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A-Main WINNER Evon Korp

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A MAIN RESULTS

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1	25	Evan Karp
2	48	Samuel Hunt
3	51	Diego Alvarado
4	40	Thomas Blackledge [2R]
5	33	Spencer Russell



B-Main

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B-Main WINNER Mark Sternberg

	B	MAIN	RESULTS
	1	20	Mark Sternberg
	2	31	Tom Zevin
	3	48	Rodney Bryant
	4	21	Tony Wika
-	5	23	Matthew McCoy

C-Main

C-Main WINNER Juan Avina

C MAIN RESULTS

131Juan Avina255Mark Gomez353Shelby Blecker433Forrest Herndon536Celso Pierre



The postponement of the Sprint Series Finale seemed to cause a wave of impatience and tapping foots- waiting a whole other month to settle a championship would certainly add drama to the whole thing. For onlookers looking to see this season to a close, the Samuel Hunt vs Spencer Russell rivalry would be the battle to watch. Behind them, a storm brewed for the final step on the podium with the likes of Evan Karp, Randy McKee, and Mark Sternberg as all potentials for the last piece. Also returning to the fold would be last year's Sprint Series Champion, TJ Blackledge, the proverbial wrench thrown into the game. The season would surely wrap up in very exciting fashion...

Juan Avina, Mark Gomez, and Shelby Blecker started the top 3 for the final Sprint Series C-Main of the year. With each lap, Avina would extend his lead to eventually over 4 seconds, leaving no chance for any contention whatsoever. Blecker in the meantime would catch up bit by bit to Gomez, improving his lap time with each cross of the start/finish line. Once the checkered flag was in the air, it would be a win for Avina followed Gomez and Blecker.

In the B-Main, Mark Sternberg would sail away quickly at the start while the battle for P2 and P3 would be between Tom Zevin, having started near the front, and Rodney Bryant who already made headway at the green for multiple positions. About midway through the race, it was anyone's game as Zevin and Bryant fought with several drivers, going both up and down the ranks constantly with each crossing at the start/finish. Sternberg's lead continued to stretch to over a second, saving him from the hornet's nest behind him. By lap 6, Zevin would be in P2 and Bryant eventually just behind after successfully dispatching a number of drivers to get to the 3rd spot. Sternberg would go on to score the transfer to the A-Main followed by Zevin and Bryant.

Finally, the A-Main. A championship was about to be settled and the final step of the podium was still up for grabs. The participants: Blackledge at the front, Hunt off-pole, Karp 3rd, Alvarado 4th, and Russell 5th. In past A-Mains this season, Hunt would often take the helm and enjoy effective wins, unbattled for extended portions of the race. This race day, he may have stolen the lead from Blackledge after only a lap, but the heat was on and there was no getting away easy this time. The top 5 clustered together for a true nailbiter of a race. Karp ousted Blackledge for P2 and began his attack on Hunt, seizing the lead by lap 8 and forcing Hunt down to 3rd but also allowing championship hopeful Russell a jump to 2nd. With one lap to go, the top 5 came to a head and names would shuffle almost all down the line. As the dust settled, Evan Karp racked up his very first career Sprint Series win-knabbing 3rd overall for the season in the process. Hunt followed for P2, officially stamping his title as the 2018 Sprint Series Champion.



A Main Podium



B-Main Winner Mark Sternberg



C-Main Winner Juan Avina



Overall Final Standings Name Points

1.	Samuel Hunt	2340
2.	Spencer Russell	2290
3.	Evan Karp	2160
4.	Randy McKee	2079
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5. Mark Sternberg 2015

Winter Series

- 1. Spencer Russell 1175
- 2. Samuel Hunt 1108
- 3. Randy McKee 1084
- 4. Ivan Martinez 1050
- 5. Michael Chen 1036

Summer Series

- 1. Samuel Hunt 1190
- 2. Diego Alvarado 1135
- 3. Evan Karp 1116
- 4. Spencer Russell 1114
- 5. Rodney Bryant 1037









































The Season Finale for the 2018 IronMan Series would not only be a battle for the final podium of the year, but also the overall championship podium, as well as the Summer Series subchampionship. Taylor Hays, Alyssa Yauney, and Sean Fite were the three contenders in a field of 30 sport class drivers that owned this secondary spotlight, but it would not take long for them to turn their points battle, into a straight up fight for the win...

