









# **SPRINT SERIES**

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#### Round & March 9

print Series Round 3 marked the first time around the course in clockwise fashion as drivers took to the redone Grande configuration for the first time since 2018. For many drivers, the Race Clinic would prove a boon to preparation and for one such driver, a rather sweeping result for the day...

#### Practice/Quali

This round's qualifying would favor drivers able to figure out the nuances of the updated Grande course. Top performers included names with increasing familiarity like Seth Willits and Jacob Abrams— it was Pietro Moro however with the job well done, setting pole at a 1:11.875.

#### C-Main

The fight for the C-Main win was a fantastic duel for the entirety of the race. Devins Baker and new driver Hancheng Pan may have been miles ahead of the rest but the two maintained a dogfight lap after lap. Not to mention Donnie Clarke— after the mishap earlier in the day, this hardware earner shot out of near last and scored third, with Baker sitting on the top followed by Pan.

#### **B-Main**

The fight for the B-Main win started between Max Demoss, James Lieser and Forenz Arabian. All the while, Juan Ricart quietly cut his way towards the front group as they jockeyed for position. Things didn't stay clean however— with penalties causing a stir amongst the drivers, Arabian became the de facto leader with 1 lap to go. Down to the checkered, he'd defend his position for the win followed by Lieser and Ricart in third.

#### A-Main

The A-Main green flag immediately saw Moro at the forefront, having scored P1 during his heat race, Tyler Redman and Chase Nickells following. The former would keep a very steady hold on Moro for almost the entirety of the race. Abrams meanwhile charged up the ranks, dispatching driver after driver until finally within distance of a win, now in front of Redman. As Moro gripped the lead with the 2 others looming behind, Abrams pushed the envelope a smidge too far, earning a penalty relegating him to the 3rd step of the podium. The race wrapped up with Moro scoring his first ever win in the Sprint Series.



**A Main Podium** 



**B-Main Winner Forenz Arabian** 



**C-Main Winner Devins Baker** 



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## Current Standings Name Points w/drop

1)	Pietro Moro	570	(205)
2)	<b>Ronnie Swaim Jr</b>	565	(148)
3)	Randy McKee	560	(256)
4)	Seth Willits	550	(242)
5)	Tyler Redman	548	(195)





























#### Round & March Bo

The third round in the 2019 IronMan Series championship took to the longest track on the calendar, Grande. Drivers would be heading in the clockwise direction for the first time this season, and would be welcomed by perfect weather - certainly the nicest yet this year...

Leading the field of thirty drivers away at the start would be Max Demoss Sr, and he would maintain the top spot for the opening 11 laps of the event, only briefly losing the lead to Diego Morales, who served a drive through penalty before crossing the line to get the credit. Having started 10th, Morales had made quick inroads to the sharp end from the drop of the green, and even after serving the penalty, would not be deterred. Dropping back to 9th after the penalty, Morales attacked once again, and began his march back to the front.

While Demoss commanded the front, he carried with him a train of karts whose constant squabbling for position would keep them from making moves for the lead. The first driver to break the mold -and the infighting- was Sean Fite, taking over the top spot from Demoss after the aforementioned 11th lap. His reign would be short lived however, as the push to snag the bonus points for leading a lap were strong in the front pack. Chris Huerta would take his turn at the front after Fite had it for only two circuits, but even his rule would be cut short as Morales finally made it back to the point.

From there Morales would pull out to a commanding lead, staying out front for the next 23 laps before ducking down pit road on lap 40 - the first of the leaders to do so. This opened up the opportunity for other drivers to potentially snag their own bonus points for leading, but not until both Fite and Huerta had finished their stops. The lucky drivers able to steal away those valuable points would be Jose da Silva and Paulo Franca, making the most of the opportunity afforded them.

But the driver really making the most of a great opportunity was Diego Morales, retaking the lead just before two laps to go, cruising to the win while leading the most laps as well. It was not so cut and dried behind him however, as varying strategies and some strong runs through traffic late in the race would shake up the top 5 finishing order.

Though he spent nearly the entire race inside the top five, it wasn't until the pit stops began that Steve Spring made his move inside the top three; he first moved up when Morales ducked in, but then took over another spot from Chris Huerta before making the first of his own stops. He would have to get the second pot on the track however, coming out of the pits after his second stop just behind Fite, eventually making the move happen on the final lap to steal away P2 from Sean Fite, who had to settle for the final step of the podium.

And to the credit of TJ Blackledge and Luis Calderon, their alternate strategy of pitting early -before lap 10- would pay off in a big way, leapfrogging the likes of Chris Huerta to nab the 4th and 5th places respectively, having spent most of the racing just burning down laps on their own. They would come up just short of the podium in the end, which was still a very impressive run from Blackledge, especially having worked up from the 26th starting position...



#### **IronMan Points - Best Drop**

1.	Sam Hunt	183	(69)
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- 2. Paulo Franca 183 (63)
- 3. Sean Fite 176 (72)



- 5. Jose da Silva 168 (48)
- 6. Chris Huerta 166 (48)
- 7. Andrew Wood 166 (0)
- 8. Steve Spring 158 (39)
- 9. Luis Calderon 155 (60)
- 10. Alyssa Yauney 150 (36)



























































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#### Round 3 March 30

Round #3 for the 2019 CalSpeed Super Series would see its drivers take on the Grande circuit for the only time this season, and with it, their first look at the forward direction layout changes from the off season. And while the weather was much more favorable the other races so far, there was a good amount of wind that made drafting, and smart choices in the pack all the more important on the long and fast circuit...

