

CalSpeed KARTING



**CSK RACING EARNS HAT TRICK
IN TRI-C KARTERS ROUND 1!**

MARCH, 2018

IRONMAN

ONE HOUR ENDURANCE RACE

Round 3 March 31

Unlike the opening pair of events, round #3 for the 2018 IronMan Series would race under clear skies and warm temperatures, with 35 drivers taking to the course across both classes. Sportivo would be the battleground on this occasion, the Series switching back to the clockwise direction after a month heading the other way. The run of first time winners in 2018 would continue in the sport class, while the Pro Class would see a recent winner not have to wait long for victory #2...

Michael Wojdat would lead the entirety of the IronMan Series up the hill and into turn number one after the green, the Pro Class drivers immediately gapping themselves from the sport karts via their VLR 206 rides. His time at the front would be short-lived however, as round #2 winner Alexander Bermudez made the move to take over the top spot on lap four. Unlike the past couple of races where things became pretty spread out, the leader would be unable to shake his chasing foes, with Wojdat staying right with him, while series newcomer Charles Eichlin joined up a few laps later. For Eichlin, dispatching last month's runner-up Jetson Lieser was the first item of business, with Lieser electing to make his stops a short while later. Unfortunately for him, the draft was playing a big role in the outcome, and with the lead three trading fast laps with that draft help, Lieser would not stay in the fight.

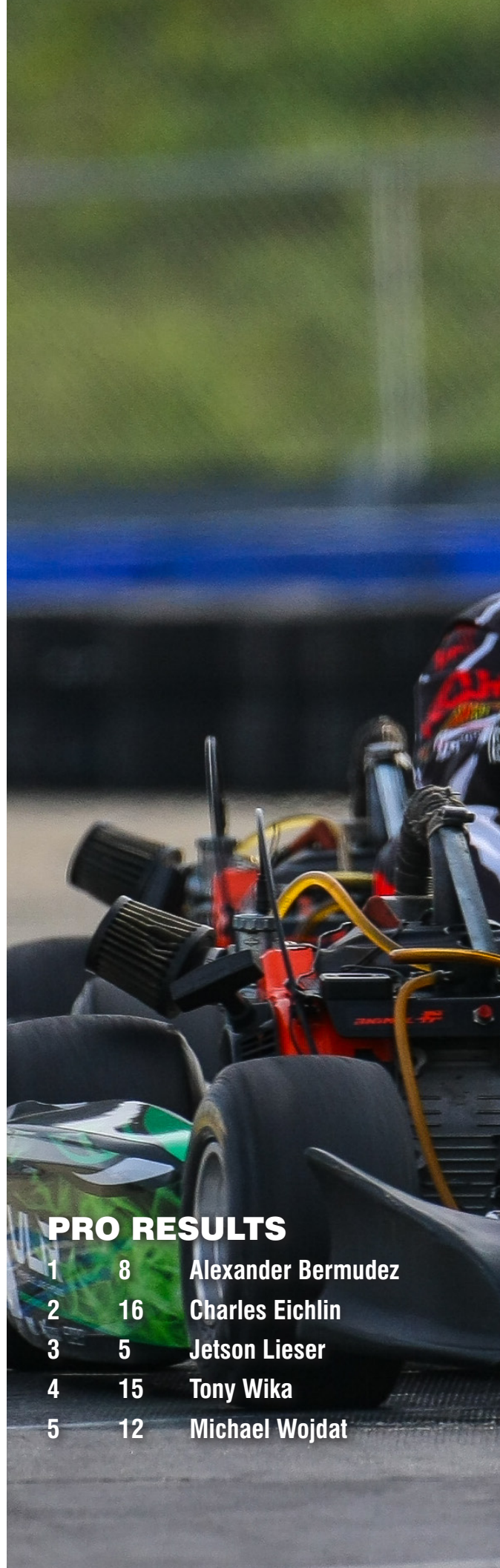
While Jetson made his stops on laps 9 and 11, the lead group stayed out for several laps before making their first trip down pit lane, with Bermudez the first to blink on lap 20. Eichlin would follow suit right away, while Wojdat electing to using the 'clean air' for a few circuits, staying out until lap 26. With the first stop in the books, the trio would meet back up again, with Bermudez leading over Wojdat and Eichlin. The biggest factor in their position would indeed be traffic; Bermudez's added experience in this regard really gave him the upper hand, but he still was not able to pull away from his dutifully chasing rivals.

