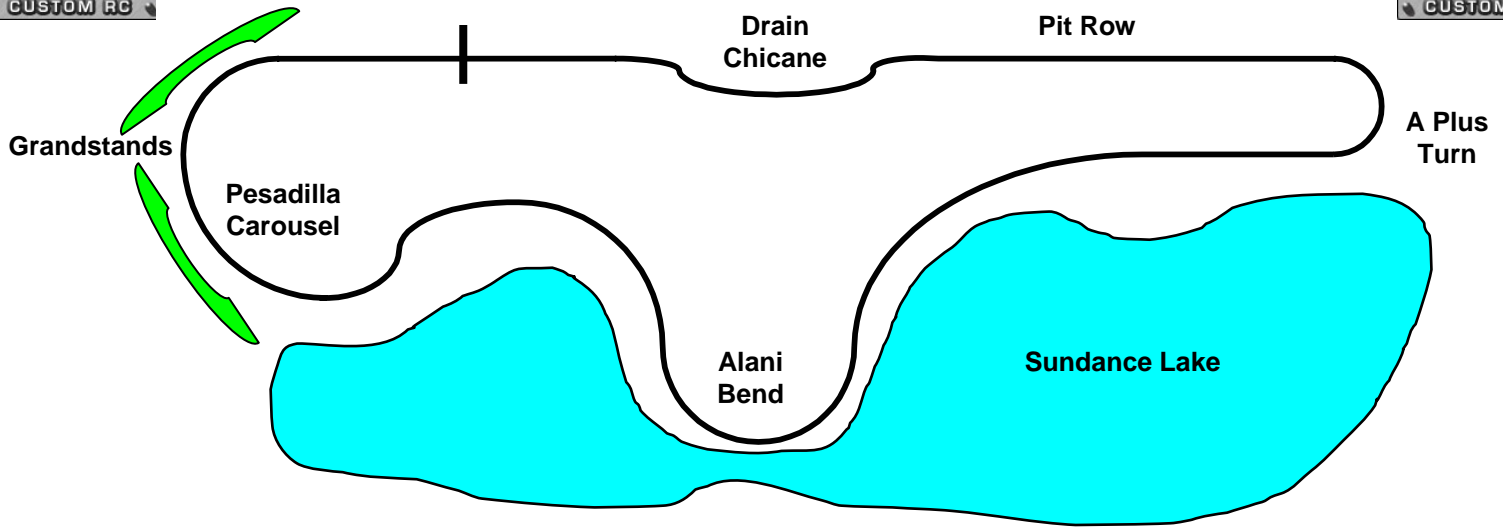




BFC XMODS Racing Series

Lakeside SpA

January 9, 2004



Time Keeper: B. Lucas

Track Marshals: P. Pai, B. Lucas, K. Schloer

Eyes Wide Shut

With two weeks off A. Santamarina and K. Schloer came back to a whole different type of competition. Most of the competitors were running stage 2 motors and AWD for the past two weeks with plenty of time to tune their cars and practice. Pole sitter R. Hester got detailed information from a mole on G. Stephenson's team and was able to improve upon the veteran's setup placing him at the front of the grid with the fastest qualifying time to date. K. Schloer shook his head as he watched the field warm-up before the qualifying heats "It's totally a different race now."

The race was clean with Hester taking a flyer from start to finish. Santamarina's driving ability kept him tight with the leaders but was no match for the blistering speeds of BP/Toxic Lemon Nissan and the red number 12 Toyota of Stephenson. "The bar has been raised." said Nissan driver A. Santamarina with a smile. A humbling 3rd place finish for the Cuban didn't break his spirit. He seems okay with it and confident that he will be able to maintain his lead even with the field shifting gears and drawing closer to the top three places.

With the win today Hester now sits just 1.5 points out of the lead. Schloer has held on to third place but Stephenson keeps working his way up the ladder and has his sites set on A. Romack and K. Berning. Will Hester dethrone Santamarina? Can Stephenson keep his upward momentum? Who will win next week? All of this will be played out once more at Lakeside SpA.

Results:

1 – R. Hester, 2 – G. Stephenson, 3 – A. Santamarina, 4 – K. Morrison

Organizer Notes:

The Wintergreen 100 is right around the corner. Speedway velocity with superior traction. No points, prizes only, no holds bared.

Hopefully we will be able to move to the Corsa del Lombardo for January 30th, but that is dependant upon construction. If not we will remain at Lakeside for that extra week, but like many of you I am ready for a new challenge.

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