERE'S TO YOU MR. ROBINSON



## Robinson

Round two of the George Kugler Manufacturers Cup presented by Bridgestone, the Mazda Zoom Zoom Nationals took place this past May weekend at the glorious Michiana Raceway Park in North Liberty, Indiana. MRP has done wonderful things to this Midwest staple venue since purchasing it a few years back. Not too many tracks boast showers, let alone ones you might actually use. As a true testament for the care and pride in this facility two racers actually got ready to go to Prom at the track. Tony Jump and fellow WKA racer Jamie Theil got all dolled up at the track, taking photos in a white dress in front of the karts before heading off to a memorable evening. It should be noted that Jamie was the one in the dress. She's a brave girl to wear white anywhere within 20 miles of a kart track. The on track action was not near as beautiful, but racing here is always exciting for the racers of the WKA. Rain caused a short stoppage in the race program on Saturday, but we lost no more than an hour waiting for the showers to stop and the track to dry out for racing. No classes had to run on rain tires and the day continued on as planned.

Two junior drivers turned in spectacular drives this weekend, Sage Karam and Cody Robinson. Robinson came here a boy, but left as the man, posting four wins over the two days. Karam too was on fire lining up three of his own, and nearly a fourth. Karam had things go pretty well for him, breaking away in a couple of classes, motoring away for his three victories. Robinson on the other hand fought every lap for every win with the same three or four drivers.

The Tsracing.com Yamaha Heavy class kicked the weekend off with Mark Dismore, Jr. on the pole. Kevin Nelson went on to win the heat race, and set the field for the 16-lap final. Scott Ferris led the final early before giving way to Chuck Tate and eventually Nelson. Dismore and Ryan Stewart were the only two other drivers on the pace of the

leaders and as the laps wound down it was clear one of these four was going to bring home the gold. Dismore made his move on Stewart for third, losing just enough to the lead duo that he wasn't able to make a charge for the win. Tate was the only driver in position to beat Nelson, but after two looks inside he wisely didn't jeopardize his second place or his marriage to Nelson's sister. Nelson masterfully won this one, his only win on the weekend.

The L & T Racing Clutches Yamaha Jr. Sportsman was next on the track with Cody Humphries as the pole sitter. Jake Cole emerged as the prefinal winner, besting the pack of six other drivers. Unfortunately Cole didn't see it to turn two as a handful of drivers piled up on the start. This left the door wide open for anyone willing to close it. Jared Thomas, Sage Karam and Humphries were the only drivers to rise to the occasion. Karam broke out to a decent size lead, but second and third ran him down in a few laps. Once they caught Karam, Thomas went to the point and held it. The white came out and Karam was unable to make a move that wouldn't require him blocking the rest of the way around the track. Thomas brought it home for a great win, and was the only driver able to beat Karam this weekend in the Junior 1 competition. Humphries finished right on their bumper in third, while Ben Hewitt moved up to fourth and JT Lewis up to finish fifth.

The Franklinkart.com TAG class was one of the most anticipated classes of the weekend, and one of the only handfuls of classes that required a conc race. Kyle Wiegand was the TAG pole sitter and the prefinal winner over Michelle Bumgarner and Mark Dismore Jr. Wiegand got a great start and led the pack up the hill for the first time with Bumgarner and Dismore in hot pursuit. Bumgarner's day ended in heartbreak with a thrown chain, handing Dismore second place. Connor Daly gave chase to Mark Vielgut for third place, but they were well back of Wiegand and Dismore. Dismore had



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nothing for Wiegand on the white flag lap, making it two in a row for Wiegand in the Franklinkart.com TAG class, and his first of two wins on the weekend. Dismore finished in second, Vielgut in third, and Kyle Demeter passed Daly to finish fourth.

