

Monticello Raceway

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This was the second annual race for Buddy Ford Productions at Monticello Raceway. Last year it was a great hit and, the turn-out of fans was excellent. The race track is a cushion-type and has a unique crown half-way up the middle. Last year it grooved up in the Main Event and was a follow-the-leader situation. This year there was a threat of rain due to Hurricane Hanna coming up from the South. It rained all day long Saturday, forcing the race to be postponed to Sunday.

Day cushion-racing usually isn't the best. Actually, no day-racing is the greatest. But here we were on Sunday morning and the track was soaked, which was a good sign. We ran through practice and I qualified 7th. I had a good second session, but wasn't feeling that good the last round, and coming across the checkered flag I lost a cylinder due to an ignition short. So I was on my back-up bike for the heat race.

Since we had only 33 riders, we ran three heat races instead of four, and pulled four riders to the Main Event. I was in a stacked heat race with Coolbeth, Carr and both Halbert brothers. I got a good jump and was 2nd out of the first turn. Sam Halbert got me down the back stretch and I was running 3rd when a couple of laps later Carr got me off on turn 4. I ended up 4th and was on the second row for the Main.

In the Main Event I came off with a decent start, but with the spray and the sun it was tough to see what was going on. I settled in and was working on Jethro Halbert and Shaun Russell for most of the Main Event. On the last lap JR Schnabel, Shaun Russell and Jethro Halbert got together and Shaun and Jethro went down going into turn 3. I was able to get through it clean and ended up in 9th place.

We are off to Indy, which is going to be our biggest race of the year from what I hear. I am looking forward to it and hope to get a good finish.

Thanks to all you fans out there.

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