

CalSpeed KARTING



PERFEITO PRIETO

**ANDRES PRIETO GOES NEAR-PERFECT TO SCORE
HIS FIRST SUPER SERIES VICTORY**

september, 2018



A-Main

A-Main WINNER

Rodney Bryant

A MAIN RESULTS

1	26	Rodney Bryant
2	35	Luca Bortone
3	41	Samuel Hunt
4	47	Spencer Russell
5	27	Evan Karp



SPRINT SERIES

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ROUND 9 SEPT 8

B-Main

B-Main WINNER

Doug Yauney

B MAIN RESULTS

1	26	Doug Yauney
2	34	Kevin Erikson
3	31	Sicheng Li
4	29	Robert Hernandez
5	42	Ayrton Demoss

C-Main

C-Main WINNER

Max Demoss Jr.

C MAIN RESULTS

1	53	Max Demoss Jr.
2	41	Pedro de la Hoya
3	32	Carlos Verdenelli
4	27	Ethan Hsu
5	43	Scott Head

SPRINT SERIES

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ROUND 9 SEPT 8

September boasted three rounds of the Sprint Series season—Round 9, however, would yield winners that would throw a bit of a curveball at the Summer Sub-championship. New faces were going to take the step on the podium, but they were certainly not all that unfamiliar...

Samuel Hunt, winner of Round 8 and current lead of the Summer Sub-championship, started off dominating his qualifying session. It seemed like no one was going to chip away at his blistering pace. Meanwhile, Spencer Russell and Rodney Bryant were pulling off excellent times last minute. In the end, Hunt would be the only driver to break into the 53-second range with a 53.993 to add another pole position to his record.

Heat 1C began with Rodney Bryant holding the torch and Randy McKee and Jacob Abrams taking to battle immediately into the Esses. Despite their infighting, the top three managed to begin gapping the field after only a couple of laps. Bryant remained steadfast with his lead, however, leaving no room for McKee and Abrams to get through. The latter pair would duel throughout the heat, coming to the start/finish side by side and with Abrams grabbing the P2 spot behind winning driver Bryant.

The front row of the A-Main saw Bryant and Luca Bortone get out to solid starts, the latter having won his heat ahead of Sam Hunt. Very quickly, he steal the lead away in the Carousel just after the green. Bryant, Sam Hunt, and Spencer Russell took to a battle for second—Hunt attacking in turn 4, thus allowing Bortone a little bit of breathing room. Any sense of ease wouldn't last very long as Russell steamrolled to latch onto him, the two pairing up to try and get away from Bryant. Speaking of breathing room, there was none to be had with the top 4 now absolutely glued together. In the waning laps, the top group would shuffle heavily, seeing Bryant get to P2 and Karp repositioned into third. It seemed almost like a sure thing with Bortone leading nearly the whole race but it wasn't meant to be— in Carousel, Bryant would successfully steal it away, placing a huge defensive wall afterwards and going on to grab his first ever Sprint Series win ahead of Bortone's first podium and Hunt's P3.

The Summer Sub-championship now shows that anything could happen: Hunt and Bryant tie for 1st and Bortone and Russell tied for third and fourth only 5 points behind but only 1 Summer Sub-champ gets crowned... A third place finish for Hunt— and ahead of title rival Russell— has chipped away a few points from the latter's overall championship run. Going into the double-header, title recipient was still anything but certain...



A Main Podium



B-Main Winner Doug Yauney



C-Main Winner Max Demoss Jr.

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Points Leader Sam Hunt

Sprint Overall Standings Top 10 After 2 Drops

	Points	Best Drop
1) Samuel Hunt	2045	(243)
2) Spencer Russell	2020	(269)
3) Evan Karp	1860	(211)
4) Randy McKee	1833	(235)
5) Mark Sternberg	1826	(0)
6) Tyler Redman	1780	(223)
7) Michael Chen	1761	(196)
8) Ivan Martinez	1759	(200)
9) Donnie Clarke	1759	(193)
10) Diego Alvarado	1692	(0)





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DOUBLE HEADER SEPT 29



R3 A-Main

A-Main WINNER

Sam Hunt

A MAIN RESULTS

1	23	Samuel Hunt
2	26	Evan Karp
3	35	Rodney Bryant
4	33	Mark Sternberg
5	51	Diego Alvarado



