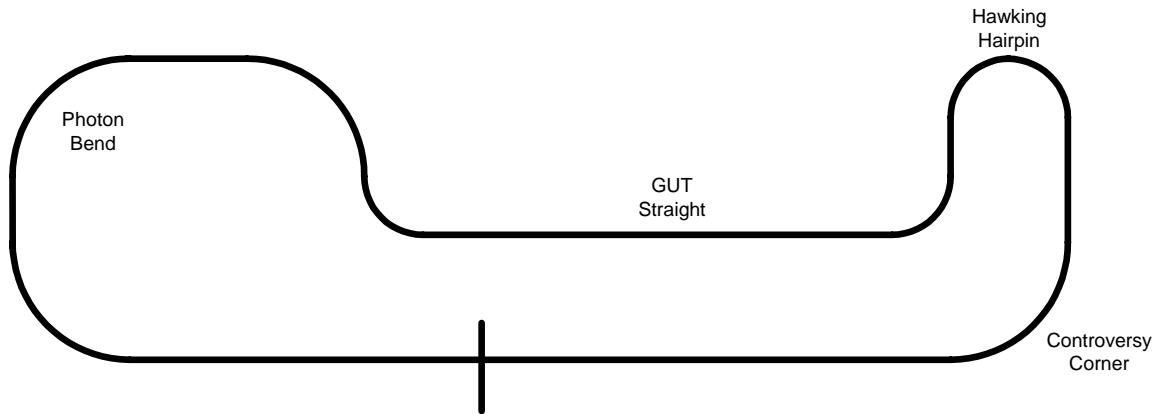




# BFC Micro Racing Series

## Oppenheimer Ring

December 17, 2004



### Starting Grid:

Pro: Pole – R. Barnes, 2 – G. Stephenson, 3 – K. Morrison, 4 – R. Hester  
 Rookie: Pole – T. Dutton, 2 – M. Sanghavi, 3 – TG Marsden

### Investments Finally Pay Off

Mihir's consistent laps put him 1 lap ahead of Dutton's rocket of a Toyota. With the disqualification of Jack Thompson for using all wheel drive, Sanghavi's 1<sup>st</sup> place finish this week keeps him in the running for the top prize along with Dutton. Points race is tight for both classes with the top 4 no more than 4 points apart. Problems with the rear differential continued to plague Marsden's Nissan. Luckily by sheer driving skill from his years racing for Porsche he still managed to stay in the points for Nismo.

With talk of at least one more driver joining the Rookie ranks, the field will rival the Pros. Much like farm league baseball, these guys are purists. With all stock cars these guys win races based solely on talent. "These are the guys to watch. Sure there are more crashes, but the level of competition is on par to what you see in the pros." Said last year's Rookie of the Year, Keith Schloer.

The Pro heat was missing some key players. Santamarina and Romack were both MIA opening the door for others to grab the points, and grab they did.

Stephenson, Barnes, Morrison, and Hester were ready to take advantage of Santamarina's and Romack's absence. As expected the word "go" sent the four rockets into the first turn. RedLine Racing's number 1 and 2 spots on the grid allowed them to make it through the hairpin unscathed, while Morrison got tangled up with Hester's NSX. After Morrison and Hester sorted themselves out the last thing they saw of the two RedLine drivers were their taillights. "Its sad to say but I knew my chance of winning this week was gone after Ken and I bumped coming out of the hairpin. The RedLine cars are just too fast now for any of us to make unnecessary mistakes." Russ Hester said after his disappointing 3rd place finish.

Powerhouse RedLine Racing's Stephenson and Barnes ran away with the race! Finishing with more than 2 laps between them and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finisher Russell Hester. RedLine can only be compared to that of Ferrari's F1 team, with both copious amounts of funding and time the 1, 2 podium finish is a sure sign the tide is changing in the BFC Micro Racing Series.

With both of their Nomex suits drenched from a magnum of champagne, RedLine Racing's Reggie Barnes and longtime favorite Gary Stephenson know that with the extra practice time afforded by next week's holiday break they are both poised to be in the top three after the final time trial at Oppenheimer.

Toyota is holding on by a thread in the Manufacturer's points with R&H Acura and RedLine nipping at their heels.

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There you have it. Someone admitted that the Mini-Zs are finally a threat. With hours of practice and an enormous amount of money and setup effort that only MasterCard or Visa truly knows, the Mini-Z drivers have flexed their muscles in grand fashion. I know the XMOD guys still have reserves in their bag of tricks, but there can't be any delay in their implementation otherwise the superior cars will build a lead that would only be overcome with the best driving and unlimited luck.

**Results:**

Pro: 1 – G. Stephenson, 2 – R. Barnes, 3 – R. Hester, 4 – K. Morrison

Rookie: 1 – M. Sanghavi, 2 – T. Dutton, 3 – TG Marsden

**Organizer Notes:** Winner of the raffle prize was Ken Morrison, who walked away with a much needed set of new tires.