

# Jeff Glenn scores his first pro victory

## San Diego edges Las Vegas in ACRL team competition

By Bob Kehoe

PORTLAND, OR, June 16—It was a trying weekend for a few veterans, a fresh adventure for several newcomers from the Pacific Northwest, and a first-time professional win for sophomore standout Jeff Glenn in the first event of ACRL's Kinko's Triple Crown during the 36th annual Rose Cup weekend at Portland International Raceway.

Rounds two and three will be held, also at Portland, during the July 4 weekend.

Glenn's triumph in the fourth race of the year moved the Team San Jose driver within 27 points of Bob Schader in the chase for the 1996 Driver's Championship.

With his parents, Cheryl and Steve Glenn, sharing in the victory lane celebration, the 23-year old Pleasanton, CA, driver looked forward to the next two events at the same track.

"It's a neat moment," Glenn said. "I've worked really hard for this. Things have been working out well, and this track seems to be pretty nice to me."

Starting the race alongside pole-sitter Schader, driving for Team San Diego, Glenn throttled his Bank of the West/KJWL/Topshelf/Marketing One Inc.-sponsored Swift DB5 / Ford-Cosworth to an 8.5-second win over Team Reno's Rick Lee.

Finishing third was Leo Sismani of Team Las Vegas for his career best ACRL finish, while Larry Vollum of Team Portland and rookie Marc Zurlinden of Team San Diego rounded out the top five. Team Woodland's Joe Giroski finished an impressive seventh overall while grabbing first-place honors in the Sports 2000 (non-Cosworth) division. He now leads that separate championship race by a slim 18-point margin over his father, Leo Giroski.

New faces in ACRL competition included Team Vancouver's Tom Kreger and Bill King, Team Wilsonville brothers John and Bill Bachofner, Brad Arntson joining Team Woodland, and Team Portland's John Brewer, who drives with the aid of hand controls.

Saturday's Daeco Top Five Qualifying saw IMSA veteran Bob Schader rocket his Petro Cal/PPG/Valvoline/Turner Lola T89/90 to a new Super Sports 2000 track record, using the Festival Chicane. A quick lap of 1:16.213 eclipsed fellow ACRL veteran Lee Lucas' two-year old mark of 1:16.977. Glenn tuned in a fast time of 1:16.617 to share the front row with Schader. The remainder of the top five group were veterans Peter Zarcades of Team Las Vegas, Rick Lee and Larry Vollum. Joe Giroski led the "Killer Bee" division at 1:19.673, with Bill Bachofner, Ian Wood, and John Ostlund of Fresno right behind.

At the start of Sunday's race, the two front rows quickly established a four-car breakaway, with Schader taking the point and Jeff Glenn,

Rick Lee and Peter Zarcades tucked in right behind. Past ACRL champion Lee Lucas, who could only manage a 10th-place starting position due to handling problems, fell victim to a punt from behind in the chicane on the first lap. A broken rear suspension arm forced his early retirement.

Schader's engine began losing oil pressure on the second lap, but he managed to hold off Glenn through the end of lap 10. Glenn then executed a perfect late-breaking maneuver on the tight right hander entering the chicane to take the lead. A split second later, Schader and Lee made contact in the following left-hander. Both drivers recovered, but Schader's car suffered damage and he was forced to pit for a new nose piece. In the melee, Zarcades moved up to the second position. Unfortunately, his pursuit of Glenn ended on the 16th lap with a broken fuel pump, and there were not enough laps left for Rick Lee to catch Glenn.

Joe Giroski's unusual appearing Tiga "Wasp" pretty much had things all to itself in the "B" Division, using the advantage of the draft from a few of the Cosworth-powered cars down the long front straight. Behind him, the early stages of the race saw a great battle for second between the cars of Ostlund, Wood and Arntson. The 1984-vintage Tiga of Arntson was showing a good deal of speed in its ACRL debut, but he carried just a little too much one time into Turn 9 and had a quick spin while he was leading the three-car group. Wood and Ostlund were both back far enough that they were in no danger of contact with Arntson and slipped by his temporarily-stopped car with no problem. Arntson was able to get back underway, but by then had lost valuable time. From that point on, Wood and Ostlund kept up their fight almost to the end of the race, with Wood prevailing in the end.

Team San Diego edged Team Las Vegas by only one point for the weekend's team title, and continues to hold onto first place in that year-long championship. Las Vegas is in second place, followed by a tie between Santa Barbara and San Jose, trailed by Team Woodland.

