

2022 USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET SEASON

FACCINTO FLOURISHES, WINS USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET TITLE #2 IN '22

By: *Richie Murray – USAC Media*

No doubt about it. It's been a pretty special year for Michael Faccinto.

Late in the season, the Hanford, Calif. native got married and, shortly after, clinched his second career USAC Western States Midget championship aboard his Graunstadt Enterprises/Delta Scrap & Salvage – T & T Trucking/Spike/Stanton SR-11x.

Faccinto's two crowns in 2018 and 2022 put him in elite company as a multi-time USAC Western States Midget champ, becoming only the sixth driver to achieve the feat along with Sleepy Tripp, Robby Flock, Jerome Rodela, Johnny Rodriguez and Ronnie Gardner.

He also accomplished his second championship in a sort of unexpected manner due to having scheduling conflicts with his sprint car and midget rides that would've prevented him at making a full run at the USAC Western States title. Following his absence from the second event of the year, Faccinto ultimately devoted himself full-time to the series and a championship run.

Faccinto, along with a crew led by Matt Streeter and crew chief Vince Lattner, picked off two successive May victories at Placerville Speedway and Ventura Raceway, the first of which vaulted Faccinto into the point lead for good after falling to as low as 10th just three races earlier. He then added a third win for good measure in August at Santa Maria Raceway.

For the second straight season, Brody Fuson (Bakersfield, Calif.) finished as the runner-up in the standings, notching a pair of triumphs in April at Thunderbowl Raceway and in July at Petaluma to become the only driver outside of Faccinto to win multiple features. At Thunderbowl, Fuson took Faccinto's regular ride to the win while Faccinto was absent. Fuson utilized his regular Rusty Carlile machine to grab the win at Petaluma.

Ben Worth (Coalinga, Calif.) added a win en route to a third-place finish in the standings for car owner Dean Alexander, equaling his best career points finish, which he also earned back in 2019. It's his third-straight season residing in the top-five of the final standings after accruing a victory in late September's penultimate round at Ventura.

A.J. Bender (San Diego, Calif.) scored Rookie of the Year honors by a narrow three-point margin over Travis Buckley (Auckland, N.Z.). Bender, driving for retiring car owner Randy Wright of LKK Racing, collected a career-best second place result in September at Ventura. Buckley, meanwhile, took a best of fifth on three occasions at Thunderbowl, Petaluma and Ventura in his BSL Racing Esslinger house car.

Jake Andreotti (Castro Valley, Calif.) won the season opener for team owner Pete Davis in March at Placerville Speedway. Mitchel Moles (Raisin City, Calif.) came in from the USAC National circuit and swept the entire evening in April at Bakersfield by setting fast qualifying time, winning his heat and the feature all in a single night of work for Josh Ford Motorsports. Shane Golobic (Fremont, Calif.) took top honors in Matt Wood Racing's ride at Merced Speedway in April for his first series win in four years.

Ryan Bernal (Hollister, Calif.) was a series victor for the first time in seven seasons during a June run at Merced for Josh Ford Motorsports. Chase Johnson made it three consecutive seasons with a USAC Western States Midget victory in August at Ventura as he took the Ford car to the winner's circle with its third different driver this year. Cade Lewis (Bakersfield, Calif.) piloted "Kiwi" Dean Alexander's second car to the win in the season closer for his first career series win in October at The Dirt Track at Kern County Raceway Park).

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JAKE ANDREOTTI TOPS PLACERVILLE SPRING FEVER FRENZY

PLACERVILLE, CA – MARCH 30, 2022... Leading all 20-laps, Jake Andreotti (Castro Valley, CA) scored last Saturday's "Spring Fever Frenzy" triumph at Placerville Speedway. Driving Pete Davis' #00 Hot Head Competition Heaters / Buchanan Automotive Stealth, Andreotti's USAC Western States & BCRA Midget victory came over Michael Faccinto, A.J. Bender, fast qualifier "Sugar" Shane Golobic, and Shannon McQueen.

Starting on the outside of the front row, Andreotti faced constant challenges from Faccinto and Golobic. While several caution flags halted the action, track officials had to shorten the main event. With a five lap shootout remaining, Jake hit his marks on the quarter-mile oval and powered to the second USAC Western victory of his career.

Before claiming the season opener, Andreotti qualified fifth overall and won the 10-lap Ammonia Refrigeration Service Heat Race #2. The young driver heads to Tulare's "Faria Memorial" as the point leader in both the USAC standings and the four-race Elk Grove Ford Mini-Series.

In Woodland Auto Display Time Trials, "Sugar" Shane Golobic (Fremont, CA) established a new USAC Western States track record (11.663) and bested the 23-cars in attendance. After breaking Dillon Welch's 2019 standard, the pilot of the Matt Wood Racing #17W NOS Energy Drink / Elk Grove Ford Spike, Golobic won the 10-lap Jordan Hanni Well Drilling Heat Race #1 and scored fourth in the main event. The versatile driver left 'Knoxville on the Hill' ranked third in USAC Western points and the Elk Grove Ford mini-series.

Austin Liggett (Linden, CA) returned to USAC Western States action and won the Wireless 101 Heat Race #3. Racing the family owned Excel Environmental / Liggett Trucking Spike, Liggett was sixth quick in time trials and finished sixth in the 20-lap feature. The former USAC West Coast 360 Champion left Placerville sixth in both the championship points and mini-series.

Sporting a new paint scheme, Randi Pankratz (Atascadero, CA) earned the night's Rod End Supply Hard Charger Award with an eleventh place run from sixteenth. The driver of the family owned #8 HASA Pool Products / Oreq Corporation Edmunds qualified seventeenth overall and ran fifth in her heat race. The veteran driver heads to Tulare ranked twelfth in series points, mini-series point chase and is tied for the Passing Master point lead.

By virtue of his thirteenth place finish, Kyle Beilman (Mar Vista, CA) claimed the night's Wilwood Disc Brakes "Lucky 13 Award." Piloting the Beilman Motorsports' #31B Dave.com / B.P. Fab Spike, Beilman was fourteenth fast win qualifying and placed sixth in his heat race. The former rookie of the year left the El Dorado County Fairgrounds ranked fourteenth in series and Elk Grove Ford points.

The USAC Western States and BCRA Midgets will return to action this Saturday, April 2, at Thunderbowl Raceway (Tulare, CA) for the "Chris & Brian Faria Memorial."

The USAC Western States MIDGET thanks Ammonia Refrigeration Service, AMSOIL, BR Motorsports, Competition Suspension Incorporated, Extreme Mufflers, FloRacing, Hanni Well Drilling, Hoosier Racing Tire, Rod End Supply, Wilwood Disc Brakes, Wireless 101, and Woodland Auto Display for their support.

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USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE RESULTS: March 26, 2022 – Placerville Speedway – Placerville, California – "Spring Fever Frenzy" / "Elk Grove Ford Mini-Series Round #1" – Co-Sanctioned with BCRA

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFICATIONS: 1. Shane Golobic, 17w, Wood-11.663 (New Track Record); 2. Ben Worth, 5K, Alexander-11.747; 3. Shannon McQueen, 7, McQueen-11.755; 4. Michael Faccinto, 14J, Graunstadt-11.760; 5. Jake Andreotti, 00, Davis-11.990; 6. Austin Liggett, 83, Liggett-12.039; 7. A.J. Bender, 1x, LKK-12.052; 8. Blake Bower, 9,

Boscacci-12.086; 9. Colton Raudman, 2c, Schutte-12.155; 10. Dylan Bloomfield, 14JR, Streeter-12.180; 11. Travis Buckley, 7NZ, BSL-12.268; 12. Danika Jo Parker, 13, Parker-12.296; 13. Caden Sarale, 32, Sarale-12.338; 14. Kyle Beilman, 31B, Beilman-12.371; 15. Ben Wiesz, 21w, Wiesz-12.508; 16. C.J. Sarna, 20, Sarna-12.528; 17. Randi Pankratz, 8, Pankratz-12.560; 18. Mike Snider, 6K, Snider-12.610; 19. Anthony Esberg, 1K, Esberg-12.766; 20. Dakota Albright, 6x, Snider-12.835; 21. Floyd Alvis, 18, Champion-12.849; 22. Thomas Esberg, 8x, Esberg-14.329; 23. Beau Lemire, 14, Lemire-14.884.

JORDAN HANNI WELL DRILLING FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Golobic, 2. Faccinto, 3. Bender, 4. Bloomfield, 5. Pankratz, 6. Beilman, 7. Alvis, 8. Albright. NT.

AMMONIA REFRIGERATION SERVICE SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Andreotti, 2. Worth, 3. Wiesz, 4. Snider, 5. Buckley, 6. Thomas Esberg. NT.

WIRELESS 101 THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Liggett, 2. Sarna, 3. McQueen, 4. Sarale, 5. Parker, 6. Anthony Esberg. NT

FEATURE: (20 laps, Starting positions in parentheses) 1. Jake Andreotti (2), 2. Michael Faccinto (3), 3. A.J. Bender (7), 4. Shane Golobic (6), 5. Shannon McQueen (4), 6. Austin Liggett (1), 7. Dylan Bloomfield (10), 8. Blake Bower (8), 9. Travis Buckley (11), 10. Ben Wiesz (14), 11. Randi Pankratz (16), 12. Ben Worth (5), 13. Kyle Beilman (13), 14. C.J. Sarna (15), 15. Mike Snider (17), 16. Danika Jo Parker (21), 17. Floyd Alvis (19), 18. Caden Sarale (12), 19. Anthony Esberg (18), 20. Thomas Esberg (20), 21. Dakota Albright (22), 22. Beau Lemire (23). NT

****Lemire flipped on lap 2 of the feature. Raudman did not start feature.**

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-20 Andreotti

ROD END SUPPLY HARD CHARGER: Randi Pankratz (16th to 11th)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Kyle Beilman

NEW USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jake Andreotti-80, 2-Michael Faccinto-77, 3-Shane Golobic-75, 4-A.J. Bender-70, 5-Shannon McQueen-68, 6-Austin Liggett-64, 7-Dylan Bloomfield-57, 8-Ben Worth-51, 9-Blake Bower-49, --Travis Buckley-49, --Ben Wiesz-49.

ELK GROVE FORD MINI-SERIES POINTS: 1-Jake Andreotti-80, 2-Michael Faccinto-77, 3-Shane Golobic-75, 4-A.J. Bender-70, 5-Shannon McQueen-68, 6-Austin Liggett-64, 7-Dylan Bloomfield-57, 8-Ben Worth-51, 9-Blake Bower-49, --Travis Buckley-49, --Ben Wiesz-49.

TOP QUALIFIER POINTS: 1-Shane Golobic-6, 2-Ben Worth-5, 3-Shannon McQueen-4, 4-Michael Faccinto-3, 5-Jake Andreotti-2, 6-Austin Liggett-1.

PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Randi Pankratz-5, --Danika Jo Parker-5, 3-A.J. Bender-4, --Ben Wiesz-4, 5-Dylan Bloomfield-3, 6-Shane Golobic-2, --Travis Buckley-2, --Mike Snider-2, --Floyd Alvis-2.

NEXT USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE: April 2 – Thunderbowl Raceway – Tulare, California – “Chris & Brian Faria Memorial” – Co-Sanctioned with BCRA

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BRODY FUSON WINS “FARIA MEMORIAL” AT TULARE

By: Lance Jennings

TULARE, CA – APRIL 3, 2022... Starting third, Brody Fuson (Bakersfield, CA) raced to victory at last Saturday’s BCRA co-sanctioned “Faria Memorial” at Thunderbowl Raceway (Tulare, California). Making his first start in Bobby Brown’s #14J T&T Trucking / Silva Ranches Spike, Fuson took command of the last eleven laps after the engine on fast qualifier Chase

Johnson's mount expired. From there, Brody sailed to his third career USAC Western States win over Blake Bower, Ben Worth, new point leader A.J. Bender, and Travis Buckley.

Outside front row starter Dylan Ito led the opening two circuits at the Tulare County Fairgrounds. Looking for his first win, Ito soon had to contend with Josh Ford Motorsports teammate Chase Johnson. Johnson, who found the outside groove to his liking sailed past the young driver and looked to run away from the field. Johnson had a big advantage until engine problems ended his night.

Brody Fuson opened his night by qualifying fourth overall and winning the 8-lap Ammonia Refrigeration Service Heat Race #2. The young driver heads to his hometown racetrack ranked ninth in the point standings.

Chase Johnson (Penngrove, CA) earned his first Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award of the year by posting a time of 15.823 over the 12-car roster. The driver of Keith Ford's #73X Naturipe / Sun Valley AG Transport Triple X placed third in his heat race and scored tenth in the 25-lap main event. Chase will run a limited USAC Western States Midget schedule and is sixteenth in the points.

A.J. Bender (San Diego, CA) raced to victory in the night's 8-lap Jordan Hanni Well Drilling Heat Race #2. Piloting the LKK Racing #1X Josh Ford Motorsports / Rod End Supply Triple X, the leading rookie contender was ninth fast in time trials and fourth in the feature. Bender has taken over the point lead with a twelve point advantage heading to Bakersfield.

