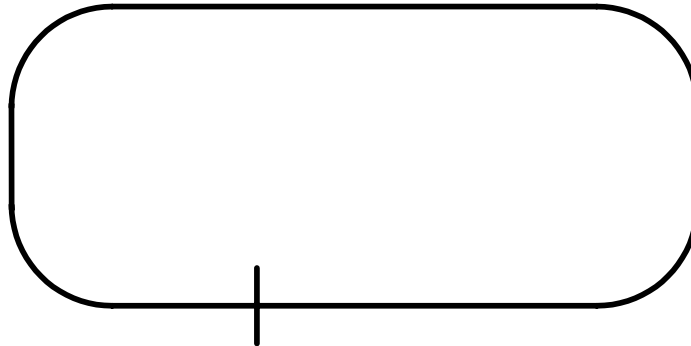




BFC Micro Racing Series

Ennui Speedway

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Santamarina is on a roll, a steamroller that is!

Once again the Rookie ranks were filled with some heated competition. With Jack Thompson returning after a hiatus from the Honda team he managed to pull off a 2nd place finish, albeit a little rusty. Dutton's domination continued. Adams had a great start launching him into the lead for the first two laps but tire selection and the extra power from his new motor made the car less predictable than last week and he lost the lead to the consistent driving of Dutton.

There is no way to sugar coat it, the Pro qualifying heats were filled with some nasty driving. The cars of both top drivers from Redline Racing saw their share of the wall thanks to R&H Acura drivers. The other drivers in the trenches, Toyota's Ken Morrison & Bill Lucas, had their own serving of tough knocks and gentle nudges that broke their rhythm and kept them out of the Main. "Its frustrating, we have strong cars and the available talent, but we just can't seem to bring it all together to place in "the show." With a little work we hope to get Toyota a podium spot before the end of the season." Said Toyota's Bill Lucas.

The Main wasn't kind either. Sitting on the pole didn't help Santamarina as he watched both the McLaren of Stephenson and Hester's NSX blast past him before turn one at the start. Stephenson held the lead for the first two laps but aggressive driving from Hester forced the steely veteran to make an uncommon mistake and took the lead. Hester held on to the lead and looked as though he might get the win if we remained smooth but his luck this season has not been good and his curse continued when his steering linkage was broken in a little exchange with another driver.

While Hester retired from the race at the midpoint and Stephenson was slowly regulated to third, RedLine's Reggie Barnes stayed with the leading Nismo driver Santamarina. Aside from a few skirmishes in the turns calling the laps sounded like a broken record; Santamarina, Barnes, Stephenson; Santamarina, Barnes, Stephenson until the end.

After taking his 6th consecutive win since he began running his new chassis Santamarina is now on top but only with a 2 point lead. He can topple at any moment and is looking for either Barnes or his old teammate Hester to fill the podium spots to help keep the points spread on the hard charging Gary Stephenson. As always last year's Champ had a comment. "There's no doubt, Russ was strong this week and needs to be watched now that he has his car dialed in again, so seeing him or Reggie win a few more races before the end of the season isn't out of the question. Of course I still plan to win, but having those guys take the available points from Gary's grasp only helps."

So with the dust settled both Dutton and Santamarina are primed to take the championship, but holding on to that spot will take some effort. My guess is that Thompson, Adams, and Stephenson might have something to say about it. Barnes may be in striking distance of 2nd place but would have to put in a run of wins if he hopes to win the championship, all the while checking his mirrors for Hester and Morrison. We are in the home stretch so every point is precious.

Results:

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

Rookie: 1 - T. Dutton, 2 - J. Thompson, 3 - F. Adams

Mini-Z

Now that every Pro is racing a MR-02 chassis, drivers are looking at turbo chargers and high output motors that push the limits of legality. As Paris Hilton would say "Next season should be **hot**."

Organizer's Notes:

Thanks for your patience with us getting the lap counting system running smoothly. Practice week should be running okay along with the qualifying. After this week's debacle, qualifying will revert back to individual timing but we will be running a five lap effort and will take the average lap time to determine your starting position.

To guarantee that your car is picked up tape the transponder to the underside of your chassis. We get 100% communication most of the time with the card inside the body but based on last weeks experience I suggest that you place it underneath.

Qualifying will begin sharply at 12:30, order is as follows:

Rookie - Sanghavi, Thompson, Adams, Dutton

Pro - Lucas, Romack, Morrison, Hester, Barnes, Stephenson, Santamarina