

1988 USAC NATIONAL SUPERMODIFIED SEASON

USAC NATIONAL SUPERMODIFIED SPECIAL EVENT RACE RESULTS: February 6-7, 1988 – Phoenix International Raceway – Avondale, Arizona – Skoal Bandits Copper World Classic

QUALIFYING: 1. Billy Vukovich, 78c, Reitz-24.373; 2. Bob Bigiozni, 44c, Bigiozni-24.738; 3. Chuck Gurney, 1c, Tanney-24.942; 4. Davey Hamilton, 91c, Trigueiro-25.046; 5. Wally Pankratz, 94c, Prickett-25.139; 6. Doug Saunier, 22, Saunier-25.404; 7. Ken Nichols, 2, Peterson-25.507; 8. George Snider, 4c, Consani-25.699; 9. Brian Smart, 28c, Patton-25.740; 10. Art Bigiozni, 14c, Bigiozni-25.768; 11. Ken Hamilton, 70c, Hale/Rathmann-25.831; 12. T.J. Nish, 0x, Tyler-25.882; 13. Mike Bliss, 85, Konold-25.885; 14. Dave Fitzgerald, 32u, Powell-26.160; 15. Rex Beach, 3c, Beach-26.235; 16. Gary Bettenhausen, 99, Bettenhausen-26.394; 17. Bruce Robey, 99s, Thomas-26.769; 18. Cliff Hucul, 6w, Jackson-27.231; 19. Cliff Graves, 38, Graves-27.247; 20. Brent Keeding, 69, Kaeding-27.301; 21. Tom Bigelow, 1L, Ledford-27.378; 22. Harold Evans, 37, Evans-27.408; 23. Billy Shuman, 85A, Davis-27.423; 24. Tray Hoddick, 4, Wissing-27.489; 25. Bob Beck, 46c, Beck-27.507; 26. Scott Backman, 5D, Backman-27.753; 27. Blaine Sneva, 50, Sneva-27.914; 28. T.J. Ryals, 73c, Gattie-28.085; 29. Bob Seelman, 74, Seelman-28.387; 30. Duane Feduska, 82, Cleveland-28.418; 31. Dave Adamson, 42, Adamson-28.459; 32. Wally Ransom, 25, Hamilton-28.515; 33. Rod Rowland, 46, Sullivan-28.658; 34. Ray Evans, 82x, Evans-28.974; 35. Rick Ohrns, 75, Ohrns-30.409; 36. Marvin Mitchell, 68, Mitchell-32.044; 37. Vern Church, 71, Church-33.261; 38. Mike Crawford, 53, Crawford-36.378; 39. Ivan Skavar, 32, Skavar-49.406; 40. Lealand McSpadden, 119, Lent-NT; 41. Bob Derrington, 03, Derrington-NT.

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. B. Beck, 2. Sneva, 3. Backman, 4. Ryals, 5. Ransom, 6. Dave Adamson, 7. Mitchell, 8. Seelman, 9. Church. 4.39.65

FEATURE: (25 laps – held on February 7) 1. Vukovich, 2. B. Bigiozni, 3. Pankratz, 4. Nichols, 5. D. Hamilton, 6. Saunier, 7. Beach, 8. Gurney, 9. Smart, 10. Ryals, 11. Kaeding, 12. Fitzgerald, 13. K. Hamilton, 14. A. Bigiozni, 15. Hoddick, 16. Evans, 17. Backman, 18. Graves, 19. Bigelow, 20. Ransom, 21. Dave Adamson, 22. Hucul, 23. Beck, 24. Snider, 25. Nish, 26. Robey, 27. Mitchell, 28. Shuman, 29. Bliss. NT

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USAC NATIONAL SUPERMODIFIED RACE RESULTS: April 10, 1988 – Madera Speedway – Madera, California

QUALIFYING: 1. Davey Hamilton, 78, Reitz-12.924; 2. Mike Swanson, 2, Top Shelf-13.148; 3. Brian Smart, 28, Patton-13.201; 4. Robert Tartaglia, 82, Tartaglia-13.264; 5. Lance Tatro, 7, Tatro-13.404; 6. Jeff Helton, 11, Helton-13.406; 7. Dennis Meisner Jr., 47, Meisner-13.477; 8. Ken Nichols, 73, Gattie-13.541; 9. Ray Myers, 15, Myers-13.671; 10. Scott Backman, 5D, Backman-13.980; 11. Don West, 21, West-14.392; 12. T.J. Nish, 0x, Tyler-NT.

