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## **Cal Stewart, Tony Neilson tie for wins in showdown at Xtream Rock Island Grand Prix powered by Mediacom**

ROCK ISLAND, Ill. – The two biggest winners of the previous two Xtream Rock Island Grand Prix powered by Mediacom events squared off in several head-to-head clashes at the world’s largest karting street race. Cal Stewart, Concord, NC, winner of five races in 2016, and Tony Neilson, Delmar, Iowa, winner of six races the previous year, each won three races in 2017.

Stewart won in Yamaha Heavy 2 and the Travis DeVriendt Memorial LO 206 Heavy race -- the largest class of the day with 44 entries. He also won TAG Senior, edging Anthony Honeywell of Tulsa, Okla. Neilson’s wins came in LO 206 Medium over Justin Wishard of Illinois, LO 206 Masters over Dan Newell of Tennessee and LO 206 Heavy 2, again beating Wishard.

“I had to keep him at bay. The kids’s got a lot of talent,” said Neilson, 36, of Stewart, 25. Racing at Rock Island “takes a lot of preparation and a lot of luck. It takes the same amount of both, and man it takes a lot of luck,” Neilson said.

“Winning once here is special when you’re racing against the guys I’m racing with,” he added.

The King of the Streets Open Shifter class was won by Austin Wilkins of Texas, over Rory vander Steur of Maryland. Wilkins also won Open Shifter 2 by a wide margin over Andrew Bujdoso of Ohio. Joe Ruch, Indiana, won the 80cc Shifter class over Illinois’ Josh Lane. Jordon Musser, Dallas, Texas, won the 125 Open Masters shifter class with Lance Lane in second.

“To be able to win at a race where big names never won at is just awesome to think about,” said Wilkins, pointing to IndyCar drivers Graham Rahal and Conor Daly who each failed to win in visits to Rock Island.

A full flite of Margay Ignite Shootout classes were offered this year – Junior, Senior and Masters. Spike Kohlbecker of St. Louis won the junior title, Jordan Bernloehr, Minnesota, won senior and Pete Vetter of Missouri, won the masters race.

In other races, Tim Goetsch of Iowa won Yamaha Heavy 1 and Yamaha Medium. Honeywell, from Oklahoma, won TAG Masters over Ethan Wilson of California.

Three Vintage classes were also featured with Kirk Gustafson winning the MAC, Josh Fisher the Open class, and Tom Day winning the Sportsman feature. All are from Illinois.

Gustafson, 69, said it was only the second race he had ever won, with the first being some time in the 1970s.

After lap records fell in 12 classes last year, four new marks were set in 2017. They were by Honeywell in TAG Masters, Lance Lane in 125 Masters, Jacob Boden in Ignite Junior and David Cole from Michigan in Ignite Masters.

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## **Xtream Rock Island Grand Prix powered by Mediacom**

### **Travis DeVriendt Memorial Briggs & Stratton Local Option 206 Heavy 1**

Place, Name, City, Diff.

- 1, Cal Stewart, Concord, NC, ---
- 2, Tony Nielson, Delmar, IA, .114
- 3, Justin Wishard, Pecatonica, IL .314
- 4, Michael Welsh, Bettendorf, .856
- 5, Dustin Demattia, NA, 1.073
- 6, Matt Pewe, Davenport, IA 1.501
- 7, Connor Lund, Valparaiso, IN, 6.394
- 8, Allen Borntreger, Elroy, WI, 10.434
- 9, Bowen Carlock, Saltillo, MS, 10.550
- 10, Joshua Skelley, Davenport, IA 10.701
- 11, Dan Newell, Old Hickory, TN, 11.032
- 12, Ken Williams, High Ridge, MO, 12.281
- 13, Derek Hastings, Columbus, IN, 12.701
- 14, Jeremy Remick, St. Peters, MO, 13.589
- 15, Jason Carlock, Saltillo, MS, 15.132
- 16, Skitchy Barnes, Pembroke, Bermuda, 14.570