Pro Class

While the fight for the win and championship rolled on in the sport class, the Pro Class competed for what would not only be the final time this season, but perhaps for good, with the class potentially not returning in 2019. That said, it was still a fun show to watch the 206-powered VLR karts piloted through their sport kart brethren; the five or so second difference between the two classes mostly noticeably coming out of the corners. It was the last chance for a few drivers to get a taste of the package ahead of the 12-hour Machismo in less than a month's time, and this time around it was a pretty straight forward run.

Tony Wika would lead the field away from pole, with the field getting the green after a second attempt at the start. He'd hold on to the front spot for a handful of laps, with the group coming to grips with their machines, and the tricky Tecnico layout. Eventually it was Andres Prieto surging forward to take over the top spot, a driver that came up just short of the win one round prior in the two-hour contest. This time around he would not be denied, not only eventually cutting the fastest lap of the race, but also splitting off for his own pit strategy early. Knocking out both pit stops inside the first 15 minutes, Prieto would be on his own to the very end, picking up a well deserved victory, and the last Pro Class win for 2018.

His closest competition would actually cross the line first however, as sports car racer Craig Stanton made his first run at CalSpeed in 2018, jumping into the Pro Class at the last second to snag some seat time ahead of another car race coming up. The talented Masters driver showed no lack of speed -clocking a lap just .033 seconds slower then the aforementioned Prieto- but he would get bottled up in traffic on more than one occasion. Unfortunately, Stanton was not on the same page in terms of pit stops, and would only make one trip down pit lane over the course of the hour. After the penalty was assessed, he would be moved to the second spot on the podium. For his part, season long Pro-Class runner Tony Wika put up his best performance of the year, and claimed the third step on the podium ahead of Matt Steele, returning after recovering from some health issues earlier this year.

Sport Class

Coming into the Season Finale, Taylor Hays held the point lead and needed a top five or better to clinch, regardless of what his closest competitors were able to do. Those challengers were Alyssa Yauney and Sean Fite, the pair separated by very few points themselves, jockeying not only for a shot at the overall, but their own places on the podium. Adding to the story, all three were also vying for the Summer



PRO Winner Andres Priebo

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- 2. Craig Stanton
- 3. Tony Wika

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- Taylor Hays 1.
- Sean Fite 2.

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- Alyssa Yauney 3.
- Anthony Severson 4.
 - Chris Huerta





Series title, and with just 14 points across the trio, every position, and every lap led could make the difference...

Dmitry Korotkov would lead the field into the esses for the first time, himself earning a spot on the grid late in the going when another driver had to back out. And while lap one may have belonged to him, it was Tom Zevin taking over by lap two; although even his time at the front would be short-lived. The rest of the pack was closing in; a hungry group of drivers hoping to get to the front and stay there, each looking to bring home the Silver Flag trophy on the top step. First Anthony Severson took a shot at it; but was immediately dispatched by the #4 guy in the point standings, Chris Huerta; but even he didn't last long. While Severson and Huerta had come up from sixth and seventh on the grid respectively, the wave from even further back was coming with a lot of momentum, led by Jose Da Silva. Having come up from 11th on the grid, da Silva brought with him each of the title contenders, and while he did lead a few laps when he reached the sharp end, even he was not safe from attack. The overall point leader took over the top spot before the twenty-minute mark, and would be the first driver to maintain a hold over it as well. Leading with da Silva in tow, he would also carry Sean Fite, former leaders Severson and Huerta, as well as fellow title rival Alyssa Yauney in the lead grouping.

