

2023 USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET SEASON

3rd Time a Charm: Fuson Flourishes with 2023 USAC Western States Midget Title

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Finishing second in the USAC Western States Midget championship point standings in each of the last two years left Brody Fuson with one major step left to take entering the 2023 season.

Fuson (Bakersfield, Calif.) responded with authority during the 2023 campaign, putting together the best single season in terms of feature victories with the series since Ronnie Gardner in 2016 to earn his first career series title. Fuson tallied five feature victories along the way while finishing inside the top-five in 10 of 11 starts and added six fast qualifying times to his record.

In the process, the 18-year-old Fuson became the youngest ever USAC Western States Midget champion and also provided car owner and fellow Bakersfieldian Rusty Carlile with his first career USAC Western States Midget entrant title by the same 41-point margin over driver Cade Lewis and entrant “Kiwi” Dean Alexander.

Fuson collected a trio of his handful of victories at Ventura Raceway, sweeping all three series events on the docket with triumphs on May 27, June 10 and September 9. Fuson also added a pair of wins on July 8 at Placerville Speedway and September 30 at Antioch Speedway’s Chet Thomson Memorial.

Cade Lewis (Bakersfield, Calif.) finished his first run at a USAC Western States Midget title with a runner-up finish in the final standings with one win to his credit on June 24 at Merced Speedway, a race which featured five official lead changes at the line with Lewis prevailing in a fantastic duel with Fuson. Lewis also added a championship in the Antioch Challenge Presented By Graunstadt Enterprises, which he earned by accumulating the most points in the two Antioch events.

Jake Andreotti (Castro Valley, Calif.) spent the 2023 season as a full-timer on the USAC NOS Energy Drink Midget National Championship tour. However, he still made time to return to his west coast roots, making three Western States starts and never finishing outside the top-two, winning both stops at The Dirt Track at Kern County Raceway Park in April and again during October’s George Snider Classic for car owner Pete Davis, while also scoring a runner-up result in the series’ debut at Antioch Speedway in August.

Fourth place points finisher Ben Worth (Coalinga, Calif.) returned to victory lane with the series by earning the opening night victory at Merced on April 15 aboard the Graunstadt machine.

Caden Sarale (Stockton, Calif.) brought Graunstadt back to the winner’s circle on July 22 at Petaluma to become the first first-time USAC Western States Midget winner of the season. In the very next round at Antioch two weeks later, T.J. Smith (Fresno, Calif.) became the second first-time series winner, wheeling the Six8 Motorsports ride to its first series win since the 2021 season opener.

C.J. Sarna (Palm Desert, Calif.) finished third in the standings, equaling his best career USAC Western States Midget finish after previously placing third in 2021. Ron Hazelton (Chatsworth, Calif.), meanwhile, took fifth in the standings, his best career finish in the USAC Western States standings, besting his previous best points ranking of sixth all the way back in 1993. Hazelton’s career with the series dates back four decades to 1983.

Ben Covich (Auckland, N.Z.) has only lived in the United States four years and had never driven a midget until this season. The current Reno, Nev. resident scored sixth in the standings to earn 2023 Rookie of the Year honors.

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BEN WORTH TOPS MERCED USAC WESTERN MIDGET OPENER

MERCED, CALIFORNIA - APRIL 15, 2023... Subbing for defending champion Michael Faccinto, Ben Worth (Coalinga, CA) led all 30-laps to claim the season opener at Merced Speedway. Driving the Graunstadt Enterprises' #14J Silva Ranches / T&T Trucking Spike, Worth earned the fourth USAC Western States Midget victory of his career over Brody Fuson, Cade Lewis, Caden Sarale, and A.J. Bender.

Making his first start in Dean "Kiwi" Alexander's #5K WFX Spike, Cade Lewis (Bakersfield, CA) opened the program by claiming the Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award with a time of 12.708 seconds over the 13-car roster. In doing so, he earned \$100 for his efforts and leads the Woodland Auto Display Top Qualifier standings heading to Kern County on April 29th.

Former Santa Maria Sprint Car Champion, T.J. Smith (Fresno, CA) and Fuson (Bakersfield, CA) raced to victory in their 10-lap heat races.

Grabbing the early lead, Worth faced constant challenges for the top spot by Smith in the famed #68 Six8 Motorsports entry. Behind the leaders, a torrid battle for position by Sarale, Fuson, Bender, and Lewis was underway. After a few laps, Worth switched to the outside groove and began to inch away from the field.

Smith, now secure in second, was under fire from Sarale as slower traffic came into play. As Worth navigated through the traffic, a close call halted his progress and caution flags bunched the field. Smith had another opportunity for the lead and remained within striking distance until his engine expired on the white flag lap. From there, the 2019 Rookie of the Year powered to the checkered flags at the Merced County Fairgrounds.

Steve Paden (Rossmore, CA) earned the night's Ebbco Offroad "Hard Charger Award" with a fifth place run from eleventh. By doing so, the 2003 Champion sits atop the Passing Master standings.

The night was dedicated to Sammy Bahr, who recently passed away. Bahr was a longtime USAC official who served with the CRA Sprint Car, West Coast Sprint Car, and Western States Midget Series.

The USAC Western States Midgets will return to action on Saturday, April 29th, at The Dirt Track at Kern County Raceway Park in Bakersfield, California. The USAC/CRA 410 Sprint Cars will join the action packed card.

The USAC Western States Midget Series thanks BR Motorsports, Brown & Miller Racing Solutions, Competition Suspension Incorporated, Ebbco Offroad, Extreme Mufflers, FloRacing, Hoosier Racing Tires, Hot Head Competition Engine Heaters, Jordan Hanni Well Drilling, Rod End Supply, Saldana Racing Products, Steve Lafond / Tear-Off Heaven Fotos, Wilwood Disc Brakes, Wireless 101, and Woodland Auto Display for their support.

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FloRacing.com has live, flag-to-flag coverage of the USAC Western States Midget Series. You can catch the action by subscribing to FloRacing on a monthly or yearly basis to view their huge catalog of live and on-demand auto racing and sporting events.

USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET SERIES RACE RESULTS: April 15, 2023 – Merced Speedway – Merced, California

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Cade Lewis, 5K, Alexander-12.708; 2. Brody Fuson, 51, Carlile-12.753; 3. Caden Sarale, 32, Sarale-12.809; 4. A.J. Bender, 00, Davis-12.812; 5. T.J. Smith, 68, Six8-12.942; 6. Ben Worth, 14J, Graunstadt-12.957; 7. C.J. Sarna, 20, Sarna-13.226; 8. Samuel May, 55, Lambert-13.714; 9. Bryan Drollinger, 71D, Drollinger-13.723; 10. Ron Hazelton, 15, Hazelton-14.495; 11. Steve Paden, 56, Paden-40.803; 12. Kevin Gray, 7L, Gray-NT; 13. Randi Pankratz, 8, Pankratz-NT.

JORDAN HANNI WELL DRILLING FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Smith, 2. Lewis, 3. Paden, 4. Sarale, 5. Sarna, 6. Drollinger. NT.

HOT HEAD COMPETITION ENGINE HEATERS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Fuson, 2. May, 3. Bender, 4. Hazelton, 5. Worth. NT.

SAMMY BAHR FEATURE: (30 laps, Starting positions in parentheses) 1. Ben Worth (1), 2. Brody Fuson (5), 3. Cade Lewis (6), 4. Caden Sarale (4), 5. A.J. Bender (3), 6. Steve Paden (11), 7. Samuel May (8), 8. T.J. Smith (2), 9. Bryan Drollinger (9), 10. Ron Hazelton (10), 11. C.J. Sarna (7), 12. Kevin Gray (12). NT.

**Gray flipped during qualifying.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Worth.

EBBCO OFFROAD HARD CHARGER: Steve Paden (11th to 6th)

NEW USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1- Brody Fuson-80, 2-Cade Lewis-77, 3-Ben Worth-75, 4-Caden Sarale-70, 5-A.J. Bender-67, 6-Steve Paden-61, 7-T.J. Smith-59, -Samuel May-59, 9-Bryan Drollinger-49, 10-Ron Hazelton-48.

NEW WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY TOP QUALIFIER POINTS: 1-Cade Lewis-6, 2-Brody Fuson-5, 3-Caden Sarale-4, 4-A.J. Bender-3, 5-T.J. Smith-2, 6-Ben Worth-1.

NEW PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Steve Paden-5, 2-Brody Fuson-3, -Cade Lewis-3.

NEXT USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE: April 29 – The Dirt Track at Kern County Raceway Park – Bakersfield, California

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JAKE ANDREOTTI SWEEPS KERN COUNTY RETURN

BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA - APRIL 29, 2023... Powering past Mitchel Moles on lap 22, Jake Andreotti (Castro Valley, CA) won the \$2,000 USAC Western States Midget feature at The Dirt Track at Kern County Raceway Park. Racing the Pete Davis owned #00 Hot Head Competition Engine Heaters entry, Andreotti claimed the third victory of his career over Moles, Cade Lewis, Caden Sarale, and point leader Brody Fuson.

Starting second, Mitchel Moles grabbed the early lead and faced several challenges from Fuson with Andreotti closing within striking distance. When a flat rear tire knocked Fuson from contention, Andreotti made the most of the opportunity and grabbed the victory.

For Andreotti, the night was a “clean sweep” at the fast 1/3-mile oval. The young driver earned the Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award with a time of 14.729 seconds over the 12-car roster. In doing so, he earned \$100 for his efforts plus an extra \$250 from a fan of midget racing. The time broke his track record from October and Jake is now ranked fourth in Woodland Top Qualifier points heading to Saturday’s race at Placerville. From there, the 10-time micro sprint champion won the 10-lap Jordan Hanni Well Drilling Heat Race and topped the 30-lap main event.

With rainouts in the Midwest, Moles (Raisin City, CA) returned to the west coast and raced the #73 Josh Ford Motorsports machine to victory in the Hot Head Competition Engine Heaters Second Heat Race.

With an extra \$500 up for grabs, Cade Lewis (Bakersfield, CA) accepted the Last Row Challenge and earned the night’s Ebbco Offroad “Hard Charger Award” with a third place run from twelfth. Driving Dean Alexander’s #5K WFX Spike Lewis sits atop the Sammy Bahr Feature points and Passing Master standings.

The USAC Western States Midgets will return to action this Saturday, May 6th, at Placerville Speedway for “First Responders Night.” For more event information, visit placervillespeedway.com.