CJ Lintner was the Yamaha Jr. Supercan Lite pole sitter, but it was Cody Robinson and Zack Busch who finished one-two in the prefinal. Busch gained the lead on the start, his Margay leading a trio of Arrows. Lintner fell into second place with Cody Robinson, Jacob Sekey, TJ Koyen, and BJ Spinazzola giving chase. Lintner took his turn up front, but it didn't last too long as Robinson showed his speed. Once out front it was Robinson's race to lose. He slowly crept out to a 1.3 second lead, scoring his first of four wins this weekend. Lintner held on to second place, but the best move came from Spinazzola, who pulled the outside-inside trick, passing Cole Mann for third place. Sekey went with him to finish fourth. Mann ended his day still on the podium in fifth.

Jesse Wirtz put his #13 kart on pole in the HPV Lite class Saturday, but it was MRP instructor Mike Giessen who captured the prefinal win. Mark Vielgut jumped out to a large lead over Jamie Theil, Giessen, and Brian Jacobsen. Giessen passed Theil at the top of the hill, setting his sites on the leader Vielgut. Jacobsen, and Wirtz were both able to get around Theil a few laps later, dropping her back to fifth. She might not have won the race, but going to prom with Jump is a win for all of us. Back up front, Vielgut was losing ground quickly to Giessen and Jacobsen. With two to go Giessen made his move in turn seven but Vielgut countered in turn eight, regaining the lead. Back up the hill again, and Giessen was too much for Vielgut to handle. Giessen stole a nice win right out from under Vielgut. Jacobsen finished in third, Wirtz landed fourth, and Theil capped out the podium in fifth.

Sage Karam was king of the RLV Tuned Exhaust Products Cadet Jr. Sportsman, sweeping qualifying, the prefinal, and the final. Karam was in a world all his own. Cody Humphries, and Anthony Furfari gave chase in the prefinal, but contact down the front

straight in the final cost Humphries his chance at Karam. Furfari didn't give up his fight, but it was all for not. Karam gained a huge lead early and never looked back. At the finish Karam was an impressive 11 seconds up the road from Furfari and Gresham Wagner. You never see that in a Comer race, but both Saturday's and Sunday's finals finished that way. Chris Barngrover and Breyton Santee had good runs to finish solidly on the podium in fourth and fifth place.

Tore Motorsports/Tibi Karts Yamaha Masters was a barnburner from the get go. John Ferris out qualified John Dixon and Jeff Jewell by just a nose, but Jewell landed the top spot in the prefinal. The final was anyone's guess as Scott Carapellatti joined in the fun. Jewell led the first couple circuits before being passed by Ferris for the lead. Jewell tucked back in for second place as he and Dixon rode in Ferris' draft. Carapellatti could keep up the pace, slowly dropping back a few seconds at the finish. Jewell waited, and made his move with two to go. He couldn't make it stick and was in jeopardy of losing second to Dixon. Ferris brought it home for a nice Michiana win. Jewell finished second, Dixon third, and Carapellatti fourth, while Lawrence Ubell rounded out the podium.

Corey Reeves scored the Precision Karting/Yellow Fin Performance Yamaha Sr. Sportsman Lite pole with a time of 44.430, but it was off pole driver Mike Giessen who captured the prefinal. The final was anything but ordinary. Prom boy, Jump held the early lead, but he had Giessen, Ryan Stewart, Mark Dismore Jr. and Corey Reeves right on his butt. Giessen made his move on Jump in turn one, taking the lead. It took Reeves almost all race to claw his way back up to second place. Giessen got dumped back to fourth as Reeves, Dismore and Stewart moved up. The last lap of this race was the best one all day. Reeves led as they took the white flag, but Dismore tried for first at the top of the first hill. That didn't work so he tried again on the second uphill. That did work, but it slowed them both enough that Stewart snuck by them both on the downhill running into turn eleven for the win. Great finish. Giessen and Jump were just a tick back of this epic finish



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# Wiegand

to round out the podium finishers.

Streeter Super Stands ICC belonged to Kyle Wiegand. With the pole, prefinal and final win it was all the #86 TopKart. Voytek Burdzy gained the hole shot to start the final, but Wiegand quickly regained his top position. He pretty much inched out a gap every lap until eventually he was 6.5 seconds up the road. Cole Mathewson had a solid run, securing second place for a TopKart one two finish. Marshal Vortiede, Burdzy, and BJ Anderson all fought for third, but they finished in that order. Wiegand enjoyed his second win here at the formerly named South Bend track.

