

# CalSpeed

## KARTING



## DA DOUBLE FOR DA SILVA

JOSE DA SILVA STRIKES TWICE WITH AN IRONMAN ROUND 2  
WIN AND A WIN IN MASTERS 206 AT TRI C KARTERS

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## **ROUND 1 FEB 2**

**T**he competition karting season at CalSpeed Karting kicked things off this past weekend with the opening round of the Tri-C Karters Club, the series of choice for the CSK Racing team. Like the season opener last year, rain would be in the forecast, but unlike last year it would be wet throughout the entire day -extremely so at times. With an eventually modified course to avoid water and a shortened day that not only saw just the mains run, but laps cut as well, it was a tough challenge for all of the teams, drivers, and officials.

Still, CSK Racing would be able to take what they learned from the previous year's deluge, coming into the event more prepared than ever, resulting in no mechanical issues throughout the day even with the extreme conditions. Not only that, but they would leave round #1 with a sold amount of hardware...

### **100CC TAG MASTERS**

New for this year is the inclusion of the 100cc Tag Masters category under the CSK Racing team tent, with now 2-time 206 champion Mark Connell moving on into the 2-stroke ranks. Carrying the flag for the VLR chassis brand in the 100cc game at Tri-C, Connell showed to be very strong in the dry during Friday practice, even though it was only his second day in the package.

While he did win in the 206 Spec category in the wet conditions last year, 2019 would prove to be a bigger challenge for the 3rd year driver, pushing to come to grips with the power plant and the tricky conditions on hand. Still, he would improve every time he would hit the track, going virtually mistake free to score a podium in his very first 100cc event. It proved that not making mistakes is the key to a good finish in the wet, and he brought home his KA100 powered VLR chassis home 3rd for a solid start to the season.

#### **100CC TAG MASTERS (TOP 5)**

Bryan Williams	400
Nick Dyer	390
Mark Connell	380
Robert Perez	377
Mike Dyer	376

### **206 MASTERS**

CSK Racing saw 5 drivers in the Masters 206 ranks, with four out of the five returning from last year, including Lukas Dziemidok and Jose Da Silva, who finished 1-2 in the season finale last year. Dziemidok would pick up where he left off in 2018, securing the first pole position of the season, and the third of his career, with da Silva securing the #2 spot. With rain shortening the day to just the mains, these two would lead the field away for their only race of the day...

In quite possibly the worst conditions of the day, the Masters 206 field took the green on the altered Grande CCW layout, and immediately Lukas lost the top spot after choosing the wrong lane through the water. Da Silva was quick to pounce, taking over the top spot, while the former pole sitter fell to second and almost third. Cutting the fast lap along the way, Dziemidok charged back to just arrive at the back bumper of Jose, but would be forced to settle for second, with Jose da Silva picking up his first career win in a 206 after a flawless drive in the wet.

Of note behind the top two, newcomer to 206 racing -John Rice- would work his way up from the back by being mistake-free, holding off a charge from fellow sport karter Pietro Moro at the end to securing the fifth position. This put three CSK Racing drivers in the top five to start off the new season in the 206 Masters category. And for Lukas Dziemidok's part, scoring some crucial bonus points for pole and fast lap in the main sees him tied with race winner Jose da Silva for the top spot in the standings...

#### **206 MASTERS (TOP 5)**

Jose da Silva	400
Lukas Dziemidok	400
Richard Fitzgerald	380
Les Nanson	376
John Rice	372

### **206 SENIOR**

Like the Masters category, Senior 206 saw several drivers returning from last year, albeit from either the former Spec Class, or via Masters drivers looking for a second class to run. Newcomers to the fold -Seth Willits and Mark Sternberg- put in laps on Friday, and looked to really have a handle on things in the dry. Come race day in the wet, it was Willits who really showed what he could do, backing up pace he had shown as a rental driver in the season finale last year.

Like the other categories too, the Senior Main would be the only race they would run, but theirs would not be as short, going for 12 laps as the worst of the weather would come later in the schedule. Willits would lead all other CSK Racing pilots from the 3rd starting

spot, slotting into position once the green flag flew, but then was gifted a spot when second place spun in the hairpin. Once in second, the rookie driver drove more like a veteran in the rain, staying mistake free while cutting similar laps to the leader, while keeping his foes at bay. His reward would be a 2nd place in just his second 206 race, and with it some very solid points to start the year off right.