17, Derich Cutshaw, Indianapolis, IN 15.558  
18, Marvin Borntreger, Elroy, WI, 17.314  
19, Nick Ockenfels, Bettendorf, IA 22.980  
20, Greg Jaspersen, Rosemount, MN, 23.422  
21, Mahlon Borntreger, Elroy, WI, 23.568  
22, Kyle Myers, Bristol, IN, 23.919  
23, Chad Patch, Davenport, IA 25.052  
24, Ryan Otterman, Cedar Lake, IN, 25.260  
25, Sarah Luoma, NA , 25.267  
26, Tyler Jaspersen, Rosemount, MN, 25.397  
27, Steve Schmucker, Elroy, WI, 26.560  
28, Joseph Rapp, Bettendorf, IA 33.783  
29, Shane Wells, Bettendorf, IA 24.478  
30, Nelson Ullinskey, Kewanee, IL 31.152  
31, Billy Schwartz, Wellsburg, IA , 1 lap  
32, Garrett Nimrick, Clinton, IA, 1 lap  
33, Tyler Schurr, Orion, IL 1 lap  
34, Chase Allard, Bristol, IN, 1 lap  
35, Travis Allard, Bristol, IN, 1 lap  
36, Jeffrey Dolian, Plano, TX, 5 laps  
37, Matt Skaggs, Murfreesboro, TN, 5 laps  
38, Lary Schmucker, Dellwood, WI, 13 laps  
39, Nick Denny, Indianapolis, IN 14 laps  
DNF, Michael Dittmer, Davenport IA  
DNS, Richie Kuhn, Mentor, OH; David Borntreger, Muscoda, WI; DQ, Nathan Rossiter, Marseilles, IL; Chris Rossiter, Marseilles, IL.

#### **Yamaha Heavy 1**

Place, Name, City, Diff.

1, Tom Goettsch, Bettendorf, IA ---  
2, Casey Jacobs, Colona, IL.172  
3, Carter Pease, East Moline, IL 3.790  
4, Cal Stewart, Concord, NC, 4.386  
5, Michael Welsh, Bettendorf, IA 7.232  
6, Brant Carter, Davenport, IA 8.060  
7, Shane Wells, Bettendorf, IA 11.169  
8, Dustin Blomme, Eldridge, IA 14.567  
9, Erin Dunn, Clinton, IA 14.859  
10, Jason Ewers, Fishers, IN, 22.425  
11, Troy Porter, Rock Island, IL 22.889  
12, Ken Bratsch, Bettendorf, IA 4 laps  
13, Tony Neilson, Delmar, IA, 9 laps  
14, Morgan Schuler, DeWitt, IA, 13 laps  
15, Michael Dittmer, Davenport, IA 17 laps  
DNS, Dustin Newman, Pittsfield, IL

#### **Margay Ignite Senior Shootout**

Place, Name, City, Diff.

1, Jordan Bernloehr, Lakeville, MN, ---  
2, Nick Todtenhaupt, House Spring, MO, .229  
3, Pete Vetter, Arnold, MO, 7.241  
4, David Cole, Grand Rapids, MI, 11.156  
5, Andrew Coulter, Quincy, IL 19.389  
6, Colin Predith, Wildwood, MO, 19.652  
7, Ken Williams, High Ridge, MO, 19.824  
8, Gage Rucker, Truxton, MI, 20.135  
9, Nick Ockenfels, Bettendorf, IA 20.698  
10, Matt Chubb, St. Charles, MO, 21.202  
11, Rockwell Secrest, St. Charles, MO, 22.148  
12, Ryan Bettenhausen, Glen Carbon, IL, 23.499  
13, Rod Scharf, Greenwood, IN, 28.302  
14, Peter Schaefer, Moline, IL 28.302  
15, Jon Vernier, Mascoutah, IL, 33.963  
16, Steven McWilliams, Chicago, IL 34.125  
17, Michael Scharf, St. Louis, MO, 34.274  
18, Greg Mefford, Glen Carbon, IL, 38.637  
19, Scott Banner, Brockport, NY, 2 laps  
20, Keith Scharf, Kirkwood, MO, 12 laps  
21, Eric Loddeke, Aviston, IL, 12 laps  
22, Jordan Missig, Channahon, IL, 14 laps  
DNS, Brandin Moore, Alton, IL.

#### **King of the Streets Open Shifter**

Place, Name, City, Diff.

1, Austin Wilkins, Wylie, TX, ---  
2, Rory vander Steur, Chesapeake City, MD, .493  
3, Colton Aldridge, NA, .935  
4, Josh Lane, Pingree Gove, IL, 1.519  
5, Jordan Musser, Dallas, TX 8.018

6, Lance Lane, Algonquin, IL, 9.335  
7, Joe Ruch, McCordsville, IN, 10.524  
8, Skitchy Barnes, Pembroke, Bermuda, 15.923  
9, Alex Conlin, NA, 17.430  
10, Kyle Kennedy, St. Peters, MO, 19.236  
11, Devon Smith-Harden, Nashville, IN 20.983  
12, Jason Campbell, Gilbert, AZ, 23.997  
13, Tony Malito, Carmel, IN, 24.204  
14, Aaron Snyder, North Aurora, IL, 1 lap  
15, Caleb Smock, Plainfield, IL, 1 lap  
16, Josh Martin, Tulsa, OK, 5 laps  
17, Chad Lee, Hanceville, AL, 10 laps  
18, Andrew Bujdoso, Girard, OH, 15 laps  
DNF, Patrick Cecilian, Brooklyn, NY  
DNS, Chase Pflughaupt, Anamosa, IA; Chris Jennings, Sachse, TX

#### **TAG Masters**

Place, Name, City, Diff.

