

## 2002 USAC NATIONAL MIDGET SEASON

### THIS LAND IS DARLAND'S

**By: *Richie Murray***

After epitomizing the word “toughness” in 2001, the following year, Dave Darland and car owner Steve Lewis had to push through personal tragedies, which took its toll. Despite the circumstances, nothing could derail their resilience in 2002.

Although Darland's ride to the 2002 championship wasn't nearly as smooth as he would've preferred, he found a way. Clinging to a slim point lead in early August, Darland rattled off his first two wins in succession at a pair of USAC's most prestigious events – the Belleville (Kan.) Midget Nationals and the Joe James-Pat O'Connor Memorial at Salem (Ind.) Speedway – to claim his second consecutive title. Of the 25 feature events he started, 21 of them were top-five results.

Darland appeared to win his first race of the year in June at Ohio's Limaland Motorsports Park, but his car was disqualified for failing to pass post-race tech inspection. Darland fell from the point lead shortly thereafter, then grabbed back-to-back runner-up finishes to regain his position atop the standings, punctuated by winning Belleville for the second time.

Proving that the run of success had no intentions of stopping at Belleville, Darland reeled off another victory the following weekend at Salem for his third-straight midget win at the high-banked paved oval, then won for the third and final time in 2002 during late September at Anderson (Ind.) Speedway to push his point lead to 151 with, seemingly, no hurdles in sight. However, in October, as Darland was set to compete at Virginia's South Boston Speedway, he received word that his father, Bob, with whom he raced with from childhood in quarter midgets through adulthood in sprint cars, had passed away from a heart attack at age 69. Darland stepped away from competition and returned to Indiana to be with his family.

Darland suffered two of his worst results all season after returning to competition for November's final three-race western swing, finishing the first two of those events in 10th at Arizona's Tucson Raceway Park and 11th in the Turkey Night Grand Prix at California's Irwindale Speedway. Darland and the team regrouped and closed out the season in robust fashion, leading the first 19 laps and finishing second in the finale at The Bullring at Las Vegas (Nev.) Motor Speedway.

The championship gave both driver and owner personal satisfaction with Darland earning his fourth overall USAC National crown while Lewis became the first in series history to capture five-straight entrant titles. In the grand scheme, the trophies and accolades earned this year meant even more than usual, a sign of their perseverance through trying times.

“The last two seasons have been tough,” Darland acknowledged. “This year, Steve's brother died early in the season, and my father passed away in October. It was hard to get through it all with that on my mind. Both midget championships had their difficulties, but I had a great car for every race. They worked their butts off to get the car ready every night.”

Hoosier Racing Tire announced a cost-effective spec tire for all dirt track events. Additionally, USAC introduced a new one-way radio system for the first time in 2002, which debuted during August's event at Salem and established a direct communication line between the race director and drivers for the first time ever, replacing the ever-present chalkboard.

An unprecedented split decision found Ohio's Teddy Beach and Indiana's Ron Gregory as co-Rookies of the Year in 2002. Californian Danny Ebberts was bestowed as the season's Most Improved Driver. Race organizer J.C. Agajanian Jr. received the Jim Blunk Award in recognition of his contributions to the sport, joining brother Cary who won the award in 1985.

J.J. Yeley became the first driver to sweep a USAC National Sprint/Midget doubleheader on two different surfaces in a single season, on pavement in May at Iowa's Hawkeye Downs Speedway and again in June at Ohio's Fremont Speedway. A.J. Fike emerged with a win in June at Limaland after the top-two finishers, Darland and Yeley, were disqualified. Steve Buckwalter received the Hard Luck Award at Belleville when an accident with his tow rig left his midget inaccessible. He proceeded to cut a hole in the side of his rig to extricate the midget, then continued to Belleville in a borrowed rig.

Darland's win at Salem was the 98th for car owner Steve Lewis, breaking the previous record of 97 held by Doug Caruthers. Dave Steele obliterated the all-time midget prize money record by pocketing \$60,280 for his sweep of the Indianapolis

Twin 25s in September at IRP. After winning the first 25-lap feature, Steele charged from 22nd to the lead by lap 12 of the second 25-lapper. The largest single-day take home pay had been \$20,000 by Jason Leffler at the 1999 Summer Sizzle.

In August at Illinois' Tri-City Speedway, Sarah McCune became the first woman to post a fast qualifying time with the series on dirt. After 24 years, ESPN's Thunder Series ended in November with Tony's Stewart's 100-lap score in Las Vegas.

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USAC NATIONAL/WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE RESULTS: March 14-16, 2002 – Phoenix, Arizona – Phoenix International Raceway - Copper World Indy 200 Little Trees Twin 25s

QUALIFYING: (Held March 15) 1. Dave Steele, 29, Tomassi-26.436; 2. John Nervo, 21, Nervo/Coggin-26.656; 3. Dane Carter, 77, Carter-26.694; 4. Travis Miniea, 07, Mico-26.726; 5. James Chesson, 76, Chesson-26.750; 6. Ron Gregory, 22, Irvin-26.771; 7. Dave Darland, 9, Lewis-26.776; 8. Tony Ave, 2, Steele-26.832; 9. Aaron Fike, 32, RFMS-26.836; 10. A.J. Fike, 69, RFMS-26.876; 11. Tracy Hines, 110, Wilke-Pak-26.907; 12. J.J. Yeley, 91, Lewis-26.957; 13. Robby Flock, 76x, Fontana-26.965; 14. Alex Harris, 54, Harris-26.988; 15. Steve Barth, 14, Barth-27.117; 16. Kasey Kahne, 9x, Lewis-27.144; 17. Dan Drinan, 33, Drinan-27.152; 18. Ryan Scott, 17, Hartman-27.259; 19. Brian Paulus, 23, Pender-27.272; 20. Steve Paden, 0, Farrier-27.310; 21. A.J. Davis, 28, Owen-27.380; 22. Drew Pollock, 63, Pollock-27.436; 23. Bud Kaeding, 57, TST-27.482; 24. Jerry Coons Jr., 74, James-27.561; 25. Richey Jacobs, 114, Jacobs-27.563; 26. Brad Kuhn, 20, Kuhn-27.590; 27. Aaron Pollock, 64, Pollock-27.618; 28. Brian Gerster, 94, Stebbins/Davis-27.717; 29. Shane Scully, 56, Scully-27.756; 30. James Anderson, 36, Anderson-28.262; 31. Doug Cross, 41, Griffith-28.412; 32. Danny Ebberts, 44, Schlachter/Ebberts-28.643; 33. Chris Rhein, 06, Rhein-29.761; 34. Michael Lewis, 11, Reed-NT; 35. Kasey Kahne, 19, Lewis-NT; 36. Brad Armstrong, 99, Apple-NT; 37. Josh Wise, 94x, Wise-NT.

CONSOLATION RACE: (10 laps-Held March 16) 1. Aaron Pollock, 2. Wise, 3. Jacobs, 4. Scully, 5. Ebberts, 6. Gerster, 7. Kuhn, 8. Anderson, 9. Cross, 10. Armstrong, 11. Rhein. NT

FEATURE: (25 laps-Held March 16) 1. Dave Steele, 2. Dave Darland, 3. James Chesson, 4. Kasey Kahne, 5. J.J. Yeley, 6. Aaron Fike, 7. Steve Paden, 8. Aaron Pollock, 9. Ryan Scott, 10. Robby Flock, 11. Steve Barth, 12. Drew Pollock, 13. Dane Carter, 14. Brian Paulus, 15. Alex Harris, 16. Shane Scully, 17. Richey Jacobs, 18. Brian Gerster, 19. A.J. Davis, 20. Tracy Hines, 21. A.J. Fike, 22. John Nervo, 23. Ron Gregory, 24. Danny Ebberts, 25. Josh Wise, 26. Tony Ave, 27. Travis Miniea, 28. Dan Drinan, 29. Jerry Coons Jr., 30. Bud Kaeding. NT

\*\*Michael Lewis suffered a concussion in an accident during Friday practice. Miniea flipped on lap 13 of the feature. Hines flipped on lap 23 of the feature.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-12 Steele, Laps 13-19 Darland, Laps 20-25 Steele.

NEW NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Steele-66; 2-Darland-57; 3-Chesson-56; 4-Kahne-51; 4-Yeley-48; 6-Aaron Fike-45; 7-Paden-42; 8-Aaron Pollock-39; 9-Scott-36; 10-Barth-31.

NEW WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Scully-88; 2-Flock-67; 3-Steele-66; 4-Leffler-65; 5-Pankratz-59; 6-Darland-57; 7-Chesson-56; 8-Bobby East-53; 9-Kahne-51; 10-Dallen McKenney-49.

NEXT NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: April 7 - Anderson (IN) Speedway - Glen Niebel Classic

NEXT WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE: April 6 - Madera (CA) Speedway

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: April 7, 2002 – Anderson, Indiana – Anderson Speedway - Glen Niebel Classic

QUALIFYING: 1. Aaron Fike, 32, RFMS-11.603; 2. Tracy Hines, 110, Wilke/Pak-11.622; 3. Dave Darland, 9, Lewis-11.648; 4. Dave Steele, 29, Tomassi-11.655; 5. Jason Leffler, 67, Kunz-11.677; 6. Bobby East, 19, Lewis-11.689; 7. John Nervo, 21, Nervo/Coggin-11.698; 8. Michael Lewis, 11, Reed-11.700; 9. Teddy Beach, 25, Beach-11.729; 10. James Chesson, 76, Chesson-11.734; 11. Steve Paden, 0, Farrier-11.769; 12. Ron Gregory, 22, Irvin-11.788; 13. J.J. Yeley, 91, Lewis-11.793; 14. Cole Carter, 7, Carter-11.819; 15. Danny Ebberts, 44, Schlachter/Ebberts-11.828; 16. David Gough, 182, Riverside-11.867; 17. A.J. Davis, 28, Owen-11.901; 18. Richey Jacobs, 114, Jacobs-11.915; 19. Barry Reed, 16, Reed-11.925; 20. Brad Kuhn, 20, Kuhn-11.929; 21. Steve Barth, 14, Barth-11.941; 22. A.J. Fike, 69, RFMS-12.004; 23. Justin Overfelt, 78, Zephyr-12.011; 24. Jimmy McCune, 21c, Cowing-12.029; 25. Jason Fuller, 47, Fuller-12.066; 26. Aaron Pierce, 26, Pierce-12.069; 27. Chris Gabehart, 12, Gabehart-12.112; 28. A.J. Felker, 55, Line-12.153; 29. Matt Maners, 23, Maners-12.224; 30. Kyle Burch, 79, Burch-12.321; 31. Brandon Petty, 35, Gardner-12.371; 32. Mike Heiss, 00, Heiss-12.575; 33. Travis Welpott, 5, Welpott-12.576; 34. Bobby Guess, 99, Guess-12.720; 35. Ryan Scott, 17, Hartman-13.029; 36. J.T. Stapp, 37, Felker-13.281; 37. Steve Thinnies, 48x, Thinnies-NT; 38. Davey Ray, 33, Ray-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Beach, 2. Aaron Fike, 3. Maners, 4. Davis, 5. Barth, 6. Yeley, 7. Fuller, 8. Heiss, 9. Leffler. NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Pierce, 2. Hines, 3. A.J. Fike, 4. Jacobs, 5. East, 6. Ray, 7. Chesson, 8. Carter, 9. Welpott. 2:01.51

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Gabehart, 2. Reed, 3. Darland, 4. Nervo, 5. Overfelt, 6. Paden, 7. Ebberts, 8. Burch, 9. Guess. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Felker, 2. Gregory, 3. Steele, 4. Lewis, 5. McCune, 6. Gough, 7. Kuhn, 8. Scott, 9. Petty. 2:01.37

SEMI: (12 laps) 1. East, 2. Chesson, 3. Yeley, 4. Paden, 5. Carter, 6. Gough, 7. McCune, 8. Ray, 9. Overfelt, 10. Petty, 11. Kuhn, 12. Scott, 13. Burch, 14. Welpott, 15. Fuller, 16. Leffler, 17. Barth, 18. Heiss, 19. Ebberts, 20. Guess. NT

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Dave Steele, 2. J.J. Yeley, 3. Teddy Beach, 4. Bobby East, 5. Dave Darland, 6. Tracy Hines, 7. Richey Jacobs, 8. Aaron Fike, 9. Steve Paden, 10. Matt Maners, 11. A.J. Davis, 12. Ron Gregory, 13. James Chesson, 14. A.J. Felker, 15. Jimmy McCune, 16. A.J. Fike, 17. David Gough, 18. Barry Reed, 19. Cole Carter, 20. Michael Lewis, 21. John Nervo, 22. Aaron Pierce, 23. Jason Leffler. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-34 East, Laps 35-50 Steele.

NEW NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Steele-133; 2-Darland-113; 3-Yeley-107; 4-Aaron Fike-95; 5-Chesson-86; 6-Paden-79; 7-Hines-68; 8-Jacobs-64; 9-Beach-60; 10-East-56.

NEXT NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: April 21 - Nazareth (PA) Speedway

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: April 19-21, 2002 – Nazareth, Pennsylvania – Nazareth Speedway

QUALIFYING: (Held April 20) 1. Ron Gregory, 22, Irvin-26.508; 2. Aaron Fike, 32, RFMS-26.536; 3. Dave Steele, 29, Tomassi-26.677; 4. J.J. Yeley, 91, Lewis-26.697; 5. Michael Lewis, 11, Reed-26.812; 6. Dave Darland, 9, Lewis-26.862; 7. Brian Gerster, 94, Stebbins/Davis-26.968; 8. John Nervo, 21, Nervo/Coggin-27.015; 9. A.J. Davis, 28, Owen-27.041; 10. Brad Kuhn, 20, Kuhn-27.108; 11. Jason Leffler, 67, Kunz-27.152; 12. Tracy Hines, 110, Wilke/Pak-27.167; 13. Travis Miniea, 07, Mico-27.215; 14. Kasey Kahne, 19, Lewis-27.223; 15. James Chesson, 76, Chesson-27.253; 16. Drew Pollock, 63, Pollock-27.342; 17. Teddy Beach, 25, Beach-27.443; 18. Aaron Pollock, 64, Pollock-27.458; 19. Steve Paden, 0, Farrier-27.489; 20. A.J. Fike, 69, RFMS-27.553; 21. John Heydenreich, 95, Covington-27.623; 22. Josh Wise, 94x, Wise-27.683; 23. Brian Paulus, 23, Pender-27.739; 24. Ryan Scott, 17, Hartman-27.874; 25. Danny Ebberts, 44, Schlachter/Ebberts-28.082; 26. Richey Jacobs, 114, Jacobs-28.272; 27. Brandon Petty, 35, Gardner-28.642; 28. Doug Cross, 41, Griffith-28.768; 29. Mark Buonomo, 76x, Buonomo-28.791; 30. Michael Roselli Jr., 98, Roselli-28.921; 31. Bryan Kobylarz, 49, Starrett-29.616; 32.