Blake Bower (Brentwood, CA) earned the night's Rod End Supply Hard Charger Award with a second place run from eighth. Driving Tony Boscacci's #9 Orland Public Auto Auction / Mountain Cascade Incorporated Spike, Bower qualified seventh overall and ran second to Bender in his heat race. The defending champion has climbed to fourth in the point standings.

The "mighty midgets" of the USAC Western States and Bay Cities Racing Association (BCRA) will return to action on Saturday, April 16th, at Bakersfield Speedway in Bakersfield, California.

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USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE RESULTS: April 2, 2022 – Thunderbowl Raceway – Tulare, California – "Chris & Brian Faria Memorial" – Co-Sanctioned with BCRA

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFICATIONS: 1. Chase Johnson, 73x, Ford-15.823; 2. Ben Worth, 5K, Alexander-15.920; 3. Jake Andreotti, 00, Davis-16.190; 4. Brody Fuson, 14J, Graunstadt-16.255; 5. Dylan Ito, 73, Ford-16.286; 6. Travis Buckley, 7NZ, BSL-16.356; 7. Blake Bower, 9, Boscacci-16.404; 8. C.J. Sarna, 20, Sarna-16.458; 9. A.J. Bender, 1x, LKK-16.515; 10. Thomas Esberg, 8x, Esberg-17.891; 11. Mike Snider, 6K, Snider-18.314; 12. Anthony Esberg, 1K, Esberg-19.276.

JORDAN HANNI WELL DRILLING FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Bender, 2. Bower, 3. Johnson, 4. Snider, 5. Ito, 6. Andreotti. NT.

AMMONIA REFRIGERATION SERVICE SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Fuson, 2. Worth, 3. Sarna, 4. Buckley, 5. Thomas Esberg, 6. Anthony Esberg. 2:43.39.

FEATURE: (25 laps, Starting positions in parentheses) 1. Brody Fuson (3), 2. Blake Bower (8), 3. Ben Worth (5), 4. A. J. Bender (7), 5. Travis Buckley (1), 6. Mike Snider (11), 7. Anthony Esberg (12), 8. Dylan Ito (2), 9. C.J. Sarna (9), 10. Chase Johnson (6), 11. Thomas Esberg (10), 12. Jake Andreotti (4). NT.

****Sarna flipped on lap 17 of the feature. Ito flipped on lap 18 of the feature.**

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-2 Ito, Laps 3-14 Johnson, Laps 15-25 Fuson.

ROD END SUPPLY HARD CHARGER: Blake Bower (8th to 2nd)

NEW USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-A.J. Bender-139, 2-Ben Worth-127, 3-Jake Andreotti-126, 4-Blake Bower-123, 5-Travis Buckley-114, 6-Mike Snider-98, 7-C.J. Sarna-94, 8-Anthony Esberg-83, 9-Brody Fuson-81, 10-Michael Faccinto-77.

TOP QUALIFIER POINTS: 1-Ben Worth-10, 2-Shane Golobic-6, --Jake Andreotti-6, --Chase Johnson-6, 5-Shannon McQueen-4, 6-Michael Faccinto-3, --Brody Fuson-3, 8-Dylan Ito-2, 9-Austin Liggett-1, --Travis Buckley-1.

PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-A.J. Bender-7, --Mike Snider-7, 3-Blake Bower-6, 4-Randi Pankratz-5, --Danika Jo Parker-5, 7-Ben Wiesz-4, 8-Dylan Bloomfield-3.

NEXT USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE: April 16 – Bakersfield Speedway – Bakersfield, California – Co-Sanctioned with BCRA

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MITCHEL MOLES SWEEPS BAKERSFIELD MIDGET RETURN

By: Lance Jennings

(BAKERSFIELD, CA – APRIL 19, 2022)... With a full moon overhead, Mitchel Moles (Raisin City, California) swept last Saturday's USAC Western States and BCRA Midget show at Bakersfield Speedway. Driving Keith Ford's #73X Woodworks Unlimited / Walker Performance Filtration TCR, Moles was the fast qualifier, won his heat race, and won the 30-lap main event. Matt Mitchell, point leader and hard charger A.J. Bender, Robby Josett, and Michael Faccinto rounded out the top five.

Faced with changing track conditions, outside front row starter Jake Andreotti led the opening four laps. Looking for his second win of the year, Andreotti's hopes were dashed when his car lost power. Rookie contender Travis Buckley inherited the lead and hit his marks on the Bakersfield oval. Holding back the challenges from Mitchell and Josett, Buckley held strong. Moving from sixth, Moles took over second and quickly pressured Buckley for the top spot. Racing in close quarters, Mitchel took over the lead for the last eight circuits to claim the second win of his career.

Before winning the feature, Mitchel Moles earned fast time honors in Woodland Auto Display Qualifying with a time of 13.488 over the 21-car roster. The versatile driver also won the 10-lap Jordan Hanni Well Drilling First Heat Race. After making his first start of the campaign, Moles sits twelfth in points.

Jake Andreotti (Castro Valley, California) raced to victory in the night's Ammonia Refrigeration Service Second Heat Race. Racing Pete Davis' #00 Hot Head Competition Heaters / Buchannan Automotive Stealth, Andreotti qualified fifth overall and led the opening laps before scoring seventeenth in the feature. Jake sits fourth in championship points and leads the Elk Grove Ford points heading to Merced this Saturday night.

Ben Worth (Coalinga, California) won the 10-lap Wireless 101 Third Heat Race. Piloting Dean Alexander's #5K Walker Air Filtration / WFX Spike, Worth was third quick in qualifying and placed fourteenth in the Bakersfield main event. The 2019 Rookie of the Year ranks second in the chase for the championship heading to the Merced County Fairgrounds.

A.J. Bender (San Diego, California) earned the night's Rod End Supply Hard Charger Award with a third place run from tenth. Driving the LKK Racing #1X Josh Ford Motorsports / Rod End Supply Triple X, Bender qualified tenth overall and placed fourth in this heat race. The point leader also won the companion California Lightning Sprint feature at Bakersfield Speedway.

Making his first USAC start, Racin Silva (Henderson, Nevada) claimed the night's Wilwood Disc Brakes "Lucky 13 Award." Piloting the family owned #5S Sponsors Needed Triple X, Silva was fourteenth fast in time trials and placed sixth in his heat race. Racin left Bakersfield tied for twenty-seventh in points.

The "mighty midgets" of the USAC Western States and Bay Cities Racing Association (BCRA) will return to action this Saturday, April 23rd, at Merced Speedway in Merced, California. The event is the second round of the Elk Grove Ford Mini-Series. The event will be broadcast at floracing.com.

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WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFICATIONS: 1. Mitchel Moles, 73x, Ford-13.488; 2. Michael Faccinto, 14J, Graunstadt-13.535; 3. Ben Worth, 5K, Alexander-13.614; 4. Travis Buckley, 7NZ, BSL-13.644; 5. Jake Andreotti, 00, Davis-13.657; 6. Matt Mitchell, 68, Six8-13.751; 7. Brody Fuson, 51, Carlile-13.809; 8. Robby Josett, 73B, Ford-13.892; 9. Braden Chiaramonte, 14JR, Streeter-14.235; 10. A.J. Bender, 1x, LKK-14.251; 11. C.J. Sarna, 20, Sarna-14.301; 12. Terry Nichols, 1p, Nichols/Peckfelder-14.464; 13. Mike Snider, 6K, Snider-14.516; 14. Racin Silva, 5s, Silva-14.697; 15. Danika Jo Parker, 13, Parker-14.834; 16. Nick Velasquez, 1EM, Nichols/Peckfelder-14.895; 17. Randi Pankratz, 8, Pankratz-14.906; 18. Thomas Esberg, 8x, Esberg-15.159; 19. Zach Telford, 22G, GR-15.589; 20. Anthony Esberg, 1K, Esberg-NT; 21. Blake Bower, 9, Boscacci-NT.

JORDAN HANNI WELL DRILLING FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Moles, 2. Snider, 3. Fuson, 4. Bender, 5. Buckley, 6. Velasquez, 7. Telford. NT.

AMMONIA REFRIGERATION SERVICE SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Andreotti, 2. Faccinto, 3. Sarna, 4. Josett, 5. Pankratz, 6. Silva, 7. Anthony Esberg. NT.

WIRELESS 101 THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Worth, 2. Chiaramonte, 3. Mitchell, 4. Nichols, 5. Parker, 6. Thomas Esberg, NT.

FEATURE: (30 laps, Starting positions in parentheses) 1. Mitchel Moles (6), 2. Matt Mitchell (1), 3. A.J. Bender (10), 4. Robby Josett (8), 5. Michael Faccinto (5), 6. C.J. Sarna (11), 7. Brody Fuson (7), 8. Terry Nichols (12), 9. Travis Buckley (3), 10. Braden Chiaramonte (9), 11. Thomas Esberg (18), 12. Nick Velasquez (16), 13. Racin Silva (14), 14. Ben Worth (4), 15. Zach Telford (19), 16. Mike Snider (13), 17. Jake Andreotti (2), 18. Randi Pankratz (17), 19. Danika Jo Parker (15), 20. Blake Bower (21, #6X Snider), 21. Anthony Esberg (20). NT.

**Bower flipped during hot laps.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-4 Andreotti, Laps 5-22 Buckley, Laps 23-30 Moles.

ROD END SUPPLY HARD CHARGER: A.J. Bender (10th to 3rd)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Racin Silva

NEW USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-A.J. Bender-208, 2-Ben Worth-174, 3-Travis Buckley-167, 4-Jake Andreotti-165, 5-C.J. Sarna-155, 6-Michael Faccinto-147, 7-Blake Bower-146, 8-Brody Fuson-139, 9-Mike Snider-136, 10-Thomas Esberg-115.

TOP QUALIFIER POINTS: 1-Ben Worth-14, 2-Jake Andreotti-8, --Michael Faccinto-8, 4-Shane Golobic-6, --Chase Johnson-6, --Mitchel Moles-6, 7-Shannon McQueen-4, --Travis Buckley-4, 9-Brody Fuson-3, 10-Dylan Ito-2.

PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-A.J. Bender-14, 2-Mike Snider-7, --Thomas Esberg-7, 4-Blake Bower-6, 5-Randi Pankratz-5, --Danika Jo Parker-5, --Anthony Esberg-5, --C.J. Sarna-5, --Mitchel Moles-5, 10-Ben Wiesz-4, --Robby Josett-4, --Terry Nichols-4, --Nick Velasquez-4, --Zach Telford-4.

NEXT USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE: April 23 – Merced Speedway – Merced, California – “Elk Grove Ford Mini-Series Round #2” - Co-Sanctioned with BCRA

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SHANE GOLOBIC SWEEPS MERCED ELK GROVE FORD RACE

By: Lance Jennings

MERCED, CA – APRIL 27, 2022... After early leader Ryan Bernal retired, “Sugar” Shane Golobic (Fremont, California) outdueled Ben Worth for the top spot and raced to victory last Saturday night at Merced Speedway. Racing Matt Wood’s #17W NOS Energy Drink / Elk Grove Ford Spike, Golobic claimed his seventh career USAC Western States Midget triumph after starting sixth. Michael Faccinto, Worth, point leader A.J. Bender, and Dawson Faria rounded out the top-five drivers in the second round of the BCRA co-sanctioned Elk Grove Mini-Series.

When the checkered flags waved at the Merced County Fairgrounds, Golobic had swept the fourth point race. The versatile driver earned his second Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award of the year by posting a time of 12.390 over the 19-car roster. Then, Shane topped night’s 10-lap Jordan Hanni Well Drilling Heat Race #1 and now heads to Placerville ranked tenth in the standings and took over the lead in the Elk Grove Ford Mini-Series.

2018 Champion, Michael Faccinto (Hanford, California) won Merced’s 10-lap Ammonia Refrigeration Service Heat Race #2. Driving the Graunstadt Enterprises’ #14J T&T Trucking / Gary Silva Ranches Spike, Faccinto qualified second overall and charged to second in the feature after starting fifth. Michael sits third in standings and has climbed to second in the Elk Grove Ford points.

Veteran driver, Mike Snider (Kelseyville, California) raced to victory in the 10-lap Wireless 101 Heat Race #3. Piloting the family owned #6K S&K Automotive / T&A Automotive Eagle, Snider was fifteenth quick in time trials and scored sixteenth in the feature after an early exit. Michael left Merced ranks eighth in the point chase and eleventh in the mini-series.

Caden Sarale (Stockton, California) earned the night’s Rod End Supply Hard Charger Award with a sixth place run from fourteenth. Driving the family owned #32 Tel-Tac / Sarale Trucking CS9, Sarale qualified thirteenth overall and ran second to Shane Golobic in his heat race. In limited starts, the rookie contender is fifteenth in series points and has climbed to eighth in the Elk Grove Ford standings.

