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FITE CONQUERS CLASSICO

SEAN FITE SCORES MAIDEN SUPER SERIES WIN IN PRESTIGIOUS
CLASSICO GP AFTER SAME DAY IRONMAN WIN

AUGUST, 2018



A-Main

A-Main WINNER

Sam Hunt

A MAIN RESULTS

1	31	Samuel Hunt
2	20	Spencer Russell
3	59	Sicheng Li
4	43	Diego Alvarado
5	38	Mark Sternberg



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B-Main

B-Main WINNER

Michael Chen

B MAIN RESULTS

1	35	Michael Chen
2	31	Juan Avina
3	59	Matthew McCoy
4	48	Zachary Francavilla
5	22	Michael Martin

C-Main

C-Main WINNER

Kevin Erikson

C MAIN RESULTS

1	59	Kevin Erikson
2	54	Doug Yaunev
3	34	Heather Perrin
4	58	James Suggs
5	28	Brandon Kim

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Sprint Series Round 8 took place at a backdrop of less than stellar conditions but certainly with fires ablaze amongst drivers gunning for the championship. Excitement mounted all over the paddock after a hiatus of nearly two months from the last round and we'd soon find out that the championship would begin tightening up with the close of the day's events...

The final qualifying session is typically where drivers find the best times—this time around was no exception. Drivers like Randy McKee, Spencer Russell, and Tyler Redman starting pulling times better than the 51-second mark, quicker than previous sessions. The latter seemed to be looking good for the majority of the time and would occasionally be ousted here and there. He, however, would come out on top with a 51.510 to add another pole position to his Sprint Series career.

The top 4 set off a blistering pace with Sam Hunt at the helm for heat 1C. As this group separated from the rest of the pack, Diego Alvarado glued himself to Hunt's bumper, going purple lap after lap. He would not leave Hunt alone, attacking at every opportunity he had. Quietly, driver Michael Hottinga lay in wait in the 3rd position. Once the white flag came around, one last attempt at a pass was made through the Esses— it didn't stick and with that, Hunt scored the win followed by Alvarado and Hottinga shortly behind.

On pole in the A-Main after winning his heat race, season points leader Spencer Russell took off with a perfect start with Hunt backing him up. After a lap however, Hunt's better exit through the Esses put him in position to take an early shot for the lead. Meanwhile, a standout performance from Sicheng Li, having also winning his heat race earlier, kept him steadily in third with Alvarado in tow. There were close packs all up and down the field while the Hunt-Russell pair went further into the distance. The battle for the last step of the podium grew to 8 deep with Li still holding them all at bay. As the white flag arrived, Hunt and Russell were now a couple kart lengths from each other and the final lap would come to a close with Li grabbing his first ever podium in third and Hunt scoring his second win of the season, matching that of championship rival Russell.



A Main Podium



B-Main Winner Michael Chen



C-Main Winner Kevin Erikson

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Sprint Overall Standings Top 10 After 2 Drops

	Points	Best Drop
1) Spencer Russell	1185	(270)
2) Samuel Hunt	1165	(196)
3) Randy McKee	1084	(217)
4) Donnie Clarke	1063	(0)
5) Evan Karp	1063	(107)
6) Ivan Martinez	1054	(205)
7) Mark Sternberg	1036	(0)
8) Michael Chen	1036	(0)
9) Tyler Redman	1009	(205)
10) Seth Willits	995	(214)







ROUND 8 AUG 18

The eighth round of the 2018 IronMan Series championship saw the series roll through the shortest of the CalSpeed layouts, taking to the tight confines of the Classico course for the month of August. Coupled with the Classico Grand Prix, the track was as tight as it gets, with the walls right up next to the edge of the track. The 33 karts across two classes not only had to negotiate each other but those tight spaces for the full hour contest, putting on quite a show in the process...

