



VERMIN RACING TEAM 2011 RADIATOR SPRINGS RACING KS2 CHAMPIONSHIP



# FINAL ROUND: A1 Ring Race Report



Here is the Vermin Racing Race Report:

Blue = Vyacheslav "Slava" Potapenko

Black = Richard "Tip" Tippet

First off I want to thank Andrea and the Radiator Springs guys for all their hard work, organizing and also allowing me to race in the Group A server at the last minute.

First words come to Andrea who was magnificent yesterday in race organizing and people support (I wish to have same boss at my job). That was my second official race as team member of Vermin Racing Team that made me feel more nervous and be more responsible for the result I have to achieve .

I wasn't expecting to be very competitive at this race, not having much time to work on a setup and also deciding to do the race on the race day itself. However it was a really good race by everyone. Qualifying was very tense, I knew I had to put the car on the limit to get a good grid slot as I had set the car up more for race pace, Slava was pushing my times as well and we were trading positions as we battled for 10th place, I Just edged him out in the last couple of minutes of qualifying with a 1m13.464 to pinch 10th place on the grid with Slava just behind in 11th with a 1m13.575. The action was all the way down the field with just 0.8 seconds covering the top 5 drivers.

Qualification was amazing. Few people were within 0.1-0.2 second and a little better lap can move you 2 or 3 positions up. I literally feel like this is a real F1 qualifying. All the way I was close to my teammate Richard and we changed in order during the whole session. I did set my best time at A1 but unfortunately it didn't come to official Rank since servers weren't connected to that service.

As the race got underway, I got a great start but Slava had a better drive off the line and managed to overtake me and a couple of cars as I missed a gear after turn 1 I dropped to the back of the field, I settled into the pace of about 1:15 average lap time to begin with, just saving my tyres a little in the first couple of laps, just as I was about to wind up my lap times, Jose had a spin just in front of me and we had a small collision luckily I don't think our cars were too badly damaged as I was able to get faster and faster as the car really started to feel good. My race pace was very good up until the first pit stop As was Slava's he was running nicely in the pack, I think he had a spin as I caught him up pretty quickly and was able to keep up with him for a couple of laps until he peeled in for a pit stop. I managed to run the car about half way into the race without pitting as the tyres felt good and I was holding the gap in front and behind, I came in had a good pit stop. took off a little wing degree and changed the tyres added fuel for the rest of the race and managed to

get out in front of Slava still.

Start of the race was pretty good. Not sure why but I often have a pretty good acceleration during start procedure and run even better than some famous aliens here. I did overtake car or two and was faster than cars ahead but decided to avoid risk and pass first corner safely. Richard, Davide Z, Marco W were behind when we arrived next very slow right corner. Davide Z made aggressive overtake attack there, his car colour has some similarity to Vermin so I thought initially that it was Richard. So few laps after we run pretty same speed with Davide. Don't remember exactly what happens next (race was full of events) but Davide Z and Marco W were again behind me and Marco was fighting to overtake Davide. According to Rank Marco should be 1-1.5 seconds faster than Davide and I was impressed that he stuck behind him for so long time. Ahead me in 4-5 sec gap run Peirs S. I think I was losing about .2 -.4 sec each lap comparing to his race pace but that was amazing for me since in my Netkar carrier I never run so close for long time to famous drivers

Around lap 8 or 10 I made silly mistake at last corner due to some oversteer. Davide and Marco passed me and I got just in front of Richard. We run pretty close for 4-5 laps, some sectors I was faster, other sector – he. My strategy was wrong as I decided do 2 stops. Never know without good experience what is the better 1 or 2. After stop I moved to last place, not good but not a tragedy as well (as I was satisfied with battle I was able to participate in first laps). I tried to push on new tires thinking that I can overtake Richard when he make his own stop. Surprisingly his race pace on old tires wasn't that bad. He runs around 1.15-1.16 same as me on new tires. When he made his own stop he returned just 1-2 sec ahead me. Wow – that was like real F1 again for me as it looked similar to pit-stops strategies when cars before/after pit stops and long runs come close again. Few laps after I made one more small mistake and lost 3-4 sec. Then Richard had his own problems and got behind me.

My strategy was 1 stop and I think it would of worked, the car felt amazing after the pit stop and I was able to get the lap time down into the 1:14's carrying slightly more fuel than at the start of the race. Something then went wrong... after running really well and the car felt good all of a sudden the handling got away from me I hit the wall and it damaged the car quite badly I was very close to the pits so limped back in fixed it and headed back out, after that I was being put off the track in strange places. I was already 2 laps down at this point and was caught by Slava and overtaken I pushed the car hard to keep up and the car was starting to come back again I let a front runner through and caught back up to Slava then the car went wide as if it just understeered off I corrected the car but then it wouldn't steer in a straight line even though I had not hit anything, I made another pit stop which seemed to put the steering straight but I was way down the final straw came when the connection froze. it threw me completely off the track luckily I avoided colliding with anyone and then it went again and I ended up in last place. so I decided it was best I retired the car with about 6 laps to go.

