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car but he couldn't make any inroads against the bigger-engined Mirage. **Chuck Garner** provided one of the day's dramatic moments when he tried to take the chicane flat-out on the opening lap. Needless to say, it didn't work and he went spinning wildly in a huge shower of dust and gravel. Fortunately, he didn't connect with anything. And talk about starts; ol' Steven Lee took everybody by surprise when he started from the back and passed everybody before Turn 1. That sly devil even had us running to consult the rulebook in the tower, too. (For those of

you who want to get technical, the consensus is that unlike a CART race where you can't pass until crossing the Start-Finish line and getting the Green Flag, it is legal to pass in SCCA before crossing the line providing the green flag

has been thrown. Lucky for Steven the Starter threw the green 'cause I think he was committed to pass no matter what flag she threw!)

There was also some good racing between several of the FF drivers further back in the pack. I didn't take any notes and can't recall much except seeing some close racing. I apologize to the drivers for being unable to highlight their racing.

The closed-wheel race once again saw **Scott Schulte** run off and hide leaving the rest of the field to fight it out for the runner-up spots. The yellow Mazda, now owned and driven by **Dave Goto**, raced side-by-side with **Lee Guertler** in his Datsun until the Datsun spun and lost the fire in turn 1. He later rejoined the race but I believe that he had lost

a lap or two. Then Dave Goto caught everybody's attention with a high-speed spin exiting the chicane. He got going again quickly with no apparent damage to win his class in his new car. The Spec Racer battle was decided when **Bob Westmoreland** and **Sean Fuller** went through turn 1 side by side and had a little bumping and grinding. Bob spun and Sean went on to take the class win. Again, I have no notes but as I recall, further back were the cars of Lee Guertler (after his spin), **Ed Kemper's** Mustang, and **Carl Debo** in his white RX-7.



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There was a short Sprint race before concluding the day's activities, which was won by, you guessed it, Bill Clutter. This time Bill was driving a different car but it didn't seem to make much difference as he drove home to victory.

A fine job by everybody and a good day's racing. This next race marks a milestone for SCCA-Hawaii, as it will be the first race conducted without MG Lewis as Chief Steward. MG's mainland business activities are going to prevent him from returning for this race. MG has left some big shoes to try and fill as the guru of SCCA Racing since it began here in Hawaii 6 years ago. Almost single-handedly, he put together a race program that critics said couldn't be done. Ed Kemper will be the new Chief Steward with various other functions being performed by a number of other people. I am confident that the pioneering work of MG will be continued without fanfare or interruption by the people selected and trained for their respective roles.