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MONTH OF MAY SEES SEÁN FITE, TJ BLACKLEDGE, AND
SPENCER RUSSELL SCORE FIRST CAREER WINS

MAY, 2018

SPRINT SERIES

ARRIVE AND DRIVE | KART RACING

ROUND 5 MAY 12

A-Main

A-Main WINNER

Spencer Russell

A MAIN RESULTS

1	23	Spencer Russell
2	32	Donnie Clarke
3	53	Evan Karp
4	28	Michael Chen
5	39	Mark Sternberg





B-Main

B-Main WINNER

Ivan Martinez

B MAIN RESULTS

1	23	Ivan Martinez
2	20	Frank Hsu
3	40	Joon Maeng
4	25	Tony Chen
5	45	Juan Avina



C-Main

C-Main WINNER

William Ball

C MAIN RESULTS

1	33	William Ball
2	28	Heather Perrin
3	58	Nathaniel Small
4	48	Mark Walton
5	44	Juan Ricart



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ROUND 5 MAY 12

What's another way to say "sweep the race"? That's exactly what happened for the third time in a row during this past weekend's Sprint Series, except this time, it was yet another driver who achieved this great feat. The trend of new winners just might keep up as we approach the second half of the season...

The Grande circuit often throws the proverbial wrench in the forms of the Hairpin and the Scandi corner leading up to it. Quali would be dominated by drivers already familiar with the course. Your points leaders like Spencer Russell and Samuel Hunt remained dominant for the majority of their session. Ultimately the former would score pole position while the reserved Evan Karp would follow as the only two who broke into the 1:06 range.

Russell was off to a good start with Sheng Wu [2R], Jacob Abrams, and Seth Willits in tow for heat 1. For the most part, it was smooth sailing for this top 4 and eventually each became his own island. A blue flag loomed ahead, causing the front pack to finally bunch together. By the checkered, Russell scored P1 with a now shuffled order behind him consisting of Willits, Abrams, and Wu.

It was Russell and Donnie Clarke with the advantage over the A-Main field, but Michael Chen and Mark Sternberg weren't going to make this an easy one. The top trio remained tight, with Russell on the defense through Long Beach from an eager Clarke as he staved off the rest with no small effort. Pulling off fast lap after fast lap was Karp, who after starting in 7th was already just within grasp of something more... Chen would attempt a pass at Kornakurva but with Clarke holding the fort down, no one would get by. Scandi saw some shenanigans from this pack, finally giving Russell some breathing room. Karp now ensued battle for P2 with Clarke, the two now an island separate from the rest. Through Contino, Karp kept applying the pressure, but it would be Clarke edging him out by just a hair for the checkered flag. Sprint Series Round 5 would mark the first career win and a clinch for the Winter Sub-championship for Spencer Russell, as well as the first career podiums for Donnie Clarke and Evan Karp.



A Main Podium



B-Main Winner Ivan Martinez



C-Main Winner William Ball



Winter Series Top 5 After 1 drop

1.	Spencer Russell	875
2.	Samuel Hunt	818
3.	Ivan Martinez	806
4.	Randy McKee	799
5.	Michael Chen	771

Sprint Overall Standings Top 10 After 2 Drops

		Points	Best Drop
1.	Spencer Russell	590	(285)
2.	Diego Alvarado	580	(0)
3.	Samuel Hunt	575	(243)
4.	Lukas Dziemidok [2R]	575	(0)
5.	Ivan Martinez	555	(251)
6.	Mark Sternberg	555	(206)
7.	James Lieser	549	(208)
8.	Donnie Clark	547	(193)
9.	Randy McKee	539	(260)
10.	Evan Karp	537	(211)





Points Leader and Winter Champion Spencer Russell





ROUND 5 MAY 26

The CalSpeed IronMan Series would complete the first half of the season on the Grande configuration in the month of May, heading in the forward direction this time. With new names seen at the top of the board for much of the year, round #5 would see only the sport class with a fresh face in victory lane, as the Pro division would be dominated by a usual suspect...

