

Jeff Glenn scores Las Vegas ACRL win for Beverly Hills

By Roger Diez

LAS VEGAS, NV, Sept. 20 — Jeff Glenn, running for Team Beverly Hills in the American City Racing League, took the pole—his fifth of the season—the win at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

Glenn's Carbir chassis is sponsored by Bank of the West and Orlax.

At the start, the Swift of Team Las Vegas' Peter Zarcades dove inside Glenn at the newly paved Turn 4 hairpin, but slid wide and was repassed. Glenn then began to open a lead while Team Fresno's Stephen Romak, Lola, also got by Zarcades, only to spin back to seventh place on lap four. Romak spent the rest of the race playing catchup, eventually taking the checker in second. Zarcades, meanwhile, was locked in a titanic struggle with Team Reno's Rick Lee for third place. Lap after lap, Lee would pull almost alongside on the front straightaway, but had to yield at the Turn 1 entrance to the road course. The pair raced clean the whole way, and provided the best battle of the race. Behind them, Dennis Pavlina, John Ostlund, and Leo Sismani finished fifth through eighth.

The S2000 cars also provided a spectacular show, worthy of the Las Vegas venue. Seventeen-year-old Spencer Trenery (Las Vegas), Frank Arnold (Fresno), Jay Messenger (San Diego), and John Bachofner (Wilsonville) all qualified within less than three-tenths of a second, with San Diego's Ian Wood a second back. The early rac-

ing proved the qualifying times were accurate, with four cars locked in a tight train. Trenery finally broke clear, only to lose a water pump belt and coast to a halt five laps from the end. Arnold went on to take the victory, his fifth S2000 win in seven races, with Messenger second and Wood third. Arnold clinched the "B" category championship with the win.

Winner Glenn was not without his moments, having one off-course excursion due to oil on the track and a second one caused by what he termed "brain fade." He was able to retain his lead both times, and finished with a victory margin of 5.256 seconds, setting a fast race lap of 1:16.581 in the process.

A post-race teardown resulted in the discovery of irregularities in Romak's engine, leading to his disqualification. This also took the team victory away from Team Fresno, giving Reno its second team win of the season, based on Lee's third and Leo Sismani's sixth place. Wilsonville's Dennis Pavlina moved into the lead for Rookie of the Year honors, 449 points to Romak's 445.

Going into the Reno Hilton Challenge at the Reno Grand Prix, Glenn's hopes for the Driver's Championship are still alive. If he can win the pole and the race, and Zarcades finishes sixth or worse, the Beverly Hills driver will go home with the coveted Vasser Cup. A fifth place or better finish for Zarcades will lock up the title for him, no

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matter what Glenn does. The team battle going into Reno is between Las Vegas and Fresno, with only 21 points separating the two teams.

Las Vegas Results, Sept. 20, 1997

Pos.	Pos. Driver	Team	Class	Laps	Best Race Lap
1	1 Jeff Glenn	Beverly Hills	SS2	24	1:16.581
2	2 Stephen Romak	Fresno	SS2	24	1:16.754
3	3 Peter Zarcades	Las Vegas	SS2	24	1:16.852
4	4 Dennis Pavlina	Reno	SS2	24	1:17.162
5	5 John Ostlund	Wilsonville	SS2	24	1:17.518
6	6 Rick Lee	Fresno	SS2	24	1:17.166
7	7 Leo Sismani	Reno	SS2	23	1:18.469
8	8 Bill Bachofner	Wilsonville	SS2	24	1:18.308
9	9 Joe Giroski	Woodland	SS2	24	1:18.806
10	10 Brian Pariseau	Long Beach	SS2	23	1:18.494
11	11 Edd Ozard	Reno	SS2	23	1:20.799
12	12 Frank Arnold	Fresno	S2	23	1:20.709
13	13 Jay Messenger	San Diego	S2	23	1:20.942
14	14 Ian Wood	San Diego	S2	23	1:21.361
15	15 John Bachofner	Wilsonville	S2	23	1:20.780
16	16 Chris Ronson	Las Vegas	SS2	22	1:18.322
17	17 Leo Giroski	Woodland	S2	21	1:21.654
18	18 Jeff Clegg	Vancouver BCSS2	S2	20	1:17.670
19	19 Spencer Trenery	Las Vegas	S2	19	1:21.329
20	20 Mark Neuhaus	Beverly Hills	SS2	19	1:19.887
21	21 Larry Vollum	Portland	SS2	11	1:18.973
22	22 Mike Wright	San Diego	SS2	No Time	DNS
23	23 Mike Wright	Vancouver BCSS2	SS2	No Time	DNS
24	24 Mike Wright	Vancouver BCSS2	SS2	No Time	DNS

Margin of victory: 5.256 seconds

Length of race: 46.560 miles

Winner's average speed: 89.352 mph

Las Vegas Sports 2000 Championship Results:

1. Frank Arnold - 100.2 Jay Messenger - 93.3 Ian Wood - 88.4 John Bachofner - 84.5 Leo Giroski - 80.6 Spencer Trenery - 76.

Las Vegas Team Points Results:

1. Reno - 164.2 Wilsonville - 157.3 Beverly Hills - 150.4 Las Vegas - 148.5 Fresno - 144.6 Woodland - 122.7 San Diego - 119.8 Long Beach - 67.9 Vancouver BC - 50.10 Portland - 46.
- Overall Driver Standings (best 6 of 7 races):**
- 1 Peter Zarcades - LV - 566.2 Jeff Glenn, BH - 543.3 John Ostlund, FRE - 481.4 Rick Lee, RNO - 476.5 Dennis Pavlina, WIL - 449.6 Stephen Romak, FRE - 445.7 Leo Sismani, RNO - 432.8 Chris Ronson, LV - 401.9 Bill Bachofner, WIL - 367.10 Joe Giroski, WDL - 357.11 Frank Arnold, FRE - 347.12 Bob Young, SD - 333.13 Ian Wood, SD - 315.14 Edd Ozard, RNO - 312.15 John Bachofner, WIL - 306.16 Gary Hewitt, RNO - 291.17 Larry Vollum, PTL - 284.18 Mark Neuhaus, BH - 271.19 Leo Giroski, Woodland - 241.20 Jeff Clegg, VBC - 230.21 Spencer Trenery, LV - 157.22 Mike Wright, VWA - 154.23 Tom Kreger, VWA - 134.24 Brian Pariseau, LB - 122.25 Jay Messenger, SD - 119.26 Bob Thomson, VBC - 108.27 Joe Casanova, SJ - 92.28 Bill King, WA - 90.29 Margie Smith-Haas, SD - 67.30 Craig Simms, NVBC - 58.31 Brad Amison, WDL - 50.

S2000 Driver Standings (best 6 of 7 races):

- 1 Frank Arnold - 538.2 Ian Wood - 538.3 John Bachofner - 528.4 Leo Giroski - 408.5 Spencer Trenery - 257.6 Jay Messenger - 186.7 Joe Casanova - 156.8 Craig Simms - 100.9 Brad Amison - 93.

Team Standings After 7 Races:

- 1 Fresno - 1118.2 Las Vegas - 1097.3 Reno - 1035.4 Wilsonville - 934.5 Beverly Hills - 881.6 San Diego - 821.7 Woodland - 645.8 Vancouver WA - 388.9 Vancouver BC - 306.10 Portland - 290.11 Long Beach - 122.12 San Jose - 107.13 North Vancouver BC - 58.