

1961 USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR SEASON

FOYT AND HURTUBISE BATTLE FOR FIRST SPRINT RACE; FOYT WINS

National champion A. J. Foyt of Houston, Texas continued to set a blistering pace as he won the opening sprint race of the 1961 season, a 30-lap event on the half-mile dirt track at Reading, Pennsylvania, Sunday, March 26.

Foyt's victory came after a thrilling duel with Jim Hurtubise of Lennox, California.

Foyt drove his Bowes Seal Fast Special into first place on the 24th lap. Hurtubise had led the first 23 laps in the Barnett Brothers Chevy.

Bobby Marshman of Pottstown, Pa. was the fastest qualifier with a time of 25.75 seconds in the Iddings Offy. Foyt's time for the feature was 14:07.96.

The day's program was marred by two serious accidents. Bob Wente of St. Louis, Missouri and Jack Rounds of Huntington Park, California both flipped in heat races . Neither driver was seriously hurt, however.

The heat winners were Hurtubise, Foyt and Fred Peters. Art Plas won the semi-feature.

The purse exceeded the guarantee by \$965 and totaled \$5.965. Foyt's share was \$1,061.

USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: March 26, 1961 – Reading Fairgrounds – Reading, Pennsylvania

QUALIFYING: 1. Bobby Marshman, Iddings-25.750.

HEAT WINNERS: Jim Hurtubise (Barnett), A.J. Foyt (Bowes) & Jiggs Peters.

SEMI WINNER: Art Plas

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. A.J. Foyt (Bowes), 2. Jim Hurtubise, 3. Cotton Farmer (Pfrommer), 4. Roger McCluskey (HOW), 5. A.J. Shepherd (Barnett), 6. Hal Rettberg, 7. Red Riegel, 8. George Morris, 9. Elmer George, 10. Art Plas, 11. Dutch Schaefer, 12. Bobby Marshman, 13. Joe Barzda, 14. Jiggs Peters. 14:07.96

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-23 Jim Hurtubise. Laps 24-30 A.J. Foyt.

**Bob Wente & Jack Rounds flipped during the heats.

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McCLUSKEY GETS FIRST USAC WIN AT WILLIAMS GROVE

Roger McCluskey of Tucson, Arizona scored his first USAC feature win, driving the HOW Special in a 30-lap sprint car race on the half-mile dirt track at Pennsylvania's Williams Grove Speedway on Sunday, April 23.

McCluskey was the fastest qualifier with a time of 25.66 seconds. His time for the feature was 14:52.63. The heat winners were Fred Peters, Al Farmer and McCluskey.

Parnelli Jones won the semi-feature.

The win placed McCluskey first in the current point standings for the USAC sprint car championship with a three point lead over A.J. Foyt.

USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: April 23, 1961 – Williams Grove Speedway – Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania

QUALIFYING: 1. Roger McCluskey, HOW-25.660.

HEAT WINNERS: Jiggs Peters (Beletsky), Cotton Farmer & Roger McCluskey.

SEMI WINNER: Parnelli Jones (Fike).

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Roger McCluskey, 2. Parnelli Jones, 3. Jiggs Peters, 4. Jack Rounds (Konstant Hot), 5. A.J. Foyt (Bowes), 6. Joe Barzda (Barzda), 7. A.J. Shepherd (Barnett), 8. Elmer George (Tony's), 9. Bob Wente (Flynn), 10. Hal Rettberg (Doud-Eckert), 11. George Morris (Future), 12. Cotton Farmer (Pfrommer), 13. Red Riegel, 14. Jim Hurtubise. 14:52.63

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FOYT WINS SALEM SPRINT RACE

A.J. Foyt of Houston, Texas drove the Bowes Seal Fast Special into first place on the 24th lap and won a 30-lap sprint car race on the half-mile high-banked track at Salem, Indiana, Sunday, April 30.

Parnelli Jones of Torrance, California was the fastest qualifier with a time of 19.00 seconds in the Fike Plumbing Special. After winning the first heat, Jones led the feature for 23 laps. He was called in by the officials because his car was losing oil. This permitted Foyt to take the lead and the race.

The other heat winners were Roger McCluskey and Bud Tingelstad. Ronnie Duman won the semi-feature. Foyt's time in the feature was 9:55.24 and the purse was \$5,000.

The win permitted Foyt to jump back into first place in the USAC sprint car point standings. He now leads McCluskey by three points. A week ago, McCluskey was ahead by the same margin.

The next sprint race on the schedule is Saturday night, May 6 at Dayton, Ohio.

USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: April 30, 1961 – Salem Speedway – Salem, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Parnelli Jones, Fike-19.000.

HEAT WINNERS: Parnelli Jones, Roger McCluskey (HOW) & Bud Tingelstad (Beck).

