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Formula 5000 Closes 2019 Season At Watkins Glen with SVRA U.S. Vintage Grand Prix Rick Parsons and Paul Dudiak Clinch 2019 F5000 Championship

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Rochester, MI – (9/10/19) – The Formula 5000 Drivers Association is pleased to announce the results of its race event to close the 2019 season at Watkins Glen in conjunction with the SVRA U.S. Vintage Grand Prix on September 8, 2019.

Finishing **first** in F5000 Class A (pre-1972 cars) was **Paul Dudiak** in a 1969 McKee Mk12. Dudiak raced flawlessly during the weekend with increasing speed each session. **Second** in Class A was **Mike Knittel** in a 1970 Chinook. Knittel had to sort out a few mechanical problems prior to the race and was the beneficiary of a dying battery on Rasim Tugberk's car, who was running in second place. **Tugberk** finished **third** in class in a 1971 Leda LT25. The car showed great promise during the weekend after a multi-year hiatus from racing.

Finishing **first** in F5000 Class B (1972-1976 cars) and **first overall** in the group was **Rick Parsons** in the ex-Brian Redman 1976 Lola T332c. Parsons led the race from the start and outpaced the group with laps of 1 minute, 59 seconds which was about 4 second faster than the nearest F5000 competitor. Finishing **second** was **Jim Stengel** in the black 1973 McRae GM1. Stengel ran a consistent and solid race both a Saturday and Sunday. **Third** in Class B was **Tom Simpson** who was driving a 1972 McKee Mk18. Simpson had a successful racing weekend despite having another race car run over and damage his front wheel.

The Watkins Glen SVRA event also was the final round of the 2019 F5000 Revival Race Championship Series. Paul Dudiak was crowned Champion in Class A. This is Dudiak's first championship after a couple of close runs in prior years. Both driver and car ran flawless the entire year and the championship was well deserved.

Rick Parsons won the Championship in Class B. This is Parsons' 3rd championship in the last four years. With consistent participation in the series throughout the year, good car reliability and a hot shoe, Parsons has won a well-deserved championship title for 2019. Final results for the 2019 championship and the finishing order in class for all race drivers are shown below.

The U.S. Formula 5000 Drivers Association is a membership organization established to promote the restoration, presentation, registration and racing of historic Formula 5000 race cars. (www.F5000Registry.com).

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2019 Formula 5000 Revival Racing Series
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Final Round 3

Driver	Car	Class	Cum. Points	Class Ranking	
Rick Parsons	1976 Lola T332C	B	174	1	2019 Champion Class B
Paul Dudiak	1969 McKee Mk12C	A	166	1	2019 Champion Class A
Jim Stengel	1973 McRae GM1	B	148	2	
Tom Simpson	1972 McKee MK18	B	136	3	
Seb Coppola	1970 Lola T192	A	94	2	
Jason Miller	1975 Shadow DN6	B	60	4	
Bruce Leeson	1969 McLaren M10B	A	60	3	
George Bruggenthies	1970 Surtees TS8	A	54	4	
Mike Knittel	1970 Chinook F5000	A	52	5	
Michael Winn	1974 March 74A	B	50	5	
Rasim Tugberk	1971 Leda T25	A	50	6	
John Obaliero	1973 Lola T332	B	36	6	
Barry Blackmore	1973 Lola T332	B	34	7	
Warren Briggs	1973 Chevron B24/28	B	34	8	
Philip Lewis	1972 Matich A50	B	32	9	
John Mirro	1972 Lola T300	B	14	10	

** Based on Class finish in each race

Qualifying Race: Max 20 points scaling down by 2 points to 10th place.

Feature Race: Max 40 points scaling down 4 points to 10th place.