

MYLAPS

INDY ELITE SERIES

Indy Elite Series

*Round Six | Redline Ace Indy Grand Prix of Mid-Ohio
Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course*

Trackside Report
October 6, 2019

28 drivers are on the entry list for tonight's event, meaning all entries will qualify and start the points-paying race.

Henry Bennett is the points leader after five rounds of the Indy Elite Series, leading Adam Blocker by 16 points following the most recent race at ISM Raceway.

Qualifying

Joshua Chin takes the pole for tonight's 45-lap race with a best lap of 1m5.307s, ahead of Zac Campbell and Brandon Traino.

Race

LAP 1: GREEN: With Chin leading the field to green, Matt Kingsbury spins on one of the final corners before green, while Riley Thompson also has a spin after the green flag falls. Chin drops from the lead to fourth after a slight off-track at Turn 5. Campbell, Traino and Bennett all move up one spot.

Tim Doyle spins into the tire barrier with significant damage to the rear of his car on the first lap. Dakota Dicienzo does not start the race.

LAP 4: Campbell leads Traino by 2.4 seconds, ahead of Bennett, Chin and Blocker in the top five.

LAP 6: Liam Quinn does a 360-spin in a single-car accident, dropping to 24th place. Henry Bennett is involved in a single-car accident that results in a massive impact in the same corner where Quin had an issue. Tim Doyle pits for repairs.

LAP 7: Jeff Drake spins off of the track and has to wait for multiple cars to pass by at the Keyhole corner. Front wing damage sustained by Drake.

LAP 8: Ray Kingsbury spins off of the track and nearly high-centers the car – able to back the car up and get rolling once again. Drake pits for service and repairs.

LAP 9: Campbell leads Traino by 4.7 seconds and Chin by 7.6 seconds out front.

LAP 12: Campbell leads Traino by 6.7 seconds, ahead of Chin, Blocker and Levick. Andrew Kinsella and Andreas Eik get together as both drivers go for a spin.

LAP 14: Matt Kingsbury runs wide at the Keyhole corner but keeps the car running without much delay.

LAP 16: Some drivers hit the pit lane for their first stops. Campbell leads Traino by 7.2 seconds over Chin, Blocker, Levick and Simmons.

LAP 18: Joe Flanagan spins on pit entry and takes quite a large amount of time to get squared up into his pit box. Matt Kingsbury goes off-track again but keeps his car out of the wall to continue on. Campbell, Traino, Chin, Blocker, and Simmons make up the top five.

LAP 20: Leader Campbell hits pit road and relinquishes the lead to Traino.

LAP 21: Traino pits and gives the lead to Chin, who now leads Blocker, Campbell, Traino and Eik in the top five.

LAP 22: Traino goes for a half-spin right before Dan Lee Ensich and Eik both spin after contact between the two of them.

LAP 23: Chin goes to pit lane as Blocker takes the lead. Campbell sits P2. David Adams goes off-track following a bit of oversteer that results in a slight rear wing brush with the wall.

LAP 24: Campbell regains the lead as Blocker pits. Campbell leading Chin by 13 seconds; Traino, Levick, Blocker lead the top five.

LAP 25: Eik goes for another off-track excursion and drops to 20th place. Liam Quinn retires.

LAP 26: Branch, Thompson, Wood and Holt all fight for 10th place in a four car battle – before Wood and Holt come together to send the No. 32 back to 18th. As Branch and Thompson continue to fight, Thompson spins right in front of the leader Campbell approaching the lapped cars.

LAP 28: Campbell leads Chin by 15 seconds while Adams spins further back in the pack and drops to 17th.

LAP 31: Campbell runs his fastest lap of the race at a 1m5.909s and leads Chin by 17 seconds. A few drivers pit for the final time of the race.

LAP 34: Campbell leads Chin by 18.3 seconds, ahead of Blocker, Traino, and Levick in the top five.

