

# **Jason Romero/ Matt Scott Win Twin 44's at AAS!**

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Roseville, Ca.- Cameron Park's Jason Romero in his #8 Folsom Lake Asphalt Late Model won the first Twin and Pine Grove's Matt Scott in his Catchyoureye.com #35 won the second Twin 44 last Saturday night August 8<sup>th</sup>, at The All American Speedway in Roseville, Ca.

## **Twin 44 #1**

Manteca's Jake Gomes (#16X) and Jason Romero started from the first row. Row 2 was made up of Elk Grove's Ron Chunn (#44) and Carson City's Bobby Hodges (#88). Fast qualifier Matt Scott (#35) would start seventh with the invert with Granite Bay's John Moore (#27) on his outside.

Twenty-two cars would take the Green Flag for this one. Let's go racing! Romero by Gomes for the lead on Lap 1. Hodges gets around Chunn, but Chunn grabs the spot back on Lap 2. They're mixing up real good from the drop! Sacramento's Jonathan Mawhinney (#17) starts fifth and moves up one on Lap 4. Scott is sixth by Lap 6.

Gomes runs solidly and is second until Lap 15, when Hodges gets by him for the spot. But Gomes fights back and retakes that position three laps later. Scott is charging and gets by Mawhinney to take fourth on Lap 17. Meantime, Romero looks unbeatable up front.

At the halfway mark it's Romero, Gomes, Hodges, Pitta and Scott as your top five. Further back it's Chunn, Orangevale's Gary Glenn (#50), Mawhinney, Moore and Loomis' Chris Scribner (#51) having a good run and in the tenth position.

Lap 23 sees Hodges get back around Gomes for second. The 16x seems to be falling off a bit as he begins going backwards. Pitta gets around him for third on Lap 24. Matt Scott to fourth on lap 27. Gomes runs fifth.

The latter part of the race sees little change up front. Romero is just too strong. Scott gets around Pitta for third on Lap 34 but it is short-lived. Pitta takes the position back on the very next lap. Chunn gets around Gomes for fifth on Lap 36.

And that's how this one would finish. Romero claims the checkers in a dominant run. Without a doubt, he had the best car in Race #1. Romero is your point's leader and this will bode well for cushioning his lead. However, there is another race to go tonight.

Hodges crosses second behind Romero with another good run. Galt's Juan Pitta turns in a third place finish. Pitta has just one win this season, but he has consistently turned in top five finishes leaving him third in points so far. Matt Scott comes home fourth and looks as if he may have a car to contend with in Race #2. Ron Chunn has a top five car for most of Race #1 and he crosses fifth.

6<sup>th</sup> Jake Gomes  
7<sup>th</sup> Jonathan Mawhinney  
8<sup>th</sup> Julia Landauer (#20)  
9<sup>th</sup> Chris Scribner (#51)  
10<sup>th</sup> Shannon Mansch (#61)  
11<sup>th</sup> Gary Glenn  
12<sup>th</sup> John Moore (one lap down)  
13<sup>th</sup> David Hulse (#57) (43 Laps)  
14<sup>th</sup> Tyler Thomas (#24) (43 laps)  
15<sup>th</sup> Zach Reardon (#12) (43 laps)  
16<sup>th</sup> Brian Koski (#5) (43 laps)  
17<sup>th</sup> Doff Cooksey (#57X) (43 laps)  
18<sup>th</sup> Byron Gonzales (#98) (42 Laps)  
19<sup>th</sup> Roger Davison (#65) (42 laps)  
20<sup>th</sup> Zane Lovelace (#46) (41 laps)  
21<sup>st</sup> Jarred Beddow (#50X) (18 Laps)  
22<sup>nd</sup> Jason Fensler (#27X) (3 laps)

Time of Race: 24:25:037

Margin of Victory: 2.408

Fastest Lap of the Race: Jason Romero 13.993/ 77.181MPH (Lap 8)

## **Twin 44 #2**

With the invert, Matt Scott is on the pole for Race #1 with Ron Chunn on his outside. Row 2 is Hodges and Pitta. Mawhinney starts fifth with Gomes sixth. Race #1 winner Jason Romero is scheduled to start sixth but goes off track in a pre-race Hot Lap session with a shock issue. He would make it back out but would start the race dead last.

