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ick to Back Wins for Miles Calvin



### August 8, 2020 @ Cal Speed Karting, Fontana, CA

The CalSpeed All Star Race returned for its second installment this past weekend, capping off day one of the 'Classico Grand Prix Weekend', with 18 of the best sport karters anywhere taking to the track for a 25 lap contest. With a few tweaks to the format from last year, there was more on-track action, but in the end, the same winner as 2019...

This time around the race would be split in to parts, with the first 15 laps requiring a pit stop and and a 'joker lap', and the field would reset for a final 10 lap shootout that would also require one joker lap.

Leading the randomly generated starting grid would be 2020 Super Series title contender Andres Prieto, with fellow front runner Sam Hunt, 2019 All Star podium finisher KC Cook, and two-time Super Series champ Logan Calvin in tow. The field of 18 would barrel through Kimbrell, and then Bypass before reaching Turn #4 for the first time, and the pit entrance; only CalSpeed's GM Mike Smith would elect to head down pit road on lap, having started in last. As the field continued down the hill towards Scandi, the next possible detour would be the Joker Lap entry at hairpin, and it was only Taylor Hays from 8th and Miles Calvin from 12th electing to divert from the main track on the opening circuit.

Over the next 14 laps, both pit strategy and Joker laps would break up the on track battles for position, with most of the drivers peeling off to get the job done in the opening 2/3's of the race. Miles Calvin turned out to be the big winner in the strategy game, emerging in the lead with about 5 to go. Mike Smith slotted into 2nd ahead of KC Cook and Logan Calvin, with the latter two having a drag race to the line to finish out the first segment.

Miles and Smith would lead the field to the green for the start of the final ten-lap shoot out, with Miles clearing Smith as the approached Kimbrell, and Smith fending off a three-wide maneuver to come out holding on to second. With no pit stops required in the second half, it wasn't until the Joker lap entrance that anything would differ, and it was Smith again electing for a first lap deviation. Ayrton DeMoss would follow suit through the Joker as well on lap one, ducking away from 5th to slot into 11th just down the road from Smith as the reentered mid-pack.

While Miles Calvin held on to what seemed to be a comfortable lead, one by one Smith and DeMoss would get closer to the front, but with just a few laps to go, it was apparent that Calvin had it well in hand. Miles made his stop with 4 to go and came out in front of the chasing duo-now led by DeMoss- and the battle turned to bragging



rights more than a shot at the win as the final laps clicked off. KC Cook would exit the joker on the penultimate lap just in front of the pair, but would slot in just behind at the end of the back straight, Logan Calvin sorted his joker on the last lap, and would hold on to second place at the line. But as it was in 2019, Miles Calvin was the driver to beat, and took home the Champions Fairing, signed by all the drivers in attendance for the 2020 affair.

It was for sure a blast for all the drivers and fun for those watching on the sidelines, with the tweaks to the format proving to be popular with everyone. Once again, it was a great way to cap off Saturday, and the 2021 All Star Race is already one to look forward too...





































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#### ROUND 5 - AUG 8

print Series Round 5 kicked off the action for the 2020 Classico GP Weekend here at CalSpeed and the racing was not going to disappoint. Much of last year's overall podium was in attendance, a promising show for all around...

#### Qualifying

Once qualifying got underway, it was no surprise that we'd be seeing last year's overall podium dominate the field. With all 3 quali sessions in the bag, pole would ultimately go to Chase Nickells with a 56.382.

At the green flag in heat 1C, Ayrton DeMoss led the field over Donnie Clarke and Matthew McCoy. Just as in the previous heat, infighting from P2 on back would allow DeMoss to sail away unfettered. Clarke and McCoy would continue to exchange position throughout the heat but by the checkered, it would be DeMoss scoring a dominant win with Clarke in second and McCoy wrapping up third.

#### Mains

The C-Main started off with Robert Perez at the forefront for several laps— he would soon however be challenged by a number of new drivers to the game and would drop down to third. There would be unique results to this race, however, as several DQs due to being light at scales would bump Perez all the way back to the number 1 spot for the C-Main.

