

2021 USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET SEASON

TOP ROOKIE, TOP GUN: BOWER SKATES TO USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET TITLE

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Popping the cork on the champagne and celebrating the spoils of a victory is the goal for every individual who straps or crews on a racecar.

Despite not reaching victory lane as a race winner throughout the 13-race tour, Blake Bower's consistency put him in prime position in the season finale to reap the ultimate reward.

And, when you get the chance to do just that right off the bat, it's imperative to seize the opportunity.

Blake Bower did exactly that during the 2021 USAC Western States Midget season, carrying two banners at the conclusion of a year's worth of work – Rookie of the Year and the series champion.

It'd been a good 13 years since a driver captured both honors simultaneously within a single season – Nic Faas in 2008. And, though the 20-year-old from Brentwood, Calif. didn't tally a win, he took heed of the championship fight with five races remaining in his Tony Boscacci-owned No. 9, then promptly fended off fellow Rookie Brody Fuson by 70 markers to claim the title.

Bower became the first USAC Western States Midget champ without a victory since Shannon McQueen in 2012. In fact, he's the seventh overall to do it, joining Wally Pankratz (2000), Steve Paden (2003), Johnny Rodriguez (2004), Jerome Rodela (2006), Alex Schutte (2010) and McQueen (2012).

Runner-up Fuson (Bakersfield, Calif.) finished second overall in the standings on the strength of the first two victories of his career with the series at Petaluma and Hanford aboard the Rusty Carlile-owned No. 51.

Chase Johnson (Penngrove, Calif.) put five-time series entrant champion Six8 Motorsports back in victory lane for the first time in three years in the opener at Bakersfield in March, then followed up with another "w" in July at Merced. Likewise, Austin Liggett (Tracy, Calif.) won twice and led the most laps in the series (58) with scores at both Tulare and Placerville.

Jake Andreotti (Castro Valley, Calif.), Colby Johnson (Penngrove, Calif.), Mitchel Moles (Fresno, Calif.) and Hayden Williams (Auckland, N.Z.) became first-time USAC Western States Midget feature victors with triumphs at Ventura, Merced, Hanford and Ventura, respectively. Williams' win was the first for a driver from outside of the U.S.A. since Mike Figliomeni won at Perris in 2000.

Returning to victory lane this season were Maria Cofer (Macdoel, Calif.) in May at Petaluma, plus Ben Worth (Coalinga, Calif.) in June at Ventura, as well as Michael Faccinto (Hanford, Calif.) in the finale at his home track of Hanford in October. For Faccinto, it was his first win with the series since his championship season of 2018.

Tony Boscacci (Mountain View, Calif.) became a first-time series entrant champion in 2021. Meanwhile, Bower led all drivers with nine top-fives and 12 top-tens, three more than his closest competition in each category. Likewise, Bower's five heat race wins led all. He and Fuson were also the lone drivers to start all 13 feature events while Chase Johnson sped to a series-high three fast qualifying times.

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CHASE JOHNSON USES LATE CHARGE TO WIN AT BAKERSFIELD

BAKERSFIELD, CA – MARCH 27, 2021... Taking advantage of a late restart, Chase Johnson (Penngrove, CA) took command of the final three laps to score the \$1,200 victory at Bakersfield Speedway. For Johnson, the 30-lap triumph was the second USAC Western States Midget win of his career. Driving the Six8 Motorsports #68 Rockwell Security Stewart, the fast qualifier finished ahead of Davey Ray, Austin Liggett, Shannon McQueen, and hard charger Max Adams.

Davey Ray (Davenport, IA) led the first 24 circuits before Liggett caught the veteran driver and powered to the lead. Once out front, Austin began to extend his advantage until young Brody Fuson flipped after tangling with another car. Fuson, a leading rookie contender, walked away from the crash uninjured. On the restart, Liggett quickly faced heavy pressure from Ray and Johnson in the first corners. Once the battle sorted out, Johnson emerged with the top spot and was not to be denied on this night.

Johnson began the night by setting the top mark in Woodland Auto Display Qualifying with a time of 12.803 over the 20-car roster.

Storming from thirteenth to fifth in the feature, Max Adams claimed the night's Rod End Supply Hard Charger Award / Best Passing Job honors. Fresh from winning Tulare's USAC/CRA 410 Sprint Car event the night before, the defending Gas City, Indiana Sprint Car champion had a successful weekend.

The 10-lap heat race victories went to Troy Rutherford (Extreme Mufflers First Heat), Fuson (Competition Suspension Incorporated / Rod End Supply Second Heat), and Blake Bower (Ultra Shield Race Products / Rod End Supply Third Heat).

USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE RESULTS: March 27, 2021 – Bakersfield Speedway – Bakersfield, California – co-sanctioned with Bay Cities Racing Association (BCRA)

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Chase Johnson, 68, Six8-12.803; 2. Shannon McQueen, 7, McQueen-12.900; 3. Austin Liggett, 83, Liggett-12.964; 4. Maria Cofer, 57, Cofer-13.000; 5. Ben Worth, 5K, Alexander-13.215; 6. David Prickett, 1NP, Nichols-13.224; 7. Davey Ray, 71R, Morris-13.238; 8. Brody Fuson, 73X, Ford-13.348; 9. Troy Morris III, 07X, Trinity-13.382; 10. Colby Johnson, 17K, Morris-13.415; 11. Max Adams, 1X, LKK-13.442; 12. C.J. Sarna, 20, Sarna-13.552; 13. Troy Rutherford, 8W, Woodland-13.605; 14. Terry Nichols, 1P, Nichols-13.752; 15. Jarrett Soares, 12, Soares-13.777; 16. Dylan Ito, 73, Ford-13.852; 17. Ron Hazelton, 15, Hazelton-14.246; 18. Blake Bower, 9C, Walker-17.402; 19. Jake Vermeer, 73B, Vermeer-NT; 20. Kyle Beilman, 31K, Beilman-NT.

EXTREME MUFFLERS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Rutherford, 2. Ch. Johnson, 3. Co. Johnson, 4. Ray, 5. Cofer, 6. Ito, 7. Vermeer. NT.

COMPETITION SUSPENSION INCORPORATED / ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Fuson, 2. Adams, 3. Worth, 4. McQueen, 5. Beilman, 6. Hazelton, 7. Nichols. NT.

ULTRA SHIELD RACE PRODUCTS / ROD END SUPPLY THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Bower, 2. Liggett, 3. Soares, 4. Prickett, 5. Morris, 6. Sarna. NT.

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Chase Johnson (6), 2. Davey Ray (1), 3. Austin Liggett (4), 4. Shannon McQueen (5), 5. Max Adams (13), 6. David Prickett (2), 7. Troy Rutherford (8), 8. Blake Bower (9), 9. Troy Morris III (11), 10. Ron Hazelton (18), 11. Brody Fuson (7), 12. Dylan Ito (17), 13. Kyle Beilman (20), 14. Ben Worth (3), 15. C.J. Sarna (14), 16. Colby Johnson (12), 17. Terry Nichols (15), 18. Jarrett Soares (16), 19. Jake Vermeer (19), 20. Maria Cofer (10). NT

**Nichols flipped on lap 4 of the feature. Fuson flipped on lap 27 of the feature.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-24 Ray, Laps 25-27 Liggett, Laps 28-30 Ch. Johnson

ROD END SUPPLY HARD CHARGER: Max Adams (13th to 5th)

NEW USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Chase Johnson-83, 2-Austin Liggett-75, 3-Davey Ray-72, 4-Shannon McQueen-71, 5-Max Adams-65, 6-David Prickett-61, 7-Troy Rutherford-60, 8-Blake Bower-57, 9-Troy Morris III-50, 10-Brody Fuson-49.

NEXT USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE: April 10 – Keller Auto Speedway – Hanford, California – “Open Wheel Madness” – co-sanctioned with Bay Cities Racing Association (BCRA) Midgets

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MITCHEL MOLES GETS FIRST USAC WESTERN MIDGET WIN AT HANFORD

HANFORD, CA – APRIL 10, 2021... Taking control from Austin Liggett on the tenth circuit, Mitchel Moles (Fresno, CA) earned his first USAC Western States Midget win at Hanford’s “Open Wheel Madness.” Driving the Matt Wood Racing owned #07W Elk Grove Ford Spike, Moles topped the \$1,200 Bay Cities Racing Association (BCRA) co-sanctioned event at Keller Auto Speedway. Ryan Bernal, point leader Liggett, Blake Bower and Shannon McQueen rounded out the top-five.