R3 B-Main

B-Main WINNER

Juan Ricart

B MAIN RESULTS

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|---|----|---------------|
| 1 | 44 | Juan Ricart |
| 2 | 59 | James Lieser |
| 3 | 24 | James Suggs |
| 4 | 48 | Ayrton Demoss |
| 5 | 35 | Sicheng Li |

R3 C-Main

C-Main WINNER

Zach Francavilla

C MAIN RESULTS

- | | | |
|---|----|---------------------|
| 1 | 51 | Zachary Francavilla |
| 2 | 22 | Justin Altman |
| 3 | 49 | Ethan West |
| 4 | 48 | Adrian Jones |
| 5 | 21 | David Cody |

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DOUBLE HEADER SEPT 29 R3 & R7

September 29's race day played host to a unique set of circumstances after rain-outs from both Sprint Series Rounds 3 and 7 earlier this year making it a day not to miss. Going into the race, the Overall Championship was a head-to-head battle between leader Spencer Russell and P2 Samuel Hunt, the latter already with a strong shot at the Summer Sub-championship. Another wrench thrown into the game came in the form of two different track layouts: Grande CCW in the morning race and Classico CCW in the afternoon. All of these unusual factors made for a recipe that would contribute to a very exciting conclusion by day's end...

Sprint Series Round 3 began sans Race Clinic, putting drivers in a different frame of readiness as they took to the track for qualifying. Rodney Bryant, Summer Sub-champ points leader going in, looked to be ruling the track with his pace as the session kept rolling. With only a minute ago, it looked like Hunt would be able to steal pole away briefly, followed by Tyler Redman. It wasn't meant to be, however, as Bryant would be able to keep up his drive and score pole position for the morning event.

Heat 1B began with Hunt in the lead and drivers Evan Karp and Donnie Clarke immediately cutting through the field for second and third, the battle for P2 ensuing amongst them. Hunt had over a full second on the field with the hornet's nest behind him staying busy, but not enough for him to get away. Meanwhile, Karp in P2 pulled fast lap and took a successful inside pass at Short Beach to become the new leader. Several attempts to steal the lead away were futile but Hunt would set up out of the Hairpin on the final lap, getting the first position back for himself to win heat 1A ahead of Karp and Clarke.

A lot was riding on this day and A-Main pole sitter Hunt knew this. At the green then, his response was quick and his advantage began very quickly over the rest. The battle for P2 was deep with Russell at the helm of it- the pressure behind however was absolutely huge and Hunt was getting further and further away. Karp's very aggressive driving allowed him to oust Russell, the swarm swallowing him up all too quickly. Bryant meanwhile now sat in third glued to Karp's bumper while he constantly took peeks at the inside of turn 4 in the hopes of prying open a window. Just before the white flag, the pair would drag race out of Bypass coming side-by-side across the line. Karp would just barely hold on to P2... At the checkered flag, Hunt would cruise to the win for Sprint Series Round 3 followed by Karp and Bryant for the podium.

Round 7's qualifying would see the change in track configuration to Classico CCW and different names at the top for the entire duration of the session. A whole gamut of



A Main Podium



B-Main Winner Juan Ricart



C-Main Winner Zach Francavilla





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double Header sept 29

R7 A-Main

A-Main WINNER

Diego Alvarado

A MAIN RESULTS

1	22	Diego Alvarado
2	51	Samuel Hunt
3	31	Mark Sternberg
4	36	Sicheng Li
5	50	Tyler Redman

B-Main

B-Main WINNER

Ivan Martinez

B MAIN RESULTS

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|---|----|------------------|
| 1 | 42 | Ivan Martinez |
| 2 | 26 | Maximilian Bui |
| 3 | 51 | Justin Altman |
| 4 | 31 | Michael Hottinga |
| 5 | 53 | James Lieser |



C-Main

C-Main WINNER

Tommy Haake

C MAIN RESULTS

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|---|----|--------------|
| 1 | 49 | Tommy Haake |
| 2 | 25 | Trevor Volin |
| 3 | 38 | John Perry |
| 4 | 47 | Jacob Sainz |
| 5 | 26 | Jeff Latimer |



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the top 10 would see a glimpse of possibly obtaining pole position but ultimately, Sam Hunt would earn the honors with a 53.787, 2/10ths ahead of Nathaniel Small who had achieved one of his best quali times to date.

