

RACE REPORT: Steven Lee Wins, No Spec Racers

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Editor's Note:

The following article is a race report of the wheel-to-wheel race event held on January 26, 1997. It was not completed for publication in the last Newsletter. For additional race results see the March edition of Huila. I would like to thank M.G. Lewis for this, and all of his race report submissions.

The January race will probably be best remembered for the lack of Spec Racers. As we all know, the Spec Racers of Hawaii International Racing School and their drivers are a very important part of our wheel-to-wheel program. They always provide us with an exciting race that everyone looks forward to. We can only hope that the National Office will allow them to run in our future SCCA events.

RACE 1

Due to the small turnout, the closed wheel race was uneventful. Scott Schulte once again cruised to victory in his Porsche,

followed by Lee Guertler driving a Z-car, and M.G. Lewis in third place in the Ford Fiesta. This was Lee's first race running some new DOT rated tires, and he was very disappointed with the results. It will be interesting to see his choice in tires for the next race.

RACE 2

The open wheel race was a closely contested and exciting race. Steven Lee won driving his Ford powered Formula Continental. This was Steven's first overall victory in this car, which he has spent a long time developing. Perseverance finally paid off.

Bill Clutter and Tom Ito battled for second place overall with Bill coming out on top, giving him a victory in the Formula Fords. The real battle was further back with Tom Burke, Steve Timpson, Steve Hirasuna, and Bob Sato all running in a pack. All of these drivers led this group at some point in the race, but it was Steve Hirasuna who finished in the lead.



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