

Ace Franck Dealt Rough Hand in Vegas

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- Franck Perera's first race weekend in the Champ Car Atlantic Series season opener at the Vegas Grand Prix was one of survival in an incident-strewn day. Marred by four lengthy caution flags, contact claimed a record 15 cars in the field of 27.



- With very impressive 2nd and 3rd positions in the two practice sessions and a 5th place finish in this very difficult season opener, it is obvious that Rookie Franck Perera is a true contender for the Atlantic Title and the \$2M prize



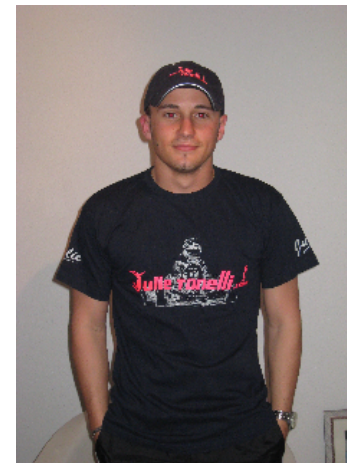
- Despite having topped the time sheets for over half of the qualifying sessions, traffic and incidents never allowed Franck to put everything together in a single lap during qualifying.



- “I had a lot of problems with traffic for the second qualifying. I was leading the entire session with 4/10ths until we got a red flag and my last fastest lap did not count. I lost every chance to be in >pole and I had to start race in 6th position. I was very disappointed about that.”



- Franck made a great start off the grid, immediately making up two spots. But the “real racing” was short lived as there ended up being only 7 green laps during the 50 minute race. “I had a very good start and I could overtake Hildebrand and Matos but Bomarito kept changing the line and closing me at the first corner.”



- Condor Motorsports Team Owner Carlos Bobeda believes “We had a lot more potential than we were allowed to show because of the red flags but I am happy despite all the problems we were able to come on top 5 and at the same time we know the driver and car were strong enough to be at the front.”



- Frank also notes that “We had only 2 days at Laguna Seca testing to know each others work and to work on the car. So, it’s not enough but now we are ready for Long Beach. I want to congratulate Matos and to say that the next round will be different.” Franck will not have to wait long to set the record straight as the second round of the Championship takes place at Long Beach on April 14-15.