Heat 1B saw a lot of action in the first lap as the hairpin looked like Grand Central station on a Monday morning commute. Diego Alvarado took advantage of the busy drivers and came out to the lead early on from his P4 start. Sicheng Li, meanwhile relegated a few spots back, went for a clean inside pass for P2 at the Bypass, successfully getting by. The pair gapped the field, leaving behind a messy battle for third. Having put on a solid run earlier in the day during Round 3, James Suggs was set to make huge inroads once again and this time, his success came in the form of a jump from starting 9th to wrapping up the race in 3rd behind Alvarado and Li.

This time around, we were perhaps beginning to see the quiet brewing behind the helmets for the final race of the day. After the green flag was raised, drivers Hunt, Mark Sternberg, and Alvarado set off making clean laps around the joint while figuring out the timing to execute their plans. It was near silent for the first half the race... a couple gasps here and there but the top 3 would be unchanged. That is, until only a few laps remained and Alvarado opted for an inside move at the Bypass, putting him in excellent position down the straightaway and on through the Esses to pass both Sternberg and Hunt to capture the lead. With this advantage now in hand, he approached the white flag with even more mettle. With the final corners approaching, it just so happened that Hunt's momentum through turn 4 looked near-perfect to possibly take back the lead from Alvarado, but it wasn't meant to be. As the dust settled, Alvarado would take the top step over Hunt and Sternberg for Sprint Series Round 7.

With Sprint Series Round 9 and the Double-Header behind us, we now enter the final race of the season. Such a special type of day begs anticipating that the points would receive a bit of an upset—that said, after a solid performance during both rounds, the Summer Sub-championship now belongs to Sam Hunt with the door effectively closed even before the final round. Winning both of his heats on Saturday, the main in Round 3, and scoring P2 in Round 7— all of these are very winning results. And what does this mean now for Overall Championship and rival Spencer Russell, who previous to race-day was leader in points? Quite a lot. He now sits behind Hunt by a slim 25 points. Meanwhile, the fight for that final piece of hardware now rests on the shoulders of Evan Karp, Randy McKee, and Mark Sternberg. Karp's podium in Round 7 no doubt allowed him to move from 4th to now 3rd in points for the season. Add to that, the three of them are only separated by a range of 34 points. Round 10 will all be about cutting teeth...



A Main Podium



B-Main Winner Ivan Martinez



C-Main Winner Tommy Haake

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ROUND 9 SEPT 22

The Pro Class saw several familiar faces team up for the two-hour race, including the winning team from the July event Alexander Bermudez and Jetson Lieser. Once again it would be Bermudez taking the reigns for the first half of the event, with their primary rivals once pole sitters Andres Prieto and Diego Morales jumping out to the early advantage. For Morales it was a chance at redemption, as he looked to bring home the win after doing so but coming in light at the scales back in July; teamed up with veteran karter Prieto, and his chances looked good. While their starting driver hadn't been to CalSpeed in quite some time, he was no stranger to the track or the karts, and it was obvious he never lost a step, leading for the opening 8 circuits before ducking down pit road for his first of two required stops. With Prieto knocking out his allotment of pit stops by coming back down just a couple laps later, the next time the lead switched hands wasn't until lap 42, when Bermudez completed his second required stop in the first hour. And while the latter was able to reel in the leader in the opening circuits, once alone it was Prieto showing the advantage, carrying an almost ten-second gap once the pit stops were finished.

With his job completed, Colombian Prieto would hand off to fellow native countryman Diego Morales about the halfway point, his lead having grown to 12 seconds during the driver exchanges between the two teams. Much like in July, Morales would once again face the challenge of Jetson Lieser in the second half, but this time it was the latter's turn to shine. Over the next hour or so the only time the lead changed hands was when pit stops were made, with Morales electing to come in for back to back stops on laps 98 and 99. Interestingly enough, when he came out of the pits he would be right on the heels of his rival, albeit a lap down. Lieser would immediately pit in an effort to shake his competitor, clicking off as many fast laps as possible before finally coming down pit road for the final time with about 30 minutes left to run. At this point, it was evident that Lieser was on the move, as he had shaved the lead down from 12 seconds to less than five, and still had enough to get to the front.