The final pit stops would take place with about a third of the race left, this time seeing Wojdat in first, and Eichlin ducking in last of the three; again, the trio stayed close. This time however it was Eichlin up to second and applying the pressure, and looked to have a shot at the lead a few times. Wojdat's bid for that win would end about 15 minutes prior to the checkers, as he clipped the wall at the apex of the Monaco Hairpin, spinning himself out of contention. Now just two, the battle for the win came right down to the end, with Bermudez bring it home for two in a row by just .164 at the line.



PRO RESULTS

1	8	Alexander Bermudez
2	16	Charles Eichlin
3	5	Jetson Lieser
4	15	Tony Wika
5	12	Michael Wojdat



PRO Winner
Alexander Bermudez





Sport Winner
Chris Carter



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Looking to bounce back after a mechanical issue took him out of the running last month, series veteran Chris Carter led from the lead of the sport class field to start the 60-minute contest on Sportivo. While a long time runner at CalSpeed, Carter was still looking for his first individual victory, having been close a few times before. The lead would stay his for several laps this time around, not giving up the top spot until about a quarter way through the event. Steve Spring would be the first to steal that honor away, with Tony Severson doing so over Spring just a couple laps later. Up to this point the trio had worked nicely to build up an almost 7 second lead on the trailing pack, but this is one driver decided to strike out on his own. While some drivers further back had elected to pit early, Carter was the first of the leaders to make the trip down pit road, stopping for the first time on lap 21, and again 18 laps later. Splitting the race into third as, Carter would essentially fly under the radar for the latter two thirds of the event, not popping up again until the final moments.

Out front it was Spring and Severson staying out, not making their first stop until almost ten minutes to play when Severson ducked in first. Several seconds behind them -but on a different strategy- was the trio of Chris Huerta, Taylor Hays, and Adam Nagao; a group that certainly looked like they had a chance to reel in the leaders. Hays and Nagao had pit in the first two laps respectively, joined by Huerta a handful of laps later. Staying out since, the dutifully worked together to try and find the best drafting combination, the musical chairs and hand signals continuing for the duration of the race. When they finally decided to make their final stop, only about five or so minutes remained, working well for all but one. While Huerta and Nagao Hays' second stop incurred him an uncharacteristic penalty that knocked him out of the hunt.

That all said, fights with traffic and drivers all heading into the pits around the same time took its toll on the link up between drivers, and when the dust settled on those stops, it was the driver breaking the strategy mold that came out on top; Chris Carter. Spring and Severson chose the second best route to go by staying out the longest it seemed, rounding out the podium, while the aforementioned Huerta and Nagao finished up the top five.

SPORT RESULTS

1	32	Chris Carter [M]
2	33	Steve Spring [M]
3	43	Anthony Severson
4	48	Chris Huerta
5	44	Adam Nagao