Next amazing thing was last 3-4 laps. Davide Z had some problems at final part of the race so that he was running behind me before the end of the race. His speed was better than mine and he getting closer and closer to me. On main start-finish straight he attempted to overtake me in first right corner. He runs a bit wide and then pushes throttle too much so that car was oversteered and he lost position. I finished 9th what pretty reflected my overall speed. Great race, great feelings, great community so looking forward for next season!

Slava managed to get 9th place and drove a brilliantly consistent race, I was classified 12th. Juan drove a brilliant race to win, with Clive and Paul 2nd and 3rd. Congratulations to the new KS2 champion Gek!

It was a shame for me but it was great fun and everyone drove brilliantly and cleanly, I look forward to next season and hopefully Vermin Racing will have a great season of racing next year!

### Official Radiator Springs GPCOS Result Sheet

League: KS2 Series  
 Season: 2011.05  
 Track: A1-Ring  
 Date: 2011-12-08  
 Qualifying length: 20 minutes  
 Race laps: 46 laps  
 Race distance: 198.996 km.  
 Official event: Yes  
 Simulation: nKPro



#### Official Result

P	Driver/Team	Laps	Race Time/Fastest Lap	Difference	Grid Position/Time	Car
1.	juan (MEX) Vulture Racing	46	56m43.714 1m12.516	-	P5 1m11.271	FormulaKS2
2.	Clive Melbourne (IRE) West Cork Racing	46	57m05.955 1m12.537	+22.241	P2 1m10.905	FormulaKS2
3.	Paul OBrien (IRE) West Cork Racing	46	57m06.613 1m12.918	+22.899	P4 1m11.211	FormulaKS2
4.	Matt Dawson (GBR) Redline Racing	46	57m53.174 1m13.158	+1m09.460	P6 1m11.739	FormulaKS2
5.	Antonio Lallo (ITA) Fusione Digitale	46	57m54.507 1m13.251	+1m10.793	P7 1m12.468	FormulaKS2
6.	Fulvio Genova (ITA) Radiator Springs Racing FF	45	1 lap down 1m11.613	-	P1 1m10.377	FormulaKS2
7.	Piers C Structures (GBR) Vulture Racing	45	1 lap down 1m14.373	-	P9 1m12.834	FormulaKS2
8.	Marco Waechter (GER) Radiators-Champ Team	45	1 lap down 1m13.992	-	P8 1m12.804	FormulaKS2
9.	Vyacheslav Potapenko (UKR) Vermin Racing Team	44	2 laps down 1m15.210	-	P11 1m13.575	FormulaKS2
10.	Jose Canseco (SPA) Alonzo Racing Team A	43	3 laps down 1m14.655	-	P14 1m14.520	FormulaKS2
11.	Davide Zardin (ITA) Perfusion Team	41	5 laps down 1m14.868	-	P12 1m13.791	FormulaKS2
12.	Richard Tippet (GBR) Vermin Racing Team	36	10 laps down 1m14.829	-	P10 1m13.464	FormulaKS2
13.	Maarten Steverink (NED) Redline Racing	11	35 laps down 1m13.035	-	P3 1m10.917	FormulaKS2
14.	Giancarlo Graziano (ITA) Radiator Springs Racing AG	0	46 laps down No race laptime	-	P13 1m13.911	FormulaKS2
15.	Andrea Lojelo (ITA) Radiator Springs Racing AG	0	46 laps down No race laptime	-	P(-) No qualifying time	FormulaKS2

#### GRAND PRIX ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Fastest Lap (Lapnumber)	Driver
1m11.613 (Lap 18)	Fulvio Genova (ITA)

Lead Laps	Driver
33	juan (MEX)
10	Clive Melbourne (IRE)
3	Fulvio Genova (ITA)

Top 10 Most Improved Positions	Driver
4 From P5 to P1	juan (MEX)
4 From P14 to P10	Jose Canseco (SPA)
2 From P6 to P4	Matt Dawson (GBR)
2 From P7 to P5	Antonio Lallo (ITA)
2 From P9 to P7	Piers C Structures (GBR)
2 From P11 to P9	Vyacheslav Potapenko (UKR)
1 From P4 to P3	Paul OBrien (IRE)
1 From P12 to P11	Davide Zardin (ITA)

Top 10 Most Lost Positions	Driver
10 From P3 to P13	Maarten Steverink (NED)
5 From P1 to P6	Fulvio Genova (ITA)
2 From P10 to P12	Richard Tippet (GBR)
1 From P13 to P14	Giancarlo Graziano (ITA)