Green, Green, Green!

Chunn takes the lead on Lap 1. Scott fights back and makes the pass for the lead on Lap 4. Pitta and Gomes get by Hodges for third and fourth respectively on Lap 5. After starting eighth, Moore is now up to fifth by Lap 15 and coming.

Chunn continues to lead with Scott second. Not much change up front. At the halfway point your top five is Chunn, Scott, Pitta, Hodges, and Moore.

Moore makes a nice move to get around Hodges for fourth on Lap 23, and then Pitta for third on Lap 29.

Just when it looked as though Chunn would run away with this one, Scott makes a great pass on Chunn for the lead on Lap 36. Moore would get around Chunn for second on Lap 37. Gomes makes a pass on Hodges for fifth.

Matt Scott would hold on to win the second Twin 44. The win gives the seventeen year old two on the season. This is a driver who will do big things in racing.

John Moore would cross the stripe second for his efforts in Race #2. Moore would lose some ground on Romero in the chase for the Championship. Moore started the day four points off the lead and by the end of the night finds himself minus twenty-one. But this Championship may come right down to the last race as it did last season.

Ron Chunn bounces back and crosses third after battling some issues the last few weeks. This was a good for that team.

Jake Gomes battles his way to a fourth place finish. Gomes is in a herculean battle with Scott in the race for Rookie of the Year. He needed a top five finish to stay close.

BMR's Juan Pitta adds a fifth place finish to his third in the first race. This was a solid performance for that team. Pitta is third in points just -34 off the lead.

Hard Charger of the race goes to Jason Romero (#8) who started last and finished seventh, improving his finishing position by twelve.

- 6<sup>th</sup> Bobby "Cup Cake" Hodges
- 7<sup>th</sup> Romero
- 8<sup>th</sup> Jonathan Mawhinney (#17)
- 9<sup>th</sup> Gary Glenn
- 10<sup>th</sup> Chris Scribner (#51)
- 11<sup>th</sup> David Hulsey (#57)
- 12<sup>th</sup> Julia Landauer (#20)
- 13<sup>th</sup> Zach Reardon (#12) (one lap down)
- 14<sup>th</sup> Byron Gonzales (#98) (43 Laps)
- 15<sup>th</sup> Tyler Thomas (#24) (43 Laps)
- 16<sup>th</sup> Doff Cooksey (#57X) (43 Laps)
- 17<sup>th</sup> Roger Davison (#65) (27 Laps)
- 18<sup>th</sup> Jarred Beddow (#50X) (5 Laps)
- 19<sup>th</sup> Zane Lovelace (#46) (4 Laps)
- 20<sup>th</sup> Brian Koski (#5) (0 Laps)

Time of Race: 24:36:896

Margin of Victory: 0.295

Fastest Lap of the Race: John Moore 14.192/ 76.099 (in Lap 33)

Earlier in the day in qualifying, Matt Scott grabbed Fast Time with a lap of 13.953/ 77.403MPH.

2<sup>nd</sup> John Moore 13.972

3<sup>rd</sup> Jonathan Mawhinney 13.992

4<sup>th</sup> Juan Pitta 13.996

In the Division's Fast Dash, Juan Pitta defeated Moore, Scott, and Hodges (alternate).

Here are the points...

- 1 8 Jason Romero 667 Leader
- 2 27 John Moore 646 -21
- 3 16 Juan Pitta 633 -34
- 4 17 Jonathan Mawhinney 622 -45
- 5 50 Gary Glenn 619 -48

## Modifieds

A couple of Sixteen year olds Hayward's Jessica Brunelli (#3) and Nik Romano (#21) would start this 40 lap feature from the pole. Point's Leader Orangevale's Jarred Beddow (#50) would start sixth. The real story here would be visiting drivers Sacramento's Jason Philpot (#15), Linden's Scott Winters ('07 & '08 AAS Champ) (#24), and Wes Miller (#57) up from Stockton.