Looking for her first win at the Kings County Fairgrounds, Maria Cofer led the first circuit. After a wild flip in the USAC West Coast Sprint Car feature, Liggett dashed those hopes and led the “mighty midgets” until Moles took command. Despite several caution flags, Mitchel shook free from all challengers and added his name to the record books.

Moles began the night by setting the top mark in Woodland Auto Display Qualifying with a time of 15.935 over the 20-car roster.

Starting nineteenth in the main event, Colton Raudman (Redding, CA) scored the night’s Rod End Supply Hard Charger Award / Best Passing Job honors with a twelfth-place finish. After his first start of the season, the rookie contender left Hanford ranked twenty-fourth in championship points.

The 8-lap heat race victories went to Bernal (Extreme Mufflers First Heat), Bower (Competition Suspension Incorporated / Rod End Supply Second Heat), and Colby Johnson (Ultra Shield Race Products / Rod End Supply Third Heat).

USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE RESULTS: April 10, 2021 – Keller Auto Speedway – Hanford, California – “Open Wheel Madness” – co-sanctioned with Bay Cities Racing Association (BCRA)

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Mitchel Moles, 07W, Wood-15.935; 2. Ben Worth, 5K, Alexander-15.964; 3. Colby Johnson, 17K, Morris-16.199; 4. Shannon McQueen, 7, McQueen-16.204; 5. Alex Schutte, 28, Schutte/McElwee-16.233; 6. Maria Cofer, 57, Cofer-16.243; 7. Austin Liggett, 83, Liggett-16.247; 8. Jake Andreotti, 00, Davis-16.328; 9. Tony Gualda, 1X, LKK-16.349; 10. Ryan Bernal, 21, Tarlton-16.390; 11. David Prickett, 22Q, Neverlift-16.524; 12. Brody Fuson, 73X, Ford-16.524; 13. C.J. Sarna, 20, Sarna-16.642; 14. Blake Bower, 9, Walker-16.645; 15. Terry Nichols, 1NP, Nichols-16.683; 16. Kyle Beilman, 31B, Beilman-16.724; 17. Jarrett Soares, 12, Soares- 16.744; 18. Dylan Ito, 73, Ford-16.939; 19. Colton Raudman, 2C, Schutte/McElwee-17.235; 20. Ron Hazelton, 15, Hazelton-17.321.

EXTREME MUFFLERS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Bernal, 2. Liggett, 3. Beilman, 4. Moles, 5. McQueen, 6. Sarna, 7. Raudman. NT.

COMPETITION SUSPENSION INCORPORATED / ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Bower, 2. Prickett, 3. Andreotti, 4. Worth, 5. Schutte, 6. Soares, 7. Hazelton. NT.

ULTRA SHIELD RACE PRODUCTS / ROD END SUPPLY THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Johnson, 2. Cofer, 3. Fuson, 4. Gualda, 5. Nichols, 6. Ito. NT.

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Mitchel Moles (6), 2. Ryan Bernal (7), 3. Austin Liggett (2), 4. Blake Bower (8), 5. Shannon McQueen (9), 6. Tony Gualda (11), 7. Alex Schutte (10), 8. David Prickett (12), 9. Ben Worth (5), 10. Maria Cofer (3), 11. Colby Johnson (4), 12. Colton Raudman (19), 13. Dylan Ito (18), 14. Jarrett Soares (17), 15. Terry Nichols (15), 16. Kyle Beilman (16), 17. C.J. Sarna (14), 18. Ron Hazelton (20), 19. Brody Fuson (13). NT

****Beilman flipped on lap 7 of the feature.**

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Cofer, Laps 2-9 Liggett, Laps 10-25 Moles.

ROD END SUPPLY HARD CHARGER: Colton Raudman (19th to 12th)

NEW USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Austin Liggett-146, 2-Shannon McQueen-136, 3-Blake Bower-126, 4-David Prickett-117, 5-Ben Worth-99, 6-Colby Johnson-90, 7-Chase Johnson-83, 8-Dylan Ito-82, 9-Maria Cofer-81, --Mitchell Moles-81.

NEXT USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE: April 17 – Thunderbowl Raceway – Tulare, California

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AUSTIN LIGGETT MAKES STATEMENT AT TULARE

TULARE, CA – APRIL 17, 2021... After a furious battle with Mitchel Moles, Austin Liggett (Linden, CA) inherited the lead on lap 15 and streaked to victory at Thunderbowl Raceway. Driving the family owned #83 Excel Environmental Services / Liggett Trucking Spike, Liggett earned his third career \$1,200 USAC Western States Midget win over fast qualifier Ben Worth, Shannon McQueen, hard charger Jake Andreotti, and Moles.

From the pole position, Dylan Ito was looking for his first win and led the opening circuit. Up from fourth, last week's winner Moles took command from Ito on the next lap. Within a few laps, the fifth starting Liggett began to apply pressure and the battled back and forth with Moles for the lead. A red flag halted the action on lap fourteen for flips by Alex Schutte and Ito who were running in the top five. Both drivers walked away, but their night was over.

On the restart, Moles set the pace but spun in the first turn on the tricky surface. Everyone avoided contact and the Hanford "Open Wheel Madness" winner restarted at the tail of the field. Liggett was now in control and got a great jump on the field. While positions shuffled behind him and attrition became a factor, Austin escaped from all challengers and took the checkered flags at the Tulare County Fairgrounds. With the 30-lap win, Liggett extended his point lead over the competition.

Worth, the 2019 Rookie of the Year, opened the night by setting the top mark in Woodland Auto Display Qualifying with a time of 15.803 over the 15-car roster.

Slated to start fifteenth, Jake Andreotti overcame early mechanical issues and scored the night's Rod End Supply Hard Charger Award / Best Passing Job honors with a fourth place finish.

The 10-lap heat race victories went to Liggett (Extreme Mufflers First Heat), and Moles (Competition Suspension Incorporated / Rod End Supply Second Heat).

USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE RESULTS: April 17, 2021 – Thunderbowl Raceway – Tulare, California

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Ben Worth, 5K, Alexander-15.803; 2. Alex Schutte, 28, Schutte/McElwee-15.958; 3. Austin Liggett, 83, Liggett-15.993; 4. Tony Gualda, 73X, Ford-16.070; 5. Brody Fuson, 51, Carlile-16.179; 6. Mitchel Moles, 21, Tarlton-16.283; 7. Shannon McQueen, 7, McQueen-16.378; 8. C.J. Sarna, 20, Sarna-16.416; 9. Kyle

Beilman, 31B, Beilman-16.541; 10. Terry Nichols, 1NP, Nichols-16.599; 11. Dylan Ito, 73, Ford-16.698; 12. David Prickett, 22Q, Neverlift-17.407; 13. Ron Hazelton, 15, Hazelton-17.666; 14. Blake Bower, 9, Boscacci-NT; 15. Jake Andreotti, 00, Davis-NT.

EXTREME MUFFLERS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Liggett, 2. Ito, 3. Beilman, 4. McQueen, 5. Worth, 6. Hazelton, 7. Fuson. NT

COMPETITION SUSPENSION INCORPORATED / ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Moles, 2. Schutte, 3. Bower, 4. Prickett, 5. Sarna, 6. Nichols, 7. Gualda. NT.

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Austin Liggett (5), 2. Ben Worth (7), 3. Shannon McQueen (3), 4. Jake Andreotti (15), 5. Mitchel Moles (4), 6. Brody Fuson (9), 7. C.J. Sarna (10), 8. Kyle Beilman (2), 9. Terry Nichols (11), 10. Alex Schutte (6), 11. Dylan Ito (1), 12. Ron Hazelton (13), 13. David Prickett (12), 14. Blake Bower (14). NT

****Gualda flipped on lap 9 of the second heat. Schutte and Ito flipped on lap 14 of the feature. Gualda did not start feature.**

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Ito, Laps 2-8 Moles, Lap 9 Liggett, Laps 10-14 Moles, Laps 15-30 Liggett.

ROD END SUPPLY HARD CHARGER: Jake Andreotti (15th to 4th)

NEW USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Austin Liggett-228, 2-Shannon McQueen-205, 3-Ben Worth-176, 4-Blake Bower-167, 5-David Prickett-159, 5-Ben Worth-99, 6-Mitchel Moles-148, 7-Brody Fuson-139, 8-Kyle Beilman-133, 9-Dylan Ito-130, 10-C.J. Sarna-124.

