

FORMULA CAR CHALLENGE

presented by: **GOODYEAR**

WEST COAST REGION: Double Header Opening Weekend At Infineon Raceway

Sun comes out and drivers compete on multiple configurations over two days

Sonoma, CA
March 03, 2010

After a week of heavy rains and ominous clouds, the Formula Car Challenge presented by Goodyear drivers expected inclement weather for the opening double header. What they found instead was a dry track, and great racing.

On Saturday Jorge Goncalvez, who was not running for points in the series, posted the fastest time his Team Apex Racing PFM over former Star Mazda Series Masters champion Chuck Hulse. In the Standard Mazda class, Cameron Parsons was the early man to beat, turning the quickest FM time.

On the start Goncalvez and Hulse rapidly pulled away from the rest of the field. Stan Kohls moved into the third position by the end of lap two and from that point forward the order remained unchanged among the top five.

Opening Weekend for the West Coast Region



PRO FORMULA MAZDA CLASS



Goncalvez Wins Winter Series/ Hulse Leads 2010 Series

In the battle for Standard Mazda top honors, Derry O'Donovan quickly established himself as the man to beat, passing Parsons for the lead on lap one. From that point forward, he never looked back, extending his advantage virtually every lap en route to the win. In what was a race-long battle for the runner-up spot, Parsons held the position until lap three, when Todd McAllister found a way past. While the order remained the same until the checkered flag waved, the duo were only separated by a tenth of a second at the stripe.

On Sunday Goncalvez was immediately up to speed in the morning qualifying run, posting a lap of 1:30.055, to narrowly edge Hulse for the PM pole position. Bill Weaver, having missed the opening race of the weekend, did not take long to shake off the cob-webs, securing the standard pole position over Donovan via a fast lap of 1:38.774.

When the green flag waved a few hours later, it immediately became apparent that Hulse was not just going to hand Goncalvez the race win. Getting the jump on his younger counter-part, Hulse passed for the lead on the opening lap. While able to initially hold off the hard charging Venezuelan, Hulse eventually relinquished the lead to Goncalvez on lap three. From that point forward Goncalvez owned the top-spot. Kohls once again joined the duo on the podium, leading Juan Piedrahita and Max Maxedon to the stripe.

FORMULA MAZDA CLASS



O'Donovan Wins Winter Series Championship



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As expected, the fight for the final Standard Mazda class win of the season featured Weaver and Donovan dueling during the opening stages of the race. Unfortunately, Donovan's chances at the win vanished on lap five, when he fell to the rear of the field with a gearbox issue. With a sizeable lead over second place, Weaver ran mistake-free the remainder of the race, earning yet another class victory. The order behind the race winner was however not decided until the checkered flag waved. The trio of McAllister, Carpenter and Parsons regularly swapped places in the final third of the race, with McAllister and Carpenter eventually earning the podium positions.

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Round #1 - Race Results February 27, 2010

Infineon Raceway - Sonoma, California

Pro Formula Mazda

Pos.	Driver	Diff.	Fast Time
1.	Jorge Goncalvez	-	1:32.665
2.	Chuck Hulse	15.597	1:33.671
3.	Stan Kohls	28.629	1:34.202
4.	Andrew Brown	41.723	1:34.546
5.	Max Maxedon	1:09.867	1:36.821
6.	Juan Piedrahita	1:25.326	1:37.410

Formula Mazda

Pos.	Driver	Diff.	Fast Time
1.	Derry O'Donovan	-	1:43.654
2.	Todd McAllister	35.101	1:45.406
3.	Cameron Parsons	35.204	1:45.273
4.	Bruce Carpenter	1 Lap	1:47.192

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Round #2 - Race Results February 28, 2010

Infineon Raceway - Sonoma, California

Pro Formula Mazda

Pos.	Driver	Diff.	Fast Time
1.	Jorge Goncalvez	-	1:30.936
2.	Chuck Hulse	4.928	1:31.110
3.	Stan Kohls	22.289	1:32.194
4.	Juan Piedrahita	56.219	1:34.207
5.	Max Maxedon	1:25.555	1:34.630
6.	Andrew Brown	12 Laps	1:40.610

Formula Mazda

Pos.	Driver	Diff.	Fast Time
1.	Bill Weaver	-	1:39.890
2.	Todd McAllister	35.855	1:41.472
3.	Bruce Carpenter	35.970	1:42.066
4.	Cameron Parsons	41.895	1:42.127
5.	Derry O'Donovan	5 Laps	1:40.544



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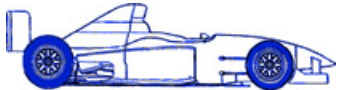
The Formula Car Challenge presented by Goodyear is a multiple-region series with an annual NASA sanctioned national championship. The series features a multi-class format; Formula Mazda (FM), Pro Formula Mazda (PFM), and the FormulaSPEED2.0 (FS2.0). All classes are powered by Mazda, and equipped with Goodyear Racing tires.

For 2010 there are four Formula Car Challenge regions;

The West Coast Region promoted by World Speed Inc, the South West Region promoted by Texas Autosports, the East Coast Region promoted by The Speed Connection, and the Mid West Region promoted by Lake Effect Motorsports.

More Information: <http://www.FormulaCarChallenge.com>

CAR CLASSIFICATIONS DETAILS FOR THE FORMULA CAR CHALLENGE PRESENTED BY GOODYEAR

			
	FORMULA MAZDA (FM)	FormulaSPEED2.0 (FS2.0)	Pro Formula Mazda (PFM)
Engine	Mazda RX7 Rotary	Mazda MZR 2.0	Mazda RX8 Renesis Rotary
Horsepower	180	200	240
Gearbox	Hewland 5 speed h-pattern with reverse	Hewland 6 speed sequential with reverse	Hewland 6 speed sequential with reverse
Weight	1200	1100	1090
Data system	Optional – open	AiM Sports spec EVO4 with steering wheel display	Optional – open
Tires	Goodyear	Goodyear	Goodyear
Chassis	Square tube space frame	Round tube space frame with Kevlar protection panels	Carbon fiber monocoque
Suspension	Outboard Koni double adjustable shocks	Pushrod actuated inboard double adjustable dampers	Pushrod actuated inboard double adjustable Ohlins dampers
Available since	1984	2010	2004
Manufacturer	Moses Smith Racing www.MSRparts.com	World Speed Inc. www.FormulaSpeed.us	Star Race Cars www.StarMazda.com