



NAS-TRACK Team Racing - Detroit 6 Day - Day Three

Thursday August 13, 2009
International Velodrome at Bloomer Park



Overall Evening Results - Elite A Team Results:

1 st	- Team Stars/Stripes	Barry Miller & Luke Cavender	94 pts
2 nd	- Team USA	Iggy Silva & Zack Stien	88 pts
3 rd	- Team Euro	Brendan Benson & Blaine Benson.....	62 pts
4 th	- Team Purple	Rick Denman, Dena Eaton & Nick Bayma	39 pts
5 th	- Team Neon	Nick Console & Nick Laughton.....	26 pts

Overall Individual Results - Elite A (through Day 3)

Iggy Silva.....	54 pts
Luke Cavender.....	53 pts
Nick Laughton	50 pts
Barry Miller	48 pts
Nick Console.....	48 pts
Zach Stien.....	43 pts
Dena Eaton	43 pts
Brendan Benson	42 pts
Blaine Benson	42 pts
Rick Denman	40 pts
Nick Bayma.....	40 pts
Daniele DeFranceschi.....	31 pts

The Story:

Everyone knew tonight's race was different from the first 2 days. The Team pairings matched the 6 fastest riders together. Part of the purpose of the Detroit 6 Day is to give our US riders a chance to get the experience needed to compete in the European 6 day races. With USA Cycling Track Manager Clay Worthington visiting the Detroit 6 it was necessary to showcase potential teams wanting to race in Europe. The moment Clay showed up at the

track the speed increased dramatically. Day 3 was the fastest and toughest night of racing so far – the fans loved it and so did the riders.



2009 NAS-TRACK Detroit 6 Day
Day Three Winners - Barry Miller & Luke Cavender

1 Mile Sprints

Team USA's Zack Stien won the first 1 Mile Sprint followed by Team Euro's Brendan Benson and Team Neon's Luke Cavender. Team USA's Iggy Silva matched his teammate by winning the second 1 Mile Sprint followed by Team Neon's Nick Laughton and Team Star/Stripes' Barry Miller. Team USA was off to a great start.

50 Lap Madison

Team USA's Zack Stien pulled one over on Race Director Dale Hughes (Dale's getting old or too much jet lag) blasting off the front just as the bell to start the race was rung. Some riders felt it was unfair but that's why they call it racing. Team USA opened up a ½ lap lead then lapped the field just before the first sprint but didn't get the first sprint. It was won by Team Euro's Brendan Benson and Blaine Benson. Team USA and Team Stars/Stripes were then matching efforts and setting up for the finals sprint when Team USA's Zach Stien lost control of his handlebars during an exchange and both riders went down along with Team Euro's Blaine Benson. Team USA lost their lap advantage and couldn't get back to finish the last lap. Team Stars/Stripes won the final sprint followed by Team Euro' Nick Console and Nick Laughton and Team Purple' Rick Denman, Dena Eaton and Nick Bayma.

Miss & Out

The Miss & Out was going to be different for Day 3 as Daniele DeFranceschi was not racing. So who was going to challenge Team USA's Iggy Silva – the King of the Miss & Out. Well, it came down to Team Stars/Stripes' Luke Cavender to make the final cut. Two laps to go it was Iggy and Luke moving up and down the track (like I tell the new riders not to do) each waiting for the other to make THE jump. Both rocketed down the track with one lap to go battling elbow to elbow thru turn 4 with Luke Cavender just edging out Iggy at the line. Is this the new battle we get to look forward too for the rest of the Detroit 6 Day?

100 Lap Madison

The 100 Lap Madison quickly became a hammer fest between Team USA's Iggy Silva & Zack Stien and Team Stars/Stripes Luke Cavender & Barry Miller. The other teams realized they were battling each other for third and a battle it was. Team Stars/Stripes took the first sprint just nipping Team USA. The battle for third was won by Team Neon's Nick Console and Nick Laughton. The second sprint was won by Team Stars/Stripes nipping Team USA. The battle of third went to Team Euro' Brendan Benson and Blaine Benson. The third sprint was again won by Team Stars/Stripes followed by Team USA and Team Purple' Rick Denman, Dena Eaton & Nick Bayma. The fourth sprint was also won by Team Stars/Stripes followed by Team USA and Team Euro. Team Stars/Stripes were gaining pt advantage at each sprint.

But the hammer fest continued by Teams USA and Stars/Stripes with the last sprint worth double pts. Team USA had one shot a winning the night – they had to win those double pts and hoped that Team Stars/Stripes would get caught in traffic and get third. With Team Stars/Stripes sitting in fourth position in the field Team USA bolted away. Only 2 laps to go and with $\frac{3}{4}$ of a lap to go they looked good for the win for the final sprint. But how was Team Stars/Stripes going to finish? With strength and speed Team Stars/Stripes's Barry Miller threw in Luke Cavender who charged over the other teams and finished with a strong rush to nearly nip Team USA to the line. Team USA won the final sprint with Team Stars/Stripes finishing second with Teams Euro, Purple and Neon finishing the race. A great hammer fest won by Team Stars/Stripes Barry Miller and Luke Cavender!

2009 DETROIT 6 DAY – Day 3 Winners - Team Stars/Strips Luke Cavender and Barry Miller.
CONGRATULATIONS!

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8 lap: Dave Hicken, Larry Garstick, Bill Windhorst

12 lap: Dave Hicken, Larry Garstick, Bruce Carlson

10 lap: Bruce Carlson, Dave Hicken, Larry Garstick

The "Young Riders" races showed some real ability and close competition. Most Cat 1 road riders in Michigan can't do what these Kids are doing. The Kids races were GREAT!

8 lap sprint: Danielle Mullis, Luke Mullis, Mike Madison

10 lap sprint: Kale Denison, Danielle Mullis, Luke Mullis

6 lap sprint: Hannah Brassell, Danielle Mullis, Luke Mullis, Mike Madison, Cale Denison, William Morganti, Cameron McDonnell.

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