Horstman Manufacturing HPV Junior Heavy was the final event of the day. TJ Koyen turned a blistering lap in qualifying for the pole position, but Jacob Sekey was the prefinal winner. Cody Robinson qualified a dismal eighth, but worked his way up to second to start the final. The final started out slowly with four waived off starts. Turn one went ok, but turn two stacked up a few karts. Sekey led the first few laps, but it didn't take long for Robinson to make his move in turn one. Julia Landauer ran solidly in third before ending her day early on lap nine. CJ Lintner took over third and began his challenge of the leaders. Sterling Shaw had a good run, moving up a few positions to finish in fourth place just ahead of Dakota Pesek. No one was able to challenge Robinson for the win and he took the black and checkered flag for his second win of the weekend.

MCP Brake Systems Yamaha Lite got the ball rolling Sunday afternoon for a beautiful day of racing in North Liberty, Indiana. Tony Jump had the honor of winning the pole in qualifying, and winning the pole to start the final. Jump got a great jump on the start while the field stacked up behind him two and three wide. Scott Ferris and John Ferris gave chase with #24 David Kraer and #16 Chris Wehrheim pressuring them. Wehrheim and Ryan Stewart traded fifth place a few times before Wehrheim eventually kept the position for good. Up front Jump was on his way, creeping away like a thief in the night. Ferris fought with Ferris with Ferris eventually winning the contest. Scott was

able to keep John at bay for the 16-lap final, and both drivers managed a small gap back to Kraer. Jump capped off a weekend that he will remember for the rest of his life with prom and a trip to the top of the podium.

The MRP/Birel Yamaha Jr. Supercan qualifying session was once again CJ Lintner's domain. He again managed to keep it real in the prefinal, besting the hot Cody Robinson. The final was a dual to the death between two talented drivers, Lintner and Robinson. Robinson got a great start from the outside row and the field made it through the first section of corners without incident, but that soon ended in turn eight with four karts colliding. Lintner was all over Robinson like the "Fighting Irish" on a fumble. Surprisingly, the pack was gaining ground on the leaders with TJ Koyen and Zack Wood moving up to third and fourth. Josh Call held down the final podium position, but in this train of seven karts third through fifth was still up for grabs. With one to go, Lintner stuck his nose inside on Robinson a few times, but no joy for the "00" kart as Robinson turned his pair of wins into a streak. Again Lintner came away as the bride's maid, but he was the only one who could keep pace with the unstoppable Mr. Robinson.

Karam was in a world all his own in HPV Junior Sportsman qualifying, besting the capable field by eight tenths. The next four drivers were all within a single tenth, just nearly a second slower. Once again Cody Humphries and Anthony Furfari gave chase and once again it was for not. They traded positions a few times, but Karam had the afterburner on from the drop of the green flag. Jeremy Remick did his best to hold onto the fight for second but he slipped back into the clutches of a charging Jake Cole. This final was not up to the usual standards of Junior 1 racing by any means, but really all four classes were out of the norm for this group of youngsters. The three second beating they took by Karam was nothing like the one they were soon to receive a few classes later in the Comer class. Notch up win #2 for Karam. Second place went to Humphries and third to Furfari.



# Dismore



# Mossey



Michigan Kart Supply Yamaha Sr. Sportsman Heavy qualifying went to Corey Reeves, as did the prefinal. Reeves was shot out of a canon to start the final with Mark Dismore, Scott Ferris, Kevin Nelson, and Ryan Stewart in tow. Nine karts made up the lead pack of racers as positions changed right and left. Dismore was quick in the up hill sections, but Reeves was quicker at slamming the door on him. After a few laps of trying, Dismore changed his tactics and made a successful move in turn one for the lead. At the crossed flags only five other drivers now chased Dismore, and with only two to go Reeves was the only one in position to challenge for the win. Matt Long showed them the white flag, but Reeves was too far back to make it without costing them both a finish. Dismore scored the gold, Reeves the silver and a great extra effort by Jason Foley earned him the bronze. The plastic and tin medals went to Nelson and Ferris.

