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**Formula 5000 Round 3 Race Results
2017 Racing Season
At Sonoma Raceway**

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Rochester, MI – (10/3/2017) – The Formula 5000 Drivers Association is pleased to announce the results of the third round of its 2017 racing season at the CSRG Charity Challenge at Sonoma Raceway on October 1, 2017.

Finishing first in F5000 Class A (pre-1972 cars) was Bruce Leeson in his 1969 McLaren M10B. This is Leeson's repeat first place finish in the last two races. Second was Paul Kuhl in a 1968 Lola T140 high-wing car. This was Kuhl's first race with the F5000 group having acquired the car recently. Finishing third was Jonathan Ornstein in his ex-Mario Andretti 1970 Lotus 70.

Finishing first in F5000 Class B (1972-1976 cars) was Jim Stengel in a 1973 McRae GM1. Stengel took advantage of a slick track that befell two of his competitors. Barry Blackmore and Rick Parsons both spun on track with a couple laps remaining in the Sunday afternoon race. Second place went to Barry Blackmore in a Lola T332 after two spins on the oily track. Finishing third was Rick Parsons in his 1976 Lola T332c (ex-Brian Redman 1976 championship car). Parsons had started the race ahead of all the Class B cars but poor track conditions caused him to spin and come into contact with the track wall. This allowed Stengel and Blackmore to get by and take first and second place, respectively.

Saturday's qualifying race was a more competitive and enjoyable affair which saw Leeson and Parsons take first place in their respective classes. Seb Coppola in a 1970 Lola T192 took third place in Class A. Although starting third in class, Coppola retired early in the Sunday feature race with fuel pump problems. Honorable mention also goes to Eric Haga, Martin Fogel, Tim Osborne and Bruce Sevier for spirited racing during the weekend.

After three rounds, Jim Stengel and Bruce Leeson now lead the 2017 Championship Points chase in their respective class. Rick Parsons and Seb Coppola are in second place in their respective class and still in contention with third place Philip Lewis and Mark Harmer to win the 2017 Championship. The F5000 group now heads to Circuit of the America in early November for the fourth and final round of the 2017 race season. →



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Driver	Car	Class	Cum. Points**	Class Ranking
Jim Stengel	1973 McRae GM1	B	156	1
Rick Parsons	1976 Lola T332	B	144	2
Bruce Leeson	1969 McLaren M10B	A	120	1
Seb Coppola	1970 Lola T192	A	116	2
Philip Lewis	1972 Matich	B	106	3
Barry Blackmore	1973 Lola T332	B	88	4
Mark Harmer	1969 Surtees TS5	A	70	3
Tim Osborne	1968 Crossle	A	70	4
Jeff Green	1972 Lola T300	B	60	5
George Bruggenthies	1970 Surtees TS8	A	54	5
Paul Kuhl	1968 Lola T140	A	54	6
John Obaliero	1973 Lola T332	B	54	6
Jonathan Ornstein	1970 Lotus 70	A	46	7
Johnnie Crean	1969 Gurney Eagle	A	42	8
Paul Dudiak	1969 McKee Mk12C	A	42	9
Bruce Sevier	1968 Lola T140	A	40	10

The U.S. Formula 5000 Drivers Association is a membership organization established to promote the restoration, presentation, registration and racing of historic Formula 5000 race cars. (www.F5000Registry.com).

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