NEXT USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE: May 15 – Petaluma Speedway – Petaluma, California

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MARIA COFER GOES WIRE-TO-WIRE AT PETALUMA

PETALUMA, CA – MAY 15, 2021... Starting from the pole position, Maria Cofer (Macdoel, CA) led all 25-laps to score the Saturday night victory at Petaluma Speedway. Racing the family owned #57 Tule Vista Ranches Spike, Cofer earned her third \$1,200 USAC Western States Midget win at the Sonoma-Marin Fairgrounds. Point leader Austin Liggett, Blake Bower, top qualifier Brody Fuson, and hard charger C.J. Sarna rounded out the top-five drivers.

Using a passing point format, rookie of the year contender Brody Fuson emerged as the Woodland Auto Display Top Qualifier. The young driver finished second to Sarna in the first heat race and won the first qualifying race.

Rebounding from a dramatic flip in the first qualifier, Sarna claimed the night's Rod End Supply Hard Charger Award / Best Passing Job honors with a fifth place run from seventh.

By virtue of his second-place finish, Liggett left Petaluma with a 56-point lead over the Shannon McQueen. McQueen, the 2012 champion, and her crew made repairs from an earlier flip to score tenth in the main event.

The 10-lap heat race victories went to Sarna (Extreme Mufflers First Heat), and Bower (Competition Suspension Incorporated / Rod End Supply Second Heat).

The 10-lap qualifier wins were taken by Fuson (Ultra Shield Race Products / Rod End Supply First Qualifier), and Cofer (Saldana Racing Products / Rod End Supply Second Qualifier).

USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE RESULTS: May 15, 2021 – Petaluma Speedway – Petaluma, California

EXTREME MUFFLERS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. C.J. Sarna (#20 Sarna), 2. Brody Fuson (#51 Carlile), 3. Shannon McQueen (#7 McQueen), 4. Terry Nichols (#1NP Nichols), 5. Beau Lemire (#14 Lemire), 6. Sparky Howard (#17 Thurston). NT.

COMPETITION SUSPENSION INCORPORATED / ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Blake Bower (#9 Boscacci), 2. David Prickett (#22Q Neverlift), 3. Austin Liggett (#83 Liggett), 4. Maria Cofer (#57 Cofer), 5. Robert Carson (#99 Segur). NT.

ULTRA SHIELD RACE PRODUCTS / ROD END SUPPLY FIRST QUALIFIER: (10 laps) 1. Fuson, 2. Nichols, 3. Howard, 4. Lemire, 5. McQueen, 6. Sarna. NT.

SALDANA RACING PRODUCTS / ROD END SUPPLY SECOND QUALIFIER: (10 laps) 1. Cofer, 2. Liggett, 3. Bower, 4. Prickett. NT.

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Maria Cofer (1), 2. Austin Liggett (2), 3. Blake Bower (3), 4. Brody Fuson (4), 5. C.J. Sarna (7), 6. David Prickett (5), 7. Terry Nichols (6), 8. Sparky Howard (9), 9. Beau Lemire (10), 10. Shannon McQueen (8). NT.

****McQueen and Sarna flipped during the first qualifier.**

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-25 Cofer.

ROD END SUPPLY HARD CHARGER: C.J. Sarna (7th to 5th)

NEW USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Austin Liggett-305, 2-Shannon McQueen-249, 3-Blake Bower-243, 4-David Prickett-220, 5-Brody Fuson-214, 6-C.J. Sarna-184, 7-Ben Worth-176, 8-Terry Nichols-173, 9-Maria Cofer-159, 10-Mitchel Moles-148.

NEXT USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE: June 5 – Ventura Raceway – Ventura, California

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BEN WORTH MAKES MOST OF VENTURA RETURN

VENTURA, CA – JUNE 5, 2021... Racing past Shannon McQueen on the fourth lap, Ben Worth (Coalinga, CA) held off all challengers to take the feature win at Ventura Raceway. For Worth, his second career \$1,200 USAC Western States Midget victory marked the 150th appearance for the series at the Ventura County Fairgrounds. Hard charger Robby Josett, Shannon McQueen, Brody Fuson, and Blake Bower chased the 2019 Rookie of the Year to the checkered flags.

Point leader Austin Liggett (Linden, CA) opened the night by earning the Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award by clocking in with a time of 12.521 of the 15-car roster. The 2018 USAC West Coast 360 Sprint Car Champion ran seventh in his heat race and flipped in the main event, resulting in a tenth-place finish. Liggett heads to Merced's July 9th event with a 36-point lead over the competition.

Starting fourteenth on the field, Robby Josett (Santa Clarita, CA) scored the night's Rod End Supply Hard Charger Award / Best Passing Job honors with a second-place finish in the feature. The veteran driver qualified fourteenth overall, placed third in his heat race, and ranks twenty-first in points after his first start of 2021.

Jarrett Soares (Gilroy, CA) claimed the Wilwood Disc Brakes Lucky 13 Award with a thirteenth-place finish in the main event. The rookie contender was sixth quick in time trials, took seventh in his heat race, and sits fifteenth in the standings despite running a limited schedule.

The 10-lap heat race victories went to C.J. Sarna (Extreme Mufflers First Heat), and Dylan Ito (Competition Suspension Incorporated / Rod End Supply Second Heat). Sarna, the 2007 Co-Rookie of the Year, qualified seventh overall and scored eighth in the feature. Ito was twelfth fast in time trials and finished seventh at his home track.

USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 5, 2021 – Ventura Raceway – Ventura, California

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFICATIONS: 1. Austin Liggett, 83, Liggett-12.521; 2. Brody Fuson, 51, Carlile-12.669; 3. Ronnie Gardner, 68, Six8-12.937; 4. Mike Leach Jr., 33P, Leach-13.075; 5. Ben Worth, 5K, Alexander-13.107; 6. Jarrett Soares, 12, Soares-13.347; 7. C.J. Sarna, 20, Sarna-13.378; 8. Blake Bower, 9, Boscacci-13.392; 9. David Prickett, 1NP, Nichols-13.486; 10. Randi Pankratz, 8, Pankratz-13.509; 11. Shannon McQueen, 7, McQueen-13.628; 12. Dylan Ito, 73, Ford-13.629; 13. Kaleb Montgomery, 1X, LKK-13.732; 14. Robby Josett, 73B, Ford-13.733; 15. Ron Hazelton, 15, Hazelton-NT.

EXTREME MUFFLERS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Sarna, 2. McQueen, 3. Worth, 4. Gardner, 5. Prickett, 6. Montgomery, 7. Liggett, 8. Hazleton. NT.

COMPETITION SUSPENSION INCORPORATED / ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Ito, 2. Bower, 3. Josett, 4. Fuson, 5. Pankratz, 6. Leach, 7. Soares. NT.

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Ben Worth (4), 2. Robby Josett (14), 3. Shannon McQueen (1), 4. Brody Fuson (6), 5. Blake Bower (2), 6. David Prickett (11), 7. Dylan Ito (7), 8. C.J. Sarna (3), 9. Randi Pankratz (12), 10. Austin Liggett (8), 11. Ronnie Gardner (5), 12. Ron Hazelton (15), 13. Jarrett Soares (10), 14. Mike Leach Jr. (9), 15. Kaleb Montgomery (13). NT.

**Hazelton flipped during QUALIFYING. Leach flipped on lap 10 of the feature. Liggett flipped on lap 29 of the feature.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-3 McQueen, Laps 4-30 Worth

ROD END SUPPLY HARD CHARGER: Robby Josett (14th to 2nd)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Jarrett Soares

NEW USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Austin Liggett-356, 2-Shannon McQueen-320, 3-Blake Bower-308, 4-Brody Fuson-285, 5-David Prickett-279, 6-Ben Worth-254, 7-C.J. Sarna-241, 8-Dylan Ito-190, 9-Terry Nichols-173, 10-Maria Cofer-159.

NEXT USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE: July 9 – Merced Speedway – Merced, California

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USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 9, 2021 – Merced Speedway – Merced, California

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFICATIONS: 1. Austin Liggett, 83, Liggett-13.907; 2. Chase Johnson, 73, Ford-13.681; 3. Blake Bower, 9, Boscacci-13.720; 4. Tony Gualda, 73X, Ford-13.756; 5. Brody Fuson, 51, Carlile-13.757; 6. C.J. Sarna, 20, Sarna-13.922; 7. Matt Mitchell, 75, Miller-13.944; 8. Ben Worth, 5K, Alexander-13.948; 9. Jarrett Soares, 12, Soares-14.181; 10. Maria Cofer, 57, Cofer-14.209; 11. Kyle Mentch, 35, Pierovich-14.298; 12. Ashlyn Rodriguez, 37M, Mitchell-14.870; 13. Mitchel Moles, 07W, Wood-NT.

