

NASTE Season 2012 – Race #4

December 10, 2011

Jacquelin Park Speedway, Hillsboro, Oregon

The fourth NASTE race of the 2012 season was held Saturday evening at Monte and Victoria's Jacquelin Park Speedway where a spirited group of fourteen racers came out on a cold winter night to try out the re-designed digital track.

After an hour of practice so racers could get re-acquainted with the digital format as well as do a little grazing at the food bar three teams were formed to battle it out Enduro style for the next two hours.

An Enduro is a little different than a normal heat raced since the heat lasts 40 minutes. And a digital Enduro adds another feature as refueling is required lest your car stop dead on the track out of fuel and also out of the remainder of the heat. So periodically drivers need to pull into the pit area and refuel their cars to continue. At that point drivers are swapped, just like at Le Mans and Sebring.

Once the flag dropped Team One in lane one took the early lead. As the heat progressed, the lead stretched further and further. Would they run away with the race or was this just the first symptoms of an IROC race?

By the time the first heat finished, the Big Smooth's Team One held a 23 lap lead over Bill Bostic's Team Two with Rico Locati's Team Three another 9 laps behind. And it appeared there could be controversy as one of the cars, the car in position 3, had developed slippery tires. It was clear that the team that could master that car would have a tremendous advantage – if any could.

In the second heat Team One once again pulled out the heat win but this time only by a single lap over Team Three while Team Two suffered disaster at the hands of the slippery-tired beast. With one heat remaining Team One held a comfortable-looking lead of 33 laps over team Three but the final flag had yet to drop. It was time for Team One to deal with the difficult car.

And deal with it they tried. And while they tried Rico's team came storming back. With ten minutes remaining Team Three had made up more than 20 laps and had closed within nine laps of the lead. Make that eight. Seven! The action was heating up as Team Three continued their charge to the front and time appeared to be on their side as the slippery beast slid around and off the track with relative abandon.

With about 7 minutes remaining, Team One made their final driver change and turned it over to the Big Smooth. Driving the track and the slippery beast like he owned them – ok, the beast WAS really slippery - he was able to hold off the charge from Team Three bringing Team One home with a closely fought victory by a slim margin of five laps over two hours of racing.

Amazingly, no cars were damaged. No racers were injured. No fist fights resulted. It was an excellent night.

We'd like to thank everyone for coming out to help us celebrate the christening of the new layout, we had a great time. The food was great, thank you all for sharing. And then there's Dorothy and those wonderful chocolates. Yum!

Race Results – 12/10/2011

Race No. 4 - Penguin Point	Total Laps	Season Points
TEAM ONE	659	
Monte Saager		20
Terry Abbott		20
Victoria Saager		20
Zach		20
Tracy Flood		20
TEAM THREE	654	
Rico Locati		19
Greg Petrolati		19
Dorothy Abbott		19
Tom		19
Larry Owens		19
TEAM TWO	584	
Bill Bostic		18
AJ Locati		18
Mary		18
Todd Flood		18

Current NASTE Season Standings

Name	Class	Rookie	Total	Race #1	Race #2	Race #3	Race #4
Monte Saager	A	ROOKIE	74	# 1 15	20	# 3 19	# 4 20
Bill Bostic	A		74 72		20 19	16	20 18
Rico Locati			72 70	19 17	19 17	17	19
	A		70 52		17	17	20
Victoria Saager	В			9		0	
Terry Abbott	A		50	15	15	•	20
Dorothy Abbott	В		50	13	8	10	19
Bryan Trachsel	A		38	20	18	0	0
Dave Smith	Α		34	18	16	0	0
Tom	Α	Yes	34	11	4	0	19
Tracy Flood	Α		34	0	14	0	20
Greg Petrolati	Α		33	0	0	14	19
Drew Kinney	Α	Yes	28	0	13	15	0
Todd Flood	С	Yes	25	0	7	0	18
Dennis Hart	Α		23	0	11	12	0
John Powers	Α		20	0	0	20	0
Mary	В	Yes	20	0	2	0	18
Zach	С	Yes	20	0	0	0	20
Larry Owens	Α	Yes	19	0	0	0	19
Tony Kuljis	Α		18	0	0	18	0
AJ Locati	Α		18	0	0	0	18
Jeff Courtney	Α		16	16	0	0	0
Mike Lombardi	Α		13	0	0	13	0
Catrinus Wallet	Α		12	12	0	0	0
Allen McBride	Α		10	0	10	0	0
Kathy Voigt	В		10	10	0	0	0
Russell Flood	С	Yes	9	0	9	0	0
Pete Abram	Α	Yes	6	0	6	0	0
Diane Bostic	В		5	0	5	0	0
Cailin Dunbar	С	Yes	3	0	3	0	0
Jill	В	Yes	1	0	1	0	0

Class Designations:

Class A: Men - 16 and over. Class B: Ladies - 16 and over Class C: Juniors - under 16

Rookie: First year of NASTE competition

Current NASTE Scrabble Season Standings

Name	Total	Round #1	Round #2	Round #3
Victoria Saager	65	18	28	19
Dorothy Abbott	46	10	17	19
Mary	31	16	15	0
Kathy Voigt	17	17	0	0
Cailin Bostic	17	0	17	0
Monte Saager	10	10	0	0
Jill	10	0	10	0
Dennis Hart	10	0	0	10
Bill Bostic	9	9	0	0
Terry Abbott	9	9	0	0
Pete	9	0	9	0
Catrinus Wallet	8	8	0	0