Pit stops would shake things up, pushing both Severson and Huerta back to 4th and 5th respectively, and after Da Silva was dropped from the lead pack due to serving a penalty for a pit stop infraction, it would be the top three in the standings fighting for the top three spots in the race. With Hays out front -and subsequently secure in the overall championship- the focus began to turn to the Summer Series as the laps clicked off. Yauney would be the first to blink, hitting pit road for the first time shortly after the ten-minute board went up, and actually made her second stop just two laps later. Bother of her rivals elected to go back-to-back in their pit stop strategy, with Hays coming in first, and Fite finishing things off for the lead trio. Hays and Yauney were nearly matched in their stop times, each eclipsing Fite by about three-quarters of a second; the deficit shown as the latter exited the pits for the final time.

Starting the final lap, it was Hays-Yauney-Fite; the trio all with one last chance to make something happen. However, as the final lap progressed, and the leaders started up the hill from her Tecnico section, a slight advantage of Hays over Yauney acted as a bit of a safety net, and for Fite, an opening to try one last shot at the second spot. Heading into the bypass corner for the final time, Fite surged in along side, and was able to steal away the second spot, making it Hays-Fite-Yauney at the line. But not only did he steal the second spot, he crucially swung the points by 10, and in his favor. When the points were finally tallied, it would indeed be Taylor Hays winning his second IronMan Series overall championship, with Alyssa Yauney holding on for second and Sean Fite, third. But in the Summer Series it would be Fite and Hays tied for the lead, and Yauney 1-point back; with Fite winning on the tie breaker. That pass for 2nd by Fite, would turn into the pass for the Summer Series Championship...



Overall Final Standings Sport

- 1. **Taylor Hays** 2. Alyssa Yauney
- 3. Sean Fite
- 4. **Chris Huerta**
- Jose da Silva 5.
- Adam Nagao 6.
- 7. **Steve Spring**
- 8. Lukas Dziemidok
- 9. **Anthony Severson**
- TJ Blackledge 10.





Winter Series

Sean Fite

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Taylor Hays

Chris Huerta

Jose da Silva

Alyssa Yauney

Summer Series

Taylor Hays

Alyssa Yauney

Jose da Silva

Adam Nagao

Sean Fite



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A-Main WINNER Diego Morales

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A MAIN RESULTS

1	31	Diego Morales [M]
2	58	Patrick Britain
3	29	Adam Nagao
4	43	Sean Fite
5	37	Chris Huerta

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B-Main WINNER Ariel Rubio

B MAIN RESULTS

1	37	Ariel Rubio [M]
2	35	Chris Carter [M]
3	23	Tony Wika [GM][S]
4	58	Jeremy Aldridge [N
5	30	Don Diego Veloria



C MAIN RESULTS

- 1 21 Justin Altman [S]
- 2 29 Lee Nguyen [S]
- 3 51 Zachary Francavilla [S]
- 4 31 Chase Nickells [S]
- 5 34 Brad Harvey [M][S]



alSpeed's Tecnico circuit would be the final playground for the 2018 Super Series season, and while the overall championship had been wrapped up by Alyssa Yauney one round prior, all other championships -including an eight driver battle for the overall podium- were still up in the air. In what had already been one of the most exciting years in series history, the 2018 Season Finale carried on that tradition, and did not disappoint...

Qualifying would see a couple of new faces at the top of the charts, as the ever-improving Doug Yauney -Alyssa's fatherbrought home his best ever performance via his first career pole position, while up and coming talent Evan Karp secured the second spot overall. Capping off a season that already saw him with arguably the best qualifying consistency of any driver, Chris Huerta picked up the third overall position, carrying with it pole position for heat three, and his series-leading 17th bonus point in qualifying.

The heat races would continue the trend of the year, as the 10-driver invert forced drivers to work as hard as ever to find the front to make it two solid heats, and make it to the coveted A-Main. Heat wins would go to six different drivers, as Adam Nagao, Evan Karp, Andres Prieto, Sean Fite, Diego Morales, and Patrick Britain would all bring home the honors; but it would be Bill Kreig -with a pair of 2nds- scoring pole for the final A-Main of the year...

