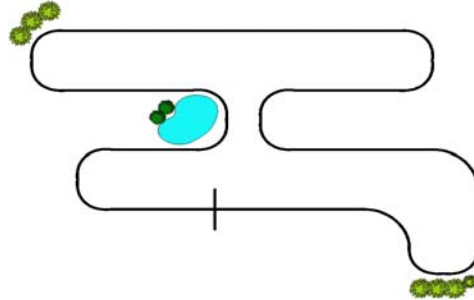




NCRC Micro Racing Series North Corner Road Course

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Bracket Racing Is Where It's At

The oohs and ahhs from the crowd were heard in the next county. Key match ups provided the bulk of the drama. Santamarina bests Hester's fastest lap record of 7.49s.

Rookies provided most of the drama as Jack "Traction Role" Thompson went head to head with Yutaka, and what a race it was. They were neck and neck to the final stretch with the Acura narrowly; I mean narrowly beating the charging Skyline.

Yutaka had no break as he immediately was paired against the newcomer, Lara Paolini. Yutaka did not hold any punches as he stormed around the track, while Paolini's Supra struggled with steering issues. He won this heat easily but didn't have enough stamina to race a third one in a row against the NSX of Michael Schaub, who quickly dispatched "The Ice Man" Yutaka.

Schaub and Thompson found themselves in the final. Thompson was eager to teach this youngster some lessons, but it was the master who became the student as the yellow NSX was simply a blur from start to finish, and handed Thompson his first loss of the day. Thompson had a second chance in their second race but couldn't better Schaub allowing him to retain his points lead.

Santamarina and Hester faced off in the second round only for Hester to beat out Santamarina and send him to the loser's bracket. That didn't faze the Ferrari driver as he crushed Lambo's Tim Dutton in the next heat all the while laying down a track record of a 7.38s lap!

In other heated heats Romack and Lucas were literally wheel to wheel with Lucas leading the most laps until an error in braking on the high speed turn allowed the McLaren to squeak by on the inside and never look back.

Dutton had similar luck against Ferrari's Morrison. He lost a tire on the back stretch and could never get close enough to the F50 to advance to the heat against Romack. Romack and Morrison faced off next, with the McLaren running some exceptionally smooth lines early on to take the lead. Morrison finally found his groove and started gaining back, but with a 1 minute race he had no time to bridge the entire gap.

Teammates Stephenson and Romack had a race off with the seasoned veteran advancing to face Santamarina. The McLarens were so closely matched it was only a matter of who made the first mistake, and that was Romack. After that Stephenson stayed just one turn ahead of his teammate to the checkered flag.

Stephenson then conceded his race to Santamarina after two laps of electrical problems put him in a deficit even the best driver couldn't overcome against the fastest Ferrari. Then Enzo was sitting next to Hester's McLaren for a final showdown, only to win their third race against each other by more than 5 car lengths. It was some great racing, and both drivers were content with the outcome.

Results:

Pro: 1 – Santamarina, 2 – Hester, 3 – Stephenson, 4 – Romack, 5 – Morrison, 6 – Lucas, 7 – Dutton

Rookie: 1 – Schaub, 2 – Thompson, 3 – Yutaka, 4 – Paolini, 5 – Pai

Notes from The Organizer:

Time Trial is next week then we have an off week for the Thanksgiving holiday.

All in all, everyone had a blast and the organizer felt that this format is likely to replace the traditional time trail at the next track. Race data is available upon request, speak to Aland.

Prizes are coming in so the raffles will begin in December. You must be present to win, and once you win your name is pulled from the hat for any subsequent drawings.

New track sections are on their way so the December 2nd race will be a whole new layout. Practice makes perfect so I suggest you try it out before qualifying on the 1st.