Austin Liggett (Linden, California) returned to USAC Western States action and earned the Wilwood Disc Brakes “Lucky 13 Award.” Racing the family owned #83 Excel Environmental / Liggett Trucking Spike, Liggett was fourth fast in time trials, placed third in his heat race, and was running in the top-five in the feature, before mechanical issues resulted in a thirteenth place finish. The former USAC West Coast 360 Sprint Car Champion sits fourteenth in the standings and sixth in the mini-series point chase.

The “mighty midgets” of the USAC Western States and Bay Cities Racing Association (BCRA) will return to action on Saturday, May 7th, at Placerville Speedway in Placerville, California. The “Mother’s Day Madness” will be the third round of the Elk Grove Ford Mini-Series.

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USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE RESULTS: April 23, 2022 – Merced Speedway – Merced, California – “Elk Grove Ford Mini Series Round #2” – Co-Sanctioned with BCRA

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Shane Golobic, 17w, Wood-12.390; 2. Michael Faccinto, 14J, Graunstadt-12.791; 3. Blake Bower, 9, Boscacci-12.813; 4. Austin Liggett, 83, Liggett-12.858; 5. Ryan Bernal, 73x, Ford-12.894; 6. Ben Worth, 5K, Alexander-12.941; 7. Jake Hodges, 4, Hodges-12.981; 8. Dawson Faria, 14JR, Streeter-13.098; 9. A.J. Bender, 1x, LKK-13.099; 10. Travis Buckley, 7NZ, BSL-13.178; 11. Terry Nichols, 1p, Nichols/Peckfelder-13.220; 12. Jake Andreotti, 00, Davis-13.248; 13. Caden Sarale, 32, Sarale-13.281; 14. Brody Fuson, 51, Carlile-13.343; 15. Mike Snider, 6K, Snider-13.469; 16. Danika Jo Parker, 13, Parker-13.528; 17. Thomas Esberg, 8x, Esberg-13.750; 18. Anthony Esberg, 1K, Esberg-14.112; 19. Randi Pankratz, 8, Pankratz-NT.

JORDAN HANNI WELL DRILLING FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Golobic, 2. Sarale, 3. Liggett, 4. Buckley, 5. Parker. NT.

AMMONIA REFRIGERATION SERVICE SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Faccinto, 2. Faria, 3. Bernal, 4. Fuson, 5. Thomas Esberg, 6. Nichols. NT.

WIRELESS 101 THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Snider, 2. Andreotti, 3. Bender, 4. Bower, 5. Worth, 6. Anthony Esberg. NT.

FEATURE: (30 laps, Starting positions in parentheses) 1. Shane Golobic (6), 2. Michael Faccinto (5), 3. Ben Worth (1), 4. A.J. Bender (10), 5. Dawson Faria (9), 6. Caden Sarale (14), 7. Jake Hodges (8), 8. Travis Buckley (11), 9. Brody Fuson (15), 10. Danika Jo Parker (16), 11. Thomas Esberg (17), 12. Jake Andreotti (13), 13. Austin Liggett (3), 14. Terry Nichols (12), 15. Blake Bower (4), 16. Mike Snider (7), 17. Ryan Bernal (2).

**Pankratz and Anthony Esberg did not start feature.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-6 Bernal, Laps 7-30 Golobic.

ROD END SUPPLY HARD CHARGER: Caden Sarale (14th to 6th)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Austin Liggett

NEW USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-A.J. Bender-275, 2-Ben Worth-243, 3-Michael Faccinto-227, 4-Travis Buckley-221, 5-Jake Andreotti-211, 6-Brody Fuson-190, 7-Blake Bower-188, 8-Mike Snider-175, 9-Thomas Esberg-160, 10-Shane Golobic-159.

NEW ELK GROVE FORD MINI SERIES POINTS: 1-Shane Golobic-159, 2-Michael Faccinto-157, 3-A.J. Bender-137, 4-Jake Andreotti-126, 5-Ben Worth-120, 6-Austin Liggett-110, 7-Travis Buckley-104, 8-Caden Sarale-94, 9-Blake Bower-91, 10-Danika Jo Parker-82.

NEW TOP QUALIFIER POINTS: 1-Ben Worth-15, 2-Michael Faccinto-13, 3-Shane Golobic-12, 4-Jake Andreotti-8, 5-Chase Johnson-6, --Mitchel Moles-6, 7-Shannon McQueen-4, --Travis Buckley-4, --Austin Liggett-4, --Blake Bower-4.

NEW PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-A.J. Bender-20, 2-Thomas Esberg-13, 3-Danika Jo Parker-11, 4-Brody Fuson-8, --Caden Sarale-8, 6-Mike Snider-7, --Shane Golobic-7, 8-Blake Bower-6, 9-Randi Pankratz-5, --Anthony Esberg-5, --C.J. Sarna-5, --Mitchel Moles-5, --Travis Buckley-5.

NEXT USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE: May 7 – Placerville Speedway – Placerville, California – “Mother’s Day Madness” / “Elk Grove Ford Mini Series Round #3” – Co-Sanctioned with BCRA

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MICHAEL FACCINTO MAKES MOST OF PLACERVILLE RETURN

By: Lance Jennings

PLACERVILLE, CALIFORNIA – MAY 10, 2022... Starting sixth, Michael Faccinto (Hanford, California) swept last Saturday's "Mother's Day Madness" at Placerville Speedway. The 2018 Champion set fast time, then won his heat race, and topped the USAC Western States / BCRA Midget 30-lap main event. By winning the third round of the Elk Grove Ford Mini Series, Faccinto has taken over the USAC Western States point lead and the Elk Grove Ford point chase. Teammate Dylan Bloomfield, Chase Johnson, Austin Liggett, and Brody Fuson rounded out the top-five drivers.

Polesitter Austin Liggett got the jump on the field to take the early lead. The former USAC West Coast 360 Sprint Car Champion found the bottom groove to his liking but soon had to deal with Jake Andreotti. Andreotti, who won the last Placerville visit on March 26th, was carrying more momentum from the outside line. Jake's patience paid off and the young driver grabbed the top spot from Liggett on the twelfth lap.

Once out front, Andreotti set a torrid pace but faced heartbreak two laps later as mechanical issues ended his night. Liggett regained the lead but was challenged by Faccinto. Michael slipped past Austin for the lead on the twenty-third circuit. Liggett looked to make a counter move that was dashed by the Placerville cushion. Faccinto looked to sail away from the competition, but his teammate Dylan Bloomfield began to apply pressure. Bloomfield's challenge fell short as Faccinto took the checkered flags at the El Dorado County Fairgrounds.

Driving the Graunstadt Enterprises' #14J T&T Trucking / Gary Silva Ranches Spike, Faccinto earned his first Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award of the year by posting a time of 11.870 seconds over the 23-car roster. Next, Michael won the night's 10-lap Jordan Hanni Well Drilling Heat Race #1 and scored the tenth win of his career, putting him in a tie with Johnny Cofer, Jerry Coons Jr., "The People's Champion" Dave Darland, "The Kruser" Cory Kruseman, and "The Flying Shoe" Ron Shuman.

Jake Morgan (Fair Oaks, California) made his first start of the campaign and won the 10-lap Ammonia Refrigeration Service Heat Race #2. Racing the family owned #45 Pacific Valley Fire Protection Inc. / Sala Racing entry, Morgan qualified eighth overall and placed seventh in the feature. The local driver left Placerville Speedway ranked twenty-second in series points and twenty-second in the Elk Grove Ford mini-series.

Brody Fuson (Bakersfield, California) topped the 10-lap Wireless 101 Heat Race #3. Piloting Rusty Carlile's #51 RacePa Motorsports / W.E. Spike, Fuson was ninth quick in time trials and charged to fifth in the feature after starting eighth. The young driver is currently fifth in series points and eleventh in the Elk Grove Ford standings.

Travis Buckley (Auckland, New Zealand) earned the night's Rod End Supply Hard Charger Award with a tenth place run from twenty-second. Driving the family owned #7NZ Buckley Systems / Kruseman Motorsports Spike, Buckley did not qualify, which put him in twenty-third and finished seventh in his heat race. The rookie contender left Placerville ranked fourth in USAC Western points and eighth in the Elk Grove Ford mini-series.

Long time BCRA veteran Dave Stoltz (Auburn, California) returned to USAC Western States action and earned the Wilwood Disc Brakes "Lucky 13 Award." Racing his #77 Pacific Flyer machine, Stoltz qualified twentieth overall and scored eighth in his heat race. Dave left the El Dorado County Fairgrounds ranked thirty-seventh in points and twenty-ninth in the Elk Grove Ford standings.

The USAC Western States Midgets will return to action on Saturday, May 21st, at Ventura Raceway in Ventura, California. The USAC West Coast 360 Sprint Cars will also share center stage at the Ventura County Fairgrounds.

The USAC Western States MIDGET thanks Ammonia Refrigeration Service, AMSOIL, Competition Suspension Incorporated, Elk Grove Ford, Extreme Mufflers, FloRacing.com, Jordan Hanni Well Drilling, Hoosier Racing Tire, Rod End Supply, Saldana Racing Products, Vahlco Wheels, Wilwood Disc Brakes, and Woodland Auto Display for their support.

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USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE RESULTS: May 7, 2022 – Placerville Speedway – Placerville, California – “Mother’s Day Madness / Elk Grove Ford Mini Series Round #3” – Co-Sanctioned with BCRA

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFICATIONS: 1. Michael Faccinto, 14J, Graunstadt-11.870; 2. Ben Worth, 5K, Alexander-11.979; 3. Jake Andreotti, 00, Davis-12.173; 4. Dylan Bloomfield, 14JR, Streeter-12.174; 5. Colton Raudman, 2c, Schutte-12.276; 6. Austin Liggett, 83, Liggett-12.278; 7. Cade Lewis, 73, Ford-12.312; 8. Jake Morgan, 45, Morgan-12.313; 9. Brody Fuson, 51, Carlile-12.324; 10. A.J. Bender, 1x, LKK-12.405; 11. Blake Bower, 9, Boscacci-12.434; 12. Mike Snider, 6K, Snider-12.524; 13. Chase Johnson, 73x, Ford-12.549; 14. Caden Sarale, 32, Sarale-12.588; 15. Danika Jo Parker, 13, Parker-12.604; 16. Zach Telford, 22G, GR-12.614; 17. Ben Wiesz, 21w, Wiesz-12.841; 18. Randi Pankratz, 8, Pankratz-12.874; 19. Anthony Esberg, 1K, Esberg-13.596; 20. Dave Stoltz, 77, Stoltz-13.854; 21. Thomas Esberg, 8x, Esberg-16.082; 22. Beau Lemire, 14, Lemire-NT; 23. Travis Buckley, 7NZ, BSL-NT.

JORDAN HANNI WELL DRILLING FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Faccinto, 2. Lewis, 3. Bloomfield, 4. Anthony Esberg, 5. Lemire, 6. Telford, 7. Johnson, 8. Bender. NT

AMMONIA REFRIGERATION SERVICE SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Morgan, 2. Worth, 3. Bower, 4. Raudman, 5. Sarale, 6. Wiesz, 7. Buckley, 8. Stoltz. NT.

WIRELESS 101 THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Fuson, 2. Liggett, 3. Andreotti, 4. Snider, 5. Pankratz, 6. Parker, 7. Thomas Esberg. NT.

FEATURE: (30 laps, Starting positions in parentheses) 1. Michael Faccinto (6), 2. Dylan Bloomfield (3), 3. Chase Johnson (12), 4. Austin Liggett (1), 5. Brody Fuson (8), 6. Blake Bower (10), 7. Jake Morgan (7), 8. Ben Wiesz (16), 9. Cade Lewis (9), 10. Travis Buckley (22), 11. Randi Pankratz (17), 12. Colton Raudman (2), 13. Dave Stoltz (19), 14. Beau Lemire (21), 15. Jake Andreotti (4), 16. Mike Snider (11), 17. Danika Jo Parker (14), 18. Ben Worth (5), 19. Caden Sarale (13), 20. Anthony Esberg (18), 21. Zach Telford (15), 22. A.J. Bender (23). NT.

****Snider flipped during hot laps. Sarale flipped on lap 2 of the feature. Thomas Esberg did not start feature.**

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-11 Liggett, Laps 12-13 Andreotti, Laps 14-22 Liggett, Laps 23-30 Faccinto.

ROD END SUPPLY HARD CHARGER: Travis Buckley (22nd to 10th)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Dave Stoltz

NEW USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Michael Faccinto-311, 2-A.J. Bender-299, 3-Ben Worth-282, 4-Travis Buckley-266, 5-Brody Fuson-256, 6-Jake Andreotti-254, 7-Blake Bower-249, 8-Mike Snider-211, 9-Austin Liggett-179, 10-Thomas Esberg-172.

NEW ELK GROVE FORD MINI SERIES POINTS: 1-Michael Faccinto-241, 2-Austin Liggett-179, 3-Jake Andreotti-169, 4-A.J. Bender-161, 5-Shane Golobic-159, --Ben Worth-159, 7-Blake Bower-152, 8-Travis Buckley-149, 9-Dylan Bloomfield-133, 10-Caden Sarale-123.