The B-Main saw lots of battling in the top group— the players were Wrigley Corales, and the father-son duo of Paul and Victor Juarez. Son Victor and Corales did most of the trading for the lead while Dad Paul had much to contend with against the rest of the field. For the last few laps, Corales would be able to keep up a defense against the pair, crossing the win with Victor in 2nd and Paul 3rd.

Ayrton DeMoss took the helm quickly at the drop of the A-Main's green flag— behind him would be Matt Steele and Diego Alvarado putting on the pressure. DeMoss kept a steady grip on the lead but in spite of Alvarado's and Steele's infighting, the group of three would not ease up and would leave little breathing room for each other with each waning lap. With the white flag waving in the air, Alvarado would go with a last lap pass, not quite enough to dethrone DeMoss— but ultimately the latter would score the Sprint Series R5 win here at Classico GP Weekend with Alvarado in tow and Steele rounding out the podium.



**A Main Podium** 



**B-Main Winner Wrigley Corales** 



**C-Main Winner Robert Perez** 

# SPRINT Sprint Series Points Name Poi SERIES 1) Diego Alvarado 2) Matt Steele



name		Points	Drop
1)	Diego Alvarado	1160	(244)
2)	Matt Steele	1112	(254)
3)	Ivan Martinez	1074	(186)
4)	John Rice	1067	(186)
5)	<b>Donnie Clarke</b>	1051	(227)
6)	Tommy Haake	1033	(197)
7)	Tony Wika	1023	(208)
8)	<b>Devins Baker</b>	978	(195)
9)	<b>Michael Martin</b>	976	(0)
10)	<b>Ronnie Swaim Jr</b>	968	(0)



























#### Rounds - Aug 9

icking off day 2 for the 2020 Classico GP weekend would be the 5th round in the IronMan Series championship, the event also the start to the second half of the season. The points championship was closer than ever heading in, with Ayrton DeMoss leading the way over Sean Fite and Michael Hazlewood, the three separated by just 5 points...

Celso Pierre would lead the field up the main straight on the Classico layout for the first time, leading lap one, but immediately coming under fire from round #1 winner Chris Huerta on lap 2. He would only keep the lead for a single lap before point leader DeMoss claimed the top spot, with Huerta dutifully taking on the role of pusher. Chris had started P2 while Ayrton P4, both looking for a bit of a rebound after tough races at round #4. This pairing would hold onto the top two spots until they each pitted at about the 1/3 mark of the race, relinquishing the top spot to Sean Fite on lap 25. This would actually be the turning point in the race, as Fite would continue what he had started, taking the green flag from the 11th starting spot, before methodically working his way through the field up to third, some via on track passes, but a few others via drivers ducking down pit lane early. From there it was all Fite; staying out until the last handful of minutes, he built up his lead and would not only go on to win the race by a healthy margin, but also claim the most laps led to score a perfect 105 point haul.

Elsewhere the strategy differed, and while Huerta and Demoss ducked out of the lead as a pair after 20+ laps, other drivers pit much early, including Patrick Britain. He elected to come down pit lane on lap 2, and while he ran on an island for much of the first part of the race, when he made his second stop on lap 25, he would come out just behind another driver who just finished his stops: Ayrton DeMoss. This new pairing was enough to not only catch Huerta -who would actually exit from his second stop in front of the two- but eventually pull away to a battle of their own.

Too far back to challenge Fite for the win, but having pulled away from the once-top-three runner Huerta, Britain pushed DeMoss for the entirety of the second half of the event, building up said advantage to make it just a 2-horse race at the end. And in the end is when he struck; waiting until the final lap, Britain made his move past DeMoss heading through Kimbrell, and then stayed just defensive enough to lock up the spot, and steal away 2nd from the point leader.

