

Fiello stops Lamb, Cox holds series points lead win over Roubicek

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Del Cox Jr. extended his lead in the Mike's Transmission Southern California Top Comp Series, as he defeated Joe Roubicek in the first of two weekend races at Auto Club Dragway at California Speedway. In the Sunday afternoon contest, former series champion Jonathan Fiello stopped Justin Lamb in the final round.



was fifth with a 7.149.

Fiello went to the final round with his '05 Undercover dragster by defeating Robert Guy in round one, he stopped Matt White in the second round when White red lighted by .009, in round three Fiello beat Lennie Diyco, and in the semifinal he used a .011 reaction time and 4.624, 149.03 (4.63 r.t.) to defeat Ryan Priddy, losing with a 4.610, 149.22 (4.62 dial-in) and .025 reaction time.



Justin Lamb took the Matco Tools '06 Racetech dragster to the final with wins over Chris Diyco, Ryan Tietz, Michael Gulko, before getting a bye in the semifinal. In the final, Fiello used a .016 reaction time and 6.623, 150.60 (4.61 dial-in) as Lamb settled for the runner-up spot with a 4.572, 152.12 (4.56 dial-in) and .023 reaction time.

Cox was the number one qualifier again for Sunday's race, with his Spitzer dragster leading the field with a 4.313, 161.52 time, followed by Roubicek at 4.415, Paul Russell qualified with a 4.561, and Lamb was fifth quickest at 4.566.

Roubicek won the first match of the third round as Lamb was .001 too quick at the line, Cox defeated Val Torres Jr., and Gary Gilbert got a bye. In the semifinal, Roubicek and Gilbert squared off to face Cox in the final—who had a bye—and the win went to Roubicek as he cut a .005 light and ran 4.462 (4.45 dial) as Gilbert red lighted with a -.005 reaction and 5.118 on a 5.13.



In the final round, Cox cut a brilliant .006 reaction time and took the win with a 4.329, 161.05 (4.45 dial-in) as Roubicek's '06 Davis dragster lost with a 4.457, 157.65 (4.44 dial-in) and -.008 red light start. RG Industries is a primary sponsor for Cox.

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Cox will take a fifty point lead into the final weekend of the season, scheduled for October 14 & 15 at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, as he has 489 points, followed by Lamb with 439, '05 series champion Joe Roubicek has 398, Ryan Priddy is fourth with 374, and Fiello is fifth with 355.

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