

# Lindsey gets his feet wet in Grand-Am GTs

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Santa Barbara's Horton Autosport took its maiden voyage in the Grand-Am Rolex Series last weekend, finishing 14th in the Grand-Am Porsche 250 at Barber Motorsports Park in Birmingham, Ala.

Local driver Patrick Lindsey and co-driver Eric Foss qualified in fourth position despite making their first appearance in a Grand-Am Rolex GT lineup.

Lindsey and team owner John Horton decided to step up into the Grand-Am Rolex Series after four successful seasons in the World Challenge Series. The three-hour endurance races utilize two, alternating drivers in a high-speed road course format.

The car's tires hit the track having never been driven at all, with Lindsey calling it "their shakedown weekend."

"With help from Porsche Motorsport North America and the countless hours of preparation and engineering that it takes to prepare for a series like Rolex GT, our team had an outstanding showing," he said.

The team drew praise from the Speed television commentators for its first-time performance.

Foss actually served as a driving instructor for the Porsche School at Barber Motorsports Park between 2003 and 2010.

"It had the feeling of a home-field advantage in that respect," he said.

Roughly half an hour into the race, Foss experienced a throttle



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**Santa Barbara's Patrick Lindsey, front, steers his Horton Autosport Porsche GT3 around Barber Motorsports Park during last weekend's Grand-Am Porsche 250. Lindsey and Eric Foss finished 14th in GT.**

area. They went down a lap due to repairs on the throttle the second time, finishing the race in 14th in the GT class, 22nd overall.

"It was great to have the support from our friends at Porsche Motorsport North America, NEO Synthetics and Carbotech Performance Brakes," Horton said. "It was a rewarding first race of the season for Horton Autosport. We learned a great deal and are extremely excited for our next race at Homestead later this month."

Lindsey wasn't the only Santa Barbara County native in the field at Barber, as Santa Maria's Paul Edwards — now living in Ft. Collins, Colo., — took pole in the GT class before finishing sixth in class, 14th overall.

over the three days and tallying kill after kill, both hitting in the 300s for the weekend," coach K.C. Collins said. "Emma Harrah and Caroline Anderson added a good share of kills from the middle and contributed a number of blocks, while Makayla Moore and Hannah Seabury took turns sparking up the team with a well-timed kill or block from the right side in many tight games."

She also noted the steady defense and passing of Emily Allen and the "impressive" service aces of Tatum Vedder.

"Dane Miller was on fire in the back row, coming up with some amazing digs and keeping us alive in so many rallies," Collins added. "Our

in the Club Division.

"The serving of Brynna Hodosy, Kobie Jimenez and Adyson Colburn was at an all-time high," coach Ed Gover said. "Delaney Mayfield's hitting and blocking continued to improve, registering 10 blocks over the weekend.

"Gabi Peoples' and Liana Taccognelli's setting is also showing much improvement, they did a good job distributing the sets to their hitters."

The 15-Blue team fell just short of qualifying for the gold bracket, losing a 25-21, 24-26, 16-14 thriller to Club V in the Club Division.

"Hannah Craig stepped in at middle and was huge for us," coach John Sener said. "Hillary Bean was a force on the outside while Paige Mascari and Erin Linehan made so many plays in the back row to keep us in rallies."

The 15-White team took second in Friday's pool, fourth on Saturday and split its two playoff matches on Sunday in the Club Division.

"Alex Varner was the MVP of Saturday hitting well from the middle," coach Jeff Minc said. "Ale Tacconelli played really well on defense, while Sarah Butler served really well and played well in the back row."

The 14-Blue team, after going just 1-2 on Friday, won all six of its matches on Saturday and Sunday to win the Flight 2 bracket.

The 13-Blue team had a good learning experience, coach Kim Buktenica said.

"Kate Mascari had an amazing weekend stepping up to play setter, outside hitter and even middle at times," she said. "Zoe Maritorea

## GIRLS SOFTBALL

Santa Barbara's Hailee Rio pitched a perfect game for the Ventura County Venom in its 8-0 victory over Rip-It of La Crescenta.