And speaking of points, the win and bonus points were enough for Sean Fite to take over as the point leader, with DeMoss dropping only to 2nd, while round #4 winner Michael Hazlewood held onto third in the standings after a solid 5th place finish behind Huerta. Round #6 is already sold out, and with just three rounds to go, the championship battle is getter ever more exciting!





Standings		<b>Points</b>	Drop	
1)	Sean Fite	368	(69)	
2)	<b>Ayrton DeMoss</b>	358	(60)	
3)	Michael Hazlewood	340	(48)	
4)	<b>Andres Prieto</b>	333	(66)	
5)	Chris Huerta	316	(48)	
6)	Paulo Franca	303	(0)	
7)	<b>Patrick Britain</b>	297	(0)	
8)	Jose da Silva	285	(45)	
9)	Diego Morales	279	(57)	
10)	Tyler Redman	265	(48)	































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#### ROUND 5 - AUG 9

he month of August may mean hot temps here in Socal, but it also brings one of the most hotly-contested events on the CalSpeed calendar: The Classico Grand Prix. The crown jewel in the Super Series season, the Classico GP sees not only season regulars, but also plenty of talent coming in for a one-off shot at the biggest sprint race of the season. The 2019 affair was one of the most exciting to date, but here in 2020, it did everything it could to one-up that spectacle...

Striking first on the day would be a new face and name in the top qualifier ranks, as Michael Hazlewood claimed his first career pole position in the Super Series. He would be joined by a pair of Sprint Series and sportsman category standouts from last year too, as Chase Nickells backed up his pole position from the Sprint Series the day before for P2 overall, while 2019 Sprint champ Tyler Redman claimed the 3rd and final heat race pole with the third best time.

Once the heat races got under way however, it was the veterans of the sport and the Classico Grand Prix that came out in force, all led by one of the best in the sport karting business, Logan Calvin. He paired up a third in heat two with his win in his first race for top points going into the mains, and with it pole position for the A-Main. Fellow heat race winner and point leader Diego Morales locked into P2, while Classico ace and heat race winner lined up third, with Andres Prieto claiming best of those without a heat race win to start 4th after a P2 and P5 in his heats. Fellow heat race winners would be pole sitter Michael Hazlewood, 2019 GP winner Andrew Wood, and Paulo Franca.

Winning any race at the Classico GP is special, and that includes the C-Main; for the 2020 C-Main, it was a tail of two drivers right down to the the end. Nick Marascio led the field away at the start, and would immediately work up to a .6 tenth lead by the end of lap one, while Dmitry Korotkov would slot into second after a solid start from third on the grid. For the next several laps it was Korotkov giving chase, clicking off laps that were fast each time by a tenth. Little by little he crept closer, until getting to the bumper of Marascio on the penultimate lap. He would make his move on the final lap, moving into the lead and holding on for the win; he didn't lead a single lap until the end, where he led the most important one.

Unlike the C-Main, the B-Main was a much more straightforward affair, as veteran Bill Kreig took control early, and never looked back. Starting in P2, Kreig claimed the top spot in the opening circuit, and from there clicked off laps consistently quicker than those chasing him. Helped a bit from the infighting behind, his lead would grow to an eventual 4+ seconds at the end, scoring the B-Main win and the transfer into the Classico GP A-Main.

A three way battle and a last lap pass was one of the most



**A Main Podium** 



**B-Main Winner Bill Kreig** 



**C-Main Dmitry Korotkov** 



Standings		<b>Points</b>	Drop				
1)	Diego Morales [M]	1544	(291)	6)	Ayrton DeMoss	1436	(254)
2)	Samuel Hunt	1499	(283)	7)	Max DeMoss [M]	1360	(304)
3)	<b>Andres Prieto</b>	1498	(328)	8)	Pietro Moro [S]	1312	(304)
4)	Paulo Franca	1473	(0)	9)	Michael Hazlewood	1309	(219)
5)	Sean Fite	1467	(296)	10)	Chris Huerta	1307	(290)





excting finishes to a Super Series race ever, and that just happened to be last year's Classico Grand Prix. For 2020, it didn't look like the race would emulate that finish at first, but by the end, it was a 5-way battle for supremacy...