1, Anthony Honeywell, Tulsa, OK ---  
2, Ethan Wilson, Santa Clara, CA, 9.124  
3, Peter Cook, Orland Park, IL, 18.612  
4, Dean Leifheit, North Aurora, IL, 1 lap

#### **Briggs & Stratton Local Option 206 Medium**

Place, Name, City, Diff.

1, Tony Neilson, Delmar, IA, ---  
2, Justin Wishard, Pecatonica, IL, .129  
3, Cal Stewart, Concord, NC, .270  
4, Michael Welsh, Bettendorf, IA 443  
5, Dustin Demattia, Montville, OH, .852  
6, Matt Pewe, Davenport, IA 1.209  
7, Jordan Bernloehr, Lakeville, MN, 1.950  
8, Connor Lund, Valparaiso, IN, 2.436  
9, Jesse Clossey, Beloit, WI, 2.445  
10, Jeremy Remick, St. Peters, MO, 2.715  
11, Jeffrey Dolian, Plano, TX, 3.018  
12, Mahlon Borntreger, Elroy, WI, 5.635  
13, Sarah Luoma, NA, 6.301  
14, Brodie Myer, Canada, 6.515  
15, Marvin Borntreger, Elroy, WI, 6.644  
16, Nick Denny, Indianapolis, IN 10.253  
17, Chad Patch, Davenport, IA 10.480  
18, Aaron Snyder, North Aurora, IL, 22.734  
19, Justin Johnson, Goshen, IN, 39.614  
20, Paige Evans, Osasso, OK, 3 laps  
21, Allen Borntreger, Elroy, WI, 5 laps  
22, Skitchy Barnes, Bermuda, 5 laps  
23, Derich Cutshaw, Indianapolis, IN 5 laps  
24, Mark Charnogorsky, Lake Zurich, IL, 9 laps  
25, Brandon Schadt, Blue Grass, IA, 10 laps  
DNS, Richie Kuhn, Mentor, OH; Joshua Skelley, Davenport, IA; David Borntreger, Muscoda, WI

#### **Yamaha Medium**

Place, Name, City, Diff.

1, Tim Goettsch, Bettendorf, IA ---  
2, Carter Pease, East Moline, IL.214  
3, Tony Neilson, Delmar, IA, .603  
4, Aaron Bromberek, Lemont, IL, .698  
5, Devon Smith-Harden, Nashville, IN 12.840  
6, Dustin Blomme, Eldridge, IA 16.478  
7, Kevin Tong, NA, 1 lap  
8, Drew Fisher, Rock Island, IL 7 laps  
9, Chad Clay, Sheridan, IL, 8 laps  
10, Michael Welsh, Bettendorf, IA 10 laps  
11, Michael Dittmer, Davenport, IA 15 laps  
DNS, Cal Stewart, Concord, NC.

#### **Margay Ignite Junior Shootout**

Place, Name, City, Diff.

1, Spike Kohlbecker, St. Louis, MO ---  
2, Evan Stamer, Glen Carbon, IL, .128  
3, Jacob Bolen, Leland, IL, .325  
4, Hunter Richardson, Edwardsville, IL 13.034  
5, Gage Kemp, Bellevue, IA, 14.124  
6, Jensen Benet, Peoria, IL 1 lap  
7, Austin Dahlgren, Rock Island, IL 1 lap  
8, Max Geitzenauer, Anamosa, IA, 1 lap  
9, Ashton Wheeler, Donahue, IA, 9 laps

10, Anthony Soberick, Lansford, PA, 11 laps  
DNF, Joey Kall, Burr, IL

### **TAG Senior**

Place, Name, City, Diff.

- 1, Cal Stewart, Concord, NC, ---
- 2, Anthony Honeywell, Tulsa, OK .668
- 3, Josh Lane, Pingree Gove, IL, 2.063
- 4, Austin Wilkins, Wylie, TX, 2.284
- 5, Aaron Snyder, North Aurora, IL 3.023
- 6, Aaron Bromberek, Lemont, IL, 9.129
- 7, Paige Evans, Tulsa, OK 14.041
- DNF, Skitchy Barnes, Bermuda.

