The Usual Suspects

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Two beautiful Northern California days were slipped in between spring storm this past weekend and the usual 944-Spec suspects took full advantage of them!



Thunderhill raceway played host to the latest round in the battle for the Norcal championship with perennial frontrunner Rick Lofgren having to fend off the challenge of points leader Sid Lee.

Filling out the grid were drivers who were also hungry for wins, including new 944 racers Ivan and Cameron. Saturday practice showed a pretty fast field but unfortunately saw the end of Jerry's day. His newly rebuilt engine developed a hole in the cam cover which sprayed oil everywhere and brought out the meatball flag. By the time he made it back in the car was on fire and Jerry made a quick exit. The NASA safety crew put out the fire and the car was taken to Art and the other amazing guys at Autopoint Motors who spent their Saturday turning the &qu ot;ORSCHE" engine back into a "PORSCHE" engine.















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Sunday

Sunday saw an even better day with temps in the 80's but laptimes were down a few ticks. Action on the track however was just as hot as ever! Rick grabbed another pole with Sid about 1.5 seconds back with me .4 behind Sid. Cameron lined up fourth with Jerry, back with a complete engine this time, next to him followed by Steve, Ivan, and Ken.



From the drop of the green Sid was determined to show his newfound speed and lay claim to the Norcal crown with a convincing win. He was able to get out in front of Rick through turn 1 with me trying desperately to stay in contact with them. I was treated to a great show from my ringside seat in third. I was reminded of the epic battles between Sugar Ray Leonard and Roberto Duran, only this time there would be *"mas"*! Sid set a blinding pace but

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couldn't shake Rick; Rick tried inside, outside, dirt, pavement, anything to get by but Sid held station.





As this battle raged, in my mirror I saw "Haggler/Hearns" being played out by Jerry and Cameron. Inches separated these two lap after lap with no mercy shown to the rookie by Jerry! Cameron is no ordinary rookie however and didn't give Jerry a moment to catch his breath! These two would duke it out all the way to the finish with both coming in with a newfound respect for each other. Further back our other rookie Ivan found his confidence and turned very good laptimes and showed he has what it takes to be a frontrunner soon.



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