With ten minutes to play the gap was down to 1.5 seconds, the duo scything their way through traffic, several times coming close to throwing it all away, all in an effort to come out on top. It was indeed traffic that would be a huge factor, with Morales losing a full second with about eight minutes left to allow Lieser to close into attack position. Jetson would stay on his bumper for the next few laps, finally making his move for the lead with about five minutes to go. Simultaneously working traffic while trying to find a way around his opponent, Morales looked good for a shot at the front, although this got more interesting when coming up on fellow Pro Class traffic. Coming to the white flag it was Lieser, Morales and third place Tony Wika -who had just set the fastest lap of the race in their trail- with the top two putting on a show. The final lap would see move and counter move, with the bypass complex being the decider, all the while with Wika in the mix. A defensive move from Lieser would see Morales carry the run, and while Wika found his way by at the same time, the drag race to the line was on. At the line it would be Lieser by just .090 seconds after 2 hours of racing, having come back from 12 seconds down to steal away the win for himself and Bermudez in the end. Morales and Andres Prieto would settle for second, while Tony Wika brought things home third for himself and teammate Duane Lawson.

PRO Winner *Alexander Bermudez*

PRO RESULTS

- 1 Alexander Bermudez/ Jetson Lieser
- 2 Diego Morales/ Andres Prieto
- 3 Tony Wika/ Duane Lawson
- 4 Christian Franck/ Mike Lewis

PRO Winner *Jetson Lieser*

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SPORT Winner

TJ Blackledge

SPORT RESULTS

1	55	TJ Blackledge
2	36	Chris Carter/ Adam Nagao
3	58	Sean Fite
4	38	Alyssa Yauney
5	21	Taylor Hays



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Tom Zevin would follow the Pro Class karts down into the Esses for the start of the two-hour event, but it would be TJ Blackledge taking over the top spot from third by the end of lap one. Initially out front by a decent margin for the opening laps, Ariel Rubio would catch and link up with him, and from there, their advantage grew over the rest of the front pack. Elsewhere, pit stops had already started to take place amongst some of the regular front runners, with Steve Spring the first to blink on lap 3, quickly followed by Sean Fite one lap later. New hot shoe in recent months Evan Karp would follow suit a lap after Fite, and the trio linked up to make the most off of their alternate strategy. For the rest of the protagonists, it was all about working up through the field, with pit stops pushed out until later in the first half.

The driver on the move in the first half was none other than the Summer Series point leader, Alyssa Yauney; starting 15th, she steadily worked her way through the field, making the most of the first half as she could. By about the 20-minute mark the lead was hers, with Blackledge able to latch on the tow hooks and stay with her, while Rubio slipped off the back of the train after trouble in traffic. From there through when the pit window for kart changes opened, it was all Yauney, her closest rival -Blackledge-electing to pit on his own just after the 30-minute mark. Without pressure, she would make her pair of pit stops back to back just after the 50-minute mark, not relinquishing the lead until making her required kart change just past halfway. The aforementioned Blackledge would be the benefactor of that stop, inheriting the lead from Yauney for the next five or so laps before he too ahead to make his kart change. Those five laps were important ones, however, as once the kart change was completed, it was TJ that had leapfrogged the former leader.

From there it was Blackledge that would show he had the pace to beat, and as he clicked off lap after unfaltering lap, his advantage grew to a comfortable gap. Behind him, drivers pushed to adapt to their new rides, while other fresh drivers took over during the kart swap to make the most out of the second hour. Taking over for the former winner this season Chris Carter, Adam Nagao picked up where his teammate had left off, keeping up their front-running status that began with a P2 start. Third after the kart and driver changes were finished -albeit 10 seconds down from 2nd- Nagao pushed for more than just a podium finish, reeling in former leader Yauney a little every lap. Also making inroads with his varied strategy from the rest of his rivals, Sean Fite had a lot more work to do, sitting 7th and ten seconds astern of the podium. While both drivers put on the afterburners and shot towards the front, the latter had to fight through several drivers for position, while the former even led for a while when the second duo of pit stops started. While Blackledge cruised to his first career victory, both Nagao and Fite would be able to do the same for their respective podium spots, with the real fight being for fourth. Title contenders Alyssa Yauney and Taylor Hays would duke things out coming to the line, with Yauney keeping her title hopes alive for one more race by beating Hays at the line by just .012seconds...



