

September Headlines - #1

Warm Temps expected for the Mac's 50 on September 19th at EIR

With temperatures expected to reach 28°C (63°F) on Saturday, the final race should prove to be a great day to end the season.

This year has proven to be very competitive not only amongst the veteran racers but also for the 15 Rookies, (6 of whom make up our first Young Lions Division) who have proven that their determination and increasing skill will continue to grow the series and entertain the fans for years to come.

But the biggest question that everyone is asking is: "Will Ira Laughy, who has had a clean sweep of 1st place finishes in the Masters Division, be able to finish in first place at the final event?" If he does, Ira will be the first Legends Cars of Alberta driver to hold the title for an undefeated season. Historically there have been only a couple of drivers (such as Craig Ball and Randy Thompson) who came close but were each shy 1 race of all 1st place finishes in one season. This last race will be an exciting event to watch.. **Master's Top Three Drivers are:** #17 Ira Laughy, #76 Tom Overholt and #89 Grant McDonald

Aaron Freind might also have had the title of an undefeated season this year had it not been for the 2nd Place finish to Rick Walls at the August 8th, Mac's Froster 50 in Saskatoon. Still, a force to be reckoned with, Freind was more often than not at the front of the field with Laughy. Meanwhile Rick Walls (#22), Jody Archer (#7) and Dave McKean (#15) have had their battles for that 2nd spot. **Pro's Top Three Drivers are:** #29 Aaron Freind, #7 Jody Archer and #22 Rick Walls

Things aren't that different in the Semi Pro division, with #32 Adam Gilbert, a 2nd year driver, having rookie Kyle Stevens (#38) breathing down his neck for the better part of the year and not far behind them were 2nd year driver Blake Erb (#21) and Rookie Mike Czaja (#83) vying for position. Kyle's victory this past weekend put the #38 to the top of the leaderboard in the EIR Northern Series. What has made the battles so interesting amongst the Semi-Pro's this year is the pre-existing rivalries that seem to have seeped over between some of the rookies from their Karting days just prior to joining Legends. **Semi Pro's Top Three Drivers are:** #32 Adam Gilbert, #38 Kyle Stevens and #21 Blake Erb

In the mix of the rookies are 8 young men between the ages of 14 and 18, some with absolutely no driving, much less racing, experience and some with a few seasons of karting under their belts. We've watched each of these boys develop their racing skills and become faster, better drivers with every event they have attended. **Young Lions' Top Three drivers are:** #3 RD Bergdahl, #71 Joe Pierce and #23 Tyler Walls.

If you take, on average, 30+ drivers that run similar lap times and often qualifying only 10ths of a second apart, you can well imagine the intensity that happens on the track.

And if you've had the pleasure of watching these guys race - you understand that feeling of edge of your seat excitement that comes from the raw power of 30 screamin' engines and the sound of squealing tires as they round those corners and tear down the straight-a-ways in their battle for that final checkered flag....



Hope to see you all there!