ICA or from now on IC-DOA was a snoozer. John Mossey was the class of the field, well field of four. He was the pole sitter and pretty much walked away from Hunter Short in the final. Kristine Daggett rode around in third place, but wasn't really a factor in the race. It was nice to see Jennifer Williams return to ICA competition, but she was a bit rusty and finished in fourth.

CJ Lintner just barely inched out Julia Landauer for the pole in HPV Jr. Lite. Lintner backed it up with a great prefinal performance again. I think the boys might have dogged a large bullet in the final when Landauer threw a chain. Landauer had a great start, and led the first few circuits before contact with her rear wheel tossed her chain, dropping her from the lead. This was just the break the boys needed and once again two drivers were up front and pulling away, Cody Robinson and CJ Lintner. Once again Robinson showed what he is made of in the final. I guess save it until you need it isn't a bad way to play. No one remembers the pole sitter, but a 4X winner is hard to forget. Robinson again got the better Lintner, but you have to give credit where credit is due. Lintner had an outstanding weekend himself, outclassing and out racing the rest of the drivers. Zack Busch and Jacob Sekey were two more racers in the fight every time on track. They finished in third and fourth. Cole Mann too had a good weekend, once again landing a podium spot in fifth.

Team OVRP/Neviso Kart Cadet Jr. Sportsman Final #2 was once again property of Sage Karam. Karam put four tenths on the field in qualifying alone. His speed continued into the prefinal and then again in the final. What can you say, but this kid was more than anyone could handle, really. His third win was no less impressive than his first two and came at the expense of all others involved. The race for second place was quite spirited as five drivers waged war on the Michiana raceway. Anthony Furfari continued his great weekend, finding himself on the podium again, besting Killian Bloat and Breyton Santee by just a few ticks of the stop watch. Rob Murphy and Jake Cole



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fought for fifth, with Murphy getting the nod from the racing gods.

UEMSI HPV Heavy was a crazy crash fest that words can't describe; hopefully some of the photos are in focus. Mike Giessen started things off with the pole position, but he got shuffled back at the end of the prefinal. Corey Reeves landed the prefinal win, and landed one lucky break in the final. When you say half the field was wiped out, normally that is an exaggeration, but lap three was the last lap for ten of the 18 laps. Pretty much the leaders wrecked in turn seven, then some of the survivors decided to try again in turn 11. The result was Reeves leading the remaining fleet of rag tag racers by half track. Easy win for Reeves, but if he wasn't running in first already he would have been sidelined with the rest of them.

MKP JICA was an amazing race. Julia Landauer put it on pole and went on to score a sweet prefinal victory too. She got shuffled back starting the final, handing the lead to David Ostella. Ostella was more than happy to run up front, but his time there was limited. Landauer made the pass of the day on Ostella for the race lead, and the race win. She set him up perfectly, slipping inside under breaking for turn two. Ostella never saw it coming and it might just have been the only successful pass in that corner. Sean Rayhall and Michael Furfari had quite a scrap for third place before settling on Rayhall finishing third. Jacob Duvall led the pack, finishing fifth overall.

Grand Products/Maxter ICC Final #2 was missing Saturday's winner Kyle Wiegand. He took the day off eliminating him from the chance of the hat track. Cole Mathewson was the ICC pole sitter and he went on to win the prefinal. Mathewson gained a small advantage on the start of the ICC final, but Chris Kuenning made some gains between races. His new found speed allowed him to pressure and pass Mathewson for the race lead. Mathewson fell back a bit, but came on strong towards the end of the contest. It was too late, and Kuenning scored the ICC win. Tom Mayr ran solidly in third place, he started there and finished there at the end of the 16-lap final. Marshal Vortriede and Voytek Burdzy finished off the final podium of the day.