Fred Schell, 75, Schell-29.696; 33. Randy Mausteller, 21x, Mausteller-30.265; 34. Gary Halteman, 61, Halteman-30.378; 35. Frank Fiore Jr., 88, Fiore-NT; 36. Ray Bull, 33x, Blair-NT.

FEATURE: (25 laps - Held April 21) 1. Michael Lewis, 2. Dave Darland, 3. Dave Steele, 4. Aaron Fike, 5. Ron Gregory, 6. John Nervo, 7. Jason Leffler, 8. J.J. Yeley, 9. Tracy Hines, 10. Kasey Kahne, 11. Drew Pollock, 12. John Heydenreich, 13. Brad Kuhn, 14. Ryan Scott, 15. A.J. Fike, 16. Brian Paulus, 17. Danny Ebberts, 18. Travis Miniea, 19. Richey Jacobs, 20. Brandon Petty, 21. A.J. Davis, 22. Aaron Pollock, 23. Josh Wise, 24. Brian Gerster, 25. James Chesson, 26. Steve Paden. NT

\*\*Bull flipped during Friday practice.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-14 Darland, Laps 15-25 Lewis.

NEW NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Steele-191; 2-Darland-171; 3-Aaron Fike-151; 4-Yeley-149; 5-Tracy Hines-104; 6-Gregory-102; 7-James Chesson-99; 8-Paden-92; 9-Kahne-84; 10-Nervo-79.

NEXT NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: May 3 - Cedar Rapids, IA - Hawkeye Downs Speedway

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: May 3, 2002 – Cedar Rapids, Iowa – Hawkeye Downs Speedway – Advance Auto Parts Hawkeye Open-Wheel Classic

QUALIFYING: 1. J.J. Yeley, 91, Lewis-17.619; 2. Bobby East, 19, Lewis-17.671; 3. Dave Darland, 9, Lewis-17.743; 4. John Nervo, 21, Nervo/Coggin-17.859; 5. Dave Steele, 29, Tomassi-17.903; 6. Teddy Beach, 25, Beach-17.926; 7. Tracy Hines, 110, Wilke-Pak-17.989; 8. Aaron Fike, 32, RFMS-18.026; 9. Michael Lewis, 11, Reed-18.073; 10. James Chesson, 76, Chesson-18.077; 11. Brad Kuhn, 20, Kuhn-18.199; 12. A.J. Fike, 69, RFMS-18.201; 13. Steve Paden, 0, Farrier-18.210; 14. Danny Ebberts, 44, Schlacter/Ebberts-18.229; 15. A.J. Davis, 28, Owen-18.257; 16. Richey Jacobs, 114, Jacobs-18.270; 17. Justin Overfelt, 78, Zephyr-18.445; 18. Chris Hettinger, 71, Brantley-18.501; 19. Brian Paulus, 23, P & P-18.544; 20. Brandon Petty, 35, Gardner-18.745; 21. Mike Heiss, 00, Heiss-18.757; 22. Chris Gabehart, 12, Gabehart-18.758; 23. Ron Gregory, 22, Irvin-18.802; 24. Bobby Guess, 99, Guess-19.853.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Paulus, 2. Hines, 3. Yeley, 4. Gabehart, 5. Paden, 6. Jacobs, 7. Chesson, 8. Nervo. 2:26.06

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Gregory, 2. Aaron Fike, 3. East, 4. Ebberts, 5. Kuhn, 6. Steele, 7. Overfelt, 8. Petty. 2:26.36

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Darland, 2. Beach, 3. A.J. Fike, 4. Davis, 5. Hettinger, 6. Heiss, 7. Guess, 8. Lewis. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. J.J. Yeley, 2. Bobby East, 3. Dave Darland, 4. Aaron Fike, 5. Michael Lewis, 6. Dave Steele, 7. Teddy Beach, 8. A.J. Fike, 9. James Chesson, 10. Steve Paden, 11. Brad Kuhn, 12. John Nervo, 13. Ron Gregory, 14. A.J. Davis, 15. Brian Paulus, 16. Mike Heiss, 17. Chris Gabehart, 18. Justin Overfelt, 19. Brandon Petty, 20. Chris Hettinger, 21. Danny Ebberts, 22. Richey Jacobs, 23. Tracy Hines, 24. Bobby Guess. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-7 Beach, Laps 8-30 Yeley.

NEW NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Steele-239; 2-Darland-235; 3-Yeley-219; 4-Aaron Fike-207; 5-Chesson-135; 6-Gregory-135; 7-Paden-127; 8-Lewis-126; 9-East-122; 10-Hines-122.

NEXT NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: May 10 - Sparta, KY - Kentucky Speedway

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: May 10, 2002 – Sparta, Kentucky – Kentucky Speedway – Auto Body Panels Short Track Special

QUALIFYING: 1. Dave Steele, 29, Tomassi-13.388; 2. Teddy Beach, 25, Beach-13.410; 3. Tracy Hines, 110, Wilke/Pak-13.438; 4. J.J. Yeley, 91, Lewis-13.474; 5. Ron Gregory, 22, Irvin-13.475; 6. Michael Lewis, 11, Reed-13.477; 7. Steve Paden, 0, Farrier-13.498; 8. Brad Kuhn, 20, Kuhn-13.550; 9. Matt Brun, 28x, Brun-13.577; 10. Dave Darland, 9, Lewis-13.620; 11. Richey Jacobs, 114, Jacobs-13.634; 12. Bobby East, 19, Lewis-13.706; 13. Dave Baumgartner, 38, Baumgartner-13.743; 14. James Chesson, 76, Chesson-13.791; 15. Aaron Fike, 32, RFMS-13.792; 16. A.J. Davis, 28, Owen-13.831; 17. Matt Maners, 123, Maners-13.839; 18. Travis Miniea, 07, Mico-13.863; 19. Chris Gabehart, 12, NG-13.924; 20. Mark Buonomo, 76x, Buonomo-14.007; 21. Toby Alfrey, 5x, Fast Lane Pizza-14.035; 22. Danny Ebberts, 44, Schlachter/Ebberts-14.094; 23. Sondi Eden, 15, Correll-14.096; 24. Travis Welpott, 5, Richardson-14.107; 25. A.J. Fike, 69, RFMS-14.130; 26. Chris Hettinger, 71, Hettinger-14.139; 27. John Heydenreich, 95, Covington-14.190; 28. A.J. Felker, 14ts, Jennings-14.230; 29. Ryan Gillenwater, 20x, Gillenwater-14.398; 30. Brian Paulus, 23, P & P-14.420; 31. Shawn Norris, 4, Norris-14.454; 32. Justin Overfelt, 78, Zephyr-14.485; 33. Kyle Burch, 79, Burch-14.532; 34. Courtney Kirts, 81, Kirts-14.690; 35. Jessica Iannuzzi, 52, Iannuzzi-14.786.

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. A.J. Fike, 2. Baumgartner, 3. Brun, 4. Steele, 5. Maners, 6. Gregory, 7. Burch, 8. Gillenwater. NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Hettinger, 2. Darland, 3. Paulus, 4. Chesson, 5. Ebberts, 6. Lewis, 7. Beach, 8. Miniea, 9. Kirts.

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Gabehart, 2. Heydenreich, 3. Aaron Fike, 4. Hines, 5. Eden, 6. Paden, 7. Jacobs, 8. Iannuzzi, 9. Norris.

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Welpott, 2. Davis, 3. East, 4. Yeley, 5. Buonomo, 6. Kuhn, 7. Overfelt, 8. Felker. NT

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Beach, 2. Lewis, 3. Gregory, 4. Kuhn, 5. Maners, 6. Paden, 7. Jacobs, 8. Miniea, 9. Eden, 10. Felker, 11. Overfelt, 12. Kirts, 13. Iannuzzi, 14. Burch, 15. Norris, 16. Alfrey, 17. Buonomo. NT

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Michael Lewis, 2. J.J. Yeley, 3. Ron Gregory, 4. Dave Steele, 5. Dave Darland, 6. Bobby East, 7. Teddy Beach, 8. Dave Baumgartner, 9. James Chesson, 10. Aaron Fike, 11. Chris Gabehart, 12. Steve Paden, 13. Brian Paulus, 14. Chris Hettinger, 15. A.J. Fike, 16. John Heydenreich, 17. Brad Kuhn, 18. Travis Welpott, 19. Matt Brun, 20. A.J. Davis, 21. Tracy Hines, 22. Matt Maners. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-50 Lewis.

NEW NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Steele-299; 2-Darland-288; 3-Yeley-282; 4-Aaron Fike-244; 5-Gregory-193; 6-Lewis-190; 7-Chesson-174; 8-East-171; 9-Beach-159; 10-Paden-156.

NEXT NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: May 18 – Putnamville, IN – Lincoln Park Speedway – Put 100

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: May 18, 2002 – Putnamville, Indiana – Lincoln Park Speedway – Put 100

RACE POSTPONED DUE TO TRACK SURFACE SINK-HOLES FOLLOWING HEAVY RAINS

NEXT NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: May 25 – Indianapolis, IN – Indianapolis Raceway Park – Night Before the 500

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: May 25, 2001 – Indianapolis, Indiana – Indianapolis Raceway Park - 57th Night Before the 500

QUALIFYING: 1. Jason Leffler, 29, Tomassi-20.498; 2. James Chesson, 76, Chesson-20.810; 3. Bobby East, 19, Lewis-20.819; 4. Dave Darland, 9, Lewis-20.855; 5. Kasey Kahne, 9x, Lewis-20.860; 6. Michael Lewis, 11, Reed-20.958; 7. Steve Paden, 0, Farrier-20.968; 8. Chris Gabehart, 12, NG-21.092; 9. Ryan Scott, 17, Hartman-21.150; 10. John Nervo, 21, Nervo/Coggin-21.160; 11. Ron Gregory, 22, Irvin-21.176; 12. J.J. Yeley, 95, Covington-21.217; 13. Richey Jacobs, 114, Jacobs-21.265; 14. Cole Carter, 7, Carter-21.269; 15. A.J. Fike, 69, RFMS-21.292; 16. Dane Carter, 77, Carter-21.299; 17. Tracy Hines, 110, Wilke/Pak-21.358; 18. Teddy Beach, 25, Beach-21.386; 19. Josh Wise, 94x, Wise-21.392; 20. Aaron Fike, 32, RFMS-21.434; 21. Aaron Pierce, 26, Pierce-21.447; 22. Aaron Pollock, 64, Pollock-21.534; 23. A.J. Davis, 28, Owen-21.540; 24. Brad Kuhn, 20, Kuhn-21.549; 25. Johnny Rodriguez, 30, Tri-R-21.645; 26. Brian Gerster, 94, Stebbins/Davis-21.662; 27. Justin Overfelt, 78, Zephyr-21.733; 28. Brandon Hartsell, 111, Express-21.745; 29. Drew Pollock, 63, Pollock-21.771; 30. Travis Miniea, 07, Mico-21.785; 31. Tom Hessert, 5, Hessert-21.950; 32. Travis Welpott, 5x, Richardson-21.971; 33. Doug Cross, 41, Griffith-22.015; 34. Danny Ebberts, 44, Schlachter/Ebberts-22.183; 35. Jason Fuller, 68, Hilbert-22.420; 36. Joseph Poliszczuk, 8, Poliszczyk-22.783; 37. J.J. Yeley, 91, Lewis-NT.

QUALIFYING RACE #1: (12 laps) 1. Paden, 2. Gregory, 3. A.J. Fike, 4. Wise, 5. Hines, 6. Pierce, 7. Scott, 8. Davis, 9. D. Pollock, 10. Overfelt, 11. Rodriguez, 12. Jacobs, 13. Hessert, 14. Cross, 15. Fuller. 4:16.63

QUALIFYING RACE #2: (12 laps) 1. Nervo, 2. Gabehart, 3. Yeley, 4. Dane Carter, 5. Aaron Fike, 6. A Pollock, 7. Beach, 8. Kuhn, 9. Gerster, 10. Miniea, 11. Ebberts, 12. Hartsell, 13. Welpott, 14. Cole Carter, 15. Poliszczuk. NT

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Jason Leffler, 2. Kasey Kahne, 3. James Chesson, 4. Dave Darland, 5. Bobby East, 6. Michael Lewis, 7. Ron Gregory, 8. Ryan Scott, 9. Aaron Pierce, 10. Josh Wise, 11. Drew Pollock, 12. A.J. Fike, 13. Aaron Fike, 14. J.J. Yeley, 15. Brian Gerster, 16. Steve Paden, 17. Brad Kuhn, 18. Dane Carter, 19. John Nervo, 20. A.J. Davis, 21. Tracy Hines, 22. Teddy Beach, 23. Aaron Pollock, 24. Chris Gabehart. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-4 Kahne, East 5-26; Leffler 27-30, East 31-36, Leffler 37-50.

NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Darland-342; 2-Yeley-307; 3-Steele-299; 4-Aaron Fike-271; 5-Lewis-236; 6-Gregory-235; 7-Chesson-233; 8-East-223; 9-Paden-177; 10-Beach-172.