Right from the start it would be point leader Diego Morales leading the field away from the P2 spot on the grid, and with the infighting immediately behind him, he would pull out to an almost 2-second lead at a quarter distance. Behind him though, a charging Sam Hunt was looking to make it three A-main wins in a row, and joined by Patrick Britain, the pair slowly began to reel in Morales. By the halfway point the lead was down to just under a second, while the chasing duo had also built a near 2-second lead on to the chasing pack behind. Crossing the line for the start of lap 14 of 20 it was now a three-horse race for Morales, Hunt and Britain, and it looked like it would be a mirror image of 2019 as the lead trio had 3 seconds over Ayrton Demoss and Paulo Franca, who had emerged as the pack leaders behind.

Hunt wasted no time however, and attacked into Kimbrell, and with Morales over the outside, the fight continued down the hill and eventually into a three-wide situation before the lap was over. The result? No change in position, but about a second lost in their advantage. More of the same the next lap, but this time it was Britain moving up into second, but the trio had lost yet more time; third times a charm? Negative. The next lap saw Morales still in the lead, and while Hunt and Britain swapped places once again, not only had Ayrton DeMoss gone purple with fast lap and Franca in tow, but they had erased the gap to the leaders.



Masters		<b>Points</b>	Drop
1	Diego Morales	1544	(291)
2	Max DeMoss	1360	(304)
3	Jose da Silva	1278	(240)
4	Matt Steele	1157	(181)
5	Michael Chen	1086	(111))





<b>Grand Masters</b>		<b>Points</b>	Drop	Sportsman		<b>Points</b>	Drop
1	Tony Wika	1107	(241)	1	Pietro Moro	1312	(304)
2	John Rice	1001	(0)	2	Matt Steele	1157	(181)
3	Vladimir Orlov	907	(136)	3	Jacob Reis	1119	(209)
4	Jeff Latimer	726	(115)	4	Tony Wika	1107	(241)
5	Tom Zevin	707	(145)	5	Michael Chen	1086	(111)

It was now a 5-driver battle for the win with four laps to go...

The next lap was fairly calm, but that was a feint; Britain would make the move on Hunt the next time by, dropping him back to 4th as DeMoss followed through. On the penultimate lap it was the exact same thing, this time Britain to the lead, DeMoss into second, and Morales back to third, while Franca dropped the once lead-hopeful Hunt back to fifth. And on the final lap it was DeMoss' turn to make the move, stealing away the top spot from Britain, while Franca came through as well to bump him back to the final podium spot. It would be Ayrton DeMoss' first career Super Series win, and on the biggest stage, just like has happened the last couple of years with Fite and Wood. And to make things a bit more sweet, along with the special trophy and an event poster, he earned a test day in a KA 100cc kart via the Formula Works team.





















































R1 Jan 4 RESULTS

R2 Jan 25 <u>RESULTS</u>

R3 Mar 7 RESULTS

R4 July 11 RESULTS

#### Sprint Series Point Standings

**R5** Aug 8 <u>RESULTS</u>

R6 Aug 29 Grande

**R7** Sep 5 Classico CCW

R8 Oct 10 Tecnico

## **SUPER SERIES**

R1 Jan 18 <u>RESULTS</u>

R2 Feb 8 RESULTS

R3 June 20 RESULTS

R4 July 18 RESULTS

#### Super Series Point Standings

**R5** Aug 9 RESULTS

R6 Aug 30 Grande

R7 Sep 26 Classico CCW

R8 Oct 24 Tecnico

## IRONOMAN

R1 Jan 18 RESULTS

R2 Feb 8 RESULTS

R3 June 20 RESULTS

R4 July 18 RESULTS

#### IronMan Point Standings

**R5** Aug 9 RESULTS

R6 Aug 30 Grande

R7 Sep 26 Classico CCW

R8 Oct 24 Tecnico