

# Shifter Kart

## DRIVER RANKINGS

# TOP 50

as of April 3, 2000

1. **Alan Rudolph**
2. **Scott Speed**
3. **Darren Elliott**
4. **Jason LaPoint**
5. **Trevor McAlister**
6. **Steven Robertson**
7. **Jonathan Bomarito**
8. **Gary Glanger**
9. **Kyle Martin**
10. **Jimmy Didier**
11. **Bonnier Moulton**
12. **Collin Lynn**
13. **Ryan Howe**
14. **Bobby Wilson**
15. **Nick Bruce**
16. **Tophie Stewart**
17. **Sean Patrick Flanery**
18. **Kris Shaw**
19. **Curtis Ruth**
20. **Jesse Rooke**
21. **Niki Coello**
22. **David Bradfield**
23. **Anthony Simone**
24. **Brad Boyer**
25. **Matt Hoffman**
26. **Andrew Lewis**
27. **Eric Nelson**
28. **Adam Thompson**
29. **Rob Mathis**
30. **Victor Gonzalez**
31. **Chris Lobaugh**
32. **A.J. Whisler**
33. **Josh Schreiber**
34. **Larry Nagy**
35. **Craig Taverna**
36. **Ted Steffke**
37. **Guido Duerbaum**
38. **Karl Reth**
39. **Mike Myers**
40. **George Barks Jr.**
41. **Craig Streigle**
42. **Brian Lay**
43. **Ward Imrie**
44. **Joe Barth**
45. **Dan Alden**
46. **Angie South**
47. **Jon Nevoso**
48. **Harry Alden**
49. **Tom Woods**
50. **Derrick Lesinski**



The SKI Top 50 Driver Ranking sees its first new #1 driver in five issues with Alan Rudolph's rise to the penthouse. The Arizona driver sat comfortably in the top five all last year, quietly accumulating his points on the toughest circuit in the nation - the SKUSA ProMoto Tour. Rudolph was on the podium on two different occasions in '99 thanks to a pair of seconds at South Bend and Oklahoma. While these performances kept him close, his recent victory in Phoenix, when coupled with former #1 Jason LaPoint's move to formula cars, has pushed him to the top, edging Scott Speed for the coveted position. The size and depth of the field increased the importance of his win in the SKUSA opener and now the KGB North America team pilot will need to put in yet another stellar performance when the series moves to Reno should he desire to remain on top.



Curtis Ruth has a renewed focus on pro level shifterkart racing in 2000 and it should show in his Top 50 positioning. Last season, Ruth ran a few selected ProMoto Tour events and also campaigned the WKA Constructors' Championship Series, almost winning the F125 title. Those outings helped his initial standing, but a more committed approach to the high-point Tour races on the east coast Atlantic Zone should allow him to stack up some serious markers. A sixth in the ProMoto Tour opener in Florida added a strong result to his total and his continued Formula S1 participation in this series will help him move up. He is also running in the Formula K1 class on the Pacific Zone schedule although his results there will not have any bearing on his SKI Driver Standings point total.



Pennsylvania's Josh Schreiber continues his move up the SKI Driver Rankings since his Formula S1 debut earlier this year in the SKUSA Florida Y2Kart Winter Tour. Two big races helped vault him to 33rd on the list - the SKUSA Atlantic Zone ProMoto Tour opener and the first race of the Thrill 2000 Shifter Kart Series. In Florida for the SKUSA opener, Schreiber overcame a qualifying miscue to push back to an impressive fifth in the final results. In California for the Thrill event, he took third overall behind top drivers Darren Elliott and Kyle Martin. Now teamed with SSC Racing, Schreiber is becoming much more comfortable in the FSI class and will be aiming at scoring his first Pro win in the very near future.



Canadian driver Ward Imrie has been working at solidifying his position in the Top 50 for some time and a pair of strong performances in the last two WKA Manufacturer's Cup events at Jacksonville and Charlotte have gone a long way towards reaching this goal. A win in Florida was followed by a sweep in Charlotte where he won both Saturday and Sunday finals. The Manufacturer's Cup does not hold the same point level in the Driver Standings as the national-level SKUSA ProMoto Tour however and Imrie's absence from these important events has hindered his eventual rise. News has arrived at the SKI offices that indicates Imrie and his Birel will be at the ProMoto date at Talledega in late April however, with Lynn Haddock at the wrenches. A good finish in the FSI final will help his cause.