

1978 USAC MINI INDY SEASON

USAC MINI INDY RACE RESULTS: March 18, 1978 – Phoenix International Raceway – Avondale, Arizona

FEATURE: (63 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Tim Richmond (#98) (3), 2. Fred Phillips (#37) (1), 3. Tom Bagley (#1) (2), 4. Pete Halsmer (#12) (4), 5. Dennis Firestone (#11) (6), 6. Eddie Miller (#6) (20), 7. Bill Follmer (#59) (17), 8. Tommy Thompson (#50) (13), 9. Scott Ovel (#63) (21), 10. Bill Simpson (#28) (18), 11. Bill Henderson (#45) (8), 12. Richard Tallon (#39) (15), 13. Ted Field (#74) (12), 14. Don Schoeny (#31) (22), 15. Phil Caliva (#20) (23), 16. Herm Johnson (#2) (28), 17. Rich Amick (#89) (26), 18. Louis Meyer III (#51) (27), 19. John Wood (#43) (19), 20. Gary Bettenhausen (#69) (10), 21. Bill Alsup (#41) (5), 22. Bobby Unser Jr. (#27) (25), 23. Bert Busby (#85) (24), 24. Dick Ferguson (#23) (9), 25. Bob Cicconi (#60) (7), 26. Elliott Forbes-Robinson (#29) (16), 27. Harry MacDonald (#42) (11), 28. Bubby Jones (#40) (14). 46:33.41

USAC MINI INDY POINTS: 1-Tim Richmond-200, 2-Fred Phillips-160, 3-Tom Bagley-140, 4-Pete Halsmer-120, 5-Dennis Firestone-100, 6-Eddie Miller-80, 7-Bill Follmer-60, 8-Tommy Thompson-50, 9-Scott Ovel-40, 10-Bill Simpson-30.

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USAC MINI INDY RACE RESULTS: April 23, 1978 – Trenton International Speedway – Trenton, New Jersey

FEATURE: (42 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. John Wood (#43) (2), 2. Bill Alsup (#41) (1), 3. Gary Bettenhausen (#97) (7), 4. Fred Phillips (#37) (3), 5. Herm Johnson (#2) (4), 6. Bill Cruse (#67) (9), 7. Mike Yoder (#9) (18), 8. Syd Demovsky (#70) (13), 9. Pete Halsmer (#29) (19), 10. Domenick Billera (#68) (20), 11. Richard Tallon (#39) (23), 12. John Sisk (#94) (24), 13. Gary Passon (#8) (26), 14. Scott Ovel (#63) (14), 15. Joe Gimpel (#49) (16), 16. Ted Field (#74) (15), 17. Bubby Jones (#40) (17), 18. Bill Henderson (#45) (10), 19. Bobby Unser Jr. (#28) (21), 20. Harry MacDonald (#42) (8), 21. Bob Cicconi (#60) (12), 22. Tim Richmond (#98) (27), 23. Tom D'Eath (#33) (28), 24. Dennis Firestone (#10) (5), 25. Bobby Olivero (#22) (11), 26. Bryan Johnson (#77) (6), 27. John Kalagian (#19) (22), 28. Louis Meyer III (#51) (25). 34:25.60

ALSO AT THE TRACK: Mike Randol

USAC MINI INDY POINTS: 1-Fred Phillips-280, 2-John Wood-204, 3-Tim Richmond-203, 4-Bill Alsup-163, 5-Peter Halsmer-160, 6 Gary Bettenhausen-144, 7-Tom Bagley-140, 8-Herm Johnson-105, 9-Dennis Firestone-103, 10-Eddie Miller-80.

