

## 2023 USAC WEST COAST SPRINT CAR SEASON

### NO TIMIDNESS IN TIMMONS: HE BECOMES NEW USAC WEST COAST SPRINT CHAMP IN 2023

***By: Richie Murray – USAC Media***

Ryan Timmons has been a stalwart of the USAC West Coast Sprint Car scene dating back to the 2015 season, but this year marked a major breakthrough for the Pleasant Hill, Calif. wheelman.

The 28-year-old racer took third in the series standings for 2018, then followed up with a pair of runner-up finishes in both 2019 and 2021. But as 2023 would ultimately prove, this year was his year.

Timmons struck first and never relented as he led the standings from start to finish through the seven-race schedule in California. Beginning at Bakersfield Speedway in April, Timmons slipped past Tyler Hatzikian on a restart, then fought off reigning champ Trent Carter to lead the final eleven laps and win the opening night in his family-owned No. 29T.

In the return to Bakersfield in June, it was the Ryan Timmons show once again shined late, taking over the lead with three laps remaining to claim his second series victory of the season.

Ventura Raceway's seaside oval produced back-to-back first USAC West Coast Sprint Car winners in the springtime. Making just his second career series start, teenager David Gasper (Goleta, Calif.) notched win number one in May's romp. The two-time California Lightning Sprint Car champion powered by Kyle Edwards on the seventh lap and led the rest of the 30-lap distance.

In June, 10-time micro sprint champion Jake Andreotti (Castro Valley, Calif.) led all 30 laps to top the Ventura field in his May Motorsports' No. 8m at the Wagsdash Reunion in Honor of Mrs. Wags. He was stalked by Ventura fixture Troy Rutherford from there on, but despite closing to within striking distance of the lead and Andreotti making contact with a lapped car, Andreotti recovered and fended them all off for win numero uno.

Fresh off winning the previous weekend in a USAC Western States Midget event, Brody Fuson (Bakersfield, Calif.) returned to Ventura in September to tally a win in the 250th USAC West Coast Sprint Car event ever held. A caution with six laps to go reset the field, but Andreotti retained command on the restart. However, on the final lap, Fuson charged forward and challenged Andreotti who held a narrow advantage into turns three and four before Fuson surged ahead off the final corner to snag the win.

During the final points race of the year in October at The Dirt Track at Kern County Raceway Park in Bakersfield, Chase Johnson (Penngrove, Calif.) reigned triumphant at the George Snider Classic. Initially planning to compete that weekend in the Short Track Nationals in Arkansas, Johnson secured a last-minute ride with Chris Muraoka and took it straight to victory lane after leading all 30 laps.

Two non-point special events were part of the series schedule with a 12-lap Mrs. Wagsdash event being held in June at Ventura and featured a fully inverted six-car field. Kaleb Montgomery (Templeton, Calif.) emerged as the victor and earned an extra \$2,500 in the process.

For the second consecutive year, Ryan Timms was the class of the field during November's USAC West Coast Sprint Car Series portion of the ARP Turkey Night Grand Prix Presented by the West Coast Stock Car/Motorsports Hall of Fame. Timms (Oklahoma City, Okla.) led all 30 laps at the the 1/5-mile dirt oval from the pole after also conquering the previous night's 15-lap dash.

In the final standings, Timmons earned the championship by a 33-point margin of Fuson while Kyle Edwards took third. Ron LaPlant (Oroville, Calif.) earned 2023 USAC West Coast Sprint Car Rookie of the Year honors and finished fourth in the overall standings. Twenty-eight points behind LaPlant was fellow Rookie David Gasper.

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## **RYAN TIMMONS SPRINTS TO BAKERSFIELD VICTORY**

BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA - APRIL 8, 2023... Slipping past Tyler Hatzikian on a restart, Ryan Timmons (Pleasant Hill, CA) fought off Trent Carter to lead the final eleven laps and win the opening night at Bakersfield Speedway. Piloting the family owned #29T Timmons Auto & Truck Repair / Evergood Fine Foods Maxim, Timmons earned his sixth career USAC West Coast Sprint Car victory over defending champion Carter, hard charger Ron LaPlant, Chris Ennis, and Tyler Hatzikian.

Brody Fuson (Bakersfield, CA) opened the night by claiming the second Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award of his career. The young driver posted a time of 12.684 seconds over the 22-car roster and leads the Woodland Auto Display Top Qualifier Standings. By virtue of his 13th place finish, Fuson also earned the Wilwood Disc Brakes Lucky 13 Award.