LAP 35: Campbell pits from the lead for fuel only, and Chin assumes the lead as Campbell comes out 1.9 seconds off the lead.

LAP 39: Chin leads Campbell by 1.7 seconds. Blocker, Traino and Levick round out the first five positions.

LAP 40: Campbell runs wide on the exit of Turn 1 and sustains some left front wing damage. The lead expands to 3.1 seconds for Chin ahead of Campbell.

LAP 42: Chin leads Campbell by 3 seconds and Blocker by 21 seconds.

LAP 43: Chin leads Campbell by 1.8 seconds with three laps remaining.

LAP 44: Traino goes for a 180-degree spin but whips the car around to keep it going.

LAP 45: Chin leads Campbell by 1 second as the leaders have to negotiate lap traffic. Chin has a slight wiggle in the final corner that allows Campbell to get alongside for a photo finish that sees Zac Campbell win by 0.019 seconds.

This is the fourth career victory for Campbell in the MYLAPS Indy Elite Series – previously won in three times during the spring 2019 season: Circuit of the Americas, Long Beach and Pocono. This is Chin’s fifth career runner-up finish in Indy Elite Series competition – his third in the last two seasons.

Adam Blocker leads the 2019 MYLAPS Indy Elite Series fall championship by 14 points over Henry Bennett following tonight’s sixth round of the season.

Zac Campbell, Winner: “I don’t even know where to begin to start. I (had been) practicing for Petit Le Mans in the BMW and just put this on the back burner. Today, I started practicing and got everything back where it was, and I didn’t even know that a one-stop (strategy) would be possible here. I was told that the fuel (range) was 19 laps guaranteed, and I thought ‘Sweet, I will just pit at 19 laps.’

“About halfway through the race, I realized what Chin was doing, so I had to push and started doing Q-lap after Q-lap after Q-lap, and ended up with zero push-to-pass at the end. Just trying to burn it all and hit the fastest laps I could. Obviously I made a big mistake in Turn 1 and ran off, and maybe it would have been more decisive had I not run off, but overall I couldn’t even imagine where to start (with this win).”

Josh Chin, Second Place: “It is nice to get a top-five on the season, finally. It has been a rough stretch of races and a lot of thrown away points. I don’t think this quite gets us to the top ten in points, but it is a better shot than before. Frustrating, yeah definitely, maybe a little bit.”

Adam Blocker, Third Place: “I had one little (off-track) that cost me but, really consistent all night. Mid-Ohio is definitely not my best road course, but fuel saving helped me a little bit. It helped me beat guys like Traino that I otherwise wouldn’t have been able to beat, maybe. And Henry (Bennett) went off, and that helped me too. I had a really bad qualifying in P7, so right from then I knew I would be in traffic for the first stint and committed to 23 laps. Honestly, the first stint went pretty well – I thought I had decent pace for the amount of fuel I had to save, but the second stint, I guess I couldn’t switch back on to running full pace while not saving fuel so had to just scrape it home in third.”

Brandon Traino, Fourth Place: “It was a good run – road courses aren’t really my strong suit. To get a top five is pretty good... I think I could have had third if I didn’t spin twice. I was catching Blocker on that last stint and tried to push a little too hard on that last corner, and locked (the brakes) and threw it away. But kudos to (Blocker) for his strategy and congrats to Zac on the win.”

OFFICIAL MYLAPS INDY ELITE SERIES POINT STANDINGS (Top 10)

1. Adam Blocker, 219
2. Henry Bennett, 205
3. Brendan Lichtenberg, 187
4. Andrew Kinsella, 173
5. Ray Kingsbury, 162
6. Brandon Traino, 147
7. Joshua Chin, 132
8. Andreas Eik, 131
9. David Adams, 120
10. Frank Levick IV, 117

The next MYLAPS Indy Elite Series race will be held on Sunday, October 20 as the championship heads to Michigan International Speedway for the Gold Peak 300, the seventh round of the 2019 fall season. The race will be shown live by SYMTV.