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SPECIAL RIVERSIDE UPDATE

Benny Scott of Hollywood, California has been entered in this weekend's California Grand Prix Formula 5000 Race at Riverside International Raceway and will drive car number 12, the BLACK AMERICAN RACERS/VICEROY LOLA T-332. Scott is the only Black driver in major international formula car racing and the only psychology professor entered in Sunday's forty-five car field.

Often asked about his psychology background, Scott states, "I do try to psyche myself up for each race, but every driver does this in his own way. I do not use my psychology training with regard to other drivers. I just try to stand on the gas and do the best I can to get around them."

The ultimate goal of the Black American Racers team is the Indianapolis 500, and the three 1975 Formula 5000 races at Long Beach, Laguna Seca, and Riverside represent the team's latest step in that direction. Earlier this year Scott drove the team's VICEROY LOLA T-324 Super Vee formula car with such success in the VW Gold Cup Series that team President Len Miller and the team's sponsors, Viceroy Cigarettes, Goodyear Tires, Champion Spark Plugs, and Valvoline Oil, felt Scott was ready to "graduate" to the more powerful Formula 5000 cars. Scott has reinforced Miller's decision with the good job that he has

done since entering the F-5000 series in the Long Beach Grand Prix September 28th.

Benny Scott went to Long Beach with only one day of practice under his belt in the Grant King prepared VICEROY LOLA T-332. Despite the 52 entries and the extremely unusual and difficult course, Scott drove to a creditable 11th place finish-- certainly a strong showing for a rookie.

After the Long Beach race Benny Scott was able to get a day of practice at Laguna Seca before that race. Thanks to this day of practice and his familiarity with the course, Scott currently holds the Formula Super Vee track record; he was able to place 16th on the first day of qualifying. On race day bad luck struck when Scott was involved in a six-car pile-up on the first lap of the heat race. Damage to the nose, front suspension, and tub was extensive and he was forced to miss the main event.

With only ten days remaining before the California Grand Prix at Riverside, Chief Mechanic Grant King and his crew of Gordon Barrett, Mark Bridges, and Elliott Platt were unable to rebuild the tub. A new Lola was ordered immediately by Len Miller through fellow F-5000 competitor Carl Haas and air-freighted from England. Scott's new car will be ready for Riverside but the rushed schedule has made practice impossible and he will be forced to run the car without any modifications.

"Black American Racers and VICEROY have been behind me all the wa- since I joined the team in July 1974," Scott notes. "Before then, I was an independent and worked out of my garage with my wife Shill helping. With a crash like Laguna, I would have been finished for the season, but with this team and its sponsors I'll be ready for Riverside and ready to keep on going

toward Indianapolis."

After Riverside Benny Scott's final racing appearance for the 1975 season will be in the IMSA-sanctioned races at Daytona over Thanksgiving Weekend, November 28-30th. Black American Racers has entered Scott in th4 VICEROY LOLA T-324 Super Vee car for the final round of the VW Gold Cup Series. He will also drive the team-entered AMC Gremlin in the 250-mile Baby Grand Stock Car Race along with Black American Racers' Vice President Mo Campbell.

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