Fuson, Charlie Butcher (Santa Barbara, CA) and Timmons raced to victory in their 10-lap heat races.

Making his first series start, Ron LaPlant (Oroville, CA) earned the night's BR Motorsports / Rod End Supply Hard Charger Award with a third place run from fourteenth. LaPlant will have to contend with Adam Christian, Heath Holdsclaw, Jon DeWees, Davis Gasper, and "The Gunslinger" Austin Grabowski for Rookie of the Year honors.

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 non-winged 360 sprint cars will return to action on Saturday, May 13th at Ventura Raceway.

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### **USAC WEST COAST SPRINT CAR SERIES RACE RESULTS: April 8, 2023 – Bakersfield Speedway - Bakersfield, California**

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFICATIONS: 1. Brody Fuson, 51, Van Meter-12.684; 2. David Gasper, 18, Gasper/Kittle-12.951; 3. Ryan Timmons, 29T, Timmons-12.981; 4. Kyle Edwards, 39, Edwards-13.053; 5. Cody Majors, 54, Majors-13.060; 6. Tyler Hatzikian, 27, Hatzikian-13.129; 7. Trent Carter, 13, Carter-13.155; 8. Austin Grabowski, 13X, Stanford-13.217; 9. Chris Ennis, 86, Ennis-13.360; 10. Adam Christian, 12, Christian-13.525; 11. Hannah Mayhew, 43, Mayhew-13.577; 12. Steve Hix, 57, Hix-13.584; 13. Ron LaPlant, 69, LaPlant-13.620; 14. Charlie Butcher, 96, Butcher-13.655; 15. James Herrera, 5J, Herrera-13.730; 16. Heath Holdsclaw, 33, Case-13.756; 17. Tom Hendricks, 14, Hendricks-13.866; 18. Matt Day, 97, Day-13.889; 19. Jon DeWees, 63D, DeWees-13.955; 20. Eathon Lanfri, 31P, Lanfri-14.067; 21. Elexa Herrera, 5E, Herrera-14.423; 22. Camie Bell, 29C, Bell-14.930.

EXTREME MUFFLERS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Fuson, 2. LaPlant, 3. Holdsclaw, 4. Edwards, 5. Christian, 6. DeWees, 7. Bell, 8. Carter. NT.

COMPETITION SUSPENSION INCORPORATED SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Butcher, 2. Gasper, 3. Grabowski, 4. Majors, 5. Hendricks, 6. Lanfri, 7. Mayhew. NT.

SALDANA RACING PRODUCTS THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Timmons, 2. Hix, 3. Ennis, 4. Hatzikian, 5. E.Herrera, 6. Day, 7. J.Herrera. NT.

SAMMY BAHR FEATURE: (30 laps, With Starting Positions) 1. Ryan Timmons (4), 2. Trent Carter (8), 3. Ron LaPlant (14), 4. Chris Ennis (10), 5. Tyler Hatzikian (1), 6. Adam Christian (11), 7. Tom Hendricks (17), 8. Heath Holdsclaw (16), 9. Jon DeWees (19), 10. Hannah Mayhew (12), 11. James Herrera (15), 12. Elexa Herrera (21), 13. Brody Fuson (6), 14. David Gasper (5), 15. Charlie Butcher (7), 16. Matt Day (18), 17. Cody Majors (2), 18. Austin Grabowski (9), 19. Eathon Lanfri (20), 20. Steve Hix (13), 21. Camie Bell (22), 22. Kyle Edwards (3). NT.

**\*\*Gasper flipped on lap 19 of the feature. Edwards did not report to post-race scales.**

**FEATURE LAP LEADERS:** Laps 1-6 Majors, Laps 7-19 Fuson, Laps 20-30 Timmons

**BR MOTORSPORTS / ROD END SUPPLY HARD CHARGER:** Ron LaPlant (14th to 3rd)

**WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD:** Brody Fuson

**NEW USAC WEST COAST SPRINT CAR POINTS:** 1-Ryan Timmons-82, 2-Ron LaPlant-71, 3-Trent Carter-68, 4-Chris Ennis-67, 5-Tyler Hatzikian-64, 6-Adam Christian-59, 7-Tom Hendricks-56, 8-Heath Holdsclaw-55, 9-Brody Fuson-51, 10-Jon DeWees-49.

