



Lee Lucas, Team San Jose, Swift (27), leads his fellow Team San Jose driver, Jeff Glenn, Swift (33), through Sears Point's Turn 2 during American City Racing League action over the Sept. 16-17 weekend. —Paul Zimmerman photo

Phil Mahre wins ACRL at Sears after Bob Schader DQ'd; Schader takes second race

By Mary Mitchell

SONOMA, CA, Sept. 16 — Phil Mahre was declared the provisional winner of race one of the American City Racing League's season ending double-header at Sears Point Raceway.

Bob Schader, winner on the track, was assessed a 10-second penalty for "racing before the green flag" dropping him to fourth pending the outcome of his appeal.

Defending ACRL Champion Margie Smith-Haas, was unable to compete after a test day mechanical problem relegated her to assistant announcer duties. Peter Zarzades, third in driver points going into this event, was also sidelined after a test day accident in his Wynn's Oil Swift and could do nothing to defend his position.

Polesitter and Team San Diego representative Schader, took the lead at the green flag in his Valvoline/Petro-Cal Lola followed by Phil Mahre's Team Reno Marker Ski Bindings/Lange Ski Boots Lola and the ailing Lee Lucas (suffering from a severe sinus infection). Lucas (Team San Jose Saturn/Audiovox/Touch of Class Swift) did incredibly well to run up front considering how ill he felt. One can only imagine what would have happened if he felt 100 percent!

Schader was starting to pull away when Team Santa Barbara's Leslie Clark (Clark Racing Swift Sports 2000) went off between Turns 3 and 3A bringing out the pace car for four laps allowing the field to close up, which would prove costly to Schader.

On the restart, Schader took off again with Mahre and Lucas in hot pursuit. Jeff Glenn (Team San Jose's Bank of the West/KJWL Radio Swift) spun twice at Turn 7 trying to pass Lucas dropping him from fourth to 12th. Greg Loebel (Apache Racing Miller) representing Team St. Petersburg and powered by Oldsmobile inherited fourth after Glenn's demise. He had a great run from seventh holding off Team Portland's Larry Vollum in the Motorsports Engineering Swift and Team San Jose's Chris Ronson (Tom Rust Racing Swift) who recovered from a Turn 11 spin on lap five without losing a place.

Meanwhile Team San Diego's other Super Sports 2000 participants Leo Sismani (California Scene/Valvoline Swift) and Gary Green (Valvoline/Innovon Swift) had a good dice for eighth and ninth after Green fought his way from a lowly last place of 22nd on the grid after an off-course excursion damaged his car leaving him with no qualifying time. They both got by Rick Ferguson's Team Anaheim Diversified Metalworks Swift on lap 12 of 14. Green took eighth after a great drive to finish behind Brad Krause's Team Santa Barbara Kinko's Lola in seventh. Sismani and Ferguson were side by side in the Turn 11 hairpin on the last lap with Sismani exiting the turn first and holding on to the checker for ninth and 10th respectively.

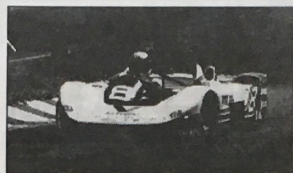
The Sports 2000 - "B" contingent, nine cars strong, were exciting to watch — running nose to tail and sometimes side by side. The Sports 2000 victor Joe Giroski (Team Woodland Master Transmission TIGA) drove a great race to finish 11th overall. Team Anaheim's John Ostlund drove his KJWL Radio TIGA to second in "B" division followed closely by Ian Wood (Team San Diego LWE Rear Ends Only Swift) taking third in "B" and 15th overall.

Schader set fastest lap of 1:36.885 on the penultimate lap. After the 10 second penalty was assessed it was Mahre, Lucas, Loebel, Schader, Vollum, and Ronson.

Team San Jose took the Team Cup pending the Schader appeal. If he is successful, the Cup will go to Team San Diego.

American City Racing League, Round 7:
Sears Point International Raceway (2,523 miles), Sept. 16, 1995, 14 laps (42.891 miles): 1. Bob Schader, Lola/Loyning; 27-27; 567. 2. Lee Lucas, Swift/Plust; 3. Phil Mahre, Lola/Jennings; 4. Chris Ronson, Swift/Plust; 5. Gary Green, Swift/Loyning; 6. Larry Vollum, Swift/Loyning; 7. Jeff Glenn, Swift/Hasselgren; 8. Leo Sismani, Swift/Jennings; 9. Brad Krause, Lola/Hasselgren; 10. Rick Ferguson, Swift/Jennings.

Driver points (best 6 of 7 rounds): 1. Phil Mahre, Reno, 580; 2. Lee Lucas, San Jose, 552; 3. Peter Zarzades, Los Angeles, 506; 4. Jeff Glenn, San Jose, 447; 5. Chris Ronson, San Jose, 435; 6. Rick Ferguson, Anaheim, 425; 7. Leo Sismani, San Diego, 374; 8. Ted Guenther (S.2000), Los Angeles, 351; 9. Brad Krause, Santa Barbara, 335; 10. Bob Schader, San Diego, 332.