Charles Eichlin would lead the Ironman group up the hill towards the busstop section for the first time, the field of 35 taking a pair of warm up laps prior to help get some heat into the tires. And while the temperatures were cool, the action on track was hot; with Riley Dugan wasting no time in his bid for the lead, taking over the top spot on lap two. Two-time class winner Alexander Bermudez would follow suite past Eichlin on lap three, but he too would take the fight to the lead, dispatching Dugan on lap four to have three different leaders in four laps.

By then the Pro Class had already begun to come up on lapped traffic from the early pit stops in the sport class, arguably the most fun part about running the 206 package in this series. With lap times about 7-8 seconds faster than the sport class, the Pro drivers have their hands full for the 60 minutes slicing and dicing their way through the field, with Bermudez leading the charge here in round #5. Dugan would stay in touch however, the duo working their way through the slower karts, while simultaneously gapping Eichlin and the rest of the class behind.

It wasn't until lap 18 that the lead two would split up, this because of a pit stop from second place Dugan as they approached a large group of sport class drivers. Bermudez elected to stay out however, not making his stop until just before the halfway point on lap 28. When he emerged from pit lane the lead was still his, and in addition, a healthy 2 second advantage. From there it was no looking back for Bermudez, growing the lead via attacking the lapped traffic, something he has shown to be quite strong at this year. When the checkers finally fell it was Alexander Bermudez ahead of Riley Dugan by just over 11 seconds, with the latter carrying a similar margin over Eichlin for the final podium spot.

PRO Winner Alexander Bermudez

PRO RESULTS

1	6	Alexander Bermudez
2	16	Riley Dugan
3	10	Charles Eichlin
4	15	Tony Wika
5	12	Bill Kreig



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Sport Winner

Sean Fite

SPORT RESULTS

1	58	Sean Fite
2	55	Chris Huerta
3	38	Taylor Hays
4	24	Jose da Silva
5	23	Lukas Dziemidok





ROUND 5 MAY 26

The Sport Class in the Ironman Series would not only see a fight for the round win, but also the battle for the first title in 2018, the Winter Series sub-championship. The best 4 out of 5 competition across the opening rounds of the season saw three drivers in attendance still with a shot at it, with overall point leader leading the chase over Chris Huerta and Alyssa Yaune. Coming up from the 14th, 11th, and 13th positions respectively, eyes would be split following both the action at the front, and the progress of the title contenders.

Brian Starr would be the first of the sport drivers to work through the opening few corners, his time in the lead cut short after just one lap as Nicolas Bel took his turn at the front. Bel too would lead a short leading life, as Sean Fite made the most of his top ten starting position to taking over leading duties by lap three. There Fite would stay with the help of round number three winner Chris Carter in tow, while the duo of Chris Huerta and Steve Spring pushed to reel them in from a little over a second back. The dutiful pushing from Carter ended after about ten or so circuits however, taking his turn at the front, but also giving a little bit more life to the chasing duo, as two became four at the front by lap 13. Once in the lead group, Huerta wasted little time asserting himself as the front man, grabbing his bonus points for leading lap 14, and with it, putting himself in a strong position to earn his first individual championship.

The opening laps were a different story for the other two title contenders however, as both Taylor Hays and Alyssa Yaune found themselves fighting inside a hornet's nest of drivers, albeit slowly making progress to the front. When Huerta was leading his first lap of the 60-minute contest, they would sit 7th and 8th respectively, while third and fourth in the pack chasing the leaders who were about 5 seconds up the road. For the rest of the race it was about chipping away at that lead for the trailing group, but not all the drivers in the group would stay in the conversation; for her part, Yaune would be the victim of poor decision making by lapped traffic, seeing her shot at the front and the title killed all at once.

In the waning laps of the race it was Fite and Huerta that had passed the lead back and forth, having commanded the front for nearly the entire race, while Hays had made it up to just 2.5 seconds astern. Pit lane became a flurry of action in the final five minutes with all of the leaders yet to stop, and it was Huerta the first to blink, actually knocking his two stops out back to back. Fite was next with his pair of trips down pit lane, mimicking Huerta just a lap later; his two stops were over a second faster than Huerta's combined however, and it was Fite with the advantage. Hays left his two stops for the final two circuits in a hail-mary attempt to catch Huerta... And it worked. With pit stop times approaching 2 seconds faster than Huerta, he came out right with him for the final run to the checkers, the two rubbing 'fenders' all the way to the checkers. While Huerta held on for second, Hays did enough to maintain third, and with it, secure his second career Winter Series Title. Out front however was Sean Fite, coupling a strong start, smart strategy, and quick pit stops to earn his first career IronMan Series victory, a popular win amongst his fellow drivers.