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USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET SERIES RACE RESULTS: April 29, 2023 – The Dirt Track at Kern County Raceway Park – Bakersfield, California

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Jake Andreotti, 00, Davis-14.729 (New Track Record); 2. Brody Fuson, 51, Carlile-14.910; 3. Caden Sarale, 32, Sarale-15.305; 4. Mitchel Moles, 73, Ford-15.321; 5. Ben Worth, 14J, Graunstadt-15.470; 6. Cade Lewis, 5K, Alexander-15.485; 7. Steve Paden, 56, Paden-15.566; 8. A.J. Bender, 14JR, Streeter-15.642; 9. Samuel May, 55, Lambert-15.790; 10. Terry Nichols, 1P, Nichols/Peckfelder-15.911; 11. Bryan Drollinger, 71D, Drollinger-15.941; 12. Ron Hazelton, 15, Hazelton-16.855.

JORDAN HANNI WELL DRILLING FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Andreotti, 2. Sarale, 3. Worth, 4. May, 5. Drollinger. 6. Paden. NT.

HOT HEAD COMPETITION ENGINE HEATERS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Moles, 2. Fuson, 3. Lewis, 4. Bender, 5. Hazleton, 6. Nichols. NT.

FEATURE: (30 laps, Starting positions in parentheses) 1. Jake Andreotti (5), 2. Mitchel Moles (2), 3. Cade Lewis (12), 4. Caden Sarale (3), 5. Brody Fuson (4), 6. Ben Worth (1), 7. Steve Paden (6), 8. Ron Hazelton (11), 9. Bryan Drollinger (10), 10. Samuel May (8), 11. A.J. Bender (7), 12. Terry Nichols (9). NT.

**May flipped during first lap of the feature.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-21 Moles, Laps 22-30 Andreotti

EBBCO OFFROAD HARD CHARGER: Cade Lewis (12th to 3rd)

NEW USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Brody Fuson-150, 2-Cade Lewis-148, 3-Caden Sarale-142, 4-Ben Worth-138, 5-Steve Paden-116, 6-A.J. Bender-113, 7-Samuel May-107, 8-Ron Hazelton-101, 9-Bryan Drollinger-98, 10-Jake Andreotti-84.

NEW WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY TOP QUALIFIER POINTS: 1-Brody Fuson-10, 2-Caden Sarale-8, 3-Cade Lewis-7, 4-Jake Andreotti-6, 5-Ben Worth-3, --A.J. Bender-3, --Mitchel Moles-3, 8-T.J. Smith-2.

NEW SAMMY BAHR FEATURE POINTS: 1-Cade Lewis-128, 2-Ben Worth-125, --Brody Fuson-125, 4-Caden Sarale-122, 5-Steve Paden-107, 6-A.J. Bender-99, 7-Samuel May-95, 8-Ron Hazelton-92, 9-Bryan Drollinger-91, 10-Jake Andreotti-70.

NEW PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Cade Lewis-12, 2-Steve Paden-5, 3-Jake Andreotti-4, 4-Brody Fuson-3, --Ron Hazelton-3, 6-Bryan Drollinger-1.

NEXT USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE: May 6 – Placerville Speedway – Placerville, California – “First Responders Night”

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BRODY FUSON WINS AT VENTURA

VENTURA, CALIFORNIA - MAY 27, 2023... Brody Fuson of Bakersfield, California raced to victory at Saturday's 30-lap USAC Western States Midget feature at Ventura Raceway. The series point leader passed Chase Johnson on lap 25 and led the

final laps in Rusty Carlile's #51 RPM Motorsports / Van Meter Motorsports Spike, over Johnson, Ben Worth, Cade Lewis, and Robby Josett.

Before claiming the fifth win of his career, Fuson opened his night by earning the Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award with a time of 12.591 seconds over the 19-car roster. In doing so, he pocketed \$100 for his efforts and followed that up by running third in his heat race and earned another \$100 by taking the Wireless 101 "Hard Charger Award" after starting sixth.

Chase Johnson of Penngrove, California returned to USAC Western States Midget action and topped the 10-lap Jordan Hanni Well Drilling First Heat Race. Racing Keith Ford's #73 Naturipe / King Racing Products Triple X, Johnson qualified fourth overall and led 23 laps before running second. After his first start, the versatile driver ranks thirteenth in points.

Looking to gain valuable points, Bakersfield, California's Cade Lewis won the night's 10-lap Hot Head Competition Engine Heaters Second Heat Race. Driving Dean "Kiwi" Alexander's #5K Wireless 101 / Mobil 1 Spike, Cade was fifth quick in time trials, scored fourth at the checkered flag after a torrid battle for position, and is second in the standings.

2003 Champion, Steve Paden of Rossmoor, California scored the night's Ebbco Offroad Third Heat Race after battling new rookie contender David Gasper. The owner/driver of the #56 Maxim Crane / Component Repair Company Spike qualified ninth, scored tenth in the "Sammy Bahr Feature," won the "Lucky Pill Draw" to earn 10 gallons of fuel from High Tech Performance, and is now ranked fourth in the point chase.

By virtue of his thirteenth place finish from sixteenth, San Pedro, California's Bryan Drollinger earned Ventura's Wilwood Disc Brakes "Lucky 13 Award." Piloting the Drollinger Bros. Racing #71D Sweeney Racing / BillsJerky.net Spike, Drollinger was sixteenth fast in time trials, placed seventh in his heat race, and sits eighth in the point standings.

Series officials debuted two new pill draw awards and they were claimed by Madera, California's Marvin Mitchell and newcomer Ben Covich of Auckland, New Zealand. Both owner/drivers earned \$100 certificates, courtesy of Brown and Miller Racing Solutions.

The USAC Western States Midgets will return to Ventura Raceway and the Ventura County Fairgrounds on Saturday, June 10th. For more event information, visit venturaraceway.com.

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USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET SERIES RACE RESULTS: May 27, 2023 – Ventura Raceway – Ventura, California

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Brody Fuson, 51, Carlile-12.591; 2. C.J. Sarna, 20, Sarna-12.776; 3. Blake Bower, 00, Davis-12.856; 4. Chase Johnson, 73, Ford-12.880; 5. Cade Lewis, 5K, Alexander-12.911; 6. Ben Worth, 14J, Graunstadt-12.964; 7. Robby Josett, 68, Six8-12.977; 8. Mike Leach Jr., 33P, Leach-12.997; 9. Steve Paden, 56, Paden-13.131; 10. Brandon Wiley, 14JR, Streeter-13.181; 11. Samuel May, 55, Lambert-13.268; 12. David Gasper, 18, Gasper/Kittle-13.339; 13. Garrett Twitty, 51B, Carlile-13.357; 14. Randi Pankratz, 8, Pankratz-13.413; 15. Steve Hix, 57, Hix-13.453; 16. Bryan Drollinger, 71D, Drollinger-13.526; 17. Ron Hazleton, 15, Hazelton-13.566; 18. Marvin Mitchell, 78, Mitchell-NT; 19. Ben Covich, 65, Covich-NT.

JORDAN HANNI WELL DRILLING FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Johnson, 2. Josett, 3. Fuson, 4. Wiley, 5. Twitty, 6. Covich, 7. Drollinger. NT.

HOT HEAD COMPETITION ENGINE HEATERS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Lewis, 2. May, 3. Sarna, 4. Pankratz, 5. Leach, 6. Hazelton. NT.

EBBCO OFFROAD THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Paden, 2. Gasper, 3. Bower, 4. Worth, 5. Hix. NT.

SAMMY BAHR FEATURE: (30 laps, Starting positions in parentheses) 1. Brody Fuson (6), 2. Chase Johnson (3), 3. Ben Worth (1), 4. Cade Lewis (2), 5. Robby Josett (8), 6. Blake Bower (4), 7. Brandon Wiley (10), 8. David Gasper (12), 9. C.J. Sarna (5), 10. Steve Paden (7), 11. Garrett Twitty (13), 12. Ron Hazelton (17), 13. Bryan Drollinger (16), 14. Samuel May (11), 15. Steve Hix (15), 16. Randi Pankratz (14), 17. Mike Leach Jr. (9), 18. Ben Covich (18), 19. Marvin Mitchell (19). NT.

****Covich flipped on lap 1 of the feature. Gasper flipped on lap 15 of the feature. May flipped on lap 16 of the feature.**

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Worth, Laps 2-24 Johnson, Laps 25-30 Fuson.

HIGH TECH PERFORMANCE LUCKY PILL DRAW: Steve Paden.

BROWN & MILLER RACING SOLUTIONS LOW PILL DRAW: Marvin Mitchell.

BROWN & MILLER RACING SOLUTIONS HIGH PILL DRAW: Ben Covich.

WIRELESS 101 HARD CHARGER: Brody Fuson (6th to 1st)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Bryan Drollinger.

NEW USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Brody Fuson-232, 2-Cade Lewis-219, 3-Ben Worth-208, 4-Steve Paden-167, 5-Samuel May-149, 6-Ron Hazelton-143, 7-Caden Sarale-142, 8-Bryan Drollinger-137, 9-A.J. Bender-113, 10-C.J. Sarna-102.

NEW WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY TOP QUALIFIER POINTS: 1-Brody Fuson-16, 2-Cade Lewis-9, 3-Caden Sarale-8, 4-Jake Andreotti-6, 5-C.J. Sarna-5, 6-Ben Worth-4, --Blake Bower-4, 7-A.J. Bender-3, --Mitchel Moles-3, --Chase Johnson-3.

NEW SAMMY BAHR FEATURE POINTS: 1-Brody Fuson-195, 2-Cade Lewis-198, --Ben Worth-198, 4-Steve Paden-150, 5-Ron Hazelton-131, 6-Samuel May-130, 7-Bryan Drollinger-128, 8-Caden Sarale-122, 9-A.J. Bender-99, 10-C.J. Sarna-87.

NEW PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Cade Lewis-12, 2-Brody Fuson-8, --Ron Hazelton-8, 4-Steve Paden-5, 5-Jake Andreotti-4, --Bryan Drollinger-4, --David Gasper-4, --Robby Josett-3, --Brandon Wiley-3, 10-Garrett Twitty-2.

NEXT USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE: June 10 – Ventura Raceway – Ventura, California

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BRODY FUSON GOES 2-FOR-2 AT VENTURA

VENTURA, CALIFORNIA - JUNE 10, 2023... For the second race in a row, Brody Fuson of Bakersfield, California claimed Saturday's 30-lap USAC Western States Midget feature at Ventura Raceway. The point leader powered by Ryan Bernal on the fourth circuit and escaped from a surging Robby Josett to earn his second "Sammy Bahr Feature" win of the campaign. Fast qualifier Josett, Bernal, hard charger Cade Lewis, and David Gasper rounded out the top-five.

Racing Rusty Carlile's #51 RPM Motorsports / Van Meter Motorsports Spike, Fuson qualified third overall, placed third in his heat race, and won the Brown & Miller Racing Solutions / Rod End Supply Pill Draw Award. Brody leads the competition by 31 markers heading to Merced on June 24th.

