



STREET MODIFIED 2 LADIES

Sue Eckles had finished last in class – this class – the past two years. It would not happen again.

SM2L was in the final heat of the day, running the East Course on Thursday. Eckles set the tone in her Honda S2000 from the outset, opening with a clean 42.8 on her first run and backing it up with top time of the day, a 41.580, on her second. An even faster final run caught a cone. Three rookies in the five-car class were topped by Denise Stubbs, who closed to within 0.6sec by running a 42.1 in her Corvette.

Friday on the West Course, Eckles opened the day with a somewhat conservative 45.9sec pass. Stubbs showed she meant business by running a full second quicker but for a cone. Now it was a two-car battle. Eckles stepped it up with a 44.3, Stubbs found even more time with a 43.6, and held the lead by less than 0.1sec going into the final runs.

With her newfound confidence, Eckles went for it on her last run. “Spin or win,” she said, and put down a 43.669, the day’s fastest by just a hundredth of a second. Stubbs, unable to find any more time on her final run, would finish second, 0.592sec behind the championship-winning two-day total of 85.249.

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matched Noll’s 40.9 on his next try, but not until after Strelnieks padded his lead with a 40.4 run.

With a low number, and being a single driver, Strelnieks was one of the first drivers to finish his runs, knocking down a 40.2. Now all he had to do was wait and see if McKee could get into the mid-39.8sec run that he’d need to take the win. Viewers filled the bleachers and lined the fence in anticipation to watch McKee take his final run. Reyenga had already coned away his chance and would end up fourth. As they watched the timer with much anticipation, a spin by another driver caused McKee to get red

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1. Sue Eckles	Neb	Honda S2000	85.249
2. Denise Stubbs	Fla	Corvette	85.941
3. Brianna Maller/SenF (Mazda RX-7); 4. Jocelin Huang/Chi (Honda S2000); 5. Sondra Sondregger/LnSt (Honda S2000).			