



Large Numbers Prove Stormy Weather No Threat for IKF Southwestern Super Series Season Opener

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The 300 entrants for the event competed in 19 classes run in 17 races over the weekend. The largest contingency of racers were in the Junior 1, HPV 2, HPV1 Cadet and Junior Super Sportsman classes, all of which boasted from 21 to 41 entries each. Among these young drivers may be the next luminary of motorsports.

Gustavo Menezes of Orange County, CA, age 10 is among the promising young talent in IKF Region 7. He took home wins in both the HPV 1 Cadet class, The Jr. 1 Class (the largest of all the classes at this event and brought home a 2nd in the Formula CR80 Cadet class with a fast lap of 56.179 over the 0.625 mile Cal Speed course which features 14 turns and an impressive straight away. He earned 2 of the coveted California Skate Factory BAM element state of the art skateboards along with his trophies for his wins. "I passed Miles Maroney with 3 turns to go, he tried to pass but I took the outside and held on for the win," Menezes said when asked about his HPV cadet win. He continued "I got this win with some help from Jimmy Harris, my mechanic, who I am happy to have back after not having him last season. I also want to thank Woltjer racing for my fast motor package and SHIFT for sponsoring me." Menezes is looking forward to the rest of the IKF Region 7 Southwestern Super Series, and is hoping to win a pair of the Liquid Eyewear glasses at the next event, to be held at Moran Raceway in Beaumont, CA March 5 & 6, 2005.

IKF Region 7 Sprint Coordinator Don St. Ours has declared 2005 "Racer Appreciation Year" and has brought on board many terrific sponsors to support this year's series. Giving out extras like the skateboards and the eyewear are just one way he is showing the drivers and their crews that their participation is appreciated.

James McMillian, President of the IKF said, "After attending the opening Region 7 Southwestern Super Series event this weekend, it's apparent the future of karting in Southern California is alive and well."

Other series sponsors include: AIM Sports, VP Fuels, Nash's Karts, Empire Karts, Dave's Performance, Fleming Racing Engines, King Taco, FTK, Grand Products, PKS, Dodson Engineering, Parts 4 Karts, Woltjer Racing Engines, Miinch Motorsports, Pitts Performance, TDC Sprockets and Horstman. Additional information on the IKF and its series can be found on www.ikfkarting.com.

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