FAST CAR DASH: (4 laps) 1. Smart, 2. Swanson, 3. D. Hamilton, 4. Tartaglia. NT

FIRST HEAT: (12 laps) 1. D. Hamilton, 2. Swanson, 3. Helton, 4. Smart, 5. Tatro, 6. Tartaglia. NT

SECOND HEAT: (12 laps) 1. Nichols, 2. Meisner, 3. Backman, 4. West, 5. Myers, 6. Nish. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Nichols, 2. D. Hamilton, 3. Swanson, 4. Meisner, 5. Helton, 6. Tartaglia, 7. Myers, 8. West, 9. Backman, 10. Tatro. NT

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USAC NATIONAL SUPERMODIFIED RACE RESULTS: April 23, 1988 – Madera Speedway – Madera, California

QUALIFYING: 1. Ken Nichols, 73, Gattie-13.020; 2. Davey Hamilton, 78, Reitz-13.026; 3. Robert Tartaglia, 82, Tartaglia-13.109; 4. Jeff Helton, 11, Helton-13.201; 5. Lance Tatro, 7, Tatro-13.309; 6. Dennis Meisner Jr., 47, Meisner-13.404; 7. T.J. Nish, 0xu, Tyler-13.450; 8. Mike Swanson, 2, Top Shelf-13.531; 9. Ray Myers, 15, Myers-13.777; 10. Scott Backman, 5D, Backman-13.862.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Nichols, 2. D. Hamilton, 3. Tartaglia, 4. Helton. 52.36

FIRST HEAT: (12 laps) 1. Nichols, 2. D. Hamilton, 3. Helton, 4. Tatro, 5. Tartaglia. 2:11.23

SECOND HEAT: (12 laps) 1. Swanson, 2. Myers, 3. Meisner Jr., 4. Backman, 5. Nish. 2:15.29

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. D. Hamilton, 2. Swanson, 3. Tartaglia, 4. Meisner Jr., 5. Myers, 6. Backman, 7. Nichols, 8. Nish, 9. Tatro, 10. Helton. NT

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USAC NATIONAL SUPERMODIFIED RACE RESULTS: May 28, 1988 – Madera Speedway – Madera, California – Bill Vukovich Memorial

QUALIFYING: 1. Davey Hamilton, 78, Reitz-12.732; 2. Ken Nichols, 73, Gattie-12.851; 3. Jeff Helton, 11, Helton-13.090; 4. Lance Tatro, 7, Tatro-13.227; 5. Brian Smart, 28, Patton-13.349; 6. Dennis Meisner Jr., 47, Meisner-13.383; 7. Robert Tartaglia, 82, Tartaglia-13.455; 8. Ray Myers, 15, Myers-13.609; 9. Scott Backman, 5D, Backman-13.805; 10. Mike Swanson, 2, Top Shelf-13.830; 11. Don West, 21, West-14.411; 12. T.J. Nish, 0x, Tyler-15.280.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Nichols, 2. D. Hamilton, 3. Helton, 4. Tatra. NT

HEAT RACE: (8 laps) 1. Tartaglia, 2. Swanson, 3. Backman, 4. West, 5. Myers, 6. Nish. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. D. Hamilton, 2. Swanson, 3. Smart, 4. Backman, 5. Meisner, 6. West, 7. Tartaglia, 8. Helton, 9. Nichols, 10. Tatro. NT

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USAC NATIONAL SUPERMODIFIED RACE RESULTS: July 2, 1988 – Madera Speedway – Madera, California

QUALIFYING: 1. Billy Vukovich III, 78, Reitz-12.683; 2. Brian Smart, 28, Patton-12.903; 3. Dennis Meisner Jr., 47, Meisner-12.976; 4. Mike Swanson, 2, Top Shelf-12.980; 5. Lance Tatro, 7, Tatro-13.045; 6. Robert Tartaglia, 82, Tartaglia-13.074; 7. T.J. Nish, 0x, Tyler-13.206; 8. Scott Backman, 5D, Backman-13.470; 9. Mark Ekberg, 12, Ekberg-13.504; 10. Don West, 21, West-14.460; 11. Jeff Helton, 11, Helton-NT; 12. Ken Nichols, 73, Gattie-NT.

