

## Jeret Schroeder Records First FF2000 Victory

Jeret Schroeder became the fourth first-time winner in five United States Formula Ford 2000 National Championship races this season with a victory at Watkins Glen International in New York.

The Vineland, N.J., native also became the fourth different winner of the year as he bested 45 of his fellow Indy car aspirants in the race sanctioned by the Sports Car Club of America and United States Auto Club.

Schroeder was none too pleased when the skies opened up over Watkins Glen's 3.4-mile Grand Prix circuit just in time for the U.S. FF2000 qualifying session, citing slickness on recently repaved portions of the track. Nevertheless, electing to run his "old" car, a 1991 Swift DB-6, instead of his 1995 Van Diemen, he secured a front-row starting position for the Ireland Coffee-Tea/Purity Farms mount, one of



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*Schroeder got the better of a large field and took the win at The Glen.*

only 13 non-Van Diemens in the field.

"We didn't have any time on a road course with the new car, and the Swift is well-suited to the long straights here," explained Schroeder.

After his success in Saturday's wet qualifying, Schroeder was hoping for a rainy Sunday race. Mother Nature again refused to cooperate, but as it turned out, Schroeder needed no assistance.

Avoiding a first-lap, first-turn incident involving pole-sitter Scott Bradley of Menlo Park, Calif., and three other cars, Schroeder took over the lead under yellow flag conditions.

Although he slipped to third on the restart, the Swift pilot eventually clawed his way back to the front, passing Chris Fahan just two laps before the checker flew.

— Scott McKee

## Bob Schader Takes ACRL Win

Bob Schader won Round 5 of the American City Racing League at Portland International Raceway in Oregon in his second series outing of 1995.

For the third time this season, Phil Mahre grabbed the pole in his Marker Ski Bindings/Lange Ski Boots Lola, but Lee Lucas jumped out to a great start in his Saturn/Audiovox Swift. Lucas quickly pulled out to a comfortable lead ahead of Schader, who had started second in his Valvoline/Petro-Cal Lola. They were followed by rookie Jeff Glenn in the Bank of the West/KJWL Radio Swift and pole-sitter Mahre.

Glenn was missing on lap six, having gone off at Turn One. He found he had no brakes and went straight into the tire barrier in front of a concrete wall. The car suffered front suspension and bodywork damage, but the driver complained only a sore nose. Larry Vollum driving the Motorsports Engineering Swift inherited fourth spot after Glenn's exit.

Leo Sismani brought out a full-course yellow on the ninth lap when an electrical problem caused his Valvoline/California Scene Falcon H94 to a halt next to the wall on the

front straight. He had worked his way up to eighth from 12th on the starting line.

Schader took the lead with an inside pass at Turn Nine at the end of lap 15. Mahre copied Schader's move on the next lap to take second place and relegate Lucas to third ahead of Vollum. Mahre then tried everything to get past Schader, even setting fastest race lap at 1:08.747 on the last circuit of the 20-lap race — a time that was quicker than his pole lap of 1:08.873.

Sports 2000 victor Ian Wood kept out of trouble to finish 14th overall ahead of Leo Giroski's S2000 Tiga.

The finish left Mahre atop the driver standings with 387 points to 372 for fourth-place finisher Peter Zarcades and 371 for Lucas.

— Mary Mitchell

### AMERICAN CITY RACING LEAGUE • ROUND 5

**Portland (Ore.) International Raceway (1.92 miles), July 2, 1995, 20 Laps (38.4 miles):** 1 Bob Schader, Lola/Loyning, 26:01.946; 2 Phil Mahre, Lola/Jennings; 3 Lee Lucas, Swift DB5/Tom Rust; 4 Peter Zarcades, Swift DB5/Jennings; 5 Larry Vollum, Swift DB5/Loyning; 6 Greg Loebel, Miller/Quicksilver; 7 Chris Ronson, Swift DB5/Tom Rust; 8 Gary Green, Swift D12/Loyning; 9 Steve Mahrem Lola/lvey; 10 Margie Smith-Haas, Falcon H95/Loyning. **Margin of Victory:** .438 second. **Winner's Average Speed:** 88.505 mph. **Pole:** Phil Mahre, 1:08.873; **Fast Lap:** Phil Mahre: 1:08.747 (100.54 mph). **Lap Leaders:** Lucas, 1-15; Schader, 16-20.

