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The NASA Great Lakes Putnam Park event brought out the largest AI field yet this year and the racing was great. Due to the large field qualifying was split making it easier for everyone to get a clean lap. TJ Bain took the pole on both Saturday and Sunday closely followed by Robin Burnett and Todd Rogers respectively.

Saturday's race started with a light rain and half of the field on rain tires. TJ took to the track on dry tires and was supposed to start on the pole but had to start at the back of the pack due to a pace lap spin leaving Robin, who was on rains, at the front of the pack. The start of the race was very slippery and saw those that had chose rain tires pull away from those that hadn't. About half way though the race there was a dry line appearing and the guys on dry tires were starting to gain ground. It became apparent the end of the race was going to be close because TJ was making up time quick on Robin who had led the whole race. Sure enough, on the last lap, three turns from the finish, TJ caught Robin and took the outside line around Dead Bear turn. Unfortunately, Robin drifted out wide causing contact between him and TJ sending TJ into the grass and leaving Robin to take the checker with Todd Rogers and Audrey Zavodsky close behind. After review by the race director Robin was disqualified for his contact with TJ handing Todd first place, TJ second, and Audrey third.

Sundays race began with a standing start, a first in the Great Lakes region, just as rain began to fall. The start was clean and everyone made it to turn one without incident. The rain gradually increased in intensity making it very difficult for everyone to even stay on the track. By the end of the race Jay Andrew was up front, followed by Todd Rogers with TJ Bain in third.

June will take the Great Lakes Region to Beave Run for the first time in several years. Look for more great American Iron action next month.

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