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USAC MINI INDY RACE RESULTS: June 11, 1978 – Mosport Park – Bowmanville, Ontario

FEATURE: (26 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Bill Alsup (#41) (1), 2. Stuart Moore (#46) (5), 3. Dennis Firestone (#10) (3), 4. Harry MacDonald (#42) (4), 5. Syd Demovsky (#70) (9), 6. Pete Halsmer (#29) (11), 7. Tommy Thompson (#50) (12), 8. Heinz Snizek (#78) (16), 9. Richard Talton (#39) (17), 10. Bob Cicconi (#60) (15), 11. Joe Gimpel Jr. (#49) (13), 12. Geoff Brabham (#55) (14), 13. Dick Ferguson (#12) (8), 14. Herm Johnson (#2) (2), 15. John Wood (#43) (6), 16. Tim Richmond (#98) (7), 17. Gary Bettenhausen (#97) (10), 18. Gary Passon (#8) (18). 42:06.50

USAC MINI INDY POINTS: 1-Bill Alsup-363, 2-Fred Phillips-280, 3-Dennis Firestone-243, 4-Peter Halsmer-240, 5-John Wood-209, 6-Tim Richmond-208, 7-Stuart Moore-160, 8-Syd Demovsky-150, 9-Gary Bettenhausen-148, 10-Tom Bagley-140.

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USAC MINI INDY RACE RESULTS: June 18, 1978 – Wisconsin State Fair Park – West Allis, Wisconsin

FEATURE: (63 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Bill Henderson (#45) (1), 2. Herm Johnson (#2) (6), 3. Harry MacDonald (#42) (16), 4. Gary Bettenhausen (#97) (5), 5. Bob Cicconi (#60) (19), 6. Geoff Brabham (#55) (11), 7. Tim Richmond (#98) (4), 8. John Sisk (#94) (24), 9. Tommy Thompson (#50) (28), 10. John Kalagian (#19) (20), 11. Mike Frangkiser (#90) (26), 12. Jim Giffin (#30) (14), 13. Bill Thelander (#75) (22), 14. Dick Simon (#81) (18), 15. Bert Busby (#85) (23), 16. Louis Meyer III (#51) (13), 17. Roy Kischell (#20) (10), 18. Hank Chapman (#71) (15), 19. Ted Field (#74) (12), 20. Bobby Unser Jr. (#27) (27), 21. Pete Halsmer (#29) (9), 22. Dennis Firestone (#10) (2), 23. Bill Alsup (#41) (8), 24. John Wood (#43) (7), 25. Dick Ferguson (#12) (25), 26. Roger Mears (#73) (17), 27. Howdy Holmes (#3) (3), 28. Richard Tallon (#39) (21). 36:47.38

USAC MINI INDY POINTS: 1-Bill Alsup-366, 2-Fred Phillips-280, 3-Herm Johnson-270, 4-Gary Bettenhausen-268, 5-Tim Richmond-268, 6-Harry MacDonald-264, 7-Dennis Firestone-246, 8-Pete Halsmer-243, 9-Bill Henderson-224, 10-John Wood 212.

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USAC MINI INDY RACE RESULTS: August 6, 1978 – Texas World Speedway – College Station, Texas

FEATURE: (32 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Harry MacDonald (#42) (1), 2. Bill Alsup (#41) (3), 3. John Wood (#43) (2), 4. Ken Nichols (#55) (10), 5. George Dyer (#15) (5), 6. Dennis Firestone (#10) (4), 7. Herm Johnson (#2) (14), 8. Ted Field (#74) (6), 9. Tim Richmond (#45) (11), 10. Jim Griffin (#30) (12), 11. Joe Gimpel Jr. (#49) (13), 12. Dick Simon (#29) (22), 13. Fred Phillips (#3) (16), 14. Doug Clark (#92) (20), 15. Gary Passon (#8) (21), 16. Greg Atwell (#90) (25), 17. Louis Meyer III (#51) (27), 18. John Sisk (#94) (17), 19. Syd Demovsky (#70) (19), 20. John Kalagian (#19) (8), 21. Tom Hessert (#93) (15), 22. Gary Bettenhausen (#97) (7), 23. Bobby Hillin (#40) (26), 24. Pete Halsmer (#28) (24), 25. Nancy James (#37) (28), 26. Bobby Unser Jr. (#27) (9), 27. Bob Cicconi (#60) (18), 28. Roy Kischell (#20) (23). 32:27.02

ALSO AT THE TRACK: Tommy Thompson (#50)

USAC MINI INDY POINTS: 1-Bill Alsup-526, 2-Harry MacDonald-466, 3-John Wood-352, 4-Herm Johnson-330, 5-Dennis Firestone-326, 6-Tim Richmond-308, 7-Fred Phillips-285, 8-Gary Bettenhausen-271, 9-Pete Halsmer-246, 10-Bill Henderson-224.