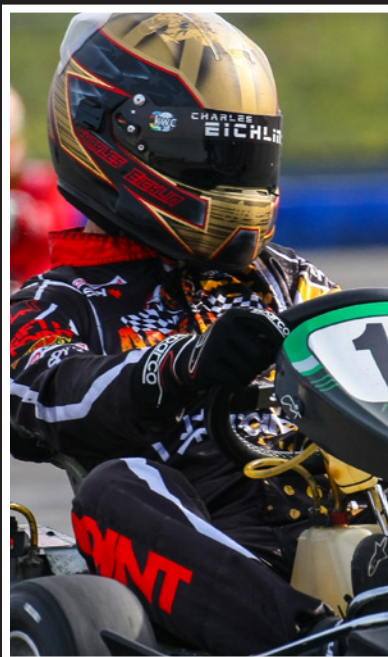




points leaders

PRO

1.	Alexander Bermudez	213
2.	Jetson Lieser	191
3.	Riley Dugan	186
4.	Michael Wojdat	168
5.	Tony Wika	163



SPORT

1.	Chris Huerta	181
2.	Taylor Hays	172
3.	Cameron Jocelyn	169
4.	Jose da Silva	168
5.	TJ Blackledge	161
6.	Adam Nagao	160
7.	Alyssa Yauney	160
8.	Steve Spring	157
9.	Sean Fite	150
10.	Tony Severson	147



A-Main

A-Main WINNER

Paulo Franca

A MAIN RESULTS

1	53	Paulo Franca
2	38	TJ Blackledge
3	27	Anthony Severson
4	26	Patrick Britain
5	52	Chris Huerta



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B-Main

B-Main WINNER

Nick Marascio

B MAIN RESULTS

1	52	Nick Marascio
2	50	Lukas Dziemidok
3	46	Don Diego Veloria
4	35	Eric Monteith [S]
5	47	John Rice [M][S]

C-Main

C-Main WINNER

Darwin Felix

C MAIN RESULTS

1	36	Darwin Felix [M][S]
2	34	Nathaniel Small [S]
3	56	Edison Noboa [M][S]
4	42	Celso Pierre [M][S]
5	25	Steve Frame [GM][S]

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Continuing his impressive run in qualifying so far this year, Chris Huerta scored his second pole position of the season, his second on the Sportivo layout and 4th of his career. He would do it by the slimmest of margins over Tony Severson, putting in a stout performance to come up just .015 short of the top time. Sean Fite would bring home the final bonus point in qualifying with his third overall, the top five in qualifying separated by just .087 seconds...

The close lap times and hard fought results would continue into the heat races, with six different drivers coming home with heat race wins. Usual suspects Charles Eichlin, Alyssa Yaune, and Jose da Silva would each bring home the 'W' in the first set of heats, while some new faces came out on top with TJ Blackledge, Rodney Bryant, and Tony Severson scoring victories in the second set of heat races. Consistency would be the key to a strong starting spot in the mains however, the A-Main pole position going to Severson via his third and first pairing. The outside front row would see a tie breaker between Alexander Bermudez and Paulo Franca, each earning a pair of thirds in their heats, but the nod went to the former via his faster time in qualifying... by just .008.

The C and B-Mains were a stark contrast to each other, as Darwin Felix went flag to flag in the C-Main, while the B-Main saw a battle from start to finish. For Felix, a pole position starting spot saw him shoot out to a health lead while battling ensued behind him, although one driver was able to squirt through. Starting 6th, Sprint Series regular Nathaniel Small slowly closed the gap to Felix, coming up just short to settle for second in the C-Main to Felix.

The B-Main would see Lukas Dziemidok also take command from pole, but his reign at the top came under fire about halfway through, first from Don Diego Veloria, and then by Nick Marascio. It all came down to the final corner, as an attack followed by counter attacks- saw a drag race to the line. The momentum lost by the front three also saw fourth place Eric Monteith get a run, offering up a 4-wide run to the line that saw Nick Marascio on top by .012, and the front four separated by just .062 at the line...

For the first time since the rolling starts have returned, the pole sitter elected to take the outside lane at the start, with Tony Severson leading everyone away at the green.