TROPHY DASH: (4 laps) 1. Vukovich, 2. Meisner, 3. Smart, 4. Swanson. 50.88

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Meisner, 2. Tatro, 3. Vukovich, 4. Swanson. NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Nish, 2. Ekberg, 3. Helton, 4. Backman, 5. Tartaglia, 6. West. 2:12.86

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Vukovich, 2. Swanson, 3. Nish, 4. Ekberg, 5. Smart, 6. Tatro, 7. Nichols, 8. Backman, 9. West, 10. Tartaglia, 11. Meisner, 12. Helton. NT

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USAC NATIONAL SUPERMODIFIED RACE RESULTS: July 23, 1988 – Madera Speedway – Madera, California

QUALIFYING: 1. Billy Vukovich III, 78, Reitz-12.748; 2. Ken Nichols, 73, Gattie-12.854; 3. Dennis Meisner Jr., 47, Meisner-12.928; 4. Robert Tartaglia, 82, Tartaglia-12.979; 5. Brian Smart, 28, Patton-12.981; 6. Mike Swanson, 2, Top Shelf-12.989; 7. T.J. Nish, 0x, Tyler-13.215; 8. Jeff Helton, 11, Helton-13.228; 9. Merit Ekberg 12, Ekberg 13.349; 10. Lance Tatro, 7, Tatro-13.714; 11. Don West, 21, West-NT.

TROPHY DASH: (4 laps) 1. Vukovich, 2. Meisner, 3. Nichols, 4. Tartaglia. 50.79

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Smart, 2. Nichols, 3. Meisner, 4. Tartaglia, 5. Swanson, 6. Vukovich. NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Tatro, 2. Helton, 3. Ekberg, 4. Nish, 5. West. 2:11.43

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Vukovich, 2. Nichols, 3. Tatro, 4. Tartaglia, 5. Smart, 6. Nish, 7. Ekberg, 8. Helton, 9. West, 10. Meisner, 11. Swanson. NT

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USAC NATIONAL SUPERMODIFIED RACE RESULTS: July 30, 1988 – Saugus Speedway – Santa Clarita, California

QUALIFYING: 1. Billy Vukovich III, 78, Reitz-14.30; 2. Ken Nichols, 73, Gattie-14.30; 3. Mike Swanson, 2, Top Shelf-14.41; 4. Brian Smart, 28, Patton-14.80; 5. T.J. Nish, 0x, Tyler-14.83; 6. Robert Tartaglia, 82, Tartaglia-14.93; 7. Lance Tatro, 7, Tatro-14.94; 8. Don West, 21, West-15.84; 9. Mark Ekberg, 12, Ekberg-16.21.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Swanson, 2. Smart, 3. Vukovich, 4. Nichols. NT

FIRST HEAT: (12 laps) 1. Ekberg, 2. Tatro, 3. Nish, 4. Tartaglia, 5. West. NT

SECOND HEAT: (12 laps) 1. Vukovich, 2. Smart, 3. Nichols, 4. Swanson. NT

THIRD HEAT: (12 laps) 1. Ekberg, 2. Tatro, 3. Nish, 4. Vukovich, 5. Smart, 6. Nichols. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Nichols, 2. Swanson, 3. Smart, 4. Nish, 5. Tartaglia, 6. West, 7. Tatro, 8. Vukovich, 9. Ekberg. NT

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USAC NATIONAL SUPERMODIFIED RACE RESULTS: August 6, 1988 – Madera Speedway – Madera, California – Harvest Classic

QUALIFYING: 1. Ken Nichols, 73, Gattie-12.499; 2. Davey Hamilton, 78c, Reitz-12.632; 3. Dennis Meisner Jr., 47, Meisner-12.760; 4. Brian Smart, 28, Patton-12.787; 5. Robert Tartaglia, 82, Tartaglia-12.803; 6. Mike Swanson, 2, Top Shelf-12.894; 7. Mark Ekberg, 12, Ekberg-12.908; 8. Jeff Helton, 11, Helton-12.909; 9. Lance Tatro, 7, Tatro-12.922; 10. T.J. Nish, 0x, Tyler-13.095; 11. Don West, 21, West-14.180; 12. Ray West, 20, West-15.160.

TROPHY DASH: (4 laps) 1. D. Hamilton, 2. Nichols, 3. Smart, 4. Meisner. 50.29

FIRST HEAT: (12 laps) 1. Tartaglia, 2. D. Hamilton, 3. Meisner, 4. Nichols, 5. Smart, 6. Swanson. 2:34.25

SECOND HEAT: (12 laps) 1. Tatro, 2. Nish, 3. Helton, 4. Ekberg, 5. D. West, 6. R. West. 2:36.24

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Nichols, 2. D. Hamilton, 3. Meisner, 4. Tatro, 5. Ekberg, 6. Swanson, 7. Helton, 8. D. West, 9. Tartaglia, 10. Smart, 11. R. West, 12. Nish. NT

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USAC NATIONAL SUPERMODIFIED RACE RESULTS: August 20, 1988 – Cajon Speedway – El Cajon, California