The first Main of the day would continue the tone of unpredictability set early in the day, as pole sitter Justin Altman came under fire immediately at the start of the C-Main, falling straight back to 4th spot by lap 2. Former Sprint Series C-Main winner, young Zachary Francavilla looked to duplicate that feat in the Super Series, taking over the top spot from Altman, holding on to it for those opening laps. Lee Nguyen and Chase Nickells would join the lead quartet, both looking to make something happen, and the resulting infighting saw positions change nearly every lap. Altman would surge back to the front, taking over at the halfway point, but again would come under fire from Francavilla. This time however, he would only slip to second, and once taking the spot back one lap later, would be able to hold on to the finish to score the C-Main win, and transfer position. The battle would continue behind him however, and it would become a four-way battle -and eventual drag race- to the finish line, with 2nd-5th separated by just .188 seconds...

Like we have seen on multiple occasions, single drivers or even small groups can break away when there is a lot of battling and jostling for position behind them, and that's exactly what happened in the B-Main. With the infighting behind them, pole sitter veteran Masters drivers Chris Carter and Ariel Rubio were able to squirt away from the pack, eventually securing a near 3-second lead. While most of the race saw Rubio work together with his impromptu teammate, he did take a stab at the front once, with Carter immediately taking the lead back one lap later. Instead of getting into a back-and-forth that would



Pole - Doug Yauney



A Main Podium



B-Main Winner Ariel Rubio

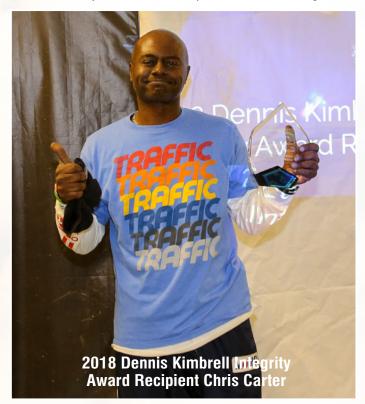


C-Main Winner Justin Altman



cost them their advantage, Rubio returned to his 'pusher' role. On the final lap however, it was all to play for, with the onetime leader leaving it to the final complex to make his move. Carrying a run out of Kornakurva, Ariel moved inside of Carter into the Bypass corner, stealing away the B-Main win and with it, a transfer on to the A.

The final A-Main of the 2018 Super Series season would see consistency from the heats prevail, as Bill Kreig would



lead the field into the Esses for the first time on the back of a pair of second place finishes in his heats. Along side him would be the rising star Evan Karp, with Chris Huerta and Patrick Britain making up row two, with newly crowned champ Alyssa Yauney and round #9 winner Andres Prieto slotting in to the third row. At the start it was Kreig leading the field through the Esses and into the lead from pole, pushed along by Huerta, but his time at the top would be short-lived.

Super Series Championship

1	Alyssa Yauney	3015
2	Sean Fite	2866
3	Chris Huerta	2847
4	Diego Morales	2840
5	Patrick Britain	2766
6	Charles Eichlin	2761
7	Bill Kreig	2753
8	Taylor Hays	2702
9	Adam Nagao	2673
10	Alexander Bermudez	2657

Huerta would go from follower to leader on lap two, taking over the sharp end and holding it for the next several laps, with Kreig slipping back to third with Patrick Britain taking over runner-up duties. That trio would hold station into the second half of the race, but would not be able to shake the rest of the pack, with one driver in particular making serious in-roads to the front. That driver would be Diego Morales; Masters point leader and championship hopeful, looking to seal the deal on his first title by securing another A-Main win. Starting eighth but moving into 6th by the end of the first lap, he would slowly march up through the lead group, getting inside the top three with five to go. When Britain made his move for the lead on lap 13, Morales came too, and when the white flag flew, it was Britain VS Morales, with a hungry pack just behind. With a move and counter move, the duo would drag race to the line, with Morales coming out on top for his 5th career win, securing his first Masters Championship in the process. For his part, Britain would miraculously climb from 10th to 5th in the overall standings in the final event, while Adam Nagao would come out of the craziness just behind the lead two, and snag a final podium for his efforts.





