

# Nichole Cheza Race Report: Lima Half Mile

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Hey Race Fans,

Well, it's back from a weekend at Lima Ohio. This is one of my favorite race track, but I seem to have a bit of bad luck every year that I go. Anyway I was all pumped up for Lima this year and when we got there the track looked really good. After unloading and going to riders meeting it was time to suite up for practice. After watching a couple of rounds of pro sports the track was looking much deeper then the normal Lima. It was finally my turn to go out.

In the first round out I felt really good. I knew I needed to pick it up in one spot in the corner so I tried adding a tooth to see if that would help. I was sitting 12th after this round of practice. The next round I was feeling worst as adding a tooth made the bike upset and not handle that well. After this round I was sitting 14th. I decided to take the tooth back off. By this point the track was getting quite brushed off. They did a little track prep right before I went out. I was feeling much better until I came in on the second lap and slid out in turns one and two. I kept the bike running and got up quickly, but I only made it the rest of the way around to receive the checkered.

After a slide out I still qualified in 17th in that round. I ended up qualifying 17th overall putting me in the second heat race with Sammy Halbert, Jared Mees, Bryan Smith, Luke Gough, Mick Kirkness and 10 others. I got a pretty good jump and came out of the first corner in 6th. I pretty much stayed there the whole race. I gained a little bit on the group in front of me, but not enough to make any passes. I ended up finishing the race in 6th behind Halbert, Mees, Smith, Gough, and a few others.

This would put me in a semi. I was in the first semi on the front row and knew I had a shot a putting it in the main event. There was 18 of us lined up. After getting ready for the first take off and a couple people behind me jumped when the light went red I moved past the white lines. This put me on the fourth row. I knew I would have my work cut out for me now.

I got a great jump and went to the top through turns 1 and 2. I came out in about 11th. After making a few more passes I worked my way up to 8th. I had then caught the pack that was battling for that third place transfer spot. I went up to 6th a couple of times. On the last lap I made a bobble and moved back to 8th where I ended up finishing. Overall it was a pretty good night. I was bummed about not making the main event as I thought I had a good chance.

Timing the light just perfect is so important at a limestone Half mile and jumping is sometimes apart of the game. I made some good passes and learned a lot. Next week we are off and the week after is Lake Odessa MI. Again thanks for everyone's continued support. I look forward to seeing you all at Lake Odessa.

Talk to you soon.

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