Rookie contender Ben Covich of Auckland, New Zealand opened the night by winning the "Lucky Pill Draw" to earn 10 gallons of fuel from High Tech Performance. The owner / driver of the #65 Spike backed by "Kiwi" Alexander and Matt

Streeter Racing was fifteenth quick in time trials, placed eighth in his heat race, and raced to twelfth in the main event from fifteenth. Covich has climbed to 22nd in the point standings.

Santa Clarita, California's Robby Josett earned the Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award with a time of 12.038 seconds over the 17-car roster. In doing so, he pocketed \$100 for his efforts, ran fourth in his heat race, and was catching Fuson in the main event before the checkered flag waved. In limited starts, the pilot of the Six8 Motorsports' #68 Competition Suspension Inc. / Extreme Mufflers Stewart left the Ventura County Fairgrounds ranked ninth in the point chase.

Mike Leach Jr. of Orange, California raced to victory in the 10-lap Jordan Hanni Well Drilling First Heat Race. Driving the family owned #33P Pancho's Mexican Restaurant / Edmunds Auto Research Spike, Leach qualified eleventh and scored fourteenth in the main event after an early flip ended his night. In limited action, Mike sits twentieth in points.

Hollister, California's Ryan Bernal returned to USAC Western States Midget action and topped the 10-lap Hot Head Competition Engine Heaters Second Heat Race. Racing Keith Ford's #73 Naturipe / King Racing Products Triple X, Bernal was sixth fast in time trials and scored third in the feature. The versatile driver is twenty-first in the chase for the championship.

Cade Lewis of Bakersfield, California, overcame an early electrical problem to earn the "Ebbco Offroad / Tear-Off Heaven Fotos "Hard Charger Award" with a fourth place run from seventeenth. Piloting Dean "Kiwi" Alexander's #5K Wireless 101 / Mobil 1 Spike, Lewis qualified seventeenth overall and placed ninth in his heat race. Cade ranks second in the championship standings.

Chatsworth, California's Ron Hazelton won the Rod End Supply / Brown & Miller Racing Solutions Pill Draw Award. Racing his #15 TRC Transmission / West Evans Motorsports Beast, Hazelton was sixteenth fast in time trials, placed seventh in his heat race, and raced to eleventh in the main event after starting sixteenth. The veteran driver is currently sixth in the USAC Western States points.

By virtue of his thirteenth place finish, rookie contender Samuel May of Oxnard, California earned Ventura's Wilwood Disc Brakes "Lucky 13 Award." Driving Steve Lambert's #55 Employee Benefit Systems Inc. / SureCan LLC Spike, May qualified twelfth overall, ran second to Bernal in his heat race, and ranks fifth in points.

The USAC Western States Midgets will return to Merced Speedway and the Merced County Fairgrounds on Saturday, June 24th. For more event information, visit mercedspeedway.net.

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USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET SERIES RACE RESULTS: June 10, 2023 – Ventura Raceway – Ventura, California

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Robby Josett, 68, Six8-12.038; 2. David Gasper, 18, Gasper/Kittle-12.310; 3. Brody Fuson, 51, Carlile-12.312; 4. Randi Pankratz, 8, Pankratz-12.428; 5. Brandon Wiley, 14JR, Streeter-12.533; 6. Ryan Bernal, 73, Ford-12.546; 7. Blake Bower, 00, Davis-12.577; 8. Steve Paden, 56, Paden-12.631; 9. Garrett Twitty, 4, Twitty-12.697; 10. Ben Worth, 14J, Graunstadt-12.709; 11. Mike Leach Jr., 3 3P, Leach-12.768; 12. Samuel May, 55, Lambert-12.846; 13. Bryan Drollinger, 71D, Drollinger-13.026; 14. C.J. Sarna, 20, Sarna-13.227; 15. Ben Covich, 65, Covich-13.593; 16. Ron Hazelton, 15, Hazleton-13.612; 17. Cade Lewis, 5K, Alexander-NT.

JORDAN HANNI WELL DRILLING FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Leach, 2. Bower, 3. Fuson, 4. Josett, 5. Wiley, 6. Twitty, 7. Drollinger, 8. Covich, 9. Lewis. NT.

HOT HEAD COMPETITION ENGINE HEATERS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Bernal, 2. May, 3. Pankratz, 4. Worth, 5. Paden, 6. Sarna, 7. Hazelton, 8. Gasper. NT.

SAMMY BAHR FEATURE: (30 laps, Starting positions in parentheses) 1. Brody Fuson (5), 2. Robby Josett (6), 3. Ryan Bernal (3), 4. Cade Lewis (17), 5. David Gasper (8), 6. Blake Bower (2), 7. Randi Pankratz (4), 8. Steve Paden (10), 9. Garrett Twitty (11), 10. C.J. Sarna (14), 11. Ron Hazelton (16), 12. Ben Covich (15), 13. Samuel May (12), 14. Mike Leach Jr. (7), 15. Brandon Wiley (9), 16. Ben Worth (1), 17. Bryan Drollinger (13). NT.

**Gasper flipped on lap 2 of the second heat race. Drollinger flipped on lap 1 of the feature. Wiley and Leach flipped on lap 6 of the feature.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-3 Bernal, Laps 4-30 Fuson

HIGH TECH PERFORMANCE LUCKY PILL DRAW: Ben Covich

BROWN & MILLER RACING SOLUTIONS / ROD END SUPPLY PILL DRAW: Brody Fuson

ROD END SUPPLY / BROWN & MILLER RACING SOLUTIONS PILL DRAW: Ron Hazelton

EBBCO OFFROAD / TEAR-OFF HEAVEN FOTOS HARD CHARGER: Cade Lewis (17th to 4th)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Samuel May

NEW USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Brody Fuson-312, 2-Cade Lewis-281, 3-Ben Worth-244, 4-Steve Paden-220, 5-Samuel May-193, 6-Ron Hazelton-186, 7-Bryan Drollinger-168, 9-Robby Josett-143, 10-Caden Sarale-142

NEW WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY TOP QUALIFIER POINTS: 1-Brody Fuson-20, 2-Cade Lewis-9, 3-Caden Sarale-8, 4-Jake Andreotti-6, 5-C.J. Sarna-5, 6-Ben Worth-4, --Blake Bower-4, 7-A.J. Bender-3, --Mitchel Moles-3, --Chase Johnson-3.

NEW SAMMY BAHR FEATURE POINTS: 1-Brody Fuson-265, 2-Cade Lewis-250, --Ben Worth-220, 4-Steve Paden-199, 5-Ron Hazelton-172, 6-Samuel May-167, 7-Bryan Drollinger-157, 8- C.J. Sarna-130, 9-Robby Josett-125, 10-CadenSarale-122.

NEW PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Cade Lewis-25, 2-Ron Hazelton-13, 3-Brody Fuson-12, 4-Steve Paden-7, --David Gasper-7, --Robby Josett-7, 7. Jake Andreotti-4, --Bryan Drollinger-4, --Garrett Twitty-4, --C.J. Sarna-4.

NEXT USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE: June 24 – Merced Speedway – Merced, California

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CADE LEWIS WINS WILD BATTLE AT MERCED

MERCED, CALIFORNIA - JUNE 24, 2023... In one of the wildest USAC Western States Midget features in recent history, Bakersfield, California's Cade Lewis emerged victorious at Merced Speedway. With six official lead changes between Lewis, Blake Bower, and Brody Fuson, there were at least three other changes for the top spot. When the checkered flags waved, the night belonged to Lewis, who earned \$1,500 for his efforts over Bower, fast qualifier Fuson, Randi Pankratz, and C.J. Sarna.

Before earning his first win of the season, Lewis piloted Dean "Kiwi" Alexander's #5K Wireless 101 / Mobil 1 Spike to second quick in time trials and won the night's 10-lap Hot Head Competition Engine Heaters Second Heat Race victory. With two career triumphs, Cade also earned the night's Ebbco Offroad / Tear-Off Heaven Fotos Hard Charger Award after starting fifth.

Brody Fuson of Bakersfield, California claimed the Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award with a time of 12.481 seconds over the modest 10-car roster. Racing Rusty Carlile's #51 RPM Motorsports / Van Meter Motorsports Spike, Fuson took

home \$100 for his qualifying efforts, won the 10-lap Jordan Hanni Well Drilling First Heat Race, and led multiple times before finishing third in the main event. The point leader left the Merced County Fairgrounds with a 26-point advantage over the competition.

On Saturday, July 8th, the USAC Western States Midget Series will travel to Placerville Speedway for their only appearance at the El Dorado County Fairgrounds. For more event information, visit placervillespeedway.com.

The USAC Western States Midget Series thanks BR Motorsports, Brown & Miller Racing Solutions, Competition Suspension Incorporated, Ebbco Offroad, Esslinger Engineering, Extreme Mufflers, FloRacing, Graunstadt Enterprises, High Tech Performance, Hoosier Racing Tires, Hot Head Competition Engine Heaters, Jordan Hanni Well Drilling, Rod End Supply, Saldana Racing Products, Steve Lafond / Tear-Off Heaven Fotos, Wilwood Disc Brakes, Wireless 101, and Woodland Auto Display for their support.

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USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET SERIES RACE RESULTS: June 24, 2023 – Merced Speedway – Merced, California

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Brody Fuson, 51, Carlile-12.481; 2. Cade Lewis, 5K, Alexander-12.688; 3. Ben Worth, 14J, Graustadt-12.740; 4. Blake Bower, 00, Davis-12.750; 5. C.J. Sarna, 20, Sarna-13.048; 6. Garrett Twitty, 4, Twitty-13.068; 7. Randi Pankratz, 8, Pankratz-13.106; 8. Danika Jo Faccinto, 13, Parker-13.438; 9. Ron Hazelton, 15, Hazelton-13.754; 10. Ben Covich, 65, Covich-NT.

JORDAN HANNI WELL DRILLING FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Fuson, 2. Worth, 3. Sarna, 4. Pankratz, 5. Hazelton. NT.

HOT HEAD COMPETITION ENGINE HEATERS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Lewis, 2. Bower, 3. Faccinto, 4. Covich, 5. Twitty. NT.

SAMMY BAHR FEATURE: (30 laps, Starting positions in parentheses) 1. Cade Lewis (5), 2. Blake Bower (3), 3. Brody Fuson (6), 4. Randi Pankratz (1), 5. C.J. Sarna (2), 6. Danika Jo Faccinto (8), 7. Ben Covich (10), 8. Ron Hazelton (9), 9. Ben Worth (4), 10. Garrett Twitty (7). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-6 Bower, Laps 7-14 Lewis, Laps 15-17 Fuson, Laps 18-21 Lewis, Laps 22-26 Fuson, Laps 27-30 Lewis.