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USAC MINI INDY RACE RESULTS: August 20, 1978 – Wisconsin State Fair Park – West Allis, Wisconsin

FEATURE: (63 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Dennis Firestone (#10) (1), 2. Dave Bruns (#99) (9), 3. Kevin Cogan (#82) (6), 4. Tim Richmond (#45) (5), 5. Herm Johnson (#2) (3), 6. Bob Cicconi (#60) (7), 7. Ken Nichols (#55) (8), 8. Mike Yoder (#16) (16), 9. John Wood (#43) (12), 10. Bill Alsup (#41) (10), 11. George Dyer (#15) (13), 12. Gary Passon (#8) (15), 13. Dan Park (#48) (14), 14. Joe Gimpel Jr. (#49) (25), 15. Pete Halsmer (#27) (26), 16. Benny Scott (#58) (19), 17. Louis Meyer III (#51) (21), 18. Syd Demovsky (#70) (11), 19. Mike Frangkiser (#90) (27), 20. Roger Bighouse (#18) (18), 21. Stewart Moore (#46) (22), 22. Roger Mears (#73) (2), 23. John Sisk Jr. (#94) (23), 24. Bryan Johnson (#77) (20), 25. Ted Field (#74) (17), 26. Harry MacDonald (#42) (4), 27. Doug Clark (#92) (28), 28. Roy Kischell (#20) (24). 40:24.50

USAC MINI INDY POINTS: 1-Bill Alsup-556, 2-Dennis Firestone-526, 3-Harry MacDonald-468, 4-Herm Johnson-430, 5-Tim Richmond-428.

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USAC MINI INDY RACE RESULTS: September 2, 1978 – Ontario Motor Speedway – Ontario, California

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Bill Alsup (#41) (4), 2. Harry MacDonald (#42) (6), 3. John Wood (#43) (2), 4. Ken Nichols (#55) (10), 5. Herm Johnson (#45) (5), 6. David Bruns (#99) (7), 7. Gary Bettenhausen (#97) (13), 8. Dick Simon (#65) (16), 9. Tommy Thompson (#50) (18), 10. Pete Halsmer (#28) (15), 11. Larry Skipsey (#11) (19), 12. Louis Meyer III (#51) (21), 13. Doug Clark (#92) (22), 14. Bob Cicconi (#60) (17), 15. Roger Mears (#73) (8), 16. George Dyer (#15) (11), 17. Roy Kischell (#20) (25), 18. Dennis Blackwell (#53) (27), 19. Bob Larson (#44) (26), 20. Benny Scott (#58) (20), 21. Phil Caliva (#80) (29), 22. Rich Vogler (#22) (12), 23. Ted Field (#74) (24), 24. Dennis Firestone (#10) (1), 25. Bryan Johnson (#77) (9), 26. Allan Turner (#24) (3), 27. Bill Noble (#40) (23), 28. Jim Giffin (#30) (13), 29. Ron Banks (#56) (28). 35:22.55

ALSO AT THE TRACK: Bill Simpson & Bobby Unser Jr.

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USAC MINI INDY RACE RESULTS: September 2, 1978 – Ontario Motor Speedway – Ontario, California

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Dennis Firestone (#24) (24), 2. Bill Alsup (#41) (9), 3. Harry MacDonald (#42) (8), 4. David Bruns (#99) (4), 5. John Wood (#43) (7), 6. Jim Giffin (#30) (22), 7. Bryan Johnson (#77) (20), 8. Tommy Thompson (#50) (1), 9. Gary Bettenhausen (#97) (3), 10. Pete Halsmer (#28) (10), 11. Larry Skipsey (#11) (11), 12. Louis Meyer III (#51) (12), 13. Phil Caliva (#80) (19), 14. Bob Larson (#44) (17), 15. Doug Clark (#92) (13), 16. Roy Kischell (#20) (15), 17. Benny Scott (#58) (18), 18. Ken Nichols (#55) (6), 19. Bob Cicconi (#60) (14), 20. Dick Simon (#65) (2), 21. Ron Banks (#56) (23), 22. Herm Johnson (#45) (5), 23. Dennis Blackwell (#53) (16), 24. Bill Noble (#40) (21). 28:10.79