TOP QUALIFIER POINTS: 1-Ben Worth-20, 2-Michael Faccinto-19, 3-Shane Golobic-12, --Jake Andreotti-12, 5-Chase Johnson-6, --Mitchel Moles-6, 7-Austin Liggett-5, Shannon McQueen-4, --Travis Buckley-4, --Blake Bower-4.

PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-A.J. Bender-20, 2-Travis Buckley-17, 3-Thomas Esberg-13, 4-Ben Wiesz-12, 5-Danika Joe Parker-11, --Brody Fuson-11, --Randi Panktratz-11, 8-Blake Bower-10, 9-Michael Faccinto-9, --Chase Johnson-9.

NEXT USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE: May 21 – Ventura Raceway – Ventura, California

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MICHAEL FACCINTO CONTINUES TO ROLL AT VENTURA

By: Lance Jennings

VENTURA, CALIFORNIA – MAY 24, 2022... After winning Placerville's "Mother's Day Madness," point leader Michael Faccinto (Hanford, California) topped last Saturday's USAC Western States Midget event at Ventura Raceway. Driving the Graunstadt Enterprises' #14J T&T Trucking / Gary Silva Ranches Spike, the 2018 champion qualified seventh overall, won the 10-lap Jordan Hanni Well Drilling Heat Race #1, and led all 30-laps to earn his second win of the season. Fast qualifier Brody Fuson, defending champion Blake Bower, Robby Josett, and hard charger Cade Lewis chased Faccinto to the checkered flags.

For Faccinto, his eleventh career win marked his first triumph at the Ventura County Fairgrounds. As this writing goes to press, Michael is now tied with Josh Wise for fifteenth on the series win list.

Before action began at "The Best Little Dirt Track in America," Racin Silva (Henderson, Nevada) won the "Lucky Pill Draw Award" presented by High Tech Performance and received five free gallons of fuel. The rookie driver was twenty-third quick in time trials, finished seventh in his heat race, and ran eighteenth in the main event. The pilot of the family owned #5S unsponsored Triple X left Ventura ranked twenty-seventh in points.

Brody Fuson (Bakersfield, California) earned his first Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award of the year by posting a time of 12.254 seconds over the 24-car roster. Driving Rusty Carlile's #51 RacePa Motorsports / W.E. Spike finished fifth in his heat race and ran second to Faccinto in the main event. The young driver heads to Merced's final round of the "Elk Grove Ford Mini-Series" on June 18th ranked third in the point standings.

Troy Rutherford (Ojai, California) made his first start of the season and won the 10-lap Ammonia Refrigeration Service Heat Race #2. Racing the Woodland Autosport owned #8W Woodland Auto Display / Trench Shoring Spike, Rutherford qualified fourteenth overall and placed eighth in the feature. The former track champion won the companion USAC West Coast Sprint Car main event and is now thirty-third in the point chase.

Travis Buckley (Auckland, New Zealand) raced to victory in the 10-lap Wireless 101 Heat Race #3. Piloting the family owned #7NZ Buckley Systems / Esslinger Engineering Spike, Buckley was eighteenth fast in time trials and finished sixth in the main event after starting eighth. The rookie contender sits fifth in the chase for the championship.

Making his second start, Cade Lewis (Bakersfield, California) earned the night's Rod End Supply Hard Charger Award with a fifth place run from twelfth. Driving Keith Ford's #73X Walker Performance Filtration / Sun Valley AG Transport entry, Lewis qualified tenth overall and placed fourth in his heat race. Cade left Ventura ranked twenty-first in the championship standings.

USAC/CRA Sprint Car regular "The Cadillac" Cody Williams (Corona, California) returned to USAC Western States Midget action and earned the Wilwood Disc Brakes "Lucky 13 Award." Racing Keith Ford's #73B Sun Valley AG Transport / Pacific Coast Maintenance Service TCR, Williams was sixteenth quick in time trials and finished third in his heat race. Williams left Ventura placed thirty-seventh in the point chase.

The USAC Western States Midgets will return to action on Saturday, June 18th, at Merced Speedway in Merced, California. The fourth and final round of the “Elk Grove Ford Mini-Series” is co-sanctioned with the Bay Cities Racing Association (BCRA) MIDGET.

The USAC Western States MIDGET thanks Ammonia Refrigeration Service, AMSOIL, Competition Suspension Incorporated, Elk Grove Ford, Extreme Mufflers, FloRacing.com, High Tech Performance, Jordan Hanni Well Drilling, Hoosier Racing Tire, Rod End Supply, ROW Signs and Graphics, Saldana Racing Products, Vahlco Wheels, Wilwood Disc Brakes, Wireless 101, and Woodland Auto Display for their support.

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USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE RESULTS: May 21, 2022 – Ventura Raceway – Ventura, California

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Brody Fuson, 51, Carlile-12.254; 2. Robby Josett, 68, Six8-12.334; 3. Braden Chiaramonte, 14JR, Streeter-12.486; 4. Jake Hodges, 4, Hodges-12.615; 5. A.J. Bender, 1x, LKK-12.703; 6. Matt Mitchell, 68W, Six8-12.731; 7. Michael Faccinto, 14J, Graunstadt-12.758; 8. Blake Bower, 9, Boasacci-12.766; 9. Ben Worth, 5K, Alexander-12.812; 10. Cade Lewis, 73x, Ford-12.832; 11. C.J. Sarna, 20, Sarna-12.944; 12. Terry Nichols, 1p, Nichols/Peckfelder-13.006; 13. Caden Sarale, 32, Sarale-13.010; 14. Troy Rutherford, 8w, Woodland-13.015; 15. Sage Bordenave, 35, Felkins-13.034; 16. Cody Williams, 73B, Ford-13.081; 17. Danika Jo Parker, 13, Parker-13.187; 18. Travis Buckley, 7NZ, BSL-13.199; 19. Greg Edenholm, 73, Ford-13.523; 20. Randi Pankratz, 8, Pankratz-13.651; 21. Mike Leach Jr., 33p, Leach-13.723; 22. Steve Hix, 57, Hix-NT; 23. Racin Silva, 5s, Silva-NT; 24. Steve Paden, 37m, Paden-NT.

JORDAN HANNI WELL DRILLING FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Faccinto, 2. Sarale, 3. Williams, 4. Lewis, 5. Fuson, 6. Edenholm, 7. Hix, 8. Hodges. NT.

AMMONIA REFRIGERATION SERVICE SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Rutherford, 2. Sarna, 3. Bender, 4. Bower, 5. Josett, 6. Pankratz, 7. Silva, 8. Parker. NT.

WIRELESS 101 THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Buckley, 2. Worth, 3. Bordenave, 4. Nichols, 5. Mitchell, 6. Chiaramonte, 7. Paden, 8. Leach. NT.

FEATURE: (30 laps, Starting positions in parentheses) 1. Michael Faccinto (2), 2. Brody Fuson (6), 3. Blake Bower (1), 4. Robby Josett (5), 5. Cade Lewis (12), 6. Travis Buckley (8), 7. Braden Chiaramonte (9), 8. Troy Rutherford (7), 9. Caden Sarale (15), 10. C.J. Sarna (13), 11. Ben Worth (11), 12. Sage Bordenave (16), 13. Cody Williams (17), 14. Terry Nichols (14), 15. Jake Hodges (10), 16. Randi Pankratz (20), 17. A.J. Bender (4), 18. Racin Silva (23), 19. Matt Mitchell (3), 20. Mike Leach Jr. (21), 21. Steve Paden (24), 22. Greg Edenholm (19), 23. Steve Hix (22), 24. Danika Jo Parker (18). NT.

**Josett flipped on lap 1 of the first heat. Paden flipped on lap 7 of the feature.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Faccinto.

ROD END SUPPLY HARD CHARGER: Cade Lewis (12th to 5th)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Cody Williams

HIGH TECH PERFORMANCE LUCKY PILL DRAW: Racin Silva

NEW USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Michael Faccinto-389, 2-A.J. Bender-336, 3-Brody Fuson-333, 4-Ben Worth-330, 5-Travis Buckley-329, 6-Blake Bower-318, 7-Jake Andreotti-254, 8-Mike Snider-211, 9-C.J. Sarna-205, 10-Austin Liggett-179.

TOP QUALIFIER POINTS: 1-Ben Worth-20, 2-Michael Faccinto-19, 3-Shane Golobic-12, --Jake Andreotti-12, 5-Brody Fuson-9, 6-Chase Johnson-6, --Mitchel Moles-6, 8-Austin Liggett-5, --Robby Josett—5.

PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-A.J. Bender-20, 2-Travis Buckley-19, 3-Brody Fuson-15, --Randi Pankratz-15, 6-Thomas Esberg-13, 7-Ben Wiesz-12, 8-Danika Jo Parker-11, 9-Blake Bower-10, 10-Michael Faccinto-10.

NEXT USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE: June 18 – Merced Speedway – Merced, California – “Elk Grove Ford Mini-Series Round #4” - Co-Sanctioned with BCRA

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RYAN BERNAL TOPS MERCED USAC/BCRA MIDGET FEATURE

By: Lance Jennings

MERCED, CALIFORNIA – JUNE 21, 2022... After a hard fought battle with Michael Faccinto, Ryan Bernal (Hollister, California) emerged victorious at Merced Speedway last Saturday night. Driving Keith Ford's #73X Naturipe / Walker Performance Air Filtration Triple X, Bernal secured the lead for good on lap 23 and sped to his first \$1,200 USAC Western States and BCRA Midget win of the season. Fast qualifier Faccinto, Austin Liggett, Ben Worth, and hard charger Jake Andreotti rounded out the top-five driver at the final round of the Elk Grove Ford Mini-Series.

Bernal began his night at the Merced County Fairgrounds by qualifying fifth overall. The 2-Time USAC Western Classic Sprint Car Champion ran second to C.J. Sarna in his heat race and stormed to his fourth career win after starting second.

Starting sixth, Michael Faccinto (Hanford, California) looked to have this third consecutive win well in hand before Bernal took command. Racing the Graunstadt Enterprises #14J T&T Trucking / Gary Silva Ranches Spike, Faccinto earned his second Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award of the year by posting a time of 12.659 seconds over the 21-car roster. The 2018 Champion claimed the 10-lap Jordan Hanni Well Drilling Heat Race #1 win before settling for second at Merced. Michael won the 4-race Elk Grove Ford Mini-Series and has a 68-point advantage heading to Petaluma on July 23rd.

C.J. Sarna (Brea, California) won Merced's 10-lap Ammonia Refrigeration Service Heat Race #2. Piloting his #20 ZMax / Final Final Lifestyle Spike, Sarna was seventeenth quick in time trials and finished sixteenth in the main event after an early exit. Despite missing a few races, the former rookie of the year is currently ninth in the point chase.

Austin Liggett (Linden, California) returned to USAC Western States Midget action and won the 10-lap Wireless 101 Third Heat Race. Driving the family owned #83 Excel Environmental Services / Liggett Trucking Spike, Liggett qualified twelfth overall and finished third in the feature after starting seventh. The former USAC West Coast Sprint Car Champion finished second in the Elk Grove Ford standings and left Merced ranked eighth in series points.

Jake Andreotti (Castro Valley, California) earned the night's Rod End Supply Hard Charger Award with a fifth place run from eleventh. Driving the Pete Davis owned #00 Hot Head Competition Heaters / Buchanan Automotive Stealth, Andreotti was ninth fast in time trials and placed third in his heat race. Jake finished third in the Elk Grove Ford standings and sits seventh in the chase for the championship.

Rookie contender Anthony Esberg (Kelseyville, California) earned the night's Wilwood Disc Brakes "Lucky 13 Award" with a thirteenth place finish in the main event. Racing the #1K T&A Automotive / S&K Automotive Stealth, Esberg qualified eighteenth overall and was sixth in his heat race. Anthony ran seventeenth in Elk Grove Ford points and is currently ranked fifteenth in the standings.

The USAC Western States Midgets will return to action on Saturday, July 23rd, at Petaluma Speedway in Petaluma, California. The event is co-sanctioned with the Bay Cities Racing Association (BCRA) MIDGET.

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USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 18, 2022 – Merced Speedway – Merced, California – “Elk Grove Ford Mini Series Round #4” – Co-Sanctioned with BCRA

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Michael Faccinto, 14J, Graunstadt-12.659; 2. Ben Worth, 5K, Alexander-12.739; 3. Blake Bower, 9, Boscacci-12.740; 4. Colton Raudman, 2c, Schutte-12.891; 5. Ryan Bernal, 73x, Ford-12.896; 6. Jake Hodges, 4, Hodges-12.923; 7. Brody Fuson, 51, Carlile-12.931; 8. Caden Sarale, 32, Sarale-12.950; 9. Jake Andreotti, 00, Davis-13.026; 10. Travis Buckley, 7NZ, BSL-13.166; 11. Randi Pankratz, 55, Lambert-13.180; 12. Austin Liggett, 83, Liggett-13.215; 13. Danika Jo Parker, 13, Parker-13.250; 14. Sage Bordenave, 35, Felkins-13.262; 15. Braden Chiaramonte, 14JR, Streeter-13.307; 16. A.J. Bender, 1x, LKK-13.358; 17. C.J. Sarna, 20, Sarna-13.365; 18. Anthony Esberg, 1K, Esberg-13.961; 19. Thomas Esberg, 8x, Esberg-14.618; 20. Kevin Gray, 7L, Gray-15.623; 21. Mike Snider, 6K, Snider-17.498.