EBBCO OFFROAD / TEAR-OFF HEAVEN FOTOS HARD CHARGER: Cade Lewis (5th to 1st)

NEW USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Brody Fuson-390, 2-Cade Lewis-364, 3-Ben Worth-301, 4-Ron Hazelton-239, 5-Steve Paden-220, 6-C.J. Sarna-214, 7-Blake Bower-204, 8-Samuel May-193, 9-Randi Pankratz-173, 10-Bryan Drollinger-168.

NEW WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY TOP QUALIFIER POINTS: 1-Brody Fuson-26, 2-Cade Lewis-14, 3-Caden Sarale-8, --Ben Worth-8, 5-C.J. Sarna-7, --Blake Bower-7, 7-Jake Andreotti-6, --Robby Josett-6, 9-David Gasper-5, 10-A.J. Bender-3, --Mitchel Moles-3, --Chase Johnson-3, --Randi Pankratz-3.

NEW SAMMY BAHR FEATURE POINTS: 1-Brody Fuson-329, 2-Cade Lewis-320, --Ben Worth-266, 4-Ron Hazelton-221, 5-Steve Paden-199, 6-C.J. Sarna-188, 7-Blake Bower-177, 8-Samuel May-167, 9-Bryan Drollinger-157, 10-Randi Pankratz-154.

NEW PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Cade Lewis-29, 2-Brody Fuson-15, 3-Ron Hazelton-14, 4-Steve Paden-7, --David Gasper-7, --Robby Josett-7, 7-Ben Covich-6, 8-Jake Andreotti-4, --Bryan Drollinger-4, --Garrett Twitty-4, --C.J. Sarna-4.

NEXT USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE: July 8– Placerville Speedway – Placerville, California

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BRODY FUSON SWEEPS PLACERVILLE RETURN

PLACERVILLE, CALIFORNIA - JULY 8, 2023... When the checkered flag waved at Placerville Speedway, Brody Fuson of Bakersfield, California swept last Saturday night's program.

The USAC Western States Midget point leader earned the Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award, won his 10-lap heat race, topped the 30-lap, \$1,500-to-win "Sammy Bahr / Esslinger Engineering Feature," and earned the night's hard charger / best passing job honors.

Defending champion Michael Faccinto, Randi Pankratz, Danika Jo Faccinto, and Ron Hazelton rounded out the top five drivers at the El Dorado County Fairgrounds.

Driving Rusty Carlile's #51 RPM Motorsports / Van Meter Motorsports Spike, Fuson topped the qualifying charts with a time of 12.210 seconds over the modest 12-car field. In heat race action, the young driver was not to be denied and raced to the first heat race victory sponsored by Jordan Hanni Well Drilling.

Starting sixth on the grid of the main event, Brody used the outside lane of the north turns to move forward and grab the top spot from Michael Faccinto with ten laps remaining. From there, Fuson sailed to his third victory of the season and claimed the night's Ebbco Offroad Hard Charger Award. With seven career wins, Brody extended his point lead to 58 markers heading to Petaluma.

Hanford, California's Michael Faccinto returned to USAC Western States Midget action and raced to victory in the night's second 10-lap heat race backed by Hot Head Competition Engine Heaters. Piloting the Graunstadt Enterprises #14J T&T Trucking / Gary Silva Ranches Spike, Faccinto qualified second overall and started fifth in the main event. Charging forward, the two-time champion took command from polesitter Blake Bower on the fourth circuit and set a torrid pace on the quarter-mile oval. While moving through lapped traffic, Fuson slipped by for the lead and Michael had to settle for second at "Knoxville on the Hill."

Before the night began, the drivers used a pill draw to set the qualifying order. Two "lucky pill draw awards" were available and claimed by Randi Pankratz and Danika Jo Faccinto. Pankratz earned the Rod End Supply Award, was fifth quick in time trials, placed third in her heat race, and scored third in the feature in the Wally Pankratz owned #8 HASA Pool Products Spike. Danika claimed the Extreme Mufflers Award, qualified third overall, ran second in her heat race, and finished fourth in the feature driving Dan Parker's #13 Roza Motorsports Spike.

On Saturday, July 22nd, the USAC Western States Midget Series will travel to Petaluma Speedway for their only appearance at the Sonoma-Marin Fairgrounds. For more event information, visit petalma-speedway.com.

The USAC Western States Midget Series thanks BR Motorsports, Brown & Miller Racing Solutions, Competition Suspension Incorporated, Ebbco Offroad, Esslinger Engineering, Extreme Mufflers, FloRacing, Graunstadt Enterprises, High Tech Performance, Hoosier Racing Tires, Hot Head Competition Engine Heaters, Jordan Hanni Well Drilling, Rod End Supply, Saldana Racing Products, Steve Lafond / Tear-Off Heaven Fotos, Wilwood Disc Brakes, Wireless 101, and Woodland Auto Display for their support.

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USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET SERIES RACE RESULTS: July 8, 2023 – Placerville Speedway – Placerville, California

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Brody Fuson, 51, Carlile-12.210; 2. Michael Faccinto, 14J, Graunstadt-12.314; 3. Danika Jo Faccinto, 13, Parker-12.542; 4. Cade Lewis, 5K, Alexander-12.616; 5. Randi Pankratz, 8, Pankratz-12.636; 6.

C.J. Sarna, 20, Sarna-12.790; 7. Blake Bower, 00, Davis-12.885; 8. Ben Worth, 14JR, Streeter-13.092; 9. Ron Hazelton, 15, Hazelton-13.579; 10. Kevin Gray, 7L, Gray-14.110; 11. Ben Covich, 65, Covich-14.470; 12. Marvin Mitchell, 78, Mitchell-NT.

JORDAN HANNI WELL DRILLING FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Fuson, 2. D. Faccinto, 3. Pankratz, 4. Bower, 5. Hazelton. NT.

HOT HEAD COMPETITION ENGINE HEATERS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. M. Faccinto, 2. Worth, 3. Lewis, 4. Mitchell, 5. Gray, 6. Sarna. NT.

SAMMY BAHR FEATURE: (30 laps, Starting positions in parentheses) 1. Brody Fuson (6), 2. Michael Faccinto (5), 3. Randi Pankratz (2), 4. Danika Jo Faccinto (4), 5. Ron Hazelton (9), 6. Ben Worth (8), 7. Ben Covich (11), 8. Marvin Mitchell (12), 9. Blake Bower (1), 10. Cade Lewis (3), 11. Kevin Gray (10), 12. C.J. Sarna (7). NT.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-3 Bower, Laps 4-19 M. Faccinto, Laps 20-30 Fuson

ROD END SUPPLY PILL DRAW: Randi Pankratz

EXTREME MUFFLERS PILL DRAW: Danika Jo Faccinto

EBBCO OFFROAD HARD CHARGER: Brody Fuson (6th to 1st)

NEW USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Brody Fuson-474, 2-Cade Lewis-416, 3-Ben Worth-363, 4-Ron Hazelton-301, 5-C.J. Sarna-257, 6-Blake Bower-255, 7-Randi Pankratz-245, 8-Steve Paden-220, 9-Samuel May-193, 10-Ben Covich-179.

NEW WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY TOP QUALIFIER POINTS: 1-Brody Fuson-32, 2-Cade Lewis-17, 3-Caden Sarale-8, --Ben Worth-8, --C.J. Sarna-8, 6-Blake Bower-7, 7-Jake Andreotti-6, --Robby Josett-6, 9-David Gasper-5, --Randi Pankratz-5, --Michael Faccinto-5.

NEW SAMMY BAHR FEATURE POINTS: 1-Brody Fuson-399, 2-Cade Lewis-363, --Ben Worth-321, 4-Ron Hazelton-279, 5-C.J. Sarna-227, 6-Blake Bower-223, 7-Randi Pankratz-218, 8-Steve Paden-199, 9-Ben Covich-170, 10-Samuel May-167.

NEW PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Cade Lewis-29, 2-Brody Fuson-20, 3-Ron Hazelton-18, 4-Ben Covich-10, 5-Steve Paden-7, --David Gasper-7, --Robby Josett-7, 8-Jake Andreotti-4, --Bryan Drollinger-4, --Garrett Twitty-4, --C.J. Sarna-4, --Marvin Mitchell-4.

NEXT USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE: July 22 – Petaluma Speedway – Petaluma, California

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CADEN SARALE GOES WIRE-TO-WIRE AT PETALUMA

PETALUMA, CALIFORNIA - JULY 22, 2023... Leading all 30-laps, Caden Sarale of Stockton, California earned the first USAC Western States Midget victory of his career at Petaluma Speedway. Making his first start in the Graunstadt Enterprises #14J T&T Trucking / Gary Silva Ranches Spike, Sarale became the 191st winning driver with the series over fast qualifier Brody Fuson, Cade Lewis, C.J. Sarna, and Randi Pankratz.

Before claiming the \$1,500-to-win "Sammy Bahr Feature," Sarale qualified third overall and finished second to Fuson after a last corner pass in his heat race. Slated to start third in the main event, Caden moved to the front row after pole sitter Ron Hazelton encountered a mechanical issue. Once the green flag waved, Sarale grabbed the early lead and began to set a blistering pace at the Sonoma Marin Fairgrounds. Masterfully slicing his way through traffic, Caden was not to be denied for the Saturday night victory as Fuson narrowed the gap. Despite running a limited schedule, Sarale climbed to ninth in the point chase after joining the winner's list at Petaluma.

Bakersfield, California's Brody Fuson topped the Woodland Auto Display qualifying charts with a time of 14.415 seconds over the modest 10-car field. Driving Rusty Carlile's #51 RPM Motorsports / Van Meter Motorsports Spike, Fuson used a late race pass to claim the 10-lap Jordan Hanni Well Drilling First Heat Race. Starting fifth, Brody earned the night's Ebbco Offroad Hard Charger Award after finishing second in the main event. While trying to chase down Sarale, Fuson posted a time of 13.896 on the twelfth circuit that was under Ronnie Gardner's 2013 track record of 14.200 seconds. Heading to the August 5th series debut at Antioch, Brody extended his advantage to 62 points over the competition.

Cade Lewis of Bakersfield, California raced to victory in the 10-lap Hot Head Competition Engine Heaters Second Heat Race. Piloting Dean Alexander's #5K Wireless 101 / Mobil 1 Spike, Lewis was second quick in time trials and scored third in the main event. In his first full year in USAC Western States competition, the young driver ranks second in the chase for the championship.