USAC MINI INDY POINTS: 1-Bill Alsup-916, 2-Harry MacDonald-768, 3-Dennis Firestone-729, 4-John Wood-632, 5-Herm Johnson-533, 6-Tim Richmond-428, 7-Gary Bettenhausen-371, 8-David Bruns-360, 9-Pete Halsmer-311, 10-Ken Nichols-304.

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USAC MINI INDY RACE RESULTS: September 23, 1978 – Trenton International Speedway – Trenton, New Jersey

FEATURE: (42 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Geoff Brabham (#5) (3), 2. Bob Cicconi (#60) (5), 3. Herm Johnson (2) (#7), 4. Bill Alsup (#41) (15), 5. Ken Nichols (#55) (16), 6. Dan Park (#48) (18), 7. John Kalagian (#19) (20), 8. Syd Demovsky (#70) (21), 9. Joe Gimpel Jr. (#49) (22), 10. Rich Vogler (#22) (23), 11. Ted Field (#74) (27), 12. Nancy James (#37) (12), 13. John Barringer (#95) (26), 14. Tommy Thompson (#50) (28), 15. Mike Yoder (#9) (13), 16. Dennis Firestone (#10) (1), 17. John Sisk (#94) (25), 18. David Bruns (#99) (2), 19. Pete Halsmer (#28) (8), 20. Bryan Johnson (#77) (24), 21. George Dyer (#15) (17), 22. Fred Phillips (#3) (4), 23. Harry MacDonald (#42) (6), 24. Doug Clark (#92) (19), 25. Lou Gigliotti (#66) (10), 26. John Wood (#43) (9), 27. Denny Moothart (#32) (14), 28. Gary Bettenhausen (#45) (11). 36:41.76

USAC MINI INDY POINTS: 1-Bill Alsup-1036, 2-Harry MacDonald 771, 3-Dennis Firestone-734, 4-Harm Johnson-673, 5-John Wood-634, 6-Tim Richmond-428, 7-Ken Nichols-404, 8-Bob Cicconi-386, 9-Gary Bettenhuasen-373, 10-David Bruns-364.

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USAC MINI INDY RACE RESULTS: October 28, 1978 – Phoenix International Raceway – Avondale, Arizona

FEATURE: (63 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Kevin Cogan (#82) (1), 2. Dennis Firestone (#10) (3), 3. David Bruns (#99) (11), 4. Bob Cicconi (#60) (10), 5. Herm Johnson (#2) (7), 6. Gary Bettenhausen (#45) (8), 7. Harry MacDonald (#42) (6), 8. Dan Park (#48) (12), 9. John Wood (#43) (9), 10. Dick Ferguson (#12) (16), 11. Benny Scott (#58) (18), 12. Bill Alsup (#41) (2), 13. Jim Giffin (#30) (20), 14. Gene Romero (#47) (24), 15. Doug Clark (#92) (17), 16. Bryan Johnson (#77) (27), 17. Jan Slesinski (#34) (21), 18. John Sisk (#94) (22), 19. Ron Banks (#56) (26), 20. Gary Passon (#8) (14), 21. John Kalagian (#19) (15), 22. Tom D'Eath (#84) (25), 23. Pete Halsmer (#65) (13), 24. Bob Larson (#44) (28), 25. Fred Phillips (#3) (4), 26. Desire Wilson (#37) (5), 27. Louis Meyer III (#51) (19), 28. Dennis Blackwell (#53) (23). 42:44.11

USAC MINI INDY POINTS: 1-Bill Alsup-1046, 2-Dennis Firestone-894, 3-Harry MacDonald-831, 4-Herm Johnson-773, 5-John Wood-674, 6-Bob Clcconl-506, 7-David Bruns-504, 8-Gary Bettenhausen-453, 9-Tim Richmond-428, 10-Ken Nichols-404.