## DIEGO MORALES DOMINATES OPENING ROUND OF SUPER SERIES

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### A MAIN RESULTS

- Ayrton DeMoss [2R]
  Diego Alvarado
  Tommy Haake
  Vladimir Orlov
  Chris Millar
  Devins Baker
- 7) Matt Steele
- 8) Tony Wika

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- 9) Cameron Rose [2R]
- 10) Michael Chen

## B-Main

B-Main WINNER Christopher Lovell

### **B MAIN RESULTS**

- 1) Christopher Lovell
- 2) Frank Hsu
- 3) Vince Azua
- 4) Jeff Latimer
- 5) Michael Collins



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### C MAIN RESULTS

- 1) Nathaniel Small
- 2) Feras Faraj
- 3) Michael Hottinga
- 4) Brett Lopinsky
- 5) James Lieser



Season Opener of the Sprint Series on the Classico Season Opener of the Sprint Series on the Classico CCW configuration and it would not be without excitement. A 2-month hiatus since the 2019 finale certainly didn't blunt any of the coming talent and we would see both new and old faces atop the podium for the first race of this season...

Weather would be sunny and perfect for racing over the weekend and we'd see drivers mainly in the 3rd qualifying session pull off the fastest times. It would come as no surprise that last year's 2nd overall winner, Ayrton DeMoss [2R], knabbed pole position with 58.508s. Up and coming drivers Devins Baker and Tommy Haake didn't linger too far with a 2nd and 3rd respectively, one of their best showings as well.

Pole sitter DeMoss had the green flag and hopefuls Ivan Martinez and Diego Alvarado trailed behind. The latter pair would not sit still however, and would exchange positions every few laps. Eventually, Alvarado would take the fight to DeMoss, holding the lead with less than 3 to go. Meanwhile, Michael Chen dueled with Martinez, now poised in 3rd. Eventually, DeMoss stole back his front position and went on to the heat 1A win ahead of Alvarado.

Now on to the A-Main: Ayrton DeMoss had a great start and quickly made it clear why he was on the podium for the 2019 Sprint Series championship. It wouldn't be long until the infighting behind him allowed him to sail away comfortably to over a 1.5 second lead. The 3-pack behind him saw the likes of Orlov, Haake, and Alvarado all shuffling for the last 2 pieces of the day's hardware. At the final lap, Alvarado made the move for second but the fight for third would be settled post-race; with the dust settled, DeMoss had the win ahead of Alvarado and Haake, the bearer of his first-ever podium hardware in the Sprint Series.



A Main Podium



**B-Main Winner Christopher Lovell** 



**C-Main Winner Nathaniel Small** 





Sprint Series Points		
Name	Points	
1) Ayrton DeMoss [2R]	300	
2) Diego Alvarado	290	
3) Tommy Haake	285	
4) Vladimir Orlov	285	
5) Matt Steele	267	
6) Devins Baker	265	
7) Chris Millar	260	
8) Tony Wika	259	
9) Ronnie Swaim Jr	254	
10) Michael Chen	253	





















### IronMan Winner Chris Huerta

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### **IRONMAN RESULTS**

1) Chris Huerta

2) Sean Fite

3) Ayrton DeMoss

4) John Rice

5) Andres Prieto

6) Jose da Silva

7) Spencer Russell

8) Pietro Moro

9) Diego Morales

10) Paulo Franca





The endurance arm of the CalSpeed Karting arrive and drive championships kicked things off this past weekend, as the 2020 IronMan Series got underway on the Classico Counter Clockwise layout. The field of thirty would be one of the most experienced entry lists to start a season in years, with nearly every single driver having run a series event in the past. Being January, cool temps greeted the drivers, with the conditions set up for record-fast times across the board.

As is customary for the opening round, qualifying would take place to set the first grid of the year, and it was a new face at the sharp end in what is arguably the trickiest qualifying session of the season. John Rice would claim the pole position after mastering his kart and the conditions during the green-white-checkered session and would lead the field away to start the first once around the clock contest of the year.