Two "lucky pill draw awards" were available at Petaluma that were claimed by Floyd Alvis and Ben Covich. Alvis earned the Saldana Racing Products Award, was seventh quick in time trials, ran third in his heat race, and scored sixth in the feature aboard the Champion Automotive #18 Interstate Batteries Stealth. Covich claimed the BR Motorsports / Wilwood Disc Brakes Award and scored ninth the main event in his #65 Spike with help from Dean Alexander. Covich left Petaluma as the new rookie point leader.

On Saturday, August 5th, the USAC Western States Midget Series will make their series debut at Antioch Speedway. For more event information, visit antiochspeedway.com.

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USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET SERIES RACE RESULTS: July 22, 2023 – Petaluma Speedway - Petaluma, California

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Brody Fuson, 51, Carlile-14.515; 2. Cade Lewis, 5K, Alexander-14.695; 3. Caden Sarale, 14J, Graunstadt-14.753; 4. C.J. Sarna, 20, Sarna-15.055; 5. Randi Pankratz, 8, Pankratz-15.262; 6. Ron Hazelton, 15, Hazelton-15.838; 7. Floyd Alvis, 18, Champion-16.740; 8. Marvin Mitchell, 78, Mitchell-NT; 9. Ben Covich, 65, Covich-NT; 10. Kevin Gray, 7L, Gray-NT.

JORDAN HANNI WELL DRILLING FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Fuson, 2. Sarale, 3. Alvis, 4. Gray. NT.

HOT HEAD COMPETITION ENGINE HEATERS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Lewis, 2. Sarna, 3. Hazelton. NT.

SAMMY BAHR FEATURE: (30 laps, Starting positions in parentheses) 1. Caden Sarale (3), 2. Brody Fuson (5), 3. Cade Lewis (4), 4. C.J. Sarna (2), 5. Randi Pankratz (7), 6. Floyd Alvis (6), 7. Marvin Mitchell (8), 8. Ron Hazelton (1), 9. Ben Covich (10), 10. Kevin Gray (9). NT.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Sarale.

SALDANA RACING PRODUCTS LUCKY PILL DRAW: Floyd Alvis.

BR MOTORSPORTS / WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY PILL DRAW: Ben Covich.

EBBCO OFFROAD HARD CHARGER: Brody Fuson (5th to 2nd)

NEW USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Brody Fuson-555, 2-Cade Lewis-493, 3-Ben Worth-363, 4-Ron Hazelton-357, 5-C.J. Sarna-328, 6-Randi Pankratz-305, 7-Blake Bower-255, 8-Ben Covich-225, 9-Caden Sarale-223, 10-Steve Paden-220.

NEW WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY TOP QUALIFIER POINTS: 1-Brody Fuson-38, 2-Cade Lewis-22, 3-Caden Sarale-12, 4-C.J. Sarna-11, 5-Ben Worth-8, 6-Blake Bower-7, --Randi Pankratz-7, 8-Jake Andreotti-6, --Robby Josett-6, 10-David Gasper-5, -Michael Faccinto-5.

NEW SAMMY BAHR FEATURE POINTS: 1-Brody Fuson-466, 2-Cade Lewis-427, 3-Ron Hazelton-328, 4-Ben Worth-321, 5-C.J. Sarna-288, 6-Randi Pankratz-276, 7-Blake Bower-223, 8-Ben Covich-216, 9-Steve Paden-199, 10-Caden Sarale-192.

NEW PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Cade Lewis-30, 2-Brody Fuson-23, 3-Ron Hazelton-18, 4-Ben Covich-11, 5-Steve Paden-7, --David Gasper-7, --Robby Josett-7, 8-Marvin Mitchell-5, 9-Jake Andreotti-4, --Bryan Drollinger-4, --Garrett Twitty-4, --C.J. Sarna-4.

NEXT USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE: August 5 – Antioch Speedway – Antioch, California

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T.J. SMITH TAKES ANTIOCH USAC DEBUT

ANTIOCH, CALIFORNIA - AUGUST 5, 2023... For the second time in as many races, a new driver has celebrated a victory with the USAC Western States Midget Series. Leading all 30-laps, T.J. Smith of Fresno, California topped the \$2,000 debut presented by Graunstadt Enterprises at Antioch Speedway. Making his second start of the campaign in the Six8 Motorsports #68 Competition Suspension Incorporated / Extreme Mufflers Stewart, Smith became the 192nd winning driver with the series over Jake Andreotti, Cade Lewis, Ben Worth, and David Gasper.

Before winning the first round of the “Antioch Challenge Mini Series,” Smith qualified eighth overall and claimed the 10-lap Hot Head Competition Engine Heaters Second Heat Race victory. Starting on the pole position, T.J. outpaced David Gasper for the top spot and faced constant pressure from the young driver. As Smith set a torrid pace on the Antioch clay, there was a fierce battle for position behind the leader with Gasper, Jake Andreotti, Ben Worth, and Cade Lewis. As the laps counted down, Andreotti managed to break free and moved into striking distance for the lead. However, the night belonged to Smith and he took the checkered flag in front of a packed grandstands. Despite running a limited schedule, T.J. has climbed to twentieth in the point standings after joining the winner’s list at Antioch.

For the fifth time this season, Bakersfield, California’s Brody Fuson topped the Woodland Auto Display qualifying charts. Driving Rusty Carlile’s #51 Race Pa Motorsports / Van Meter Motorsports Spike, Fuson established the track record with a time of 13.882 seconds over the eighteen car roster. Later, the point leader suffered mechanical issues that resulted in a ninth place finish in his heat race and eighteenth in the main event. Heading to the next race at Ventura on September 9th, Fuson’s big lead has shrunk to a 20-point advantage.

Colby Johnson of Penngrove, California raced to victory in the 10-lap Jordan Hanni Well Drilling First Heat Race. Piloting Keith Ford’s #73 Naturipe / SureCan LLC Triple X, Johnson was ninth fast in time trials and placed fifteenth in the feature after an early exit. Following his first start of the season, Colby ranks thirty-first in the point standings.

Two “lucky pill draw awards” were available at Antioch that were claimed by Randi Pankratz and Danika Jo Faccinto. Pankratz earned the Extreme Mufflers Award, was twelfth quick in time trials, ran fifth in her heat race, and scored tenth in the feature aboard the #8 HASA Pool Products / Sta-Rite Triple X. Faccinto won the Competition Suspension Incorporated / Saldana Racing Products Award, qualified eleventh, ran seventh in her heat race, and scored seventh in the main event in the #13 Roza Motorsports / Sala Racing Spike after starting eleventh. Pankratz left Antioch ranked sixth in points, while Faccinto sits twelfth.

Starting fifteenth, Oxnard, California's Samuel May earned the night's Ebbco Offroad Hard Charger Award after finishing eighth in the main event. Racing the Dave Lambert owned #55 Employee Benefit Systems Incorporated / SureCan LLC Triple X, May was fifteenth fast in time trials and scored fourth in his heat race. With three point races remaining, the rookie contender is tenth in the point standings.

By virtue of his thirteenth place finish, veteran driver Marvin Mitchell of Madera, California earned the night's Wilwood Disc Brakes Lucky 13 Award. Piloting his #78 TRC Transmissions Elite, Mitchell qualified eighteenth overall and ran seventh in his heat race. Marvin left the Contra Costa County Fairgrounds ranked fourteenth in the point chase.

On Saturday, September 9th, the USAC Western States Midget Series will return to Ventura Raceway. For more event information, visit venturaraceway.com.

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USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET SERIES RACE RESULTS: August 5, 2023 – Antioch Speedway - Antioch, California – “Antioch Challenge #1 Presented by Graunstadt Enterprises”

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Brody Fuson, 51, Carlile-13.882 (New Track Record); 2. Cade Lewis, 5K, Alexander-14.116; 3. Ben Worth, 5V, Alexander-14.124; 4. Jake Andreotti, 00, Davis-14.170; 5. Caden Sarale, 14J, Graunstadt-14.186; 6. David Gasper, 73X, Ford-14.259; 7. Nikko Panella, 32, Sarale-14.279; 8. T.J. Smith, 68, Six8-14.362; 9. Colby Johnson, 73, Ford-14.402; 10. C.J. Sarna, 20, Sarna-14.513; 11. Danika Jo Faccinto, 13, Parker-14.560; 12. Randi Pankratz, 8, Pankratz-14.616; 13. Jerry Kobza, 35, Felkins-14.626; 14. Ben Covich, 65, Covich-14.803; 15. Samuel May, 55, Lambert-14.886; 16. Kevin Gray, 7L, Gray-15.876; 17. Ron Hazelton, 15, Hazelton-15.885; 18. Marvin Mitchell, 78, Mitchell-NT

JORDAN HANNI WELL DRILLING FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Johnson, 2. Sarale, 3. Worth, 4. May, 5. Panella, 6. Kobza, 7. Faccinto, 8. Hazleton, 9. Fuson. NT

HOT HEAD COMPETITION ENGINE HEATERS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Smith, 2. Lewis, 3. Andreotti, 4. Gasper, 5. Pankratz, 6. Covich, 7. Mitchell, 8. Gray, 9. Sarna. NT

SAMMY BAHR FEATURE: (30 laps, Starting positions in parentheses) 1. T.J. Smith (1), 2. Jake Andreotti (4), 3. Cade Lewis (6), 4. Ben Worth (5), 5. David Gasper (2), 6. C.J. Sarna (10), 7. Danika Jo Faccinto (11), 8. Samuel May (15), 9. Nikko Panella (9), 10. Randi Pankratz (12), 11. Ben Covich (14), 12. Ron Hazelton (17), 13. Marvin Mitchell (18), 14. Jerry Kobza (13), 15. Colby Johnson (7), 16. Caden Sarale (3), 17. Kevin Gray (16), 18. Brody Fuson (8). NT

** Sarale flipped on lap 12 of the feature.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Smith.

EBBCO OFFROAD HARD CHARGER: Samuel May (15 to 8)

EXTREME MUFFLERS LUCKY PILL DRAW: Randi Pankratz

COMPETITION SUSPENSION INCORPORATED / SALDANA RACING PRODUCTS LUCKY PILL DRAW: Danika Jo Faccinto

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13: Marvin Mitchell

NEW USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Brody Fuson-589, 2-Cade Lewis-569, 3-Ben Worth-434, 4-Ron Hazelton-397, 5-C.J. Sarna-384, 6-Randi Pankratz-352, 7-Ben Covich-269, 8-Caden Sarale-263, 9-Blake Bower-255, 10-Samuel May-247.

NEW ANTIOCH CHALLENGE PRESENTED BY GRAUNSTADT ENTERPRISES POINTS: 1-T.J. Smith-78, 2-Cade Lewis-76, --Jake Andreotti-76, 4-Ben Worth-71, 5-David Gasper-64, 6-C.J. Sarna-56, 7-Samuel May-54, --Danika Jo Faccinto-54, 9-Nicco Panella-50, 10-Randi Pankratz-47.