The Pro Class would look a little different this time around, with only Tony Wika as the regular driver in the category in attendance, joined by east coast fly-in driver Ryan Curtin and two-time sport class champion Adam Nagao. Wika would lead the field to the green, and through the first circuit, but it was Adam Nagao taking control by lap two, working up from third at the start. Nagao would not only hold onto the lead but stretch out to over a 2-second lead, as Curtin battled with Wika for the runner-up spot. Curtin would finally make his way by to complete lap seven in the 2nd position, with Nagao simultaneously electing to head into the pits for his first stop the very next lap as he caught traffic. Curtin would stay out until lap 20, while Nagao would come back down pit road for his second stop on lap 13, making for a wildly split strategy for the top two runners. It wasn't until lap 47 that the battle resumed, with Curtin completing his second stop exiting out right with Adam after the duo had spent the past 40+ laps on their own.

What ensued was an awesome battle back and forth between the two Pro Class drivers; each one of them splitting their focus between scything their way through the traffic, while still trying to find either a way past their foe or hold them at bay. It was one such occasion that Nagao mistimed his move through traffic out of the Esses, allowing Curtin to sneak by as the slower sport kart balked the former leaders' progression. Still, Nagao fought back to steal the top spot back one lap later, putting Curtin back on the offensive. Unfortunately, the show would come to a premature halt after Curtin would make slight contact with a wall with only about ten minutes left, forcing him to settle for second while Nagao held on for the victory.

PRO Winner Adam Nagao

PRO RESULTS

- 1) Adam Nagao
- 2) Ryan Curtin
- 3) Tony Wika



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SPORT Winner

Sean Fite

SPORT RESULTS

- 1) Sean Fite
- 2) Diego Morales
- 3) Alexander Bermudez
- 4) Paulo Franca
- 5) Jon Kimbrell





24H IRONMAN

ONE HOUR ENDURANCE RACE

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Having scored his first career IronMan Series win earlier this year, Sean Fite wasted no time capitalizing on a favorable starting position, looking to rebound from what might have been a round prior. Taking the lead on the very first completed lap, Fite held onto the top spot for the opening eleven laps with Chris Huerta and Diego Morales in tow, before the latter made their move to drop him back to third. With Morales now at the helm, the trio wasn't able to stay as tightly grouped and the advantage grew by the leader, while second and third worked hard to stay in touch. Huerta and Fite would diligently stay 2-3 to reel in Morales -more like limit the damage- until Fite finally took over as the lead chaser on lap 23. After the switch, the chasing duo would begin to cut their fastest laps, and along with some help from traffic, were able to reel in the leader and start putting on some pressure in less than five laps. Unfortunately for Huerta, it was then a Morales-Fite pair up that saw him lose touch with the top two, with the front duo pulling away until their pit stops. For his part though, Morales would once again be able to split away from Fite, maintaining the lead -and a healthy advantage- until finally coming down pit road on lap 47.

With Morales coming in, it left Fite all alone out front; a place he would never leave for the rest of the race. Electing to leave his pit stops to right near the end of the race, Sean would not only hold onto the top spot, but he would leapfrog his rival to set two seconds out front as he exited pit road. With only about five minutes to play, Morales could only chip away at the lead as the laps wound down, settling for second in the end, and just a half second back.

Behind the lead duo, the battle for the final podium spot took place via pit strategy and traffic as much as it did actual on track passing. In the end, it was the steady and methodical progress by Alexander Bermudez that would complete the podium, having come up from the 27th starting position. Working up into the top five before pit stops started, he made the pass on track for second behind Fite before ducking into the pits himself, and when the dust settled on the final stops, he was third. From there the pressure was off as the battle raged behind him, and he was able to cruise to a third place in his first sport class run of the year in the IronMan Series.





Points Leader Alexander Bermudez



points leaders

PRO

1	Alexander Bermudez	523
2	Charles Eichlin	461
3	Tony Wika	431



SPORT

1)	Taylor Hays	568
2)	Alyssa Yaune	535
3)	Sean Fite	525
4)	Chris Huerta	511
5)	Jose da Silva	495
6)	Lukas Dziemidok	461
7)	Steve Spring	445
8)	Adam Nagao	435
9)	Anthony Severson	420
10)	TJ Blackledge	413



Summer Series

1)	Alyssa Yaune	205
2)	Sean Fite	198
3)	Taylor Hays	198
4)	Diego Morales	175
5)	Jose da Silva	173





