



## **Westphal Gives PR1 Motorsports First Win of 2008**

Fontana, Calif. (March 9, 2008) – Jeff Westphal overcame early anxiety to clearly post his first win of the 2008 season for PR1 Motorsports. With minutes to go before the cars were called to grid Jeff's TNT Demolition/Cacci Construction, Van Diemen seemed to experience the same problem that kept him from leaving the grid on Saturday causing a 15<sup>th</sup> place finish. When asked how concerned he was watching his team frantically work on the car, he replied, "I tried to stay calm by talking with my teammates and not watching the team," but was confident they would solve the problem. With moments left, the car was ready and Westphal was able to assume his position at the head of the field.

At the green flag, the field took off as though it were a high speed pace lap with the first six positions 2 by 2 and nose to tail approaching turn three. All but Chuck Hulse in his Dave Freitas Racing, Silicon Salvage Van Diemen made it through cleanly, Hulse as a result of contact spun and rejoined at the rear of the field. As the field strung out, Westphal established a clear lead over Shaun Modisette, PR1 Motorsports, Carson Trailers Van Diemen, Peter Hansel, Comar Performance Inc., GS610 Maximum Performance Brake Fluid Van Diemen, Robert Podlesni, Dave Freitas Racing, Terminal Velocity/Alpinstars Van Diemen, Nick Freytag, PR1 Motorsports, G Phactory/Sodi Kart Van Diemen, Max Hyatt, PR1 Motorsports, Performance Drink Van Diemen, Scott Rarick Piper/Fast Forward/Red Line Oil Piper and the rest. Westphal began to pull out from Modisette who claimed "Jeff was a little faster today and I could see the battle going on behind me and concentrated on doing two perfect laps to get a gap over the battle for third."

The battle for third was the best of the race with positions changing every lap. Initially the battle was between Podlesni, Freytag and Hyatt with Rarick trailing in sixth. Hyatt moved through this group on his way to a third place finish, fastest lap and the hard charger award for his climb from ninth on the grid to third at the finish. Rarick then joined the race for what was now fourth place and there was not a lap when these positions did not change and it was only the checkered flag that determined the final order, Freytag, Podlesni and Rarick. This also gave PR1 Motorsports a sweep of the top four positions and served notice that they were to be reckoned with this season.

Peter Hansel finished seventh to earn his second Expert Class win and recovering from his spin to finish eighth and take the Masters Class trophy was Chuck Hulse.

Dave Freitas Racing's Peter Hastrup and Ira Fierberg finished ninth and tenth respectively with James Hakewill, Nick Kodenko, Les Phillips and Richard Lai Fatt filling out positions eleven through fourteen as two cars, Bill Kincaid and Dennis Gaughary did not make the start on Sunday.

With the fastest race laps of the top eleven cars within 1.3 seconds, it indicates how competitive this series and these drivers are. There are probably six or seven drivers capable of standing on the top step of the podium this year and it will be exciting to watch as the series unfolds.

The series moves on to Willow Springs on April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Results

Pos	No.	Name	Team	Best Time	Laps	Make
1	39	Jeff Westphal	Dave Freitas Racing	01:41.8	15	Van Diemen RF05
2	26	Shaun Modisette	PR1 Motorsports	01:41.8	15	Van Diemen RF03
3	22	Max Hyatt	PR1 Motorsports	01:41.5	15	Van Diemen RF05
4	9	Nicky Freytag	Scott Rarick	01:41.9	15	Van Diemen RF06
5	84	Robert Podlesni	PR1 Motorsports	01:42.0	15	Van Diemen RF08
6	34	Scott Rarick	PR1 Motorsports	01:42.0	15	Piper DF5
7	65	Peter Hansel	Comar Performance Inc,	01:42.8	15	Van Diemen RF02
8	21	Chuck Hulse/M	Dave Freitas Racing	01:42.7	15	Van Diemen RF-03
9	5	Peter Hastrup	Dave Freitas Racing	01:43.1	15	Van Diemen RF02Z
10	27	Ira Fierberg	Dave Freitas Racing	01:42.8	15	Van Diemen RF05
11	88	James Hakewill	James Hakewill	01:42.7	15	Van Diemen RF03
12	31	Nick Kodenko	Bill Kincaid	01:44.2	15	Van Diemen RF05
13	89	Les Phillips	Richard Lai Fatt	01:44.0	15	Mygale 04
14	4	Richard Lai Fatt	Mike & Patty Kodenko	01:45.0	15	Mygale SJ04