

MYLAPS

INDY ELITE SERIES

Indy Elite Series

Round Two

Texas Motor Speedway

Trackside Report

September 8, 2019

34 drivers are on the entry list for tonight's event, meaning one entry will fail to qualify and start the points-paying race.

Ray Kingsbury is the points leader after two rounds of the Indy Elite Series, leading Brendan Lichtenberg by 11 points following the most recent race at World Wide Technology Raceway at Gateway.

Qualifying

Chad Simpson takes the pole over Henry Bennett for tonight's Triptacular Memories 225 at Texas Motor Speedway.

Race

LAP 1: GREEN: Simpson pulls out to an early lead as Drake moves into second place over Bennett.

LAP 6: CAUTION: Riley Thompson takes a trip through the grass to bring out the yellow, and Dakota Dicienzo has an equipment failure on the backstretch that puts him in the wall.

LAP 16: Walters hits the wall exiting Turn 4 and exits the race in a single-car accident.

LAP 20: CAUTION: Eik and McBride exit the race; Lichtenberg narrowly escapes the bouncing McBride.

LAP 24: RESTART: Trost stays out on old tires while most of the field grabs four tires.

Lap 26: Demeritt takes the lead from Trost while Blocker also passes Trost.

LAP 29: Blocker passes Demeritt for the race lead.

LAP 30: CAUTION: Multi-car accident includes Tony Showen, Logan Simmons, Chris Stofer, Matt Kingsbury, and Rob Powers.

LAP 34: Track temperature is 110 degrees Fahrenheit with an ambient temperature of 77 degrees Fahrenheit, supplied by Firestone.

LAP 35: RESTART: Blocker leads Demeritt and Bennett to the green.

LAP 36: CAUTION: Trost spins after making contact with David Adams on the exit of Turn 4 and brings out a yellow in a single-car accident on the frontstretch.

LAP 42: RESTART: Demeritt leads Blocker, Bennett and Costantini to the green flag.

LAP 52: Demeritt leads Blocker by 1.1 seconds for the race lead. Bennett is 1.283 seconds back of Demeritt.

LAP 55: Ray Kingsbury overtakes Bennett for third place.

LAP 56: Kingsbury takes P2 from Blocker. Currently 1.95 seconds back of the leader Demeritt.

LAP 63: Demeritt running in clean air leads Kingsbury by 2.7 seconds, then Costantini by 4.2 seconds.

LAP 66: Lichtenberg hits pit road for a green flag stop.

LAP 67: Brandon Trost gets loose off of Turn 4 and slides through the tri-oval and sustains damage to his front wing.

LAP 70: Demeritt leads Kingsbury by 3.4 second, Costantini by 4.4 seconds and Goke by 6.2 seconds.

LAP 71: Demeritt hits pit lane for a green flag stop and spins his car entering pit lane. Costantini passes Demeritt in the event entering pit lane.

LAP 76: Kingsbury leads at the halfway point ahead of Goke (2.8 seconds). Many drivers sliding through their pit stalls under green flag stops.

LAP 78: Kingsbury hits the pit lane under green.

LAP 79: Demeritt and Costantini pass Kingsbury as he re-enters the race. Goke hits pit lane from the lead.

LAP 83: Demeritt leads Costantini by 0.692 seconds. Goke is P3 (1.2 seconds back) and Kingsbury is 1.6 seconds behind the lead.

LAP 90: Goke passes Demeritt for the race lead.

LAP 95: CAUTION: Riley Thompson slides through the tri-oval and then hits wall in Turn 1 to bring out yellow.

LAP 101: RESTART: Goke leads Demeritt, Costantini and Ray Kingsbury to the green flag.

LAP 109: Goke leads costantini by 0.061 seconds, Demeritt 0.115 back and Simon Briant 0.279 seconds behind.

LAP 110: Costantini and Briant out of the race as the two drivers get in an accident as result of netcode with Costantini/Kingsbury and Costantini/Briant.

LAP 114: RESTART: Goke leads Demeritt, Adams, Blocker and Bennett to the green.

