

Peter Zarcades Scores ACRL Win In Bakersfield

Peter Zarcades started from the pole and led every lap to win Round 2 of the Sports Car Club of America's American City Racing League series on the Mesa Marin Raceway oval in Bakersfield, Calif.

Zarcades, who had started on the pole here last year but crashed out, made no mistakes this year and scored an easy win in the series'

only oval race of 1997.

The Team Las Vegas driver collected the pole with a lap of 19.008 seconds in his Swift DB-5 to start ahead of Stephen Romak of Fresno, while John Ostlund of Fresno and Jeff Glenn of Beverly Hills made up row two.

On the start of the 75-lap race, Zarcades jumped to the front and was never threatened despite a misfire over the last five laps. Behind him, Romak, Ostlund, Leo Sismani of Reno, Glenn and Chris Ronson of Las Vegas battled before Sismani lost his oil pressure and

dropped out on lap 31.

Just past halfway, the race's only yellow flew for Gary Hewett's spin in Turn 4. On the restart, Glenn surged past Ostlund and Romak and put on a demonstration of how to weave through lapped traffic. Ronson followed Glenn and moved into third and spent the rest of the race holding off Romak and Ostlund. Hewett hung on to finish sixth, the last car on the lead lap.

Frank Arnold of Team Fresno scored the S2000 win over Jay Messenger of Team San Diego and John Bachofner of Wilsonville.

— Roger Diez



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Peter Zarcades led all 75 laps at Mesa Marin behind the wheel of his Swift.

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Bakersfield, Calif. Mesa Marin Raceway. May 25, 1997. 75 laps: 1 (1) Peter Zarcades, Swift DB-5, 75; 2 (4) Jeff Glenn, Carbir, 75; 3 (6) Chris Ronson, Swift DB-5, 75; 4 (2) Stephen Romak, Lola, 75; 5 (3) John Ostlund, Lola 89/90, 75; 6 (7) Gregory Hewett, Swift, 75; 7 (11) Dennis Pavlina, Swift DB-5, 74; 8 (13) Joe Giroski, Tiga Wasp, 73; 9 (12) Rick Lee, Lola 89/90, 73; 10 (8) Frank Arnold, Swift DB-2, 73. **Lap Leader:** Zarcades 1-75.