NEXT NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: June 19 - Attica, Ohio – Attica Raceway Park – Buckeye Nationals

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USAC MIDGET SPECIAL EVENT RACE RESULTS: June 15, 2002 – Anderson, Indiana – Anderson Speedway

QUALIFYING: 1. Bobby East, 4, Klatt-11.551; 2. Shane Hollingsworth, 85, Beauchamp-11.647; 3. Teddy Beach, 25, Beach-11.756; 4. Aaron Pierce, 26, Pierce-11.760; 5. Ron Gregory, 22, Irvin-11.831; 6. Richey Jacobs, 114, Jacobs-11.966; 7. Travis Welpott, 5, Richardson-12.022; 8. Barry Reed, 16, Reed-12.167; 9. Justin Overfelt, 78, Zephyr-12.168; 10. Shawn Norris, 4N, Norris-NT; 11. Danny Williams Jr., 80, Liphardt-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Beach, 2. East, 3. Welpott, 4. Gregory, 5. Overfelt. 1:34.36

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Jacobs, 2. Hollingsworth, 3. Pierce, 4. Reed, 5. Norris. 1:35.87

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Bobby East, 2. Teddy Beach, 3. Richey Jacobs, 4. Aaron Pierce, 5. Ron Gregory, 6. Shane Hollingsworth, 7. Barry Reed, 8. Travis Welpott, 9. Justin Overfelt, 10. Shawn Norris. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-10 Beach, Laps 11-30 East.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 19, 2002 – Attica, Ohio – Attica Raceway Park – Buckeye Nationals

QUALIFYING: 1. Jay Drake, 67, Kunz-16.094; 2. J.J. Yeley, 91, Lewis-16.160; 3. Brian Gerster, 94, Stebbins/Davis-16.225; 4. Dave Darland, 9, Lewis-16.268; 5. Matt Westfall, 73, Ellis-16.521; 6. Aaron Fike, 169, RFMS-16.592; 7. Tracy Hines, 110, Wilke/Pak-16.641; 8. Mike Hess, 51, Hess-16.830; 9. Critter Malone, 7m, Malone-16.887; 10. James Chesson, 76, Chesson-16.950; 11. Shane Hollingsworth, 85, Hollingsworth-17.003; 12. A.J. Fike, 69, RFMS-17.263; 13. Teddy Beach, 125, Beach-17.325; 14. Brad Kuhn, 20, Kuhn-17.329; 15. Rick Vaughn, 31, Trusty-17.364; 16. Matt Riemenschneider, 17x, Rieder-17.365; 17. Matt Brun, 128, Brun-17.375; 18. J.D. Turner, 53, Turner-17.404; 19. Bobby East, 4, Klatt-17.435; 20. Steve Paden, 0, Farrier-17.447; 21. John Wolfe, 3m, Morgan-17.478; 22. Ron Gregory, 22, Irvin-17.522; 23. John Nervo, 21, Nervo/Coggin-17.601; 24. Ryan Scott, 17, Hartman-17.634; 25. Marc Dailey, 2m, Mega-17.645; 26. Steve Buckwalter, 25, Venture-17.671; 27. Danny Ebberts, 44, Schlachter/Ebberts-17.693; 28. Tom Hessert, 5, Hessert-17.782; 29. Dan Boorse, 88, Boorse-17.792; 30. Dave Strickland Jr., 62, Klatt-17.998; 31. Ted Hines, 84, VanSteenwyk-18.069; 32. Joe Little, 57, Little-18.347; 33. Kurt Mayhew, 21k, Mayhew-18.351; 34. #19, Lewis-NT. (Aaron Fike, 32, RFMS-16.767-withdrawn).

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Boorse, 2. Brun, 3. Beach, 4. Westfall, 5. Malone, 6. Dailey, 7. Drake, 8. Mayhew, 9. Wolfe. NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Yeley, 2. Strickland, 3. Aaron Fike (#169), 4. Chesson, 5. Buckwalter, 6. Turner, 7. Kuhn, 8. Gregory. NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Ebberts, 2. Nervo, 3. East, 4. Ted Hines, 5. Tracy Hines, 6. Hollingsworth, 7. Gerster, 8. Vaughn. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Darland, 2. Paden, 3. Hessert, 4. Scott, 5. Hess, 6. Riemenschneider, 7. Little, 8. A.J. Fike. 2:11.01

SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Drake, 2. Hollingsworth, 3. Tracy Hines, 4. Riemenschneider, 5. Malone, 6. Little, 7. Dailey, 8. Gerster, 9. Hess, 10. A.J. Fike, 11. Turner, 12. Gregory, 13. Mayhew, 14. Wolfe, 15. Vaughn. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Aaron Fike (#169), 2. Dave Darland, 3. Jay Drake, 4. Tracy Hines, 5. J.J. Yeley, 6. Ryan Scott, 7. John Nervo, 8. Matt Riemenschneider, 9. Dave Strickland Jr., 10. Critter Malone, 11. Teddy Beach, 12. Tom Hessert, 13. Matt Brun, 14. Joe Little, 15. Matt Westfall, 16. James Chesson, 17. Bobby East, 18. Ron Gregory, 19. Ted Hines, 20. Steve Paden, 21. Danny Ebberts, 22. Shane Hollingsworth, 23. Dan Boorse. NT

\*\*Aaron Fike flipped during qualifying. Kuhn flipped during the second heat and was transported to Willard Mercy Hospital in Willard, Ohio for treatment of a possible concussion.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-29 Darland, Lap 30 Aaron Fike.

NEW NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Darland-408; 2-Yeley-366; 3-Aaron Fike-336; 4-Dave Steele-299; 5-Chesson-257; 6-Gregory-252; 7-East-246; 8-Michael Lewis-236; 9-Hines-208; 10-Beach-207.

NEXT NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: June 20 – Fremont, OH – The New Fremont Speedway – Buckeye Nationals

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 20, 2002 – Fremont, Ohio –Fremont Speedway – Buckeye Nationals

QUALIFYING: 1. Shane Hollingsworth, 85, Hollingsworth-15.992; 2. Jay Drake, 67, Kunz-16.143; 3. John Wolfe, 3m, Morgan-16.228; 4. Tracy Hines, 110, Wilke/Pak-16.290; 5. Matt Westfall, 73, Ellis-16.313; 6. Ron Gregory, 22, Irvin-16.330; 7. Rick Vaughn, 31, Trusty-16.332; 8. J.J. Yeley, 91, Lewis-16.368; 9. Mike Hess, 51, Hess-16.377; 10. J.D. Turner, 53, Turner-16.390; 11. Brian Gerster, 94, Stebbins/Davis-16.437; 12. A.J. Fike, 69, RFMS-16.447; 13. Ted Hines, 84, VanSteenwyk-

16.449; 14. Travis Miniea, 1x, Mico-16.462; 15. Aaron Fike, 32, RFMS-16.482; 16. Ryan Scott, 17, Hartman-16.487; 17. Teddy Beach, 125, Beach-16.490; 18. Dan Boorse, 88, Boorse-16.493; 19. Tom Hessert, 5, Hessert-16.499; 20. Matt Riemenschneider, 17x, Rieder-16.538; 21. Dave Darland, 9, Lewis-16.543; 22. Steve Buckwalter, 25, Venture-16.550; 23. Danny Ebberts, 44, Schlachter/Ebberts-16.550; 24. John Nervo, 21, Nervo/Coggin-16.555; 25. Kurt Mayhew, 21k, Mayhew-16.580; 26. John Toth, 10, Moore-16.686; 27. Steve Paden, 0, Farrier-16.723; 28. James Chesson, 76, Chesson-16.750; 29. Dave Strickland Jr., 62, Klatt-16.750; 30. Critter Malone, 7m, Malone-16.788; 31. Bobby East, 4, Klatt-16.888; 32. Joe Little, 57, Little-16.968; 33. Marc Dailey, 2x, Mega-17.040; 34. Chad Davenport, 43, Davenport-17.162; 35. Matt Brun, 128, Brun-17.306; 36. Marc Dailey, 2m, Mega-NT; 37. #19, Lewis-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Beach, 2. Mayhew, 3. Ted Hines, 4. Darland, 5. Hollingsworth, 6. Westfall, 7. Strickland, 8. Hess, 9. Dailey (#2x).

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Buckwalter, 2. Gregory, 3. Boorse, 4. Miniea, 5. Malone, 6. Davenport, 7. Toth, 8. Turner, 9. Drake, 2:21.51`

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Aaron Fike, 2. Hessert, 3. Ebberts, 4. East, 5. Gerster, 6. Wolfe, 7. Paden, 8. Brun, 9. Vaughn. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Little, 2. Riemenschneider, 3. Hines, 4. Chesson, 5. Yeley, 6. A.J. Fike, 7. Nervo, 8. Scott. NT

SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Hollingsworth, 2. Davenport, 3. Yeley, 4. Wolfe, 5. Hess, 6. Paden, 7. Malone, 8. A.J. Fike, 9. Westfall, 10. Brun, 11. Nervo, 12. Dailey, 13. Scott, 14. Vaughn, 15. Toth, 16. Turner, 17. Gerster, 18. Strickland. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. J.J. Yeley, 2. Bobby East, 3. Shane Hollingsworth, 4. Dave Darland, 5. James Chesson, 6. Mike Hess, 7. Tracy Hines, 8. Travis Miniea, 9. Steve Paden, 10. Aaron Fike, 11. Dan Boorse, 12. Tom Hessert, 13. Teddy Beach, 14. Matt Riemenschneider, 15. Chad Davenport, 16. John Nervo, 17. John Wolfe, 18. Ted Hines, 19. Joe Little, 20. Ron Gregory, 21. Kurt Mayhew, 22. Steve Buckwalter, 23. Danny Ebberts. NT

\*\*Drake flipped during the second heat. Strickland flipped during the semi.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Yeley.

NEW NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Darland-462; 2-Yeley-428; 3-Aaron Fike-375; 4-Chesson-308; 5-East-306; 6-Dave Steele-299; 7-Gregory-271; 8-Hines-257; 9-Beach-240; 10-Michael Lewis-236.

NEXT NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: June 21 – Lima, OH – Limaland Motorsports Park – Buckeye Nationals

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 21, 2002 – Lima, Ohio – Limaland Motorsports Park – Buckeye Nationals

QUALIFYING: 1. Tracy Hines, 110, Wilke/Pak-13.905; 2. Critter Malone, 7m, Malone-13.931; 3. Aaron Fike, 32, RFMS-13.981; 4. Ryan Scott, 17, Hartman-14.062; 5. Steve Paden, 0, Farrier-14.073; 6. A.J. Fike, 69, RFMS-14.109; 7. Dave Darland, 9, Lewis-14.116; 8. J.J. Yeley, 91, Lewis-14.185; 9. Brian Gerster, 94, Stebbins/Davis-14.208; 10. Mike Hess, 51, Hess-14.223; 11. Dave Strickland Jr., 4x, Klatt-14.232; 12. Bobby East, 4, Klatt-14.266; 13. Steve Buckwalter, 25, Venture-14.278; 14. Marc Dailey, 2m, Mega-14.328; 15. John Nervo, 21, Nervo/Coggin-14.350; 16. Ted Hines, 84, VanSteenwyk-14.355; 17. Tom Hessert, 5, Hessert-14.405; 18. Matt Westfall, 73, Ellis-14.406; 19. Wayne Chinn, 71, Chinn-14.425; 20. Rick Vaughn, 31, Trusty-14.430; 21. Kurt Mayhew, 21k, Mayhew-14.528; 22. James Chesson, 76, Chesson-14.615; 23. Teddy Beach, 125, Beach-14.690; 24. John Toth, 10, Moore-14.764; 25. Danny Ebberts, 44, Schlachter/Ebberts-14.789; 26. John Heydenreich, 95, Covington-14.838; 27. Thomas Briggs, 10x, Briggs-14.972; 28. Jerry Coons Jr., 24, Parker-14.990; 29. Ron Gregory, 22, Irvin-15.037; 30. Chad Davenport, 43, Davenport-15.038; 31. Matt Riemenschneider, 17x, Rieder-15.157; 32. Matt Brun, 128, Brun-15.330; 33. Teddy Beach, 25x, Beach-NT; 34. #19, Lewis-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Gerster, 2. Tracy Hines, 3. Mayhew, 4. Ebberts, 5. Hessert, 6. Gregory, 7. Paden, 8.; Buckwalter. NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Chesson, 2. Hess, 3. Dailey, 4. Westfall, 5. A.J. Fike, 6. Malone, 7. Heydenreich, 8. Davenport. NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Darland, 2. Aaron Fike, 3. Nervo, 4. Strickland, 5. Riemenschneider, 6. Beach, 7. Chinn, 8. Briggs.  
NT

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Yeley, 2. Ted Hines, 3. Coons, 4. Scott, 5. Vaughn, 6. East, 7. Brun, 8. Toth. 1:56.29

SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Malone, 2. A.J. Fike, 3. Paden, 4. Gregory, 5. Hessert, 6. East, 7. Vaughn, 8. Chinn, 9. Beach (#25x), 10. Toth, 11. Davenport, 12. Briggs, 13. Brun, 14. Heydenreich, 15. Riemenschneider. 2:58.34

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. A.J. Fike, 2. Jerry Coons Jr., 3. Brian Gerster, 4. Bobby East, 5. Dave Strickland Jr., 6. James Chesson, 7. Ron Gregory, 8. Critter Malone, 9. Tom Hessert, 10. Steve Paden, 11. Tracy Hines, 12. Aaron Fike, 13. John Nervo, 14. Ted Hines, 15. Ryan Scott, 16. Kurt Mayhew, 17. Mike Hess, 18. Marc Dailey, 19. Matt Westfall, 20. Danny Ebberts. (NOTE: Cars driven by Dave Darland and J.J. Yeley disqualified for failing to pass post-race technical inspection after finishing first and second) NT

\*\*Buckwalter flipped during the first heat. Hess flipped on lap 18 of the feature. Nervo flipped on lap 26 of the feature.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-10 A.J. Fike, Laps 11-26 Tracy Hines, Laps 27-30 A.J. Fike.

NEW NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Darland-468; 2-Yeley-434; 3-Aaron Fike-413; 4-Chesson-359; 5-East-357; 6-Gregory-314; 7-Tracy Hines-299; 8-Dave Steele-299; 9-Aden-268; 10-Beach-242.