So concluded another great weekend of racing at Michiana Raceway Park. Participation was once again solid in most classes and the race officials only had to work a little to keep a fair playing field at the Zoom Zoom Nationals. The weekend was pretty darn nice even for those of who are too old to go to prom, like Kevin Nelson and myself. See you all at the next George Kugler Manufacturers Cup race presented by Bridgestone in Shawano, Wisconsin for the racersites.com Grand Nationals at USA International Raceway June 15th-17th.



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**WKA  
Manufacturers Cup  
Zoom Zoom  
Nationals  
Saturday, May 5,  
2007**

**Yamaha Heavy**

Pos	No	Name
1	01	Kevin Nelson
2	37	Chuck Tate
3	4	Mark Dismore, Jr.
4	70	Ryan Stewart
5	38	Nick Wagner
6	09	Corey Reeves
7	1	Josh Rivera
8	8	Scott Ferris
9	2	Kim Carapellatti
10	56	Michael Burton

**Yamaha Jr. Sportsman**

Pos	No	Name
1	96	Jared Thomas
2	3	Sage Karam
3	43	Cody Humphreys
4	05	Ben Hewitt
5	24	JT Lewis
6	13	Jeremy Remick
7	04	Rob Murphy
8	19	Brennan Harrington
9	64	Trent Hindman
10	11	Kyle Tilley

**Tag**

Pos	No	Name
1	86	Kyle Wiegand
2	4	Mark Dismore, Jr.
3	41	Mark Vielgut
4	9	Kyle Demeter
5	20	Conor Daly
6	0	Matthew Machiko
7	49	John Mossey
8	06	Shawn Fladager
9	05	Cale Wyse
10	16	Chris Wehrheim

**Yamaha Jr. SuperCan Lite**

Pos	No	Name
1	33	Cody Robinson
2	00	CJ Lintner
3	47	Jacob Sekey
4	99	Cole Mann
5	68	TJ Koyen
6	24	Steve Nemeth
7	2	Zachary Wood
8	45	Zack Busch
9	63	Sterling Shaw
10	70	Julia Landauer

**HPV Lite**

Pos	No	Name
1	86	Mike Giessen
2	41	Mark Vielgut
3	3	Brian Jacobsen
4	13	Jesse Wirtz
5	10	Jamie Theil
6	05	Cale Wyse
7	24	David Kraeer
8	45	Patrick Olsen
9	99	Aaron Milavitz
10	48	Bobby Trimper

**Cadet Jr. Sportsman Final 1**

Pos	No	Name
1	3	Sage Karam
2	77	Anthony Furfari
3	05	Gresham Wagner
4	97	Christopher Barngrover
5	9	Breyton Santee
6	96	Jared Thomas
7	74	Rob Murphy

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8	07	Austin Self
9	55	Jacob Kerstetter
10	03	Tyler Thomas

**Yamaha Masters**

Pos	No	Name
1	8	John Ferris
2	41	Jeff Jewell
3	7	John Dixon
4	43	Scot Carapellatti
5	71	Lawrence Ubell
6	25	Missy Nelson Tate
7	20	Rod Holliday
8	31	Rick Coombs
9	17	Bob Schuitemboer
10	15	Daniel Shupp

**Yamaha Sr. Sports Lite**

Pos	No	Name
1	70	Ryan Stewart
2	4	Mark Dismore, Jr.
3	09	Corey Reeves
4	86	Mike Giessen
5	22	Tony Jump
6	6	Shawn Fladager
7	13	Jesse Wirtz
8	74	Jonathon Horgas
9	03	Evan Batt
10	44	Michael Jenkins

**ICC Final 1**

Pos	No	Name
1	86	Kyle Wiegand
2	03	Cole Mathewson
3	11	Marshal Vortriede
4	16	Voytek Burdzy
5	12	BJ Anderson
6	6	Tom Mayr
7	80	Brian O'Hara
8	58	Jason Lee
9	37	Alex Conlin
10	10	Stefan Sajic