LAP 117: Lichtenberg slides through the tri-oval grass but does not bring out a caution.

LAP 119: Goke leads Demeritt by 0.049 seconds; Adams by 0.132 seconds.

LAP 122: CAUTION: Ray Kingsbury crashes into the frontstretch outer wall after tangling with Joshua Chin.

LAP 123: Under pit stops, Goke gets a pit lane speeding penalty. Goke drops to 17th while Demeritt stays out under yellow.

LAP 126: RESTART: Demeritt leads Adams, Blocker and Bennett to the green flag.

LAP 127: Bennett, Demeritt and Adams go three wide and Blocker takes the race lead.

LAP 129: Adams overcomes Blocker and takes the lead.

LAP 131: Adams leads Blocker (0.055s) and Demeritt (0.451s) for the race lead. A seven-car lead pack has developed.

LAP 133: Adams and Blocker break away in a two-car fight for the lead. Adams holding the low line as Blocker works the high line.

LAP 136: Blocker passes Adams on the high line for the race lead.

LAP 137: Adams takes back the race lead on the backstretch.

LAP 138: Adams opens a 0.338-second lead with Bennett 0.675 seconds back.

LAP 139: Adams leads Blocker by 0.606 seconds.

LAP 141: Adams leads Blocker by 0.834 seconds.

LAP 143: Adams leads Blocker by 1.031 seconds.

LAP 146: Demeritt clears Blocker for second place and is 0.954 seconds behind Adams.

LAP 147: Adams leads Demeritt by 1.161 seconds.

LAP 149: Adams leads Demeritt by 0.749 seconds.

LAP 150: CHECKERED: David Adams wins the Triptacular Memories 225 by a 0.235-second margin over Christopher Demeritt. Adam Blocker finishes third.

Ray Kingsbury leads the 2019 MYLAPS Indy Elite Series fall championship by 11 points over Brendan Lichtenberg following tonight's third round of the season.

David Adams, Winner: "Definitely had a little bit too much front wing in (the car), so late in the run it really got tricky coming off of (Turns) 2 and 4. Probably let it carry out to the wall a little too far and got the right front into (the wall), which slowed me down and definitely let (Demeritt) make me worry for a little bit.

"From the get-go when we started doing the setup, we were thinking about long runs and a really hot track. If we could run the low line decently and move up to the high line, anyone who stays in that low line... we should be able to blow by, and the first couple long green runs, I think that is how I made most of my spots up."

Christopher Demeritt, Second Place: "I needed to pit for new tires on that last caution, really. Or I needed to figure out how to get good runs behind (Adams), a few laps before I actually did. I started to make steam at the end, and I knew that I had a long run car so I needed to wait for the tires to equalize, but just ran out of time really.

"All things considered, it is a pretty good result. I am kind of annoyed at the end, especially for that strategy call and how close was to getting to Adams at the end. But I can't complain about P2 – it was a good race throughout."

Adam Blocker, Third Place: "Had a shot at the win. Got past Dave Adams and then just messed up Turns 1 and 2... I let him get back past me. I think if I would of held it, I could have won. But I will definitely take the podium considering our long-run pace was all over the place. In order to get (the car) to turn in the corners, we were having to fight it from spinning on the straights. We were definitely happy that we didn't have a super long run at the end. All of the Powerslide guys were fighting the car all night, so definitely happy to get third out of that."

OFFICIAL MYLAPS INDY ELITE SERIES POINT STANDINGS (Top 10)

1. Ray Kingsbury, 138
2. Brendan Lichtenberg, 127
3. Henry Bennett, 126
4. Adam Plunkett, 97
5. Michele Costantini, 93
6. Adam Blocker, 89
 Brandon Traino, 89
8. David Adams, 85
9. Andrew Kinsella, 75
10. Andreas Eik, 74

The next MYLAPS Indy Elite Series race will be held on Sunday, September 15 as the championship heads to WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca for the first road course race of the season. The race will be shown live by SYMTV next Sunday in the fourth round of the 2019 fall series.