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INDY ELITE SERIES

Indy Elite Series

Round Two

World Wide Technology Raceway at Gateway

Trackside Report

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Welcome to the WebSportsRadio.com 150, the second round of the 2019 MYLAPS Indy Elite Series fall championship. Tonight's race will be broadcast live by SYM TV and will feature 150 laps from World Wide Technology Raceway at Gateway on the iRacing simulations platform.

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

Ray Kingsbury is the points leader after winning the season's opening race at Pocono Raceway on August 11.

Qualifying

Rob Powers earns pole position with a lap of 23.889 seconds, beating out Adam Blocker, Henry Bennett and Jeff Drake. Michael Peters (P34) and Richard Holt (P35) do not qualify for the race.

Race

LAP 0: Trost and Matt Kingsbury run into each other before the pace lap.

LAP 1: Internet problems for Logan Simmons puts him in the wall on opening lap.

LAP 6: Restart – Rob Powers leads the field to green; YELLOW immediately as Matt Kingsbury crashes following pre-race damage. Takes out John Downing in the aftermath in T1.

LAP 11: Restart – Rob Powers leads while Jeff Drake passes for the lead entering T3. Henry Bennett into the battle by Lap 13.

LAP 13: Caution – Stofer drifts up into Andreas Eik, causing a multi-car accident. Traino checks up and Doyle runs into the back of him; Josh Chin gets clipped by Traino car out of control.

LAP 27: 1. Drake, 2. Bennett, 3. Branch, 4. Simpson, 5. Powers. Goke from 22nd to 10th.

LAP 30: Caution – Liam Quinn taps Tony Showen entering Turn 1 and Showen takes hard hit.

LAP 35: Restart – Trost and Blocker on old tires lead Drake, Bennett and Branch to green..

LAP 36: Caution – Goke, Cahoe and Powers go three-wide, and Cahoe/Powers touch to send Powers into T1 wall hard. Powers out. Lichtenberg touches Powers in the aftermath and gets slight contact.

LAP 41: Restart – Trost and Drake battle for lead in first laps after restart.

LAP 46: Drake opens 1-second lead.

LAP 47: Caution – Goke runs into the back of Blocker entering T1, then Goke runs into back of Chad Simpson. Lichtenberg runs broadside into Goke, Goke goes tumbling, then Goke backs into Quinn while bouncing off wall.

LAP 52: Restart – Drake leads Bennett, Flanagan, Branch and Chad Simpson; Quinn pits under green for black flag.

LAP 58: Drake leads Bennett by 0.107s; Flanagan 0.986s.

LAP 59: Caution – Dakota Dizenzo taps Tony Showen in T1 and sends Showen into wall. Cahoe gets clipped by spinning Showen.

LAP 61: Long pit stop for Henry Bennett drops him to P20.

LAP 64: Restart – Doyle leads Trost, Levick IV and Drake to green.

LAP 71: Drake takes lead from Trost.

LAP 71: Caution – Niall McBride spins exiting T4 and hits nose on inside pit wall in a single-car crash.

LAP 77: Restart – Drake leads Costantini and Lichtenberg to green.

LAP 85: Drake leads Costantini by 0.113 seconds.

LAP 89: Drake, Costantini, Lichtenberg and Kinsella all within 0.5 seconds of lead.

LAP 90: Chad Simpson spins off of T2 into inside wall. Single-car accident and no yellow flag.

LAP 91: Costantini takes the lead from Drake.

LAP 97: Drake hits inside wall exiting T2. No yellow in single-car accident.

LAP 100: Costantini leads Lichtenberg and Kinsella by 0.405 seconds.

LAP 103: Costantini pits from the lead.

LAP 106: Kinsella and Lichtenberg pit under green – then yellow flag comes out. Riley Thompson spins exiting T2. Did not hit wall or receive car damage.

LAP 111: Restart – Trost leads Blocker, Doyle and Bennett to green.

LAP 113: Caution – Joe Branch and Joe Flanagan come together as a result of slight netcode. Riley Thompson gets slight contact by spinning Flanagan.

LAP 118: Restart – Blocker leads Doyle, Trost, Bennett and McBride

LAP 123: Blocker leads Doyle by 0.116s.

LAP 127: Caution – Joe Branch wrecks coming off of T4 and hits the inside wall hard in single car caution. Clipped the apron/curbing and hooked him into the pit wall.

LAP 131: Restart – Niall McBride and Dakota Dizenzo both spin on the restart. Caution again.

LAP 132: Restart after delayed green. Trost, Doyle and Lichtenberg lead field to green.

LAP 143: Caution – Lichtenberg bumps into Trost and Trost hits hard into the wall.

LAP 148: Restart – Lichtenberg leads Costantini and Doyle to the green. Plunkett spins to the inside and hits the pit wall to bring out the caution.

LAP 150: CHECKERED – Under yellow, Brendan Lichtenberg wins over Michele Costantini, Tim Doyle, Adam Blocker and Andrew Kinsella.

Ray Kingsbury (120 points) retains the championship lead over Lichtenberg (109 points) after two completed rounds.

Brendan Lichtenberg, Winner: “I’m not particularly happy that there was contact... anyone who knows me well, knows that. People can think what they will. It was the end of the race – you have to go for it. I raced how he would race me. Held off Michele – Michele drove an excellent

race. He came back from... really far back and he made it up there with me. Just really proud of the whole team and all of the effort that went into it.”

Adam Blocker, Fourth Place: “Andrew and I were making great progress through the field... Probably would have gotten (the leaders), even with the first yellow (in the final stages). With the three-lap shootout, I felt like we had a chance.

Andrew Kinsella, Fifth Place: “First of all, the Adrenaline Motorsports car was absolutely amazing. Everyone at Powerslide did a great job getting ready for this race – we definitely had the best car, hands down. Henry, Adam, myself... we could just pass at will while everyone else was struggling. To be honest, for most of the race I was just biding my time and got behind on pit strategy.

“Adam, Henry and I were going to the front at the end and then a couple of cautions... backmarker guns it too hard on the finish and we are robbed of a great finish. Definitely a race of ‘what could have been’ for me... I think both Adam and I, if it had stayed green we would have been 1-2, no question.”

OFFICIAL MY LAPS INDY ELITE SERIES POINT STANDINGS (Top 10)

1. Ray Kingsbury, 120
2. Brendan Lichtenberg, 109
3. Henry Bennett, 94
4. Brandon Traino, 89
5. Michele Costantini, 82
6. Adam Plunkett, 73
7. Andreas Eik, 69
8. John Downing, 61
9. Chris Stofer, 58
10. Dan Lee Ensich, 55

The next MYLAPS Indy Elite Series race is the Triptacular Memories 225 on September 8 from Texas Motor Speedway. The race (and qualifications) will be shown live on SYM TV, with additional coverage by Open-Wheels.com.