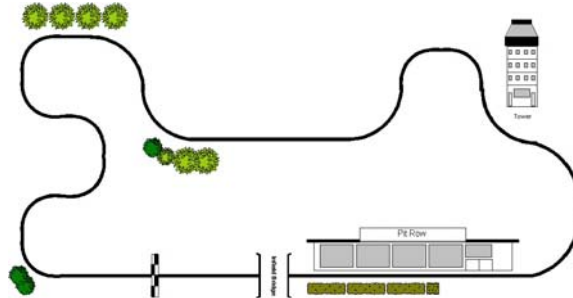




## NCRC Micro Racing Series Long Reach Raceway

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### **The Fast and Dangerous**

The Long Reach layout is certainly the fastest one so far this season and preferred by the McLaren and Acura teams whose cars favor its high speed sections, so the fans were hoping for some fireworks when the green flag dropped.

The Rookie race started off slow with Yutaka and Schaub getting off to a good start, coming across the finish line after lap 3 within a car length of one another. But Jack Thompson didn't let that continue for much longer. His deft driving couldn't be matched by the two newcomers and Thompson took the lead before the half way mark and never looked back. "His consistency is unbeatable. He finally got his tire selection down so it is nice to see him winning again." Said teammate Michael Schaub.

Yutaka stole third from Schaub in an incredible pass in the sweeping turn towards the middle of the race and the ever present gearbox noise in his NSX meant wasted power. Nonetheless, Yutaka was all smiles after his second place finish this week, with this second place finish it puts Yutaka in striking distance to Schaub's second place standing as this fall season draws to an end.

Paolini was no where to be found and is obviously still working out the bugs because the steering issues she grappled with over the past weeks has not gotten any better. Last we saw she was speaking with former Toyota leader Gary Stephenson getting some pointers on how to fix the problem.

The story in the Pro ranks is beginning to get boring. The McLaren guys start strong, get a solid lead then blow it allowing Santamarina to run away with another race. After last weeks upset with Stephenson taking top spot on the podium, Hester was hopeful with this new layout but Santamarina was out for vengeance. Hester and Stephenson both posted some incredibly fast laps but couldn't put enough back to back to match the average speed of Santamarina. Traffic spelled disaster for all the McLarens this week with car parts and paint chips flying from their sleek bodies as they played bumper cars with the rest of the field and even among themselves! "Clearly all three McLarens are the fastest at Long Reach but they need to reevaluate their driving style in traffic if they want to beat us [Ferrari]." Said points leader Santamarina.

Not much further back the third spot was hotly contested between McLaren's Romack and the Ferrari of Ken Morrison. With Romack ending out in front of the red F50. With these types of showdowns The Constructor's Cup is going to be a 13 round knock 'em out drag out fight between McLaren and Ferrari.

Misfortune is the bane of Lamborghini's season thus far. Dutton's performance wasn't what Lambo was hoping for, and Lucas has yet to find his groove. "We are both new to Lambo this season, so we are both still learning. Next Spring should be better, and we are looking forward to putting this all behind us." Said team leader Bill Lucas.

The end of the season is in sight so the McLaren drivers have to make a move if they want to sweep the podium and Yutaka has to stay steady in order to unseat the Acura domination in the Rookie class. Does the drama ever end?

**Results:**

Pro: 1 – Santamarina, 2 – Hester, 3 – Stephenson, 4 – Romack, 5 – Morrison, 6 – Lucas, 7 – Dutton  
Rookie: 1 – Thompson, 2 – Yutaka, 3 – Schaub, 4 – Paolini

**Notes from The Organizer:**

Thanks for sticking around to see who won the raffle prize. Remember, you may have not won anything this time but your odds get better as the season goes by. More prizes to come.

We are also considering participating in a National Ranking system for Mini-Zs. If you are interested let either Russ or Aland know and they will give you the details. The ranking is done by a time trial on a specific track layout so if enough are interested (XMODs are also welcome) then we will change the track to the TT layout to see how our clan fairs against the rest of the US