EXTREME MUFFLERS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Moles, 2. Liggett, 3. Bower, 4. Fuson, 5. Soares, 6. Mentch, 7. Mitchell. NT.

COMPETITION SUSPENSION INCORPORATED / ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Cofer, 2. Worth, 3. Johnson, 4. Gualda, 5. Sarna, 6. Rodriguez. NT.

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Chase Johnson (5), 2. Brody Fuson (2), 3. Blake Bower (4), 4. C.J. Sarna (9), 5. Kyle Mentch (12), 6. Jarrett Soares (11), 7. Ashlyn Rodriguez (13), 8. Mitchel Moles (8), 9. Tony Gualda (3), 10. Ben Worth (1), 11. Maria Cofer (7), 12. Austin Liggett (6), 13. Matt Mitchell (10). NT.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-3 Worth, Laps 4-12 Gualda, Laps 13-30 Johnson.

ROD END SUPPLY HARD CHARGER: Kyle Mentch (12th to 5th)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Matt Mitchell

NEW USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Austin Liggett-408, 2-Blake Bower-382, 3-Brody Fuson-359, 4-Shannon McQueen-320, 5-C.J. Sarna-307, 6-Ben Worth-304, 7-David Prickett-279, 8-Maria Cofer-208, 9-Mitchel Moles-205, 10-Dylan Ito-190.

NEXT USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE: July 10 – Placerville Speedway – Placerville, California – “Gold Dust Fever”

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USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 10, 2021 – Placerville Speedway – Placerville, California – “Gold Dust Fever”

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFICATIONS: 1. Michael Faccinto, 7J, Campbell-12.603; 2. Maria Cofer, 57, Cofer-12.651; 3. Shane Golobic, 07W, Wood-12.707; 4. Chase Johnson, 73, Ford-12.745; 5. Blake Bower, 9, Boscacci-12.766; 6. Brody Fuson, 51, Carlile-12.769; 7. Austin Liggett, 83, Liggett-12.809; 8. Dylan Bloomfield, 14JR, Brown-12.914; 9. Ben Worth, 5K, Alexander-13.069; 10. Tony Gualda, 73X, Ford-13.421; 11. Randi Pankratz, 8, Pankratz-13.447; 12. Kyle Mentch, 35, Pierovich-13.865; 13. C.J. Sarna, 20, Sarna-13.891; 14. Ben Wiesz, 21, Wiesz-13.895; 15. Jarrett Soares, 12, Soares-13.964; 16. Beau Lemire, 14, Lemire-17.157.

EXTREME MUFFLERS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Worth, 2. Bower, 3. Golobic, 4. Liggett, 5. Faccinto, 6. Pankratz, 7. Sarna, 8. Soares. NT.

COMPETITION SUSPENSION INCORPORATED / ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Cofer, 2. Fuson, 3. Bloomfield, 4. Johnson, 5. Mentch, 6. Wiesz, 7. Gualda, 8. Lemire. NT.

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Austin Liggett (1), 2. Shane Golobic (5), 3. Chase Johnson (4), 4. Maria Cofer (6), 5. Michael Faccinto (8), 6. Brody Fuson (2), 7. Blake Bower (3), 8. C.J. Sarna (13), 9. Ben Weisz (14), 10. Kyle Mentch (12), 11. Jarrett Soares (15), 12. Ben Worth (7), 13. Randi Pankratz (11), 14. Dylan Bloomfield (9). NT.

**Bloomfield flipped on lap 1 of the feature. Lemire and Gualda Did Not Start.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Liggett.

ROD END SUPPLY HARD CHARGER: C.J. Sarna (13th to 8th)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Randi Pankratz

NEW USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Austin Liggett-483, 2-Blake Bower-443, 3-Brody Fuson-422, 4-C.J. Sarna-358, 5-Ben Worth-351, 6-Shannon McQueen-320, 7-Maria Cofer-282, 8-David Prickett-279, 9-Chase Johnson-236, 10-Jarrett Soares-212.

NEXT USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE: July 31 – Petaluma Speedway – Petaluma, California

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BRODY FUSON BREAKS THROUGH AT PETALUMA

PETALUMA, CA – JULY 31, 2021... After taking the lead from Colton Raudman on the fifth lap, young Brody Fuson (Bakersfield, CA) led the rest of the way to score his first \$1,200 USAC Western States Midget feature at Petaluma Speedway. Driving Rusty Carlile's #51 RacePa Motorsports / W.E. Spike, Fuson became the 185th winning driver in series history. Raudman, hard charger C.J. Sarna, Kyle Mentch, and fast qualifier Blake Bower chased the rookie contender to the checkered flags.

Fuson began his night at Petaluma by qualifying third overall and finished second to Blake Bower in his heat race. Brody heads to Merced's "Kevin Triplett Memorial" ranked third in the standings, just 46 points behind leader Austin Liggett.

C.J. Sarna (Brea, CA) scored his third Rod End Supply Hard Charger Award of the year with a third place run from fifth. Racing his #20 ZMAX / Final Lifestyle Spike, the 2007co-rookie of the year was fifth quick in time trials, placed fifth in his heat race, and left the Sonoma-Maria Fairgrounds ranked fourth in the point standings.

Blake Bower (Brentwood, CA) earned his first career Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award. Driving Tony Boscacci's #9 Orland Public Auto Auction / Sold Buy Guys entry, Bower registered a time of 15.119 on the 3/8-mile speedway over the 6-car field. Blake also won the night's 10-lap Extreme Mufflers First Heat Race, ran fifth in the main event, and heads to Merced second in points as the leading rookie.

USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 31, 2021 – Petaluma Speedway – Petaluma, California

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFICATIONS: 1. Blake Bower, 9, Boscacci-15.119; 2. Austin Liggett, 83, Liggett-15.241; 3. Brody Fuson, 51, Carlile-15.414; 4. Colton Raudman, 2C, Schutte-15.487; 5. C.J. Sarna, 20, Sarna-15.833; 6. Kyle Mentch, 35, Pierovich-16.368.

EXTREME MUFFLERS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Bower, 2. Fuson, 3. Liggett, 4. Raudman, 5. Sarna, 6. Mentch. NT.

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Brody Fuson (2), 2. Colton Raudman (1), 3. C.J. Sarna (5), 4. Kyle Mentch (6), 5. Blake Bower (4), 6. Austin Liggett (3). NT.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-4 Raudman, Laps 5-30 Fuson

ROD END SUPPLY HARD CHARGER: C.J. Sarna (5th to 3rd)

NEW USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Austin Liggett-549, 2-Blake Bower-515, 3-Brody Fuson-503, 4-C.J. Sarna-428, 5-Ben Worth-351, 6-Shannon McQueen-320, 7-Maria Cofer-282, 8-David Prickett-279, 9-Chase Johnson-236, 10-Jarrett Soares-212.

NEXT USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE: August 7 – Merced Speedway – Merced, California – "Kevin Triplett Memorial"

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COLBY JOHNSON WINS \$2,000 "KEVIN TRIPLETT MEMORIAL" AT MERCED

MERCED, CA – AUGUST 7, 2021... Starting sixth, Colby Johnson (Penn Grove, CA) took command on the twenty-fifth lap and streaked to his first USAC Western States Midget victory at Merced Speedway. After tire issues knocked Blake Bower out of contention, Johnson piloted the Robyn Morris owned #17K Morris Insurance Agency / Cal-Crush Spike to the \$2000 BCRA co-sanctioned "Kevin Triplett Memorial" win. Brody Fuson, C.J. Sarna, Bower, and Jarrett Soares rounded out the top-five drivers.

Johnson opened the Merced program by earning the Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award by posting a time of 12.808 over the 14-car roster on the quarter-mile oval. After placing third in his heat race, the young driver also scored the night's Rod End Supply Hard Charger Award. In limited starts, Johnson ranks seventeenth in the point standings.

Brody Fuson (Bakersfield, CA) raced to victory in the night's 10-lap Extreme Mufflers First Heat Race. Driving Rusty Carlile's #51 RacePa Motorsports / W.E. Spike, last week's Petaluma winner qualified third overall and finished second in the main event. The rookie contender has climbed to second in the point standings.

Blake Bower (Brentwood, CA) won the 10-lap Competition Suspension Incorporated / Rod End Supply Second Heat Race. Racing Tony Boscacci's #9 Orland Public Auto Auction / Sold Buy Guys Spike, Bower was second quick in time trials and rebounded to score fourth in the main event. The rookie contender left the Merced County Fairgrounds as the new USAC Western States Midget point leader.

