



Buttonwillow Race Recap

Saturday's racing was a nice change from the wet weather at Thunderhill. Weather was sunny and warm with the high of only 92 degrees. With race entries totaling 158 and a large number of Southern California racers, the North/South shoot out was even hotter.

Race 1 promised to be exciting. 55 Karts started the race, with Stafford taking the win in FKE. In Super Stock CR125, 19 karts battled for the win. First time road racer McNeil took the checkered when points-leader Maxfield had ignition problems. Pulp Racing's Littrell, Mello, and Hayashi swept 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in Formula 125 in their first road race with NCK. Corbet beat out Casey to take the win in Formula 80 Senior. The battle for Tag-E is heating up with Kemp taking 1st followed by Thomas and Baer who were tied in 1st place points. J. Kuntz, Howe, and Smith took their respective classes. With only 24 karts finishing on the lead lap, the tow vehicles were busy after this race!

Race 2 saw the Howards take Super Sportsman Light 1, 2, and 4. Webster finished 1 lap ahead for the win in Yamaha Heavy Sprint. World Formula saw some close racing with Medigovich taking the win by a kart length.

Races 3 and 6 combined for Tag racing with lots of excitement in this year's new WC Tag-FBO (Front Brakes Optional) class. 12 karts led by Baer in the first heat and Dutton in the 2nd. Baer lost his belt in the 2nd leaving Dutton and Thomas to battle it out, with Thomas taking the overall win followed by Dutton and Wirth. Grijalva dominated IAME Light by taking both heats. Kemp took both heats in IAME Heavy. Silva eased into a win in both heats in his WC 80 Shifter, followed by Corbet and Casey in some very close racing.

In Race 5, Madigovich kept the pressure on again in WF Heavy, narrowly taking the win over Dusang. Koomjan and Stevens had a good race with Koomjan taking the checkered in Yamaha Light Sprint.

Races 4 and 7 combined for some incredible shifter kart racing. 40 karts took to the track with Lawson setting the fastest lap of the day with a blistering 1:46.658 in his ICE Kart. Lawson had trouble in the 1st heat, Hoover took the overall win, Lawson 2nd and President Morrison 3rd.

Rumor has it he was saving his Motor for the Seattle Money race this weekend. The largest class of the day with 19 Karts, Super Stock CR 125, Saw McNeil take 1st in heat one, with Casey taking the 2nd heat and the overall win. Bachman 2nd, Dobbs in 3rd. Nice comeback for Dobbs who spent last year blowing up his 250! Fultz foiled Pulp Racing's grip on the Formula 125 Ltd class by taking 1st overall.

This sets the stage for our next race at Big Willow as the North/South battle continues; Round 2 takes place on 8/1 and 8/2. Registration is up.

This is NCK's first weekend event in many years. There will be prizes, raffles, trophies, and lots of racing happening, so don't miss this big event! There is camping at the track, with gates opening Friday at 5pm.

Thanks again to all the new racers from down south and to the Northern NCK racers who made the trip.

See you at Big Willow,

Chris McCabe
NCK Vice President