CSK Racing stablemate Adam Nagao would also put up solid numbers over the course of the day, going 2nd-quick in morning warm up before qualifying inside the top five to start just behind Willits at the start. The returning driver from last year was also able to go nearly mistake free, and held on for a 4th overall, and a top five in the points standings to kick off his championship season.

#### **206 SENIOR (TOP 5)**

Dakota Tate	405
Seth Willits	390
Riley Dugan	380
Adam Nagao	376
Logan Calderwood	373

CSK Racing would like to again thank all of their customers for braving the elements and coming out to the season opener, as well as congratulate all of our drivers for their success in round #1. We're looking forward to round #2 on the Sportivo configuration on April 20th, albeit after about a two month break. 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. And remember, CSK Rcskacing offers VLR kart and part sales trackside at CalSpeed Karting, so feel free to hit us up for all your VLR needs!







# IronMan Winner

*Jose da Silva*



## IRONMAN RESULTS

1	56	Jose da Silva
2	33	Adam Nagao
3	29	Evan Karp
4	43	Paulo Franca
5	20	Samuel Hunt



### ROUND 2 Feb 16

Round #2 for the CalSpeed IronMan Series would take to the longest of the reverse-direction layouts at CalSpeed this past Saturday, with the Grande Counter Clockwise configuration the track of choice. As the first race of the year that sees the customary inverted start from the previous rounds results, there was strategy and on track action a-plenty, with drivers pushing to either get to the front, or stay there...

After suffering a mechanical issue in the season opener, Adam Nagao looked to bounce back in round #2 from the pole position, and would indeed lead the opening few circuits of the event. Also looking to bounce back from a tough season opener was Jose da Silva, starting in the 5th position, and making quick progress to the sharp end to meet Nagao by the end of the opening lap. He would stay there and push for the opening handful of laps before taking over the top spot, as the former leader dropped to second, with Evan Karp in tow for third. The lead trio would stay status quo for the next 10 or so laps, except with Jose earning a gap via traffic, where both Nagao and Karp instead lost time.

For the rest of the race it was all Jose da Silva, clicking off consistent, fast laps for the duration of the race, maintaining a steady gap that only widened with every battle behind him. Those battles would start with Karp vs Nagao on lap 16, the duo having finally made it past the lapped -albeit fast- traffic of Ayrton Demoss, as Karp took over the second spot. Again there would be no change for the next several laps, until round #1 podium runner Paulo Franca moved up from fourth to second just before the 30-minute board. Up and coming talent Tyler Redman also entered the conversation at that time, following Franca through to take over the 4th spot from Karp, he was demoted in quick succession from 2nd to 5th. Things would stay fairly unchanged however for the next fifteen or so laps, with everything really getting shook up when pit stops started with the 10-minute board...

Franca would be the first to blink, pitting on lap 43, with the rest of the top five coming in for each of their two required stops over the next four laps, back to back. After Franca was Nagao, then Karp, and finally Redman, but two of the four would push things too far in pit lane, with both Franca and Redman getting stop box violations in the process. What was once a four-horse race for the final two podium spots, now saw Adam Nagao and Evan Karp cruise to second and third respectively.

But out front it was all Jose da Silva; snagging an elusive second career IronMan Series win, after being very close on many occasions. By also leading the most laps of the race, he takes over as point leader as well, with one drop calculated.

Round #3 of the CalSpeed IronMan Series takes to the Grande track in about a month and a half on March 30th; spots are still available, so register today!



## IronMan Points - Best Drop

1	Jose da Silva	105	48
2	Samuel Hunt	103	80
3	Adam Nagao	98	24

4	Andrew Wood	98	0
5	Paulo Franca	95	85
6	Evan Karp	90	54
7	Chris Huerta	88	48
8	Sean Fite	83	72
9	Alyssa Yauney	78	72
10	Luis Calderon	75	60







A go-kart with a green, white, and blue livery and the number 52 is shown from a side-rear perspective on a racetrack. The driver is wearing a white racing suit and a helmet. The background is a blurred racetrack with blue and white curbing.