JORDAN HANNI WELL DRILLING FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Faccinto, 2. Raudman, 3. Buckley, 4. Fuson, 5. Parker, 6. Bender, 7. Thomas Esberg. NT.

AMMONIA REFRIGERATION SERVICE SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Sarna, 2. Bernal, 3. Worth, 4. Sarale, 5. Pankratz, 6. Bordenave, 7. Gray. NT.

WIRELESS 101 THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Liggett, 2. Chiaramonte, 3. Andreotti, 4. Hodges, 5. Bower, 6. Anthony Esberg, 7. Snider. NT.

FEATURE: (30 laps, Starting positions in parentheses) 1. Ryan Bernal (2), 2. Michael Faccinto (6), 3. Austin Liggett (7), 4. Ben Worth (5), 5. Jake Andreotti (11), 6. Caden Sarale (10), 7. Brody Fuson (9), 8. Jake Hodges (1), 9. Blake Bower (4), 10. Braden Chiaramonte (16), 11. Travis Buckley (12), 12. Randi Pankratz (13), 13. Anthony Esberg (18), 14. Colton Raudman (3), 15. Sage Bordenave (15), 16. C.J. Sarna (8), 17. Thomas Esberg (19), 18. A.J. Bender (17), 19. Danika Jo Parker (14), 20. Mike Snider (21), 21. Kevin Gray (20). NT.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Hodges, Lap 2 Raudman, Laps 3-20 Faccinto, Lap 21 Bernal, Lap 22 Faccinto, Laps 23-30 Bernal.

ROD END SUPPLY HARD CHARGER: Jake Andreotti (11th to 5th)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Anthony Esberg

NEW USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Michael Faccinto-470, 2-Ben Worth-402, 3-Brody Fuson-390, 4-Travis Buckley-376, 5-Blake Bower-372, 6-A.J. Bender-366, 7-Jake Andreotti-318, 8-Austin Liggett-251, 9-C.J. Sarna-244, 10-Caden Sarale-236, --Mike Snider-236.

FINAL ELK GROVE FORD MINI-SERIES POINTS: 1-Michael Faccinto-322, 2-Austin Liggett-251, 3-Jake Andreotti-233, 4-Ben Worth-231, 5-Blake Bower-206, 6-Travis Buckley-196, 7-A.J. Bender-191, 8-Caden Sarale-193, 9-Brody Fuson-174, 10-Shane Golobic-159.

TOP QUALIFIER POINTS: 1-Ben Worth-25, --Michael Faccinto-25, 3-Shane Golobic-12, --Jake Andreotti-12, 5-Brody Fuson-9, 6-Blake Bower-8, 7-Chase Johnson-6, --Mitchel Moles-6, 9-Austin Liggett-5, --Robby Josett-5, --Colton Raudman-5.

PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-A.J. Bender-20, --Travis Buckley-20, 3-Caden Sarale-18, 4-Brody Fuson-17, 5-Randi Pankratz-16, 6-Thomas Esberg-15, 7-Michael Faccinto-14, 8-Ben Wiesz-12, 9-Danika Jo Parker-11, 10-Blake Bower-10, --Anthony Esberg-10.

NEXT USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE: July 23 – Petaluma Speedway – Petaluma, California – Co-Sanctioned with BCRA

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BRODY FUSON GOES WIRE-TO-WIRE AT PETALUMA

By: Lance Jennings

PETALUMA, CALIFORNIA – JULY 26, 2022... Leading all 30-laps, young Brody Fuson (Bakersfield, California) roared to last Saturday's victory at Petaluma Speedway. Driving Rusty Carlile's #51 RacePa Motorsports / W.E. Spike, Fuson earned his second \$1,200 USAC Western States and BCRA Midget win of the season. Starting on the pole position, Brody avoided trouble and stormed to a half-lap triumph over point leader and fast qualifier Michael Faccinto, Blake Bower, Jake Andreotti, and Travis Buckley.

Fuson began the eighth point race by qualifying sixth overall and placing fourth in his heat race. After earning his fourth career win, last year's runner-up has climbed to second in the point chase.

Michael Faccinto (Hanford, California) earned his third Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award of the year by posting a time of 15.102 seconds over the 17-car roster. Driving the Graunstadt Enterprises #14-*J T&T Trucking / Gary Silva Ranches Spike, Faccinto ran second to Ben Worth in his heat race and finished second in the feature after restarting at the back when problems sent him to the work area. The 2018 champion left the Sonoma-Marin Fairgrounds with an 84-point advantage.

Making his first start in Matt Streeter's #14JR T&T Trucking / Gary Silva Ranches Spike, Ben Worth (Coalinga, California) raced to victory in the 10-lap Jordan Hanni Well Drilling Heat Race #1. The 2019 Rookie of the Year qualified seventh overall and finished twelfth in the main event after a tangle ended his night. At press time, Worth is ranked third in the point standings heading to Santa Maria on August 13th.

Jake Andreotti (Castro Valley, California) won Petaluma's 10-lap Ammonia Refrigeration Service Heat Race #2. Piloting the Pete Davis owned #00 Hot Head Competition Engine Heaters / Buchanan Automotive Stealth, Andreotti was eighth fast in time trials and charged from eighth to fourth in the feature. After the checkered flags waved, the young driver has climbed to sixth in the chase for the championship.

Danika Jo Parker (Oakdale, California) earned the night's Rod End Supply Hard Charger Award with an eighth place run from fifteenth. Driving the family owned #13 Rosa Motorsports / Sala Racing Spike, Parker qualified fifteenth overall and ran seventh in her heat race. Heading to Santa Maria, the BCRA rookie is eleventh in the USAC Western standings.

Rookie driver Thomas Esberg (Kelseyville, California) earned the night's Wilwood Disc Brakes "Lucky 13 Award" with a thirteenth place finish in the main event. Racing his #8X T&A Automotive / S&K Automotive Stealth, Esberg was eleventh quick in time trials and finished sixth in his heat race. Thomas left Petaluma Speedway ranked thirteenth in the point standings.

The USAC Western States Midgets will return to action on Saturday, August 13th, at Santa Maria Raceway in Santa Maria, California.

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WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFICATONS: 1. Michael Faccinto, 14J, Graunstadt-15.102; 2. Caden Sarale, 32, Sarale-15.248; 3. Blake Bower, 9, Boscacci-15.269; 4. Daniel Whitley, 3F, Finkenbinder-15.439; 5. Travis Buckley, 7NZ, BSL-15.485; 6. Brody Fuson, 51, Carlile-15.558; 7. Ben Worth, 14JR, Streeter-15.598; 8. Jake Andreotti, 00, Davis-15.645; 9. Mike Snider, 6K, Snider-15.779; 10. A.J. Bender, 1x, LKK-15.869; 11. Thomas Esberg, 8x, Esberg-16.558; 12. Dave Stoltz, 77, Stoltz-16.591; 13. Anthony Esberg, 1K, Esberg-16.827; 14. Floyd Alvis, 18, Champion-17.204; 15. Danika Jo Parker, 13, Parker-17.271; 16. Darin Snider, 6x, Snider-NT; 17. Kevin Gray, 7L, Gray-NT.

JORDAN HANNI WELL DRILLING FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Worth, 2. Faccinto, 3. Buckley, 4. Bower, 5. Mike Snider, 6. Thomas Esberg, 7. Parker, 8. Anthony Esberg. NT.

AMMONIA REFRIGERATION SERVICE SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Andreotti, 2. Sarale, 3. Bender, 4. Fuson, 5. Stoltz, 6. Whitley, 7. Darin Snider, 8. Alvis. NT.

FEATURE: (30 laps, Starting positions in parentheses) 1. Brody Fuson (1), 2. Michael Faccinto (6), 3. Blake Bower (4), 4. Jake Andreotti (8), 5. Travis Buckley (2), 6. Caden Sarale (5), 7. Mike Snider (9), 8. Danika Jo Parker (15), 9. Anthony Esberg (13), 10. Floyd Alvis (14), 11. Daniel Whitley (3), 12. Ben Worth (7), 13. Thomas Esberg (11), 14. Dave Stolz (12). NT.

****Whitley flipped on lap 1 of the second heat. Sarale, Andreotti, and Anthony Esberg flipped on lap 2 of the feature. Bender, Darin Snider, and Gray did not start feature.**

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Fuson

ROD END SUPPLY HARD CHARGER: Danika Jo Parker (15th to 8th)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Thomas Esberg

NEW USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Michael Faccinto-550, 2-Brody Fuson-466, 3-Ben Worth-449, 4-Blake Bower-445, 5-Travis Buckley-442, 6-Jake Andreotti-387, 7-A.J. Bender-382, 8-Caden Sarale-303, 9-Mike Snider-292, 10-Austin Liggett-251.

TOP QUALIFIER POINTS: 1-Michael Faccinto-31, 2-Ben Worth-25, 3-Shane Golobic-12, --Jake Andreotti-12, --Blake Bower-12, 6-Brody Fuson-10, 7-Chase Johnson-6, --Mitchel Moles-6, --Travis Buckley-6, 10-Austin Liggett-5, --Robby Josett-5, --Colton Raudman-5, --Caden Sarale-5.

PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-A.J. Bender-20, --Travis Buckley-20, 3-Caden Sarale-18, --Michael Faccinto-18, --Danika Jo Parker-18, 6-Brody Fuson-17, 7-Randi Pankratz-16, 8-Thomas Esberg-15, 9-Anthony Esberg-14, 10-Ben Wiesz-12, --Jake Andreotti-12.

NEXT USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE: August 13 – Santa Maria Raceway – Santa Maria, California

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MICHAEL FACCINTO WINS SANTA MARIA RETURN

By Lance Jennings

SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA – AUGUST 15, 2022... Leading all 30-laps, Michael Faccinto (Hanford, California) topped last Saturday's USAC Western States Midget main event at Santa Maria Raceway. Driving the Graunstadt Enterprises' #14J T&T Trucking / Gary Silva Ranches Spike, the 2018 champion and current point leader made the \$2,000 Wireless 101 and

Hot Head Competition Engine Heaters feature his third win of the campaign. Ben Worth, fast qualifier Chase Johnson, Brody Fuson, and A.J. Bender chased Faccinto to the checkered flags.

For Faccinto, his twelfth career victory moves him to into a tie for thirteenth on the series win list with 1996 Champion Jay Drake and 1984 Champion Tommy White. Michael opened his night by qualifying sixth overall, winning the 10-lap Ammonia Refrigeration Service Second Heat Race, and starting the main event on the pole position. Faccinto heads to the August 27th event at Ventura with a 98-point advantage.

Chase Johnson (Penngrove, California) returned to USAC Western States Midget action and earned his second Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award of the season. Racing Keith Ford's #73X Walker Performance Filtration / Sun Valley AG Transport entry, Johnson posted a time of 14.193 seconds over the 15-car roster. The versatile driver ran second to A.J. Bender in his heat race and finished third in the main event. In limited starts, Chase left Santa Maria ranked sixteenth in the point chase.

A.J. Bender (San Diego, California) raced to victory in the 10-lap Jordan Hanni Well Drilling First Heat Race. Piloting the LKK Racing #1X Josh Ford Motorsports / Rod End Supply Triple X, Bender was fifth quick in time trials and scored fifth in the main event. Last year's Turkey Night Grand Prix Sprint Car winner has climbed to fifth in points and ranks second in the rookie standings.

Making the first USAC Western States Midget start of his career, Brandon Wiley (Santa Maria, California) earned the night's Rod End Supply Hard Charger Award with a seventh place run from fourteenth. Driving Matt Streeter's #14JR T&T Trucking / Gary Silva Ranches Spike, the 2017 USAC West Coast Sprint Car Rookie of the Year had mechanical issues that resulted in qualifying fourteenth and scoring seventh in his heat race. Wiley left his hometown track ranked forty-third in the championship standings.

Rookie contender Caden Sarale (Stockton, California) earned Santa Maria's Wilwood Disc Brakes "Lucky 13 Award" with a thirteenth place finish in the main event. Racing his #32 Tel-Tac / Sarale Trucking CS9, the second generation driver was tenth quick in time trials and finished fourth in his heat race. Caden heads to the Ventura County Fairgrounds sitting eighth in the point chase.

The USAC Western States Midgets will return to action on Saturday, August 27th, at Ventura Raceway in Ventura, California. The tenth point race will also showcase the USAC West Coast 360 Sprint Cars.