But it would be another new face at the sharp end once they crossed the line for the competition of lap one, and that was Doug Yauney. He would hold on to the top spot for the opening handful of laps before IronMan ace and reigning Super Series champ Sean Fite took over the helm on lap six. Fite would also maintain the front for about five or so laps before the third lead change of the race, this time with Chris Huerta stealing away the top spot. The top two would be chased by a solid group of drivers from 3rd-11th, forming a train that held such names as Paulo Franca, Jose da Silva, Diego Morales, and Andres Prieto. Unfortunately, not all in the group agreed with the 'working together' platform, and combined with the harmonious pace of the top two, infighting saw the gap to the leaders grow.

It wasn't until about the 45-minute mark that Chris Huerta would elect to make his first pit stop, the advantage having grown considerably throughout the race, and bolstered by most of their rivals pitting already. Fite would follow suit one lap later, leapfrogging his fellow pace-setter in the process. The second pit stop would be the crucial one, however, and once again it was Huerta who blinked first, this time doing so from 2nd, and perhaps a bit of a surprise to the leading Fite, who stayed out for a couple more circuits afterward. This time when Fite exited, the leapfrog was reversed, and it was advantage Huerta by about a second, a deficit that the new leader would hold onto and bring home the win in round #1. Fite would settle for a comfortable second, and the aforementioned infighting had kept their fight for the win to a twohorse race.

And coming out on top of that infighting would be Ayrton DeMoss; after a small mishap on the pace lap, DeMoss would hang at the tail end of the lead train mentioned earlier, gathering his wits back up and resetting his resolve. When fellow front runner Andres Prieto electing to pit out of the turmoil, DeMoss concurred with the plan, and the duo linked up to cut solid laps. Eventually realizing he had the speed to lead instead of follow, DeMoss made the move in front at about halfway, and never looked back. So after crashing on the pace lap, to finding the final spot on the podium with a healthy gap back to 4th, DeMoss certainly earned the award for most eventful race to start off the year.

Round #2 of the CalSpeed IronMan Series takes to the Grande Counter Clockwise track in less than three weeks on February 8th; spots are still available, so register today!



### **Point Standings**

- Chris Huerta
  Sean Fite
  Ayrton DeMoss
  John Rice
- 5) Andres Prieto



















6) Jose da Silva	75
7) Spencer Russell	75
8) Pietro Moro	69
9) Diego Morales	66
10) Paulo Franca	63



































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### **A MAIN RESULTS**

**Diego Morales [M]** TJ Blackledge Sean Fite **Ayrton DeMoss Paulo Franca** Samuel Hunt **Andres Prieto Tyler Redman Jetson Lieser Pietro Moro** 

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Round 1 - Jan 18





### **C MAIN RESULTS**

Brian Starr

- 126Brian Starr [GM][S]251Joe Sabella [GM][S]
- 3 43 Jeremy Aldridge [M][S]
- 4 58 Hanno Hagedorn [S]

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21 Christian Sourapas [S]



The pinnacle arrive and drive championship in North America kicked off its 2020 season this past weekend, as the Super Series began its 11th installment with the Classico Counter Clockwise layout at CalSpeed Karting. Cool temperatures but blue skies welcomed the field of 82 drivers for the season opener, eventually ushering in new faces at the sharp end, and a new track record before the day was done...

Green-white-checkered qualifying is one of the toughest things to master, with even some of the most skilled drivers taking some time to cut a perfect lap and secure top time overall. Enter Paulo Franca, arguably one of the best shoes in CalSpeed sport karting, who scored his first career pole position this past weekend. Joining him in the bonus points was Sam Hunt in second -continuing his qualifying prowess from last year- and another stout qualifier in his own right, reigning champ Sean Fite in 3rd.

Of the three, however, only Franca and Fite would score victories in their heat races, joined by a pair of new faces in the win column, heat race winners Pietro Moro and Max DeMoss Sr. But they would all be chasing double winner Diego Morales; Morales would capitalize on a solid 5th overall in qualifying to snag his first heat win, but then work up through the top 10 invert in heat 2 to start the year off perfect in the heats. Franca would line up on the outside pole via his win and a third, while row two would reward consistency in the heats with TJ Blackledge on the inside with a pair of 2nds and Ayrton DeMoss on the outsides with a second and a third.