### **Briggs & Stratton Local Option 206 Masters**

Place, Name, City, Diff.

- 1, Tony Nielson, Delmar, IA, ---
- 1, Dan Newell, Old Hickory, TN, .133
- 2, Ken Paulson, Beloit, WI, 7.607
- 3, Ken Williams, High Ridge, MO, 7.904
- 4, Mark Cerk, Franklin, IN, 10.893
- 5, Matt Skaggs, Murfreesboro, TN, 11.015
- 6, Mark Bollaert, Oak Grove, IL, 17.221
- 7, Jacob Wright, Wayzata, MN, 27.783
- 8, Travis Allard, Bristol, IN, 28.177
- 9, Robert Bromberek, Lemont, IL, 31.110
- 10, Dan Dahlgren, Rock Island, IL 38.855
- 11, Shawn Welte, Onalaska, WI, 1 lap
- 12, Casey Newmarch, Long Grove, IA, 1 lap
- 13, Mark Petersen, Clinton, IA, 1 lap
- DNF, Michael Welsh, Bettendorf, IA; Ethan Wilson, Santa Clara, CA
- DQ, Chad Clay, Sheridan, IL; John Pritchett, Marquette, MI

### **125cc Shifter Masters**

Place, Name, City, Diff.

- 1, Jordan Muser, Dallas, TX---
- 2, Lance Lane, Algonquin, IL, .664
- 3, Chris Jennings, Sachse, TX, 4.461
- 4, Josh Martin, Tulsa, OK 6.780
- 5, Troy-Trei Smith, Norman, OK, 1 lap
- 6, Ryan Riggs, Plainfield, IL, 6 laps
- 7, Chad Lee, Hanceville, AL, 6 laps
- 8, Brian Wake, Davenport, IA 150 laps
- 9, Brad Schmider, Mapleton, IL, 18 laps
- 10, Eric Riggs, Downers Grove, IL, 19 laps
- DQ, Jason Campbell, Gilbert, AZ

### **Vintage**

Place, Name, City, Diff.

#### **MAC**

- 1, Kirk Gustafson, Moline, IL ---
- 2, Mark D'elia, Lewiston, NY, 2.119

#### **Open**

- 1, Josh Fisher, Rock Island, IL ---
- 2, Steve Welte, Richland Center, WI, 28.661
- 3, Aaron Kruger, , 1 lap
- 4, Dave Fisher, Rock Island, IL 10 laps
- 5, Marty Westen, Washington, IA
- 6, Shawn Welte, Onalaska, WI
- 7, Dan Reinbold, Argyle, WI
- 8, Jim Yeager, Coal Valley, IL
- 9, Ken Wooldridge, Urbana, IL
- 10, Jessie Hicks, Colona, IL

#### **Sportsman**

- 1, Tom Day, Galesburg, IL ---
- 2, Randy Duncalf, Taylor Ridge, IL 1 lap

### **Margay Ignite Masters Shootout**

Place, Name, City, Diff.

- 1, Pete Vetter, Arnold, MO, ---
- 2, Colin Predith, Wildwood, MO, 6.093
- 3, Ken Williams, High Ridge, MO, 7.263
- 4, Bryan Bernloehr, NA, 6.895
- 5, Tony Manero, Brooklyn, NY, 16.929
- 6, Rod Scharf, Greenwood, IN, 18.962
- 7, Keith Scharft, Kirkwood, MO, 18.969
- 8, David Cole, Grand Rapids, MI, 19.161
- 9, Ryan Betenhausen, Glen Carbon, IL, 21.266

10, Jon Vernier, Mascoutah, IL, 24.648  
11, Jeff Peoples, Muskegon, MI, 30.450  
12, Dan Dahlgren, Rock Island, IL 32.081  
13, Scott Geitzenauer, Anamosa, IA, 34.914  
14, Greg Mefford, Glen Carbon, IL, 39.227  
15, Rich Fasching, O'Fallon, MO, 39.360  
16, Craig Loddeke, Breese, IL, 41.729  
17, Rick Skinner, McHenry, IL, 1 lap  
18, Scott Banner, Brockport, NY, 1 lap  
19, Michael Caparon Jr., Chesterfield, MO, 2 laps  
20, Peter Schaefer, Moline, IL 13 laps

#### **80cc Shifter**

Place, Name, City, Diff.

