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The 2011 NASA Great Lakes Racing Season is underway!  
April's Mid Ohio event had it all. Rain, Clouds, Sun, Cold, Heat, Smoke.....

Friday's weather proved to be a challenge for anyone not driving a truck. Lots of work was done on the cars since all but 1 car (read truck) sat in the paddock.

Saturday arrived with much better weather, but the track was still wet and questionable for the morning practice and qualifying sessions. None the less, it was time to race.

SU filled in with the usual suspects from David Davison's Truck to Norm Goldrich's 911 GT2 to Robert Gewirtz' Disaio. Davison set the fastest SU qualifying time with a blistering 1:46.767, but Goldrich came from the back of the SU field (having qualified with a personal best 2:28.118) to take the win. Davison held on for 2<sup>nd</sup> while Randy Walker took the bronze.

ST1 was a three on one Viper vs. Vette Challenge. Michael Edmonson took the pole and the John Deer Vette and went wire to wire in ST1, but was DQ'd for a Pass Under Yellow. That left the podium of all Vipers with Ray Sweers 1<sup>st</sup>, Alan Sweers 2<sup>nd</sup> and Scott Welham 3<sup>rd</sup>. Round one to the Dodge Boys.

ST2 had a few battles within the battle. Aaron Bombach, Dean Martin and Brett Mars brought their "AI" cars strapped with Hoosiers and prepared to charge the Vette field. Wally Hessami dragged his ZO6 up from the Mid Atlantic to give the GL guys a run as well. It was an early epic battle between James Forbis and Hassami, but Forbis got the better of Hessami when his engine ventilated itself on the backstretch. Forbis then turned on the iPod and put on the cruise control, forgetting about the rest of the field. Dean Martin stormed through traffic, with Greg Vannuci's Lotus in tow, and caught Forbis in a traffic jam, sneaking on through. Martin's times were 1.6 seconds slower, but he held on. Overall battle Martin, Forbis, Vannuci. Round one to the Mustang.

Sundays weather was looking even better, but the rapid change overnight left everything damp and many scratching their heads about what, how or if to qualify. Less than half the field qualified and the pole was set by Vannuci in his Lotus, but mechanical problems put him on the road back to Iowa early. Jon Cisler capitalized and put his landshark C4 on the pole.

SU was a washout. Goldrich owned the day with little challengers as Walker, Mike Bagnoli, Davison and Gewirtz all departed with mechanical issues before the checker.



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ST1 grew to a four to one Viper Vette battle as David Pintaric entered the fray with his Viper. Pintaric got the edge while Edmonson followed closely. After a Full Course Yellow, Edmonson got a jump and went to the front. With a few laps to go the Viper stood on its nose at T7 and retook the lead. The Viper prevailed with Pintaric taking the win followed by Edmonson and Ray Sweers. Round two to the Doge Boys.

ST2 started with Cislser on pole and what appeared to be an insurmountable lead on the rest of the field. The shark ran like hell but ultimately surrendered the lead to a trio of Mustangs who steamrolled through the field. Rudy Orawiec and Rookie Robert Liddle pushed the pace in their C4's but could not hold them off. Forbis, having lost his tranny, and Hessami were watching from the grandstands. The podium was all Ford with Martin, Mars and Bambach cleaning house. Round two to the Mustangs.

Next up – Putnam Park May 13-15. We're talking Friday afternoon enduro and weekend sprint races. This is our only trip to Putnam this year so don't miss it!

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

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