

2010 Volta Grand Prix Round 3

Round 3 of the 2010 Volta Grand Prix Karting Championship took place at American Indoor Karting (AIK) on March 21, 2010. Fifteen drivers turned up to race at the Fredericksburg track.

Qualifying

Qualifying was done for the first time under the new format, which is based on class (weight) and points standings. Drivers in each class qualify in order from highest points total to lowest. GT1 and part of GT2 went out first to qualify on the ultra-sticky surface at AIK - Fredericksburg.

When qualifying finished, Dave Biddle would claim the first pole of the day, followed by Mike "Dr" Wu, then David Nguyen. Despite qualifying in 4th, Oliver Rojas had to head to the back of the Group A grid due to missing the drivers' meeting.

Race 1

GT 4 driver Graham Fuller had an impressive qualifying time and started with the A group.

Mike Wu and David Nguyen got past Dave Biddle on the start. Mike would go on to win the race. Biddle and Nguyen battled for most of the race, in the end Nguyen would claim 2nd. Rojas was able to pick up three places after starting from the rear.

Alex Cumming finished first in Group B, followed by Ary Jogasurya and Jeff Navin.

Race 2

This time Group A featured Nguyen on pole with Biddle second, and Rojas third. GT2 driver Cris Rodriguez moved up to race with Group A after a good qualifying time in the first race. In the race itself, Nguyen was able to open up quite a lead and was not challenged all race finishing well ahead in first.

The best racing of the heat featured the second through sixth place drivers - Eric Jones, Rojas, Wu, and Biddle with Rodriguez closing in late in the race. Jones and Rojas swapped positions all race long with Jones ending up in 2nd followed by Rojas.

Linwood Mishler finished first in Group B with Navin and Keith Shugarts hot on his heels.

Race 3

The final heat for Group A again featured Nguyen on pole, with Jones in second and Wu in 3rd. Mischler, joined Group A after an impressive time in race 2. Jones was able to work around Nguyen and opened up quite a lead.

The best racing in the middle laps was between Biddle, Wu, and Rojas. Biddle would fall back and Rojas and Wu battled throughout the race.

As the race wound down Nguyen was able to make significant gains on the large lead Jones had built up but wasn't able to catch him, and Jones won the race. Nguyen was second and Rojas finished third.

In Group B Kalyan Jupalle, Graham Fuller and Navin drove away from the field, finishing in that order.

Championship Points Standings

With their performances this weekend, David Nguyen (barely), Eric Jones and Graham Fuller moved into the points lead in GT1, GT2 and GT4, respectively. Linwood Mishler continued to lead GT3 points.

Next Event

The next VGP races take place on Saturday April 17th at Allsports Grand Prix in Sterling, Virginia.