



Westphal Leads from Wire to Wire for Victory in Round 7

Sonoma, Calif. (July 5, 2008) – Jeff Westphal in his TNT Demolition/Cacci Construction PR1 Van Diemen used his pole position to gain an advantage at the start and led from wire to wire to claim victory in round 7 of the Pacific F2000 Championship presented by Hankook. Westphal and Robert Podlesni in round 7 of the Pacific finished one-two. Westphal and Podlesni, driving his Terminal Velocity/Alpinestars DFR Van Diemen by slowly eased their way away from the field. Westphal who lapped 3 tenths of a second faster than Podlesni also began to pull away from Podlesni and finished 4.3 seconds ahead.

While these two headed the field, the battle for third was a close affair with Shaun Modisette in the Carson Trailers, PR1 Van Diemen, Nick Freytag Sodi Karts/GPhactory PR1 Van Diemen, Chuck Hulse, Silicon Salvage, DFR Van Diemen, James Hakewill in his ARC International Van Diemen and Max Hyatt, Energy Drink, PR1 Van Diemen. Modisette originally held third but could not hold off hard charging Nick Freytag who finally got past his PR1 teammate on lap nine and was able to hold that position to take the final step on the podium. Behind Freytag, Modisette lasted in fourth just one lap before being overtaken by Max Hyatt and James Hakewill when he ran wide on lap ten. Hakewill was not done and battled Hyatt for fourth place with Hakewill taking that spot on lap 14 of the 18 lap race. Hakewill's fourth place finish also gave him the victory in the Expert Class. Hyatt finished fifth with Modisette eventually finishing in sixth place.

Behind this group was Chuck Hulse, Silicon Salvage, DFR Van Diemen finishing seventh and taking Master's Class honors just behind Modisette.

Eighth place went to Scott Rarick, Red Line Oil/Fast Forward Piper who had a lonely drive, not quite able to keep up with the group battling for fourth, but fast enough to keep ahead of the battle for ninth.

DFR teammates Peter Hastrup, Western Building Materials Van Diemen and Ira Fierberg, Sparco USA, Van Diemen finished ninth and tenth, ahead of Bob Negron, eleventh, Chris Hundley, twelfth, Les Phillips, thirteenth, Richard Lai Fatt, fourteenth, Steve Filice, fifteenth, Fiorenzo Tirinnanzi, sixteenth, Pierre Demartines, seventeenth and Bill Kincaid eighteenth.

With his thirteenth place finish and having started from pit lane Les Phillips gained five positions in the race to earn the Nordskog Instruments Hard Charger award and Steve Filice in fifteenth was the National class winner.

The win today enables Westphal to move out to a 10 point lead in the Championship with five races remaining.

Race eight takes place tomorrow at 1:00 pm local time.

Results

Pos	No.	Name	Team	Best Time	Laps	Make
1	39	Jeff Westphal	PR1 Motorsports	01:33.7	18	Van Diemen RF05
2	84	Robert Podlesni	Dave Freitas Racing	01:33.9	18	Van Diemen RF08
3	9	Nicky Freytag	PR1 Motorsports	01:34.6	18	Van Diemen RF06
4	88	James Hakewill	James Hakewill	01:34.8	18	Van Diemen RF03
5	22	Max Hyatt	PR1 Motorsports	01:35.1	18	Van Diemen RF05
6	26	Shaun Modisette	PR1 Motorsports	01:35.1	18	Van Diemen RF03
7	21	Chuck Hulse	Dave Freitas Racing	01:35.0	18	Van Diemen RF03
8	34	Scott Rarick	Scott Rarick	01:35.6	18	Piper DF5
9	5	Peter Hastrup	Dave Freitas Racing	01:36.2	18	Van Diemen RF02Z
10	27	Ira Fierberg	Dave Freitas Racing	01:35.4	18	Van Diemen RF05
11	8	Bob Negron	Negron Racing	01:35.8	18	Van Diemen RF99
12	99	Chris Hundley	DFR/Travis Irving Racing	01:36.6	18	Van Diemen RF03
13	89	Les Phillips	Les Phillips	01:37.8	17	Mygale SJ04
14	4	Richard Lai Fatt	Richard Lai Fatt	01:41.7	17	Mygale SJ04
15	33	Bill Kincaid	Bill Kincaid	01:52.5	15	Van Diemen RF03
16	85	Fiorenzo Tirinnanzi	G.Fro	01:36.7	14	Van Diemen RF01
17	18	Pierre Demartines	MSI Motorsports	01:40.1	13	Mygale SJ04
18	46	Bill Kincaid	Bill Kincaid	01:37.4	11	Van Diemen RF03