NEW WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY TOP QUALIFIER POINTS: 1-Brody Fuson-44, 2-Cade Lewis-27, 3-Caden Sarale-14, 4-Ben Worth-12, 5-C.J. Sarna-11, 6-Jake Andreotti-9, 7-Blake Bower-7, --Randi Pankratz-7, 9-Robby Josett-6, --David Gasper-6.

NEW SAMMY BAHR FEATURE POINTS: 1-Brody Fuson-493, 2-Cade Lewis-491, 3-Ben Worth-382, 4-Ron Hazelton-367, 5-C.J. Sarna-343, 6-Randi Pankratz-319, 7-Ben Covich-257, 8-Blake Bower-223, --Caden Sarale-223, 10-Samuel May-216.

NEW PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Cade Lewis-33, 2-Brody Fuson-23, --Ron Hazelton-23, 4-Ben Covich-14, 5-Marvin Mitchell-10, 6-C.J. Sarna-8, 7-Steve Paden-7, --David Gasper-7, --Robby Josett-7, --Samuel May-7.

NEXT USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE: September 9 – Ventura Raceway – Ventura, California

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BRODY FUSON TOPS VENTURA FEATURE

VENTURA, CALIFORNIA - SEPTEMBER 9, 2023... Starting sixth, Brody Fuson of Bakersfield, California claimed Saturday's USAC Western States Midget Series return to Ventura Raceway. Piloting Rusty Carlile's #51 Race Pa Motorsports / Van Meter Motorsports Spike, the point leader took command from Robby Josett on the twenty-first circuit and scored his fourth win of the season. Rookie David Gasper, Caden Sarale, T.J. Smith, and Cade Lewis rounded out the top-five drivers.

Rookie driver Samuel May of Oxnard, California started on the pole position and led the opening lap. May's lead was short lived as veteran driver Robby Josett of Santa Clarita, California took over for the next nineteen laps.

Before earning the eighth win of his career, Fuson posted his sixth Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award of the season with a time of 12.234 seconds. The Bakersfield driver scored third in his heat race and raced to his third straight win at the Ventura clay oval. The last time that happened, Billy Boat won four consecutive victories from November 1995 through April 1996. Brody left the Ventura County Fairgrounds with a 34-point advantage.

Atascadero, California's Randi Pankratz raced to victory in the 10-lap Jordan Hanni Well Drilling First Heat Race. Piloting Wally Pankratz's #8 HASA Pool Products / Sta-Rite Triple X, Pankratz qualified ninth overall and finished tenth in the main event. The veteran driver ranks sixth in the point chase.

David Gasper of Goleta, California topped the 10-lap Hot Head Competition Engine Heaters Second Heat Race. Driving Keith Ford's #73 Naturipe / SureCan LLC Triple X, the rookie driver was second quick in time trials and finished second to Fuson in the main event after starting fifth. The California Lightning Sprint Champion has climbed to tenth in the point standings and third in rookie honors.

Starting ninth, Stockton, California's Caden Sarale earned the night's Ebbco Offroad Hard Charger Award after finishing third in the main event. Racing the Graunstadt Enterprises #14J T&T Trucking / Gary Silva Ranches Spike, Sarale was eighth fast in time trials and placed fourth in his heat race. The young driver heads to Antioch ranked seventh in points.

Jim Keene of Bakersfield, California made his first start of the year and opened the night by winning the "Lucky Pill Draw" to earn 10 gallons of fuel from High Tech Performance. Piloting Dennis Hart's #15X Capital E Trucking Spike, Keene had mechanical issues in qualifying, finished sixth in his heat race, and charged from thirteenth to eighth in the main event.

Jim also won the Brown & Miller Racing Solutions / Saldana Racing Products “lucky pill draw” and is twenty-ninth in the standings.

Leading Rookie, Ben Covich of Auckland, New Zealand won the Competition Suspension Incorporated / Brown & Miller Racing Solutions “lucky pill draw award.” The owner/driver of the #65 “Kiwi” Alexander / Matt Streeter Racing Spike qualified tenth overall, ran fifth in his heat race, and finished ninth in the main event. With two point races remaining, Ben is eighth in points and locked in a close rookie battle with Samuel May.

On Saturday, September 30th, the USAC Western States Midget Series will return to Antioch Speedway. For more event information, visit antiochspeedway.com.

The USAC Western States Midget Series thanks BR Motorsports, Brown & Miller Racing Solutions, Competition Suspension Incorporated, Ebbco Offroad, Esslinger Engineering, Extreme Mufflers, FloRacing, Graunstadt Enterprises, High Tech Performance, Hoosier Racing Tires, Hot Head Competition Engine Heaters, Jordan Hanni Well Drilling, Rod End Supply, Saldana Racing Products, Steve Lafond / Tear-Off Heaven Fotos, Tel Tac Digital Tachometers, Wilwood Disc Brakes, Wireless 101, and Woodland Auto Display for their support.

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USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET SERIES RACE RESULTS: September 9, 2023 – Ventura Raceway - Ventura, California

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Brody Fuson, 51, Carlile-12.234; 2. David Gasper, 73, Ford-12.284; 3. T.J. Smith, 68, Six8-12.341; 4. Cade Lewis, 5K, Alexander-12.346; 5. Robby Josett, 73X, Ford-12.371; 6. Samuel May, 55, Lambert-12.417; 7. C.J. Sarna, 20, Sarna-12.462; 8. Caden Sarale, 14J, Graunstadt-12.574; 9. Randi Pankratz, 8, Pankratz-12.662; 10. Ben Covich, 65, Covich-12.968; 11. Ron Hazelton, 15, Hazelton-14.513; 12. Billy Rayburn, 18K, Kruseman-14.613; 13. Jim Keene, 15X, Hart-NT.

JORDAN HANNI WELL DRILLING FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Pankratz, 2. Josett, 3. Fuson, 4. Smith, 5. Sarna, 6. Keene, 7. Hazelton. NT.

HOT HEAD COMPETITION ENGINE HEATERS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Gasper, 2. Lewis, 3. May, 4. Sarale, 5. Covich, 6. Rayburn. NT.

SAMMY BAHR FEATURE: (30 laps, Starting positions in parentheses) 1. Brody Fuson (6), 2. David Gasper (5), 3. Caden Sarale (9), 4. T.J. Smith (4), 5. Cade Lewis (3), 6. Robby Josett (2), 7. C.J. Sarna (8), 8. Jim Keene (13), 9. Ben Covich (10), 10. Randi Pankratz (7), 11. Ron Hazelton (11), 12. Samuel May (1), 13. Billy Rayburn (12). NT.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 May, Laps 2-20 Josett, Laps 21-30 Fuson

EBBCO OFFROAD HARD CHARGER: Caden Sarale (9th to 3rd)

BROWN & MILLER RACING SOLUTIONS / SALDANA RACING PRODUCTS PILL DRAW: Jim Keene

COMPETITION SUSPENSION INCORPORATED / BROWN & MILLER RACING SOLUTIONS PILL DRAW: Ben Covich

HIGH TECH PERFORMANCE LUCKY PILL DRAW: Jim Keene

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13: Billy Rayburn

NEW USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Brody Fuson-671, 2-Cade Lewis-637, 3-Ron Hazelton-440, --C.J. Sarna-440, 5-Ben Worth-434, 6-Randi Pankratz-403, 7-Caden Sarale-332, 8-Ben Covich-319, 9-Samuel May-293, 10-Blake Bower-255.

NEW WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY TOP QUALIFIER POINTS: 1-Brody Fuson-50, 2-Cade Lewis-30, 3-Caden Sarale-14, 4-Ben Worth-12, 5-C.J. Sarna-11, --David Gasper-11, 7-Jake Andreotti-9, 8-Robby Josett-8, 9-Blake Bower-7, --Randi Pankratz-7.

NEW SAMMY BAHR FEATURE POINTS: 1-Brody Fuson-563, 2-Cade Lewis-549, 3-Ron Hazelton-408, 4-C.J. Sarna-395, 5-Ben Worth-382, 6-Randi Pankratz-362, 7-Ben Covich-303, 8-Caden Sarale-287, 9-Samuel May-255, 10-David Gasper-232.

NEW PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Cade Lewis-33, 2-Brody Fuson-28, 3-Ron Hazelton-23, 4-Ben Covich-15, 5-Marvin Mitchell-10, --David Gasper-10, 7-C.J. Sarna-9, 8-Caden Sarale-8, 9-Samuel May-7, --Robby Josett-7, --Samuel May-7.

NEXT USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE: September 30 – Antioch Speedway – Antioch, California - “Antioch Challenge Mini Series #2 Presented by Graunstadt Enterprises”

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FUSON TOPS FIFTH FEATURE AT ANTIOCH; LEWIS WINS GRAUNSTADT CHALLENGE

ANTIOCH, CALIFORNIA – SEPTEMBER 30, 2023... Starting fourth, Brody Fuson of Bakersfield, California powered to the lead on the opening lap and sailed to the \$2,000 Tel Tac Digital Tachometers sponsored victory at Antioch Speedway. Piloting Rusty Carlile’s #51 Race Pa Motorsports / Van Meter Motorsports Spike, Fuson claimed his fifth USAC Western States Midget triumph of the campaign. Cade Lewis, Caden Sarale, T.J. Smith, and fast qualifier Brandon Wiley rounded out the top five drivers.

Before winning the final round of the “Antioch Challenge Mini Series Presented by Graunstadt Enterprises,” Fuson qualified third overall, ran second to Lewis in his heat race, and placed fourth in the mini-series point chase. The point leader heads to this Saturday’s “Championship Night” finale at The Dirt Track at Kern County Raceway Park with a 38-point advantage.

Santa Maria, California’s Brandon Wiley opened the night by earning his first Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award. Making his first start in Pete Davis’ #00 Hot Head Competition Engine Heaters / Buchannan Automotive Stealth, the former USAC West Coast Sprint Car Rookie of the Year posted a time of 13.963 seconds over the sixteen car roster. Brandon scored third in his heat race, scored fifth in the feature, and finished fourteenth in the Antioch Challenge.

Cade Lewis of Bakersfield, California raced to victory in the 10-lap Jordan Hanni Well Drilling Heat Race. Driving Dean “Kiwi” Alexander’s #5K Wireless 101 / Mobil 1 Spike, Lewis was fifth quick in time trials, ran second to Fuson in the main event, and won the Antioch Challenge Mini Series by three markers over T.J. Smith. Cade heads to KCRP ranked second in points and has a shot at the USAC Western States championship at the “George Snider Classic.”