SEMI WINNER: Ronnie Duman

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. A.J. Foyt (Bowes), 2. Roger McCluskey, 3. Don Branson (Hoover), 4. Leon Clum (G & J), 5. A.J. Shepherd (Barnett), 6. Al Miller (Competition), 7. Bud Tingelstad, 8. Chuck Hulse (Morales), 9. Jack Rounds (Konstant Hot), 10. Rex Easton (Midwest), 11. Parnelli Jones, 12. Bob Wente (Flynn), 13. Ronnie Duman, 14. Allen Crowe. 9:55.24

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-23 Parnelli Jones, Laps 24-30 A.J. Foyt.

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FOYT WINS RACEWAY INAUGURAL

A.J. Foyt of Houston, Texas continued his winning ways in the sprint cars by taking the opening race at Indianapolis Raceway Park, a 30-lap event on the 5/8 mile dirt track on Sunday, May 28.

Foyt led the entire race in the Bowes Fast Special after it was stopped for a first lap accident and restarted.

The fastest qualifier was Roger McCluskey in the HOW Special with a time of 27.57 seconds. The heat winners were A.J. Shepherd, Foyt and Jerry Blundy. Russ Congdon won the semi-feature. The purse was \$5,700.

USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: May 28, 1961 – Indianapolis Raceway Park – Clermont, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Roger McCluskey, HOW-27.570.

HEAT WINNERS: A.J. Shepherd, A.J. Foyt (Bowes) & Jerry Blundy.

SEMI WINNER: Russ Congdon.

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. A.J. Foyt (Bowes), 2. Chuck Hulse, 3. Bob Cleberg, 4. Mickey Shaw, 5. Elmer George, 6. Jerry Blundy, 7. Joe Barzda, 8. Bob Wente, 9. Allen Crowe, 10. Hal Rettberg, 11. Ronnie Duman, 12. Red Renner, 13. Rex Easton, 14. Duke Hindahl, 15. Billy Earl, 16. Billy Wood, 17. Bud Sterrett, 18. A.J. Shepherd. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 A.J. Foyt.

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HURTUBISE TAKES TERRE HAUTE SPRINT

Jim Hurtubise of Lennox, California jumped into the lead in the surge for the first turn and led the entire distance in a 30-lap sprint car race on the half-mile dirt track at Terre Haute, Indiana, Sunday, June 11.

Hurtubise, who was driving the Barnett Brothers Special (Chevrolet), was timed at 13:13.29.

Leon Clum of Wapakoneta, Ohio, driving the G & J Engineering Special (Chevy), was the fastest qualifier with a time of 24.060 seconds and finished second in the feature.

Wayne Weiler of Phoenix, Arizona suffered a slight brain concussion, fracture of the jaw and facial injuries, when he rode up over Hurtubise's right rear wheel and flipped three times in the first heat race.

The heat winners were Clum, A.J. Foyt and Elmer George. Danny Jones won the semi-feature. The purse zoomed over the guarantee of \$5,000 and totaled \$6,300.

USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: June 11, 1961 – Terre Haute Action Track – Terre Haute, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Leon Clum, G & J-24.060.

HEAT WINNERS: Leon Clum, A.J. Foyt (Bowes) & Elmer George

SEMI WINNER: Danny Jones (Pfrommer)

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Jim Hurtubise (Barnett), 2. Leon Clum, 3. Parnelli Jones (Fike), 4. Elmer George (Tony's), 5. Don Branson (Hoover), 6. A.J. Foyt, 7. Cecil Beavers (Wheeler-Foutch), 8. Roger McCluskey (HOW), 9. Bud Tingelstad

(Enterprise), 10. Danny Jones, 11. Rex Easton (Midwest), 12. Bob Cleberg (Hyneman), 13. Calvin Gilstrap, 14. Leroy Neumayer. 13:13.29

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Jim Hurtubise.

****Wayne Weiler** flipped during the first heat and suffered a concussion, jaw fracture & facial injuries.

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HEMMINGS WINS SPRINT RACE AT SALEM

Jim Hemmings of North Vernon, Indiana won a 30-lap sprint car race on the half-mile high-banked track at Salem, Indiana, Sunday, June 18.

Hemmings was driving the Park Lumber Special and led the race from start to finish to win \$892 of a total purse of \$5,150. His time was 10:09.09.

Allen Crowe of Springfield, Illinois was the fastest qualifier with a time of 19.290 seconds in the Hyneman Offy. The heat winners were Crowe, Leon Clum and Bobby Boughan. The semi-feature was won by Jack Lancaster.

USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: June 18, 1961 – Salem Speedway – Salem, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Allen Crowe, Hyneman-19.290.

HEAT WINNERS: Allen Crowe, Leon Clum (G & J) & Bobby Boughan.

SEMI WINNER: Jack Lancaster.

