



Podlesni on form in return to Pacific F2000 Series with Pole at Fontana

Fontana, Calif. (March 8, 2008) – Robert Podlesni's return to the Pacific F2000 Series today showed that he has lost none of the form he showed in winning the series in 2006. Once again driving for Dave Freitas Racing Podlesni lapped the 2.88 mile circuit in 1:40.908 in his Terminal Velocity/Alpinestars Van Diemen. Podlesni circulated at the head of the field in a three car pack that included teammate Chuck Hulse in his Silicon Salvage Van Diemen and Peter Hansel in his Comar Performance Inc., GS610 Maximum Performance Brake Fluid Van Diemen with each driver taking turns at the head of the pack. Podlesni noted that "It is difficult at Fontana because you get such a tow on the banking that you just have to be in the right position at the right time to get a good lap."

Second in his first drive for PR1 Motorsports was Jeff Westphal in his TNT Demolition/Cacci Construction Van Diemen just .015 seconds behind. Westphal was in a group of cars that included new teammates Nick Freytag and Max Hyatt. Max posted the third fastest time .004 seconds behind Jeff in his Performance Drink Van Diemen. Westphal credited staying away from traffic helped him to gain the other front row starting position.

Starting fourth will be Scott Rarick in his Piper/Fast ward/Red Line Oil Piper DF5. Rarick's time of 1:41.207 was .299 seconds off the pole in the field tightly bunched with the first nine cars with 1 second. Rarick has had good luck at Fontana with his only series pole coming here that was followed by a second place race finish.

Fifth and sixth is all PR1 Motorsports with Shaun Modisette and Nick Freytag. Shaun is returning to the team that won the championship last year in his Carson Trailer's Van Diemen and Nick is new to the team driving a G Factory/Sodi Kart Van Diemen. Both managed to lap the track in the sub-one minute 42 second range as did Peter Hansel, Chuck Hulse and Ira Fierberg. Fierberg also drives for Dave Freitas Racing in his Personal Injury Law/Sparco USA Van Diemen and clocked in at 1:41.951. Peter Hastrup in the fourth Dave Freitas Racing, Western Building Materials Van Diemen rounded out the top ten with a time of 1:42.060.

Filling out the field will be James Hakewill, Bill Kincaid in their Van Diemen's Rookie Richard Lai Fatt driving a Mygale SJ04, Nick Kodenko in a Van Diemen, Les Phillips in his return to the series after a year off in a Mygale SJ04 and Dennis Gaughary in his Landmark Motorsports Carbir D53.

Round one is set to take the green flag today at 4:00 pm local time.

Results

Pos	No.	Name	Team	Best Time	Difference	Make
1	84	Robert Podlesni	Dave Freitas Racing	01:40.9	-	Van Diemen
2	39	Jeff Westphal	PR1 Motorsports	01:40.9	0.015	Van Diemen RF05
3	22	Max Hyatt	PR1 Motorsports	01:40.9	0.019	Van Diemen 05
4	34	Scott Rarick	Scott Rarick	01:41.2	0.299	Piper DF5
5	26	Shaun Modisette	PR1 Motorsports	01:41.3	0.377	Van Diemen
6	9	Nicky Freytag	PR1 Motorsports	01:41.3	0.397	Van Diemen RF06
7	65	Peter Hansel	Comar Performance Inc,	01:41.6	0.726	Van Diemen RF02
8	21	Chuck Hulse	Dave Freitas Racing	01:41.8	0.94	Van Diemen RF-03
9	27	Ira Fierberg	Dave Freitas Racing	01:42.0	1.043	Van Diemen RF05
10	5	Peter Hastrup	Dave Freitas Racing	01:42.1	1.152	Van Diemen RF02Z
11	88	James Hakewill	James Hakewill	01:42.2	1.304	Van Diemen
12	46	Bill Kincaid	Bill Kincaid	01:43.7	2.793	Van Diemen RF03
13	4	Richard Lai Fatt	Richard Lai Fatt	01:43.9	2.993	Mygale SJ04
14	31	Nick Kodenko	Mike & Patty Kodenko	01:44.0	3.072	Van Diemen RF05
15	89	Les Phillips	Les Phillips	01:44.4	3.535	Mygale 04
16	24	Dennis Goughary	Landmark Motorsports	01:44.6	3.735	Carbir D53