NEXT NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: June 22 – Rossburg, OH – Eldora Speedway – Buckeye Nationals

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 22, 2002 – Rossburg, Ohio – Eldora Speedway – Buckeye Nationals

QUALIFYING: 1. Dave Darland, 9, Lewis-16.442; 2. Jerry Coons Jr., 24, Parker-16.628; 3. Tracy Hines, 110, Wilke/Pak-16.633; 4. James Chesson, 76, Chesson-16.670; 5. J.J. Yeley, 91, Lewis-16.698; 6. Marc Dailey, 2m, Mega-16.754; 7. Steve Paden, 0, Farrier-16.772; 8. Ted Hines, 84, VanSteenwyk-16.794; 9. Aaron Fike, 32, RFMS-16.816; 10. Matt Westfall, 54, Westfall-16.834; 11. A.J. Fike, 69, RFMS-16.844; 12. Brian Gerster, 94, Stebbins/Davis-16.926; 13. John Nervo, 21, Nervo/Coggin-17.002; 14. Mark Freeland, 4F, McKeenan-17.047; 15. Danny Ebberts, 44, Schlachter/Ebberts-17.108; 16. Ron Gregory, 22, Irvin-17.147; 17. Teddy Beach, 125, Beach-17.175; 18. Ryan Scott, 17, Hartman-17.275; 19. Tom Hessert, 5, Hessert-17.328; 20. Chad Davenport, 43, Davenport-18.149; 21. Steve Buckwalter, 25, Venture-NT; 22. Brad Kuhn, 2x, Mega-NT; 23. Dave Darland, 19, Lewis-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Paden, 2. Gregory, 3. Westfall, 4. Chesson, 5. Darland, 6. Nervo. NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. A.J. Fike, 2. Yeley, 3. Ted Hines, 4. Coons, 5. Freeland, 6. Davenport. NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Ebberts, 2. Aaron Fike, 3. Tracy Hines, 4. Scott, 5. Gerster, 6. Dailey.

FEATURE: (25 laps) 1. J.J. Yeley, 2. Tracy Hines, 3. Steve Paden, 4. Aaron Fike, 5. Ted Hines, 6. Matt Westfall, 7. Brian Gerster, 8. Ron Gregory, 9. Jerry Coons Jr., 10. Ryan Scott, 11. Chad Davenport, 12. Danny Ebberts, 13. James Chesson, 14. Marc Dailey, 15. John Nervo, 16. A.J. Fike, 17. Dave Darland (#19), 18. Mark Freeland, 19. Brad Kuhn, 20. Teddy Beach. NT

\*\*Darland flipped during the first heat race.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Paden, Laps 2-25 Yeley.

NEW NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Yeley-501; 2-Darland-495; 3-Aaron Fike-469; 4-Chesson-392; 5-Tracy Hines-364; 6-Gregory-358; 7-Bobby East-357; 8-Aden-328; 9-Dave Steele-299; 10-A.J. Fike-257.

NEXT NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: July 3 – Terre Haute, IN – Terre Haute Action Track – 51st Hut Hundred

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 3, 2002 – Terre Haute, Indiana – Terre Haute Action Track – 51st Hut Hundred Presented by Clabber Girl, Terre Haute First National Bank & the Terre Haute Convention & Visitors Bureau

QUALIFYING: 1. Brian Gerster, 94, Stebbins/Davis-21.776; 2. Aaron Fike, 32, RFMS-21.820; 3. Jason Leffler, 67, Kunz-21.838; 4. Tracy Hines, 110, Wilke/Pak-21.849; 5. Dave Darland, 9, Lewis-21.908; 6. Travis Miniea, 1x, Mico-21.925; 7. Mike Hess, 51, Hess-21.926; 8. Ryan Scott, 17, Hartman-21.930; 9. Bobby East, 4, Klatt-21.934; 10. Steve Paden, 0, Farrier-21.967; 11. Clay Klepper, 17x, Hartman-22.027; 12. J.J. Yeley, 91, Lewis-22.081; 13. Craig Carey, 30, Carey-22.169; 14. Dane Carter, 7, Carter-22.172; 15. Marc Dailey, 2m, Mega-22.189; 16. James Chesson, 76, Chesson-22.193; 17. Davey Ray, 2, HMK-22.224; 18. Jerry Coons Jr., 24, Parker-22.266; 19. Ted Hines, 84, VanSteenwyk-22.289; 20. Rich Camfield, 87, Camfield-22.290; 21. Ron Gregory, 22, Irvin-22.303; 22. A.J. Fike, 69, RFMS-22.437; 23. Bill Baue, 10, Baue-22.443; 24. Teddy Beach, 125, Beach-22.592; 25. Mat Neely, 17n, Neely-22.639; 26. John Nervo, 21, Nervo/Coggin-22.660; 27. Critter Malone, 7m, Malone-22.683; 28. Danny Ebberts, 44, Schlachter/Ebberts-22.733; 29. Matt Westfall, 125x, Beach-22.780; 30. Tom Hessert, 5, Hessert-22.800; 31. Brad Kuhn, 20, Kuhn-22.882; 32. Dave Camfield Jr., 86, Camfield-23.116; 33. Joe Little, 57, Little-23.269; 34. John Wolfe, 3m, Morgan-23.828.

QUALIFYING RACE #1: (10 laps) 1. Paden, 2. A.J. Fike, 3. Yeley, 4. Chesson, 5. Hessert, 6. Carter, 7. Beach, 8. Ebberts, 9. Rich Camfield, 10. Dave Camfield Jr., 11. Coons, 12. Nervo. NT

QUALIFYING RACE #2: (10 laps) 1. Ted Hines, 2. Carey, 3. Westfall, 4. Dailey, 5. Ray, 6. Klepper, 7. Baue, 8. Malone, 9. Gregory, 10. Neely, 11. Little, 12. Kuhn. 3:47.87

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Mike Hess, 2. Dave Darland, 3. J.J. Yeley, 4. Jason Leffler, 5. Critter Malone, 6. Danny Ebberts, 7. Clay Klepper, 8. John Nervo, 9. Dane Carter, 10. Matt Westfall, 11. A.J. Fike, 12. Ted Hines, 13. Aaron Fike, 14. Rich Camfield, 15. Bill Baue, 16. James Chesson, 17. Joe Little, 18. Davey Ray, 19. Steve Paden, 20. Jerry Coons Jr., 21. Ryan Scott, 22. Craig Carey, 23. Marc Dailey, 24. Teddy Beach, 25. Brian Gerster, 26. Ron Gregory, 27. Dave Camfield Jr., 28. Tracy Hines, 29. Bobby East, 30. Travis Miniea, 31. Brad Kuhn, 32. Tom Hessert, 33. Mat Neely. 1:01:11.08

\*\*Hessert flipped on the 1st lap of the feature. Scott flipped on the 74th lap of the feature.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-5 Gerster, Lap 6 Scott, Lap 7 Darland, Laps 8-13 Scott, Laps 14-16 Yeley, Laps 17-40 Darland, Laps 41-65 Yeley, Laps 66-100 Hess.

NEW NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Yeley-555; 2-Darland-554; 3-Aaron Fike-501; 4-Chesson-413; 5-Tracy Hines-380; 6-Gregory-271; 7-East-370; 8-Aden-343; 9-Dave Steele-299; 10-Nervo-288.

NEXT NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: July 30 – Lincoln, Neb. – Eagle Raceway

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USAC MIDGET SPECIAL EVENT RACE RESULTS: July 14, 2002 – Kokomo, Indiana – Kokomo Speedway

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. A.J. Anderson (#5x Sears), 2. Tony Stewart (#71 Kunz), 3. Brad Kuhn (#20 Kuhn), 4. Critter Malone (#7m Malone), 5. Matt Brun (#28 Brun), 6. Michael Bridges (#21 MB), 7. Matt Sandy (#16 Sandy). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Shane Hollingsworth (#85 Hollingsworth), 2. Tony Elliott (#29 Tomassi), 3. Danny Ebberts (#44 Schlachter/Ebberts), 4. Brad Paris (#36 Paris), 5. Tom Hessert (#5 Hessert), 6. Jason Fuller (#68 Hilbert). NT

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Shane Hollingsworth, 2. Tony Elliott, 3. Critter Malone, 4. A.J. Anderson, 5. Brad Kuhn, 6. Danny Ebberts, 7. Brad Paris, 8. Michael Bridges, 9. Tony Stewart, 10. Jason Fuller, 11. Matt Brun, 12. Tom Hessert, 13. Matt Sandy. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Elliott, Laps 2-4 Hollingsworth, Lap 5 Stewart, Laps 6-30 Hollingsworth.

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USAC MIDGET SPECIAL EVENT RACE RESULTS: July 27, 2002 – Putnamville, Indiana – Lincoln Park Speedway

HEAT RACE: (8 laps) 1. Brad Kuhn (#20 Kuhn), 2. Matt Sandy (#16 Sandy), 3. A.J. Felker (#37 Felker), 4. Wayne Chinn (#71 Chinn), 5. Michael Bridges (#21 MB), 6. Steve Stroud (#21s Stroud), 7. David Bridges (#11 MB), 8. Cole Carter (#7 Carter). NT

FEATURE: (25 laps – Halted after 12 due to accident) 1. A.J. Felker, 2. Cole Carter, 3. Brad Kuhn, 4. Matt Sandy, 5. David Bridges, 6. Michael Bridges, 7. Steve Stroud, 8. Wayne Chinn. NT

\*\*Michael Bridges flipped on the 13th lap of the feature and was transported to the hospital for a precautionary check.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-12 Felker.

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USAC NATIONAL/WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 30, 2002 – Lincoln Nebraska – Eagle Raceway

QUALIFYING: 1. Danny Ebberts, 44, Schlachter/Ebberts-14.317; 2. Shane Scully, 56, Scully-14.335; 3. Danny Stratton, 63, Pinkston-14.342; 4. Steve Paden, 0, Farrier-14.369; 5. Aaron Fike, 32, RFMS-14.372; 6. J.J. Yeley, 91, Lewis-14.379; 7. Dave Darland, 9, Lewis-14.393; 8. Scott Hatton, 15x, Huston-14.443; 9. Keith Rauch, 71x, H & H-14.473; 10. Jason Leffler, 67, Kunz-14.476; 11. A.J. Fike, 69, RFMS-14.526; 12. Josh Wise, 94, Wise-14.536; 13. Mike Hess, 51, Hess-14.541; 14. Ryan Durst, 51x, Durst/Klatt-14.543; 15. James Chesson, 76, Chesson-14.593; 16. Wally Pankratz, 8, Pankratz-14.597; 17. Bobby East, 4, Klatt-14.626; 18. Tony Rossi, 14, Rossi-14.641; 19. Dave Strickland Jr., 62, Klatt-14.643; 20. Tom Hessert, 5, Hessert-14.656; 21. Van Knill, 43, Knill-14.665; 22. Marc Dailey, 2m, Mega-14.671; 23. Tracy Hines, 11x, Wilke-Pak-14.691; 24. Ron Gregory, 22, Irvin-14.739; 25. Craig Carey, 30, Carey-14.741; 26. Teddy Beach, 125, Beach-14.741; 27. Greg Lueckert, 01, Lueckert-14.745; 28. Chad Farmer, 25F, Farmer-14.769; 29. Jerome Rodela, 25x, Rodela-14.802; 30. Brad Kuhn, 20, Kuhn-14.816; 31. Dave Camfield Jr., 86, Camfield-14.901; 32. Robby Flock, 76x, Fontana-14.923; 33. Donnie Lehmann, 31, Lehmann-14.952; 34. Matt Westfall, 95, Wis-Co-14.972; 35. Glenn Carson, 26, Bock-15.041; 36. Steve Knepper, 55, Knepper-15.044; 37. Joe Little, 57, Little-15.100; 38. Joe Boyles, 7B, Boyles-15.172; 39. Dean Franklin, 5x, Meents-15.909; 40. Dave Camfield, 94x, Camfield-16.182; 41. Chris Deshon, 51D, Faith Ent.-16.866; 42. Kevin Doty, 50, Doty-NT; 43. Tim Siner, 15, Siner-NT; 44. Rich Camfield, 87, Camfield-NT; 45. Tracy Hines, 110, Wilke-Pak-NT; 46. Mike Farmer, 16, Farmer-NT.

QUALIFYING RACE: (8 laps) 1. Westfall, 2. Lehmann, 3. Little, 4. Carson, 5. Rich Camfield, 6. Boyles, 7. Franklin, 8. Dave Camfield, 9. Deshon. 1:59.04

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Aaron Fike, 2. Ebberts, 3. Westfall, 4. Carey, 5. Knepper, 6. East, 7. Rodela, 8. Rauch, 9. Rich Camfield, 10. Knill, 11. Hess. NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Leffler, 2. Yeley, 3. Beach, 4. Dailey, 5. Lehmann, 6. Kuhn, 7. Durst, 8. Boyles, 9. Scully, 10. Rossi. NT

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Hines (#11x), 2. Darland, 3. Lueckert, 4. A.J. Fike, 5. Stratton, 6. Chesson, 7. Little, 8. Dave Camfield Jr., 9. Franklin, 10. Strickland. 2:33.08

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Wise, 2. Paden, 3. Gregory, 4. Hatton, 5. Flock, 6. Pankratz, 7. Chad Farmer, 8. Hessert, 9. Dave Camfield Jr.. NT

SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Scully, 2. Rauch, 3. Strickland, 4. Pankratz, 5. Durst, 6. Kuhn, 7. Hessert, 8. Hess, 9. Carson, 10. Chesson, 11. Little, 12. Knepper, 13. Rodela, 14. Lehmann, 15. Chad Farmer, 16. Dave Camfield Jr., 17. Flock, 18. Stratton, 19. East, 20. Rossi, 21. Knill. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Tracy Hines, 2. Dave Darland, 3. Jason Leffler, 4. Josh Wise, 5. Steve Paden, 6. J.J. Yeley, 7. Aaron Fike, 8. Craig Carey, 9. Shane Scully, 10. Matt Westfall, 11. Danny Ebberts, 12. Dave Strickland Jr., 13. Brad Kuhn, 14. Greg Lueckert, 15. Marc Dailey, 16. Teddy Beach, 17. Ron Gregory, 18. Keith Rauch, 19. A.J. Fike, 20. Wally Pankratz, 21. Ryan Durst, 22. Scott Hatton. NT

\*\*Lehmann flipped during the semi.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-29 Darland, Laps 30-40 Hines.