The Green Flag sees Brunelli grab the lead early but it wouldn't last. Philpot jumped up to second by Lap 2 with Miller third by Lap 6. Winters patiently runs sixth as things begin to sort themselves out. Beddow is fifth with his closest point's contender Nick Lyons just ahead in fourth. Beddow would make the pass on Lyons for that position on Lap 12.

Halfway, Philpot looks strong, almost unbeatable. He continues to lead Miller, Brunelli, Beddow, and Winters, who is now up to fifth. Philpot begins to pull away from the field but there is a great battle going on between Winters and Beddow for third. They battled door-to-door for thirteen laps until Winters finally got under him for third. Great racing!

Philpot would go on to win this battle of behemoths. He made it look easy as he won his Heat Race, The Trophy Dash, and the Main Event! The only thing he didn't take home was Fast Time. That went to Wes Miller who set Fast Time in Qualifying with a circuit of 14.068/ 76.770MPH. Miller would outlast Winters to claim second. What a great addition to the Modified Division Miller has been. Third goes to Winters who, in a rare occasion, didn't bring the best car. Fourth place goes to Jarred Beddow who manages to finish ahead of his closest points challengers and will remain atop the Points. Jessica Brunelli hangs on to bring home yet another top-five finish, adding to her season's resume.

- 6<sup>th</sup> Nick Lyons (#43)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Nik Romano (#21)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Rick Anderson (#11)
- 9<sup>th</sup> Buddy Anderson (#33) (first car one lap down)
- 10<sup>th</sup> Josh Reaume (#7) (39 Laps)
- 11<sup>th</sup> Scott Heminover (#9) (39 Laps)
- 12<sup>th</sup> Rick "The Underdog" Anable (#1) (39 Laps)
- 13<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Sanderson (#13) (38 Laps)
- 14<sup>th</sup> Dave Silva (#03) (30 Laps)
- 15<sup>th</sup> Dwayne Anderson (#96) (0 Laps)

Time of Race: 9:40:178  
Margin of Victory: 0.423  
Fastest Lap of the Race: Wes Miller 14.239/ 75.848MPH

### **Heat Race #1**

Winner: Jason Philpot  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wes Miller

### **Heat Race #2**

Winner: Jarred Beddow  
2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Winters

In the Division's Trophy Dash, Jason Philpot defeated Winters, Beddow, and Miller.

## **Street Stocks**

Phil Wilkins (#99) returned to AAS having run a limited schedule this season to win the 25 Lap Feature for the division.

Twenty cars took the Green for this one. Last Saturday night's car count was the highest of the season so far. Roseville's Spencer Emerson (#6) started from the pole with Sacramento's "Mighty" Mike Dickson (#76) on his outside. Point's Leader Kevin Owens (#21) would start third with Wilkins on his outside in Row 2. In an interesting turn of events, Mickey Owens (#08) would start the race, go off track on Lap 1, and would not return.

Emerson would lead the field to the Green but give up the lead to Kevin Owens on Lap 2. A great early battle is between Wilkins and Dickson for position. Orangevale's Casey Cavender (#03) gets into the mix moving up to fourth by Lap 7. Loomis' Christopher Lambert (#50) runs fifth and is coming fast.

K. Owens leads while Dickson would look strong for the first 15 and then give up second to Wilkins on Lap 16. Wait a minute! Here comes Lambert! He got by Wilkins for second on Lap 17. And now here's Roseville's Roy Smith (#7) getting to fourth with Dickson falling back. Great action up front in this one!

Owens and Wilkins battle it out with laps winding down. Either one could win this race. But in the end, Wilkins was slightly better and brought home the checkers and the victory! What a great finish! Kevin Owens would finish second to Wilkins but keep his points lead. Lambert would bring home a third place finish. Roy Smith crossed fourth. Dickson would round out the top five.

