



DeVILBISS and Matt Brabham Race to Victory in UFD at The Glen Race 2

SPEED Energy Stadium SUPER Trucks

Track: Watkins Glen International
Race: UFD at The Glen Race No. 2
Date: September 3, 2017

No. 83 DeVILBISS – Matt Brabham

Start: 8th
Finish: 1st
Status: Running
Laps Completed: 9/9
Laps Led: 8
World Championship Point Standings 1st

Recap: Matt Brabham and the No. 83 DeVILBISS team captured victory in Sunday afternoons wet UFD at the Glen at Watkins Glen International after starting the race from the eighth position. Brabham came into the race with a lot of confidence after leading capturing a third place finish in the UFD at The Glen Race #1 on Saturday evening. Wasting little time to work his way to the front Brabham would take the lead at just after the completion of the first lap and continue to lead the first 3-lap segment of the race without a real challenge for the lead. Brabham whom drove the Two-Seat IndyCar on Sunday morning would have a slight advantage over the rest of the competitors knowing where to find grip on the rain soaked Watkins Glen International. At the start of the

second 3-lap segment Brabham quickly jumped out to another sizeable lead and would show the way in the DeVILBISS truck. On the restart of the third 3-lap segment Brabham would have some competition for the lead as Paul Morris and Robby Gordon would go around the young Australian driver on the inside and outside to take first and second position away. However, that did not last long as Brabham would fight back after the second ramp to regain the lead away from both veteran drivers to take the lead back. On the last lap Brabham would hold back a hard charging Robby Gordon and Paul Morris to capture the victory in the DeVILBISS No. 83. With the win Brabham would increase his World Championship Points Lead by 12 points.

Quotes from Matt: “Race two was wet again and I knew it would be a battle once again between all of us. I got through the field from the back, and out into the lead early on in the race which I was really pushing hard for to get the most laps lead to get max bonus points.”

“I had a big lead through the middle part of the race, but I knew Robby was coming and it would be a three way battle after the last caution once Robby and Paul got through the field. On the last restart it was a dash for the win, both Robby and Paul got by me. However I was able to fight my way back into the lead before the last lap. I held on in front, and held a little gap for the remainder of the lap and came home with the win!”

“It was so cool to win at Watkins Glenn for DeVILBISS especially with all the history around this place. My Grandfather raced F1 many times here and my Dad raced IMSA here so it felt very special to stand on the top step of the podium. I love racing in the rain, and have always won races when its wet. It was awesome fun sliding the trucks around, and I was extremely happy to extend the lead in the championship..”



Brabham Claims Third Place in UFD at The Glen Race 1

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Track: Watkins Glen International
Race: UFD at The Glen Race No. 1
Date: September 2, 2017

No. 83 DeVILBISS – Matt Brabham

Start: 6th
Finish: 3rd
Status: Running
Laps Completed: 9/9
Laps Led: 8
World Championship Point Standings 1st

Recap:

Matt Brabham and the DeVILBISS caught a major break on Saturday afternoon after having a throttle cable break on Lap-2. To Matt's benefit Bill Hynes crashed through the front stretch chicane putting plastic and sand all over the racing surface. IndyCar and Watkins Glen International track officials would require the sand to be cleaned up before continuing the race. A lengthy clean up would ensue; with the race eventually being cancelled, and rescheduled for later in the afternoon with a complete restart. Brabham and the DeVILBISS backed entry would restart the race in the sixth position, and would gain position on the opening lap to move up to the fifth spot on the ultra slick and wet Watkins Glen International. Coming off a victory in the last SST race in Beijing, China Brabham was very motivated to get out front, and keep his SST World Championship points lead on fellow Australian Paul Morris. It did not take Brabham long to work his way into the top three jumping to the third position on Lap-2. At the beginning of Lap-3 Brabham would dive to the inside of Erik Davis to grab the second spot and motor past leader Shaun Richardson to the lead. Brabham would lead at the end of the first 3-lap segment. On the restart going into Lap-1 the DeVILBISS truck would lose all grip on the racetrack and completely slide off in the run off area losing multiple positions. At the end of the second segment Brabham would be able to work his way back into the third position after a gusty pass through the grass on Gavin Harlien and Jeff Hoffman coming to the chicane jump. Brabham would work his way into the second position after Paul Morris would miss the mark on a corner, On the last lap Brabham, Morris, and the leader at the time Robby Gordon would all battle hard for the lead spot. Beating and banging into each other Brabham would finish in the third position behind Paul Morris and winner Robby Gordon. With the third place finish Brabham would lead the World Championship Points by just 3 points over Paul Morris.

Quotes from Matt: “Man... what a whirlwind Saturday has been for me, especially in regards to the championship. I was up into third place when my throttle cable broke putting me out. Just as that happened the race went red. So I ran down to the crew guys in turn one, and rode back on a forklift to the truck to try and fix it. If there was a chance of getting back into the race and it went green again I could possibly get enough points to keep the lead in the championship. Luckily for me the race was eventually cancelled and re-run later in the day.”

"The second race was a battle! I lead the race ahead of Robby in wet conditions early on until I out-braked myself into turn one side by side with Robby and fell all the way back to last in the mid point of the race. I fought my way back through the field to take the lead of the race back again on the last lap. Into the bus stop we went three wide for the lead and I came out in third and finished third. After not being in the running at all earlier in the day I was happy with third and very glad to be still in the lead of the championship after the first race."