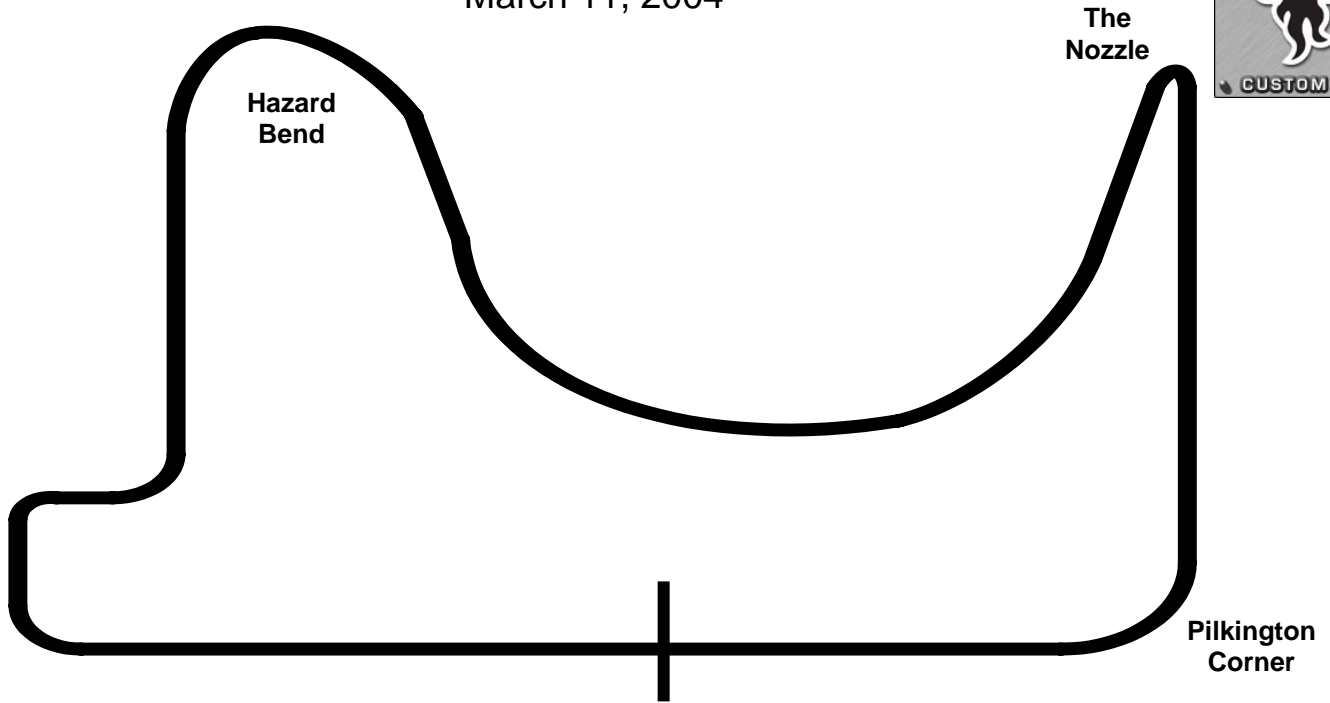




BFC XMODS Racing Series Coursa del Lombardo

March 11, 2004



Starting Grid:

Pole – Santamarina, 2 – Schloer, 3 – Hester, 4 – Berning, 5 – Lucas, 6 – Stephenson, 7 – Morrison, 8 – Romack

Its Only a Numbers Game

The wind was blowing strong from the west and another exciting race was on tap. The drivers know that with the series coming to a close every point counted. With respectable qualify times the Nissans and Hondas were at the front ready to give the crowd something to talk about around the coffee machine on Monday morning.

When the green light came on Hester's launch from the grid was flawless. He was the first one into Pilkington and never looked back winning the race from line to line. "I know Santamarina is playing the numbers game, but in my opinion it is dangerous. If he has one bad race and doesn't place in the top three it's over." The points leader had his own opinion. "Hester has to win, and he knows that. He has no choice but to take the point deduction by running his higher displacement motor."

With the BP/Toxic Lemon out front the battle ensued for the remaining point spots. Santamarina was out-driving the rest of the competition, but the posse was not letting the outlaw in the yellow Nissan out of sight. The Toyota of Morrison and 3rd in points Schloer were exchanging spots like a bad game of cards with Schloer actually holding the 2nd spot for almost a third of the race before getting passed by Santamarina. The driving was always exciting and those who purchased grandstand ticks at The Nozzle got a show of beautiful driving with artful passing mixed with some brutal bumps and exchanges as the field squeezed through the infamous hairpin.

Missing from the excitement was Berning's number #2 car. The one motor rule hurt rookie driver when his Vision/Race Face Acura blew up at the start. Although disappointed the rookie is already talking about next season.

No one lost position in the points but the dogs have got the scent and are on the hunt.

Results:

1 – Hester, 2 – Santamarina, 3 – Morrison, 4 – Schloer, 5 – Stephenson, 6 – Romack, 7 – Lucas, Berning – DNF

Organizer Notes:

Due to scheduling conflicts next race (the time trial) will be on Thursday the 18th, no qualifying. Time trial start times will be based on point standings. Thanks again for all of the racers who pitched in during the track setup and teardown.

Keep the rubber side down,

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