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Teenage Rookie Huffaker Claims First Victory in Round 4

Willows, Calif. (April 12, 2015) – Scott Huffaker, in only his second start in the Pacific Formula F1600/F2000 Championship race, run at the 2.866 mile road circuit at Thunderhill Raceway in Willows, California on Sunday afternoon managed to eclipse the field to claim his first ever victory in his new #99, Piper DL7/Honda, having overcome the gearbox issues of Saturday. The race was run with the San Francisco Region of the SCCA as part of the SCCA U.S. Majors Tour.



The series drivers competed within run groups made up of several different classes due to a series format designed to allow drivers to compete in the series and SCCA sanctioned events simultaneously. This weekend the Formula 1600 group ran in FF and was grouped with F500 and FV.

The Sunday grid was set based on the best lap of either the Saturday qualifying session or the fastest race lap in the Saturday race. This format put Scott Huffaker on the pole with a best time of 1min52.446sec, set during qualifying. Huffaker was closely followed by Denny Renfrow in his #11, Wheely Open Racing, Piper DL7/Honda, who again claimed the outside front row starting position. Lining up behind Huffaker and Renfrow were Rick Payne, #75, Payton Pools, Van Diemen/Honda; Daniel Swanbeck, #27, BigWheels.net, SmugMug, TwoSeven Design, Piper/Honda; Alex Kirby, #81, LA Prep Inc., Fast Forward Components, Piper Race Cars, Piper DL7/Honda and David Jalen, #50, OverBudgetRacin', Swift DB1/Ford.

Once again the weather was clear and sunny with temperatures in the mid-seventies as the cars formed up on the pre-grid one car was notably missing, the brown and black Van Diemen of Rick Payne, the Mission, B.C. resident being unable to diagnose and repair the electrical problem that had sidelined him from round three.

Huffaker took the lead immediately at the start being closely pursued by Renfrow, Kirby, Swanbeck and Jalen.

Renfrow pushed his way into the lead with Huffaker right on his tail and the two of them began to distance themselves from Kirby who was now beginning to fall back into the clutches of Swanbeck in fourth place.

The battle at the front between Denny Renfrow and Scott Huffaker continued throughout the middle stages of the race with Renfrow leading and Huffaker just inches behind and often showing a nose inside keeping Renfrow aware of his presence but not yet ready to take the lead himself.

Finally with just a handful of laps remaining, Huffaker made his move and eased past Renfrow who was unable to defend to take the lead and begin to edge away as he moved toward the checkered flag to record his first win in the series. With bonus points collected for pole position and fastest lap, Huffaker was able to move into the points lead with a narrow one point margin over Renfrow.

By finishing in second place, Denny Renfrow also collected the trophy for the Expert Class victory and move into second place in the standings.

The fight for third place finally went to Daniel Swanbeck, who managed to save enough for the charge to the final step of the podium.

For Saturday's winner, Alex Kirby finishing in fourth place dropped him out of the lead in the championship but with eight rounds yet to be contested is still in the hunt.

David Jalen's fifth place finish was a result of overcoming the mechanical woes of Saturday as he looks forward to the next round of the series.

Unable to contest Sunday's race, Rick Payne hopes for better as the series moves on to Buttonwillow Raceway in May.

The series moves to Buttonwillow Raceway for rounds 5 and 6 on May 1-3, 2015.

F1600 Qualifying: 1. Scott Huffaker, (Piper DL7/Honda-A), 1m52.446s; 2. Denny Renfrow, (Piper DL9/Honda-H), 1m52.705s; 3. Rick Payne, (Van Diemen/Honda-A), 1m53.389s; 4. Daniel Swanbeck, (Piper DF5/Honda-H), 1m53.475s; 5. Alex Kirby, (Piper DL7/Honda-H), 1m53.712s; 6. David Jalen, (Swift DB1/Ford-A), 2m03.636s. Tires: A-Avon, C-Cooper, G-Goodyear, H-Hoosier, T-Toyo.

F1600 Round 4 (16 laps): 1. Huffaker; 2. Renfrow; 3. Swanbeck; 4. Kirby; 5. Jalen; 6. Payne-NS.

Fastest race lap: Renfrow, 1m52.787s.

Expert class winner (over 35): Renfrow.

Points: Huffaker, 53; Renfrow, 52; Kirby, 49; Swanbeck, 44; Payne, 19; Jalen, 18.

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