The first main of the year would see Andres Aranda lead the field away for the C-Main start, but it would be veteran sport karter Ben Morse taking over straight away to lead lap one. In fact, Morse would not relinquish the lead for the duration of the race, immediately pulling out to a gap right away. Behind him, Grand Masters standout Brian Starr would work into the runnerup spot after the first circuit and immediately set his sights on the front. But while he pulled away from third, Starr would not make many inroads to the lead before the checkers flew. However, at scales, the leader Morse would come up light, awarding Starr the win, and transfer to the B-Main.

The B-Main would see a pair of strong Sportsman drivers lock out the front row, as Frank Hsu and Dmitry Korotkov lead into turn one at the drop of the green. The latter would be the one to lead lap one however, with Scott Milne slotting into P2, and Hsu settling into 3rd. Hsu would not stay there long however and immediately steal the second spot back, with the group behind jostling for position. None of the front group were content in their position though, with each position being trade lap after lap, while one driver worked his way steadily forward. That would be James Lieser; he would move into the lead until lap ten, but once there, he would be there to stay,



**A Main Podium** 



**B-Main Winner James Lieser** 



**C-Main Winner Brian Starr** 



### **Points Standings**

1) Diego Morales	415	
2) TJ Blackledge	388	
3) Paulo Franca	385	
4) Sean Fite	376	
5) Ayrton DeMoss	374	







scoring the B-Main by just under a second.

Diego Morales may have had the pole position to start the first A-Main of the year, but it would be Paulo Franca coming out on top through the esses, and eventually lead lap 1. Morales would actually slip back to P3, as TJ Blackledge slotted into second, while Sean Fite and Ayrton DeMoss completed the top five. This quintet actually stayed pretty calm for several laps, and were rewarded with an enlarging advantage to the chasing drivers behind until the first move was made on lap 6. It would happen in the esses, with Morales eventually coming out on top, and Franca getting stuck on the outside to slip from first to fifth in one lap. From there the front three would hold station, attempting to drop the back two off the back of the train, and it almost worked, as Franca and DeMoss dueled for fourth for a couple of laps. DeMoss was the one on the charge however, having no intention of losing the front three, and clocked the fastest lap -and a new track record- to bridge the gap to the front. The front five would stay latched together, with no change in position up until the white flag flew; there were fast laps aplenty, and no mistakes, which made it very had to make any moves. In the end, the quintet would finish as they ran most of the race, with Diego Morales scoring his 8th career win, with TJ Blackledge and Sean Fite rounding out the podium.

The CalSpeed Super Series returns February 8th, taking to the Grande CCW course for the first time this season, so don't miss out on what is certainly a driver favorite course!



### **Masters Points**

1) Diego Morales	415
2) Max DeMoss	332
3) Jose da Silva	309
4) Chris Carter	301
5) Michael Chen	278



### **Grand Masters Points**

1) Tony Wika	299
2) John Rice	274
3) Vladimir Orlov	187
4) Tom Zevin	186
5) Mike Carlson	180



### **Sportsman Points**

1) Pietro Moro	351
2) Tony Wika	299
3) Chase Nickells	296
4) Matt Steele	289
5) Michael Chen	278























































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- **R3** Mar 7 Grande
- **R4** Apr 4 Sportivo Tecnico
- **R5** May 2



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<b>R1</b>	Jan '	18	<u>RESULTS</u>

- **R2** Grande CCW Feb 8
- **R3** Mar 21 Grande
- **R4** Apr 25 Sportivo
- May 16 Tecnico **R5**



- **RESULTS** Jan 18 **R1**
- Feb 8 Grande CCW **R2**
- **R3** Mar 21 Grande
- Apr 25 **R4** Sportivo
- **R5** May 16 Tecnico

### Sprint Series Point Standings

<b>R6</b>	May 30	Temp Course
<b>R7</b>	Jul 11	Nuotivo
<b>R8</b>	Aug 8	Classico
R9	Sep 5	Classico CCW
R10	Oct 10	Tecnico

### Super Series Point Standings

Jun 20 **Temp Course R6 R7** Jul 18 Nuotivo **R8** Aug 9 Classico GP Sep 26 Classico CCW **R9 R10** Oct 24 Tecnico

### IronMan Point Standings

**R6** Jun 20 Grande CCW 2Hour **R7** Jul 18 Nuotivo Classico **R8** Aug 9 Classico CCW Sep 26 **R9 R10** Oct 24 Tecnico