

Mark Lapansie Jr.

Adaptive Motorcycle Road Racer



Career Accomplishments:

- First sprint race win at ASRA Gingerman June 2024 (Lightweight GP Amateur)
- First sprint race podium at WERA PIRC August 2023 (3rd - Formula 2 Novice)
- 2022 WERA/N2 National Endurance Series Relay Class Champion (Team: The Bike Experience USA)
- Graduate of Yamaha Champions Riding School (PIRC, August 2022)
- Successfully completed training for disabled riders with The Bike Experience USA in August 2019, less than 1 year post-injury
- Completed California Superbike School Levels 1-2 (NCM Motorsports Park, May 2018), awarded "Outstanding Student" by school staff

2025 Season Goals:

- Compete in entire ASRA Midwest regional championship and select rounds with WERA
- Win a regional championship
- Continue to set personal best lap times at all tracks visited

Bikes:

- Kawasaki Ninja 650
Class – Lightweight Twins / Lightweight Superbike
- Honda CBR600RR
Class – C Superstock / Middleweight Supersport

Bio:

A lifelong fan of racing, Mark got his first motorcycle at age 7, a Honda Z50R dirt bike. He continued to hone his skills on the dirt throughout his teens and got his cycle endorsement for the street as soon as he turned 18. After attending the 2014 MotoGP race in Indianapolis and taking part in a parade lap, he was hooked on road racing. In 2015 he completed the Learning Curves Racing School at Gingerman Raceway, officially kicking off his road racing career. The next three years were spent participating in track days and gaining experience racing in the Championship Cup Series. Mark saw massive improvement and was primed for a breakout race at the 2018 CCS season finale when an incident on the street nearly took his life and left him with a spinal cord injury, paralyzed from the stomach down. Mark was initially unsure if he would ever ride a motorcycle again, however those doubts were put to rest after riding adapted bikes with The Bike Experience USA charity in August 2019. Mark then adapted his own race bike with hand controls and successfully returned to the track in May 2020. In August 2021, Mark completed his first race since his injury, competing in the WERA/N2 Endurance race at PIRC in August 2021 with The Bike Experience USA racing team. In 2022, the team raced the entire season and won the Relay class championship. 2023 saw the team earn 3rd place in the same championship as well as increased participation in individual sprint racing. Mark earned his first career podium with a 3rd place at PIRC in August 2023. In 2024, Mark earned his first career race win at Gingerman Raceway, the same place where it all began 9 years prior. Mark is motivated to build on this momentum in 2025 and beyond and continue to compete alongside able-bodied riders in regional and national events.

Current Sponsors and Affiliations:

- The Bike Experience USA
- Fox Valley Cycles
- N2 Track Days
- DP Brakes
- Amsoil Lubricants
- Vortex Racing

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[Yamaha Champions Riding School Video](#)

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