Lewis’ teammate, Coalinga, California’s Ben Worth topped the 10-lap Hot Head Competition Engine Heaters Heat Race. Piloting Dean “Kiwi” Alexander’s #5V Wireless 101 / Mobil 1 Spike, Worth qualified tenth overall, scored thirteenth in the feature after an early exit, earned the Wilwood Disc Brakes Lucky 13 Award, and finished third in the mini-series. The former rookie of the year sits fifth in the point chase heading to the last point race of the season.

Three “lucky pill draw awards” were available at Antioch that were claimed by Marvin Mitchell, Brody Fuson, and Danika Jo Faccinto. Mitchell earned the Rod End Supply Award, was fifteenth quick in time trials, ran eighth in his heat race, and scored fourteenth after mechanical issues in the feature aboard the #78 TRC Transmission Elite. Fuson won the Saldana Racing Products Award and Faccinto claimed the Brown & Miller Racing Solutions Award, qualified eleventh, ran fifth in her heat race, and scored eleventh in the main event aboard the #13 Roza Motorsports / Sala Racing Spike. Mitchell left Antioch ranked sixteenth in points, Fuson leads the standings, and Faccinto is thirteenth in the point chase.

Starting thirteenth, Ben Covich of Auckland, New Zealand earned the night’s Ebbco Offroad Hard Charger Award after finishing ninth in the main event. The owner/driver of the #65 Dean “Kiwi” Alexander / Matt Streeter Racing was thirteenth

fast in time trials and scored sixth in his heat race. With one point race left, Covich is eighth in the point standings and is in a hard fought battle with Samuel May for top rookie honors.

This Saturday, October 7, the USAC Western States Midget Series will return to The Dirt Track at Kern County Raceway Park in Bakersfield, California. For more event information, visit kernraceway.com.

The USAC Western States Midget Series thanks BR Motorsports, Brown & Miller Racing Solutions, Competition Suspension Incorporated, Ebbco Offroad, Esslinger Engineering, Extreme Mufflers, FloRacing, Graunstadt Enterprises, High Tech Performance, Hoosier Racing Tires, Hot Head Competition Engine Heaters, Jordan Hanni Well Drilling, JT Engineering, Rod End Supply, Saldana Racing Products, Steve Lafond / Tear-Off Heaven Fotos, Tel Tac Digital Tachometers, Wilwood Disc Brakes, Wireless 101, and Woodland Auto Display for their support.

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USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET SERIES RACE RESULTS: September 30, 2023 – Antioch Speedway - Antioch, California – “Antioch Challenge #2 Presented by Graunstadt Enterprises” – “Chet Thomson Memorial”

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Brandon Wiley, 00, Davis-13.963; 2. T.J. Smith, 68, Six8-13.979; 3. Brody Fuson, 51, Carlile-13.988; 4. Caden Sarale, 14J, Graunstadt-14.059; 5. Cade Lewis, 5K, Alexander-14.070; 6. Michael Faccinto, 14JR, Streeter-14.199; 7. Nikko Panella, 32, Sarale-14.277; 8. C.J. Sarna, 20, Sarna-14.486; 9. Samuel May, 55, Lambert-14.566; 10. Ben Worth, 5V, Alexander-14.612; 11. Danika Jo Faccinto, 13, Parker-14.629; 12. Ron Hazelton, 15, Hazelton-15.639; 13. Ben Covich, 65, Covich-15.916; 14. Kevin Gray, 7L, Gray-16.023; 15. Marvin Mitchell, 78, Mitchell-16.809; 16. Keoni Texeira, 50, Texeira-NT

JORDAN HANNI WELL DRILLING FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Lewis, 2. Fuson, 3. Wiley, 4. May, 5. D. Faccinto, 6. Covich, 7. Panella, 8. Mitchell. NT

HOT HEAD COMPETITION ENGINE HEATERS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Worth, 2. M. Faccinto, 3. Smith, 4. Sarale, 5. Sarna, 6. Hazelton, 7. Gray. NT

SAMMY BAHR FEATURE: (30 laps, Starting positions in parentheses) 1. Brody Fuson (4), 2. Cade Lewis (2), 3. Caden Sarale (3), 4. T.J. Smith (5), 5. Brandon Wiley (6), 6. C.J. Sarna (9), 7. Nikko Panella (8), 8. Samuel May (10), 9. Ben Covich (13), 10. Ron Hazelton (12), 11. Danika Jo Faccinto (11), 12. Michael Faccinto (1), 13. Ben Worth (7), 14. Marvin Mitchell (15). NT

****Gray did not start feature.**

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Fuson.

EBBCO OFFROAD HARD CHARGER: Ben Covich (13th to 9)

ROD END SUPPLY / BROWN & MILLER RACING SOLUTIONS LUCKY PILL DRAW: Marvin Mitchell

SALDANA RACING PRODUCTS / ROD END SUPPLY LUCKY PILL DRAW: Brody Fuson

BROWN & MILLER RACING SOLUTIONS / SALDANA RACING PRODUCTS LUCKY PILL DRAW: Danika Jo Faccinto

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13: Ben Worth

NEW USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Brody Fuson-752, 2-Cade Lewis-714, 3-C.J. Sarna-499, 4-Ron Hazelton-486, 5-Ben Worth-479, 6-Caden Sarale-404, 7-Randi Pankratz-403, 8-Ben Covich-368, 9-Samuel May-347, 10-T.J. Smith-279.

FINAL ANTIOCH CHALLENGE PRESENTED BY GRAUNSTADT ENTERPRISES POINTS: 1-Cade Lewis-153, 2-T.J. Smith-150, 3-Ben Worth-116, 4-Brody Fuson-115, --C.J. Sarna-115, 6-Caden Sarale-112, 7-Samuel May-108, 8-Nikko Panella-104, 9-Danika Jo Faccinto-99, 10-Ben Covich-93.

NEW WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY TOP QUALIFIER POINTS: 1-Brody Fuson-54, 2-Cade Lewis-32, 3-Caden Sarale-17, 4-Ben Worth-12, 5-C.J. Sarna-11, --David Gasper-11, --T.J. Smith-11, 8-Jake Andreotti-9, 9-Robby Josett-8, --Brandon Wiley-8.

NEW SAMMY BAHR FEATURE POINTS: 1-Brody Fuson-633, 2-Cade Lewis-616, 3-Ron Hazelton-451, 4-C.J. Sarna-450, 5-Ben Worth-419, 6-Randi Pankratz-362, 7-Caden Sarale-351, 8-Ben Covich-349, 9-Samuel May-304, 10-T.J. Smith-241.

NEW PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Cade Lewis-33, 2-Brody Fuson-31, 3-Ron Hazelton-25, 4-Ben Covich-19, 5-C.J. Sarna-12, 6-Marvin Mitchell-11, 7-David Gasper-10, 8-Samuel May-9, 9-Caden Sarale-8, 10-Save Padon-7, --Robby Josett-7.

NEXT USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE: October 7 – The Dirt Track at Kern County Raceway Park – Bakersfield, California – “Championship Night” & “George Snider Classic”

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ANDREOTTI POWERS TO \$3,000 KERN COUNTY WIN; FUSON CLAIMS USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET TITLE

BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA - OCTOBER 7, 2023... Starting fourth, Jake Andreotti of Castro Valley, California led all 30-laps to claim Saturday’s \$3,000 “George Snider Classic” victory at The Dirt Track at Kern County Raceway Park. Returning from the Midwest to pilot Pete Davis’ #00 Hot Head Competition Engine Heaters / Buchanan Automotive entry, Andreotti earned the fourth USAC Western States Midget triumph of his career. Newly crowned champion Brody Fuson, fast qualifier and new track record holder Cade Lewis, Chase Johnson, and Braden Chiamonte followed Andreotti to the checkered flags.

Andreotti opened his night by qualifying second overall and was one of six drivers to qualify under his track record that was set at the last KCRP visit in April. Jake would go on to win his 10-lap heat race sponsored by Hot Head Competition Engine Heaters and finished fourteenth in points while running a limited schedule.

Bakersfield, California’s Cade Lewis established the new track record with a time of 14.199 seconds at the 1/3-mile clay oval. Driving Dean “Kiwi” Alexander’s #5K Wireless 101 / Mobil 1 Spike, Lewis’s time earned his second Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award of the season. Cade would later place third in his heat race, score third in the main event, and finish second in the point standings.

Brody Fuson of Bakersfield, California was the first driver to break Andreotti’s track record from April before settling into third on the Woodland time charts. Racing Rusty Carlile’s #51 Race Pa Motorsports / Van Meter Motorsports Spike, Fuson won the 10-lap Jordan Hanni Well Drilling Heat Race and ran second to Andreotti in the main event. Once the Jason Vance checkered flags flew, Fuson has clinched the USAC Western States Midget Series Championship for 2023.

Starting fourteenth, newcomer Brandt Twitty of Bakersfield, California earned the night’s Ebbco Offroad Hard Charger Award after finishing eighth in the 30-lap “Sammy Bahr Feature.” Piloting the family owned #56 entry, Twitty did break Andreotti’s old track record but was found to be too light at the scales. Brandt placed seventh in his heat race and placed thirty-third in the point chase after his first night of racing with the series.

Madera, California’s Marvin Mitchell claimed the night’s Wilwood Disc Brakes “Lucky 13 Award” after placing thirteenth in the main event. Driving his #78 TRC Transmission Elite, the longtime veteran qualified fourteenth overall and placed seventh in his heat race. Marvin closed out his season ranked thirteenth in points after a limited schedule.

With his eleventh place finish in the main event, Ben Covich of Auckland, New Zealand earned Rookie of the Year honors with the USAC Western States Midget Series. The owner/driver of the #65 Dean “Kiwi” Alexander / Matt Streeter Racing backed Spike was thirteenth fast in time trials and ran eighth in his heat race.

The USAC Western States Midget Series thanks Allstate Boring, BR Motorsports, Brown & Miller Racing Solutions, Competition Suspension Incorporated, Ebbco Offroad, Esslinger Engineering, Extreme Mufflers, Finishline Promotions, FloRacing, Graunstadt Enterprises, High Tech Performance, Hoosier Racing Tires, Hot Head Competition Engine Heaters, Jordan Hanni Well Drilling, JT Engineering, M&M Racing Photos, Mitchell Vranjes Engineering, P1 Racing Images, Rod End Supply, Saldana Racing Products, SCRAFAN.COM, Sidewaze Designs, Steve Lafond, Tear-Off Heaven Fotos, Tel Tac Digital Tachometers, T-Zone Promotions, Wilwood Disc Brakes, Wireless 101, and Woodland Auto Display for their support.