NEW NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Darland-616; 2-Yeley-606; 3-Aaron Fike-551; 4-Hines-446; 5-Chesson-414; 6-Aden-399; 7-Gregory-394; 8-East-371; 9-A.J. Fike-306; 10-Dave Steele-299.

NEW WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Scully-538; 2-Flock-424; 3-Stratton-386; 4-Rodela-363; 5-Pankratz-333; 6-Matt Rossi-266; 7-Knill-242; 8-Dallen McKenney-236; 9-John Sarale-224; 10-Wise-213.

NEXT NATIONAL/WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE: August 1 - Belleville, KS - Belleville High Banks

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USAC NATIONAL/WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 1, 2002 – Belleville, Kansas - Belleville High Banks – 25th Belleville Midget Nationals / Eddie Jackson Classic

QUALIFYING: 1. Mike Hess, 51, Hess-18.555; 2. Ryan Scott, 14, Ryno-18.649; 3. Keith Rauch, 71x, H & H-18.725; 4. Davey Ray, 2, Kittleson-18.754; 5. Dave Strickland Jr., 62, Klatt-18.783; 6. Steve Paden, 0, Farrier-18.786; 7. Scott Hatton, 15, Huston-18.896; 8. Josh Wise, 29, Tomassi-18.918; 9. Joe Boyles, 7B, Boyles-18.963; 10. Steve Knepper, 5D, Conklin-18.997; 11. Kevin Doty, 50, Doty-18.997; 12. A.J. Fike, 69, RFMS-19.071; 13. Van Knill, 43, Knill-19.089; 14. Bob Haar, 12, Halaar-19.173; 15. Danny Ebberts, 44, Schlachter/Ebberts-19.179; 16. Brian Gerster, 94, Stebbins/Davis-19.180; 17. Tom Hessert, 5, Hessert-19.238; 18. Ron Gregory, 22, Irvin-19.284; 19. Marc Dailey, 2m, Mega-19.397; 20. Steve Buckwalter, 25, Venture-19.420; 21. Jeremy Farmer, 25F, Farmer-19.498; 22. Craig Carey, 30, Carey-19.500; 23. Dave Camfield Jr., 86, Camfield-19.518; 24. Rick England, 12C, Coleman-19.679; 25. Dave Camfield, 94c, Wilson-20.631; 26. Bill Eslick, 24, Eslick-NT; 27. Robby Flock, 76x, Fontana-NT; 28. James Chesson, 76, Chesson-NT; 29. Donnie Lehmann, 31, Lehmann-NT; 30. Brad Kuhn, 20, Kuhn-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Hess, 2. Hessert, 3. Knill, 4. Jeremy Farmer, 5. Boyles, 6. Dave Camfield Jr., 7. Strickland. 2:37.00

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Scott, 2. Carey, 3. Knepper, 4. Paden, 5. Haar, 6. Eslick. NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Ebberts, 2. Doty, 3. Dailey, 4. Rauch, 5. Hatton, 6. Dave Camfield Jr. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. A.J. Fike, 2. Gerster, 3. Wise, 4. Buckwalter, 5. Ray, 6. England. 2:24.63

TROPHY DASH: (6 laps) 1. A.J. Fike, 2. Ebberts, 3. Hess, 4. Ray, 5. Scott, 6. Strickland. 1:55.03

FEATURE: (15 laps – shortened from 25 laps due to track conditions) 1. Ryan Scott, 2. A.J. Fike, 3. Dave Strickland Jr., 4. Brian Gerster, 5. Keith Rauch, 6. Mike Hess, 7. Davey Ray, 8. Craig Carey, 9. Tom Hessert, 10. Danny Ebberts, 11. Steve Knepper, 12. Steve Buckwalter, 13. Josh Wise, 14. Van Knill, 15. Jeremy Farmer, 16. Joe Boyles, 17. Kevin Doty, 18. Rick England, 19. Scott Hatton, 20. Bill Eslick, 21. Marc Dailey, 22. Dave Camfield. NT

\*\*Dave Camfield Jr. flipped during the third heat.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-11 A.J. Fike, Laps 12-15 Scott.

NEXT NATIONAL/WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE: August 2 - Belleville, KS - Belleville High Banks

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USAC NATIONAL/WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 2, 2002 – Belleville, Kansas - Belleville High Banks – 25th Belleville Midget Nationals / Stan Fox Classic

QUALIFYING: 1. Tracy Hines, 110, Wilke-Pak-18.732; 2. J.J. Yeley, 91, Lewis-18.733; 3. Danny Stratton, 63, Pinkston-18.812; 4. Jay Drake, 71, Kunz-18.813; 5. Jerry Coons Jr., 2D, Kittleson-18.834; 6. Robby Flock, 76x, Fontana-18.986; 7. Dave Darland, 9, Lewis-19.196; 8. Teddy Beach, 125, Beach-19.201; 9. Wally Pankratz, 8, Pankratz-19.201; 10. Ed Carpenter, 4x, Klatt-19.495; 11. Matt Westfall, 95, Wis-Co-19.513; 12. Brad Kuhn, 20, Kuhn-19.699; 13. Donnie Lehmann, 31, Lehmann-19.701; 14. Jerome Rodela, 25x, Rodela-19.716; 15. Shane Scully, 56, Scully-19.803; 16. Glenn Carson, 26, Bock-19.873; 17. Aaron Fike, 32, RFMS-19.882; 18. Nick Lundgreen, 40x, Carner-19.909; 19. Bobby East, 4, Klatt-20.074; 20. Joe Little, 57, Little-20.308; 21. Steve Paden, 01, Farrier-20.453; 22. Tony Rossi, 14x, Rossi-20.667; 23. Dean Franklin, 5x, Meents-20.766; 24. Dave Camfield Jr., 55, Knepper-21.041; 25. Bryon Walters, 78, Camfield-21.499; 26. Chris Deshon, 51x, Faith Ent.-21.981; 27. Wade Huston, 15H, Huston-22.716; 28. Rich Camfield, 87, Camfield-NT; 29. Matt Rossi, 40, Victory Lane-NT; 30. #67, Kunz-NT.31. #76T, Fontana-NT.32. #19, Lewis-NT; 33. #94x, Wise-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. East, 2. Tony Rossi, 3. Drake, 4. Carpenter, 5. Hines, 6. Carson, 7. Darland, 8. Rodela. 2:31.96

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Aaron Fike, 2. Westfall, 3. Yeley, 4. Beach, 5. Deshon, 6. Franklin, 7. Little, 8. Coons. 2:32.60

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Paden, 2. Pankratz, 3. Stratton, 4. Flock, 5. Lundgreen, 6. Dave Camfield Jr., 7. Kuhn, 8. Rich Camfield, 9. Scully. 2:33.86

TROPHY DASH: (6 laps) 1. East, 2. Paden, 3. Stratton, 4. Aaron Fike, 5. Hines, 6. Yeley. 1:53.45

SEMI: (9 laps) 1. Darland, 2. Rodela, 3. Carson, 4. Little, 5. Kuhn, 6. Rich Camfield, 7. Franklin. 2:52.82

FEATURE: (25 laps) 1. Bobby East, 2. Steve Paden, 3. Dave Darland, 4. Jay Drake, 5. Matt Westfall, 6. Wally Pankratz, 7. Ed Carpenter, 8. Danny Stratton, 9. Jerome Rodela, 10. Chris Deshon, 11. Tony Rossi, 12. Dean Franklin, 13. Rich Camfield, 14. J.J. Yeley, 15. Teddy Beach, 16. Aaron Fike, 17. Glenn Carson, 18. Joe Little, 19. Tracy Hines, 20. Robby Flock, 21. Brad Kuhn. NT

\*\*Scully flipped over the guardrail in turn 1 during the third heat. He was transported to Republic County Hospital, then transferred to Wesley Medical Center in Wichita, Kans., for treatment of a fractured finger, bruised knee and a concussion. Carpenter flipped on the second lap of the feature. Hines flipped on the fourth lap of the feature. Yeley flipped on the 20th lap of the feature and was transported to Republic County Hospital for a check-up.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-25 East.

NEW NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Darland-674; 2-Yeley-640; 3-Aaron Fike-578; 4-Hines-469; 5-East-437; 6-James Chesson-414; 7-Aden-403; 8-Ron Gregory-394; 9-A.J. Fike-369; 10-Beach-319.

NEW WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Scully-538; 2-Flock-441; 3-Stratton-433; 4-Rodela-402; 5-Pankratz-383; 6-Van Knill-271; 7-Matt Rossi-266; 8-Josh Wise-244; 9-Dallen McKenney-236; 10-John Sarale-224.

NEXT NATIONAL/WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE: August 3 - Belleville, KS - Belleville High Banks

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USAC NATIONAL/WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 3, 2002 – Belleville, Kansas - Belleville High Banks – 25th Belleville Midget Nationals

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Jerome Rodela (#25x Rodela), 2. Marc Dailey, #2m Mega), 3. Joe Boyles (#7B Boyles), 4. Keith Rauch (#71x H & H), 5. Jason Leffler (#67 Kunz), 6. Mike Hess (#51 Hess), 7. Van Knill (#43 Knill), 8. Joe Little (#57 Little). 2:31.82

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Ed Carpenter (#4x Klatt), 2. Scott Hatton (#15 Huston), 3. Danny Ebberts (#44 Schlachter/Ebberts), 4. Tracy Hines (#11x Wilke-Pak), 5. Steve Knepper (#5D Conklin), 6. Teddy Beach (#125 Beach), 7. Tom Hessert (#5 Hessert), 8. Bill Eslick (#24 Eslick). 2:32.26

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Danny Stratton (#63 Pinkston), 2. Davey Ray (#2 Kittleson), 3. Kevin Doty (#50 Doty), 4. Matt Westfall (#95 Wis-Co), 5. Glenn Carson (#26 Bock), 6. Wally Pankratz (#8 Pankratz), 7. Craig Carey (#30 Carey), 8. Ron Gregory (#25T Beach). NT

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Josh Wise (#29 Tomassi), 2. Aaron Fike (#32 RFMS), 3. Matt Hummel (#0x Farrier), 4. Dean Franklin (#5x Meents), 5. Tony Rossi (#14x Rossi), 6. Steve Buckwalter (#25 Venture), 7. Chris Deshon (#51x Faith Ent.), 8. Rick England (#12C Coleman). NT

FIFTH HEAT (Pole Dash – 10 laps) 1. Jay Drake (#71 Kunz), 2. Dave Darland (#9 Lewis), 3. Steve Paden (#01 Farrier), 4. A.J. Fike (#69 RFMS), 5. Dave Strickland Jr., (#62 Klatt), 6. Brian Gerster (#94 Stebbins/Davis), 7. Bobby East (#4 Klatt), 8. Ryan Scott (#14 Ryno). 3:13.57

SEMI: (15 laps) 1. Hines, 2. Rauch, 3. Leffler, 4. Westfall, 5. Knepper, 6. Beach, 7. Franklin, 8. Buckwalter, 9. Pankratz, 10. Tony Rossi, 11. Hessert, 12. Hess, 13. Little, 14. Deshon, 15. Carson, 16. England, 17. Knill, 18. Carey. 4:48.65

ALSO AT THE TRACK: Jeremy Farmer (#25F Farmer).

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Dave Darland, 2. Bobby East, 3. Steve Paden, 4. Scott Hatton, 5. Davey Ray, 6. Aaron Fike, 7. Kevin Doty, 8. Dave Strickland Jr., 9. Steve Knepper, 10. Joe Boyles, 11. Jerome Rodela, 12. Ed Carpenter, 13. Josh Wise, 14. Matt Westfall, 15. A.J. Fike, 16. Brian Gerster, 17. Danny Ebberts, 18. Keith Rauch, 19. Danny Stratton, 20. Tracy Hines, 21. Jay Drake, 22. Marc Dailey, 23. Jason Leffler, 24. Ryan Scott, 25. Matt Hummel. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-13 Drake, Laps 14-40 Darland.

NEW NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Darland-739; 2-J.J. Yeley-640; 3-Aaron Fike-628; 4-East-494; 5-Hines-485; 6-Aden-461; 7-James Chesson-414; 8-A.J. Fike-395; 9-Gregory-394; 10-Teddy Beach-319.

NEW WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Shane Scully-538; 2-Stratton-456; 3-Robby Flock-441; 4-Rodela-433; 5-Pankratz-383; 6-Wise-277; 7-Knill-271; 8-Matt Rossi-266; 9-Darland-242; 10-Dallen McKenney-236.

NEXT NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: August 10 – Salem (IN) Speedway

NEXT WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE: August 10 – Perris (CA) Auto Speedway

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 10, 2002 – Salem, Indiana – Salem Speedway – 43rd Joe James-Pat O'Connor Classic

QUALIFYING: 1. Dave Steele, 29, Tomassi-15.944; 2. J.J. Yeley, 91, Lewis-16.043; 3. Bobby East, 19, Lewis-16.080; 4. Tracy Hines, 110, Wilke-Pak-16.137; 5. Dave Darland, 9, Lewis-16.154; 6. John Nervo, 21, Nervo/Coggin-16.154; 7. Dane Carter, 77, Carter-16.223; 8. Aaron Fike, 32, RFMS-16.310; 9. Teddy Beach, 125, Beach-16.391; 10. Justin Overfelt, 78, Zephyr-16.400; 11. Tony Ave, 2, Steele-16.530; 12. A.J. Fike, 69, RFMS-16.574; 13. Chris Gabehart, 12, NG-16.580; 14. Ron Gregory, 22, Irvin-16.666; 15. A.J. Felker, 55, Line-16.831; 16. Aaron Pollock, 64, Pollock-16.858; 17. Richey Jacobs, 114, Jacobs-16.961; 18. Danny Ebberts, 44, Schlachter/Ebberts-17.117; 19. Barry Reed, 28, Owen-17.283; 20. Steve Paden, 0, Farrier-18.053; 21. Drew Pollock, 63, Pollock-NT; 22. Rick Koehler, 37, Felker-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Hines, 2. Aaron Pollock, 3. Steele, 4. Overfelt, 5. Carter, 6. Reed, 7. Gabehart. 2:12.54

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Aaron Fike, 2. Yeley, 3. Ave, 4. Darland, 5. Gregory, 6. Jacobs, 7. Paden. 2:13.98

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Felker, 2. A.J. Fike, 3. East, 4. Ebberts, 5. Beach, 6. Nervo. 2:13.57

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Carter, 2. Nervo, 3. Beach, 4. Gabehart, 5. Gregory, 6. Jacobs, 7. Paden. 3:32.91

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Dave Darland, 2. Dave Steele, 3. Tony Ave, 4. John Nervo, 5. Tracy Hines, 6. A.J. Fike, 7. Aaron Fike, 8. Ron Gregory, 9. Bobby East, 10. J.J. Yeley, 11. Teddy Beach, 12. A.J. Felker, 13. Richey Jacobs, 14. Chris Gabehart, 15. Danny Ebberts, 16. Barry Reed, 17. Aaron Pollock, 18. Dane Carter, 19. Justin Overfelt, 20. Steve Paden, 21. Rick Koehler. NT

\*\*Beach flipped on the 30th lap of the feature.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Darland.

