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Moxlow Wins Rookie of the Race at Long Beach, Hayner Pushes Forward

Long Beach, Calif. (April 17, 2007) – Autosport Development’s Dane Moxlow started from the rear due to qualifying trouble and finished 12th on the streets of Long Beach for Round Two of SCCA Pro Racing’s SPEED World Challenge GT Championship Series and earned the Rookie of the Race Award.

Dane with two great practice sessions under his belt was looking forward to qualifying the car up front. Unfortunately, he was stuck in traffic for his first two laps and his third ended with brake failure forcing him to pit early and end his session. This put him back in the 21st spot for the start of the race.

“I was disappointed with the qualifying round. I had a great car under me and the track itself was incredible we should have had a top-ten car. Long Beach was my first street course and seeing the crowds made me excited to run there. Amazingly, the tighter course and walls didn’t bother me in the least” said Moxlow



At the start of the race, teammate, Stu Hayner was involved in a turn one incident that sent him to the pits for a quick repair, but Dane maneuvered his way around the three cars involved. Pushing hard to get to the front, the driving overheated the brakes and he to cope with a low pedal for several laps. “My crew chief, Chris Trapp, radioed my lead over the next car and I was able to slow my pace for a few laps and let the brakes cool off. Once I had some pedal back I was able to catch Mike Davis directly in front of me.”

His heads up driving put him in the 14th position and he held off the competitors behind him until just before the next yellow. A major crash then closed the gap in the field and with one lap to go Dane managed to storm his way up to the 13th spot giving him the highest rookie position. “Earning the rookie award was a big honor for me. I am humbled to be racing with veteran drivers like Andy Pilgrim and Randy Pobst, but the idea that I can hold my own with them really topped off the race.”

Teammate, Stu Hayner, started at the back after his first turn incident and had worked his way back up to 13th when a malfunction in the rear of the car made him call it quits. “I only had 2 laps to go, but I didn’t want to put the other drivers in danger. I was losing control of the car and I deemed it best to head in.” Stu finished a strong 21st.

Due to Race disqualification of the 5th place driver for illegal transmission parts, Dane and Stu both moved up another position in the lineup. Dane currently leads the race for Rookie of the Year and holds the 12th spot in points.

Autosport heads to Utah and Miller Motorsports Park for the next round in May.

Autosport Development competes in the SPEED World Challenge GT Series recently named “the most competitive road racing series in the World” by Racer magazine. In 2005, driver Stu Hayner finished the season Seventh in points, a huge feat considering the team had no factory support from any major automotive manufacturers. As the first team to develop GTO road racers, Autosport Development’s expertise is in demand by other teams now fielding these cars. The race shop is also involved in prototype and racecar development, preparation, fabrication, assembly, carbon fiber work as well as automotive manufacturing. For more information, visit www.autosportdevelopment.com and www.derondausa.com