1, Joe Ruch, McCordsville, IN, ---  
2, Josh Lane, Pingree Gove, IL, 7.666  
3, Chase Allard, Bristol, IN, 8.957  
4, Jason Ewers, Fishers, IN, 18.401  
5, Troy Allard, Bristol, IN, 18.697  
6, Gage Rucker, Truxton, MO, 19.464  
7, Devon Smith-Hardin, Nashville, IN 1 lap  
8, Caleb Smock, Plainfield, IL, 12 laps  
9, Cody Beck, Ashville, OH, 17 laps  
DNF, Paul Enlow, Brownsburg, IN  
DNS, Daniel Rosshirt, Mount Sterling, OH

#### **Briggs & Stratton Local Option 206 Heavy 2**

Place, Name, City, Diff.

1, Tony Neilson, Delmar, IA, ---  
2, Justin Wishard, Pecatonica, IL, .092  
3, Michael Welsh, Bettendorf, IA .267  
4, Dustin Demattia, NA, 1.550  
5, Connor Lund, Valparaiso, IN, 3.242  
6, Brodie Myer, Leamington, Ontario, Canada, 11.448  
7, Bowen Carlock, Saltillo, MS, 11.540  
8, Derek Hastings, Columbus, IN, 11.830  
9, Jeffrey Dolian, Plano, TX, 11.948  
10, Sarah Luoma, NA, 12.228  
11, Jason Carlock, Saltillo, MS, 12:376  
12, Nick Ockenfels, Bettendorf, 15;764  
13, Mahlon Borntreger, Elroy, WI, 15.989  
14, Tyler Jaspersen, Rosemount, MN, 16.202  
15, Ryan Otterman, Cedar Lake, IN, 16.372  
16, Joseph Rapp, Bettendorf, IA 16.486  
17, Nathan Rossiter, Marseilles, IL, 19.043  
18, Greg Jaspersen, Rosemount, MN, 19.206  
19, Chad Patch, Davenport, 27.081  
20, Garrett Nimmick, Clinton, IA, 27.658  
21, Kyle Myers, Bristol, IN, 31.918  
22, Billy Schwartz, Wellsburg, IA, 33.750  
23, Larry Schmucker, Dellwood, WI, 1 lap  
24, Matt Pewe, Davenport, IA 1 lap  
25, Michael Dittmer, Davenport, IA 1 lap  
26, Nelson Ullinskey, Kewanee, IA 1 lap  
27, Steven Schmucker, Elroy, WI, 1 lap  
28, Justin Johnson, Goshen, IN, 2 laps  
29, Cal Stewart, Concord, NC, 4 laps  
30, Matt Skaggs, Murfreesboror, TN, 4 laps  
31, Shane Wells, Bettendorf, IA 4 laps  
DNF, Joshua Skelley, Davenport, IA  
DNS, David Borntreger, Muscoda, WI; Skitchy Barnes, Bermuda; Richie Kuhn, Mentor, OH; Allen Borntreger, Elroy, WI; DQ, Chris Rossiter, Marseilles, IL

#### **125cc Open Shifter**

Place, Name, City, Diff.

1, Austin Wilkins, Wylie, TX, ---  
2, Andrew Bujdoso, Girard, OH, 10.054  
3, Josh Lane, Pingree Gove, IL, 15.640  
4, Skitchy Barnes, Bermuda, 22.189  
5, Alex Conlin, NA, 22.330  
6, Rory vander Steur, Chesapeake City, MD, 4 laps  
7, Ryan Riggs, Plainfield, IL, 10 laps  
8, Eric Riggs, Downers Grove, IL, 11 laps  
9, Colton Aldridge, NA, 18 laps  
DNS, Brad Schmider, Mapleton, IL; Chase Pfeughaupt, Ankeny, IA; Patrick Cecilian, Brooklyn, NY

## Yamaha Heavy 2

Place, Name, City, Diff.

- 1, Cal Stewart, Concord, NC, ---
  - 2, Tony Neilson, Delmar, IA, .059
  - 3, Morgan Schuler, DeWitt, IA, 11.417
  - 4, Brant Carter, Davenport, IA 11.539
  - 5, Shane Wells, Bettendorf, IA 11.800
  - 6, Erin Dunn, Clinton, IA, 14.839
  - 7, Troy Porter, Rock Island, IL 30.992
  - 8, Tim Goettsch, Bettendorf, 1 lap
  - 9, Carter Pease, East Moline, IL 1 lap
  - 10, Jon Proctor, Milan, IL 1 lap
  - 11, Drew Fischer, Rock Island, IL 1 lap
  - 12, Ken Bratsch, Bettendorf, IA 6 laps
  - 13, Jason Ewers, Fishers, IN, 11 laps
  - 14, Casey Jacobs, Colona, IL 12 laps
  - 15, Michael Welsh, Bettendorf, IA 17 laps
- DNS, Dustin Newman, Pittsfield, IL; Michael Dittmer, Davenport, IA.