



Peter Zarcades, Swift DB-5 (51), scored the American Cities Racing League victory at Sears Point Raceway July 12 for Team Las Vegas. —Paul Zimmerman photo

Peter Zarcades repeats ACRL victory for Team Las Vegas

By Roger Diez

SONOMA, CA, July 1—"They say it's better to be lucky than good. Today I was lucky," said Team Las Vegas' Peter Zarcades on the Sears Point victory stand.

In fact, Zarcades was both lucky and good in the fourth of the eight Race series for the City Team Super Sports 2000 cars. Zarcades had qualified his Pennzoil Swift on the outside pole, a full 1.1 seconds behind Team Beverly Hills' Jeff Glenn in a Carbir. Lady Luck first reared her head on the pace lap when Glenn joined the Roberto Guerrero club, spinning into a tire wall while warming his tires. He rejoined in sixth, but tried to make it all back on the start, boldly going where there was no room to go in Turn 2. Glenn hit Team Fresno's Steve Romak, spinning him into the path of Reno's Rick Lee and seriously shuffling the rest of the field as everyone took evasive action. Both Romak and Lee retired with damage, while Glenn was black-flagged for a stop-and-go penalty. He rejoined 15th place.

Glenn mounted a charge that took him to third place at the checker. Meanwhile up front, Zarcades was on cruise control, building a five-plus second lead over Fresno's John Ostlund in second place. Zarcades' teammate Chris Ronson ran third for much of the race, locked in a tight battle with Bob Young and Leo Sismani, with Larry Vollum also joining the fight in his charge up from 14th place.

Las Vegas' team points lead seemed to be in jeopardy as Zarcades' tires began to lose grip late in the race, and Ronson's Lola lost its brakes. Ronson spun in Turn 11, allowing Glenn through and dropping Ronson to seventh. Zarcades' problems allowed Ostlund to close to within 1.8 seconds at the checker, but the first and seventh finishing combination was still enough to take the Team win for Las Vegas and maintain their lead in the City Cup points standings. Zarcades also regained the drivers' points lead with his win.

There was also an excellent battle for the Sports 2000 class win, with Frank Arnold of Team Fresno triumphant for the third time this season. Seventeen-year-old newcomer Spencer Trenery, driving for Team Las Vegas, took the S2 point in the first lap melee, but when the green came out Frank Arnold quickly passed the youngster and motored to his third S2 win of the season. San Diego's Ian Wood was third in class.

Zarcades' margin of victory was 1.852 seconds after 18 laps (45.414 miles), completing the race in 32 minutes and 28.025 seconds. Glenn set fast lap at 1:36.899.

Sears Point Results:

Fin Pos.	St Pos.	Driver	Team	Car	Cl	Lps	Fast Cp	Time
1	2	Peter Zarcades	Las Vegas	Swift DB5	SS2	18	1	1:37.788
2	3	John Ostlund	Fresno	Lola T89/90	SS2	18	1	1:37.637
3	1	Jeff Glenn	Beverly Hills	Carbir	SS2	18	1	1:36.899
4	7	Bob Young	San Diego	Lola	SS2	18	1	1:38.115
5	9	Leo Sismani	Reno	Swift DB5	SS2	18	1	1:39.348
6	6	Larry Vollum	Portland	Swift DB5	SS2	18	1	1:39.249
7	8	Chris Ronson	Las Vegas	Swift DB5	SS2	18	1	1:39.439
8	19	Dennis Pavima	Wilsonville	Swift DB5	SS2	13	1	1:40.566
9	11	Margie Smith-Haas	San Diego	Falcon H96	SS2	18	1	1:40.058
10	10	Mark Neuhaus	Beverly Hills	Swift DB5	SS2	18	1	1:39.468
11	13	Frank Arnold	Fresno	Swift DB2	S2	18	1	1:42.124
12	16	Spencer Trenery	Las Vegas	Swift DB2	S2	18	1	1:43.308
13	17	Ian Wood	San Diego	Swift DB2	S2	18	1	1:43.354
14	21	Edd Ozard	Reno	Swift DB5	SS2	17	1	1:43.249
15	18	Joe Casanova	San Jose	Swift DB2	S2	13	1	1:47.850
16	12	Bill Bachofner	Wilsonville	Swift DB2/S	SS2	10	1	1:39.791
17	23	John Bachofner	Wilsonville	Swift DB2	S2	7	1	1:43.466
18	5	Rick Lee	Reno	Lola T89/90	SS2	0	0	No Time
19	4	Stephen Romak	Fresno	Lola T87/90	SS2	0	0	No Time