Randi Pankratz (Atascadero, CA) claimed the night's Wilwood Disc Brakes Lucky 13 Award. The pilot of the #8 HASA Pool Products Edmunds honored Kevin Triplett with memorial laps after qualifying seventh overall. The veteran driver ran fourth in her heat race and is currently nineteenth in points with limited starts.

USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 7, 2021 – Merced Speedway – Merced, California – “Kevin Triplett Memorial” – Co-sanctioned with Bay Cities Racing Association (BCRA)

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFICATIONS: 1. Colby Johnson, 17K, Morris-12.808; 2. Blake Bower, 9, Boscacci-12.821; 3. Brody Fuson, 51, Carlile-12.969; 4. C.J. Sarna, 20, Sarna-13.041; 5. David Prickett, 22Q, Neverlift-13.155; 6. Jarrett Soares, 12, Soares-13.220; 7. Randi Pankratz, 8, Pankratz-13.478; 8. Ron Hazelton, 15, Hazelton-13.839; 9. Floyd Alvis, 18, Champion-13.975; 10. Kenny Welch, 22, Risner-15.073; 11. Thomas Esberg, 8X, Esberg-15.202; 12. Michael Snider, 6K, Snider-16.739; 13. Robert Carson, 99, Segur-27.157; 14. Tony Gualda, 1X, LKK-NT.

EXTREME MUFFLERS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Fuson, 2. Prickett, 3. Johnson, 4. Pankratz, 5. Alvis, 6. Snider, 7. Gualda. NT.

COMPETITION SUSPENSION INC. / ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Bower, 2. Soares, 3. Sarna, 4. Hazelton, 5. Esberg, 6. Welch. NT.

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Colby Johnson (6), 2. Brody Fuson (4), 3. C.J. Sarna (3), 4. Blake Bower (5), 5. Jarrett Soares (1), 6. Ron Hazelton (8), 7. Floyd Alvis (9), 8. Thomas Esberg (11), 9. David Prickett (2), 10. Kenny Welch (10), 11. Tony Gualda (14), 12. Robert Carson (13), 13. Randi Pankratz (7). NT.

**Welch flipped on lap 14 of the feature. Snider did not start the feature.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-2 Prickett, Laps 3-24 Bower, Laps 25-30 Johnson.

ROD END SUPPLY HARD CHARGER: Colby Johnson (6th to 1st)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Randi Pankratz

NEW USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Blake Bower-589, 2-Brody Fuson-582, 3-Austin Liggett-549, 4-C.J. Sarna-501, 5-Ben Worth-351, 6-David Prickett-334, 7-Shannon McQueen-320, 8-Maria Cofer-282, 9-Jarrett Soares-278, 10-Chase Johnson-236.

NEXT USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE: August 28 – Santa Maria Raceway – Santa Maria, California – “Ron Otto Memorial”

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HAYDEN WILLIAMS GOES WIRE-TO-WIRE AT VENTURA

VENTURA, CA – SEPTEMBER 11, 2021... Making his first start with the USAC Western States Midgets, Hayden Williams (Auckland, NZ) led all 30-laps to win at Ventura Raceway. Driving Bill Buckley's #1NZ Esslinger Engineering / Lucas Oil Bullet, Williams started on the outside of the front row and sailed to the \$1,200 victory. Travis Buckley, point leader Blake Bower, Matt Mitchell, and Caden Sarale followed Williams to the checkered flags.

Before scoring his first main event victory, Williams was fifth quick out the nineteen-car roster and won the night's 10-lap Competition Suspension Incorporated / Rod End Supply Second Heat Race. The New Zealand based driver left the Ventura County Fairgrounds ranked twenty-fifth in the point chase.

In Woodland Auto Display Qualifying, Chase Johnson (Penngrove, CA) earned his second fast time of the campaign. Racing the Beilman Motorsports' #31B Dave.com / Walt Johnson Motorsports Spike, Johnson ran second to C.J. Sarna in his heat race and placed sixth in the main event. In limited starts, Chase has climbed to ninth in the point standings.

C.J. Sarna (Brea, CA) raced to victory in the 10-lap Extreme Mufflers First Heat Race. Piloting his #20 ZMax / Final Final Spike, Sarna qualified sixteenth overall and finished fifteenth in the feature. The former co-rookie of the year heads to Placerville ranked fourth in the chase for the championship.

Robby Josett (Santa Clarita, CA) returned to action and won the 10-lap Ultra Shield Race Products / Rod End Supply Third Heat Race. Driving Keith Ford's #73B Edgewater Construction / Sun Valley AG Transport Triple X, Josett was twelfth quick in time trials and scored seventh in the main event. In limited starts, Robby is tied for twentieth in championship points.

Colby Johnson (Penngrove, CA) earned the night's Rod End Supply Hard Charger Award with an eighth place run from nineteenth. Racing Dean Alexander's #5K Walker Air Filtration / WFX Spike, Johnson qualified nineteenth and placed fifth in his heat race. At press time, Colby has moved to thirteenth in points.

By virtue of his thirteenth-place finish, Ron Hazelton (Chatsworth, CA) claimed the night's Wilwood Disc Brakes Lucky 13 Award. Piloting his #15 TRC Transmission / West Evans Motorsports Beast, Hazleton was seventeenth fast in time trials and ran sixth in his heat race. The veteran driver has moved to eleventh in points.

USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE RESULTS: September 11, 2021 – Ventura Raceway – Ventura California

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Chase Johnson, 31B, Beilman-12.072; 2. Blake Bower, 9, Boscacci-12.427; 3. Troy Rutherford, 8W, Woodland-12.475; 4. Brody Fuson, 51, Carlile-12.529; 5. Hayden Williams, 1NZ, Buckley-12.566; 6. Travis Buckley, 7NZ, Buckley-12.603; 7. Dylan Ito, 73, Ford-12.650; 8. Caden Sarale, 32, Sarale-12.654; 9. Matt Mitchell, 68, Six8-12.776; 10. Gage Rucker, 11K, Kruseman-12.818; 11. Jarrett Soares, 12, Soares-12.857; 12. Robby Josett, 73B, Ford-13.093; 13. Mike Leach Jr., 33P, Leach-13.094; 14. Randi Pankratz, 8, Pankratz-13.331; 15. Joey Bishop, 45, Bishop-13.481; 16. C.J. Sarna, 20, Sarna-13.517; 17. Ron Hazelton, 15, Hazelton-13.715; 18. Tony Gomes, 1X, LKK-NT; 19. Colby Johnson, 5K, Alexander-NT.

EXTREME MUFFLERS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Sarna, 2. Ch. Johnson, 3. Fuson, 4. Ito, 5. Co. Johnson, 6. Rucker, 7. Leach. NT.

COMPETITION SUSPENSION INC. / ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Williams, 2. Sarale, 3. Pankratz, 4. Bower, 5. Soares, 6. Hazelton. NT.

ULTRA SHIELD RACE PRODUCTS / ROD END SUPPLY THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Josett, 2. Buckley, 3. Rutherford, 4. Bishop, 5. Mitchell, 6. Gomes. NT.

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Hayden Williams (2), 2. Travis Buckley (1), 3. Blake Bower (5), 4. Matt Mitchell (11), 5. Caden Sarale (10), 6. Chase Johnson (6), 7. Robby Josett (7), 8. Colby Johnson (19), 9. Gage Rucker (12), 10. Randi Pankratz (15), 11. Jarrett Soares (13), 12. Joey Bishop (16), 13. Ron Hazelton (17), 14. Troy Rutherford (4), 15. C.J. Sarna (8), 16. Dylan Ito (9), 17. Mike Leach Jr. (14), 18. Brody Fuson (3), 19. Tony Gomes (18). NT

****Mitchell flipped on lap 1 of the third heat.**

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Williams

ROD END SUPPLY HARD CHARGER: Colby Johnson (19th to 8th)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Ron Hazelton

NEW USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Blake Bower-663, 2-Brody Fuson-618, 3-Austin Liggett-549, 4-C.J. Sarna-542, 5-Ben Worth-351, 6-David Prickett-334, 7-Jarrett Soares-323, 8-Shannon McQueen-320, 9-Chase Johnson-304, 10-Maria Cofer-282.