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USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 13, 2022 – Santa Maria Raceway – Santa Maria, California

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Chase Johnson, 73x, Ford-14.193; 2. Jake Andreotti, 00, Davis-14.445; 3. T.J. Smith, 68, Six8-14.521; 4. Ben Worth, 5K, Alexander-14.568; 5. A.J. Bender, 1x, LKK-14.607; 6. Michael Faccinto, 14J, Graunstadt-14.609; 7. Daniel Whitley, 3F, Finkenbinder-14.908; 8. Brody Fuson, 51, Carlile-15.082; 9. Cade Lewis, 73, Ford-15.094; 10. Caden Sarale, 32, Sarale-15.339; 11. Steve Hix, 57, Hix-15.386; 12. C.J. Sarna, 20, Sarna-15.441; 13. Travis Buckley, 7NZ, BSL-NT; 14. Brandon Wiley, 14JR, Streeter-NT; 15. Jake Hodges, 4, Hodges-NT.

JORDAN HANNI WELL DRILLING FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Bender, 2. Johnson, 3. Smith, 4. Lewis, 5. Hix, 6. Hodges, 7. Whitley, 8. Buckley. NT.

AMMONIA REFRIGERATION SERVICE SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Faccinto, 2. Worth, 3. Andreotti, 4. Sarale, 5. Fuson, 6. Sarna, 7. Wiley. NT.

WIRELESS 101 & HOT HEAD COMPETITION ENGINE HEATERS FEATURE: (30 laps, Starting positions in parentheses) 1. Michael Faccinto (1), 2. Ben Worth (3), 3. Chase Johnson (6), 4. Brody Fuson (8), 5. A.J. Bender (2), 6. T.J. Smith (4), 7. Brandon Wiley (14), 8. Cade Lewis (9), 9. Travis Buckley (13), 10. Daniel Whitley (7), 11. Jake Andreotti (5), 12. C.J. Sarna (12), 13. Caden Sarale (10), 14. Steve Hix (11). NT.

****Hodges flipped during hot laps.**

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Faccinto.

ROD END SUPPLY HARD CHARGER: Brandon Wiley (14th to 7th)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Caden Sarale

NEW USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Michael Faccinto-629, 2-Brody Fuson-531, 3-Ben Worth-526, 4-Travis Buckley-489, 5-A.J. Bender-450, 6-Blake Bower-445, 7-Jake Andreotti-439, 8-Caden Sarale-345, 9-Mike Snider-292, 10-C.J. Sarna-286.

TOP QUALIFIER POINTS: 1-Michael Faccinto-32, 2-Ben Worth-28, 3-Jake Andreotti-17, 4-Shane Golobic-12, --Blake Bower-12, --Chase Johnson-12, 7-Brody Fuson-10, 8-Mitchel Moles-6, --Travis Buckley-6, 10-Austin Liggett-5, --Robby Josett-5, --Colton Raudman-5, --Caden Sarale-5.

PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Travis Buckley-24, 2-Brody Fuson-21, 3-A.J. Bender-20, 4-Caden Sarale-18, --Michael Faccinto-18, --Danika Jo Parker-18, 7-Randi Pankratz-15, 8-Thomas Esberg-15, 9-Anthony Esberg-14, 10-Ben Wiesz-12, --Jake Andreotti-12, --Chase Johnson-12.

NEXT USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE: August 27 – Ventura Raceway – Ventura, California

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CHASE JOHNSON SWEEPS VENTURA USAC MIDGET RETURN

By: Lance Jennings

VENTURA, CALIFORNIA – AUGUST 29, 2022... Starting sixth, Chase Johnson (Penngrove, California) surged by Brody Fuson on lap fifteen and powered to victory last Saturday night at Ventura Raceway. Driving Keith Ford's #73X Naturipe / Sun Valley AG Transport Triple X, Johnson earned his first USAC Western States Midget win of the season over point leader Michael Faccinto, Fuson, Robby Josett, and A.J. Bender. For his efforts, Chase earned \$1,800 for the 30-lap victory, courtesy of T&T Trucking.

At the drop of starter Kris Kornder's green flag, pole sitter Brody Fuson grabbed the early lead. Preferring to run the low groove of the redesigned seaside oval, the Bakersfield driver began to expand his lead. Johnson steadily moved his way forward by running the top line and used the extra momentum to chase down the leader. Fuson ran strong, but it was not enough to keep Johnson at bay. Chase took command on the sixteenth circuit and was not to be denied. Johnson had sailed to the fourth series win of his career and became the third different driver to race the Ford #73X to victory in 2022.

Johnson opened the night by posting his third Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award of the campaign with a time of 12.417 seconds over the 23-car roster. Chase followed up by winning the 10-lap Jordan Hanni Well Drilling First Heat Race and then driving to the win at the Ventura County Fairgrounds to complete the sweep. Despite running a limited schedule, Johnson ranks eleventh in championship points.

Rookie contender A.J. Bender (San Diego, California) raced to victory in the 10-lap Ammonia Refrigeration Service Second Heat Race. Piloting the LKK Racing #1X Josh Ford Motorsports / Rod End Supply Triple X, Bender qualified fifth overall and placed fifth in the main event. Last year's Turkey Night Grand Prix USAC 360 Sprint Car Winner heads to the September 24th Ventura event ranked fifth in the point chase.

Point leader Michael Faccinto (Hanford, California) won Ventura's 10-lap Wireless 101 Third Heat Race. Driving the Graunstadt Enterprises' #14J T&T Trucking / Gary Silva Ranches Spike, the 2018 champion was sixth quick in time trials and finished second to Johnson in the main event. Before racing began, Faccinto also won the High Tech Performance "Lucky Pill Draw" and five gallons of fuel thanks to Jack Parker and his staff. Michael left Ventura Raceway with a stout 103-point advantage over the competition.

Making the first USAC Western States Midget start of his career, Nathan Byrd (Goodyear, Arizona) earned the night's Rod End Supply Hard Charger Award with an eleventh place run from twentieth. Driving the Kruseman Motorsports' #11K Kruseman Sprint Car and Midget Driving School / Kwik Change Products entry, Byrd qualified twentieth overall and placed sixth in his heat race. After placing forty-sixth in points, Nathan was also the hard charger in the companion USAC West Coast 360 Sprint Car main event. For his efforts, Byrd also earned copies of Caged Heat, a sprint car racing photo book, courtesy of Steve Lafond.

Samuel May (Oxnard, California) earned Ventura's Wilwood Disc Brakes "Lucky 13 Award" with a thirteenth place finish in the main event. Racing Steve Lambert's #55 Josh Ford Motorsports / Dennis Hart Stealth, May was sixteenth fast in time trials and scored seventh in his heat race. After his first start, May ranks fiftieth in the point standings.

The USAC Western States Midgets will return to action on Saturday, September 24th, at Ventura Raceway in Ventura, California. The eleventh point race will also showcase the USAC West Coast 360 Sprint Cars.

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WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Chase Johnson, 73x, Ford-12.417; 2. Robby Josett, 68, Six8-12.522; 3. Blake Bower, 9, Boscacci-12.539; 4. Tyler Edwards, 73, Ford-12.587; 5. A.J. Bender, 1x, LKK-12.712; 6. Michael Faccinto, 14J, Graunstadt-12.719; 7. Brody Fuson, 51, Carlile-12.747; 8. Ben Worth, 5K, Alexander-12.783; 9. Caden Sarale, 32, Sarale-12.786; 10. Mike Leach Jr., 33p, Leach-12.796; 11. C.J. Sarna, 20, Sarna-12.833; 12. Zach Telford, 22G, GR-842; 13. Travis Buckley, 7NZ, BSL-12.867; 14. Jake Hodges, 4, Hodges-12.999; 15. Dale Curran, 15K, Kruseman-13.010; 16. Samuel May, 55, Lambert-13.105; 17. Cole Schroeder, 14JR, Streeter-13.156; 18. Terry Nichols, 1p, Nichols/Peckfelder-13.210; 19. Racin Silva, 5s, Silva-13.393; 20. Nathan Byrd, 11K, Kruseman-13.966; 21. Randi Pankratz, 8, Pankratz-NT; 22. Troy Rutherford, 8w, Woodland-NT; 23. Steve Hix, 57, Hix-NT.

JORDAN HANNI WELL DRILLING FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Johnson, 2. Fuson, 3. Edwards, 4. Leach, 5. Buckley, 6. Silva, 7. May, 8. Rutherford. NT.

AMMONIA REFRIGERATION SERVICE SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Bender, 2. Worth, 3. Sarna, 4. Hodges, 5. Schroeder, 6. Byrd, 7. Josett. NT.

WIRELESS 101 THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Faccinto, 2. Bower, 3. Sarale, 4. Curran, 5. Nichols, 6. Telford, 7. Pankratz. NT.

FEATURE: (30 laps, Starting positions in parentheses) 1. Chase Johnson (6), 2. Michael Faccinto (2), 3. Brody Fuson (1), 4. Robby Josett (7), 5. A.J. Bender (3), 6. Travis Buckley (13), 7. Ben Worth (8), 8. Blake Bower (5), 9. Caden Sarale (9), 10. Cole Schroeder (17), 11. Nathan Byrd (20), 12. Jake Hodges (14), 13. Samuel May (16), 14. Mike Leach Jr. (10), 15. Randi Pankratz (21), 16. Dale Curran (15), 17. Zach Telford (12), 18. Racin Silva (19), 19. Terry Nichols (18), 20. C.J. Sarna (11), 21. Tyler Edwards (4). NT.

****Rutherford flipped on lap 3 of first heat race.**

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-15 Fuson, Laps 16-30 Johnson.

ROD END SUPPLY HARD CHARGER: Nathan Byrd (20th to 11th)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Samuel May

HIGH TECH PERFORMANCE LUCKY PILL DRAW: Michael Faccinto

NEW USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Michael Faccinto-705, 2-Brody Fuson-602, 3-Ben Worth-585, 4-Travis Buckley-548, 5-A.J. Bender-518, 6-Blake Bower-505, 7-Jake Andreotti-439, 8-Caden Sarale-397, 9- C.J. Sarna-315, 10-Mike Snider-292.

TOP QUALIFIER POINTS: 1-Michael Faccinto-33, 2-Ben Worth-28, 3-Chase Johnson-18, 4-Jake Andreotti-17, 5-Blake Bower-16, 6-Shane Golobic-12, 7-Brody Fuson-10, --Robby Josett-10, 9-Mitchel Moles-6, --Travis Buckley-6, --A.J. Bender-6.

PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Travis Buckley-31, 2-Randi Pankratz-22, 3-Brody Fuson-21, 4-A.J. Bender-20, 5-Michael Faccinto-19, 6-Caden Sarale-18, --Danika Jo Parker-18, 8-Chase Johnson-17, 9-Thomas Esberg-15, 10-Anthony Esberg-14.

NEXT USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE: September 24 – Ventura Raceway – Ventura, California

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BEN WORTH CAPTURES VENTURA USAC MIDGET FEATURE

By: Lance Jennings

VENTURA, CALIFORNIA – SEPTEMBER 27, 2022... Leading all 30-laps, third starting Ben Worth (Coalinga, California) raced to last Saturday's triumph at Ventura Raceway. Driving Dean "Kiwi" Alexander's #5K WFX / Walker Air Filtration Spike, Worth claimed his first USAC Western States Midget win of the season over A.J. Bender, point leader Michael Faccinto, Brody Fuson, and leading rookie Travis Buckley. For his efforts, Ben had a \$1,800 payday courtesy of T&T Trucking after scoring the third win of his career.

Worth, the 2019 Rookie of the Year, opened the night by qualifying fourth out of the 24-car roster and placed second to Brody Fuson in his heat race. Worth had control of the main event but soon faced the challenge from Faccinto. Faccinto looked for an opening to grab the top spot, but a late bobble gave Worth all the room he needed to take the checkered flag. Ben heads to the October 15th "Championship Night" at The Dirt Track at Kern County Raceway Park ranked third in the point chase.

After winning the previous race at Ventura, Chase Johnson (Penngrove, California) posted his third consecutive (fourth overall) Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award. Racing Keith Ford's #73X Naturipe / Sun Valley AG Transport Triple X, Johnson's time of 12.398 seconds bested the season-high of 24 "mighty midgets." The versatile driver ran third in his 10-lap heat race and scored eighth in the main event. Chase left the Ventura County Fairgrounds placed tenth in the standings.

Brody Fuson (Bakersfield, California) raced to victory in the 10-lap Jordan Hanni Well Drilling First Heat Race. Piloting Rusty Carlile's #51 RacePa Motorsports / W.E. Spike, Fuson was tenth quick in time trials and charged to fourth in the main event after starting eighth. On the strength of two wins, the young driver ranks second in the chase for the championship.

Second generation driver C.J. Sarna (Brea, California) took the checkered flag in the 10-lap Ammonia Refrigeration Service Second Heat Race. Racing his #20 ZMax / Final Final Lifestyle Spike, Sarna qualified fourteenth overall and finished twelfth in the main event. The 2009 Co-Rookie of the Year heads to Kern County sitting ninth in points.