Bob Schader, Team San Diego, Swift (8), won the second race of the ACRL's twin bill at Sears Point, Sept. 16-17. —Paul Zimmerman photo

Bob Schader is 'picture perfect' in ACRL

By Mary Mitchell

SONOMA, CA, Sept. 17 — Unlike yesterday, the start of race 2 was "picture perfect."

Bob Schader took the lead at the green flag and pulled away. Three cars tangled just after the start bringing out a local yellow flag. Team Los Angeles' Jim Paul (Auto Convenience Centers Swift) limped around to the pits for bodywork adjustment costing him three laps — the others were able to continue.

Lee Lucas pulled out a comfortable lead on Phil Mahre. Jeff Glenn dropped back from fourth at the start to 10th due to a fouled plug. It would take half the race to clear and he started his charge back up the field.

Once again Greg Loebel's Olds powered Miller got a great start leading a train of four cars — Gary Green, Chris Ronson, and Larry Vollum until a broken throttle cable sent him slowly to the pits to retire after 10 laps. Leo Sismani and Rick Ferguson ran nose to tail the first half of the 17-lap race until the latter spun in Turn 11 (lots of action in Turn 11!) on lap eight dropping him two places to 11th. This gave Sismani some breathing space temporarily until Brad Krause's Kinko's Lola moved up to challenge. He got by once only in Turn 11 but could not hold it on the exit.

As in race one, the Sports 2000 "B" contingent delivered another exciting show. This time, Sports 2000 1995 ACRL Champion Ted Guenther (Team Los Angeles Precision Power Swift) held off Joe Giroski until lap 15 when the TIGA got the better of Guenther in Turn 11 and held on for the class victory and 11th overall once again. Team Santa Barbara's Tom Bungay (Drivertize Custom Golf Clubs S2000 Swift) was called in for a stop and go penalty for bumping John Ostlund's TIGA which lost it's nose in the hairpin. This cost Bungay as he was running third in class at the time.

Schader had checked out but lapped traffic at the hairpin allowed Phil Mahre to close right up on the tail of second place Lee Lucas but it was short lived. Phil decided to play it safe knowing he had to finish ninth or better, with Lucas in second, to be the 1995 ACRL SS2000 Driver Champion.

Schader set fast lap of 1:35.921 once again on the penultimate lap taking the victory by 28.276 seconds over Lucas in second followed by Phil Mahre. Chris Ronson finished the season with his best result of fourth. He lost "Rookie of the Year" by one point to his team-mate Jeff Glenn who rallied to finish seventh. Gary Green held off the hard charging Larry Vollum for fifth and sixth respectively followed by Glenn, Sismani, Krause and Ferguson. The Team Cup went to Team San Diego.

If Bob Schader's WSC schedule had allowed him to compete in all the ACRL events in 1995, one can only imagine how well he may have done. He has won three of five races entered and

may make it four if he wins his appeal. He helped defending Team Champion San Diego to second place behind Team San Jose.

American City Racing League, Round 8:
Sears Point International Raceway (2,523 miles), Sept. 17, 1995, 17 laps (42.891 miles): 1. Bob Schader, Lola/Loyning; 27-27; 567. 2. Lee Lucas, Swift/Plust; 3. Phil Mahre, Lola/Jennings; 4. Chris Ronson, Swift/Plust; 5. Gary Green, Swift/Loyning; 6. Larry Vollum, Swift/Loyning; 7. Jeff Glenn, Swift/Hasselgren; 8. Leo Sismani, Swift/Jennings; 9. Brad Krause, Lola/Hasselgren; 10. Rick Ferguson, Swift/Jennings.

Driver points (best 7 of 8 rounds - final): 1. Phil Mahre, Reno, 658; 2. Lee Lucas, San Jose, 645; 3. Jeff Glenn, San Jose, 520; 4. Chris Ronson, San Jose, 519; 5. Peter Zarzades, Los Angeles, 506; 6. Rick Ferguson, Anaheim, 489; 7. Leo Sismani, San Diego, 444; 8. Bob Schader, San Diego, 434; 9. Ted Guenther (S.2000), Los Angeles, 409; 10. Brad Krause, Santa Barbara, 402.

Final Team Standings (after 8 of 8 rounds): 1. San Jose, 1364; 2. San Diego, 1189; 3. Los Angeles, 1143; 4. Santa Barbara, 839; 5. Reno, 809; 6. Anaheim, 745; 7. Woodland, 701; 8. Portland, 380; 9. Vancouver, 335; 10. St. Petersburg, 298; 11. Columbia, 76; 12. Boston, 61; 12. North Vancouver, 61; Claremont, 48.



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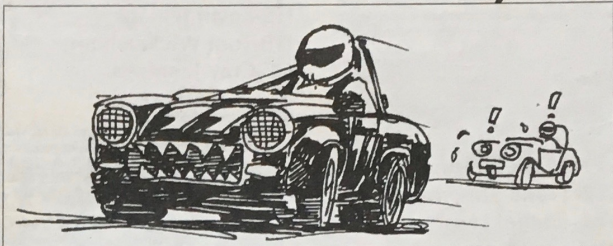
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