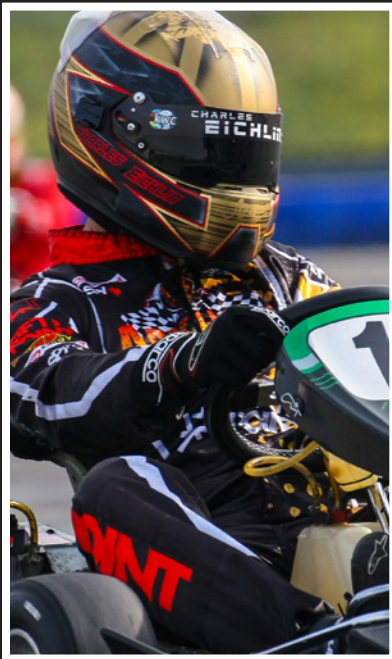




points leaders

PRO

1.	Alexander Bermudez	318
2.	Riley Dugan	292
3.	Charles Eichlin	281
4.	Jetson Lieser	276
5.	Michael Wojdat	256



SPORT

1.	Taylor Hays	298
2.	Chris Huerta	282
3.	Cameron Jocelyn	259
4.	Alyssa Yaune	258
5.	Sean Fite	255
6.	Jose da Silva	253
7.	Steve Spring	241
8.	Anthony Severson	238
9.	Lukas Dziemidok	235
10.	Adam Nagao	232



Winter Series Final Top 5

1.	Taylor Hays	370
2.	Chris Huerta	362
3.	Sean Fite	327
4.	Jose da Silva	322
5.	Alyssa Yaune	318





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ROUND 5 MAY 26

A-Main

A-Main WINNER

Jose da Silva

A MAIN RESULTS

1	26	Jose da Silva [M]
2	27	Alexander Bermudez [M]
3	41	Adam Nagao
4	38	Sean Fite
5	24	Bill Kreig



B-Main

B-Main WINNER

Don Diego Veloria

B MAIN RESULTS

1	41	Don Diego Veloria
2	55	Ariel Rubio [M]
3	26	Tyler Redman [S]
4	52	Ivan Martinez [S]
5	20	Eric Monteith [S]



C-Main

C-Main WINNER

Nathan Hood

C MAIN RESULTS

1	24	Nathan Hood [M]
2	28	Jeff Latimer [GM][S]
3	22	Dmitry Korotkov [S]
4	20	Tony Wika [GM][S]
5	50	Brian Starr [GM][S]



SUPER SERIES

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Grande would be the stage for the fifth round in the 2018 CalSpeed Super Series, heading in the standard direction after heading counter-clockwise the month before. A few different names would grab the spotlight to kick things off, with Jose da Silva securing his first career pole position by just .046 seconds over both Henry Morse in 2nd and Adam Nagao in third, the pair actually tying in time to the thousandth of a second.

Like qualifying, very little separated the drivers in the heat races, with the victories spread out across six different drivers, shared between usual suspects and a couple new ones. Sean Fite added to his 2018 heat win total by grabbing his fourth on the year, while Jose da Silva made the most of his pole position with his second heat race win of the season. For the other four heat race winners it would be their first of the year, with 2017 Super Series champ Patrick Britain heading the list that also included Bill Kreig, Diego Morales, and Steve Spring. Like we have seen all season though, it is consistency that gets you to the front of the A-Main grid, and it would be Kreig and Morales on the front row, followed by Britain and Fite; the quartet putting up a third to go with their wins.

Round #5's pair of preliminary mains carried on the quota of excitement seen throughout the year, with tough fights in both the C and B-Mains. In the C-Main it was Sportsman class title contender Dmitry Korotkov leading the field away at the green, with Grand Masters title contender Jeff Latimer, and Nathan Hood (making his first start of the year) giving chase. Hood would take over the top spot by lap four, and while Korotkov and Latimer kept the pressure on all race, it was Hood that held on for his first main win, while Jeff nipped Dmitry at the line for second.