**NEW WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY TOP QUALIFIER POINTS:** 1-Brody Fuson-6, 2-David Gasper-5, 3-Ryan Timmons-4, 4-Kyle Edwards-3, 5-Cody Majors-2, 6-Tyler Hatzikian-1.

**NEW PASSING MASTER POINTS:** 1-Ron LaPlant-11, 2-Tom Hendricks-10, -Jon DeWees-10, 4-Elexa Herrera-9, 5-Heath Holdsclaw-8, 6-Chris Ennis-6, -Trent Carter-6, 8-Adam Christian-5, 9-James Herrera-4, 10-Ryan Timmons-3.

**NEXT USAC WEST COAST SPRINT CAR RACE:** May 13 – Ventura Raceway – Ventura, California

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## **DAVID GASPER GRABS FIRST WIN AT VENTURA**

***By: Lance Jennings***

VENTURA, CALIFORNIA - MAY 14, 2023... In just his second career start, David Gasper (Goleta, California) earned the first USAC West Coast Sprint Car victory of his career at Ventura Raceway. Driving the Gasper Racing & Kittle Motorsports' #18 AR Air Repair / Valley Precision Triple X, the two-time California Lightning Sprint Car Champion powered by Kyle Edwards on the seventh lap and led the rest of the way to become the 62nd winner since 2009. Edwards, hard charger Brody Fuson, Cody Majors, and point leader Ryan Timmons followed the new leading rookie contender to the checkered flags.

Tom Hendricks (Simi Valley, California) opened the night by winning the Lucky Pill Draw presented by High Tech Performance and earned ten gallons of fuel. With a thirteenth place finish in the feature, the driver of the #14 Snap-On Tools / Powerhouse Performance ITI also claimed the Wilwood Disc Brakes Lucky 13 Award.

Cody Majors (Simi Valley, California) won the Mystery Pill Draw and received a \$100 certificate from Brown & Miller Racing Solutions. Racing the family owned #54 Rovers Elite / Pit Image Maxim, Majors scored fourth in the second point race of the season.

Troy Rutherford (Ojai, California) returned to USAC West Coast action and posted the ninth Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award of his career. Now ranked fourth overall, the owner/driver of the #11 Trench Shoring / Woodland Auto Display Spike arrived with a new Don Ott Chevy Engine and posted a time of 12.318 seconds over the 18-car roster. The veteran driver finished sixteenth in the 30-lap Sammy Bahr and Ray Stansberry Feature after an early tangle ended his night.

Tom Dunkel (Menifee, California) made his first start of the campaign and won the 10-lap Extreme Mufflers First Heat Race. Piloting the Tom & Christy Dunkel #17A Inland Rigging / Dunkel Farms DRC, Dunkel scored an eleventh place finish in the main event.

Steve Hix (Ventura, California) earned a hard fought victory in the Brown & Miller Racing Solutions Second Heat Race. The owner/driver of the #57 No Limit Powder Coating / FK Rod Ends Triple X finished seventh at the Ventura County Fairgrounds.

Kyle Edwards (Fountain Valley, California) won the night's third heat race, sponsored by Competition Suspension Incorporated. Racing the family owned #39 Safehouse Security / Van Dyne Engineering Triple X, the third generation driver led the first six laps before scoring second in the Saturday night feature.

After flipping on the sixth lap of the main event, Brody Fuson (Bakersfield, California) rebounded to earn the night's BR Motorsports / Rod End Supply Hard Charger Award. The driver of the Bob & Toni Van Meter #51 Race Pa Motorsports / W.E. Spike restarted at the rear of the field and put on a show by officially racing from tenth to third.

Earlier in the night, it was announced that Ray Stansberry, a former driver, car owner, official, and friend to racing passed away. In remembrance, the racers performed a missing man formation prior to the feature led by Steve Hix. In addition to Sammy Bahr, the series will honor Ray by dedicating each main event and the series ending feature points award in their names. Series officials send their condolences to both families.

The non-winged 360 sprint cars will return to action on Saturday, June 3rd at Bakersfield Speedway.

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#### USAC WEST COAST SPRINT CAR SERIES RACE RESULTS: May 13, 2023 – Ventura Raceway - Ventura, California

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EXTREME MUFFLERS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Dunkel, 2. Rutherford, 3. Johnson, 4. Gasper, 5. LaPlant, 6. Bishop. NT.

