

Matt Weidman First GNC Podium 3rd at Lima!

Matt Weidman Gas City/Lima Race Reports

Gas City ST June 19th 2010

After a little practice race with Sammy and Jethro at Lawrenceburg on Friday night, I felt pretty good to meet up with George and get on my 2009 Honda. I decided to tune on my suspension before the free practice and ended up 29th. The second round I hit the setup, and qualified second just a tic behind Wiles. In the third round I qualified somewhere around 7th, but this put me third overall. I had a pretty decent start in the heat race, and was running second behind Jared. Coming for two to go I passed him around the outside, and managed to win my first ever singles heat race! I was really excited for the dash and main event. In the dash, I had my usual bad start, and finished 6th. It seems like this is just the usual with the dash, I guess 4 laps is just not enough for me. In the final, I decided to revert back to the low line, and tried a pretty worn out tire. However, neither worked after the restart on lap 9, and I slowly worked my way back from 5th to 12th. A pretty frustrating finish for the crew after starting the day out so great. We learned a bunch, and I decided to spend a lot more time now the next few weeks learning more on what to do to make the cd8 tires hook up better. I jumped in the car and drove straight through all night heading for NY. My Uncle Steve was promoting his first race at Electric City, where I grew up racing and he had raised a \$1000. purse for the Open Pro class. I got to the track 10am, in time for practice. I rode 450Pro and Open Pro on the short track and a TT class for fun. There was a good turnout, 15 riders in the Open class, and I won on all three main events. I finally made a decent paycheck and the whole family went out to dinner to celebrate Father's Day. My girlfriend; Diandra, my sister; Lindsey, and my mom all raced at EC too, we all had a good day. 28 hours of driving and three days of racing- all within three days and I got home at 9:00 Sunday night and crashed into bed!



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Lima HM June 27th 2010

The last weekend in June meant back to one of my favorite tracks on the schedule! After just missing the podium here last year I felt pretty good that I could do it this year. I qualified 6th, 8th, and 9th in the three sessions, and then my good cushion Harley blew up on the last lap of qualifying. It wasn't good at all, but managed to be a blessing in disguise. I was in the last heat race, and it was a tough one! I got off the line horrible, and was about 7th or 8th on the first lap. I worked my way up through, and got by Carr and Pearson with about two to go. I was pretty excited because this put me second in the heat and in another Dash! However, I managed to finish in my usual spot in the dash, a lonely 6th place. I was excited for the 25 lap main where I would have enough time to actually get up front. I got off the line horribly, and was around 9th to 10th on lap one. I worked my way all the way up through, and managed to get into third. I was excited the last few laps, and soon enough I was on my way to my first GNC podium! After celebrating with my family and girlfriend, we were all pretty tired and excited. It was great to see all the people who were excited for us, and it was definitely a very memorable experience!

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