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Travis Balough sweeps Pro Gas doubleheader at Auto Club Dragway



Travis Balough opened the 2020 Pro Gas season with a final round win over Randy Fabbro.



Travis Balough dominated races #1 and #2 of the Pro Gas season, winning both days, including this final round match with Ray Cordeiro.

Balough dominates Pro Gas series opener at Fontana

By Bob Johnson Auto Club Dragway Fontana, Calif. January 18-19, 2020

Travis Balough dominated the season-opening Southern California Pro Gas doubleheader weekend by winning both races with his '63 Corvette. The series began its 41st season under perfect California weather, with the 9.90 racers getting an opportunity to get their cars dialed for the upcoming NHRA Lucas Winter Nationals, held just 15 miles west of Auto Club Dragway.

Riverside, Calif., racer Balough and former Pro Gas president Ray Cordeiro matched up to open the semifinals of the Russ Harris Memorial Race, with Balough advancing to the final, while Randy Fabbro, driving his '79 Pinto beat Matt Treadway to setup the final. Balough won the final with a 9.947, 146.42 as Fabbro slowed with a 10.09, 138.77. Harris Motorsports sponsored the event.

Balough advanced to the final of the second race of the season by stopping Larry Bradshaw, Dave Meziere, and Fabbro before getting a bye into the final. Ray Cordeiro advanced to the final with round wins over Gary Mignacca, number one qualifier Mike Lang, and Randy Kersey in the semifinal. Balough used a .001 reaction time in the final to Cordeiro's .025, and took the win at 9.928, 157.82 to a losing 9.918, 161.79.

Balough will take a comfortable point lead into the next doubleheader weekend scheduled for May 2-3 at Fontana. Ray Cordeiro, Randy Fabbro, Randy Kersey, and Greg Martin make up the top five with six races remaining on the schedule.



Clean sweep weekend for Travis Balough—Winning first two races of 2020



Ray Cordeiro had a great weekend, including #1 qualifier for race #1.



Mike Lang qualified #1 for the Sunday race at Fontana.

2019 Pro Gas Awards Banquet

Thanks to all the sponsors, racers, families and friends that made the 2019 Southern California Pro Gas Association awards banquet the great success that it was. A great time was had by all! Special thanks to Myron Dickens for shooting the photos.



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2020 Pro Gas Scoreboard

Race	Date	Winner	Runner-up	#1 Qualifier	Event Sponsor
1	1-18-2020	Travis Balough	Randy Fabbro	Ray Cordeiro	Harris Family Racing
2	1-19-2020	Travis Balough	Ray Cordeiro	Mike Lang	SoCal Pro Gas
3	5-2-2020				
4	5-3-2020				
5	6-20-2020				
6	6-21-2020				
7	9-12-2020				
8	9-13-2020				
Shootout					

Southern California Pro Gas Champions

1980 ED SIGMON
 1981 RONNIE MARCUM
 1982 ALAN FILLEBROWN
 1983 RICK ABOOD
 1984 SCOTT KENDIG
 1985 SCOTT KENDIG
 1986 CRAIG COVE
 1987 SKIP BELK
 1988 ROGER FILLEBROWN
 1989 GARY MIGNACCA

1990 SKIP BELK
 1991 JED BOURQUIN
 1992 ED SELNOW
 1993 RICK WEBB
 1994 BILL WELCH
 1995 BOB HARRIS
 1996 RAY CORDEIRO
 1997 PETE BOTHE
 1998 GARY MIGNACCA
 1999 PETE BOTHE
 2000 DAVE MEZIERE
 2001 DAVE COAPSTICK
 2002 GREG VENTURA
 2003 GARY MIGNACCA

2004 MIKE BLODGETT SR.
 2005 ALAN HOEFER
 2006 JIM ISRAEL
 2007 PETE BOTHE
 2008 PETE BOTHE
 2009 GLEN SMITH
 2010 VAL TORRES SR.
 2011-2013 Did not complete
 2014 VAL TORRES JR.
 2015 MIKE BLODGETT JR.
 2016 VINCE CAMPA
 2017 JOHN ROSS
 2018 KEVIN McCLELLAND
 2019 PETE BOTHE

Special thanks to Harris Family Racing for sponsoring the Russ Harris Memorial Race and the series championship awards.



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2020 Pro Gas Points

Pos	Driver	Race 1	Race 2	R 3	R 4	R 5	R 6	R 7	R 8	Drop 1	Drop 2	Total
1	Travis Balough	819	813									1632
2	Ray Cordeiro	619	715									1334
3	Randy Fabbro	706	502									1208
4	Randy Kersey	307	615									922
5	Greg Martin	502	416									918
6	Davey Adams	411	408									819
7	Mike Lang	401	417									818
8	Dan Bain	506	310									816
9	John Ross	300	516									816
10	Gary Hesselbrock	401	410									811
11	Dave Meziere	300	414									714
12	Paul Wiechmann	412	300									712
13	Glen Smith	401	305									706
14	Gary Mignacca	315	301									616
15	Mike Boehner	309	306									615
16	Steve Parsons	312	302									614
17	Larry Bradshaw	313	300									613
18	Greg Bonds	308	300									608
19	Val Torres	300	304									604
20	Pete Bothe	300	304									604
21	Matt Treadway	603										603
22	Evan Kowalski	508										508
23	David Butler	401										401
24	Gary Cooke	305										305
25	Jim Israel	303										303
26	Damon Bustamante	301										301



Dave Adams finished the January weekend in sixth place with his Mercedes Pro Gas car.



Gary Hesselbrock will be holding down the #10 spot going into the May races at Fontana.

Next Race: May 2 & 3, 2020—Auto Club Dragway

January 2020 Pro Gas Photo Highlights



Great to see Pacific Division Super Gas champion Mike Boehner at the Pro Gas opener at Fontana as he prepared for the Winternationals.



Dan Bain of Salinas, Calif. won a couple of rounds in race #1 with his Pontiac. He lost in round one of Sunday's race with a .003 redlight.



Randy Kersey will go into race #3 in 4th place in the standings. He lost in the semifinal of race #2 to Ray Cordeiro.



Always nice to see the Henry J of Glen Smith at the Pro Gas races. One of the cleanest cars in Pro Gas.



Larry Bradshaw had a full weekend racing his '57 Corvette and directing the Pro Gas race. Thanks for all your efforts, Larry!



Defending series champ Pete Bothe had a tough weekend, breaking a driveline component during qualifying of race #1.

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