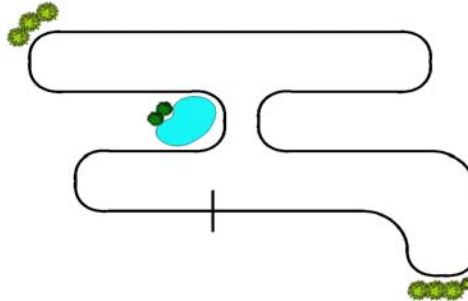




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The Heated Racing will Keep you Warmer than a SoCal Hottie! (well maybe...)

Wow, what a welcome back!!!

After failing to qualify and breaking during the heats, Ken Morrison and Gary Stephenson found themselves battling it out in the B Main to get the bump up to the A Main. When the green flag dropped Ken Morrison nailed the start and launched ahead of Stephenson's McLaren to gain a lead of a few turns. Stephenson had his work cutout for him slowly but surely eating up Morrison's lead lap after lap, getting closer and closer. Then, all of a sudden Morrison's F50 caught the barrier in turn 1 and orange McLaren skated by. Morrison try to battle back but never quite was able to regain the lead. "His engine didn't sound as though it was running on all cylinders. We'll need to take a closer look at that over the upcoming week and possibly swap out motors." Said expert wrench Reggie Barnes.

As always the Rookies put on a great show. Thompson's intimidating qualifying time put him in an excellent position to take the race from flag to flag, but Yutaka came out of nowhere and had a strong lead by the time they came through the dog leg into the main straight. "I had a rough start. Mike and I tangled up a little, but neither of us were going to back down, but I finally got by." Said Thompson. The black RSX was quickly put to task and cutting through all the S's reached Yutaka's Skyline as the race was reaching its end. That's were things got interesting. Thompson and Yutaka were all over each other in every turn, experimenting with lines through the course that seldom saw any use. In the end Thompson prevailed but certainly had a wake up call. Unfortunately, Thompson's teammate, Schaub struggled throughout the race with drive train issues. The car didn't sound healthy as it ground gears around the entire course, clearly affecting his concentration and robbing him of the power he needed to stay in contention. "Schaub's driving is up to par, we just need to get him a real differential." Said Thompson.

The field was missing Frank Adams and Praveen Pai, but sources have said that they will be up and running next week. However, Adams was there to add commentary after the dust settled. With a clever wink, Adams said "Yutaka proved without a doubt that he has the ability to beat Jack, and the both of them know it." Thompson's pit chief was seen later asking Team McLaren about tire compounds and whether it would be worthwhile to switch to the Michelins' given all their problems during qualifying. "These are open pits so anyone, aside from the Ferrari guys, is welcome to come by and talk. He needed some insight and we offered what we know. After watching the race, he is going to need every edge he can find." Said McLaren Team Leader Gary Stephenson.

The Pro A Main was entertaining but still couldn't hold a torch to today's Rookies. As usual the over eager Pros pilled into turn one only to leave Hester and Stephenson to come out cleanly. The two McLarens were able to hold off the others but by the half-way point Santamarina's Ferrari Enzo dispatched Stephenson and then quickly caught up to Hester within the next two laps. The two leaders were back and forth, but at this level any little error will cost you the race and both suffered. The Michelin's held up but the traffic blindsided Hester a couple of times

and allowed the crafty Cuban to establish an insurmountable lead. With first and second sewn up the battle was for third, and a battle it was with the remaining three drivers all finishing within 4 seconds of each other!!

We caught up with Team McLaren after the race. "What can we say, Aland is fast. His car is fast and he is a good driver, but if you ask him he will admit that he can be beaten and still worries every week that one of us will beat him. All we need to do is give that little bit of uncertainty and he will crumble. He's done it before in 2003 and it will happen again. We are just as consistent and will keep this season competitive. As for the Lambo guys, they still have a chance but we haven't seen Tim race yet, and that is a big unknown variable at the moment."

There you have it. The 2005 season gets off to a fantastic start with last year's contenders proving themselves while the others put down some respectable performances. Yutaka and Schaub are ones to watch out for in next week's Rookie race, they are bound to keep it interesting. Dutton will make his debut next week as a Pro and will stir things up for the rest of them.

Results:

Pro: 1 – A. Santamarina, 2 – R. Hester, 3 – G. Stephenson, 4 – A. Romack, 5 – B. Lucas, 6 – K. Morrison

Rookie: 1 – J. Thompson, 2 – Yutaka, 3 – M. Schaub

Organizer's Notes:

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