BROWN & MILLER RACING SOLUTIONS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Hix, 2. Fuson, 3. Whitley, 4. Majors, 5. Mayhew, 6. Herrera. NT.

COMPETITION SUSPENSION INCORPORATED THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Edwards, 2. Timmons, 3. Hatzikian, 4. Hendricks, 5. Bell, 6. DeWees. NT.

SAMMY BAHR & RAY STANSBERRY FEATURE: (30 laps, With Starting Positions) 1. David Gasper (3), 2. Kyle Edwards (2), 3. Brody Fuson (10), 4. Cody Majors (5), 5. Ryan Timmons (4), 6. D.J. Johnson (11), 7. Steve Hix (1), 8. Ron LaPlant (8), 9. Tyler Hatzikian (9), 10. Bryan Whitley (12), 11. Tom Dunkel (7), 12. Jon DeWees (15), 13. Tom Hendricks (13), 14. Joey Bishop (16), 15. Elexa Herrera (17), 16. Troy Rutherford (6), 17. Camie Bell (18), 18. Hannah Mayhew (14). NT.

\*\*Fuson flipped on lap 6 of the feature.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-6 Edwards, Laps 7-30 Gasper.

BR MOTORSPORTS / ROD END SUPPLY HARD CHARGER: Brody Fuson (10th to 3rd)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Tom Hendricks

NEW USAC WEST COAST SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Ryan Timmons-151, 2-David Gasper-125, 3-Ron LaPlant-124, --Brody Fuson-124, 5-Tyler Hatzikian-116, 6-Cody Majors-107, --Kyle Edwards-107, 8-Tom Hendricks-98, 9-Jon DeWees-91, 10-Steve Hix-90.

NEW WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY TOP QUALIFIER POINTS: 1-Brody Fuson-8, --David Gasper-8, --Ryan Timmons-8, 4-Cody Majors-7, 5-Troy Rutherford-6, 6-Kyle Edwards-5, 7-Tyler Hatzikian-1.

NEW PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Jon DeWees-13, 2-Ron LaPlant-11, --Elexa Herrera-11, 4-Tom Hendricks-10, 5-Heath Holdsclaw-10, 6-Brody Fuson-7, 7-Chris Ennis-6, --Trent Carter-6, 9-Adam Christian-5, --D.J. Johnson-5.

NEW SAMMY BAHR & RAY STANSBERRY FEATURE POINTS: 1-Ryan Timmons-128, 2-Ron LaPlant-113, 3-David Gasper-105, 4-Tyler Hatzikian-104, 5-Brody Fuson-101, 6-Cody Majors-90, --Kyle Edwards-90, 8-Tom Hendricks-89, 9-Jon DeWees-85, 10-Save Hix-75.

NEXT USAC WEST COAST SPRINT CAR RACE: June 3 – Bakersfield Speedway – Bakersfield, California

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## **RYAN TIMMONS STAYS HOT AT BAKERSFIELD**

***By: Lance Jennings***

BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA - JUNE 3, 2023... After warm temperatures and a full moon overhead, Ryan Timmons of Pleasant Hill, California led the final three laps to claim his second USAC West Coast Sprint Car victory of the season. Racing the family owned #29T Red Line Oil / Evergood Fine Foods Maxim, the point leader earned the seventh win of his career over Ron LaPlant, Tanner Boul, Chris Ennis, and Kyle Edwards.

Starting third, LaPlant led the first eighteen circuits until defending champion Trent Carter used slower traffic to his advantage to grab the top spot. Once out front, Carter had the race well in hand until a lap twenty-seven heartbreak erased his hopes for victory. Inheriting the lead, Timmons was not to be denied at Bakersfield and topped the 30-lap Sammy Bahr and Ray Stansberry Feature.

Timmons began the night by posting his fifth career Woodland Auto Display Fast Time over the 18-car roster with a time of 13.416 seconds. After running third in his heat race and taking the win, the 2016 Rookie of the year heads to the June 17th Wagsdash Reunion in Honor of Mrs. Wags at Ventura with a 34-point advantage over the competition.

Making his first start of the campaign, Auberry, California's Tanner Boul won Bakersfield's Extreme Mufflers First Heat Race. Driving the Boul Racing #99T King Racing Products / BR Motorsports Triple X, Boul was thirteenth fast in qualifying and raced from seventh to third in the main event. Tanner left Bakersfield ranked nineteenth in points.