Results: 22 laps, 42.35 miles. 1. Jeff Glenn, Pleasanton, CA. 2. Rick Lee, Indio Village, NV. 3. Leo Sismani, Rancho Santa Fe, CA. 4. Larry Vollum, Portland, OR. 5. Marc Zurlinden, Monterey, CA. 6. Tom Kreger, Ridgefield, WA. 7. Joe Giroski, Portland, OR. 8. Ian Wood, Burnaby, BC. 9. John Ostlund, Fresno, CA. 10. Bill King, Woodville, WA. 11. Chris Ronson, Modesto, CA. 12. John Bachofner, Wilsonville, OR. 13. Leo Giroski, Woodland, WA. 14. Tom Bungary, Santa Barbara, CA. 15. John Brewer, Portland, OR. 16. Brad Arntson, Portland, OR. 17. Tom Laika, Portland, OR. 18. Bob Schader, Boulder, CO. 19. Brad Krause, Santa Barbara, CA. 20. Peter Zarcades, Rancho Santa Fe, CA. 21. Buddy Dold, San Rafael, CA. 22. Lee Lucas, Los Gatos, CA. 23. Bill Bachofner, Wilsonville, OR.  
Driver point standings (best three of four races): S2000 Driver (Top 10): 1. Schader, 295; 2. Glenn, 268; 3. Lee, 261; 4. Sismani, 248; 5. Zurlinden, 243; 6. Lucas, 213; 7. Ronson, 204; 8. Krause, 199; 9. Smith-Haas, 164; 10. Zarcades, 154. S2000 Driver (Top 5): 1. J. Giroski, 210; 2. L. Giroski, 192; 3. Ostlund, 192; 4. Bungary, 174; 5. Wood, 137.  
Team point standings (top five): 1. San Diego, 661; 2. Las Vegas, 593; 3. Santa Barbara, 549; 4. San Jose, 549; 5. Woodland, 524



On the Rose Cup victory stand after winning the American City Racing League event at Portland, OR, June 16, is race winner Jeff Glenn, at center, of Team San Jose. At left is Rick Lee, Team Reno, second place. Third was Leo Sismani, Team Las Vegas. —Cherry Glenn photo

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## Team San Diego sweeps ACRL podium at Mesa Marin Speedway

By Roger Diez

BAKERSFIELD, CA, May 26—Team San Diego, led by a flying Bob Schader, finished 1-2-3 and the only cars on the lead lap in the second and final oval track round of the 1996 season. Schader, who qualified at a record 18.99 second (94.78 mph), took off at the green flag and would have lapped the entire field had a yellow flag not intervened.

The caution came from Jeff Glenn's start-finish crash on lap 35 allowed the field to bunch up and kept Schader's teammates on the lead lap when the green waved again at lap 45. Glenn's incident left him parked in victory circle, but about 40 laps too soon. His crash spelled disaster for Team San Jose, because teammate Lee Lucas was absent due to a medical problem, and they dropped from first to fourth in team point standings.

Schader drove off into the sunset at the green flag, while impressive rookie Mark Zurlinden (San Diego) pulled away from Glenn, who in turn built up a cushion to the fourth fifth place battle between Margie Smith-Haas (San Diego) and Las Vegas' Leo Sismani. This pair qualified only .002 seconds apart, Sismani the quicker. Smith-Haas got the jump at the start and they ran nose to tail for most of the race, weaving their way through lapped traffic until Smith-Haas got away in the latter stages. Sismani's fourth was his best career finish. Rick Lee of Team Reno fought an evil-handling Lola and was happy to survive to take fifth place. Chris Robson (Las Vegas) fought with Lee for the position for much of the race, but ended up sixth. Brad Krause (Santa Barbara) took seventh in the car Memo Gidley won with in its last outing.

There was a barnburner of a race for the "B" or Sports 2000 category, as John Ostlund (Fresno) chased Joe Giroski (Woodland) until Giroski finally slipped high in Turns 1 and 2. Ostlund dived under him and ran to his first finish of the season, taking first place in the class. Leo Giroski brought home third place "B" points for Woodland.

Victory circle was packed with San Diego's Valvoline PPG uniforms after the race. "My team gave me a great car. It handled perfectly," said a

calm but happy Schader. Zurlinden thanked his parents and his fellow team members in an emotional interview. His drive was all the more impressive for the fact that he was driving a fairly stock Swift DB2, without all the aerodynamic tweaks his teammates have. Look for new body-

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