In the B-Main it was Ariel Rubio lining up first, with another Sportsman standout Scott Milne in second and fellow Sprint Series alumni Don Diego Veloria in third. The pressure would come from these two primarily, with Milne actually taking over the lead on lap four for a one lap stint before Rubio took it right back. Unfortunately for Milne, his time at the front would get cut short by contact by another driver, and it was Veloria that took up the mantle of challenger to the end. Making the move on lap 9, clocking smooth laps out front, Veloria was able to hold on for the win, with Rubio staving off attacks on his runner up position all the way to the checkers.

While a bit more hectic than we have seen this year, the double-file rolling start was still a clean one for the A-Main field of drivers, with the outside row once again having a bit of a run at the start. This saw Diego Morales move up from his second starting spot to snag the lead after lap one, with fellow outside row starter Sean Fite taking care of lap two from 4th. Pole sitter



Pole - Jose da Silva



A Main Podium



B-Main Winner Don Diego Veloria



C-Main Winner Nathan Hood



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Overall Points

1.	Paulo Franca	1126	6.	Bill Kreig	1089
2.	Alyssa Yauney	1121	7.	Henry Morse	1080
3.	Cameron Jocelyn	1106	8.	TJ Blackledge	1074
4.	Diego Morales	1103	9.	Taylor Hays	1067
5.	Chris Huerta	1089	10.	Sean Fite	1061



Bill Kreig took over on lap three, with Adam Nagao clocking his lap led to make it four different leaders in four laps. The musical chairs at the front did a lot to make sure nobody got away, and if it wasn't for the infighting from 7th on back, the top six -that also included Alexander Bermudez and Jose da Silva- may have never been able to do just that.

Still, with about ten to go the lead pack was now just six, their near 2-second advantage helped by their decision to quit battling for a handful of laps with Nagao at the helm. That all changed on lap 10 when things went three wide in the Long Beach corner, busting up the harmony amongst the front six, and with it, shaking up the order behind the leader. While it was still Nagao out front, the trailing quintet was flipped on its head heading into the final five laps, with the former front row starters now at the tail of the top six. Nagao would first come under fire from Fite, losing the lead and dropping to third on lap 13, with Alexander Bermudez following Fite through. But the man on the move was Da Silva; having already clocked the fastest lap, he made the move for the lead on the penultimate lap, holding on for his third career Super Series victory and first of 2018. Bermudez would slot in for second -his first ever podium- while Nagao settled for third after leading the most laps.



Masters Points

1.	Diego Morales	1103
2.	Jose da Silva	1041
3.	Alexander Bermudez	1035
4.	Ariel Rubio	958
5.	Steve Spring	916

Grand Masters Points

1.	Tom Zevin	653
2.	Jeff Latimer	626
3.	Tony Wika	606
4.	Brian Starr	531
5.	Homer Eaton	397

Sportsman Points

1.	Rodney Bryant	875
2.	Sam Hunt	865
3.	Scott Milne	849
4.	Tony Chen	838
5.	Dmitry Korotkov	826









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ROUND 3 MAY 5

NEW FACES UNDER THE TENT AND ON THE PODIUM FOR CSK IN ROUND #3!

The third round of the 2018 Tri-C Karters racing season saw the warmest temperatures yet, and with it several hot performances from some new people at the sharp end. CSK Racing hosted a few new faces under its tent this time around, but it was the veterans coming up big when the final checkers fell on the Grande configuration this past Saturday...

VLR SPEC 206

Mark Connell was the first to make some noise in the VLR Spec 206 class, earning pole position over TJ Blackledge and Rob Brackett to start out the day. When the checkers fell on the first heat race it was status quo in the top five, except for Blackledge who was able to counter an attack from Connell on the final lap to score the heat 1 win. Heat two would see a quartet at the front, as the top two were joined by Rob Brackett and Michael Middleton, the latter a new face at the front. This time it was Connell that led the opening half of the heat, with Blackledge taking over the top spot, and eventually holding on to sweep the heats. For Brackett, he would stave off an attack from Sean Bradley early, but could not get the move done on Middleton for third, the duo going 3-4 for both their heats.