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Jim Hemmings (Hoffman), 2. Leon Clum, 3. Bud Tingelstad (Enterprise), 4. Norm Hall (Bowes), 5. Hugh Randall (Fetters), 6. Bobby Boughan, 7. Tom McClellan, 8. Roy Robbins, 9. Bill Cheesbourg, 10. Al Miller, 11. Jack Lancaster, 12. Johnny White, 13. Allen Crowe, 14. Bob Mathouser. 10:09.09

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Jim Hemmings.

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JONES SWEEPS THE FIELD AT NEW BREMEN

Parnelli Jones of Torrance, California dominated the sprint car field on the half-mile dirt track at New Bremen, Ohio, Sunday, June 25, as he drove the Fike Plumbing Special to new track records for one and eight laps.

Jones broke a three-year-old one-lap record of 19.480 set by Eddie Sachs by qualifying with a time of 19.380 seconds. He set another record in winning the first eight lap heat with a time of 2:45.78. This broke the record of 2:46.20 set by Jim Packard in 1959. Jones' time in the feature was 10:42.50.

The other heat winners were Leon Clum and Rex Easton, while Jim Hurtubise won the semi-feature.

USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: June 25, 1961 – New Bremen Speedway – New Bremen, Ohio

QUALIFYING: 1. Parnelli Jones, Fike-19.380. (New Track Record)

HEAT WINNERS: (8 laps) Parnelli Jones 2:45.78 (New Track Record), Leon Clum (G & J) & Rex Easton (Competition)

SEMI: 1. Jim Hurtubise (Barnett)

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Parnelli Jones, 2. Leon Clum, 3. A.J. Foyt (Bowes), 4. Al Keller (Konstant Hot), 5. Roger McCluskey (HOW), 6. Don Branson (Hoover), 7. Al Miller (Midwest), 8. Jim Hurtubise, 9. Elmer George (Tony's), 10. Rex Easton, 11. Bud Tingelstad (Enterprise), 12. Leroy Neumayer (Pfrommer), 13. Mickey Shaw, 14. Larry North. 10:42.50

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JONES WINS AT IRP

Parnelli Jones of Torrance, California scored his second sprint car victory in a row, a 30-lapper on the 5/8-mile track at Indianapolis, Sunday, July 2.

A.J. Foyt was the fastest qualifier with a time of 24.440 seconds. The heat winners were Jones, Jim Hurtubise and Jim Hemmings.

Rex Easton won the semi-feature.

USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: July 2, 1961 – Indianapolis Raceway Park – Clermont, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. A.J. Foyt (#1 Bowes) (24.440)

HEAT WINNERS: Parnelli Jones (#1 Fike), Jim Hurtubise (#56 Barnett) & Jim Hemmings

SEMI WINNER: Rex Easton

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Parnelli Jones, 2. A.J. Foyt, 3. Jim Hurtubise, 4. Len Sutton (#3 Watson), 5. Al Keller (#9 Homeyer), 6. Rex Easton (#44 Competition), 7. Elmer George (#12 Tony's), 8. Bud Tingelstad (#10 Enterprise), 9. Jim Hemmings (#7 Hoffman), 10. Bobby Boughan (#32 Hood), 11. Bob Mathouser (#37 Lukemier), 12. Al Miller (#5 Gehlhausen), 13. Dick Pratt (#20 Woodbury), 14. Dick Freeman (#7 Beck), 15. Don Branson (#2), 16. Allen Crowe (#93 Iddings), 17. Chuck Hulse (#12 Null), 18. Calvin Gilstrap (#65). NT

ALSO AT THE TRACK: Roger McCluskey (#4 Hulman), Curly Boyd (#44 Schmidt), Bill Cheesbourg (#88), Leon Clum (#19), Tommy Copp (#53 McCurdy), Martin Cosat (#77 Coke), Bob King (#50), Clare Lawicki (#37), Leroy Neumayer (#1 Pfrommer), Hugh Randall (#80 Feters), Roy Robbins (#21), Red Renner (#35 Knepper).

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IT'S JONES AGAIN AT SALEM

Parnelli Jones "cleaned house" at Salem, Tuesday, July 4, as he was the fastest qualifier, won the first heat and the 30-lap sprint car feature.

His qualifying time of 18.590 seconds tied his own old track record. The other heat winners were A.J. Foyt and Elmer George. Allen Crowe won the semi-feature.

USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: July 4, 1961 – Salem Speedway – Salem, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Parnelli Jones, Fike-18.590

HEAT WINNERS: Parnelli Jones, A.J. Foyt (Bowes) & Elmer George (Tony's)

SEMI WINNER: Allen Crowe

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Parnelli Jones, 2. Bud Tingelstad (Enterprise), 3. Elmer George, 4. Len Sutton (Watson), 5. Rex Easton (Competition), 6. Dick Pratt (Woodbury), 7. A.J. Foyt, 8. Bobby Boughan, 9. Allen Crowe (Iddings), 10. Red Renner (Knepper), 11. Don Branson (Hoover), 12. Jack Lancaster, 13. Roger McCluskey, 14. Al Miller.