Kyle Edwards of Fountain Valley, California topped the 10-lap Brown & Miller Racing Solutions Second Heat Race. Piloting the family owned #39 Safehouse Security / Van Dyne Engineering Triple X, Edwards qualified second overall and placed fifth in the 30-lap feature. The third generation driver has climbed to third in the point chase.

Bakersfield, California driver Brody Fuson scored the victory in the 10-lap Competition Suspension Incorporated Third Heat Race. Driving the Bob and Toni Van Meter #51 RacePa Motorsports / W.E. Spike, Fuson did not report to scales after qualifying, resulting in eighteenth quick, and scored sixteenth in the feature after suffering mechanical problems. The young driver heads to Ventura ranked sixth in the standings.

Adam Christian of Santa Clara, California returned to USAC West Coast action and earned the night's BR Motorsports / Rod End Supply Hard Charger Award with a seventh place run from fourteenth. The owner / driver of the #12 Yak Graphics / Sponsors Needed Triple X was twelfth fast in time trials, placed sixth in his heat race, and now sits twelfth in the championship points.

Veteran driver Matt Day of Bakersfield, California claimed the Wilwood Disc Brakes Lucky 13 Award after starting sixteenth in the main event. The owner / driver of the #97 Undercover Innovations / H&S Body Works Stinger qualified fifteenth overall, ran fourth in his heat race, and has climbed to eighteenth in the point standings.

The non-winged 360 sprint cars will return to action on Saturday, June 17th at Ventura Raceway and the Ventura County Fairgrounds for the Wagsdash Reunion in Honor of Mrs. Wags. To get involved or donate to the event, call Ken Wagner at 949-981-5497 or visit his website at [wagtimes.com](http://wagtimes.com). For ticket information and times, visit [venturaraceway.com](http://venturaraceway.com).

The USAC West Coast Sprint Car Series thanks BR Motorsports, Brown & Miller Racing Solutions, Competition Suspension Incorporated, Extreme Mufflers, High Tech Performance, Hoosier Racing Tires, Rod End Supply, Saldana Racing Products, Steve Lafond / Tear-Off Heaven Fotos, Wagtimers, Wilwood Disc Brakes, and Woodland Auto Display for their support.

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EXTREME MUFFLERS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Boul, 2. Carter, 3. Timmons, 4. LaPlant, 5. Hendricks, 6. E.Herrera. NT.

BROWN & MILLER RACING SOLUTIONS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Edwards, 2. Majors, 3. Mayhew, 4. Bell, 5. J.Herrera, 6. DeWees. NT.

COMPETITION SUSPENSION INCORPORATED THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Fuson, 2. Gasper, 3. Ennis, 4. Day, 5. Hatzikian, 6. Christian. NT.

SAMMY BAHR & RAY STANSBERRY FEATURE: (30 laps, With Starting Positions) 1. Ryan Timmons (6), 2. Ron LaPlant (3), 3. Tanner Boul (7), 4. Chris Ennis (1), 5. Kyle Edwards (5), 6. Tyler Hatzikian (11), 7. Adam Christian (14), 8. Jon DeWees (13), 9. James Herrera (10), 10. Tom Hendricks (12), 11. Hannah Mayhew (18), 12. Camie Bell (15), 13. Matt Day (16), 14. Trent Carter (9), 15. David Gasper (4), 16. Brody Fuson (8), 17. Cody Majors (2), 18. Elexa Herrera (17). NT.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-18 LaPlant, Laps 19-27 Carter, Laps 28-30 Timmons

BR MOTORSPORTS / ROD END SUPPLY HARD CHARGER: Adam Christian (14th to 7th)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Matt Day

NEW USAC WEST COAST SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Ryan Timmons-233, 2-Ron LaPlant-199, 3-Kyle Edwards-178, 4-Tyler Hatzikian-175, 5-David Gasper-169, 6-Brody Fuson-163, 7-Cody Majors-145, --Tom Hendricks-145, 9-Jon DeWees-143, 10-Chris Ennis-135.

NEW WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY TOP QUALIFIER POINTS: 1-Ryan Timmons-14, 2-David Gasper-12, 3-Cody Majors-9, --Kyle Edwards-9, 5-Brody Fuson-8, 6-Troy Rutherford-6, 7-Ron LaPlant-3, 8-Tyler Hatzikian-1, --Chris Ennis-1.