In the Main it would once again just be a one-on-one fight between Blackledge and Connell, with the latter again getting the advantage at the drop of the green. Last round TJ came oh so close to his first win, but this time he was not going to be denied, crossing the line first with Connell second, the pair tying for the fastest lap of the race in the process. Behind them it was a three way fight for the final podium spot for the early part of the race between Middleton, Bradley and Lukas Dziemidok, with Middleton finding his way by to earn his first podium of the season!

VLR Spec Top 5 in Points

- | | |
|--------------------|------|
| 1) Mark Connell | 1093 |
| 2) TJ Blackledge | 1052 |
| 3) Robert Brackett | 994 |
| 4) Lukas Dziemidok | 990 |
| 5) Sean Bradley | 990 |

SENIOR 206

With Jake Hood absent this round it was just Derek Esquibel and Mike Smith taking to the track in 206 Senior for CSK Racing, and once again they were in the thick of the fight, starting with qualifying where they went 2-3 respectively. In the heat races Esquibel would hold on to score a pair of well earned wins, while Smith found himself fighting every lap to keep the rest at bay. For him it would be a third in the first heat, and then a fifth in the second heat after attempting a pass for second in the final corner.

The Main was an eventful one for the CSK Racing teammates, with Derek leading away from the start, with Smith working up to second by lap two. Just before halfway Mike made the move for the lead, but would bicycle up onto two wheels in the attempt, falling back to 5th in the process. Unfortunately Derek also lost out in the attempt, falling to 4th, albeit still in touch with the leaders. On the final lap he was able to capitalize on a move through Kornakurva, moving up from 4th to 2nd in one corner, settling for second place at the stripe.

206 Senior Top 5 in Points

- | | |
|-------------------|------|
| 1) KC Cook | 1129 |
| 2) Derek Esquibel | 1126 |
| 3) Mike Smith | 1083 |
| 4) Riley Dugan | 1081 |
| 5) Drew Zeller | 981 |

206 MASTERS

The Masters 206 class started with a new face at the sharp end, as Lukas Dziemidok scored his first pole position of the year over Rob Brackett, Mike Smith, and Mark Connell. Once the green fell for the heat race however, the more experienced Brackett, Connell and Smith attacked and were 1-2-3 respectively after the opening circuit. They would stay that way through about halfway, when Smith capitalized on an opportunity and went from third to first, eventually holding on for the heat 1 win. In that same move however, Sean Bradley was able to make something happen, and moved up to third ahead of Brackett, with Connell settling in for 2nd.

The second heat race was a bit less eventful at the front, and Smith would hold off Connell for first, the duo comfortably ahead of the rest of the pack. Behind them however it was a fight for third, with Bradley losing the spot after a couple of laps to the pole sitter Dziemidok, only to snag it away again in the final lap.

The Main would see the front three unchanged once again, as Smith would lead Connell and Bradley, the trio working together to widen the gap to the pack behind them. This was made all the more easy by the infighting going on for 4th, with the gap eventually growing to almost ten seconds. Out front Bradley just lost touch towards the end -albeit with the fastest lap of the race- giving Connell a chance to try for the win without pressure coming to the checkers. The two would battle in the final two corners, but Smith held on for the win, the front three sweeping all three races in the same order. It was the first podium finish for Sean Bradley, showing that he'll be one to watch the rest of the season!

CSK Racing would like to again thank all of their customers for coming out to round #3 for the 2018 Tri-C Karters season, and we're looking forward to round #4 on the Sportivo configuration on June 30th. 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 Masters Top 5 in Points

- | | |
|--------------------|------|
| 1) Mike Smith | 1183 |
| 2) Mark Connell | 1065 |
| 3) Steve Jasinski | 1013 |
| 4) Lukas Dziemidok | 1001 |
| 5) Sean Bradley | 990 |

VLR Spec 206



TJ Blackledge

206 Masters



Mike Smith

206 Senior



Derek Esquibel





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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	Nuovo
R7	Jul 7	Sportivo
R8	Aug 11	Classico
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	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	RESULTS
R5	May 26	RESULTS

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	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