



NEW YEAR LEAGUE AT UNSER RACING & ENTERTAINMENT

Round 2 Recap

2nd Round of the New Year league brought out a big crowd. The week off gave everyone time to rest and left them all longing to see if they could finish the night on the top spot scoring valuable points for the series. With 35 divers in attendance, the practices were broke into 4 sessions and the qualifier into 8 heats. Once all the qualifiers were ran, the drivers were broken into the mains and grid into their finishing order. Jace H was sitting pole position for the A main, James M was pole position for the B main, Jesse R was pole position for the C main, and the D mains pole position was held by Marcus M.

With the new qualifying system mixing up were the fast guys were, the D main had 4 drivers with fast times in the low 20 seconds. Marcus M, Chase T, Ryan M, and your points leader Tripp G were all left to battle it out for only 2 transfer spots into the C main. The start was clean but the next few laps were not, 3 drivers were black flagged for aggressive driving. With 10 laps down, Marcus M and Chase T where going at it for 1st place and about to catch lap traffic. Chase T was forced to the outside and slower side of the split due to lap traffic. Chase T not only had to worry about getting through the lappers clean and holding Marcus M off, but the points leader Tripp G was now in striking distance of them both. Not being able to make quick work of the lappers, Marcus and Tripp both found away around Chase T. With 6 laps left to go, the top 3 drivers were less then 1 second apart. Devin D was pushing his way up from the last grid spot and worked his way up to 7th by then end of a race. With the laps winding down, Chase T and Marcus M came together coming out of the back straightaway leaving Marcus M stuck and loosing the final transfer spot. Even though the battle left one driver out of a transfer position, Marcus and Chase both won the rivalry award for round 2. Tripp G took the checkered and the win in the D main. With a 45-minute break before the C, B and A main, it was sure to produce some high adrenaline racing.

The C main was loaded into the karts and they took 2 warm up laps to get the track and karts back up to racing temperature. The green flag flew and the race started. John M was spun out on the first lap, taking the wind out of his sail for making it to the B main. Jesse R in the Jonny Unser signature kart was putting plenty of real estate between him and the rest of the drivers. Just a few laps in, Jesse R had opened up a 6-kart lead and had no plans of looking back. Shawnee M tucked in behind Bobby S in 3rd and tried to hold tight to him. Your points leader Tripp G knew he had a lot of work and valuable points to make up before the night was over. Starting behind 9 other quick drivers posed little problems for him. He made 5 passes in the first 2 laps, but not wanting to run out of time he wasn't as precise with his 5th pass for 3rd place. With his less then perfect pass he made too much contact with Shawnee and was black-flagged. Unfortunately Shawnee was taken out of the hut for the transfer spot due to the contact. Tripp G would later make his 5th and final pass stick and win passing the champ of the night. With only 2 drivers moving onto the next main, and 4 drivers within 1 second of 2nd place the end of the race was close. Andrew B, Ryan M, and Bobby S were letting it all hang out. 2 of the 3 were black flagged for too much contact in the final laps of the race. Bobby S would drive a tight line around the final corner and cross the line 2nd well behind the leader but still moving himself into the B main.

The B main pole position driver James M knew if he could keep clear track in front of him he had a good chance at winning the B main. He would run into lappers but found himself around them in less then 1 corner. He led every lap from start to finish and was consistent in doing so with an average lap of 20.537. Jon R would not be out done by much, with an average lap time of 20.541 through all 30 laps in the B main. Jon and James were flying around the track but Brian C, hungry for a transfer into the A main, did his best to chase them down but fell a little short and finished 3rd. With the front 3 spread out and almost on rails, the real battles and racing was back with the 5th, 6th, and 7th place drivers. Tyson W, Derek B, and C main winner Jesse R were all pushing for a top 5 finish. With close racing comes some rubbing, but as things escalated 2 of the drivers were black-flagged. In the End Jesse R would round out your top 5. Scott Richards would only move up one spot from where he started. With the points he scored from his 4th place finish tonight and last weeks points he now sits 4th place overall in points.



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The A main was staged and the drivers were wired to run the 35 lap main. There were some familiar faces and a few new wild cards. Jace H holding pole position, and last leagues 3rd place finisher Jereme W right behind him. Dominic U started in 3rd place and would make the pass for 2nd early in the race. Jereme W would let the leaders split away after Dominic U passed him. Will O showed strong speed in qualifying and now in the A main. Will O and Cory M were in a heated battle with both drivers having custom painted helmets. It would be a battle of the painted lids for 5th place. Will O was bumped causing him to be taken out of the battle and he would later finish 7th. Will O was the only driver to make the A main under the age of 18. Tina R had found a great way to make clean passes going into the split, and used this on 2 different times during the main. This would help her secure a 4th place finish in a heat full of fast guys. Jereme W wasn't going to be happy with a 3rd place finish. As 1st and 2nd began to hit lappers, he really turned up the heat. Jereme was finding speed some where on the track and was the only driver to turn a 19 second lap. His fast lap time was almost .2 faster then any other drivers. With his fastest lap being a 19.848 he set the new track record! Jereme would close the gap on 1st and 2nd but end up 3rd. Jereme W is a force to be reckoned with and could land him on the top spot if not win the entire league. Bob S would finish 8th in the A main. This would score him enough points to put him in the lead for the season's points. He has a 5-point lead over 2nd place Jon R.

With the biggest driver turner out for leagues to date, there was plenty of good racing from start to finish with great battles all night long. The new qualifying system mixed things up a little too much and the next round will be ran with normal timed qualifying. This qualifying style should bring out tight battles since a heat of 10 drivers could be separated by less the .5 of a second.