Pole - Chris Huerta



A Main Podium



B-Main Winner Nick Marascio



C-Main Winner Darwin Felix



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Overall Points

1.	Cameron Jocelyn	751	6.	Jetson Lieser	719
2.	Taylor Hays	735	7.	Bill Kreig	716
3.	Paulo Franca	735	8.	Alyssa Yauney	711
4.	TJ Blackledge	725	9.	Diego Morales	700
5.	Chris Huerta	720	10.	Henry Morse	695



The lead would stay his too, as the infighting started immediately, allowing him to pull out to over a second lead in the opening lap. Alexander Bermudez got the short end of the stick, starting off pole but hung out more than once on lap one to fall to 9th and out of contention. Veterans Taylor Hays and Bill Krieg led the charge against the leader, joined by TJ Blackledge and relative newcomer to the Super Series, former competition karter Paulo Franca. Franca would be the first to break up the uneasy alliance, first passing Blackledge, and then making moving up to second one lap later, with Blackledge, Hays, and Kreig sorting things out to fall in line. Unfortunately for the latter two, the rest of the field had closed the gap, and they had no intentions of settling in.

From there the truce was reinstated between Blackledge and Franca, setting their sights on the leader Severson, simultaneously closing the gap while pulling away from the infighting for fourth place. With three to go they caught Severson, and immediately Franca made the move to take over the top spot. Blackledge would promote himself to second one lap later, the move giving Franca a slight advantage as they came to the white flag. It would be too much for either to eclipse, with Paulo France scoring his first Super Series victory, over TJ Blackledge, and Tony Severson.



Masters Points

1.	Diego Morales	700
2.	Alexander Bermudez	661
3.	Ariel Rubio	648
4.	Jose da Silva	609
5.	Steve Spring	606

Grand Masters Points

1.	Tom Zevin	406
2.	Jeff Latimer	402
3.	Tony Wika	384
4.	Vladimir Orlov	365
5.	Joe Sabella	290

Sportsman Points

1.	Dmitry Korotkov	606
2.	Rodney Bryant	595
3.	Sam Hunt	582
4.	Tony Chen	558
5.	Mark Sternberg	515









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Round 1 March 10

The 2018 Tri-C Karters season kicked things off this past Saturday in some of the toughest conditions ever for the club. The day would start out dry, but as the morning warm up sessions finished, the track would get too wet for slick tires, and rain tires were adopted for qualifying. The track would dry out as the heat races progressed however, with some drivers gambling on an early switch, and all classes finally on dry tires through about halfway through the mains. The rain would come in earnest about halfway through those main races though, with the latter half drench in a constant downpour, which continued through teardown at the end of the day.

CSK racing would have 15 drivers across three 206 classes that would brave the elements for the season opener, and when the checkers finally fell it would be a hat-trick result with wins in each category entered...

VLR Spec 206

Over the off season the number of VLR chassis have grown tremendously, and the VLR Spec 206 class is looking to have some serious growth here in 2018. The rain did keep a few people away, but there were still many who took to the track in the one-make class. And the one they were all chasing after qualifying, was none other than the 2017 Spec Champion himself Jake Hood, bringing home the first pole position of the season by nearly a full second over fellow CSK racing teammates Rob Brackett and Jon Kimbrell.

Once the racing got underway however it was 2017 title contender Mark Connell that found some extra pace, working up from 4th to take over the top spot in the first heat over Hood in second, and Brackett in third. The skies would start to open up a bit towards the end of heat two, and where it once looked like Connell would again walk away with the win, he would be caught by both Jon Kimbrell and Jake Hood. The trio would fight it out in the final couple of laps, with Kimbrell stealing away the win, and Hood demoting Connell to third.

The final race for the VLR Sec Class would see the rain truly come down, soaking the competitors and making full-wet setups the norm. Unfortunately, the sheer amount of water on track would play havoc with several competitor's engines, with a few waterlogged packages not making it to the end. Not just making it to the end, mark Connell put on a clinic in the full wet, not looking at all like this was his first ever rain race by walking out to a massive 24+ second advantage, bringing home the first Spec class win of the year, with Jake Hood finishing a comfortable second.

VLR Spec Top 5 in Points

1.	Mark Connell	395
2.	Jake Hood	385
3.	Myan Spaccarelli	338
4.	Jon Kimbrell	336
5.	Mike Kellerman	328

206 Masters

As was mentioned before, Mike Smith had the most experience in the wet under the team tent coming into the day, but many of his CSK racing teammates showed extremely well for their first foray on the slick stuff. Smith would score the pole position by 2 seconds over teammate and 2017 Masters champ Mark Connell, with 2017 Silver Fox Challenge winner Rob Brackett rounding out the top three. Unfortunately, contact between Connell and Smith at the start of the first heat would see Connell spin and get collect in an incident, inciting a stellar driver from the back the rest of the day. Connell would end up finish 4th when the checkers fell on the final.