A-Main

A-Main WINNER

Sean Fite

A MAIN RESULTS

- 1) Sean Fite
- 2) Jon Kimbrell
- 3) Alyssa Yauney
- 4) Alexander Bermudez
- 5) Chris Huerta

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B-Main

B-Main WINNER

Jose da Silva

B MAIN RESULTS

1	42	Jose da Silva [M]
2	28	Ryan Curtin
3	26	Doug Yaunev [M][S]
4	45	Ivan Martinez [S]
5	55	Anthony Severson



C-Main

C-Main WINNER

Nathaniel Small

C MAIN RESULTS

1	42	Nathaniel Small [S]
2	28	Eric Monteith [S]
3	31	Brian Starr [GM][S]
4	26	William Ball [M]
5	37	Ayrton Demoss [S]



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The Classico Grand Prix. For the drivers of the Super Series, this race is their Monaco; the 'big one'; the one that each one wants to win above all others. Some of the best in the business have stood on the top step of the podium, and in 2018, a new face would add their name to the history books...

Not only is the Classico a prestigious win, but it carries with it a few unique elements that make it a little more special, starting with the poster presentation; a poster commemorating the winner from the previous year, while also given to the current year's winner. The 2017 event was a memorable one, as Jon Kimbrell was able to win after the passing of his father Dennis, and the poster captured the emotion of the pace lap from that day. Three-time winner of the event Jon Kimbrell posed with the poster at the drivers' meeting and would go on to have a very good day indeed.

The day would begin with TJ Blackledge scoring his second career pole position -first on Classico- with Masters point leader Diego Morales putting up his best performance in qualy this year to snag P2, just .010 off TJ. The heat races would be hotly contested throughout the day, with not only six different winners, but no winner doing better than fifth in their other heat race. Instead, consistency saw a pair of second-place finishes snag pole position for the A-Main, with none other than the 'King of Classico' himself, Jon Kimbrell doing the honors. Fellow non-heat winner Alyssa Yauney showed why she is the overall point leader with her off pole starting spot via a 2nd and a third, while Sean Fite led the heat race winners with a 3rd overall starting spot. Former title contending driver Aaron Scott lined up fourth via his own heat race win, with the other four heat race winners Mark Connell (5th), Taylor Hays (9th), Patrick Britain (11th), and Scott Milne (12th) lining up further back.

Before the A-Main could get on course for their 20 lap contest, the first main of the day had to tackle their 15 lap challenge, with Grand Masters title contender Brian Starr leading the way. Starr would stay in the first position through the first half of the race until Nathaniel Small made his move from the second spot on lap 8. Starr would fall to third in the attack, and then immediately come under fire from the rest of the top five to fall back to sixth, with the fight for the lead really heating up in front of him. John Shepherd was the big mover while all the jostling for positions happened, moving up to second spot, on lap 10, before making his own move for the lead on lap 11. Small fell back one spot but still held a second or so lead on third, who was again Brian Starr, his counter attacks getting him back up to the top three. Unfortunately, Shepherd's time at the front was short-lived, as the engine in his kart expired, relinquishing the top spot back to Small, who held on the final couple of circuits for the C-Main win.

The B-Main would continue the trend of exciting racing, this time with Cameron Rose leading the field away, with Lukas Dziemidok, and Anthony Severson directly in tow. Rose would come under immediate pressure, with Severson moving up from third to steal away the lead in lap one, bringing Dziemidok with him. Lukas would waste no time with his own pursuit of the win, however,



Pole - TJ Blackledge



A Main Podium



B-Main Winner Jose da Silva



C-Main Winner Nathaniel Small



Points Leader Alyssa Yauney

and stole the lead away from Severson just one lap later, with Anthony slotting in behind. Things would stay that way through the rest of the first half of the race, but the driver on the move was the reigning Masters champion, Jose da Silva. Da Silva's steady march to the front saw him dispatch Jetson Lieser on lap 4; he picked off Rose for third on lap 7; and then sorted out the final two spots on laps 9 and 10. Seemingly in his shadow was Ryan Curtin, who had been working up

from the 8th position to sit fourth when da Silva took the lead. The final few laps would turn into a battle royal for the final positions inside the top five, with da Silva holding on to win, followed by Curtin just a half second astern.