# **SUPER SERIES**

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ROUND 2 FEB 16

## **A-Main**

**A-Main WINNER**

***Logan Calvin***

### **A MAIN RESULTS**

1	52	Logan Calvin
2	33	Sean Fite
3	59	Alyssa Yauney
4	27	Paulo Franca
5	47	Patrick Britain

# B-Main

**B-Main WINNER**

***Paulo Franca***

## B MAIN RESULTS

1	54	Paulo Franca
2	52	Max Demoss Sr. [M][S]
3	59	Chris Carter [M]
4	51	Kirk Feldkamp
5	46	Seth Willits [S]

# C-Main

**C-Main WINNER**

***Roddy Balanga***

## C MAIN RESULTS

1	31	Roddy Balanga [S]
2	53	Rodney Bryant [M]
3	37	Mike Carlson [M][S]
4	51	Edison Noboa [M][S]
5	57	Mike Gonzales [S]

# **SUPER SERIES**

ARRIVE AND DRIVE | KART RACING

**ROUND 2 FEB 16**

The Grande CCW layout would play host to the CalSpeed Super Series for round #2, and once again it would be an action packed day, as drivers continued to come to grips with the reconfigured CalSpeed Karting configurations. As this was the second event though, most of the drivers had seen the new bits before, and especially for the veterans, the high speed nature of the old parts was a welcome sight as well.

Morning warm up would actually take place a little later in the day, as the IronMan Series finished a little late as they had to wait for the track to dry. Still, this did not deter the Super Series field from putting up some very solid times in the green/white/checkered qualifying session, with Sam Hunt coming away with his first career pole position. Clocking in the second and third fastest laps -and therefore pole positions for heats 1b and 1c- were one-off starter Logan Calvin, and title contender Sean Fite.

Like we saw in the season opener, it would be the Super Series veterans and experienced karters that had a strangle hold on the heat races, with Paulo Franca scoring the first heat win of the day, followed by Taylor Hays and Sean Fite for the first trio of heats. And while Logan Calvin and Patrick Britain scored victories for heats 2b and 2c, the biggest story may have been Evan Karp. After coming up light at the scales in qualifying, Karp had a stellar drive from last in his first heat to get to 10th; the final invert spot. He was then able to capitalize on the infighting in heat 2a for the win, making for a impressive recovery from the morning. Overall it would be Logan Calvin and Sean Fite sharing the front row of the A-Main after their 1st and 3rd place finishes, the tie breaker coming from qualifying, and Calvin's quiker time.

Unlike last month, the C-Main for round #2 would be a dogfight, with no less than five drivers looking like they had a shot at the win over the course of the 12 lap race. Starting from pole, Antonio Aranda looked to have the pace to keep the field at bay, but after continuously earning warnings for 4-wheels off, would earn a penalty that took him out of the fight. Trevor Volin was also in the lead pack, taking over the lead with the exit of Aranda, but he too would earn a penalty having moved into the lead via contact. In the final laps it was Nor-Cal driver Roddy Balanga scoring the hardware over Rodney Bryant, with Mike Carlson surviving a hornet's nest to come away third.

This time around it would be the B-Main that was the calm one, at least at the very front. Max Demoss Sr would lead the field away at the start, but it would be heat race winner Paulo Franca taking over the lead early, and with it Demoss' A-Main hopes. Still, it was a solid drive from Demoss who nearly matched the lap times of his more experienced rival, while also maintaining the gap back to Chris Carter in third. For Carter, he was able to win out among the intense battle that



**Pole - Sam Hunt**



**A Main Podium**



**B-Main Winner Paulo Franca**



**C-Main Winner Roddy Balanga**



**Super Series Points Leader Logan Calvin**

ensued for 3rd, eventually pulling away from the infighting that saw a battle royale take place from 4th on back.

Logan Calvin would lead the field to the green, but it would be Sean Fite emerging from turn number one with the top spot, with Calvin slotting in behind. And while the rest of the top ten would also make it though the first corner unscathed,

the same could not be said after that, as contact dictated several position in the tight Short Beach corner. More contact in turn 11 would see the lead pack destabilized further, and by the time the first lap was over, Calvin and Fite had over a second lead on third. This advantage would only grow as the laps wore on, as Calvin dutifully remained the pusher for

## Super Series Points - Best Drop

1)	Logan Calvin	404	(0)	6)	Patrick Britain	370	(0)
2)	Charles Eichlin	395	(0)	7)	Adam Nagao	367	(347)
3)	Sean Fite	394	(375)	8)	Jon Kimbrell	358	(300)
4)	Paulo Franca	385	(314)	9)	Taylor Hays	357	(321)
5)	Alyssa Yauney	370	(310)	10)	Jose da Silva [M]	356	(338)



**2nd in Points  
Charles Eichlin**



**3rd in Points  
Sean Fite**

Fite, not breaking ranks until deep into the race.