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USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET SERIES: October 7, 2023 – The Dirt Track at Kern County Raceway Park - Bakersfield, California – “George Snider Classic” & “Championship Night”

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY FAST QUALIFIER: 1. Cade Lewis, 5K, Alexander-14.199 (New Track Record); 2. Jake Andreotti, 00, Davis-14.304; 3. Brody Fuson, 51, Carlile-14.385; 4. Braden Chiaramonte, 14J, Graunstadt-14.564; 5. C.J. Sarna, 20, Sarna-14.628; 6. Ben Worth, 5V, Alexander-14.639; 7. T.J. Smith, 32, Sarale-14.639; 8. Chase Johnson, 73, Ford-14.735; 9. Keoni Texeira, 50, Texeira-14.916; 10. Samuel May, 55, Lambert-15.000; 11. Terry Nichols, 1P, Nichols/Peckfelder-15.386; 12. Ron Hazelton, 15, Hazelton-16.065; 13. Ben Covich, 65, Covich-16.261; 14. Marvin Mitchell, 78, Mitchell-16.702; 15. Brandt Twitty, 56, Twitty-NT

JORDAN HANNI WELL DRILLING FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Fuson, 2. Smith, 3. Lewis, 4. Sarna, 5. Texeira, 6. Nichols, 7. Twitty, 8. Covich. NT

HOT HEAD COMPETITION ENGINE HEATERS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Andreotti, 2. Chiaramonte, 3. Worth, 4. Johnson, 5. May, 6. Hazelton, 7. Mitchell. NT

SAMMY BAHR FEATURE: (30 laps, Starting positions in parentheses) 1. Jake Andreotti (4), 2. Brody Fuson (3), 3. Cade Lewis (5), 4. Chase Johnson (7), 5. Braden Chiaramonte (2), 6. T.J. Smith (6), 7. C.J. Sarna (1), 8. Brandt Twitty (14), 9. Ben Worth (15), 10. Terry Nichols (10), 11. Ben Covich (12), 12. Ron Hazleton (11), 13. Marvin Mitchell (13), 14. Keoni Texeira (8), 15. Samuel May (9). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Andreotti.

EBBCO OFFROAD HARD CHARGER: Brandt Twitty (14th to 8th)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13: Marvin Mitchell

FINAL USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Brody Fuson-831, 2-Cade Lewis-790, 3-C.J. Sarna-558, 4-Ben Worth-532, 5-Ron Hazelton-528, 6-Ben Covich-410, 7-Caden Sarale-404, 8-Randi Pankratz-403, 9-Samuel May-384, 10-T.J. Smith-341.

FINAL WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY TOP QUALIFIER POINTS: 1-Brody Fuson-58, 2-Cade Lewis-38, 3-Caden Sarale-17, 4-Jake Andreotti-14, 5-Ben Worth-13, --C.J. Sarna-13, 7-David Gasper-11, --T.J. Smith-11, 9-Robby Josett-8, --Brandon Wiley-8.

FINAL SAMMY BAHR FEATURE POINTS: 1-Brody Fuson-700, 2-Cade Lewis-680, 3-C.J. Sarna-502, 4-Ron Hazelton-490, 5-Ben Worth-465, 6-Ben Covich-390, 7-Randi Pankratz-362, 8-Caden Sarale-351, 10-T.J. Smith-296.

FINAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Cade Lewis-35, 2-Brody Fuson-32, 3-Ron Hazelton-25, 4-Ben Covich-20, 5-C.J. Sarna-12, 6-Marvin Mitchell-11, 7-David Gasper-10, 8-Samuel May-9, --Jake Andreotti-9, --Ben Worth-9.

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2023 USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET DRIVER POINT STANDINGS:

POS.	PTS.	DRIVER, HOMETOWN
1.	831	Brody Fuson, Bakersfield, Calif.
2.	790	Cade Lewis, Bakersfield, Calif.
3.	558	C.J. Sarna, Palm Desert, Calif.
4.	532	Ben Worth, Coalinga, Calif.
5.	528	Ron Hazelton, Chatsworth, Calif.
6.	410	(R) Ben Covich, Auckland, N.Z.
7.	404	Caden Sarale, Stockton, Calif.
8.	403	Randi Pankratz, Atascadero, Calif.
9.	384	(R) Samuel May, Camarillo, Calif.
10.	255	Blake Bower, Brentwood, Calif.
11.	243	Jake Andreotti, Castro Valley, Calif.
12.	220	Steve Paden, Downey, Calif.
13.	174	(R) Kevin Gray, Yuba City, Calif.
14.	169	Bryan Drollinger, San Pedro, Calif.
15.	166	(R) Brandon Wiley, Santa Maria, Calif.
16.	142	(R) Garrett Twitty, Bakersfield, Calif.
17.	78	(R) Mitchel Moles, Raisin City, Calif.
18.	76	Mike Leach Jr., Foothill Ranch, Calif.
19.	68	Braden Chiaramonte, El Cajon, Calif.
20.	49	Keoni Texeira, Honolulu, Hawaii
21.	40	Billy Rayburn, Denver, Colo.

2023 USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET ENTRANT POINT STANDINGS:

1.	831	Rusty Carlile, Bakersfield, Calif. (#51)
2.	790	Dean Alexander, Visalia, Calif. (#5K)
3.	711	Graunstadt Enterprises, Santa Maria, Calif. (#14J)
4.	558	C.J. Sarna, Brea, Calif. (#20)
5.	422	Six8 Motorsports, Burbank, Calif. (#68)

6. 416 Keith Ford, Ventura, Calif. (#73)
7. 251 Matt Streeter, Lodi, Calif. (#14JR)
8. 174 Len Gray, Sacramento, Calif. (#7L)

2023 USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET FEATURE WINNERS:

Apr 15: Merced Speedway - Merced, CA

WINNER: Ben Worth (Graunstadt Enterprises #14J)

Apr 29: The Dirt Track at Kern County Raceway Park - Bakersfield, CA

WINNER: Jake Andreotti (Pete Davis #00)

May 27: Ventura Raceway - Ventura, CA

WINNER: Brody Fuson (Rusty Carlile #51)

Jun 10: Ventura Raceway - Ventura, CA

WINNER: Brody Fuson (Rusty Carlile #51)

Jun 24: Merced Speedway - Merced, CA

WINNER: Cade Lewis (Dean Alexander #5K)

Jul 8: Placerville Speedway - Placerville, CA

WINNER: Brody Fuson (Rusty Carlile #51)

Jul 22: Petaluma Speedway - Petaluma, CA

WINNER: Caden Sarale (Graunstadt Enterprises #14J)

Aug 5: Antioch Speedway - Antioch, CA

WINNER: T.J. Smith (Six8 Motorsports #68)

Sep 9: Ventura Raceway - Ventura, CA

WINNER: Brody Fuson (Rusty Carlile #51)

Sep 30: Antioch Speedway - Antioch, CA

WINNER: Brody Fuson (Rusty Carlile #51)

Oct 7: The Dirt Track at Kern County Raceway Park - Bakersfield, CA

WINNER: Jake Andreotti (Pete Davis #00)

2023 USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET FEATURE WINS:

5-Brody Fuson (May 27 at Ventura Raceway, Jun 10 at Ventura Raceway, Jul 8 at Placerville Speedway, Sep 9 at Ventura Raceway & Sep 30 at Antioch Speedway)

2-Jake Andreotti (Apr 29 at The Dirt Track at Kern County Raceway Park & Oct 7 at The Dirt Track at Kern County Raceway Park)

1-Cade Lewis (Jun 24 at Merced Speedway)

1-Caden Sarale (Jul 22 at Petaluma Speedway)

1-T.J. Smith (Aug 5 at Antioch Speedway)

1-Ben Worth (Apr 15 at Merced Speedway)

2023 USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET FEATURE LAPS LED:

92-Brody Fuson

39-Jake Andreotti

31-Ben Worth

30-Caden Sarale & T.J. Smith

23-Chase Johnson

21-Mitchel Moles

19-Robby Josett

16-Michael Faccinto & Cade Lewis

9-Blake Bower

3-Ryan Bernal

1-Samuel May

2023 USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET TOP-5 FEATURE FINISHES:

10-Brody Fuson & Cade Lewis

5-Caden Sarale

3-Jake Andreotti, David Gasper, Randi Pankratz, T.J. Smith & Ben Worth

2-Chase Johnson, Robby Josett & C.J. Sarna

1-A.J. Bender, Ryan Bernal, Blake Bower, Braden Chiaramonte, Danika Jo Faccinto, Michael Faccinto, Ron Hazelton, Mitchel Moles & Brandon Wiley

2023 USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET TOP-10 FEATURE FINISHES:

11-Cade Lewis

10-Brody Fuson

8-C.J. Sarna

7-Ben Worth

6-Ron Hazelton & Randi Pankratz

5-Ben Covich, Caden Sarale & T.J. Smith

4-Blake Bower, David Gasper, Samuel May & Steve Paden

3-Jake Andreotti, Danika Jo Faccinto & Robby Josett

2-Bryan Drollinger, Chase Johnson, Marvin Mitchell, Nikko Panella, Garrett Twitty & Brandon Wiley

1-Floyd Alvis, A.J. Bender, Ryan Bernal, Braden Chiaramonte, Michael Faccinto, Kevin Gray, Jim Keene, Mitchel Moles, Terry Nichols & Brandt Twitty

2023 USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET FEATURE STARTS:

11-Brody Fuson, Ron Hazelton & Cade Lewis

10-C.J. Sarna

9-Ben Covich & Ben Worth

8-Samuel May

7-Randi Pankratz

6-Marvin Mitchell & Caden Sarale

5-T.J. Smith

4-Blake Bower, Bryan Drollinger, Danika Jo Faccinto, David Gasper, Kevin Gray & Steve Paden

3-Jake Andreotti, Robby Josett, Garrett Twitty & Brandon Wiley

2-A.J. Bender, Michael Faccinto, Chase Johnson, Mike Leach Jr., Terry Nichols & Nikko Panella

1-Floyd Alvis, Ryan Bernal, Braden Chiaramonte, Steve Hix, Colby Johnson, Jim Keene, Jerry Kobza, Mitchel Moles, Billy Rayburn, Keoni Texeira & Brandt Twitty

2023 USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET FAST QUALIFYING TIMES:

6-Brody Fuson

2-Cade Lewis

1-Jake Andreotti, Robby Josett & Brandon Wiley

2023 USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET HEAT RACE WINS:

5-Brody Fuson

4-Cade Lewis

2-Jake Andreotti, Chase Johnson & T.J. Smith

1-Ryan Bernal, Michael Faccinto, David Gasper, Mike Leach Jr., Mitchel Moles, Steve Paden, Randi Pankratz & Ben Worth