So far this season we have seen a few individuals really get qualifying nailed down, and we saw them all at the front again for round #3. Adam Nagao would put up the provisional pole time in the second to last session, but after he handed the same kart off to Sean Fite, it was the latter that found a little extra. Fite would score pole with Nagao 2nd, while Sam Hunt backed up his qualifying prowess to score third, and the final bonus point.

With the talent pool as deep as it is, consistency in the heat races is all the more important, and those drivers able to back up their performances from heat one after the invert come away with a strong starting spot for the Mains. And it doesn't get much more consistent than winning both of your heats, which is is exactly what pole-sitter Sean Fite did. That feat would see Fite on pole for the A-Main, with Norcal driver Andres Prieto sitting along side after a heat win and a third in his heats. Other heat winners would include TJ Blackledge, Sam Hunt, and Bill Kreig, but it would be Chris Huerta's pair of 2nds and Patrick Britain's pair of top 3's that would see them lock out the second row.

The first main of the day would see standout sportsman driver Tyler Redman lead the field away, as he looked to rebound from being collected in an incident in his opening heat race. Not a usual sighting in the C-Main, Redman looked to pull away from the field early, and lock away the B-Main transfer spot with the victory. He would be able to pull away from all but one driver however, as veteran Grand Masters driver Jeff Latimer hounded from start to finish. In fact, it would be Latimer putting in the fastest lap of the race, but he just couldn't take the fight to Redman. The pair would enjoy a healthy lead on the rest of the field with Redman scoring the victory over Latimer, while Nicolas Bel finished best of the rest in in third.

The B-Main would see Max Demoss lead the way from the final standing start of the day, with Chase Nickells, Michael Chen and Spencer Russell in tow. Demoss' command of the front would stay intact for most of the Main, with the first half of the race staying nearly status quo until the mid way point. At that point there would be plenty of negotiation for the second spot -and who would get the first shot at the lead- with Spencer Russell emerging as the number one challenger. In the final couple of laps Russell would make his move to the point, but Demoss had more than just a single driver to contend with,



Pole - Sean Fite



A Main Podium



**B-Main Winner Spencer Russell** 



C-Main Winner Tyler Redman



as Alexander Bermudez entered the mix. Infighting between Demoss and Bermudez would allow Russell to have a clear advantage to the line and the B-Main win, with Bermudez edging out Demoss for second at the line.

Sean Fite would be the pole sitter for the two by two rolling start to launch the A-Main drivers, and for the first

time this season, would elect to start from the outside lane. And while Andres Prieto would start along side, it would be Patrick Britain finishing lap one in second, followed by Diego Morales who leapt up to third from the 6th starting spot, relegating Prieto back to fourth. Things would stay pretty tidy throughout most of the first half of the race, albeit

#### **Super Series Points - Best Drop**

1.	Sean Fite	779	(375)	
2.	<b>Patrick Britain</b>	<b>754</b>	(0)	
3.	Diego Morales [M]	730	(0)	
4.	Paulo Franca	718	(314)	
5.	Adam Nagao	714	(292)	

6.	Chris Huerta	701	(330)
7.	Bill Kreig	700	(340)
8.	Alyssa Yauney	696	(310)
9.	Jose da Silva [M]	694	(299)
10.	Evan Karp [S]	681	(329)





with an exchange at the front between Fite and Britain on lap five. From there however the jockeying for position increased in fervor, with Morales making his move to the point, bringing along Prieto with him. With Morales now out front and a fellow Colombian in Prieto acting the pusher, things again calmed down at the point, but there was a long train of drivers behind that were anything but. In the final lap things would erupt in a flurry of action, first at the front with Prieto making a long-awaited move for the lead on Morales, the contact seeing him slide back to 3rd, and the clutches of the waiting gaggle of drivers. The pack behind the leading would be three wide heading into Contino, with drivers flaying out across the track as they exited towards horseshoe. The action continued there as well, and heading into the final corner there was virtually no piece of track not covered by a kart.

At the checkered flag it would be Prieto out front, followed by Patrick Britain and Diego Morales, the duo somehow coming out ahead of the onslaught. Post-race, Prieto would be moved back behind Morales for the contact during the pass, allowing Patrick Britain to score his 8th career win.



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#### **Masters Points**

1	Diego Morales	730	(0)
2	Jose da Silva	694	(299)
3	Sheng Wu	629	(195)
4	Randy McKee	604	(242)
5	Steve Spring	588	(261)

#### **Grand Masters Points**

Tony Wika	483	(214)
John Rice	421	(191)
Tom Zevin	377	(181)
Jeff Latimer	356	(133)
Mike Skinner	350	(0)
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#### **Sportsman Points**

1	Evan Karp	681	(319)
2	Spencer Russell	627	(280)
3	Randy McKee	604	(242)
4	Seth Willits	603	(235)
5	Tyler Redman	536	(190)























































## schedule 2019

## SPRINT SERIES

R1 Jan 5 RESULTS

R2 Jan 26 RESULTS

R3 Mar 9 RESULTS

R4 Apr 6 Sportivo
R5 May 4 Tecnico

### SUPER SERIES

R1 Jan 20 RESULTS
R2 Feb 16 RESULTS
R3 Mar 30 RESULTS
R4 Apr 27 Sportivo
R5 May 18 Tecnico

#### IRONMAN

R1 Jan 20 RESULTS
R2 Feb 16 RESULTS
R3 Mar 30 RESULTS
R4 Apr 27 Sportivo
R5 May 18 Tecnico

#### @ Tri-C Karters 2019

R1 Feb 2
R2 April 20 RESULTS
R3 May 11 RESULTS
R4 June 15 RESULTS
R5 July 6 RESULTS

#### **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 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 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 Point Standings

R6 Aug 17 RESULTSR7 Sept 21 RESULTSR8 Oct 19 RESULTS