NEW NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Darland-804; 2-Yeley-683; 3-Aaron Fike-676; 4-Hines-542; 5-East-538; 6-Paden-474; 7-A.J. Fike-445; 8-Gregory-433; 9-James Chesson-414; 10-Steele-366.

NEXT NATIONAL/WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE: August 24 – Granite City, IL – Tri-City Speedway – Bob Wente Classic

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 24, 2002 – Granite City, Illinois – Tri-City Speedway – Bob Wente Classic

QUALIFYING: 1. Sarah McCune, 8, McCune-20.830; 2. Aaron Fike, 32, RFMS-20.857; 3. Mike Hess, 51, Hess-20.938; 4. Tracy Hines, 110, Wilke-Pak-20.971; 5. Steve Paden, 0, Farrier-20.979; 6. Brian Gerster, 169, RFMS-21.025; 7. Joe Boyles, 7B, Boyles-21.050; 8. Dave Darland, 9, Lewis-21.055; 9. J.J. Yeley, 91, Lewis-21.145; 10. Craig Carey, 30, Carey-21.204; 11. Bobby East, 4, Klatt-21.210; 12. Ron Gregory, 22, Irvin-21.211; 13. Ryan Scott, 14, Ryno-21.212; 14. A.J. Fike, 69, RFMS-21.242; 15. Teddy Beach, 125, Beach-21.319; 16. Greg Lueckert, 01, Lueckert-21.425; 17. Danny Ebberts, 44, Schlachter/Ebberts-21.477; 18. Donnie Lehmann, 31, Lehmann-21.580; 19. Rich Camfield, 87, Camfield-21.589; 20. Joe Little, 57, Little-21.677; 21. Tyce Carlson, 131, Lehmann-21.738; 22. Tim Siner, 15, Siner-22.045; 23. Steve Knepper, 55, Knepper-22.060; 24. Davey Camfield, 86, Camfield-22.111; 25. Chad Branson, 44B, Branson-22.138; 26. Steve Stroud, 21,

Stroud-22.318; 27. Brad Kuhn, 20, Kuhn-22.651; 28. Dave Camfield, 94, Wilson-23.224; 29. Wally McDuffey, 33, McDuffey-23.334; 30. Mike Cray, 88, Cray-23.786.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Paden, 2. Yeley, 3. Scott, 4. McCune, 5. Ebberts, 6. Lehmann (#131), 7. Branson, 8. McDuffey, 2:53.41

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Aaron Fike, 2. Gerster, 3. Carey, 4. Siner, 5. Cray, 6. A.J. Fike, 7. Stroud. NT

THIRD HEAT: (5 laps) 1. Rich Camfield, 2. Boyles, 3. East, 4. Knepper, 5. Beach, 6. Hess, 7. Kuhn. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Hines, 2. Gregory, 3. Darland, 4. Lueckert, 5. Little, 6. Dave Camfield, 7. Davey Camfield. NT

SEMI: (9 laps) 1. A.J. Fike, 2. Lehmann (#131), 3. Little, 4. McDuffey, 5. Branson, 6. Carlson (#31), 7. Ebberts, 8. Cray, 9. Dave Camfield, 10. Kuhn. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. J.J. Yeley, 2. Tracy Hines, 3. Dave Darland, 4. Aaron Fike, 5. Brian Gerster, 6. A.J. Fike, 7. Sarah McCune, 8. Joe Boyles, 9. Greg Lueckert, 10. Rich Camfield, 11. Donnie Lehmann (#131), 12. Steve Paden, 13. Joe Little, 14. Ron Gregory, 15. Chad Branson, 16. Steve Knepper, 17. Bobby East, 18. Craig Carey, 19. Wally McDuffey, 20. Ryan Scott, 21. Tim Siner, 22. Tyce Carlson (#31). NT

\*\*Gregory flipped over the guardrail during practice. Beach flipped during the third heat.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-13 Hines, Laps 14-30 Yeley.

NEW NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Darland-862; 2-Yeley-748; 3-Aaron Fike-738; 4-Hines-608; 5-East-561; 6-Aden-511; 7-A.J. Fike-494; 8-Gregory-463; 9-James Chesson-414; 10-Dave Steele-366.

NEXT NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: August 31 – Marne, MI – Berlin Raceway

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 31, 2002 – Marne, Michigan – Berlin Raceway

QUALIFYING: 1. Bobby East, 19, Lewis-15.946; 2. J.J. Yeley, 91, Lewis-16.056; 3. A.J. Fike, 69, RFMS-16.102; 4. Dave Darland, 9, Lewis-16.112; 5. Tracy Hines, 110, Wilke-Pak-16.222; 6. Ron Gregory, 22, Irvin-16.270; 7. Richey Jacobs, 114, Jacobs-16.295; 8. John Nervo, 21, Nervo/Coggin-16.311; 9. Aaron Fike, 32, RFMS-16.328; 10. Chris Gabehart, 12, NG-16.367; 11. Danny Ebberts, 44, Schlachter/Ebberts-16.424; 12. Steve Paden, 0, Farrier-16.426; 13. Brad Kuhn, 35 Gardner-16.490; 14. Chris Hettinger, 71, Brantley-16.548; 15. Teddy Beach, 125, Beach-16.620; 16. Matt Maners, 28, Owen-16.843; 17. Jimmy McCune, 95, Covington-17.162; 18. Jessica Iannuzzi, 52, Iannuzzi-17.300; 19. Tom Hessert, 5, Hessert-17.459; 20. Shawn Norris, 4, Norris-NT; 21. Dave Steele, 29, Tomassi-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Jacobs, 2. East, 3. Darland, 4. Kuhn, 5. Gabehart, 6. Maners, 7. Hessert. 2:11.15

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Yeley, 2. Hines, 3. Hettinger, 4. Nervo, 5. Ebberts, 6. Norris, 7. McCune. 2:12.43

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Beach, 2. Aaron Fike, 3. Paden, 4. Gregory, 5. A.J. Fike, 6. Iannuzzi. NT

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. A.J. Fike, 2. Gabehart, 3. Ebberts, 4. Nervo, 5. Kuhn, 6. McCune, 7. Maners, 8. Iannuzzi, 9. Hessert, 10. Norris, 11. Gregory. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Bobby East, 2. A.J. Fike, 3. Dave Darland, 4. J.J. Yeley, 5. Teddy Beach, 6. Tracy Hines, 7. Brad Kuhn, 8. Aaron Fike, 9. Steve Paden, 10. Chris Gabehart, 11. John Nervo, 12. Danny Ebberts, 13. Ron Gregory, 14. Jimmy McCune, 15. Richey Jacobs, 16. Jessica Iannuzzi, 17. Tom Hessert, 18. Matt Maners, 19. Chris Hettinger, 20. Shawn Norris, 21. Dave Steele. 16:25.93

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-14 Hines, Laps 15-30 East.

NEW NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Darland-923; 2-Yeley-810; 3-Aaron Fike-782; 4-Hines-660; 5-East-632; 6-A.J. Fike-559; 7-Paden-551; 8-Gregory-494; 9-James Chesson-414; 10-Beach-409.

NEXT NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: September 6 – Joliet, IL – Route 66 Raceway

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: September 6, 2002 – Joliet, Illinois – Route 66 Raceway

QUALIFYING: 1. Ted Hines, 84, VanSteenwyk-18.992; 2. Tracy Hines, 110, Wilke/Pak-19.057; 3. Sarah McCune, 8, McCune-19.064; 4. Ryan Scott, 14, Ryno-19.176; 5. Jay Drake, 71, Kunz-19.178; 6. Critter Malone, 7m, Malone-19.195; 7. A.J. Fike, 69, RFMS-19.205; 8. Bobby East, 4, Klatt-19.213; 9. Dave Darland, 169, RFMS-19.222; 10. Cole Carter, 7, Carter-19.229; 11. Aaron Fike, 32, RFMS-19.254; 12. Tony Elliott, 95, Nelson-19.262; 13. Ron Gregory, 22, Irvin-19.304; 14. Steve Paden, 0, Farrier-19.315; 15. Scott Hatton, 15, Huston-19.317; 16. Mike Hess, 51, Hess-19.338; 17. Teddy Beach, 125, Beach-19.402; 18. J.J. Yeley, 91, Lewis-19.468; 19. Tom Hessert, 5, Hessert-19.474; 20. Nick Lundgreen, 40, Carner-19.542; 21. Bud Kaeding, 29, Tomassi-19.566; 22. Jerry Coons Jr., 24, Parker-19.614; 23. Matt Riemenschneider, 17, Rieder-19.726; 24. Michael Stroehle, 9x, Ripp-19.783; 25. James Anderson, 36, Anderson-20.305; 26. Mike Heiss, 00, Heiss-20.667; 27. David Thompson, 4x, Wever-22.108; 28. Pat Wilda, 33, Wilda-NT; 29. Dave Darland, 9, Lewis-NT; 30. #19, Lewis-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Hess, 2. Scott, 3. Cole Carter, 4. A.J. Fike, 5. Hessert, 6. Gregory, 7. Anderson, 8. Coons. 2:37.62

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Beach, 2. Tracy Hines, 3. Drake, 4. East, 5. Aaron Fike, 6. Riemenschneider, 7. Heiss, 8. Paden, 9. Lundgreen. NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Yeley, 2. Malone, 3. Elliott, 4. Darland, 5. Kaeding, 6. Hatton, 7. Stroehle, 8. McCune, 9. Thompson. 2:39.44.

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Gregory, 2. Lundgreen, 3. McCune, 4. Stroehle, 5. Hatton, 6. Riemenschneider, 7. Heiss, 8. Anderson, 9. Thompson. 3:20.36

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Critter Malone, 2. Dave Darland, 3. Ryan Scott, 4. J.J. Yeley, 5. Teddy Beach, 6. Bobby East, 7. Aaron Fike, 8. Scott Hatton, 9. Mike Hess, 10. Tony Elliott, 11. Bud Kaeding, 12. A.J. Fike, 13. Michael Stroehle, 14. James Anderson (NP), 15. David Thompson (NP), 16. Ron Gregory, 17. Matt Riemenschneider, 18. Tracy Hines, 19. Jay Drake, 20. Mike Heiss, 21. Nick Lundgreen, 22. Tom Hessert, 23. Sarah McCune, 24. Cole Carter. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-2 Scott, Laps 3-30 Malone.

NEW NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Darland-983; 2-Yeley-867; 3-Aaron Fike-826; 4-Hines-687; 5-East-680; 6-A.J. Fike-591; 7-Paden-551; 8-Gregory-519; 9-Beach-463; 10-James Chesson-414.

NEXT NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: September 20-21 – Rossburg, OH – Eldora Speedway – 22nd 4-Crown Nationals

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: September 21, 2002 – Rossburg, Ohio – Eldora Speedway – 22nd 4-Crown Nationals – Presented by the University of Northwestern Ohio

QUALIFYING: 1. Jay Drake, 71, Kunz-16.689; 2. Teddy Beach, 125, Beach-16.694; 3. Ryan Scott, 14, Ryno-16.708; 4. Dave Darland, 9, Lewis-16.743; 5. Aaron Fike, 32, RFMS-16.896; 6. Bobby East, 4, Klatt-16.962; 7. Jerry Coons Jr., 24, Parker-16.973; 8. Don Droud Jr., 62x, Klatt-16.982; 9. A.J. Fike, 69, RFMS-17.019; 10. J.J. Yeley, 91, Lewis-17.029; 11. Tracy Hines, 110, Wilke-Pak-17.058; 12. Marc Dailey, 2m, Mega-17.064; 13. Matt Brun, 128, Brun-17.078; 14. Tom Hessert, 5, Hessert-17.113; 15. Ron Gregory, 22, Irvin-17.180; 16. Cory Kruseman, 02, HMK-17.225; 17. John Heydenreich, 95, Covington-17.342; 18. Nick Lundgreen, 40, Carner-17.350; 19. Cole Carter, 7, Carter-17.363; 20. Levi Jones, 76, GT-17.403; 21. Mark Freeland, 4F, McKeehan-17.403; 22. Bud Kaeding, 29, Tomassi-17.458; 23. Matt Westfall, 54, Westfall-17.592; 24. Ed Stimely Jr., 6, Yetter-17.596; 25. Steve Paden, 0, Farrier-17.791; 26. Danny Ebberts, 01, Farrier-NT; 27. Shane Cottle, 86, Gross-NT; 28. #19, Lewis-NT. (Don Droud Jr., 4x, Klatt-Withdrawn).

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Kaeding, 2. Drake, 3. Yeley, 4. Darland, 5. Cole Carter, 6. Coons, 7. Kruseman, 8. Brun, 9. Paden. 2:27.51

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Hines, 2. Westfall, 3. Droud, 4. Hessert, 5. Heydenreich, 6. Aaron Fike, 7. Beach, 8. Jones. 2:30.50

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Lundgreen, 2. East, 3. Stimely, 4. Dailey, 5. Scott, 6. A.J. Fike, 7. Freeland, 8. Gregory. 2:39.68

SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Aaron Fike, 2. Beach, 3. Brun, 4. Paden, 5. A.J. Fike, 6. Freeland, 7. Kruseman, 8. Gregory, 9. Ebberts, 10. Coons. 3:49.18

FEATURE: (25 laps) 1. Jay Drake, 2. J.J. Yeley, 3. Tracy Hines, 4. Bobby East, 5. Dave Darland, 6. Matt Westfall, 7. Ryan Scott, 8. Cory Kruseman, 9. Aaron Fike, 10. Bud Kaeding, 11. Nick Lundgreen, 12. Don Droud Jr., 13. Ed Stimely Jr., 14. Matt Brun, 15. Tom Hessert, 16. Mark Freeland, 17. Marc Dailey, 18. Steve Paden, 19. John Heydenreich, 20. Cole Carter, 21. Ron Gregory, 22. A.J. Fike, 23. Teddy Beach. 7:59.85

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-3 East, Laps 4-25 Drake.