NEW SAMMY BAHR & RAY STANSBERRY FEATURE POINTS: 1-Ryan Timmons-198, 2-Ron LaPlant-180, 3-Tyler Hatzikian-159, 4-Kyle Edwards-148, 5-David Gasper-138, 6-Jon DeWees-134, 7-Brody Fuson-132, --Tom Hendricks-132, 9-Chris Ennis-122, 10-Cody Majors-119.

NEW PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Jon DeWees-18, 2-Ron LaPlant-12, --Tom Hendricks-12, --Adam Christian-12, 5-Elexa Herrera-11, 6-Hannah Mayhew-10, 7-Heath Holdscaw-8, --Ryan Timmons-8, 9-Brody Fuson-7, 10-Chris Ennis-6, --Trent Carter-6.

NEXT USAC WEST COAST SPRINT CAR RACE: June 17 – Ventura Raceway – Ventura, California – Wagsdash Reunion in honor of Mrs. Wags

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## **ANDREOTTI & MONTGOMERY SCORE BIG AT VENTURA WAGSDASH REUNION**

***By: Lance Jennings***

VENTURA, CALIFORNIA - JUNE 18, 2023... Leading all-30 laps, Jake Andreotti of Castro Valley, California topped Saturday's USAC West Coast Sprint Car feature at Ventura Raceway. In doing so, the pilot of the May Motorsports' #8M RDM Mechanics / Keen Concrete Maxim became the 63rd winning driver in series history. Fast Qualifier Troy Rutherford, defending champion Trent Carter, Kyle Edwards, and point leader Ryan Timmons rounded out the top-five at the Wagsdash Reunion in Honor of Mrs. Wags.

After the Sammy Bahr and Ray Stansberry Main Event, the top-six drivers raced in a special 12-lap Mrs. Wagsdash for cash with a full inversion. As track conditions were changing, Templeton, California's Kaleb Montgomery emerged victorious and earned at least an extra \$2,500. Led by Ken "Wags" Wagner and the Wagtimers, the fan friendly event paid extra bonus money and honored his late wife Terry. More information and details will follow in a future press release.

Before winning the feature, Jake Andreotti qualified ninth overall and ran second to Trent Carter in his heat race. Starting on the outside of the front row, Andreotti grabbed the early lead and set a torrid pace on the Ventura oval. The ten-time micro-sprint champion was stalked by the sixth starting Rutherford, who had closed within striking distance. As the laps counted down, slower traffic would become a factor and contact with another car almost cost Andreotti the lead. Jake recovered in time and took the checkered flags.

Racing the family owned #3 David Crye / ABI Engineering Maxim, Kaleb Montgomery won the Mrs. Wagsdash after starting on the pole position. In his first start of the year, Kaleb opened his night by qualifying second fast, won the 10-lap Brown & Miller Racing Solutions Second Heat Race, and placed sixth in the 30-lap feature.

New Cuyama, California's Elexa Herrera opened the night by winning the Lucky Pill Draw presented by High Tech Performance and earned ten gallons of fuel. Driving the family owned #5J Cuyama Buckhorn / 3H Cattle Company Ellis, Herrera was thirty-first fast in time trials, ran eighth in her heat race, and scored thirteenth in the semi-main.

Former Ventura champion and current track record holder Troy Rutherford of Ojai, California earned his ninth career Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award. Now ranked seventh overall, the owner/driver of the #11 Trench Shoring / Woodland Auto Display Spike posted a time of 12.233 seconds over an impressive 31-car roster. The veteran driver won the 10-lap Extreme Mufflers Heat Race #1, ran second to Andreotti in the feature, and placed fourth in the Mrs. Wagsdash.

Trent Carter of Terra Bella, California claimed the 10-lap Competition Suspension Incorporated Third Heat Race. Driving the family owned #13SS Porterville Lock and Safe / 360 Performance Automotive Maxim, Carter was twelfth fast in time trials, finished third in the main event from seventh, and scored sixth in the Mrs. Wagsdash.

Pleasant Hill, California's Ryan Timmons won the 12-lap Rod End Supply Semi-Main. Piloting the family owned #29T Red Line Oil / Evergood Fine Foods Maxim, the point leader qualified third overall, placed fifth in his heat race and took second in the Mrs. Wagsdash.

