



### *Press Release: Red Line Oil Karting Championship Race #7 Recap*

Another beautiful sunny day dawned to help make the racing at the RLOKC Series that much better. A strong field of 60 drivers put on a great show of competitive racing with several races ending in dramatic fashion. The National Track configuration at the Jim Russell International Karting Center at Infineon Raceway allowed the karts to really stretch their legs and show what they have. The Molecule "Dirty Driver" suit cleaning award went to Corey Mitchell and the Trapeze Arts "Move of the Race" award went to Barry Lee for his pass at the finish line in Heat #1 to win the race.

### *Rotax Masters Lights and IAME Tag*

Four TaG karts joined the ten Masters Light karts to make up the largest race group of the day. In Qualify, Masters Light karts took the first 5 spots on the grid lead by Andrea Delfanti, **Mert Solis**, Mary Beth Wilsom, **Jojo Bayabo** and Jerry Pretti. Top TaG kart was Don Rocci in sixth. In the first Heat, Delfanti took the green and never looked back taking a three second victory followed by **Solis**, Wilson, Pretti and the top TaG of Branson Eggert. In the second Heat, Delfanti again took the point at the drop of the green and was never headed. **Solis** was third and Michael Torrano taking fourth overall and first in IAME TaG. Both Wilson and Eggert fell down the standings when the two came together near the end of the race. In the Main, Delfanti again took the lead with **Solis**, Pretti and Wilson next. The TaG fortunes changed a lot in the Main with Victor Sinzig getting his carburetor set right and drove a solid drive to second overall. Eggert also came through the field and drove home 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the race followed by **Solis**, Pretti, and a charging Steve Weiss. Points leader Wilson came home eightoverall, sixth in the Lights class. The top three IAME drivers took home IAME parts certificates of \$50 (1<sup>st</sup>), \$25 (2<sup>nd</sup>) and \$15 for (3<sup>rd</sup>) place.

### *Senior and Junior Rotax*

Repeating the Dixon race the previous race, the three Junior drivers combined with the six Senior karts for the race. This combination made for some great racing and allowed the Juniors to challenge some of the Senior drivers during the race. In Qualifying, Carlos Calderon took the pole ahead of Dixon winner **Raymond Bustamante Jr** and Amber Friedberg. Bobby Tiftt was the fastest Junior in fourth position with Joshua Feiber starting in the fifth position. In the first Heat, Calderon took the early lead with Friedberg right on his tail. The two points leading drivers went back and forth with Amber getting the upper hand at the end to take the win over Calderon with **Bustamante** third. Bobby Tiftt took fourth and the Junior win with Joshua Feiber coming home seventh ahead of points leader Brody Zink. In the second Heat, again Calderon took the initial lead with Friedberg challenging and again Amber found the way by to take the win ahead of Sean McDonald with Calderon coming home third. Tiftt was fifth overall and first in Junior with Feiber coming home seventh overall.

The Main proved to have the most exciting finish of the day. Amber and Carlos fought for the lead early on with Calderon getting back into the lead spot. Amber then took over the lead mid race with Calderon taking the lead back with just a few laps left. Again Amber regained the lead. On the last lap, Calderon and Amber battled coming out of tic-tac-toe with Calderon taking the lead and Sean McDonald also getting by into second. Only three turns later, Carlos dropped a rear wheel and Sean and Amber both sped by. Sean held the point to take a very slim win (by just .017 of a second) to win his first Senior feature. Friedberg came home second, Calderon third and Andrew Colombini fourth. In the Junior race, Tiftt fell back at the start but made a few passes to get up to fifth overall with Brody Zink right behind him. With 5 laps left in the race, Tiftt was making a pass on Colombini when the two touched and Tiftt went spinning. This left Zink in the Junior lead with Feiber right on is tail. Zink went on to win ahead of Joshua.

All results and points can be seen by going to <http://www.norcalrotax.com/results/>.

There are just 3 more races left in the Red Line Oil Rotax Challenge and two more races left for the Shifter and TaG classes. The next race will be the Rotax Challenge at Dixon on September 19 and then the two final races for all the RLOKC classes at Infineon September 26 and October 24.