NEW NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Darland-1,037; 2-Yeley-928; 3-Aaron Fike-868; 4-Hines-747; 5-East-737; 6-A.J. Fike-604; 7-Paden-569; 8-Gregory-532; 9-Beach-484; 10-Scott-439.

NEXT NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: September 27 - Indianapolis, IN – Indianapolis Raceway Park – Indianapolis Twin 25s

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: September 27, 2002 – Indianapolis, Indiana – Indianapolis Raceway Park – Indianapolis Twin 25s Presented by Ford

QUALIFYING: 1. Dave Steele, 29, Tomassi-20.829; 2. Dave Darland, 9, Lewis-21.014; 3. J.J. Yeley, 91, Lewis-21.178; 4. A.J. Fike, 69, RFMS-21.259; 5. Tony Ave, 2, Steele-21.292; 6. Aaron Fike, 32, RFMS-21.302; 7. Ed Carpenter, 9x, Lewis-21.310; 8. Ron Gregory, 22, Irvin-21.349; 9. Bobby East, 19, Lewis-21.356; 10. Jason Leffler, 67, Kunz-21.425; 11. James Chesson, 76, Chesson-21.443; 12. Richey Jacobs, 114, Jacobs-21.485; 13. Danny Ebberts, 44, Schlachter/Ebberts-21.488; 14. Aaron Pollock, 64, Pollock-21.516; 15. Tracy Hines, 110, Wilke-Pak-21.525; 16. Josh Wise, 94x, Wise-21.527; 17. Mike Heiss, 00, Heiss-21.529; 18. John Nervo, 21, Nervo/Coggin-21.549; 19. Aaron Pierce, 26, Pierce-21.582; 20. Teddy Beach, 125, Beach-21.595; 21. Michael Lewis, 11, Reed-21.629; 22. Johnny Rodriguez, 30, Tri-R-21.644; 23. Cole Carter, 7, Carter-21.650; 24. Ryan Scott, 14, Ryno-21.719; 25. Doug Cross, 41, Griffith-21.825; 26. Justin Overfelt, 78, Zephyr-21.974; 27. Nick Fornoro Jr., 59, Hultgren-21.977; 28. Jason McCord, 95, Covington-21.985; 29. Brad Armstrong, 99, Apple Racing-22.151; 30. Adam Nuetzel, 96, Peterson-22.373; 31. Barry Reed, 28, Owen-22.375; 32. Davey Ray, 33, Ray-22.480; 33. Brad Kuhn, 20, Kuhn-22.625; 34. Jessica Iannuzzi, 52, Iannuzzi-22.754; 35. Tom Hessert, 5, Hessert-22.817; 36. Courtney Kirts, 81, Kirts-22.847; 37. Joey Poliszczuk, 8, Poliszczuk-23.073; 38. Bobby Guess, 99x, Guess-23.674; 39. Matt Maners, 35, Gardner-NT; 40. #4, Klatt-NT.

FIRST QUALIFYING RACE: (12 laps) 1. Lewis, 2. Hines, 3. Heiss, 4. Carter, 5. Pierce, 6. Cross, 7. Hessert, 8. Armstrong, 9. Poliszczuk, 10. Kuhn, 11. Fornoro, 12. Chesson, 13. Ebberts. 4:19.75

SECOND QUALIFYING RACE: (12 laps) 1. Pollock, 2. Jacobs, 3. Nervo, 4. Wise, 5. Beach, 6. Rodriguez, 7. McCord, 8. Ray, 9. Nuetzel, 10. Kirts, 11. Iannuzzi, 12. Guess, 13. Scott, 14. Overfelt. NT

FIRST FEATURE: (25 laps) 1. Dave Steele, 2. Aaron Fike, 3. J.J. Yeley, 4. A.J. Fike, 5. Dave Darland, 6. Bobby East, 7. Michael Lewis, 8. Tracy Hines, 9. Aaron Pollock, 10. Teddy Beach, 11. Ron Gregory, 12. Richey Jacobs, 13. John Nervo, 14. Josh Wise, 15. Mike Heiss, 16. Aaron Pierce, 17. Johnny Rodriguez, 18. Cole Carter, 19. Doug Cross, 20. Tom Hessert, 21. Jason McCord, 22. Jason Leffler, 23. Tony Ave, 24. Ed Carpenter. NT

SECOND FEATURE: (25 laps) 1. Dave Steele, 2. Dave Darland, 3. Tracy Hines, 4. Bobby East, 5. A.J. Fike, 6. Aaron Fike, 7. Terry Beach, 8. Michael Lewis, 9. Ron Gregory, 10. John Nervo, 11. Tom Hessert, 12. Mike Heiss, 13. Johnny Rodriguez, 14. Doug Cross, 15. Jason Leffler, 16. Aaron Pollock, 17. Cole Carter, 18. Davey Ray, 19. Brad Armstrong, 20. Richey Jacobs, 21. Aaron Pierce, 22. Josh Wise, 23. Jason McCord, 24. J.J. Yeley. NT

\*\*Ebberts flipped prior to the start of the first qualifying race.

FIRST FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-18 Aaron Fike, Laps 19-25 Steele.

SECOND FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-2 Pierce, Laps 3-6 Hines, Laps 7-11 Darland, Laps 12-25 Steele.

NEW NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Darland-1,147; 2-Yeley-999; 3-Aaron Fike-971; 4-Hines-840; 5-East-833; 6-A.J. Fike-706; 7-Gregory-599; 8-Beach-559; 9-Steele-505; 10-Scott-439.

NEXT NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: September 28 – Anderson (IN) Speedway

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: September 28, 2002 – Anderson, Indiana – Anderson Speedway

QUALIFYING: 1. J.J. Yeley, 91, Lewis-11.834; 2. Bobby East, 19, Lewis-11.836; 3. Tracy Hines, 110, Wilke-Pak-11.838; 4. Steve Thinner, 48, Thinner-11.872; 5. Dave Darland, 9, Lewis-11.896; 6. Aaron Fike, 32, RFMS-11.906; 7. Cole Carter, 7, Carter-11.968; 8. Teddy Beach, 125, Beach-11.996; 9. Richey Jacobs, 114, Jacobs-12.009; 10. Mike Heiss, 00, Heiss-12.023; 11. Shane Hollingsworth, 85, Hollingsworth-12.044; 12. John Nervo, 21, Nervo/Coggin-12.047; 13. A.J. Fike, 69, RFMS-12.098; 14. Brad Paris, 36, Paris-12.153; 15. Aaron Pierce, 26, Pierce-12.168; 16. Dave Steele, 29, Tomassi-12.169; 17. Shawn Stout, 7s, Stout-12.177; 18. David Gough, 182, Riverside-12.181; 19. Ron Gregory, 22, Irvin-12.198; 20. Travis Welpott, 5R, Richardson-12.243; 21. Brad Kuhn, 35, Gardner-12.256; 22. Johnny Rodriguez, 30, Tri-R-12.277; 23. Barry Reed, 16, Reed-12.294; 24. Adam Nuetzel, 96, Peterson-12.323; 25. Rich Corson, 15, Corson/Savage-12.336; 26. Justin Overfelt, 78, Zephyr-12.342; 27. Kyle Burch, 79, Burch-12.346; 28. Davey Ray, 33, Ray-12.357; 29. Nick Fornoro Jr., 59, Hultgren-12.435; 30. Matt Maners, 28, Owen-12.550; 31. Jim Mills, 45, Mills-12.595; 32. Shawn Norris, 4x, Norris-12.746; 33. Jessica Iannuzzi, 52, Iannuzzi-12.857; 34. Tom Hessert, 5, Hessert-12.933; 35. Brad Armstrong, 72, Norris-12.934; 36. Bobby Guess, 99x, Guess-13.131; 37. #4, Klatt-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jacobs, 2. Yeley, 3. Corson, 4. Darland, 5. Stout, 6. A.J. Fike, 7. Kuhn, 8. Iannuzzi, 9. Fornoro. 2:03.28

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Gough, 2. Overfelt, 3. Maners, 4. East, 5. Heiss, 6. Rodriguez, 7. Paris, 8. Aaron Fike, 9. Hessert. 2:00.96

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Gregory, 2. Hines, 3. Hollingsworth, 4. Burch, 5. Carter, 6. Reed, 7. Mills, 8. Armstrong, 9. Pierce. 2:02.55

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Beach, 2. Thinner, 3. Steele, 4. Ray, 5. Welpott, 6. Guess, 7. Norris, 8. Nuetzel, 9. Nervo. NT

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Aaron Fike, 2. Carter, 3. Heiss, 4. A.J. Fike, 5. Nervo, 6. Pierce, 7. Paris, 8. Welpott, 9. Kuhn, 10. Stout, 11. Reed, 12. Rodriguez, 13. Hessert, 14. Nuetzel, 15. Mills, 16. Guess, 17. Norris. 2:00.09

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Dave Darland, 2. Tracy Hines, 3. Bobby East, 4. J.J. Yeley, 5. Aaron Fike, 6. Aaron Pierce, 7. A.J. Fike, 8. David Gough, 9. Richey Jacobs, 10. Justin Overfelt, 11. Ron Gregory, 12. John Nervo, 13. Steve Thinnes, 14. Kyle Burch, 15. Tom Hessert, 16. Davey Ray, 17. Teddy Beach, 18. Rich Corson, 19. Cole Carter, 20. Dave Steele, 21. Shane Hollingsworth, 22. Matt Maners, 23. Mike Heiss. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-40 Darland.

NEW NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Darland-1,212; 2-Yeley-1,061; 3-Aaron Fike-1,024; 4-Hines-906; 5-East-895; 6-A.J. Fike-749; 7-Gregory-636; 8-Beach-584; 9-Steve Paden-569; 10-Steele-522.

NEXT NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: October 19 – South Boston, VA – Big Daddy’s South Boston Speedway

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: October 19, 2002 – South Boston, Virginia – Big Daddy’s South Boston Speedway – Little Trees USAC Mini Indy Midget 200

QUALIFYING: 1. Dave Steele, 29, Tomassi-14.628; 2. Aaron Fike, 32, RFMS-14.682; 3. John Nervo, 21, Nervo/Coggin-14.774; 4. J.J. Yeley, 91, Lewis-14.778; 5. Billy Wease, 12, Wease-14.792; 6. Teddy Beach, 125, Beach-14.800; 7. Tracy Hines, 110, Wilke-Pak-14.846; 8. Travis Miniea, 77x, Mico-14.891; 9. Shane Hollingsworth, 85, Hollingsworth-14.892; 10. Bobby East, 19, Lewis-14.943; 11. Ron Gregory, 22, Irvin-14.991; 12. Richey Jacobs, 114, Jacobs-15.002; 13. Justin Overfelt, 78, Zephyr-15.085; 14. Cole Carter, 7, Carter-15.094; 15. Brad Kuhn, 35, Gardner-15.114; 16. Dane Carter, 77, Carter-15.140; 17. Howie Bumpus, 2x, Berrio-15.164; 18. A.J. Martin, 70, TMR-15.192; 19. Brad Paris, 36, Paris-15.214; 20. Matt Maners, 28, Owen-15.252; 21. Kyle Carpenter, 12x, Carpenter-15.308; 22. Tom Hessert, 5, Hessert-15.353; 23. A.J. Fike, 69, RFMS-15.461; 24. Jessica Iannuzzi, 52, Iannuzzi-NT; 25. #9, Lewis-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. East, 2. Yeley, 3. Hines, 4. Steele, 5. Overfelt, 6. Hessert, 7. Dane Carter, 8. Paris. 2:27.23

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. A.J. Fike, 2. Gregory, 3. Miniea, 4. Aaron Fike, 5. Cole Carter, 6. Bumpus, 7. Wease, 8. Maners. 2:29.48

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Beach, 2. Jacobs, 3. Carpenter, 4. Kuhn, 5. Nervo, 6. Iannuzzi, 7. Hollingsworth, 8. Martin. 2:28.51

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Wease, 2. Nervo, 3. Overfelt, 4. Hollingsworth, 5. Bumpus, 6. Cole Carter, 7. Paris, 8. Maners, 9. Hessert, 10. Dane Carter, 11. Martin, 12. Iannuzzi. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Teddy Beach, 2. J.J. Yeley, 3. Aaron Fike, 4. Bobby East, 5. A.J. Fike, 6. Brad Kuhn, 7. Richey Jacobs, 8. Tracy Hines, 9. Dave Steele, 10. Dane Carter, 11. Tom Hessert, 12. Kyle Carpenter, 13. Howie Bumpus, 14. Cole Carter, 15. John Nervo, 16. Billy Wease, 17. Travis Miniea, 18. Ron Gregory, 19. Shane Hollingsworth, 20. Justin Overfelt, 21. Brad Paris, 22. A.J. Martin, 23. Matt Maners, 24. Jessica Iannuzzi. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-40 Beach.