The start of the A-Main for the 10th Classico Grand Prix fittingly saw the defending winner of the race lead the field away, as Jon Kimbrell picked up where he left off last year, followed by Sean Fite, Alyssa Yauney, and Mark Connell.

Overall Points

			Drop				
1	Alyssa Yauney	2272	310	6	Taylor Hays	2078	215
2	Sean Fite	2153	268	7	Alexander Bermudez [M]	2075	0
3	Chris Huerta	2128	304	8	Patrick Britain	2064	286
4	Diego Morales [M]	2125	263	9	TJ Blackledge	2039	0
5	Charles Eichlin	2086	278	10	Paulo Franca	2026	91



While the front four would immediately get in line and hold station inside a half second gap, the contest for 5th on back saw them begin to pull away from the rest of the field. Even with Fite's move to the lead on lap five, the lead quartet lost little to the chasing train of six or so karts, of which Aaron Scott led. The chasing group started to catch them, but it was not to be. Just as they got to the back bumper of Connell, the fighting ensued, immediately dropping the would-be challengers from the leaders.

This dropped the chasers to a second off of the front pack, and with the battle for the lead in the second group not cooling off yet, that lead was maintained until Alexander Bermudez worked into the front. In that same time Connell was slowly falling off the back of the lead trio, and when Bermudez got out front of the chasing pack, they were able to reel him in in fairly quick order. Bermudez would find his way by eventually, scoring the 'best of the rest' behind the final bout for the Classico GP win out front.

After losing the lead on lap five, Kimbrell would slot in and dutifully hold station, while Yauney also just clock laps to maintain her top three position. It wasn't until the last couple of laps that Kimbrell switched on the attack, but for every move he made, Fite was able to come out on top. On the final lap, it looked like Kimbrell would have another shot up the straight, but would slot back in line, aiming for another opportunity. Fite made no mistakes, however, and without the obvious opportunity, Kimbrell and Yauney had to settle for second and third respectively, with Sean Fite scoring his first career win in the biggest Super Series event on the calendar.



Masters Points

			Drop
1	Diego Morales	2125	263
2	Alexander Bermudez	2075	0
3	Jose da Silva	1917	202
4	Steve Spring	1780	194
5	Rodney Bryant	1776	115

Grand Masters Points

			Drop
1	Tom Zevin	1253	130
2	Jeff Latimer	1206	159
3	Tony Wika	1144	129
4	Brian Starr	1095	0
5	Gilbert Perez	710	0

Sportsman Points

			Drop
1	Rodney Bryant	1776	115
2	Scott Milne	1715	0
3	Sam Hunt	1690	0
4	Tony Chen	1542	0
5	Dmitry Korotkov	1526	169

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Round 6 Sept 1

CSK RACING CLOSING OUT SUMMER WITH A THREE-PACK OF WINS...

Labor day weekend played host to the 6th round in the Tri-C Karters 2018 season, taking to the Classico layout for the one and only time of the year to close out the summer months. The constant twists and turns for the oldest of the CalSpeed layouts saw some of the closest racing of the year, and when the dust settled, it was again CSK Racing finding victory lane...

VLR SPEC 206

Spec class point leader Mark Connell would kickoff what would be a near perfect day by adding five points to his tally, scoring his 3rd pole position of the year, just in front of title rival TJ Blackledge. While he would go on to score both heat race wins, it was not without pressure, as CSK racing stablemates Adam Nagao and Sean Bradley stayed right on his heels for the duration. In the Main, it was once again the Connell, Nagao, and Bradley trio at the front for the start, until contact saw Bradley spinning on lap 3. While Bradley was able to continue, impressive first time driver Evan Karp would have no where to go and make contact with the near stationary Bradley. Back out front it was Connell leading over Nagao and Lukas Dziemidok, who was bouncing back from a tough start in qualifying. While Connell would hold on to score his third win of year, the latter two would duke it out on more than one occasion, with Lukas coming away with second over Nagao. Now with just two rounds to play, Connell extends his point lead over TJ Blackledge, and Lukas Dziemidok in third.

