

# F2000 championship S E R I E S

## Inge Takes Pole as Records Drop

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Watkins Glen, NY – American Matthew Inge lowered the track record at Watkins Glen further en route to taking pole position for tomorrow's F2000 race. Inge set a quick lap of 1:53.015 early in the session that only Chris Miller could come close to, but he'll have to settle for second with a lap of 1:53.168. Miller was stuck in slower traffic for much of the session.

"The session was really good," commented Inge, who earns his first career pole and three championship points. "I learned from my mistakes yesterday and St. Clair gave me a great car so I was able to just put my head down and go for the pole."

Inge won his first F2000 race a few weeks ago at Mosport and was running in the top three yesterday until an incident with Remy Audette cost him his front wing on the back straight. Once St. Clair repaired the car Inge was laps down and out of contention, costing him valuable championship points in what appears to be a three-man fight for the title between him, Chris Miller and Remy Audette.

Remy Audette will line up third. "The car is really good but I need to fix my driving a bit," Audette said.

Jonathan Scarallo bounced back from a crash in yesterday's race to qualify fourth, his best result of the season. Scarallo said: "I was on the limit for my lap, every corner, it was on the brink of crashing almost. I have to thank my crew as they were up all night fixing both Group A cars and did a great job." Scarallo's car sports a new black paintjob for this weekend along with aero tweaks developed in house by Group A Racing.



Al Guibord, Jr. rounded out the top five, riding momentum from his fourth place finish in the first race of the weekend yesterday afternoon.

Phil Lombardi, Chris Gumprecht, Matt McDonough, Benjamin Searcy and Masters Class points leader Tom Fatur rounded out the top ten.

"I qualified sixth yesterday so it's all about consistency," said Lombardi, who finished second in yesterday's race. "You can win from the first three rows very easily so hopefully we can build upon our second place from the first race."

Fatur commented: "The tailwind down the back stretch helped our top speed and the grip left from the Indy Car rubber was unbelievable, the track was so much faster today."

Dwight Rider and Ardie Greenamyer made contact about halfway through the session to bring out the black flag for a few minutes. With cleanup completed, the session resumed with just four minutes to go which was not enough time for anyone to get their tires up to temperature to threaten the top ten.

Fabio Orsolon will line up near the back of the field as electrical problems prevented him from completing any laps during qualifying. Group A Racing was not able to repair Colin Alexander's car in time for the qualifying session after a heavy impact in yesterday's race.

Tomorrow's 14 lap/30 minute race gets underway around 11:00, live updates on [www.F2000ChampionshipSeries.com](http://www.F2000ChampionshipSeries.com)

#### Qualifying Results:

Pos	No.	Name	Best Tm	Best Spd	In Lap	Diff	Gap
1	02	Matthew Inge	1:53.015	107.349	3	-	-
2	85	Chris Miller	1:53.168	107.203	6	+0.153	+0.153
3	21	Remy Audette	1:54.051	106.373	3	+1.036	+0.883
4	22	Jonathon Scarallo	1:54.061	106.364	5	+1.046	+0.010
5	95	Al Guibord, Jr.	1:54.153	106.278	3	+1.138	+0.092
6	3	Phil Lombardi	1:54.282	106.158	5	+1.267	+0.129
7	97	Chris Gumprecht	1:54.410	106.040	5	+1.395	+0.128
8	11	Matt McDonough	1:54.498	105.958	6	+1.483	+0.088
9	10	Benjamin Searcy	1:54.778	105.700	2	+1.763	+0.280
10	70	Tom Fatur/M	1:54.800	105.679	2	+1.785	+0.022
11	27	Craig Clawson/M	1:55.211	105.302	5	+2.196	+0.411
12	8	Mark Defer/M	1:55.253	105.264	6	+2.238	+0.042
13	20	Caitlin Johnston	1:55.343	105.182	2	+2.328	+0.090
14	89	Rob Nicholas	1:55.469	105.067	5	+2.454	+0.126
15	80	Bobby Caldwell	1:55.518	105.023	5	+2.503	+0.049
16	56	Mike Mazziotti/M	1:55.561	104.984	9	+2.546	+0.043
17	90	Robert Wright/M	1:55.619	104.931	9	+2.604	+0.058
18	5	Keith McCrone/M	1:55.807	104.761	5	+2.792	+0.188
19	4	Chris Camadella/M	1:55.828	104.742	5	+2.813	+0.021
20	96	Alejandro Munoz	1:55.965	104.618	4	+2.950	+0.137
21	83	Charles Finelli/M	1:56.155	104.447	8	+3.140	+0.190
22	60	Dwight Rider/M	1:56.490	104.146	4	+3.475	+0.335

23	25	Jeff McCusker/M	1:56.562	104.082	5	+3.547	+0.072
24	28	Ardie Greenamyer	1:56.952	103.735	5	+3.937	+0.390
25	7	Brent Gilkes/M	1:57.465	103.282	8	+4.450	+0.513
26	94	Blake Teeter	1:58.235	102.609	8	+5.220	+0.613
27	47	Scott Gesford	1:58.940	102.001	4	+5.925	+0.705
28	17	Tyler Hunter	1:57.622	103.144	4	+4.607	+0.157
29	51	Dan Denison/M	1:59.900	101.184	4	+6.885	+0.960
30	15	Mark Felsen	2:00.715	100.501	8	+7.700	+0.815
31	26	Fabio Orsolon	-.---	-	0	-	-
32	08	John Dole/M	-.---	-	0	-	-
33	12	Colin Alexander	-.---	-	0	-	-