Rookie contender A.J. Bender (San Diego, California) won the 10-lap Wireless 101 Third Heat Race. Driving the LKK Racing #1X Josh Ford Motorsports / Rod End Supply Triple X, Bender was ninth fast in qualifying and ran second to Worth in the feature after starting seventh. Last year's Turkey Night Grand Prix USAC 360 Sprint Car Winner left Ventura ranked fifth in points and second in the rookie standings.

Veteran Randi Pankratz (Atascadero, California) earned the night's Rod End Supply Hard Charger Award with a sixth place run from eighteenth. Piloting the family owned #8 HASA Pool Products / Pentair Edmunds, Pankratz qualified eighteenth overall and scored fifth in her heat race. For her efforts, Randi also earned a copy of Caged Heat, a sprint car racing photo book, courtesy of Steve Lafond / Tear-Off Heaven Fotos. As this writing goes to press, Pankratz is eleventh in the point chase despite missing several races.

Gage Rucker (Truxton, Missouri) earned Ventura's Wilwood Disc Brakes "Lucky 13 Award" with a thirteenth place finish in the main event from twentieth. Driving the Kruseman Motorsports' #15K Kruseman Sprint Car and Midget Driving School / FK Rod Ends entry, Rucker was twentieth fast in time trials and scored sixth in his heat race. Before racing began, Gage also won the High Tech Performance "Lucky Pill Draw" and five gallons of fuel thanks to Jack Parker and his staff. After his first start, Rucker left the speedway tied for fifty-third in the point standings.

After scoring third in the feature, Michael Faccinto (Hanford, California) has officially clinched his second USAC Western States Midget Championship. Racing the Graunstadt Enterprises / Streeter Racing #14J Gary Silva Ranches / T&T Trucking Spike, Faccinto qualified second overall and placed fourth in his heat race. The newly crowned champion will be looking to celebrate in style at the October 15th "George Snider Classic."

The USAC Western States Midgets will take a break before returning to action on Saturday, October 15th, at The Dirt Track at Kern County Raceway Park's (Bakersfield, California) "Championship Night" and "George Snider Classic." The final point race is co-sanctioned with the Bay Cities Racing Association (BCRA) and will also feature the USAC West Coast 360 Sprint Cars.

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USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE RESULTS: September 24, 2022 – Ventura Raceway – Ventura, California

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Chase Johnson, 73x, Ford-12.398; 2. Michael Faccinto, 14J, Graunstadt-12.569; 3. Cade Lewis, 73, Ford-12.596; 4. Ben Worth, 5K, Alexander-12.644; 5. Jake Andreotti, 00, Davis-12.654; 6. Robby Josett, 68, Six8-12.670; 7. Cody Williams, 8w, Woodland-12.684; 8. Steve Paden, 56, Paden-12.688; 9. A.J. Bender, 1x, LKK-12.728; 10. Brody Fuson, 51, Carlile-12.740; 11. Samuel May, 55, Lambert-12.761; 12. Travis Buckley, 7NZ, BSL-12.775; 13. Mike Leach Jr., 33p, Leach-12.871; 14. C.J. Sarna, 20, Sarna-12.969; 15. Jake Hodges, 4, Hodges-13.103; 16. Steve Hix, 57, Hix-13.130; 17. Zach Telford, 22G, GR-13.221; 18. Randi Pankratz, 8, Pankratz-13.222; 19. Nathan Byrd, 11K, Kruseman-

13.564; 20. Gage Rucker, 15K, Kruseman-13.815; 21. Tres Van Dyne, 14JR, Streeter-14.030; 22. Kevin Gray, 7L, Gray-15.144; 23. Billy Rayburn, 6K, Kruseman-15.618; 24. Jim Vanzant, 3v, Vanzant-NT.

JORDAN HANNI WELL DRILLING FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Fuson, 2. Worth, 3. Johnson, 4. Leach, 5. Williams, 6. Byrd, 7. Gray, 8. Hix. NT.

AMMONIA REFRIGERATION SERVICE SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Sarna, 2. Andreotti, 3. May, 4. Faccinto, 5. Paden, 6. Rucker, 7. Telford, 8. Rayburn. NT.

WIRELESS 101 THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Bender, 2. Lewis, 3. Buckley, 4. Josett, 5. Pankratz, 6. Hodges, 7. Vanzant, 8. Van Dyne. NT.

T&T TRUCKING FEATURE: (30 laps, Starting positions in parentheses) 1. Ben Worth (3), 2. A.J. Bender (7), 3. Michael Faccinto (5), 4. Brody Fuson (8), 5. Travis Buckley (12), 6. Randi Pankratz (18), 7. Nathan Byrd (19), 8. Chase Johnson (6), 9. Zach Telford (17), 10. Jake Andreotti (13), 11. Billy Rayburn (23), 12. C.J. Sarna (9), 13. Gage Rucker (20), 14. Steve Paden (10), 15. Cade Lewis (4), 16. Jake Hodges (15), 17. Samuel May (11), 18. Tres Van Dyne (21), 19. Robby Josett (2), 20. Mike Leach Jr. (14), 21. Steve Hix (16), 22. Kevin Gray (22), 23. Jim Vanzant (24), 24. Cody Williams (1). NT.

****#8W Williams did not go to scales.**

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Worth

ROD END SUPPLY HARD CHARGER: Randi Pankratz (18th to 6th)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Gage Rucker

HIGH TECH PERFORMANCE LUCKY PILL DRAW: Gage Rucker

NEW USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Michael Faccinto-779, 2-Brody Fuson-671, 3-Ben Worth-665, 4-Travis Buckley-612, 5-A.J. Bender-593, 6-Blake Bower-505, 7-Jake Andreotti-490, 8-Caden Sarale-397, 9- C.J. Sarna-362, 10-Chase Johnson-343.

TOP QUALIFIER POINTS: 1-Michael Faccinto-38, 2-Ben Worth-31, 3-Chase Johnson-24, 4-Jake Andreotti-19, 5-Blake Bower-16, 6-Shane Golobic-12, 7-Robby Josett-11, 8-Brody Fuson-10, 9-Mitchel Moles-6, --Travis Buckley-6, --A.J. Bender-6.

PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Travis Buckley-37, 2-Randi Pankratz-34, 3-Brody Fuson-25, --A.J. Bender-25, 5-Michael Faccinto-21, --Nathan Byrd-21, 7-Caden Sarale-18, --Danika Jo Parker-18, 9-Chase Johnson-17, 10-Thomas Esberg-15, --Jake Andreotti-15.

NEXT USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE: October 15 – The Dirt Track at Kern County Raceway Park – Bakersfield, California – “Championship Night” / “George Snider Classic” - Co-sanctioned with BCRA

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CADE LEWIS POWERS TO KCRP “CHAMPIONSHIP NIGHT” VICTORY

By: Lance Jennings

BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA – OCTOBER 17, 2022... Making his first start in Dean “Kiwi” Alexander’s #101 Wireless 101 / driveWFX.com Spike, Cade Lewis (Bakersfield, California) won last Saturday’s “George Snider Classic” at The Dirt Track at Kern County Raceway Park.

For Lewis, the \$2,000 feature sponsored by T&T Trucking, Woodworks Unlimited, and Jim & Bob’s Tire Service was the first USAC Western States & BCRA Midget win of his career. Newly crowned champion Michael Faccinto, Brody Fuson,

new track record holder Jake Andreotti, and hard charger Kyle Beilman rounded out the top-five "Championship Night" drivers.

At the drop of starter Jason Vance's green flag, polesitter Ben Worth grabbed the early lead and looked to claim his second win in a row. Despite a couple of caution and red flags, Worth continued to dominate the main event at the fast 1/3-mile oval. The 2019 Rookie of the Year's hopes were dashed when a mechanical failure ended his night on lap seventeen. Worth's Alexander teammate Cade Lewis inherited the top spot and soon shook free from his challengers on his way to becoming the 190th winner in series history.

In the USAC Western States Midget debut at Kern County, Cade Lewis opened the night by qualifying second overall and running fifth in his heat race. While also racing in the Midwest, the rookie finished thirteenth in championship points after five appearances.

Jake Andreotti (Castro Valley, California) posted his first Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award of the campaign and established a new track record of 15.480 seconds over the 20-car roster. Racing the Pete Davis owned #00 Hot Head Competition Engine Heaters / Buchanan Automotive Stealth, Andreotti ran third in his heat race and finished fourth in the "George Snider Classic" after starting sixth. Jake also raced in the companion USAC West Coast Sprint Car feature and claimed fourth. The young driver finished sixth overall in the final USAC Western States Midget point standings.

Michael Faccinto (Hanford, California) raced to his seventh heat race win of the year by topping the 10-lap Jordan Hanni Well Drilling First Heat Race. Piloting the Graunstadt Enterprises owned #14J Gary Silva Ranches / T&T Trucking Spike, Faccinto was seventh quick in time trials and finished second in the "Championship Night" main event after starting seventh. It has been a stellar season as Michael won the 4-race Elk Grove Ford Mini-Series and earned "Top Qualifier" honors. After earning his second crown, Faccinto joins Sleepy Tripp, Robby Flock, Johnny Rodriguez, Jerome Rodela, and Ronnie Gardner as multi-time champions.

Jason McDougal (Broken Arrow, Oklahoma) made his first start of the year in the Six8 Motorsports' #68 Competition Suspension Incorporated / Extreme Mufflers Stewart and won the 10-lap Ammonia Refrigeration Service Second Heat Race. The veteran driver qualified eighth overall but scored twentieth in the feature after an early exit. After leaving The Dirt Track at Kern County Raceway Park, McDougal placed fifty-ninth in the point standings.

Another first time starter in 2022, "Showtime" Danny Sheridan (Santa Maria, California) raced to victory in the 10-lap Wireless 101 Third Heat Race. Driving Keith Ford's #73B Naturipe / Sun Valley AG Transport TCR, Sheridan was fifteenth fast in time trials and scored sixth in the main event after starting eighth. The veteran driver placed forty-sixth in the point chase for the championship.

Returning to USAC Western States action, Kyle Beilman (Mar Vista, California) earned the night's Rod End Supply Hard Charger / Best Passing Job honors with a fifth place run from fifteenth. Racing the family owned #31B Dave.com / BP Fab Spike, Beilman qualified fourteenth overall and placed fourth in his heat race. After two appearances, the 2018 Rookie of the Year finished twenty-ninth in the point standings.

"The Cadillac" Cody Williams (Corona, California) earned Kern County's Wilwood Disc Brakes "Lucky 13 Award" with a thirteenth place finish in the main event. Piloting Keith Ford's #73X Naturipe / Pacific Coast Maintenance Service Triple X, Williams was ninth quick in time trials and finished sixth in the "George Snider Classic." In limited starts, the USAC/CRA Sprint Car driver finished twenty-seventh in the championship points.

A.J. Bender (San Diego, California) earned the 2022 Rookie of the Year honors after a hard fought battle with Travis Buckley. Driving the LKK Racing #1X Josh Ford Motorsports / Rod End Supply Triple X, Bender qualified fifth overall, ran second to McDougal in his heat race, scored seventh in the "Championship Night" main event, and scored fourth in the final point standings.

By virtue of her eleventh place finish in the "George Snider Classic" after starting twentieth, Randi Pankratz (Atascadero, California) topped the season's "Passing Masters" point chase. Racing the family owned #8 HASA Pool & Spa Products

Edmunds, Pankratz was twentieth in qualifying after having mechanical problems, finished seventh in her heat race, and placed tenth in the championship point chase.

The USAC Western States MIDGET thanks Ammonia Refrigeration Service Incorporated, AMSOIL, Competition Suspension Incorporated, Elk Grove Ford, Extreme Mufflers, FloRacing, High Tech Performance, Hoosier Racing Tire, Hot Head Competition Engine Heaters, Jim and Bob's Tire Service, Jordan Hanni Well Drilling, Rod End Supply, Saldana Racing Products, Steve Lafond / Tear-Off Heaven Fotos, T&T Trucking, Vahlco Wheels, Wilwood Disc Brakes, Wireless 101, Woodland Auto Display, and Woodworks Unlimited for their support.

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USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE RESULTS: October 15, 2022 – The Dirt Track at Kern County Raceway Park – Bakersfield, California – “Championship Night & George Snider Classic” - Co-Sanctioned with Bay Cities Racing Association (BCRA)

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Jake Andreotti, 00, Davis-15.480 (New Track Record); 2. Cade Lewis, 101, Alexander-15.866; 3. Brody Fuson, 51, Carlile-15.974; 4. Steve Paden, 56, Paden-16.160; 5. A.J. Bender, 1x, LKK-16.276; 6. Ben Worth, 5K, Alexander-16.310; 7. Michael Faccinto, 14J, Graunstadt-16.333; 8. Jason McDougal, 68, Six8-16.358; 9. Cody Williams, 73x, Ford-16.436; 10. Blake Bower, 9, Boscacci-16.488; 11. Travis Buckley, 7NZ, BSL-16.535; 12. Zach Telford, 22G, GR-16.587; 13. C.J. Sarna, 20, Sarna-16.662; 14. Kyle Beilman, 31B, Beilman-16.711; 15. Danny Sheridan, 73B, Ford-17.060; 16. Thomas Esberg, 8x, Esberg-17.113; 17. Mike Snider, 6K, Snider-17.113; 18. David Gasper, 14JR, Streeter-17.172; 19. Anthony Esberg, 1K, Esberg-NT; 20. Randi Pankratz, 8, Pankratz-NT.