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JONES WINS AGAIN AT DAYTON

Parnelli Jones of Torrance, California won his fourth straight sprint car race, a 30-lap event on the half-mile high-banked asphalt track at Dayton, Ohio, Sunday, July 23.

The record book was practically rewritten as new track records were set for three distances and tied for another. Jones had a qualifying time in the Fike Plumbing Special of 18.280 seconds, which tied the one-lap record set in 1960 by Don Branson.

Jones took a record away from Branson by winning the first eight lap heat in 2:30.87, but Branson reclaimed it as he won the second heat with a time of 2:30.00. The old record of 2:31.20 was set by Branson in 1960.

After Elmer George won the third heat, Jim Hemmings of North Vernon, Indiana took a seven-year-old record out of the books in the 10-lap semi-feature. His winning time of 3:17.69 erased the record of 3:23.02 set by the late Larry Crockett in 1954.

Jones' winning time in the feature of 9:31.01 was over seven seconds faster than the record time of 9:38.02, which he set a year ago.

The purse was \$5,136 as a good crowd of 5,828 paid to see the races. Jones collected \$977 for his efforts.

USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: July 23, 1961 – Dayton Speedway – Dayton, Ohio

QUALIFYING: 1. Parnelli Jones, Fike-18.280 (New Track Record).

HEAT WINNERS: (8 laps) Parnelli Jones, Don Branson 2:30.00 (New Track Record) & Elmer George (Tony's).

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Jim Hemmings (Hoffman). 3:17.69 (New Track Record)

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Parnelli Jones, 2. A.J. Foyt (Bowes), 3. Bud Tingelstad (Enterprise), 4. Elmer George, 5. Leon Clum (G & J), 6. Roger McCluskey (HOW), 7. Don Branson (Hoover), 8. Rex Easton (Competition), 9. Hugh Randall (Fetters), 10. Chuck Hulse (Null), 11. Allen Crowe (Iddings), 12. Jim Hemmings, 13. Bob Mathouser, 14. Red Renner. 9:31.01 (New Track Record)

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IT'S JONES AGAIN AT IRP

Parnelli Jones of Torrance, California went on another record breaking spree, Sunday, July 30, to win his fifth straight sprint car race in a 30-lap event on the 5/8 mile asphalt track at Indianapolis Raceway Park.

Driving the Fike Plumbing Special, Jones broke the one lap qualification record with a time of 24.410 seconds, which was just 0.03 faster than the mark set a month ago by A.J. Foyt.

Jones also broke his own records for an eight lap heat race with a time of 3:16.97 and for 30 laps in the feature with a time of 12:15.43. A.J. Shepherd set a 10-lap record in the semi-feature with a time of 4:18.79.

Since the current sprint car point leader, A.J. Foyt of Houston, Texas finished fourth, Jones gained 16 points and stands just 19 points behind.

Don Branson won a four lap trophy dash and Chuck Hulse and Elmer George were the other heat winners. The purse was \$5,665.

USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: July 30, 1961 – Indianapolis Raceway Park – Clermont, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Parnelli Jones, Fike-24.410 (New Track Record).

TROPHY DASH: 1. Don Branson

HEAT WINNERS: (8 laps) Parnelli Jones 3:16.97 (New Track Record), Chuck Hulse (Null) & Elmer George (Tony's).

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. A.J. Shepherd (Howard). 4:18.79 (New Track Record)

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Parnelli Jones, 2. Jim Hurtubise (Barnett), 3. Don Branson (Hoover), 4. A.J. Foyt (Bowes), 5. Roger McCluskey (HOW), 6. Al Keller (Homeyer), 7. Chuck Hulse (Null), 8. Elmer George, 9. Rodger Ward (Watson), 10. Rex Easton (Competition), 11. A.J. Shepherd, 12. Leroy Neumayer (Pfrommer), 13. Bud Tingelstad, 14. Dick Pratt, 15. Ralph Liguori, 16. Bob Mathouser. 12:15.43 (New Track Record)

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FOYT STOPS JONES STREAK AT SALEM

A.J. Foyt of Houston, Texas finally stopped Parnelli Jones' sprint car winning streak at five by winning a 30-lap race on the half-mile high-banked asphalt track at Salem, Indiana, Sunday, August 6.

Jones finished third behind Elmer George to drop 28 points behind Foyt in the USAC Sprint Car championship point standings.

Foyt was the fastest qualifier with a time of 18.800 seconds. The heat winners were Foyt, Bud Tingelstad and Al Miller. Dick Pratt won the semi-feature. The purse was \$5,150.

USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: August 6, 1961 – Salem Speedway – Salem, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. A.J. Foyt, Bowes-18.800

HEAT WINNERS: A.J. Foyt, Bud Tingelstad & Al Miller (Midwest)

SEMI: 1. Dick Pratt (Woodbury)

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. A.J. Foyt, 2. Elmer George (Tony's), 3. Parnelli Jones (Fike), 4. Len Sutton (Leader Card), 5. Chuck Hulse (Null), 6. A.J. Shepherd (Howard), 7. Al Miller, 8. Jim Hemmings (Hoffman), 9. Leroy Neumayer (Pfrommer), 10. Jack Rounds (B.A.R.), 11. Dick Pratt, 12. Bob Mathouser (Rebel), 13. Bud Tingelstad, 14. Roy Robbins. NT

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HURTUBISE WINS AT TERRE HAUTE

Jim Hurtubise of Lennox, California won a 30-lap sprint car race on the half-mile dirt track at Terre Haute, Indiana, Sunday, August 13.

Driving the Barnett Brothers Chevrolet Special, Hurtubise led the first 21 laps of the race. On the 22nd lap, A.J. Foyt of Houston, Texas took the lead. Foyt had had a see-saw struggle with Parnelli Jones of Torrance, California for second place during the first 20 laps with the position changing hands five times.

Foyt apparently had the race won when engine trouble forced him out and Hurtubise took over again on the 27th lap and held off Jones to the finish. Jones' second place finish gave him 24 points and moved him to within four points of Foyt in the USAC Sprint Car championship point standings.

Roger McCluskey of Tucson, Arizona set a new track record in qualifications with a time of 23.600 seconds in the HOW Special.

The heat winners were Foyt, Jones and Leroy Neumayer. Don Branson won the semi-feature and set a new track record for 10 laps of 4:15.46. The purse was \$5,150.

USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: August 13, 1961 – Terre Haute Action Track – Terre Haute, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Roger McCluskey, HOW-23.600 (New Track Record)

HEAT WINNERS: A.J. Foyt (Bowes), Parnelli Jones (Fike) & Leroy Neumayer (Pfrommer).

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Don Branson (Hoover). 4:15.46 (New Track Record)

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Jim Hurtubise (Barnett), 2. Parnelli Jones, 3. Roger McCluskey, 4. Al Keller (Homeyer), 5. Chuck Hulse (Leader Card), 6. Leroy Neumayer, 7. Don Branson, 8. Bobby Marshman (Competition), 9. Bud Tingelstad (Enterprise), 10. Allen Crowe (Engle), 11. Cecil Beavers (Foutch), 12. Jerry Blundy (Wilson), 13. A.J. Foyt, 14. Leon Clum.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-21 Jim Hurtubise, Laps 22-26 A.J. Foyt, Laps 27-30 Jim Hurtubise.

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HURTUBISE WINS BOTH RACES AT LANGHORNE

Jim Hurtubise of Lennox, California scored a clean sweep in the Twin 50s sprint car race on the one-mile dirt track at Langhorne, Pennsylvania, Sunday, Aug. 27.

Driving the Barnett Brothers Chevrolet Special, Hurtubise set a new track record in the first 50-mile race of 28:52.14 for an average speed of 103.917 miles per hour. His winning time in the second race was 28:58.92 for an average speed of 103.512 miles per hour.

A.J. Foyt, who was the fastest qualifier with a time of 33.632 seconds in the Bowes Seal Fast Special, finished second in the first race. However, he was hit by a rock and was forced to retire from the second 50.

Parnelli Jones boomed into the sprint car championship point lead by finishing third and second. Hurtubise is now second in the point standings. Foyt, who was the previous leader, dropped to third place.

USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: August 27, 1961 – Langhorne Speedway – Langhorne, Pennsylvania – Twin 50s

QUALIFYING: 1. A.J. Foyt, Bowes-33.632.

FIRST FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Jim Hurtubise (Barnett), 2. A.J. Foyt, 3. Parnelli Jones (Fike), 4. Roger McCluskey (Hoover), 5. Al Keller (Homeyer), 6. Jiggs Peters (Beletsky), 7. Leroy Neumayer (Pfrommer), 8. Red Riegel (Riegel), 9. Bud Tingelstad (Enterprise), 10. Chuck Arnold (Caruso), 11. Hal Rettberg (Doud-Eckert), 12. Norm Hall (Leader Card), 13. Bill D'Amico, 14. Bobby Marshman, 15. Joe Barzda, 16. Cotton Farmer, 17. Leon Clum, 18. Bob Mathouser. 28:52.14 (New Track Record)

SECOND FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Jim Hurtubise, 2. Parnelli Jones, 3. Bobby Marshman (Competition), 4. Roger McCluskey, 5. Jiggs Peters (Beletsky), 6. Red Riegel (Vargo), 7. Joe Barzda (Barzda), 8. Bud Tingelstad, 9. Bill Brown (Smith), 10. Hal Rettberg (Doud-Eckert), 11. Al Keller (Homeyer), 12. Elmer George (Bowes), 13. Cotton Farmer, 14. Chuck Arnold (Caruso), 15. Leroy Neumayer (Pfrommer), 16. Norm Hall (Leader Card), 17. Leon Clum, 18. Bob Mathouser. 28:58.92

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GEORGE WINS DU QUOIN SPRINT

Elmer George of Speedway, Indiana won a 25-mile sprint car race at Du Quoin, Illinois, Saturday, September 2.