Points Leader Alexander Bermudez



points leaders

PRO

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



SPORT

1	Taylor Hays	69	651
2	Alyssa Yaune	60	625
3	Sean Fite	66	615
4	Chris Huerta	60	574
5	Jose da Silva	60	567
6	Adam Nagao	0	533
7	Lukas Dziemidok	54	524
8	TJ Blackledge	30	516
9	Steve Spring	54	511
10	Chris Carter	27	480



Points Leader Taylor Hays



Summer Series

Alyssa Yaune	72	295
Sean Fite	63	288
Taylor Hays	57	281
Diego Morales	33	247
Jose da Silva	60	245



A-Main

A-Main WINNER

Andres Prieto

A MAIN RESULTS

1	33	Andres Prieto
2	47	TJ Blackledge
3	51	Adam Nagao
4	42	Alyssa Yauney
5	50	Bill Kreig



SUPER **SERIES**

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B-Main

B-Main WINNER

Chris Huerta

B MAIN RESULTS

1	20	Chris Huerta
2	36	Evan Karp [S]
3	53	Anthony Severson
4	28	Don Diego Veloria
5	51	Jacob Abrams [S]

C-Main

C-Main WINNER

Duane Lawson

C MAIN RESULTS

1	47	Duane Lawson [GM]
2	25	James Bratton [GM]
3	46	Max Demoss Sr. [M][S]
4	45	Jeff Latimer [GM][S]
5	55	Sean Bradley [M][S]

SUPER SERIES

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Round 9 Sept 18

Classico CCW would be the host for an exciting ninth round of the Super Series championship, one that not only saw some incredible racing for the win, but also the fight for a possible clinch to the overall championship. All eyes would be on series point leader Alyssa Yauney, as she pushed to seal the deal on a championship that looked to be in reach one round early...

Adam Nagao would kick things off with top time in qualifying, earning his second career pole position, but his first in the counter-clockwise direction. Out-of-towner Andres Prieto continued his prowess from the IronMan that morning by putting up the second fastest lap, while point leader Alyssa Yauney brought home the final bonus point with a third overall. Of the trio however, it was the point leader that would put up the strongest showing in the heat races, becoming the fourth driver this year to sweep her heat races. Her closest title rival Sean Fite would lead a cast of fellow drivers with heat wins on the day, including the aforementioned Prieto, Aaron Scott, and Alexander Bermudez.

Once the heat races had concluded, the first main of the day would be the C-Main, and it would be former competition karter James Bratton leading the field away from the green, and for the open two thirds of the race. Behind him, former Super Series regular turned 206 Masters competitor Duane Lawson made quick work to get into second, and then set his sights on the front. With Bratton starting with about a second lead after lap one, Lawson began to chip away and the gap a tenth or two at a time, finally getting to the back bumper at the start of lap 9. With time running out, Lawson immediately made the move, grabbing the lead from Bratton, with the former leader attempting a counter. With just a couple laps remaining, James kept things close, but was unable to challenge again for the lead, with Duane Lawson scoring hardware in his one-off Super Series appearance.

After the mano-a-mano battle for the win in the C-main, the next main on the day saw a three-way fight for the B-Main victory and the transfer to the A-Main. Chris Huerta would lead the field at the drop of the green, with Anthony Severson in tow, followed by a very quick Evan Karp in third. It would actually be Karp who was on the move, first dispatching Severson for second, before giving the lead a shot on lap five. The counter was quick from the pole sitter however, and Huerta struck back to re-take the lead one lap later, with Severson moving up the very next lap on his own volition. All of this back and forth kept 2017 Sprint Series runner-up Don Diego Veloria in the game, making it a four-driver fight for the top spot in the waning laps. As it is many times in the counterclockwise direction, the Bypass corner once again looked to be the decider, with the top three all with a shot heading in. On the way out it was a drag race between Huerta and Karp -who was able to sneak past Severson- with the duo crossing the line in a photo finish... Huerta over Karp by just .015 seconds...