She struck out eight batters and got the final out on an infield grounder. Sophia Dagan hit a home run and drove in four runs.

The Camarillo travel team is composed of girls from Santa Barbara, Oxnard, Simi Valley and Newbury Park.

## GIRLS SOCCER

Team Viper placed second in the girls U14 division at the Carpinteria Cup, falling to Tulare in the final, 3-1.

The team advanced to the final with wins of 4-2 over Rancho Camarionga, 3-2 over Woodland Hills and 2-1 over Saugus.

The team coached by David Tappeiner and Jorge Astorga, include Danielle Anderson, Amanda Astorga, Franziska Barthel, Natalie Bauer, Chiara Bernardi, Michelle Dzierkski, Gabby Echt, Katherine Hawkes, Lauren Marmo, Kylie McCue, Lanette Ortiz, Reyna Paredes, Jessica Tappeiner, Kajsa Wakamiya, Lily Washburn and guest players Amanda Almada, Julia Holland, Veronica Morones and Brenda Rodriguez.

## CYCLING

Platinum Performance placed 10 of its riders in the top five of the various age divisions at race No. 4 in the U.S. Cup Series, held Sunday at Sycamore Canyon in Riverside.



race, Foss experienced a throttle issue that left the accelerator stuck on turn 11. He was able to maintain control of the car, despite running through the grass at the chicane, and brought the car into the pits for repairs. Once back on track, Foss pushed hard to pass the leader and stay on the lead lap. He continued gapping the leader until a full course caution came out.

Restarting in eighth place, Foss had to drive on old tires until Lindsey got into the car with one hour remaining.

About 10 laps into Lindsey's stint, he experienced the same issue with the throttle, going off the track in turn 5, but made it back into the pit

ishing sixth in class, 14th overall.

## GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The Santa Barbara Volleyball Club's 15-Smack team just missed gaining one of three bids for the Junior Nationals Open Division, placing fourth in the SCVA Junior National Qualifier.

The team placed second in its pool on three successive days before losing a match for the bid to Long Beach Rockstar 25-16, 25-19.

The team ranks eighth overall in the SCVA and is still in the hunt for a regional bid to Junior Nationals.

"McKenna Goss and Jacqueline Starnes did an outstanding job on the outside receiving most of the sets

many rallies," Collins added. "Our setter, Lexi Rottman, did a stupendous job leading the team, running the offense and never letting down in pressure situations."

The 14-Smack team finished 13th overall in the Open Division.

"Michele Garrett and Allie Hodosy showed great improvement in the middle," coach Greg Novak said. "Emily Lafitte, Taylor Nation and Emily Robertson kept us alive with their defense. Peyton Shelburne and Lourda Weger had a great showing on the outside.

"Kassidy Hamer, Allie Sundara and Phoebe Madsen all contributed to the right side, as well."

The 13-Smack team placed 36th

ter, outside hitter and even middle at times," she said. "Zoe Maritorena had a great first day and then unfortunately sprained her wrist. Sydni Trigueiro stepped up to play her position and did a great job at it."

## TRIATHLON

Adrienne Hengels of the Santa Barbara Triathlon Club was the top-finishing amateur and 14th overall, placing ahead of 11 professionals, at the Oceanside HIM Half-Marathon.

"Her goal is to get to Kona and compete in the Ironman World Championships," said her coach, Jason Smith. "She qualified for the Half Ironman World Championships in September and wants to compete for the overall."

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Winning their divisions were category one riders Todd Booth (age division), Dean Swank and Jon Miller (60-64), while Culbertson was a category two rider (50-54).

Other cat 1 finishers from Placentia included: John Biron (second, 50-54), Dan Benson (third, 19-24), Adam Bress (third, 30-34), Terry Dahl (third, 70-and-over), Greg Turner (third, 49), Chester Gillmore (fourth, 20-24) and Steve Silva (fourth, 50-54).

Top cat 2 finishers were Berkeley (fourth, 19-24) and Stern (fourth, 25-29).

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