VLR SPEC 206 TOP 5 POINTS (AFTER DROP):

1.	Mark Connell	2273	(1965)
2.	TJ Blackledge	2177	(1853)
3.	Lukas Dziemidok	2075	(1755)
4.	Sean Bradley	2020	(1704)
5.	David Carlisle	1526	(1526)

SENIOR 206

While he got nipped in qualifying and would start 3rd for heat one, current point leader Derek Esquibel would show the way from then on out, with teammate Mike Smith fighting inside the top three as well. For Esquibel, it was a decisive rebound from his bad luck last month, showing that he again is the driver to beat in the category. Taking over the heat 1 lead after running second at the conclusion of lap one, it was the last time that he would not command the front, going on to sweep both heat races and the Main event. It would be his third win on the season, lengthening his lead in the championship standings.

Behind him, reigning Senior champ Mike Smith battled it out across all three races for a podium, after narrowly missing pole position in qualifying. While he was able to secure a 3rd and a 2nd place finish in the two heats, the Main would not go his way. Sitting in second with two to go, he would slip to 4th, and come up just shy of the podium. Heading into the final pair of events, Smith sits just 25 points back of second, and is still in the hunt to make it a CSK racing 1-2 in the category.

206 SENIOR TOP 5 POINTS (AFTER DROP):

1.	Derek Esquibel	2258	(1926)
2.	KC Cook	2205	(1864)
3.	Mike Smith	2187	(1839)
4.	Riley Dugan	2122	(1796)
5.	Drew Zeller	1979	(1684)

[Smith, Dziemidok, Bradley, Connell group shot]

206 MASTERS

Classico once again proved how close the Masters division has become at Tri-C Karters, as while point leader Mike Smith earned the pole position, 2nd-9th were separated by just over 3 tenths of a second. Smith would score the win in heat 1, but most people were watching the drive from reigning Masters champ Mark Connell as he scythed his way up from 11th on the grid, bouncing back from a bumper failure in qualy. Heat two would also go to Smith, but this time with CSK stablemates Sean Bradley and Lukas Dziemidok right on his tail, with the former scoring fast lap in the process. By the time the Main started, the aforementioned Connell

would join the party in the top four, as he, Dziemidok and Bradley all gave chase on the leading Smith. While Smith struggled to get away from his challengers in the opening handful of laps, the second half would see him eek out just a small advantage, bolstered by a small amount of infighting behind him. On the final lap Connell would make a move on Dziemidok for 2nd, allowing Smith to cruise to the win, with Bradley following Connell through to make it Smith-Connell-Bradley at the line. In the points, Smith and Connell are all but locked in to their spots, but the fight for third is an epic one, with Dziemidok and Bradley tied with two events to go...

206 MASTERS TOP 5 POINTS (AFTER DROP):

1. Mike Smith	2403	(2020)
2. Mark Connell	2197	(1873)
3. Lukas Dziemidok	2082	(1752)
4. Sean Bradley	2051	(1752)
5. Steve Jasinski	1999	(1697)

CSK Racing would like to again thank all of their customers for coming out to round #6 for the 2018 Tri-C Karters season, and we're looking forward to round #7 on the Classico CCW configuration on September 1st. 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 racing offers VLR kart and part sales trackside at CalSpeed Karting, so feel free to contact us for all your VLR needs!







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

Sprint Series Point Standings

R6	Jun 9	RESULTS
R7	Jul 7	POSTPONED
R8	Aug 11	RESULTS
R9	Sep 8	Classico CCW
R10	Oct 13	Tecnico

SUPER SERIES

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

Super Series Point Standings

R6	Jun 16	RESULTS
R7	July 21	RESULTS
R8	Aug 18	RESULTS
R9	Sep 22	Classico CCW
R10	Nov 10	Tecnico

IRONMAN

ONE HOUR ENDURANCE RACE

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

IronMan Point Standings

R6	Jun 16	RESULTS
R7	July 21	RESULTS
R8	Aug 18	RESULTS
R9	Sep 22	Classico CCW
R10	Nov 10	Tecnico

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R1	March 10	RESULTS
R2	April 7	RESULTS
R3	May 5	RESULTS
R4	June 30	RESULTS

Tri-C Point Standings

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