

Collin Jackson Posts Second Win at Seattle NASPORT

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KENT, JUNE 30—In convincing fashion, Collin Jackson from Vancouver, British Columbia, posted his second consecutive GT3 victory at Round 4 of the National Sport Sedan Championship (NASPORT) held at the 2.25 mile Seattle International Raceways circuit. Despite a sluggish start away from the pole, Jackson put his Specialty Engineering Nissan 240SX into the lead after the third turn on the opening lap and headed an eventual GT3 Nissan 240SX sweep of the top five finishers.

Jeff Scoville took the runner-up spot, albeit 14.53 seconds in arrears, followed by Larry Hansen. Sal Versaggi garnered a hard earned fourth after a wheel-to-wheel battle with Doug Barnhold. Kraig Luther brought his GT3 Nissan 200SX home in sixth, followed by the solid efforts of series newcomers John Boyko (Nissan 240SX) and Monica Kolyvn's '84 Mazda RX-7. Derek Israel took the GT4 win.

Qualifying came down to a shoot-out between Jackson, teammate Dave Humphrey and Hansen. In record times Jackson posted a dominant 1:28.904 time, followed by Humphrey's quick 1:29.108 effort. Hansen's 1:29.152 time put him in the second row with fourth fastest Michael Lewis in his Mazda RX-7.

After the first turn, the top five running order was Jackson, Hansen, Lewis, Humphrey, and Scoville. Five laps later, the attrition began. Lewis retired with engine woes and Humphrey pitted with ignition gremlins. With six turns remaining in the 20 lap event, Hansen slipped from second to fourth when he was unable to find the proper gear. This action promoted Scoville and Frank Honsowetz into second and third respectively. Three laps later, Honsowetz's progress came to a sudden halt when the front suspension broke on his Nissan 240SX. Nine of the 16 starters were running at the finish.

With his third top five finish Hansen heads the GT3 standings with 43 points, closely followed by a surging Jackson (42). Lewis and Goddard remain tied with 38 counters, followed by Versaggi (37). Israel was the sole GT4 entry at this event and his 62 points is clear of Steve Cook (42) and Olsen (38).

Team San Jose's Jeff Glenn Takes the First Win of Kinko's ACRL Triple Crown at Portland's Rose Cup

Glenn's victory moves him into second place in the driver's championship points.

SAN JOSE, CA (June 19, 1996)—JAG Promotions announced today that Jeff Glenn, 23 has won the American City Racing League event sponsored by Kinko's staged with the Sports Car Club of America's Rose Cup races held June 16 at Portland International Raceway.

The victory was the first professional win for Glenn, ACRL's 1995 Rookie of the Year. He qualified second in Daeco's "Fast Five" qualifying session, a few tenths behind Team San Diego's Bob Schader who set a new track record with his qualifying performance. Team San Jose teammate Lee Lucas struggled with handling and engine problems during the weekend. After a Sunday morning engine change things were looking up, until Lucas was hit in the first turn by one of the Team Santa Barbara cars. He was unable to continue.

The first half of the race consisted of an extremely close four car battle for the lead, with Bob Schader at the front, followed by Jeff Glenn, Reno's Rick Lee, and Team Las Vegas' Peter Zarcades. On lap 10, Glenn slid by Schader, who came together with Rick Lee in the Festival Chicane, and Zarcades inherited the second spot. Schader retired with an engine problem, Zarcades was forced to quit when his fuel pump expired. Glenn motored away to an 8.5 second victory over Team Reno's Rick Lee, setting fastest race lap.

Glenn, and Lucas are confident that they will be strong contenders when the series returns to Portland in two weeks for the second

and third races of the "Kinko's Triple Crown."

"This was a great result, considering that the car suffered extensive right side damage in a crash at the last race on the oval at Mesa Marin. We put in a lot of hard work between events, and I am looking forward to repeating this performance with the Bank of the West/KJWL Radio/Top Shelf/Marketing One/Frey Racing car in a couple of weeks at Portland," Glenn said.

Jeff Glenn is the 1995 ACRL Rookie of the Year and series "Rising Star," and is sponsored by Bank of the West, KJWL Radio Fresno/Top Shelf/Giannini Packing Corporation, Thornton Sheet metal, Marketing One Incorporated, and Frey Racing of Mountain View. Additional support is provided by Syntropy Racing Group, and Freed Worldwide.

Podium Effort in Sight West Gets Tagged From Behind and Goes Two Seconds Faster/ Player's Toyota Atlantic championship

June 19, 1996 - (Campbell, Ca) Chuck West, Ralt RT-40 and rookie driver, "stunned" officials once again by posting his practice session time in second position behind points leader, Patrick Carpentier and ahead of Case Montgomery and Lee Bentham.

Montreal makes this the "second" appearance for West in the Player's Toyota Atlantic series and first time on the Montreal Formula One race circuit after West debuted by qualifying and finishing in third place at the Grand Prix of Long Beach.

West, in pursuit of perfection and discouraged over his 5th gear limit on the straight away altered his set-up and qualified seventh, placing him on grid in the fourth row.

With the practice set-up back in order and some minor adjustments to 5th gear, a confident West gridded seventh for the race. At the green, West jumped two spots into fifth before entering turn one and was directly behind Montgomery. Montgomery immediately slowed behind Bentham due to congestion into turn one and West was immediately tagged from behind by rookie driver Christian Vandal.

In the pits on lap two, the World Speed Motorsports crew discovered the wing and gear box cover had been broken off. With the part not in hand, Jason Storage, the team's mechanic jumped on the scooter and drove down the Formula One hot pits in an effort to retrieve the part from the trailer and was stopped by security. Jason, in a timely discussion with officials, was cleared and Jason started his 1/2 mile trek through the Formula One crowds back to the Toyota Atlantic paddock.

Meanwhile in the hot pits, West now out of the car, granted two TV interviews and gave comments to the media on the incident stating "I didn't realize I had been hit from behind until I got to turn three and I lost control of the car. I looked in my mirrors and I noticed by rear wing was gone." West further stating "It's disappointing because the car was running great. I had moved up two places into fifth behind Montgomery and felt confident that I could finish in the top three."

Jason returned in less than five minutes and Mike Doyle, Chief Engineer quickly went to work putting on a new gear box cover and wing. A flurry over a lost washer left the entire WSM crew in dash to find it but the team pulled together and got West back out in the race on lap 11 after only missing 10 laps.

West, who previously had a podium finish in sight for this race, now put himself in the hunt for fastest time of the race. Finishing 24th and recording his fastest lap time by two and a half seconds, West posted the sixth fastest lap in the race.

"Montreal is a beautiful city and everyone is very friendly here. I look forward to coming back next year and driving on this track. We (the WSM team) learned a lot here on the set-ups and I feel we will be a strong contender for next year here in Montreal."

The Montreal race will be broadcast on ESPN2 on Sunday, June 23rd (2:30pm EST), Wednesday, June 26th (1:00am EST) and CTV on Saturday, June 29th (11:00m EST).

Chuck West of World Speed Motorsports will attempt to make his second podium visit as he gears up for dual races at Trois-Rivieres

on August 3rd and 4th in his third Player's Toyota Atlantic race. With continued support from RED LINE OIL, MARTINI SUNGLASSES, HARVEST GROUP and WINE COUNTRY MOTORSPORTS he will continue his efforts further after Trois-Rivieres at Mid-Ohio, Road America and Laguna Seca

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