NEW USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Dave Darland-1,212; 2-Yeley-1,126; 3-Aaron Fike-1,086; 4-East-952; 5-Hines-949; 6-A.J. Fike-803; 7-Gregory-658; 8-Beach-651; 9-Steve Paden-569; 10-Steele-567.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: November 23 – Tucson (AZ) Raceway Park – Old Pueblo Classic

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USAC NATIONAL/WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE RESULTS: November 23, 2002 – Tucson, Arizona – Tucson Raceway Park  
- Old Pueblo Classic

QUALIFYING: 1. Tony Ave, 2, Steele-14.287; 2. Ron Gregory, 22, Irvin-14.300; 3. Cole Carter, 7, Carter-14.352; 4. Jason Leffler, 71, Kunz-14.368; 5. Dane Carter, 77, Carter-14.389; 6. Bobby East, 19, Lewis-14.409; 7. Aaron Fike, 32, RFMS-14.451; 8. Tracy Hines, 110, Wilke-Pak-14.457; 9. Steve Paden, 0, Farrier-14.477; 10. Danny Stratton, 63, Pinkston-14.548; 11. Danny Ebberts, 44, Schlachter/Ebberts-14.562; 12. Jerry Coons Jr., 74, James-14.598; 13. James Chesson, 76, CRC-14.606; 14. Johnny Rodriguez, 30, Tri-R-14.621; 15. A.J. Fike, 69, RFMS-14.637; 16. Josh Wise, 94, Wise-14.639; 17. J.J. Yeley, 91, Lewis-14.671; 18. Tom Hessert, 5, Hessert-14.673; 19. Teddy Beach, 125, Beach-14.694; 20. Dave Darland, 9, Lewis-14.764; 21. Jerome Rodela, 25, Rodela-14.844; 22. Ryan Scott, 36, Scott-14.860; 23. Sonni Eden, 15, Correll-14.888; 24. Robby Flock, 76x, Fontana-14.938; 25. Van Knill, 43, Knill-14.947; 26. John Batts, 6, Isenhower-15.058; 27. Wally Pankratz, 8, Pankratz-15.087; 28. Ryan Durst, 51, Durst-15.101; 29. Mike Boat, 7x, Elliott-15.375; 30. A.J. Felker, 37, Felker-15.405; 31. Billy Sipe Jr., 42, Sipe-NT; 32. #125x, Beach-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Yeley, 2. Paden, 3. Ave, 4. Knill, 5. Rodela, 6. Dane Carter, 7. Chesson, 8. Boat. 1:54.79

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. East, 2. Gregory, 3. Rodriguez, 4. Stratton, 5. Hessert, 6. Batts, 7. Felker. NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Beach, 2. Ebberts, 3. Aaron Fike, 4. Cole Carter, 5. Eden, 6. A.J. Fike, 7. Pankratz, 8. Sipe. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Darland, 2. Wise, 3. Leffler, 4. Hines, 5. Flock, 6. Coons, 7. Durst. 1:56.33

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Dane Carter, 2. Coons, 3. A.J. Fike, 4. Chesson, 5. Hessert, 6. Eden, 7. Pankratz, 8. Rodela, 9. Durst, 10. Boat, 11. Felker, 12. Batts, 13. Flock, 14. Sipe. 2:28.34

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Tracy Hines, 2. Aaron Fike, 3. A.J. Fike, 4. Tony Ave, 5. Danny Ebberts, 6. Steve Paden, 7. Danny Stratton, 8. James Chesson, 9. J.J. Yeley, 10. Dave Darland, 11. Ron Gregory, 12. Teddy Beach, 13. Josh Wise, 14. Tom Hessert, 15. Sonni Eden, 16. Dane Carter, 17. Van Knill, 18. Jason Leffler, 19. Johnny Rodriguez, 20. Jerry Coons Jr., 21. Bobby East, 22. Cole Carter. NT

\*\*East flipped in turn 2 on lap 4.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-3 Dane Carter, Laps 4-32 Ave, Laps 33-40 Hines.

NEW NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Darland-1,251; 2-Yeley-1,168; 3-Aaron Fike-1,147; 4-Hines-1,012; 5-East-972; 6-A.J. Fike-859; 7-Gregory-699; 8-Beach-686; 9-Paden-619; 10-Dave Steele-567.

NEW WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Stratton-892; 2-Flock-882; 3-Rodela-799; 4-Pankratz-781; 5-Shane Scully-538; 6-Wise-529; 7-Knill-516; 8-Dallen McKenney-470; 9-Bobby Boone-466; 10-Matt Rossi-394.

NEXT NATIONAL/WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE: November 28 - Irwindale, CA - Irwindale Speedway – 62nd Turkey Night Grand Prix

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USAC NATIONAL/WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE RESULTS: November 28, 2002 – Irwindale, California – Irwindale Speedway – 62nd Lucas Oil Turkey Night Grand Prix

QUALIFYING: 1. Dave Steele, 29, Tomassi-16.718; 2. Kasey Kahne, 9x, Lewis-16.730; 3. Michael Lewis, 11, Reed-16.739; 4. Tony Stewart, 19x, Lewis-16.762; 5. Bobby East, 19, Lewis-16.819; 6. J.J. Yeley, 91, Lewis-16.911; 7. Dane Carter, 77, Carter-16.926; 8. Cole Carter, 7, Carter-16.946; 9. Aaron Fike, 32, RFMS-16.952; 10. Danny Ebberts, 44, Schlachter/Ebberts-

16.970; 11. Jason Leffler, 71, Kunz-16.971; 12. Jerome Rodela, 25, Rodela-16.993; 13. Johnny Rodriguez, 30, Tri-R-17.001; 14. Ryan Scott, 36, Scott-17.020; 15. Josh Wise, 94, Wise-17.028; 16. Dave Darland, 9, Lewis-17.044; 17. Steve Paden, 0, Farrier-17.047; 18. Ron Gregory, 22, Irvin-17.060; 19. A.J. Fike, 69, RFMS-17.097; 20. James Chesson, 76, CRC-17.099; 21. Marc DeBeaumont, 11x, DeBeaumont-17.107; 22. Teddy Beach, 125, Beach-17.156; 23. Tony Ave, 2, Steele-17.198; 24. Shane Hollingsworth, 85, Hollingsworth-17.249; 25. Tracy Hines, 110, Wilke-Pak-17.277; 26. Tony Hunt, 4, Rosen-17.347; 27. Aaron Pierce, 26, Pierce-17.372; 28. Billy Wease, 12, Wease-17.410; 29. Sondi Eden, 15, Correll-17.437; 30. Danny Stratton, 63, Pinkston-17.446; 31. Bud Kaeding, 57, TST-17.457; 32. Robby Flock, 76x, Fontana-17.460; 33. Tom Hessert, 5, Hessert-17.521; 34. Mike Hess, 120, Byrne-17.534; 35. Rory Price, 99, Price-17.541; 36. Wally Pankratz, 8, Pankratz-17.542; 37. A.J. Felker, 37, Felker-17.579; 38. Kenny Ferris, 28, Ferris-17.633; 39. Darren Linder, 61, Linder-17.740; 40. Van Knill, 43, Knill-17.750; 41. Stuart Birkinbine, 22x, Birkinbine-17.787; 42. Matt Streeter, 97, Streeter-17.793; 43. Ryan Durst, 51, Durst-17.922; 44. Rob Lindsey, 10, White-17.944; 45. David Byrne, 20, Byrne-17.958; 46. Michael Simpson, 911, Simpson-18.115; 47. John Batts, 6, Isenhower-18.197; 48. Murray Erickson, 18, Guardian Racing-18.230; 49. Mike Whitcomb, 84, Whitcomb-18.232; 50. Mike Leslie, 71x, Leslie-18.634; 51. Mike O'Hare, 60, O'Hare-20.252; 52. Billy Sipe Jr., 42, Sipe-NT; 53. Jon Wilcox, 20x, Wilcox-NT; 54. #125x, Beach-NT.

QUALIFYING RACE #1: (12 laps) 1. Paden, 2. Wise, 3. A.J. Fike, 4. Hines, 5. DeBeaumont, 6. Ave, 7. Kaeding, 8. Pierce, 9. Felker, 10. Eden, 11. Hessert, 12. Birkinbine, 13. Linder, 14. Durst, 15. Whitcomb, 16. Price, 17. O'Hare. 3:27.15

QUALIFYING RACE #2: (12 laps) 1. Darland, 2. Beach, 3. Gregory, 4. Hunt, 5. Chesson, 6. Hollingsworth, 7. Wease, 8. Hess, 9. Knill, 10. Pankratz, 11. Streeter, 12. Simpson, 13. Lindsey, 14. Stratton, 15. Byrne, 16. Leslie, 17. Erickson, 18. Wilcox, 19. Ferris, 20. Flock. NT

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Michael Lewis, 2. Kasey Kahne, 3. Dave Steele, 4. Bobby East, 5. J.J. Yeley, 6. Steve Paden, 7. James Chesson, 8. Jason Leffler, 9. Jerome Rodela, 10. A.J. Fike, 11. Dave Darland, 12. Aaron Pierce, 13. Cole Carter, 14. Tony Hunt, 15. Danny Ebberts, 16. Ryan Scott, 17. Tracy Hines, 18. Johnny Rodriguez, 19. Tom Hessert, 20. Teddy Beach, 21. Dane Carter, 22. Josh Wise, 23. Ron Gregory, 24. Shane Hollingsworth, 25. Bud Kaeding, 26. Aaron Fike, 27. Tony Stewart, 28. Marc DeBeaumont, 29. Mike Hess, 30. Billy Wease, 31. Tony Ave. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-15 East, Laps 16-17 Kahne, Laps 18-100 Lewis.

NEW NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Darland-1,282; 2-Yeley-1,217; 3-Aaron Fike-1,160; 4-Hines-1,031; 5-East-1,025; 6-A.J. Fike-892; 7-Gregory-712; 8-Beach-699; 9-Paden-664; 10-Steele-627.

NEW WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Stratton-892; 2-Flock-882; 3-Rodela-835; 4-Pankratz-781; 5-Wise-542; 6-Shane Scully-538; 7-Knill-516; 8-Dallen McKenney-470; 9-Bobby Boone-466; 10-Matt Rossi-394.

NEXT NATIONAL/WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE: November 30 - Las Vegas, NV - Bullring at Las Vegas Motor Speedway

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USAC NATIONAL/WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE RESULTS: November 30, 2002 – Las Vegas, Nevada - Bullring at Las Vegas Motor Speedway

QUALIFYING: 1. Ryan Scott, 36, Scott-14.032; 2. Tony Stewart, 9x, Lewis-14.072; 3. Dave Steele, 29, Tomassi-14.159; 4. Jay Drake, 71, Kunz-14.192; 5. Dave Darland, 9, Lewis-14.202; 6. J.J. Yeley, 91, Lewis-14.204; 7. Robby Flock, 4, Rosen-14.228; 8. Dane Carter, 77, Carter-14.238; 9. Ron Gregory, 22, Irvin-14.238; 10. Cole Carter, 7, Carter-14.247; 11. Bobby East, 19, Lewis-14.297; 12. Johnny Rodriguez, 30, Tri-R-14.298; 13. Aaron Pierce, 26, Pierce-14.300; 14. Danny Ebberts, 44, Schlachter/Ebberts-14.401; 15. Shane Hollingsworth, 85, Hollingsworth-14.459; 16. James Chesson, 76, CRC-14.471; 17. Tracy Hines, 110, Wilke-Pak-14.483; 18. A.J. Fike, 69, RFMS-14.484; 19. Aaron Fike, 125x, Beach-14.495; 20. Billy Wease, 12, Wease-14.527; 21. Teddy Beach, 125, Beach-14.543; 22. Danny Stratton, 63, Pinkston-14.569; 23. Tom Hessert, 5, Hessert-14.624; 24. Mike Hess, 120, Byrne-14.624; 25. Sondi Eden, 15, Correll-14.641; 26. Stuart Birkinbine, 22x,

Birkinbine-14.778; 27. Kenny Ferris, 28, Ferris-14.786; 28. Rory Price, 99, Price-14.796; 29. Darren Linder, 61, Linder-14.799; 30. Ryan Durst, 51, Durst-14.806; 31. Van Knill, 43, Knill-14.943; 32. Murray Erickson, 18, Guardian Racing-15.160; 33. Mike Leslie, 71x, Leslie-15.281; 34. Robert Simpson, 911, Simpson-15.367; 35. John Batts, 6, Isenhower-15.502; 36. Rob Lindsey, 10, White-NT; 37. Bud Kaeding, 57, TST-NT; 38. #4, Klatt-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Darland, 2. Pierce, 3. Gregory, 4. Hines, 5. Eden, 6. Beach, 7. Scott, 8. Leslie, 9. Linder. NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Durst, 2. Yeley, 3. Stewart, 4. A.J. Fike, 5. Birkinbine, 6. Stratton, 7. Ebberts, 8. Simpson, 9. Cole Carter. 1:55.59

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Knill, 2. East, 3. Flock, 4. Steele, 5. Aaron Fike, 6. Hessert, 7. Hollingsworth, 8. Batts, 9. Ferris. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Price, 2. Hess, 3. Drake, 4. Chesson, 5. Dane Carter, 6. Rodriguez, 7. Erickson, 8. Wease. 1:57.04

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Dane Carter, 2. Scott, 3. Cole Carter, 4. Ebberts, 5. Aaron Fike, 6. Beach, 7. Stratton, 8. Hollingsworth, 9. Hessert, 10. Eden, 11. Birkinbine, 12. Linder, 13. Erickson, 14. Simpson, 15. Batts, 16. Wease, 17. Leslie. 2:21.90

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Tony Stewart, 2. Dave Darland, 3. J.J. Yeley, 4. Ron Gregory, 5. Bobby East, 6. Robby Flock, 7. Ryan Scott, 8. Cole Carter, 9. Dave Steele, 10. Dane Carter, 11. Aaron Fike, 12. Van Knill, 13. Tom Hessert, 14. Ryan Durst, 15. A.J. Fike, 16. Jay Drake, 17. James Chesson, 18. Mike Hess, 19. Aaron Pierce, 20. Teddy Beach, 21. Tracy Hines, 22. Danny Ebberts, 23. Rory Price. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-19 Darland, Laps 20-40 Stewart.

FINAL NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Dave Darland-1,347; 2-J.J. Yeley-1,277; 3-Aaron Fike-1,191; 4-Bobby East-1,078; 5-Tracy Hines-1,047; 6-A.J. Fike-918; 7-Ron Gregory-767; 8-Teddy Beach-712; 9-Dave Steele-670; 10-Save Paden-664.

FINAL WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Robby Flock-931; 2-Danny Stratton-896; 3-Jerome Rodela-835; 4-Wally Pankratz-781; 5-Van Knill-551; 6-Josh Wise-542; 7-Shane Scully-538; 8-Dallen McKenney-470; 9-Bobby Boone-466; 10-Matt Rossi-394.