**HPV Jr. Heavy**

Pos	No	Name
1	33	Cody Robinson
2	47	Jacob Sekey
3	00	CJ Lintner
4	63	Sterling Shaw
5	79	Dakota Pesek
6	15	Josh Call
7	99	Cole Mann
8	24	Steve Nemeth
9	2	Zachary Wood
10	45	Zack Busch

**Sunday, May 6, 2007**

**Yamaha Lite**

Pos	No	Name
1	22	Tony Jump
2	8	Scott Ferris
3	18	John Ferris III
4	24	David Kraeer
5	16	Chris Wehrheim
6	70	Ryan Stewart
7	4	Mark Dismore, Jr.
8	89	Victor Hartings
9	48	Bobby Trimper
10	38	Nick Wagner

**Yamaha Jr. SuperCan Heavy**

Pos	No	Name
1	33	Cody Robinson
2	00	CJ Lintner
3	68	TJ Koyen
4	2	Zachary Wood
5	15	Josh Call
6	47	Jacob Sekey
7	45	Zack Busch
8	99	Cole Mann
9	63	Sterling Shaw

**HPV Jr. Sportsman**

Pos	No	Name
1	3	Sage Karam
2	43	Cody Humphreys
3	77	Anthony Furfari
4	36	Jake Cole
5	13	Jeremy Remick
6	19	Brennan Harrington
7	05	Ben Hewitt
8	10	James Bennett
9	97	Christopher Barngrover
10	74	Dalton Prime

**Yamaha Sr. Sports Heavy**

Pos	No	Name
1	4	Mark Dismore, Jr.
2	09	Corey Reeves
3	7	Jason Foley
4	1	Kevin Nelson
5	8	Scott Ferris
6	13	Jesse Wirtz
7	70	Ryan Stewart
8	86	Mike Giessen
9	41	Jeff Jewell
10	72	Tony Loniewski

**ICA**

Pos	No	Name
1	49	John Mossey
2	64	Hunter Short
3	02	Kristine Daggett
4	99	Jennifer Williams

**HPV Jr. Lite**

Pos	No	Name
1	33	Cody Robinson
2	00	CJ Lintner
3	45	Zack Busch
4	47	Jacob Sekey
5	99	Cole Mann



**Tony Jump & Jamie Theil**

**HPV Heavy**

Pos	No	Name
6	24	Steve Nemeth
7	63	Sterling Shaw
8	2	Zachary Wood
9	8	Tommy Andersen
10	68	TJ Koyen

**Cadet Jr. Sports Final 2**

Pos	No	Name
1	3	Sage Karam
2	77	Anthony Furfari
3	8	Kilian Bloat
4	9	Breyton Santee
5	74	Rob Murphy
6	36	Jake Cole
7	07	Austin Self
8	10	Stephen Kalogiannis
9	16	Kyle Noonan
10	88	Christian Wright

**HPV Heavy**

Pos	No	Name
1	09	Corey Reeves
2	3	Brian Jacobsen
3	21	Caleb Loniewski
4	7	John Dixon
5	37	Chuck Tate
6	36	Kyle Erdmann
7	5	James Digirolamo
8	41	Mark Vielgut
9	05	Cale Wyse
10	6	Shawn Fladager

**JICA**

Pos	No	Name
1	70	Julia Landauer
2	16	David Ostella
3	26	Sean Rayhall
4	13	Michael Furfari
5	7	Jacob Duvall

**ICC Final 2**

Pos	No	Name
6	25	Jimmy Simpson
7	04	Josh Call
8	31	Patrick Nirschl
9	00	CJ Lintner
10	1	Bijan Spinazzola

**ICC Final 2**

Pos	No	Name
1	99	Chris Kuenning
2	03	Cole Mathewson
3	6	Tom Mayr
4	11	Marshal Vortriede
5	16	Voytek Burdzy
6	80	Brian O'Hara
7	37	Alex Conlin
8	58	Jason Lee
9	69	Ameya Phatak
10	10	Stefan Sajic

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