Coming into the day, Alyssa Yauney needed to just maintain an



Pole - Adam Nagao



A Main Podium



B-Main Winner Chris Huerta



C-Main Winner Duane Lawson



Points Leader Alyssa Yauney

ARRIVE AND DRIVE | KART RACING

Overall Points

Drop

1	Alyssa Yauney	335	2669
2	Sean Fite	280	2499
3	Chris Huerta	304	2470
4	Diego Morales	321	2459
5	Charles Eichlin	308	2453

6	TJ Blackledge	263	2409
7	Alexander Bermudez	255	2402
8	Bill Kreig	179	2387
9	Taylor Hays	295	2385
10	Patrick Britain	286	2384



85+ point lead to clinch her first Super Series championship, but after sweeping both her heat races, it became clear she was looking for more than just a solid points day. Leading the field to the green via the double-file rolling start, she would have veteran Bill Kreig on the outside pole, followed by heat race winner Andres Prieto and fast driver from qualifying Adam Nagao in row two. Yauneu would command the race from the front right away, with Kreig, Prieto, and Nagao breaking away with her from the infighting for fifth. The quartet seemed content at first to ride along but when Kreig's move for the lead only last a single lap before Yauneu took it back, the rest of the pack started to get antsy. First Prieto made the move on Kreig for 2nd, and then Nagao one lap later, not only allowing Yauneu to pull slightly away, but also to let a now more settled top ten to inch closer. With Prieto and Nagao now linked up, the duo went to work to reel the leader back in, while also gapping the rest of the field to make it a three-driver fight at the front with two to go. Now in position, the fight was on, and the once healthy margin was reduced to nothing in a single lap, with the addition of Kreig and TJ Blackledge making now five karts in position for the win. Prieto played the best hand of the group, finding his way by, and with enough margin to cross the line unchallenged, while the next four crossed the line as a group, blanketed by just over .2 seconds. Unfortunately for Yauneu, it would see her slip from the lead to 4th in the final complex, while TJ Blackledge went from 5th to 2nd, and Adam Nagao stole the final podium spot at the line. The consolation prize for Alyssa Yauneu was not a bad one, however; clinching the 2018 Super Series championship one round early...



Masters Points

		Drop	
1	Diego Morales	321	2459
2	Alexander Bermudez	255	2402
3	Jose da Silva	263	2223
4	Steve Spring	249	2105
5	Rodney Bryant	211	2082

Grand Masters

		Drop	
1	Tom Zevin	132	1404
2	Jeff Latimer	159	1374
3	Tony Wika	150	1343
4	Brian Starr	0	1095
5	Gilbert Perez	71	856

Sportsman Points

		Drop	
1	Rodney Bryant	211	2082
2	Sam Hunt	161	1974
3	Scott Milne	203	1949
4	Mark Sternberg	130	1822
5	Dmitry Korotkov	188	1756









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ROUND 6 SEPT 1

FIRST OF TWO TRI-C EVENTS OF OCTOBER FOR CSK.

October brings the first of two Tri-C races for the month, with round #7 taking place this past weekend on the Classico Counter Clockwise circuit at CalSpeed Karting. Going into the event, CSK Racing had drivers in position to clinch the championship in all three 206 categories entered, with each class putting on a show on track. In the end, it would be an up and down day for the team, pairing wins with bad luck throughout the event...

VLR SPEC 206

Mark Connell once again showed why he is the driver to beat in the VLR Spec class in round #7, clocking his fourth pole of the year to start the first heat race out front. It was exactly the start to the day that he wanted, looking to clinch the championship one round early over stablemate and closest competitor TJ Blackledge. He may have had pole position, but it was fellow CSK Racing driver Adam Nagao that would take things into turn #1, leading the opening couple of circuits before an electrical issue took him out of the running. Blackledge would find his way by at the same time, and it would be the 41 leading the 4 at the finish of heat 1. Heat two would see the outside row again with the jump, this time with Connell out front, a position he would hold onto for the duration of the race. For his part, Nagao would work up to third by the checkers, slotting in just behind Blackledge at the line. For the main, it was again the same three drivers at the front to kick things off, but this time it was TJ leading, with Adam sneaking past Mark by lap three. From there the top two would stretch away, while Connell battled with Lukas Dziemidok and 206 racing newcomer Evan Karp, eventually slipping to 5th. Out front, TJ Blackledge would hold off Adam Nagao to claim his fourth win of the year, while Lukas Dziemidok held on for his second podium of the season. With the win, Blackledge was able to take the championship on to the season finale, with Connell still holding an 89 point lead going in...