QUALIFYING: 1. Ken Nichols, 73, Gattie-14.11; 2. Davey Hamilton, 78, Reitz-14.20; 3. Mike Swanson, 2, Top Shelf-14.42; 4. Robert Tartaglia, 82, Tartaglia-14.46; 5. Mark Ekberg, 12, Ekberg-14.59; 6. Lance Tatro, 7, Tatro-14.59; 7. Rex Beach, 3, Beach-14.65; 8. Jeff Helton, 11, Helton-14.76; 9. Bob Beck, 46, Beck-15.43; 10. Don West, 21, West-15.70; 11. Ron Anders, 23, Anders-NT.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Swanson, 2. Tartaglia, 3. D. Hamilton, 4. Nichols. NT

FIRST HEAT: (12 laps) 1. Helton, 2. Beach, 3. D. West, 4. Beck, 5. Tatro. NT

SECOND HEAT: (12 laps) 1. Tartaglia, 2. D. Hamilton, 3. Nichols, 4. Ekberg, 5. Swanson. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Swanson, 2. Nichols, 3. Tartaglia, 4. Helton, 5. D. Hamilton, 6. Ekberg, 7. Beck, 8. Beach, 9. D. West, 10. Anders, 11. Tatro. NT

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USAC NATIONAL SUPERMODIFIED RACE RESULTS: August 27, 1988 – Madera Speedway – Madera, California

QUALIFYING: 1. Ken Nichols, 73, Gattie-12.508; 2. Mike Swanson, 2, Top Shelf-12.899; 3. Brian Smart, 28, Patton-12.699; 4. Paul Durant, 78, Reitz-12.701; 5. Robert Tartaglia, 82, Tartaglia-12.709; 6. Dennis Meisner Jr., 47, Meisner-12.799; 7. Mark Ekberg, 12, Ekberg-12.838; 8. Lance Tatro, 7, Tatro-12.833; 9. Jeff Helton, 11, Helton-12.911; 10. T.J. Nish, 0x, Tyler-13.006; 11. Don West, 21, West-14.010.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Durant, 2. Swanson, 3. Tartaglia, 4. Smart. 51.57

FIRST HEAT: (12 laps) 1. Nichols, 2. Meisner, 3. Durant, 4. Smart, 5. Tartaglia, 6. Swanson. 2:34.06

SECOND HEAT: (12 laps) 1. Tatro, 2. Helton, 3. Nish, 4. Ekberg, 5. West. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Nichols, 2. Durant, 3. Meisner, 4. Tatro, 5. Smart, 6. West, 7. Nish, 8. Tartaglia, 9. Ekberg, 10. Helton, 11. Swanson. NT

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USAC NATIONAL SUPERMODIFIED RACE RESULTS: September 24, 1988 – Silver State Raceway – Carson City, Nevada

QUALIFYING: 1. Ken Nichols, 73, Gattie-11.33; 2. Billy Vukovich III, 78, Reitz-11.43; 3. Robert Tartaglia, 82, Tartaglia-11.56; 4. Jeff Helton, 11c, Helton-11.58; 5. Scott Backman, 5D, Backman-11.70; 6. Brian Smart, 28, Patton-11.71; 7. Mark Ekberg, 12, Ekberg-11.76; 8. Art Bigiogni, 14, Bigiogni-11.80; 9. Mike Swanson, 2, Top Shelf-11.90; 10. Davey Hamilton, 91, Russell-

11.91; 11. Dennis Meisner Jr., 47, Meisner-11.94; 12. Lance Tatro, 7, Tatro-11.95; 13. Ken Hamilton, 98, Hamilton-12.04; 14. Rex Beach, 3c, Beach-12.12; 15. Bob Beck 46c, Beck-12.24; 18. Rebel Jackson Jr., 5w, Jackson-12.27; 17. Cliff Hucul, 6w, Jackson-12.39; 18. Dave Parrie, 26, Parrie-12.47; 19. Mike Thomason, 32, Thomason-12.50; 20. Don West, 21c, West-12.58; 21. Ray West, 20, West-13.51.