NEXT USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE: October 9 – Placerville Speedway – Placerville, California – “Prospector Pandemonium”

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BRODY FUSON SHINES AT HANFORD

HANFORD, CA – OCTOBER 9, 2021... Starting seventh, Brody Fuson (Bakersfield, CA) took command on the sixth lap from Blake Bower and held off several challenges to score the Saturday night victory at Keller Auto Speedway. Driving Rusty Carlile's #51 Race Pa Motorsports / W.E. Spike, Fuson's 20-lap BCRA co-sanctioned win marked his second USAC Western States Midget triumph of the campaign. Fast qualifier Chase Johnson, Jake Andreotti, hard charger Jade Avedisian, and point leader Bower followed Brody to the checkered flags.

Before winning the “Morrie Williams Memorial / Kenny Takeuchi Tribute,” Fuson qualified eleventh overall out of the fifteen-car roster and won the night's Extreme Mufflers First Heat Race. During the feature, the Bakersfield driver found the bottom groove to his liking on the technical surface and raced to victory. Brody Fuson heads to Ventura ranked second in the point standings, just 39 markers behind fellow rookie contender Blake Bower.

In Woodland Auto Display Qualifying, Chase Johnson (Penngrove, CA) earned his third fast time of the season. Making his first start in Bill Buckley's #7NZ Buckley Systems / Esslinger Engineering Bullet, Johnson ran second to Fuson in his heat race and the main event after challenging for the top spot. In limited appearances, Chase has climbed to fifth in the point standings.

Jake Andreotti (Castro Valley, CA) returned to USAC Western States action and won the night's Competition Suspension Incorporated / Rod End Supply Second Heat Race. Racing the Pete Davis owned #00 Hot Head Competition Heaters / Buchannan Automotive Stealth, Andreotti was eighth quick in time trials and finished third in the main event. As this writing goes to press, the rookie contender is twentieth in the point chase.

In her first career USAC Western States Midget start, Jade Avedisian (Clovis, CA) earned the night's Rod End Supply Hard Charger Award with a fourth place run from eleventh. Driving Dean Alexander's #5K Walker Air Filtration / WFX Spike, Avedisian qualified tenth overall and finished second to Andreotti in her heat race. Jade left the Kings County Fairgrounds ranked thirty-fourth in points.

By virtue of his thirteenth-place finish, Dylan Bloomfield (Oakley, CA) claimed the night's Wilwood Disc Brakes “Lucky 13 Award.” Piloting Bobby Brown's #14JR T&T Trucking / Simpson Race Products Spike, Bloomfield was fourteenth quick overall and scored fifth in his heat race. In limited action, the Wingless Spec Sprint graduate is twenty-sixth in championship points.

USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE RESULTS: October 9, 2021 – Keller Auto Speedway – Hanford, California – “Morrie Williams Memorial / Kenny Takeuchi Tribute” – co-sanctioned with Bay Cities Racing Association (BCRA)

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFICATIONS: 1. Chase Johnson, 7NZ, Buckley-16.594; 2. Shannon McQueen, 7, McQueen-16.789; 3. Colby Johnson, 17K, Morris-16.939; 4. C.J. Sarna, 20, Sarna-16.987; 5. Kyle Beilman, 31B, Beilman-17.229; 6. Blake Bower, 9, Boscacci-17.249; 7. Jarrett Soares, 12, Soares-17.250; 8. Jake Andreotti, 00, Davis-17.297; 9. Matt Streeter, 14, Graunstadt-17.321; 10. Jade Avedisian, 5K, Alexander-17.373; 11. Brody Fuson, 51, Carlile-17.461; 12. Ron Hazelton, 15, Hazelton-18.032; 13. Michael Snider, 6K, Snider-18.726; 14. Dylan Bloomfield, 14JR, Brown-NT; 15. Michael Faccinto, 7J, Campbell-NT.

EXTREME MUFFLERS FIRST HEAT: (6 laps) 1. Fuson, 2. Ch. Johnson, 3. Co. Johnson, 4. Streeter, 5. Soares, 6. Beilman, 7. Snider. NT

COMPETITION SUSPENSION INC. / ROD END SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (6 laps) 1. Andreotti, 2. Avedisian, 3. McQueen, 4. Bower, 5. Bloomfield, 6. Hazelton, 7. Sarna. NT.

FEATURE: (20 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Brody Fuson (7), 2. Chase Johnson (6), 3. Jake Andreotti (2), 4. Jade Avedisian (11), 5. Blake Bower (3), 6. Jarrett Soares (10), 7. Kyle Beilman (9), 8. Matt Streeter (1), 9. Colby Johnson (4), 10. Shannon McQueen (5), 11. C.J. Sarna (8), 12. Michael Snider (13), 13. Dylan Bloomfield (14), 14. Ron Hazelton (12). NT.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Streeter, Laps 2-5 Bower, Laps 6-20 Fuson.

ROD END SUPPLY HARD CHARGER: Jade Avedisian (11th to 4th)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Dylan Bloomfield

NEW USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Blake Bower-727, 2-Brody Fuson-696, 3-C.J. Sarna-588, 4-Austin Liggett-549, 5-Chase Johnson-384, 6-Jarrett Soares-382, 7-Shannon McQueen-374, 8-Ben Worth-351, 9-David Prickett-334, 10-Ron Hazelton-295.

NEXT USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE: October 16 – Ventura Raceway – Ventura, California

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JAKE ANDREOTTI GETS FIRST WIN AT VENTURA

VENTURA, CA – OCTOBER 16, 2021... Starting second, Jake Andreotti (Castro Valley, CA) led 27 laps to earn his first career USAC Western States Midget triumph at Ventura Raceway. Racing the Pete Davis owned #00 Hot Head Competition Heaters / Buchanan Automotive Stealth, the rookie contender finished ahead of fast qualifier Logan Seavey, Chase Johnson, Robby Josett, and hard charger Dylan Ito.

Pole-sitter Mike Leach Jr. led the opening three circuits at the Ventura County Fairgrounds. Searching for traction, the young driver bobbled, and Andreotti sliced his way to the top spot. Once out front, Jake began to build a lead as Seavey took over second with Johnson close by in third. Seavey applied pressure to Andreotti for the lead, however, the young driver continued to hit his marks and sailed to the checkered flag.

Before winning the 30-lap main event, Andreotti qualified seventh overall out of the eighteen-car roster and ran second to C.J. Sarna in his heat race. Racing a limited schedule, Jake heads to Hanford’s final point race on October 29th ranked fourteenth in the point standings.

Making his first USAC Western start of the year, Logan Seavey (Brownsburg, IN) earned fast time honors in Woodland Auto Display Qualifying with a time of 11.889. Driving Tom Malloy’s #25 Trench Shoring / Rodela Fabrication King, Seavey

claimed third in his heat race and finished second in the feature. Preparing for November's "80th Running of the Turkey Night Grand Prix" at Ventura, Logan sits thirty-first in points.

C.J. Sarna (Brea, CA) raced to victory in the night's Extreme Mufflers / Walker Performance Filtration First Heat Race. Piloting his #20 ZMAX / Final Final Lifestyle Spike, Sarna was ninth quick in time trials and scored seventh in the main event. At press time, the second-generation driver is third in championship points.

Robby Josett (Santa Clarita, CA) won the night's Competition Suspension Inc. / Ultra Shield Race Products / Superior Bearing & Supply Second Heat Race. Racing Keith Ford's #73B Sun Valley AG Transport / Pacific Coast Maintenance Service TCR, Josett qualified tenth overall and scored fourth in the main event after starting eighth. The veteran driver left the seaside oval ranked eighteenth in the point chase.

Dylan Ito (Ventura, CA) earned the night's Rod End Supply / Finish Line Promotions by Stephanie Odom Hard Charger Award with a fifth place run from fourteenth. Driving Keith Ford's #73 Naturipe / Sun Valley AG Transport Triple X, Ito was fourteenth fast in qualifying and seventh in his heat race. Dylan left Ventura Raceway placed eleventh in the chase for the championship.

By virtue of his thirteenth-place finish, Caden Sarale (Stockton, CA) claimed the night's Wilwood Disc Brakes "Lucky 13 Award." Piloting his #32 Tel-Tac / Sarale Trucking CS9, Sarale qualified sixth overall and placed fifth in his heat race. In limited action, the second-generation driver is twenty-sixth in USAC Western points.

USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE RESULTS: October 16, 2021 – Ventura Raceway – Ventura, California

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFICATIONS: 1. Logan Seavey, 25, Malloy-11.889; 2. Chase Johnson, 7NZ, Buckley-11.947; 3. Shannon McQueen, 7, McQueen-12.152; 4. Ben Worth, 5K, Alexander-12.194; 5. Blake Bower, 9, Boscacci-12.281; 6. Caden Sarale, 32, Sarale-12.307; 7. Jake Andreotti, 00, Davis-12.424; 8. Mike Leach Jr., 33P, Leach-12.457; 9. C.J. Sarna, 20, Sarna-12.515; 10. Robby Josett, 73B, Ford-12.576; 11. Tony Gomes, 1X, LKK-12.590; 12. Brody Fuson, 51, Carlile-12.600; 13. Troy Rutherford, 8W, Woodland-12.714; 14. Dylan Ito, 73, Ford-12.998; 15. Ron Hazelton, 15, Hazelton-13.222; 16. Joey Bishop, 45, Bishop-13.409; 17. Randi Pankratz, 8, Pankratz-NT; 18. Jarrett Soares, 12, Soares-NT.

EXTREME MUFFLERS / WALKER PERFORMANCE FILTRATION FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Sarna, 2. Andreotti, 3. Seavey, 4. McQueen, 5. Bower, 6. Rutherford, 7. Hazelton. NT.

COMPETITION SUSPENSION INC. / ULTRA SHIELD RACE PRODUCTS / SUPERIOR BEARING & SUPPLY SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Josett, 2. Johnson, 3. Leach, 4. Worth, 5. Sarale, 6. Fuson, 7. Ito, 8. Bishop. NT.

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Jake Andreotti (2), 2. Logan Seavey (6), 3. Chase Johnson (5), 4. Robby Josett (8), 5. Dylan Ito (14), 6. Blake Bower (9), 7. C.J. Sarna (7), 8. Ron Hazelton (15), 9. Ben Worth (3), 10. Troy Rutherford (13), 11. Joey Bishop (16), 12. Mike Leach Jr. (1), 13. Caden Sarale (10), 14. Shannon McQueen (4), 15. Brody Fuson (12), 16. Randi Pankratz (17). NT.

**Fuson flipped on lap 1 of the feature. Gomes did not start feature.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-3 Leach, Laps 4-30 Andreotti

ROD END SUPPLY / FINISH LINE PROMOTIONS BY STEPHANIE ODOM HARD CHARGER: Dylan Ito (14th to 5th)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Caden Sarale

NEW USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Blake Bower-788, 2-Brody Fuson-732, 3-C.J. Sarna-648, 4-Austin Liggett-549, 5-Chase Johnson-460, 6-Shannon McQueen-418, 7-Ben Worth-405, 8-Jarrett Soares-392, 9-Ron Hazelton-346, 10-David Prickett-334.

NEXT USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE: October 29 – Keller Auto Speedway – Hanford, California – “Anthony Simone Classic”

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MICHAEL FACCINTO IS KING AT HANFORD; BLAKE BOWER EARNS CHAMPIONSHIP

HANFORD, CA – OCTOBER 29, 2021... Charging from fourth, Michael Faccinto (Hanford, CA) raced to victory at Hanford’s Keller Auto Speedway. Driving Marcie Campbell’s #7J Marcie Campbell Realtor / Rodela Fabrication Spike, the 2018 Champion earned his first USAC Western States Midget win of the year at the season ending “Anthony Simone Classic.” Frankie Guerrini, newly crowned champion and rookie of the year Blake Bower, Jake Andreotti, and Ben Worth chased Faccinto to the checkered flags.

Making his first start of 2021, pole-sitter Frankie Guerrini led the first sixteen laps on the lightning-fast surface. Faccinto had made his way to second early in the feature and gradually reeled in the leader. With the laps winding down, the hometown driver powered to the top spot and led the final three circuits.

Before the program began, technical problems with the electronic scoring loop forced officials to cancel time trials. A passing point format was used and after running second to Colby Johnson in his heat race, Faccinto ranked third overall. In limited appearances, Michael finished the campaign placed twenty-second in championship points.

Equaling a feat by Nic Faas in 2008, Blake Bower (Brentwood, CA) clinched the championship and rookie of the year honors. Piloting Tony Boscacci’s #9 Orland Public Auto Auction / Sold Buy Guys entry, Bower finished second to Jake Andreotti in his heat race, placed fourth in passing points, and ran third in the feature.

After heat race action was completed, Colby Johnson (Penngrove, CA) was the night’s Woodland Auto Display Top Qualifier. Racing the Robyn Morris owned #17K Morris Insurance Agency / Cal Crush Spike, Johnson won the 8-lap Extreme Mufflers / LMG Ag Products First Heat Race and scored tenth in the main event after an early flip. Colby finished the season ranked eleventh in USAC Western States Midget points and won the BCRA Championship.

Jake Andreotti (Castro Valley, CA) won the night’s Competition Suspension Inc. / Ultra Shield Race Products / Hanni Well Drilling Second Heat Race. Driving Pete Davis’ #00 Hot Head Competition Heaters / Buchanan Automotive Stealth, Andreotti was second in passing points and finished fourth in the main event. In limited action, the rookie contender closed out the season ranked twelfth in points.

David Prickett (Fresno, CA) earned the night’s Rod End Supply / Finish Line Promotions by Stephanie Odom Hard Charger Award with a seventh place run from eleventh. The pilot of the Nichols / Peckfelder #1NP NP Motorsports / Masters Design and Construction Spike missed his heat race due to mechanical problems. The team made repairs in time to compete in the season ending 20-lap main event. Despite missing several events, the veteran driver finished eleventh in the point standings.

USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE RESULTS: October 29, 2021 – Keller Auto Speedway – Hanford, California – “Anthony Simone Classic” – co-sanctioned with BCRA

EXTREME MUFFLERS / LMG AG PRODUCTS FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Colby Johnson (#17K Morris), 2. Michael Faccinto (#7J Campbell), 3. Frankie Guerrini (#71R Morris), 4. Ron Hazelton (#15 Hazelton), 5. C.J. Sarna (#20 Sarna). NT.

COMPETITION SUSPENSION INC. / ULTRA SHIELD RACE PRODUCTS / HANNI WELL DRILLING SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Jake Andreotti (#00 Davis), 2. Blake Bower (#9 Boscacci), 3. Ben Worth (#5K Alexander), 4. Brody Fuson (#51 Carlile), 5. Terry Nichols (#1N Nichols/Peckfelder). NT.

FEATURE: (20 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Michael Faccinto (4), 2. Frankie Guerrini (1), 3. Blake Bower (3), 4. Jake Andreotti (5), 5. Ben Worth (2), 6. Brody Fuson (7), 7. David Prickett, (11, #1NP Nichols/Peckfelder), 8. Ron Hazelton (8), 9. Terry Nichols (10), 10. Colby Johnson (6). NT.

**Johnson flipped on lap one of the feature. Sarna did not start feature.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-16 Guerrini, Laps 17-20 Faccinto.

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY TOP QUALIFIER: Colby Johnson

ROD END SUPPLY / FINISH LINE PROMOTIONS BY STEPHANIE ODOM HARD CHARGER: David Prickett (11th to 7th)

FINAL USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Blake Bower-862, 2-Brody Fuson-792, 3-C.J. Sarna-662, 4-Austin Liggett-549, 5-Ben Worth-471, 6-Chase Johnson-460, 7-Shannon McQueen-418, 8-Ron Hazelton-400, 9-Jarrett Soares-392, 10-David Prickett-386.

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2021 USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET DRIVER POINT STANDINGS:

POS.	PTS.	DRIVER, HOMETOWN
1	862	Blake Bower (R), Brentwood, Calif.
2	792	Brody Fuson (R), Bakersfield, Calif.
3	662	C.J. Sarna, Palm Desert, Calif.
4	549	Austin Liggett, Tracy, Calif.
5	471	Ben Worth, Coalinga, Calif.
6	418	Shannon McQueen, Bakersfield, Calif.
7	400	Ron Hazelton, Chatsworth, Calif.
8	392	Jarrett Soares (R), Discovery Bay, Calif.
9	386	David Prickett, Fresno, Calif.
10	286	Dylan Ito, Ventura, Calif.
11	282	Maria Cofer, Macdoel, Calif.
12	223	Terry Nichols, Delano, Calif.
13	212	Randi Pankratz, Atascadero, Calif.
14	205	Mitchel Moles, Fresno, Calif.
15	202	Robby Josett, Costa Mesa, Calif.
16	190	Kyle Beilman, Mar Vista, Calif.
17	117	Mike Leach Jr., Foothill Ranch, Calif.
18	116	Colton Raudman (R), Cottonwood, Calif.

