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July's NASA Great Lakes Region Mid-Ohio race has come and gone and was a success for all. None of the SpecE30's had any major issues. No contact and all were placed back on the trailers in the same condition as to which they were removed (excluding normal wear and tear). There were 4 SE30's that were brave enough to battle the heat and rain of the weekend. Saturday had an uneventful practice and qualifying. The Club Course was being used and Anthony Magagnoli put down a 1:46.53 with Michael Osborne in the 1:47.8 range, and Sean Louisin in the Team FAST Tech BMW a few ticks behind Osborne. Cameron Bullard seemed a little off the pace with what appeared to be lack of power. The race had Magagnoli take the lead and being able to manage traffic like he does he was able to put some distance between Osborne and himself. Louisin was always close behind, as Osborne just could not get around some of the other out of class cars. Osborne realized that 15 heat cycles was just too many for his Toyo tires! The SE30 drivers finished as they started and Magagnoli appeared bored running up front by himself.

Sunday brought the rain right at the start of the practice session. Bullard seemed to have the edge in the rain and we were all sitting around wondering about qualifying and if we would go out if it was raining. Osborne decided to not qualify thinking the others were going to do the same. Well they all decided to go and qualify and with no time to swap tires Osborne elected to stay put thinking he had a 4th starting position tied up. Bullard qualified 1st in the rain with a 2:19.35 and Magagnoli qualifying 2nd on slicks and about a second slower. Louisin tied up 3rd being conservative and being able to start in front of Osborne who sat out. Luckily it was dry for the race. Osborne with new tires and in the second row behind Magagnoli was ready for a good start. With the green flag Osborne got going very good and with nowhere to go but forward and with Magagnoli right there Osborne figured he would do some bump drafting in hopes of getting them both past Bullard and Louisin. It worked but Magagnoli did not get the memo and tells us after the race he took it to mean: WTF, Osborne's serious this time! This was a race that SE30 was built for. Magagnoli and Osborne were nose to tail for the entire race. Magagnoli was having trouble with right handers due to only being able to get about 2 deg neg camber on that corner. None the less, there were some very good displays of driving by Magagnoli. Watching Anthony go 2 wheels off and then the next lap 4 wheels off in Thunder Valley was just pure entertainment. Magagnoli had a great move on the front straight when he and Osborne were splitting a slower car and Magagnoli was on the right and Osborne was going left. It appeared that Osborne would get past Magagnoli as there was an even slower car in front of him but Magagnoli did the classic fast lane to the exit ramp move and went all the way across the track right back in front of Osborne. The only place Osborne was able to even try to pass was on the inside of T7 after the back straight. As we all know, the inside of T7 means the outside



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of T8 and it was just not possible for Osborne to stick out there and finish the pass. Every slower car that Magagnoli negotiated around had Osborne right on his tail so close that the car had to let them both by. Osborne was hoping for this slower traffic to catch Magagnoli up and give him some opportunity but it just never came. Osborne did start the execution of a pass on the inside of the entrance to Thunder Valley but Magagnoli closed the door before Osborne got far enough beside him. During all this fighting with Magagnoli, Louisin was not too far back waiting to strike.

Unfortunately for Louisin he got caught behind a 944 who did not realize he was chasing Magagnoli and Osborne and the 944 was driving defensively basically eliminating any chance for Louisin to pass. Bullard was somewhere back in the pack wishing he had more power to keep up. The Spec E30 drivers know the kid can drive as he out drove everyone in the rain where HP does not help as much. The race ended just as Saturday's did but Magagnoli and Osborne had a much better race.

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

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