Behind the lead duo was a similar story, as Patrick Britain led over Alyssa Yaunev for the opening handful of circuits before the reigning champ made her move to second. This move cost them very little time, as they continued to lead a quartet of drivers that also included Adam Nagao and Taylor Hays. Things would change in the final few laps however, as Paulo Franca moved into the picture, with the whol front group eventually getting split up via the infighting. Out front it was just a two horse race, and with two laps to go, Calvin made his move to the lead. Fite would make a few looks, but it wasn't until a defensive move by Calvin in the bustop corner on the final lap that he got close. It would be a drag race to the checkers, with Logan Calvin earning his 13th career win in the Super Series over Sean Fite by just .013 seconds. Alyssa Yaunev would come away with the final podium spot after post race penalties were handed down, indicative of hard racing that had ensued.

The CalSpeed Super Series returns March 30th on the longest course of the season, Grande. This will be the first Super Series event for the clockwise direction on the new layout, so it should be an exciting one. Don't miss out!

# **S SUPER SERIES**

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## **Masters Points**

1	Jose da Silva [M]	356	338
2	Diego Morales [M]	355	0
3	Sheng Wu [M]	329	195
4	Ariel Rubio [M]	307	197
5	Randy McKee [M][S]	307	297

## **Grand Masters Points**

1	Tony Wika [GM][S]	219	214
2	John Rice [GM][S]	213	191
3	Vladimir Orlov [GM][S]	209	110
4	Jeff Latimer [GM][S]	203	133
5	Tom Zevin [GM][S]	191	186

## **Sportsman Points**

1	Spencer Russell [S]	342	285
2	Evan Karp [S]	326	319
3	Randy McKee [M][S]	307	297
4	Doug Yaunev [M][S]	282	189
5	Adrian Jones [S]	277	215





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## KARTING

# schedule 2019

### **SPRINT SERIES**

ARRIVE AND DRIVE | KART RACING

R1	Jan 5	<a href="#">RESULTS</a>
R2	Jan 26	<a href="#">RESULTS</a>
R3	Mar 9	Grande
R4	Apr 6	Sportivo
R5	May 4	Tecnico

### *Sprint Series Point Standings*

R6	Jun 1	Temp Course
R7	Jul 13	Nuotivo
R8	Aug 10	Classico
R9	Sep 7	Classico CCW
R10	Oct 5	Tecnico

### **SUPER SERIES**

ARRIVE AND DRIVE | KART RACING

R1	Jan 20	<a href="#">RESULTS</a>
R2	Feb 16	<a href="#">RESULTS</a>
R3	Mar 30	Grande
R4	Apr 27	Sportivo
R5	May 18	Tecnico

### *Super Series Point Standings*

R6	Jun 22	Temp Course
R7	July 27	Nuotivo
R8	Aug 11	Classico GP (Sun)
R9	Sep 28	Classico CCW
R10	Nov 2	Tecnico

### **IRONMAN**

ONE HOUR ENDURANCE RACE

R1	Jan 20	<a href="#">RESULTS</a>
R2	Feb 16	<a href="#">RESULTS</a>
R3	Mar 30	Grande
R4	Apr 27	Sportivo
R5	May 18	Tecnico

### *IronMan Point Standings*

R6	Jun 22	Temp Course
R7	July 27	Nuotivo 2 Hour
R8	Aug 11	Classico (Sun)
R9	Sep 28	Classico CCW
R10	Nov 2	Tecnico



### @ Tri-C Karters 2019

R1	Feb 2	<a href="#">RESULTS</a>
R2	April 20	RESULTS
R3	May 11	RESULTS
R4	June 15	RESULTS
R5	July 6	RESULTS

### *Tri-C Point Standings*

R6	Aug 17	RESULTS
R7	Sept 21	RESULTS
R8	Oct 19	RESULTS