19	113	Alex Schutte, Redding, Calif.
20	86	Joey Bishop, Camarillo, Calif.
21	80	Hayden Williams, Auckland, N.Z.
22	79	Logan Seavey, Sutter, Calif.
23	75	Ryan Bernal, Hollister, Calif.
24	75	Travis Buckley (R), Auckland, N.Z.
25	58	Beau Lemire, Camino, Calif.
26	55	Ashlyn Rodriguez, Granite Bay, Calif.
27	50	Ronnie Gardner, Corona, Calif.
28	50	Sparky Howard, Santa Rosa, Calif.
29	50	Troy Morris III, Bakersfield, Calif.
30	49	Ben Wiesz (R), Colfax, Calif.
31	46	Kenny Welch (R), Boise, Idaho
32	36	Kaleb Montgomery, Templeton, Calif.
33	27	Jake Vermeer, Bakersfield, Calif.

2021 USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET ENTRANT POINT STANDINGS:

POS.	PTS.	ENTRANT, LOCATION, CAR NUMBER
1	862	Tony Boscacci, Mountain View, Calif. (#9)
2	712	Rusty Carlile, Bakersfield, Calif. (#51)
3	662	C.J. Sarna, Brea, Calif. (#20)
4	592	Dean Alexander, Visalia, Calif. (#5K)
5	549	Tim Liggett, Tracy, Calif. (#83)
6	439	Keith Ford, Oxnard, Calif. (#73)
7	418	McQueen Racing, Tehachapi, Calif. (#7)
8	392	Steven Soares, Discovery Bay, Calif. (#12)
9	314	Nichols/Peckfelder, Delano, Calif. (#1NP)
10	285	Del Morris, Ripon, Calif. (#17K)
11	282	Johnny Cofer, Macdoel, Calif. (#57)
12	242	LKK Racing, Atascadero, Calif. (#1x)
13	231	BSL Racing, Auckland, N.Z. (#7NZ)
14	198	Six8 Motorsports, Burbank, Calif. (#68)

15	160	Keith Ford, Oxnard, Calif. (#73B)
16	159	Marcie Campbell, Norco, Calif. (#7J)
17	146	Del Morris, Ripon, Calif. (#71R)
18	117	Mike Leach Sr., Foothill Ranch, Calif. (#33p)
19	81	Nichols/Peckfelder, Delano, Calif. (#1p)
20	80	BSL Racing, Auckland, N.Z. (#1NZ)
21	79	Tom Malloy, El Monte, Calif. (#25)

2021 USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET FEATURE WINNERS:

Mar 27: Bakersfield Speedway - Bakersfield, CA

WINNER: Chase Johnson (Six8 Motorsports #68)

Apr 10: Keller Auto Speedway at Kings Fairgrounds - Hanford, CA

WINNER: Mitchel Moles (Matt Wood Racing #07w)

Apr 17: Thunderbowl Raceway - Tulare, CA

WINNER: Austin Liggett (Tim Liggett #83)

May 15: Petaluma Speedway - Petaluma, CA

WINNER: Maria Cofer (Johnny Cofer #57)

Jun 5: Ventura Raceway - Ventura, CA

WINNER: Ben Worth (Dean Alexander #5G)

Jul 9: Merced Speedway - Merced, CA

WINNER: Chase Johnson (Keith Ford #73)

Jul 10: Placerville Speedway - Placerville, CA

WINNER: Austin Liggett (Tim Liggett #83)

Jul 31: Petaluma Speedway - Petaluma, CA

WINNER: Brody Fuson (Rusty Carlile #51)

Aug 7: Merced Speedway - Merced, CA

WINNER: Colby Johnson (Del Morris #17K)

Sep 11: Ventura Raceway - Ventura, CA

WINNER: Hayden Williams (BSL Racing #1NZ)

Oct 9: Keller Auto Speedway at Kings Fairgrounds - Hanford, CA

WINNER: Brody Fuson (Rusty Carlile #51)

Oct 16: Ventura Raceway - Ventura, CA

WINNER: Jake Andreotti (Pete Davis #00)

Oct 29: Keller Auto Speedway at Kings Fairgrounds - Hanford, CA

WINNER: Michael Faccinto (Marcie Campbell #7J)

2021 USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET FEATURE WINS:

2-Brody Fuson, Chase Johnson & Austin Liggett

1-Jake Andreotti, Maria Cofer, Michael Faccinto, Colby Johnson, Mitchel Moles, Hayden Williams & Ben Worth

2021 USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET FEATURE LAPS LED:

58-Austin Liggett

41-Brody Fuson

30-Hayden Williams & Ben Worth

28-Mitchel Moles

27-Jake Andreotti

26-Blake Bower & Maria Cofer

24-Davey Ray

21-Chase Johnson

9-Tony Gomes

6-Colby Johnson

4-Michael Faccinto, Frankie Guerrini & Colton Raudman

3-Mike Leach Jr. & Shannon McQueen

2-David Prickett

1-Dylan Ito & Matt Streeter

2021 USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET TOP-5 FEATURE FINISHES:

9-Blake Bower

6-Brody Fuson

5-Chase Johnson & Austin Liggett

4-Jake Andreotti, Shannon McQueen & C.J. Sarna

3-Ben Worth

2-Maria Cofer, Michael Faccinto, Robby Josett, Kyle Mentch & Mitchel Moles

1-Max Adams, Jade Avedisian, Ryan Bernal, Travis Buckley, Shane Golobic, Frankie Guerrini, Dylan Ito, Colby Johnson, Matt Mitchell, Colton Raudman, Davey Ray, Caden Sarale, Logan Seavey, Jarrett Soares & Hayden Williams

2021 USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET TOP-10 FEATURE FINISHES:

12-Blake Bower

9-Brody Fuson

8-C.J. Sarna

7-Austin Liggett

6-Chase Johnson, Shannon McQueen, David Prickett & Ben Worth

4-Jake Andreotti, Ron Hazelton & Colby Johnson

3-Maria Cofer, Robby Josett, Kyle Mentch, Mitchel Moles, Terry Nichols & Jarrett Soares

2-Kyle Beilman, Michael Faccinto, Tony Gomes, Dylan Ito, Randi Pankratz, Troy Rutherford & Alex Schutte

1-Max Adams, Floyd Alvis, Jade Avedisian, Ryan Bernal, Travis Buckley, Thomas Esberg, Shane Golobic, Frankie Guerrini, Sparky Howard, Beau Lemire, Matt Mitchell, Troy Morris III, Colton Raudman, Davey Ray, Ashlyn Rodriguez, Gage Rucker, Caden Sarale, Logan Seavey, Matt Streeter, Kenny Welch, Ben Wiesz & Hayden Williams

2021 USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET FEATURE STARTS:

13-Blake Bower & Brody Fuson

12-C.J. Sarna

9-Ron Hazelton

8-Austin Liggett, Jarrett Soares & Ben Worth

7-Shannon McQueen & David Prickett

6-Dylan Ito, Chase Johnson & Colby Johnson

5-Maria Cofer, Terry Nichols & Randi Pankratz

4-Jake Andreotti, Kyle Beilman & Tony Gomes

3-Robby Josett, Mike Leach Jr., Kyle Mentch, Mitchel Moles & Troy Rutherford

2-Joey Bishop, Dylan Bloomfield, Michael Faccinto, Matt Mitchell, Colton Raudman, Caden Sarale & Alex Schutte

1-Max Adams, Floyd Alvis, Jade Avedisian, Ryan Bernal, Travis Buckley, Robert Carson, Thomas Esberg, Ronnie Gardner, Shane Golobic, Frankie Guerrini, Sparky Howard, Beau Lemire, Kaleb Montgomery, Troy Morris III, Davey Ray, Ashlyn Rodriguez, Gage Rucker, Logan Seavey, Michael Snider, Matt Streeter, Jake Vermeer, Kenny Welch, Ben Wiesz & Hayden Williams

2021 USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET FAST QUALIFYING TIMES:

3-Chase Johnson

2-Austin Liggett

1-Blake Bower, Michael Faccinto, Colby Johnson, Mitchel Moles, Logan Seavey & Ben Worth

2021 USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET HEAT RACE WINS:

5-Blake Bower

4-C.J. Sarna

3-Brody Fuson

2-Jake Andreotti, Maria Cofer, Colby Johnson, Robby Josett & Mitchel Moles

1-Ryan Bernal, Dylan Ito, Austin Liggett, Troy Rutherford, Hayden Williams & Ben Worth

2021 USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET QUALIFYING RACE WINS:

1-Maria Cofer & Brody Fuson