Masters Championship

1	Diego Morales	2840
2	Alexander Bermudez	2657
3	Jose da Silva	2573
4	Steve Spring	2423
5	Rodney Bryant	2363

Grand Masters Championship

1	Tony Wika	1570
2	Tom Zevin	1558
3	Jeff Latimer	1538
4	Brian Starr	1095
5	Gilbert Perez	955

Sportsman Championship

1	Rodney Bryant	2363
2	Sam Hunt	2310
3	Scott Milne	2211
4	Mark Sternberg	2100
5	Dmitry Korotkov	1984



























































The Tecnico circuit would play host to the 2018 Tri-C Karters Season Finale, and with titles and hardware positions on the line, it was an exciting day from start to finish. CSK Racing had already locked in several podium spots and even a championship heading into the event, but there was still much to play for in the final race of the season, with plenty of bragging rights to go along with the results. And with the awards banquet immediately following the event as well, competitors did not have long to wait to hoist up their 2018 spoils...

VLR Spec 206

A new face would kick things off at the front, as Jose da Silva scored his first career pole position by beating out CSK Racing stablemate Adam Nagao by just .04 seconds in the greenwhite-checkered qualifying. Heat one would see Jose lead from the get-go, with Nagao slotting into second, while point leader Mark Connell would get pushed wide in the turn one melee. Aside from the early entanglements, the front-runners held station for much of the race, until about two to go when Nagao stole away the top spot, and the eventual heat one win. For his part, Connell charged back towards the front, albeit settling for a sixth and the fast lap of the race. Heat two would again see Da Silva lead the opening lap -this time from the outside of front row- but the driver going to the front was Lukas Dziemidok. Lukas would find the front after just a pair of circuits, holding on for his first heat race win of the year, while Jose had to settle for second for the second time. Title contenders TJ Blackledge and Mark Connell would slot into 3rd and 4th respectively, while heat one winner Nagao would fall to 5th at the checkers.

Dziemidok would lead things away at the start of the 16-lap Main, but it would be Blackledge taking over the top spot after the opening few laps, with Connell slotting into third. This lead trio would break away from the rest of the pack, with the top two eventually splitting away for a two-horse race. When the checkers finally fell it was an incredible 5th win on the year for the young Blackledge, with Dziemidok crossing the line second for his fifth podium of the year. But earning his 6th podium -and with it- the 2018 VLR Spec Championship was Mark Connell, besting his third overall from last year.

FINAL VLR Spec 206 Top 5 Points:

1)	Mark Connell	2694
2)	TJ Blackledge	2628
3)	Lukas Dziemidok	2477
4)	Sean Bradley	2390
5)	Adam Nagao	2188

Senior 206

Of the three 206 classes CSK Racing entered, it was the Senior category that would be the nail-biter on the day; it all came down to the final laps in the main before it was decided. CSK Racing's Derek Esquibel entered with a mere seven-point lead after the bad luck from the previous round, a lead cut back to two points after missing the pole position to his title rival in qualifying. Bouncing back in the first heat race, Esquibel would link up with stablemate Adam Nagao in the opening circuits, going 1-2 for the first half of the eight-lap race. When the checkers fell on heat one it was Derek earning his 9th heat race win on the season, and with it, lengthening his lead in the points back out to 12. Heat race two would see Derek again at the front, this time linked up with fellow VLR team driver and 2018 KPX Senior champion David Vasquez, the duo eventually cruising to a 1-2 at the line, albeit with Vasquez snagging the heat two victory. Critically, Esquibel's lead grew by another 21 markers, as title rival KC Cook would have an unfortunate DNF after a mechanical issue.

For the main the goal for Derek was clear: stay towards the front, and be sure to finish; a top three finish would secure him the title no matter what happened, even if Cook won with fastest lap. For nearly the entire Main event it would be Vasquez leading Esquibel; the latter comfortable in his pushing position until just a couple of laps to go. However, his rival had made it up to the front group over the course of those 14 laps, making the final pair of circuits a dogfight. When the dust all settled, Derek Esquibel not only claimed his 5th podium of the year, but also the 2018 206 Senior Championship in the process. Adding to the CSK Racing success, Team Principal Mike Smith was able to hold on for 3rd in the class as well, making it a 1-3 for the team in the category for the second year in a row.