6<sup>th</sup> Casey Cavender  
7<sup>th</sup> Dan Patton (#69)  
8<sup>th</sup> Mel Wilson (#2)  
9<sup>th</sup> Gary Campora (#16)  
10<sup>th</sup> Mark Blanton (#22)  
11<sup>th</sup> Spencer Emerson (#6)

12<sup>th</sup> Earl Lee (#48)  
13<sup>th</sup> Joseph Colorado (#66)  
14<sup>th</sup> Frank Agguire (#00)  
15<sup>th</sup> Ray Mood (#77) (24 Laps)  
16<sup>th</sup> Mario Rios-Davis (#20) (19 Laps)  
17<sup>th</sup> Bill Thompson (#70) (0 Laps)  
18<sup>th</sup> Evan Perry (#22X) (16 Laps)  
19<sup>th</sup> Travis Henry (#07) (13 Laps)  
20<sup>th</sup> Bryan Tomerrasson (#80) (7 Laps)  
21<sup>st</sup> Mickey Owens (#08) (0 Laps)

Time of Race: 28:22: 570

Margin of Victory: 0.262

Fastest Lap of the Race: Roy Smith 15.282/ 70.671MPH

In qualifying, Christopher Lambert topped the speed charts with a lap of 15.169/ 71.198MPH.

Heat Race #1

Winner: Christopher Lambert

2<sup>nd</sup> Mark Blanton (#22)

Heat Race #2

Winner: Dan Patton (#69)

2<sup>nd</sup> Mel Wilson (#2)

The first and second place finishers from each of the Heat Races are matched up in the Division's Trophy Dash where Lambert defeated Patton, Wilson, and Blanton.

## **Bombers**

Just eleven cars took the Green for this 30 Lap Feature. With the invert, Sacramento's Kenny Beaumont (#15) landed on the pole, the first of his career at AAS. He'll have Rancho Cordova's Donald Dickson (#76) on his outside. Erick Ray (#77) will start third with Roger Ward Jr. (#97) on the outside of Row 2.

Lap 1, Dickson gets by Beaumont for the lead. By Lap 2, Ward Jr. takes a turn at the point. On the first Lap of the race, Chapman is spun and restarts tenth. Lap3 Ray gets by both Dickson Ward Jr. and is the new leader. Charging from the sixth spot and getting to third is Eric Bocksberger (#23). He would then get by Ward Jr. for second and challenging Ray for the lead on Lap 8. Richard Perez (#50) is now a contender coming from fifth to second while Bocksberger seems to be fading.

At the halfway mark your top five is Ray, Perez, Adam Chapman (#01), Bocksberger, and Ward Jr. But hold the phone! Chapman is charging. After restarting tenth, he's climbed his way back to second by Lap 17. However, a spin sends him back to the end of the longest line (sixth) again.

In the end, no one would catch Erick Ray on this night. With a chance to win his first race, he just plain wanted it more. He would go on to win leading 27 of the 30 laps. The victory would move him into second place in the points just 23 behind Chapman. Chapman would finish second in spite of being sent to the back twice. Bocksberger would cross the stripe third. Ward Jr. crossed fourth in one of his best efforts of the season. Harry Lambert (#73), filling in for Gary Eisenhower, would have one of his best finishes coming home fifth.

6<sup>th</sup> Walter Silva (#89)  
7<sup>th</sup> Ray Stafford (#55) (24 Laps)  
8<sup>th</sup> Richard Perez (23 Laps)  
9<sup>th</sup> Donald Dickson (23 Laps)  
10<sup>th</sup> John Holt (#6X) (22 Laps)  
11<sup>th</sup> Kenny Beaumont (4 Laps)  
12<sup>th</sup> Cody Rickard (#24) (0 Laps)

Time of Race: 24:05:490

Margin of Victory: 0.273

Fastest Lap of the Race: Adam Chapman 15.933/ 67.784MPH (in Lap 29)

Cody Rickard nailed Fast Time with a lap of 15.979/ 67.589MPH.

Heat Race #1

Winner: Richard Perez

2<sup>nd</sup> Erick Ray

Heat Race #2

Winner: Adam Chapman

2<sup>nd</sup> Eric Bocksberger

Again, the first and second place finishers from each of the Heat Races are matched up in the Division's Trophy Dash. In the Bomber Dash, Perez defeated Chapman, Ray, and Bocksberger.

Bomber Points

- 1 01 Adam Chapman 270 Leader
- 2 77 Erick Ray 247 -23
- 3 50 Richard Perez 234 -36
- 4 04 Dana Kelly 225 -45
- 5 23 Eric Bocksberger 224 -46