TROPHY DASH: (6 laps) 1. Tartaglia, 2. Backman, 3. Vukovich, 4. Nichols, 5. Smart, 6. Helton. 1:09.09

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Thomason, 2. Beck, 3. D. West, 4. Jackson Jr., 5. Parrie, 6. R. West. 1:37.80

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Beach, 2. Meisner, 3. Swanson, 4. K. Hamilton, 5. A. Bigiogni, 6. Tatro, 7. D. Hamilton. NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Ekberg, 2. Smart, 3. Vukovich, 4. Backman, 5. Tartaglia, 6. Helton, 7. Nichols. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Vukovich, 2. Ekberg, 3. Backman, 4. Meisner, 5. D. Hamilton, 6. Helton, 7. Tartaglia, 8. K. Hamilton, 9. Beach, 10. Beck, 11. Parrie, 12. Thomason, 13. A. Bigiogni, 14. R. West, 15. Nichols, 16. D. West, 17. Hucul, 18. Swanson, 19. Smart, 20. Jackson Jr., 21. Tatro. NT

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USAC NATIONAL SUPERMODIFIED RACE RESULTS: October 1, 1988 – Madera Speedway – Madera, California

QUALIFYING: 1. Billy Vukovich III, 78, Reitz-12.979; 2. Ken Nichols, 73, Gattie-13.166; 3. Robert Tartaglia, 82, Tartaglia-13.227; 4. Mike Swanson, 2, Top Shelf-13.257; 5. Dennis Meisner, 47, Meisner-13.303; 6. Scott Backman, 5D, Backman-13.308; 7. Jeff Helton, 11, Helton-13.418; 8. Lance Tatro, 7, Tatro-13.438; 9. Mark Ekberg, 12, Ekberg-13.479; 10. Brian Smart, 28, Patton-13.654; 11. Don West, 21, West-14.542; 12. Ray West, 20, West-15.814.

TROPHY DASH: (6 laps) 1. Nichols, 2. Vukovich, 3. Tartaglia, 4. Swanson. 52.89

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Swanson, 2. Backman, 3. Meisner, 4. Vukovich, 5. Tartaglia, 6. Nichols. NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Smart, 2. Tatro, 3. Ekberg, 4. Helton, 5. D. West, 6. R. West. 1:47.321

FEATURE: (25 laps, shortened from 40 laps due to accident & curfew) 1. Backman, 2. Swanson, 3. Ekberg, 4. Smart, 5. Tatro, 6. Helton, 7. D. West, 8. R. West, 9. Tartaglia, 10. Meisner, 11. Vukovich III. NT

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USAC NATIONAL SUPERMODIFIED SPECIAL EVENT RACE RESULTS: October 8, 1988 – Saugus Speedway – Santa Clarita, California

QUALIFYING: 1. Billy Vukovich, 78c, Reitz-14.06; 2. Ken Nichols, 73c, Gattie-14.32; 3. Mike Swanson, 2, Top Shelf-14.40; 4. Scott Backman, 5D, Backman-14.44; 5. Jeff Helton, 11c, Helton-14.48; 6. Davey Hamilton, 91, Russell-14.51; 7. Robert Tartaglia, 82, Tartaglia-14.59; 8. Bob Bigiogni, 44, Bigiogni-14.62; 9. Art Bigiogni, 14, Bigiogni-14.69; 10. Rex Beach, 3c, Beach-14.73; 11. Brian Smart, 28, Patton-14.94; 12. Mark Ekberg, 12, Ekberg-15.03; 13. Cliff Hucul, 6w, Jackson-15.06; 14. Rebel Jackson, 5c, Jackson-15.32; 15. Dennis Meisner Jr., 96, Meisner-15.39; 16. Kelly Newman, 9N, Newman-15.75; 17. Don West, 21c, West-15.97; 18. Ray West, 20, West-16.73.

FIRST TROPHY DASH: (4 laps) 1. Backman, 2. Nichols, 3. Vukovich, 4. Swanson. NT

SECOND TROPHY DASH: (4 laps) 1. B. Bigiogni, 2. Helton, 3. A. Bigiogni, 4. Beach. NT

FIRST HEAT: (12 laps) 1. Swanson, 2. Ekberg, 3. A. Bigiogni, 4. R. West, 5. Meisner Jr., 6. Hamilton. NT

SECOND HEAT: (12 laps) 1. Jackson, 2. Smart, 3. B. Bigiogni, 4. Helton, 5. D. West, 6. Nichols. NT

THIRD HEAT: (12 laps) 1. Vukovich, 2. Hucul, 3. Backman, 4. Newman, 5. Beach, 6. Tartaglia. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (12 laps) 1. Hamilton, 2. D. West, 3. Tartaglia, 4. Newman, 5. R. West, 6. Backman, 7. Meisner Jr. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Swanson, 2. Hamilton, 3. Backman, 4. Nichols, 5. Vukovich, 6. Tartaglia, 7. Bigiogni, 8. Smart, 9. A. Bigiogni, 10. Helton, 11. D. West, 12. Newman, 13. Hucul, 14. R. West, 15. Jackson, 16. Ekberg, 17. Meisner Jr. NT