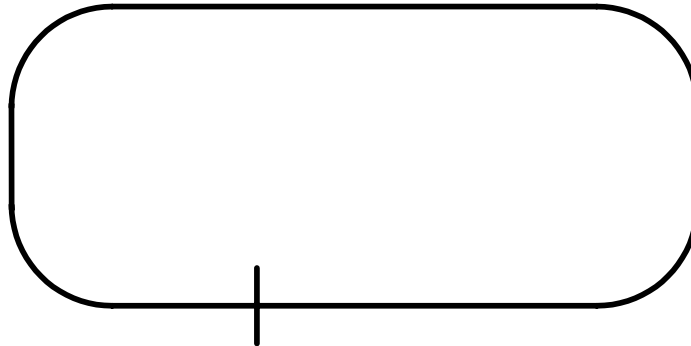




BFC Micro Racing Series

Ennui Speedway

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Oh where, oh where have the Toyota's gone? Oh where, oh where can they be?!

The Toyota pit was empty this week. No crew, no cars, no drivers. With Dutton at the top of the Rookie points he can afford to miss a few before hard charging Frank Adams would gladly take the spot away from him if given the chance. There are still more than 6 weeks left to race so Dutton would have to make it to the track to keep the championship. With that said team leader Ken Morrison wasn't anywhere to be found either. Word was that they missed the boat from the US and no cars... no racey racey.

With Morrison missing his chances of penetrating the top three are dwindling but he will likely be joined by Russ Hester. Hester made it to the final in Romack's #2 car but couldn't seem to run those perfect laps he needed to contend. "Our #2 car doesn't have the higher output motor, so hanging with RedLine Racing is impossible." Said Hester. However, that didn't seem to keep him off of Stephenson's tailpipe. The Acura's launch control gave him the first spot going into turn one after the green flag dropped but that was the last Hester saw of the front of the field.

Santamarina and Barnes were working their machines to the limit as they battled it out for the win. "It wasn't easy. Reggie has always run great and wants a win this season. I am surprised that he hasn't won yet but Gary had a good run and if I am on form I am unbeatable in my new car." Said this week's winner Santamarina. RedLine was pleased with their 2/3 placing this week but Barnes' frustration showed. He tried but just couldn't regain the 3 car lengths that Santamarina established after the 3rd lap. The NASCAR type circuit meant for some high speed and some aggressive driving. A number of times there were bumps that sent cars into the walls and made the marshals raise a brow, but no complaints of the basic track layout.

Most the paint swapping was done by Lucas in the qualifying heat and between Stephenson and Hester during the main. Hester's and Stephenson's race for third wasn't epic like that of Barnes and Santamarina, but the RedLine driver needed third place to hold onto the points lead for one more week. That he did but only barely.

There were rumors that due to union disputes the commissioner was calling off the remainder of the season, which would have left Nismo gnashing their teeth, but race organizers were able to negotiate the rest of the season giving Nismo's Santamarina a good chance of unseating Stephenson. Will Stephenson hold on? Will Barnes finally get that ever illusive win? This week will be a doozie, Hester should be back up and running with the teams #1 car so having him in the mix will certainly stir things up.

Pro Ranks = Mini-Z...

Just a word of warning for those Rookies out there. If you plan on racing up next season with the Pros you might as well start saving your money to buy a Mini-Z because clearly if you don't have a MR-02 chassis you won't be in the top three. Reggie's S4 motor is "crazy fast" and thankfully against the rules otherwise no one would stand a chance. By the way, any one have a speed gun?

Results:

Pro: 1 – A. Santamarina, 2 – R. Barnes, 3 – G. Stephenson, 4 – R. Hester

Organizer's Notes:

We may have found another lap counter manufacturer! Still no response back from CoreSpeedway so we will look at others to see if we can get something before the end of the season.