VLR SPEC 206 TOP 5 POINTS (DROP):

1)	Mark Connell	2337	(308)
2)	TJ Blackledge	2248	(324)
3)	Lukas Dziemidok	2099	(320)
4)	Sean Bradley	2052	(316)
5)	Adam Nagao	1826	(0)

SENIOR 206

206 Senior would be a tumultuous one for the protagonists in the championship, as point leader Derek Esquibel came in with a chance to clinch, and Mike Smith a chance for second, but both would see their worst finishes of the year. The duo would go 3-2 in qualifying respectively, and after a hard fought battle for the first heat, it was Esquibel that would come out on top, with Smith settling for fourth after briefly leading. The second heat would again see the elbows-up type of racing that has been prevalent in the last couple of events, with Esquibel and Smith settling for 2nd and 3rd. The main would look to start in the right way, with Smith leading out of the gate and Esquibel slotting in behind to make it a CSK Racing 1-2 for the opening couple of laps. Unfortunately, Esquibel would receive contact that would knock him out of the running, while podium contender Riley Dugan and Drew Zeller would slip by Smith all in the same lap. Things would get turned on their head -literally- after a flip brought out a red flag, and created a 4 lap shootout for the win, with Smith starting second. Unfortunately, contact while going for a pass would knock his chain off and end his main prematurely, but it wasn't all bad for CSK Racing. Smith's bad luck was advantageous for a pair of his stablemates, as both Seth Willits -making his 206 racing debut- and Spec class standout Adam Nagao were promoted into striking distance of the podium. Willits would have 3rd on the white flag lap, but it would be Nagao stealing it away in the hairpin to score his second podium of the day. In the points it was a rough one for Esquibel, losing 57 points after getting knocked out of the main, his lead now counting just 5 markers going into the Season Finale. Smith also would lose points, and will either finish in third or fourth depending on how the last race goes...

206 SENIOR TOP 5 POINTS (DROP):

1)	Derek Esquibel	2269	(332)
2)	KC Cook	2264	(341)
3)	Mike Smith	2187	(342)
4)	Riley Dugan	2151	(326)
5)	Drew Zeller	2044	(295)

206 MASTERS

Like the other two classes, CSK Racing had a driver in position to clinch the championship an event early, this

time with Team Principal Mike Smith the one in the hot seat. Unlike his trials in the Senior category, Masters had been a very good season for Smith, and the seventh round would be another one of his best. Still, there was no shortage of pressure from the rest of the class, led by teammate and reigning Masters Champ Mark Connell. Smith would score the pole position and pair of heat race wins over Connell, the latter also fighting off pressure from CSK Racing stablemates Jose da Silva, Lukas Dziemidok, and Sean Bradley. In the Main, it would once again be Smith out front, pushing to try and stay ahead of the chasing quartet, with Connell again leading the charge. This time, however, it was Lukas who would be on the move, working up from 5th on lap one, dispatching Bradley, and then da Silva before taking over the second spot from Connell by lap seven. That infighting was enough for Smith to grow his advantage to a comfortable margin, scoring the win, and with it the 2018 206 Masters Championship. Lukas Dziemidok would also be able to pull away a bit, coming across second for his best finish of the season, while Jose da Silva earned the same feat by bringing home his first podium with third. For his part, Mark Connell would also lock up the second spot in the standings via his top-five finish, leaving the final podium spot to be decided by CSK Racing stablemates Lukas Dziemidok and Sean Bradley, sitting just 10 points apart heading into the Season Finale...

206 MASTERS TOP 5 POINTS (DROP):

1)	Mike Smith	2430	(383)
2)	Mark Connell	2235	(324)
3)	Lukas Dziemidok	2114	(330)
4)	Sean Bradley	2104	(299)
5)	Steve Jasinski	2011	(302)

CSK Racing would like to again thank all of their customers for coming out to round #7 for the 2018 Tri-C Karters season, and we're looking forward to the Season Finale on the Tecnico configuration on October 27th, followed by the Awards Banquet immediately after the races. 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!



VLR Spec 206

TJ Blackledge Holds Off Nagao



206 Masters

Dziemidok, Smith, Silva



206 Senior

Adam Nagao





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SPRINT SERIES

ARRIVE AND DRIVE | KART RACING

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

Sprint Series Point Standings

R6	Jun 9	RESULTS
R7	Jul 7	RESULTS
R8	Aug 11	RESULTS
R9	Sep 8	RESULTS
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	RESULTS
R5	May 26	RESULTS

Super Series Point Standings

R6	Jun 16	RESULTS
R7	July 21	RESULTS
R8	Aug 18	RESULTS
R9	Sep 22	RESULTS
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	RESULTS
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