

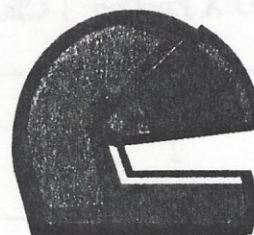
land. Despite Goto being able to stay with Shige for about eight laps, that was the order they were to finish in. Kemper had car trouble, damaging a drive belt, and would pit after only a few laps. Art Sonen drove a good, strong and consistent race to finish second in RS1.

The final race of the day was for the open wheeled cars. There were two classes of cars competing in this race, so two race groups eventually formed. Up front in FC **Bob Sato** looked like he might be on his way to the overall win. He had been pressed most of the race by **Steven Lee**. Although Sato held a comfortable lead, Lee was slowly closing. Unfortunately, this race never materialized, as Sato spun in turn one, stalled his engine, and was out. Lee went on to win the race. In the 'second race group' the Fords had their usual tight fight. It was nose to tail most of the race. By the middle of the race it was still to close to

tell who might win. **Steve Timpson** was out front when **Tom Ito** suddenly locked his brakes and spun in the off camber turn. He made slight contact with **Chuck Garner**, and they both went off-track. Timpson went on to win the Formula Ford class. Garner recovered quickly to finish second in class, followed by **Tom Burke**, and **Steve Hirasuna**. Ito made a pit stop to check for damage and finished two laps down.

We would like to thank all of the organizers, drivers, crew members, course workers, and officials for their outstanding efforts in making this first event of 1998 fun and successful. We hope to see everyone in attendance again at our March 28th-29th driver's school and race weekend.

Wheel-To-Wheel Regional Championship Points Standings As of 1/24/98*



Vintage Spec Racer

Name	Points
Shigeomi	
Hirabayashi	12
Dave Goto	9
Bob Westmoreland	7

*Points are only awarded in classes with three or more participants

Formula Ford

Name	Points
Steve Timpson	12
Chuck Garner	9
Tom Burke	7
Steve Hirasuna	6
Tom Ito	5