FINAL 206 Senior Top 5 Points:

Derek Esquibel	2661
KC Cook	2638
Mike Smith	2529
Riley Dugan	2497
Drew Zeller	2390
	KC Cook Mike Smith Riley Dugan

206 Masters

With both Mike Smith and Mark Connell locking in the top two spots in the points in round seven, each decided to sit out the finale, and it gave a bit of a glimpse of what we could expect to see in the 2019 season. Showing he would be the immediate one to watch, Lukas Dziemidok added 5 bonus points to his bid for 3rd overall in the standings, scoring his second pole position on the year. Filling out the front row would



be 2017 TAG Masters champ Roy Steele, who was looking his best ever in the 206 package that weekend. In the first heat race, however, it was Jose da Silva making good on his solid speed, moving up from third at the start to bring home the win, with Lukas settling for second by just .051 seconds at the line. Heat #2 would see Dziemidok on the attack and getting to the front right away, but again coming under fire from his rivals. Once again it was da Silva putting on the heavy pressure, making his way past for the lead at about the halfway point, but this time Sean Bradley also came into the mix. Having clocked the fastest lap in heat one, Bradley took the fight to Lukas, dropping the pole sitter down to third when the checkers fell. In the Main event, it would be the double heat race winner leading away from the front, as Jose da Silva looked to make it a sweep on the day. Behind him applying the pressure would be his day-long rival Lukas Dziemidok, while Sean Bradley slotted into third at the start. It was a train about five drivers long in the opening laps, but then on lap six, the fighting began, allowing the top two to split away, while third on back battled for position. Dziemidok would make the move on that same lap, and with Da Silva pushing him, the duo pulled away from the infighting, where Roy Steele would come out on top. For Steele, it would be his first podium of the year, but too far back to challenge for the win. Up front, Lukas would find just a little

bit more and hold on for his first career win, and with it, the third spot in the Masters Standings. For his part, Jose would score enough points on the day to snag the top spot in the G50 Grand Masters subcategory as well, capping off an excellent rookie year for the duo.

FINAL 206 Masters Top 5 Points:

1)	Mike Smith	2813
2)	Mark Connell	2557
3)	Lukas Dziemidok	2504
4)	Sean Bradley	2461
5)	Jose da Silva	2365

CSK Racing would like to again thank all of their customers for coming out to round #8, and the entirety of the 2018 Tri-C Karters season. The second year for the team has been an exciting and successful one, and we are looking forward to doing it again in 2019!

Want to get in on the fun? Hit us up to get on track in one of our rental packages, or inquire about how you can get coaching from some of the best in the 206 business here in the off-season. Want to own your own VLR or get an exclusive ride for the 2019 season? Inquire with us about our lease options, or used team karts for sale. And remember, CSK Racing offers VLR kart and part sales trackside at CalSpeed Karting, so feel free to contact us for all your VLR needs!

























2018 CALSPEED Evan Karp Spencer Russell Alyssa Yauney

Evan Karp Scott Miline Chris Huerta Spencer Russell Rodney Bryant Taylor Hays Alyssa Yauney Alexander Bermudez Diego Morales



AWARD WINNERS Patrick Britain Jose da Silva Sean Fite

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Calspeed Karting schedule 2018



R1	Jan 6	RESULTS
R2	Feb 3	RESULTS
R3	Mar 3	RESULTS
R4	Apr 14	RESULTS
R5	May 12	RESULTS



R1	Jan 20	RESULTS
R2	Feb 10	RESULTS
R3	Mar 31	RESULTS
R4	Apr 28	RESULTS
R5	May 26	RESULTS

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R1	Jan 20	RESULTS
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R4	Apr 28	RESULTS
R5	May 26	RESULTS



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R9	Sep 8	RE
R10	Oct 13	RE

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R8	Aug	18	
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R10	Nov	10	<u>RESI</u>

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Tri-C Point Standings

R5	July 28	RESULTS
R6	September 1	RESULTS
R7	October 6	RESULTS
R8	October 27	RESULTS