George, who was driving the Tony's Special, was the fastest qualifier with a time of 34.38 seconds, which smashed all previous records on the one-mile dirt track. The winner led the entire race with Parnelli Jones and Jim Hurtubise close behind.

Jones won the trophy dash and the first heat.

The other heat winners were Hurtubise and A.J. Foyt, while Bob Mathouser won the semi-feature. The purse was \$7,000.

USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: September 2, 1961 – Du Quoin State Fairgrounds – Du Quoin, Illinois

QUALIFYING: 1. Elmer George, Tony's-34.380 (New Track Record)

TROPHY DASH: 1. Parnelli Jones (Fike).

HEAT WINNERS: Parnelli Jones, Jim Hurtubise (Barnett) & A.J. Foyt (Bowes).

SEMI: 1. Bob Mathouser.

FEATURE: (25 laps) 1. Elmer George, 2. Parnelli Jones, 3. Jim Hurtubise, 4. Al Keller (Homeyer), 5. A.J. Foyt, 6. Bobby Marshman (Competition), 7. Leroy Neumayer (Pfrommer), 8. Chuck Marshall (Midwest), 9. Rodger Ward (Leader Card),

10. Don Branson (Hyneman), 11. Bud Tingelstad (Enterprise), 12. Jim Hemmings (Engle), 13. Bob Mathouser, 14. Red Renner, 15. Roger McCluskey, 16. Hugh Randall, 17. Allen Crowe, 18. Bill Hyde.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-25 Elmer George.

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JONES TAKES SALEM RACE

Parnelli Jones of Torrance, California cemented his hold on first place in the sprint car championship point standings by winning a 100-lap race on the half-mile high-banked track at Salem, Indiana, Sunday, September 3.

He set a track record by leading all the way for a time of 32:52.86. A.J. Foyt tied Jones for fastest qualifying time with a mark of 18.800 seconds.

Roger McCluskey, Bud Tingelstad and Ronnie Duman won heat races and Dave Norris won the semi-feature. The crowd was 6,000 and the purse was \$7,210.

USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: September 3, 1961 – Salem Speedway – Salem, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. A.J. Foyt (Bowes) & Parnelli Jones (Fike)-18.800.

HEAT WINNER: Roger McCluskey, Bud Tingelstad (Enterprise) & Ronnie Duman

SEMI: 1. Dave Norris

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Parnelli Jones, 2. Elmer George (Tony's), 3. Chuck Hulse (Leader Card), 4. Jim Hurtubise (Barnett), 5. Bud Tingelstad, 6. Dave Norris, 7. Leroy Neumayer, 8. Bob Mathouser, 9. Jim Hemmings, 10. Leon Clum, 11. Roger McCluskey, 12. Red Renner, 13. Dick Pratt, 14. A.J. Shepherd, 15. A.J. Foyt, 16. Ronnie Duman. 32:52.86 (New Track Record)

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-100 Parnelli Jones.

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FOYT WINS LANCASTER SPRINT

A.J. Foyt of Houston, Texas won a 30-lap sprint car race on the half-mile dirt track at Lancaster, New York, Friday, September 8.

Foyt was the fastest qualifier with a time of 22.340 seconds, which was a new track record. He also set a new record in the feature event with a time of 11:25.34.

The heat winners were Jim Hurtubise, Parnelli Jones and Jiggs Peters. Bobby Marshman won the semi-feature.

USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: September 8, 1961 – Lancaster, New York

QUALIFYING: 1. A.J. Foyt, Bowes,-22.340 (New Track Record)

HEAT WINNERS: Jim Hurtubise (Barnett), Parnelli Jones (Fike) & Jiggs Peters (Beletsky).

SEMI WINNER: Bobby Marshman (Competition).

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. A.J. Foyt, 2. Jim Hurtubise, 3. Hal Rettberg (Doud-Eckert), 4. Bobby Marshman, 5. Parnelli Jones, 6. Roger McCluskey (HOW), 7. Cotton Farmer (Sachs), 8. Elmer George (Tony's), 9. Jiggs Peters, 10. Al Keller (Homeyer), 11. Chuck Hulse (Leader Card), 12. Chuck Arnold (Caruso), 13. Leroy Neumayer, 14. Leon Clum. 11:25.34 (New Track Record)

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JONES IS NEW BREMEN SPRINT WINNER

Parnelli Jones of Torrance, California won a 30-lap sprint car race on the half-mile dirt track at New Bremen, Ohio, Sunday, September 10.

