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Tom Hope Wins Round Four to Sweep Thunderhill Race Weekend



Willows, Calif. (April 12, 2015) – Tom Hope followed his Saturday success with another victory on Sunday to sweep the weekend events at Thunderhill Raceway also giving him four consecutive SCCA U.S. Majors Tour events as the Pacific Formula F1600/F2000 Championship closed out the weekend on the 2.866 mile Thunderhill course through the rolling hillsides of northern California. The race was run with the San Francisco Region of the SCCA as part of the SCCA U.S. Majors Tour.

The grid for Sunday is set based on either the fastest qualifying lap or fastest race lap from Saturday which put Robert Armington; #11 Cypress Lane Racing, Hoosier Tires, Premium Power Systems, Inc. Van Diemen on the pole followed by Tom Hope; #10, H+M Racing Van Diemen, Peter West; #99, Racing Optics, Ken Partch, Frank Monise Motors, DFR Van Diemen; Connor Funk, #27, DFR Van Diemen; Ken Rozeboom, #81, Van Diemen and Alex Kirby, #8, Swift DB3. Armington secured the pole his lap of 1m45.042s from qualifying.

Tom Hope was on his game this weekend seizing the lead from Robert Armington on the first lap and immediately beginning to edge away. Hope and Armington were followed by West, Funk, Rozeboom and Kirby.

As Hope continued to stretch his lead over Armington, West, in third place, was beginning to feel pressure from behind as his new teammate at Dave Freitas Racing, Connor Funk was closing and starting to look for a way around the series veteran. Funk, a series rookie was finally shaking off the effects of having two offs in practice and qualifying destroying two nose assemblies in the process and coming to grips with this track, one he has never been to. Funk finally managed to get past West, moving into third place, securing his place on the podium.

Hope was able to maintain his lead over Armington and led to the flag by a comfortable margin taking his second win of the weekend, fourth U.S. Majors win in succession and again the fastest race lap which is good for two bonus points. He now takes a thirteen point lead on to the next two rounds to be held at Buttonwillow Raceway in May.

Armington's second place finish was a fine result but he was unable to fully mask his disappointment on the podium as he had hoped for victory having had the fastest car of the weekend.

Connor Funk finished in third place for his first podium appearance and as his experience grows may not be his last.

Alex Kirby, who had been victorious on Saturday in the F1600 race in his Piper/Honda, brought the aging Swift home to a fine fourth place finish.

West continued on in fourth place without incident and looked to be heading when on the last lap had a misjudgment allowing Alex Kirby, who normally runs in the F1600 class, to get by in his 1989 Swift DB3 and take fourth place. The finish earned him the Master Class trophy.

Ken Rozeboom retired from the race after lap 5 and claimed one series point for his effort.

The series now moves south to Buttonwillow Raceway Park in Buttonwillow, California on the weekend of May 1-3 where rounds 5 and 6 will be contested.

F2000 Qualifying: 1. Robert Armington, (Van Diemen-H), 1m45.042s; 2. Tom Hope, (Van Diemen-P), 1m46.213s; 3. Peter West, (Van Diemen-P), 1m48.600s; 4. Connor Funk, (Van Diemen-P), 1m49.036s; 5. Ken Rozeboom, (Van Diemen-A), 1m49.938s; 6. Alex Kirby, (Swift-H), 1m50.715s.
Tires: A-Avon, C-Cooper, G-Goodyear, H-Hoosier, P-Pirelli.

F2000 Round 4 (16 laps): 1. Hope; 2. Armington; 3. Funk; 4. Kirby; 5. West; 6. Rozeboom, +11 laps.

Fastest race lap: Hope, 1m46.087s.

Master class winner (over 50): West.

Points: 1. Hope, 64; 2. Armington, 51; 3. West, 42; 4. Funk, 39; 5. Kirby, 34; 6. Rozeboom, 20.

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