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Close-Quarters Racing

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It's coming down to the wire!

After 8 of 11 rounds of close-quarters GP racing, all three championships are still up in the air. Only 6 points separate the top racers in both the Pilot 125GP and Moto Liberty/RS-Taichi 250GP classes! The Moriwaki MD250H class is almost as close, as the top 3 young racers are still in the fight.

Much to the surprise of many USGPRU regulars, the 2008 125GP National Champion, Nobu Iso, has not dominated this season. Young stars, Garrett Gerloff and Jake Lewis have been duking it out up front. While Iso has been in the hunt at most races, a string of fluke problems have hurt his championship chase. Lewis threw a curve ball when he announced that he would compete on the west coast instead of the east as expected for a Kentucky resident. Finally, Garrett Gerloff has proven the nay-sayers wrong as he has successfully campaigned a highly modified Moriwaki MD250H in the 125GP class. While many thought the bike would not be fast or reliable enough, his Danny Turner built bike has been more than a match for the fastest 125GP bikes on the track. Currently, Gerloff leads Lewis in the points, 229 to 223! Iso still has a mathematical chance at the championship, but he'll need the kids to have some bad luck if he's going to pull this one off.

Similarly, in the Moto Liberty/RS-Taichi 250GP class, the fight between Adam Roberts and Melissa Paris is coming down to the wire with an identical 229 to 223 points separation. Roberts took the early season wins while Paris is coming on strong later in the season. Following her wildcard ride at Miller in the World Supersport race, she seems to have found some new speed. At her last two races at Topeka and New Jersey, she was able to put her Markbuilt Honda RS250 on the top box in dominating fashion.

The second season of Moriwaki MD250H "Powered by HONDA" racing is a three-way battle between last year's champion Jake Lewis, Garrett Gerloff and Ryan Matter. All three kids have been scrapping all season

long. As Lewis had dominated out west, Gerloff has done the same on the east coast. Everywhere Matter rides, he seems to be mere inches away from the wins. The result is a championship battle that resembles the on-track action in this class. . . it's coming down to the wire!

If you want to see some of the best racing action around, come on out to one of the remaining rounds to watch. On Sept 12th weekend, we head to the classic Mid-Ohio raceway to participate in the AMA Sports Grand Championship weekend. The USGPRU will be there in force, featuring all three main classes as well as the new GPTech/Pilot F450 thumper class. This will be the final opportunity to claim the last remaining points before the national championship final at Barber.

Barber Motorsports Park will be the backdrop to the season final on October 3-4 weekend with ASRA at the Michelin Nationals. It all comes down to this round and all eyes will be on the checkered flag as the best GP pilots in North America vie for the title of the best in the US. The winners hope to follow in the footsteps of other greats that have used the USGPRU to help launch their careers into the pro ranks. So come on out and catch some of the closest and best racing action around.

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While there, don't forget to get your tickets now for the 2009 USGPRU raffle. For the grand prize, we're giving away a brand new Honda RS125 with a full spares kit from Rising Sun Cycles, Marvic rims from Yoyodyne, Dunlop tires, and EBC brakes. The grand prize is worth almost \$15k!! We're also giving away Powerstands work tables and stands, Motion Pro tools, Dunlop and Bridgestone tires, and many other great prizes. Tickets are only \$10 and are available on the USGPRU website.

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National Championship

Points Standings:

125GP	Garrett Gerloff 229
	Jake Lewis 223
	Nobi Iso 181
250GP	Adam Roberts 229
	Melissa Paris 223
	Mike Abouyou 144
MD250H	Jake Lewis 243
	Garrett Gerloff 221
	Ryan Matter 198

Remaining Schedule:

Sept 12-13 Mid-Ohio

Oct 3-4 Barber Motorsports

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