Jim Hurtubise, Elmer George and Leon Clum won heat races, while Joe Barzda won the semi-feature.

USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: September 10, 1961 – New Bremen Speedway – New Bremen, Ohio

HEAT WINNERS: Jim Hurtubise (Barnett), Elmer George (Tony's) & Leon Clum (G & J).

SEMI: 1. Joe Barzda (Barzda).

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Parnelli Jones (Fike), 2. A.J. Foyt (Bowes), 3. Jim Hurtubise, 4. Elmer George, 5. Bud Tingelstad (Enterprise), 6. Stan Bowman, 7. Leroy Neumayer (Pfrommer), 8. Joe Barzda, 9. Leon Clum, 10. Dick Pratt, 11. Dave Norris, 12. Bob Mathouser, 13. A.J. Shepherd, 14. Allen Crowe, 15. Bobby Marshman, 16. Chuck Hulse.

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FOYT WINS READING SPRINT

A.J. Foyt of Houston, Texas won a 30-lap sprint car race on the half-mile dirt track Reading, Pennsylvania, Sunday, at September 17.

Foyt managed to garner another track record in the process by turning the 30 laps with a time of 12:40.68 to take a seven-year record set by Johnny Thomson out of the book.

Roger McCluskey set a one-lap track record with the fastest qualifying time of 23.920 seconds.

The heat winners were Foyt, McCluskey, Parnelli Jones and Tom Price.

USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: September 17, 1961 – Reading Fairgrounds – Reading, Pennsylvania

QUALIFYING: 1. Roger McCluskey (Tony's)-23.920

HEAT WINNERS: A.J. Foyt (Bowes), Roger McCluskey, Parnelli Jones (Beletsky) & Tom Price (Price).

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. A.J. Foyt, 2. Jim Hurtubise (Barnett), 3. Joe Barzda (Barzda), 4. Hal Rettberg (Doud-Eckert), 5. Don Davis (Pfrommer), 6. Roger McCluskey, 7. Russ Long, 8. Red Riegel (Vargo), 9. Ralph Liguori (Howard), 10. Tom Price (Price), 11. Chuck Arnold (Caruso), 12. Parnelli Jones (Beletsky), 13. Cotton Farmer, 14. Ed Terry. 12:40.68 (New Track Record)

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HURTUBISE WINS ALLENTOWN SPRINT

Jim Hurtubise of Lennox, California won a 30-lap sprint car race on the half-mile dirt track at Allentown, Pennsylvania, Saturday, September 23.

Roger McCluskey of Tucson, Arizona was the fastest qualifier with a track record breaking time of 25.670 seconds. The heat winners were Hurtubise, Don Davis and Parnelli Jones. Russ Long won the semi-feature.

USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: September 23, 1961 – Allentown, Pennsylvania

QUALIFYING: 1. Roger McCluskey-25.670 (New Track Record)

HEAT WINNERS: Jim Hurtubise (Barnett), Don Davis (Pfrommer) & Parnelli Jones (Fike).

SEMI: 1. Russ Long (Hansen).

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Jim Hurtubise, 2. Hal Rettberg (Doud-Eckert), 3. Al Keller (Homeyer), 4. Don Branson (Beletsky), 5. Parnelli Jones, 6. Don Davis, 7. Bud Tingelstad (Enterprise), 8. Russ Long, 9. Ed Terry (Wergland), 10. A.J. Foyt (Bowes), 11. Bill Wentz (Steffens), 12. Chuck Arnold (Caruso), 13. Tom Price, 14. Cotton Farmer. NT

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JONES WINS SPRINT RACE AT WILLIAMS GROVE

Parnelli Jones of Torrance, California came from behind to win a 50-lap sprint car race on the half-mile dirt track at Pennsylvania's Williams Grove Speedway on Sunday, October 8.

Driving the Fike Plumbing Special, Jones passed Jim Hurtubise of Lennox, Calif., who had led the first half of the race, and then beat a challenge from Hurtubise, A.J. Foyt and Joe Barzda. The first four cars finished together. Foyt and Barzda duelled for a position for the entire 50 laps.

Hurtubise was the fastest qualifier with a time of 25.550 seconds. Foyt won the trophy dash, while the heat winners were Jones, Don Branson and Russ Long. The semi-feature was won by Ed Terry.

Jones smashed a four-year-old track record with a time of 20:56.40. The old record of 22:10.45 was set by Van Johnson in 1957.

The final sprint race of the season will be held at Indianapolis Raceway Park next Sunday, October 15. It will be a 50-lapper for a purse of \$6,000.

USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: October 8, 1961 – Williams Grove Speedway – Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania

QUALIFYING: 1. Jim Hurtubise, Barnett-25.550.

TROPHY DASH: 1. A.J. Foyt (Hoover).

