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### Spec Miata drivers tackle Mid-Ohio

The second of three trips to Mid-Ohio for the NASA Great Lakes Spec Miata Challenge was highlighted by strong car counts, close racing, and challenging weather.

Saturday's racing was on the Club Course configuration, and the weather was hot and humid. In qualifying it was Chris Price #3 on the pole, three hundredths of a second ahead of Chris Williams #55. John Guthrie #21, Brian Murdick #17, and David Spencer #87, making his return from a race crash that has kept him on the sidelines since Putnam Park, rounding out the top five for qualifying. The hot temperatures would test both man and machine during the 35 minute race. Chris Price #3 was able to hang on for the win by 4 tenths over Chris Williams #55. John Guthrie #21 held third, while Robert Keller #614 moved up to fourth and Team Tedlar #47 rounded out the top five.

Monsoon-like overnight rainstorms brought big changes in weather for Sunday, in addition to a switch to the Pro Course. Morning practice was in damp conditions, and qualifying took place in full rain conditions. David Spencer #87 nabbed the pole in convincing fashion, with Robert Keller #614 in second, Kyle Jones #65 third, John Guthrie #21 fourth, and Brian Murdick #17 fifth. Rain qualifying jumbled the field significantly from Saturday, Midwest Series regular Jason Pulvermacher #25 went from an 18<sup>th</sup> place finish Saturday to qualifying 8<sup>th</sup> on Sunday.

The rain dried up for the race, with moderate temperatures in the upper 70's and some decent cloud cover. David Spencer #87 was the class of the field, and won the race but was DQ'd in post race impound for being just 3 lbs underweight. That left John Guthrie #21 with the win, Team Tedlar #47 second, Chris Williams #55 third, Chris Price #3 in fourth, and Brian Murdick #17 in fifth. There was close racing throughout the field and a good time was had by all drivers.

The Great Lakes Spec Miata drivers head back to Mid-Ohio again August 13-15<sup>th</sup> for more great racing as the season points championship really starts to heat up!

For complete results and lap records, please see [www.nasagreatlakes.com](http://www.nasagreatlakes.com)

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