Sports 2000 Championship Results:

- 1. Frank Arnold - 100; 2. Spencer Trenery - 93; 3. Ian Wood - 88; 4. Joe Casanova - 84; 5. John Bachofner - 80

Team Points Results:

- 1. Las Vegas - 173; 2. Beverly Hills - 154 (tie); Fresno - 154 (tie); 4. San Diego - 151; 5. Reno - 138; 6. Wilsonville - 122; 7. Portland - 76; 8. San Jose - 55

Overall Driver Standings (best 3 of 4 races)

- 1. Peter Zarcades, Las Vegas - 290; 2. Jeff Glenn, Beverly Hills; 3. Rick Lee, Reno - 260; 4. Stephen Romak, Fresno - 252; 5. Larry Vollum, Portland - 244; 6. Chris Ronson, Las Vegas - 241; 7. John Ostlund, Fresno - 237; 8. Leo Sismani, Reno - 226; 9. Dennis Pavima, Wilsonville - 219; 10. Bob Young, San Diego - 209; 11. Mark Neuhaus, Beverly Hills - 191; 12. Bill Bachofner, Wilsonville - 179; 13. Frank Arnold, Fresno - 177; 14. Edd Ozard, Reno - 154 (tie); Mike Wright, Vancouver WA - 154 (tie); 16. John Bachofner, Wilsonville - 152; 17. Ian Wood, San Diego - 147; 18. Gary Hewett, Reno - 134; 19. Joe Gioski, Woodland - 131; 20. Leo Gioski, Woodland - 101; 20. 21. Jeff Clegg, Vancouver BC - 84; 22. Tom Kreger, Vancouver WA - 67; 23. Margie Smith-Haas, San Diego - 67; 24. Jay Messenger, San Diego - 61; 25. Spencer Trenery, Las Vegas - 58; 26. Brian Pariseau, Long Beach - 55; 27. Joe Casanova, San Jose - 50 (tie); Brad Amton, Woodland - 50 (tie); 29. Bill King, Vancouver WA - 40; 27. Bob Thomson, Vancouver BC - 38

52000 Driver Standings (best 3 of 4 races)

- 1. Frank Arnold - 300; 2. John Bachofner - 268; 3. Ian Wood - 264; 4. Leo Gioski - 168; 5. Jay Messenger - 93 (tie); Brad Amton - 93 (tie); Spencer Trenery - 93 (tie); 8. Joe Casanova - 84

Team Standings After 4 Races:

- 1. Las Vegas - 641; 2. Fresno - 617; 3. Reno - 602; 4. Beverly Hills - 525; 5. Wilsonville - 512; 6. San Diego - 448; 7. Woodland - 295; 8. Vancouver WA - 271; 9. Portland - 244; 10. Vancouver BC - 80; 11. Long Beach - 55 (tie); San Jose - 55 (tie)

Television Coverage Note:

The American City Racing League Sears Point race will air on Speedvision at the following times (all times Eastern):

Friday, August 22	2:30pm	Saturday, September 6	4 pm
Friday, August 22	2:30pm	Saturday, September 27	1:30 pm
Friday, August 22	2:30pm		



Team Fresno's Frank Arnold, Swift DB-2 (58), took a first in class in the Sports 2000 portion of the July 12 ACRL race at Sears Point Raceway. Right behind Arnold is Larry Vollum, Swift DB-2 (21), Team Portland, who finished 11th. —Paul Zimmerman photo