HEAT WINNERS: Parnelli Jones (Fike), Don Branson (Beletsky) & Russ Long (Hansen)

SEMI: 1. Ed Terry (Wergland)

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Parnelli Jones, 2. Jim Hurtubise, 3. A.J. Foyt, 4. Joe Barzda (Barzda), 5. Cotton Farmer (Sacks), 6. Elmer George (Tony's), 7. Don Branson, 8. Al Keller (Homeyer), 9. Russ Long (Hansen), 10. Bud Tingelstad (Enterprise), 11. Ed Terry, 12. Tom Price (Price), 13. Jim Hemmings, 14. Ray Brown, 15. Leon Clum, 16. Hal Rettberg. 20:56.40 (New Track Record)

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-25 Jim Hurtubise, Laps 26-50 Parnelli Jones.

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JONES CLINCHES SPRINT TITLE WITH WIN AT INDIANAPOLIS

Parnelli Jones of Torrance, California became the first USAC National Sprint Car champion with a victory in a 50-lap race on the 5/8-mile asphalt oval at Indianapolis Raceway Park, Sunday, October 15.

Although there is one race left on the sprint car schedule at Ascot Park on Nov. 11, Jim Hurtubise, who is second in the point standings, could not catch Jones even if he wins the last race and Jones does not finish in the first 12.

Jones drove a "borrowed" car to victory after he had mechanical trouble with his Chevrolet powered Fike Plumbing Special in pre-race warm-ups. He was offered the ride in the Offy powered Competition Engineering Special by its driver, Bobby Marshman.

Hurtubise led the first 37 laps but had to reduce his speed to protect a worn tire and dropped to third place at the finish. Jones was timed in at 21:34.98, which was automatically a track record, since it was the first 50-lap sprint race ever run on the track.

Roger McCluskey was the fastest qualifier with a time of 24.480 seconds. A.J. Foyt won the trophy dash. Hurtubise, Jones and Dick Pratt won heat races and Bobby Marvin won the semi-feature.

USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: October 15, 1961 – Indianapolis Raceway Park – Clermont, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Roger McCluskey-24.480.

TROPHY DASH: 1. A.J. Foyt

HEAT WINNERS: Jim Hurtubise (Barnett), Parnelli Jones (Competition) & Dick Pratt (Engle).

SEMI: 1. Bobby Marvin.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Parnelli Jones, 2. Bud Tingelstad (Enterprise), 3. Jim Hurtubise, 4. Elmer George (Tony's), 5. Don Branson (Pfrommer), 6. Jim McElreath (Rebel), 7. Allen Crowe (Hyneman), 8. Red Renner (Knepper), 9. Al Miller (Midwest), 10. Dave Norris (Mead), 11. Bobby Boughan (Hood), 12. Dick Pratt, 13. Russ Long, 14. Stan Bowman, 15. Roger McCluskey, 16. Jim Hemmings, 17. A.J. Foyt, 18. Bobby Marvin. 21:34.98 (New Track Record)

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-37 Jim Hurtubise, Laps 38-50 Parnelli Jones.

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HURTUBISE WINS ASCOT SPRINT RACE

Jim Hurtubise of Lennox, California won the final sprint car race of the season, a 40-lap event on the half-mile dirt track of Ascot Park in Gardena, California on Saturday night, November 11.

Driving the Barnett Brothers Chevrolet Special, Hurtubise started seventh and took the lead past the halfway point. Parnelli Jones of Torrance, California, the 1961 sprint car champion, was the early leader but he encountered engine trouble and had to drop back, finally finishing ninth.

Hurtubise was the fastest qualifier with a time of 23.360 seconds. However, the entry blank was set up so that the first seven qualifiers started in inverted order. Dee Jones of Phoenix, Arizona was the second fastest qualifier with a time of 23.490 and he finished second in the feature race.

Parnelli Jones won the trophy dash with a time of 1:35.69, while the heat winners were Billy Cantrell, A.J. Foyt and Hurtubise. Bob Hogle won the semi-feature.

The purse was well over the guarantee of \$5,000 and totaled \$6,469.

USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: November 11, 1961 – Ascot Park – Gardena, California

QUALIFYING: 1. Jim Hurtubise, Barnett-23.360; 2. Dee Jones, 23.490.

TROPHY DASH: 1. Parnelli Jones. 1:35.69

HEAT WINNERS: Billy Cantrell, A.J. Foyt & Jim Hurtubise.

SEMI: 1. Bob Hogle

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Jim Hurtubise, 2. Dee Jones, 3. Billy Cantrell, 4. Elmer George, 5. Bob Hogle, 6. Roger McCluskey, 7. Porky Rachwitz, 8. Johnny Wood, 9. Parnelli Jones, 10. A.J. Foyt, 11. Don Davis, 12. Buzz Rose, 13. Chuck Hulse, 14. Steve Stapp.