## Peter Zarcades Scores ACRL Victory

Peter Zarcades' Wynns Oil Swift DB5 captured the American City Racing League's outing at Willow Springs, Calif., after 20 action-filled laps in 100-degree heat.

Pole-sitter Lee Lucas took the lead at the green flag in his Saturn/Audiovox Swift DB5 followed by Zarcades, Rick Ferguson and Phil Mahre. Unfortunately, at Turn One on the second lap, two Sports 2000 competitors — Leslie Clark and Ian Wood — tangled and brought out a full-course yellow.

After the restart, Zarcades took the lead with Lucas and Mahre's Marker Ski Bindings/Lange Ski Boots in hot pursuit. The trio pulled away from the next group of Super Sports 2000 cars led by Leo Sismani's California Scene/Valvoline Swift, Jeff Glenn (Bank of the West) and Rick Ferguson (Diversified Metalworks).

Former North American Pro Series driver Greg Loebel spun out of fifth place on lap five at the Turn Five exit. He rejoined in last place but started his charge through the field. He had some help on lap 11 when a full-course yellow for a broken oil line and fire on Glenn's car closed up the pack. Sismani was in the wrong

place at the wrong time, spinning in Glenn's oil, getting high-centered at Turn Three and losing a lap before getting free.

After a full-course caution, Zarcades took the lead again, followed by Lucas, Mahre and Loebel, who had a great restart and was back to his position before his spin. This foursome soon pulled out on the rest of the field led now by Rick Ferguson and ACRL Chairman Jim Paul.

After setting fast race lap and a new track record of 1:20.385 on lap 17, Zarcades took the checkered flag 1.311 seconds ahead of Lucas. After putting four wheels off at the exit of Turn Five two laps from the end, Mahre held off Loebel for third. Ferguson finished fifth ahead of Jim Paul, and Fiorenzo Tirinnanzi finished seventh overall and first in Sports 2000.

— Mary Mitchell

### AMERICAN CITY RACING LEAGUE • ROUND 4

**Willow Springs, Calif. (2.5 miles), June 25, 1995, 20 laps (50 miles):** 1 (2) Peter Zarcades, Swift/Jennings, 31:31.292; 2 (1) Lee Lucas, Swift/Rust, 31:32.603; 3 (3) Phil Mahre, Lola/Jennings; 4 (5) Greg Loebel, Miller/Quicksilver; 5 (4) Rick Ferguson, Swift/Jennings; 6 (8) Jim Paul, Swift/Jennings; 7 (11) Fiorenzo Tirinnanzi, Swift/Rust (1st-S2 Class); 8 (10) Ted Guenther, Swift/Guenther; 9 (9) Chris Ronson, Swift/Rust, 19 laps; 10 (6) Leo Sismani, Falcon/Jennings, 19 laps. **Winner's Average Speed:** 95.173 mph; **Fast Lap:** Zarcades, 1:20.385; **Lap Leaders:** Lucas 1-4; Zarcades, 5-20.

### U.S. FORMULA FORD 2000 • ROUND 5

**Watkins Glen (N.Y.) International (3.4 miles), June 25, 1995, 12 laps (40.8 miles):** 1 (2) Jeret Schroeder, Swift DB-6, 12; 2 (3) Chris Fahan/Van Diemen RF95, 12; 3 (9) David Pook/Van Diemen RF94, 12; 4 (4) Christian Vandal/Van Diemen RF95, 12; 5 (11) Joaquin Desoto/Van Diemen RF95, 12; 6 (5) Jimmy Chianis/Van Diemen RF95, 12; 7 (8) Michael Fitzgerald/Van Diemen RF95, 12; 8 (14) Anders Sterner/Van Diemen RF95, 12; 9 (13) Tim Duit/Van Diemen RF93, 12; 10 (7) Richard Eanes/Van Diemen RF95, 12. **Time of Race:** 28:29.36. **Winner's Average Speed:** 85.926 mph. **Margin of Victory:** 676 seconds. **Fast Lap:** Chianis, 1:56.890. **Lap Leaders:** Schroeder, 1-3; Fahan, 4-9; Schroeder, 10-12.