JORDAN HANNI WELL DRILLING FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Faccinto, 2. Bower, 3. Andreotti, 4. Paden, 5. Anthony Esberg, 6. Thomas Esberg, 8. Sarna. NT.

AMMONIA REFRIGERATION SERVICE SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. McDougal, 2. Bender, 3. Buckley, 4. Beilman, 5. Lewis, 6. Snider, 7. Pankratz. NT.

WIRELESS 101 THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Sheridan, 2. Worth, 3. Fuson, 4. Gasper, 5. Telford, 6. Williams. NT.

T&T TRUCKING / JIM & BOB'S TIRE SERVICE / WOODWORKS UNLIMITED FEATURE: (30 laps, Starting positions in parentheses) 1. Cade Lewis (5), 2. Michael Faccinto (7), 3. Brody Fuson (4), 4. Jake Andreotti (6), 5. Kyle Beilman (15), 6. Danny Sheridan (8), 7. A.J. Bender (2), 8. Zach Telford (13), 9. Anthony Esberg (19), 10. Thomas Esberg (16), 11. Randi Pankratz (20), 12. Steve Paden (3), 13. Cody Williams (9), 14. Ben Worth (1), 15. Travis Buckley (12), 16. David Gasper (18), 17. Mike Snider (17), 18. Blake Bower (10), 19. C.J. Sarna (14), 20. Jason McDougal (11). NT.

** Snider flipped on lap 1 of the feature. Buckley flipped on lap 15 of the feature. Paden and Williams flipped on lap 20 of the feature.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-17 Worth, Laps 18-30 Lewis.

ROD END SUPPLY HARD CHARGER: Kyle Beilman (15th to 5th)

FINAL USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Michael Faccinto-854, 2-Brody Fuson-745, 3-Ben Worth-708, 4-A.J. Bender-654, 5-Travis Buckley-651, 6-Jake Andreotti-563, 7-Blake Bower-539, 8-Caden Sarale-397, 9- C.J. Sarna-389, 10-Randi Pankratz-345.

FINAL TOP QUALIFIER POINTS: 1-Michael Faccinto-38, 2-Ben Worth-32, 3-Jake Andreotti-25, 4-Chase Johnson-24, 5-Blake Bower-16. 6-Brody Fuson-14, 7-Shane Golobic-12, 8-Robby Josett-11, 9-Cade Lewis-9, 10-A.J. Bender-8.

FINAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Randi Pankratz-43, 2-Travis Buckley-38, 3-Brody Fuson-26, --Michael Faccinto-26, 5-A.J. Bender-25, 6-Anthony Esberg-24, 7-Nathan Byrd-21, --Thomas Esberg-21, 9-Caden Sarale-18, --Danika Jo Parker-18.

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2022 USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET DRIVER POINT STANDINGS:

POS.	PTS.	DRIVER, HOMETOWN
1.	854	Michael Faccinto, Hanford, Calif.
2.	745	Brody Fuson, Bakersfield, Calif.
3.	708	Ben Worth, Coalinga, Calif.
4.	654	(R) A.J. Bender, San Diego, Calif.
5.	651	(R) Travis Buckley, Auckland, N.Z.
6.	563	Jake Andreotti, Castro Valley, Calif.
7.	539	Blake Bower, Brentwood, Calif.
8.	397	(R) Caden Sarale, Stockton, Calif.
9.	389	C.J. Sarna, Palm Desert, Calif.
10.	345	Randi Pankratz, Atascadero, Calif.
11.	343	Chase Johnson, Penngrove, Calif.
12.	324	Mike Snider, Kelseyville, Calif.
13.	293	Cade Lewis, Bakersfield, Calif.
14.	286	(R) Anthony Esberg, Kelseyville, Calif.
15.	251	Austin Liggett, Tracy, Calif.
16.	235	Jake Hodges, Camarillo, Calif.
17.	235	Robby Josett, Costa Mesa, Calif.
18.	194	(R) Zach Telford, Middleton, Idaho
19.	161	Terry Nichols, Delano, Calif.
20.	159	(R) Braden Chiaramonte, El Cajon, Calif.
21.	133	(R) Dylan Bloomfield, Oakley, Calif.
22.	111	Steve Paden, Downey, Calif.
23.	110	Cody Williams, Corona, Calif.
24.	104	Matt Mitchell, Yorba Linda, Calif.
25.	103	Kyle Beilman, Los Angeles, Calif.
26.	101	(R) Colton Raudman, Cottonwood, Calif.
27.	99	Nathan Byrd, Goodyear, Ariz.

28.	99	(R) Racin Silva, Henderson, Nev.
29.	98	Steve Hix, Ventura, Calif.
30.	92	Daniel Whitley, Ferndale, Calif.
31.	92	Mike Leach Jr., Foothill Ranch, Calif.
32.	84	Mitchel Moles, Fresno, Calif.
33.	81	(R) Sage Bordenave, French Camp, Calif.
34.	68	Troy Rutherford Ojai, Calif.
35.	62	(R) Beau Lemire, Camino, Calif.
36.	60	Jake Morgan, Elk Grove, Calif.
37.	60	(R) Kevin Gray, Yuba City, Calif.
38.	55	Dylan Ito, Ventura, Calif.
39.	42	Billy Rayburn, Denver, Colo.
40.	36	Dale Curran, Bowmanville, Ont.
41.	31	Jason McDougal, Broken Arrow, Okla.

2022 USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET ENTRANT POINT STANDINGS:

POS.	PTS.	ENTRANT, LOCATION, CAR NUMBER
1.	935	Graunstadt Enterprises, Oakley, Calif. (#14J)
2.	661	Dean Alexander, Visalia, Calif. (#5K)
3.	654	LKK Racing, Atascadero, Calif. (#1x)
4.	651	BSL Racing, Glendora, Calif. (#7NZ)
5.	646	Josh Ford Motorsports, Oxnard, Calif. (#73x)
6.	569	Matt Streeter, Lodi, Calif. (#14JR)
7.	389	C.J. Sarna, Brea, Calif. (#20)
8.	339	Six8 Motorsports, Burbank, Calif. (#68)
9.	324	Lauren Snider, Lakeport, Calif. (#6K)
10.	92	Ted Finkenbinder, Fairfield, Calif. (#3F)
11.	79	Dean Alexander, Visalia, Calif. (#101)
12.	60	Gary Morgan, Elk Grove, Calif. (#45)

2022 USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET FEATURE WINNERS:

Mar 26: Placerville Speedway - Placerville, CA

WINNER: Jake Andreotti (Pete Davis #00)

Apr 2: Thunderbowl Raceway - Tulare, CA

WINNER: Brody Fuson (Graunstadt Enterprises #14J)

Apr 16: Bakersfield Speedway - Bakersfield, CA

WINNER: Mitchel Moles (Josh Ford Motorsports #73x)

Apr 23: Merced Speedway - Merced, CA

WINNER: Shane Golobic (Matt Wood Racing #17w)

May 7: Placerville Speedway - Placerville, CA

WINNER: Michael Faccinto (Graunstadt Enterprises #14J)

May 21: Ventura Raceway - Ventura, CA

WINNER: Michael Faccinto (Graunstadt Enterprises #14J)

Jun 18: Merced Speedway - Merced, CA

WINNER: Ryan Bernal (Josh Ford Motorsports #73x)

Jul 23: Petaluma Speedway - Petaluma, CA

WINNER: Brody Fuson (Rusty Carlile #51)

Aug 13: Santa Maria Raceway - Nipomo, CA

WINNER: Michael Faccinto (Graunstadt Enterprises #14J)

Aug 27: Ventura Raceway - Ventura, CA

WINNER: Chase Johnson (Josh Ford Motorsports #73x)

Sep 24: Ventura Raceway - Ventura, CA

WINNER: Ben Worth (Dean Alexander #5K)

Oct 15: The Dirt Track at Kern County Raceway Park - Bakersfield, CA

WINNER: Cade Lewis (Dean Alexander #101)

2022 USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET FEATURE WINS:

3-Michael Faccinto (May 7 at Placerville Speedway, May 21 at Ventura Raceway & Aug 13 at Santa Maria Raceway)

2-Brody Fuson (Apr 2 at Thunderbowl Raceway & Jul 23 at Petaluma Speedway)

1-Jake Andreotti (Mar 26 at Placerville Speedway)

1-Ryan Bernal (Jun 18 at Merced Speedway)

1-Shane Golobic (Apr 23 at Merced Speedway)

1-Chase Johnson (Aug 27 at Ventura Raceway)

1-Cade Lewis (Oct 15 at The Dirt Track at Kern County Raceway Park)

1-Mitchel Moles (Apr 16 at Bakersfield Speedway)

1-Ben Worth (Sep 24 at Ventura Raceway)

2022 USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET FEATURE LAPS LED:

87-Michael Faccinto

56-Brody Fuson

47-Ben Worth

27-Chase Johnson

26-Jake Andreotti

24-Shane Golobic

20-Austin Liggett

18-Travis Buckley

15-Ryan Bernal

13-Cade Lewis

8-Mitchel Moles

2-Dylan Ito

1-Jake Hodge & Colton Raudman

2022 USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET TOP-5 FEATURE FINISHES:

11-Michael Faccinto

8-Brody Fuson

7-A.J. Bender

5-Ben Worth

4-Jake Andreotti

3-Blake Bower, Travis Buckley, Chase Johnson & Robby Josett

2-Shane Golobic, Cade Lewis & Austin Liggett

1-Kyle Beilman, Ryan Bernal, Dylan Bloomfield, Dawson Faria, Shannon McQueen, Matt Mitchell & Mitchel Moles

2022 USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET TOP-10 FEATURE FINISHES:

11-Michael Faccinto & Brody Fuson

10-Travis Buckley

8-A.J. Bender

7-Blake Bower

6-Ben Worth

5-Jake Andreotti, Chase Johnson & Caden Sarale

4-Cade Lewis

3-Braden Chiaramonte, Anthony Esberg, Robby Josett, Austin Liggett & C.J. Sarna

2-Dylan Bloomfield, Shane Golobic, Jake Hodges, Danika Jo Parker, Mike Snider, Zach Telford & Ben Wiesz

1-Floyd Alvis, Kyle Beilman, Ryan Bernal, Nathan Byrd, Thomas Esberg, Dawson Faria, Dylan Ito, Shannon McQueen, Matt Mitchell, Mitchel Moles, Jake Morgan, Terry Nichols, Randi Pankratz, Troy Rutherford, Cole Schroeder, Danny Sheridan, T.J. Smith, Daniel Whitley & Brandon Wiley

2022 USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET FEATURE STARTS:

12-Travis Buckley & Ben Worth

11-A.J. Bender, Michael Faccinto & Brody Fuson

10-Jake Andreotti & Blake Bower

9-C.J. Sarna

8-Randi Pankratz, Caden Sarale & Mike Snider

7-Anthony Esberg, Thomas Esberg & Danika Jo Parker

5-Jake Hodges, Chase Johnson, Cade Lewis & Zach Telford

4-Robby Josett, Austin Liggett & Terry Nichols

3-Braden Chiaramonte, Steve Hix, Mike Leach Jr., Steve Paden, Racin Silva & Cody Williams

2-Floyd Alvis, Kyle Beilman, Ryan Bernal, Dylan Bloomfield, Sage Bordenave & Nathan Byrd, Shane Golobic, Kevin Gray, Beau Lemire, Samuel May, Matt Mitchell, Colton Raudman, Dave Stoltz, Daniel Whitley & Ben Wiesz

1-Dakota Albright, Dale Curran, Tres Van Dyne, Greg Edenholm, Tyler Edwards, Dawson Faria, David Gasper, Dylan Ito, Jason McDougal, Shannon McQueen, Mitchel Moles, Jake Morgan, Billy Rayburn, Gage Rucker, Troy Rutherford, Cole Schroeder, Danny Sheridan, T.J. Smith, Jim Vanzant, Nick Velasquez & Brandon Wiley

2022 USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET FAST QUALIFYING TIMES:

4-Chase Johnson

3-Michael Faccinto

2-Shane Golobic

1-Jake Andreotti, Brody Fuson & Mitchel Moles

2022 USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET HEAT RACE WINS:

7-Michael Faccinto

4-A.J. Bender

3-Jake Andreotti & Brody Fuson

2-Shane Golobic, Austin Liggett, C.J. Sarna & Ben Worth

1-Travis Buckley, Chase Johnson, Jason McDougal, Mitchel Moles, Jake Morgan, Troy Rutherford, Danny Sheridan & Mike Snider