One driver raising some eyebrows in the class was rookie driver Lukas Dziemidok, qualifying 6th out of the 17 in class, and then backing it up with strong performances in the heat races. Smith would win heat one with Lukas coming home third, even leading at one point. In the second heat race Smith gambled on slicks while nearly the entire field was on wets, and the back and forth at the front was intense. Smith would eventually settle for 2nd, with another new CSK Racing driver making some noise; Michael Middleton. A former TAG racer, Middleton steadily improved on his new VLR 206 package, working up from 12th in the first heat to an impressive 4th in heat two.

The Master 206 Main would be the final one of the day, and the one in the worst conditions, with a complete downpour creating standing water all around the track. As engines struggled to stay running under the onslaught of unburnable liquid, drivers negotiated the puddles and rivers as best they could. Smith would return to the front in the early going, maintaining the top spot until the final few laps, where he battled back and forth for the win, eventually capitalizing on an opportunity to bring home the victory. The aforementioned Connell continued his phenomenal recovery drive, backing up his run from 15th to 10 in the second heat, with a run to 4th in the Main. Michael Middleton would back up his heat race pace to round out the top 5, with CSK drivers again looking strong in the Masters point standings.

206 Masters Top 5 in Points

1.	Mike Smith	400
2.	Bryan Williams	375
3.	Steve Jasinski	361
4.	Michael Middleton	340
5.	Lukas Dziemidok	330

Senior 206

For the first race of the season, three drivers would be entered into the Senior 206 class for CSK Racing; last years champion Mike Smith, 3rd place in 2017 Derek Esquibel, and regular front runner Jake Hood. Hood would not be on a VLR for the Senior class however, restricting his sole Emerald chassis for the Spec category.

Very few drivers under the CSK Racing tent had any rain experience coming into the day's event, although the three drivers entered into the Senior category shared most of it. Team Manager Mike Smith boasted the most rain history of the three, putting several events under his belt when he lived in the Pacific Northwest. The group's leg up in experience showed in Senior qualifying, as Smith brought home the pole position by 1.295 seconds over Hood and Esquibel, starting the day with a 1,2,3.

Esquibel would find his way past Hood in the early goings of the first heat, catching Smith by the end with the two drag racing to the line with Smith winning by just .035 seconds. Heat two would again see the CSK Racing teammates leave the rest of the field, with again Smith coming away on top, although the speed of Esquibel was undeniable.

In the Main it would be Derek getting the jump at the start and never looking back, dominating the 16 lap race out front while Smith battled for second. For Derek it was his second 206 win, and second win on the Sportivo layout, backing up his win from the summer race her in 2017, while snagging fast lap honors in the process. Smith would be forced to settle for 4th in the end, sliding out in the final corner to lose the second spot on the podium. Still, it was a solid day, and Esquibel and Smith sit 1-2 in the points after round #1.

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 Grande CCW configuration on April 7th, just a little over 3 weeks from now. 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 hit us up for all your VLR needs!

206 Senior Top 5 in Points

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| 1. | Derek Esquibel | 395 |
| 2. | Mike Smith | 381 |
| 3. | KC Cook | 364 |
| 4. | Riley Dugan | 354 |
| 5. | Jake Hood | 348 |







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schedule 2018

SPRINT SERIES

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

Sprint Series Point Standings

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

SUPER SERIES

ARRIVE AND DRIVE | KART RACING

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

Super Series Point Standings

R6	Jun 16	Nuovo
R7	July 21	Sportivo
R8	Aug 18	Classico
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	Grande CCW
R5	May 26	Grande

IronMan Point Standings

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



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

Tri-C Point Standings

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