Ron LaPlant of Oroville, California earned the night's BR Motorsports / Rod End Supply Hard Charger Award with a ninth place run from eighteenth. The owner / driver of the #69 RJL Truck and Tractor Painting / Feather Falls Casino Eagle was twentieth quick in time trials, placed fifth in his heat race, scored third in the semi, and earned the night's \$100 Longest Tow Award, donated by USAC official Cody Jameson.

Making his first start of the year, San Diego, California's A.J. Bender claimed the Wilwood Disc Brakes Lucky 13 Award after finishing thirteenth in the main event. Driving the Kruseman Motorsports' #21K Lucas Oil / Cory Kruseman's Sprint Car & Midget Driving School entry, Bender was fourteenth quick in time trials and scored third in his heat race.

The non-winged 360 sprint cars are scheduled to return to action on Saturday, July 29th at Santa Maria Raceway.

The USAC West Coast Sprint Car Series thanks BR Motorsports, Brown & Miller Racing Solutions, Competition Suspension Incorporated, Extreme Mufflers, High Tech Performance, Hoosier Racing Tires, Rod End Supply, Saldana Racing Products, Steve Lafond / Tear-Off Heaven Fotos, Wagtimers, Wilwood Disc Brakes, and Woodland Auto Display for their support.

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USAC WEST COAST SPRINT CAR SERIES RACE RESULTS: June 17, 2023 – Ventura Raceway - Ventura, California – Wagsdash Reunion in Honor of Mrs. Wags

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFICATIONS: 1. Troy Rutherford, 11, Rutherford-12.233; 2. Kaleb Montgomery, 3, Montgomery-12.359; 3. Ryan Timmons, 29T, Timmons-12.361; 4. Brody Fuson, 51, Van Meter-12.378; 5. Logan Calderwood, 6, Calderwood-12.404; 6. Kyle Edwards, 39, Edwards-12.483; 7. Cody Majors, 54, Majors-12.538; 8. David Gasper, 18, Gasper/Kittle-12.600; 9. Jake Andreotti, 8M, May-12.639; 10. Grant Sexton, 22X, Sexton-12.734; 11. Adam Christian, 12, Christian-12.741; 12. Trent Carter, 13SS, Carter-12.757; 13. Steve Hix, 57, Hix-12.822; 14. A.J. Bender, 21K, Kruseman-12.839; 15. Verne Sweeney, 98, Guerrero-12.873; 16. Cole Wakim, 9, Wakim-12.954; 17. Bryan Whitley, 22, Whitley-12.974; 18. Chris Ennis, 86, Ennis-13.008; 19. Tyler Hatzikian, 27, Hatzikian-13.047; 20. Ron LaPlant, 69, LaPlant-13.095; 21. Chris Wakim, 9W, Wakim-13.175; 22. Bruce Douglass, 13, Davis-13.207; 23. Tom Dunkel, 17A, Dunkel-13.284; 24. Tom Hendricks, 14, Hendricks-13.297; 25. Hannah Mayhew, 43, Mayhew-13.306; 26. Jon DeWees, 63D, DeWees-13.476; 27. Malysa Perkins, 73M, Perkins-13.600; 28. Camie Bell, 29C, Bell-13.664; 29. Joey Bishop, 45, Bishop-13.753; 30. Tony Everhart, 55, Everhart-13.900; 31. Alexa Herrera, 5J, Herrera-14.003.

EXTREME MUFFLERS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Rutherford, 2. Fuson, 3. Sexton, 4. Douglass, 5. Co.Wakim, 6. Hix, 7. Hatzikian, 8. Herrera, 9. Bell, 10. Mayhew, 11. Majors. NT.

BROWN & MILLER RACING SOLUTIONS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Montgomery, 2. Whitley, 3. Bender, 4. Calderwood, 5. LaPlant, 6. DeWees, 7. Dunkel, 8. Christian, 9. Bishop, 10. Gasper. NT.

COMPETITION SUSPENSION INCORPORATED THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Carter, 2. Andreotti, 3. Sweeney, 4. Ennis, 5. Timmons, 6. Edwards, 7. Hendricks, 8. Ch.Wakim, 9. Perkins, 10. Everhart. NT.

ROD END SUPPLY SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Timmons, 2. Majors, 3. LaPlant, 4. Hix, 5. Edwards, 6. Dunkel, 7. Hatzikian, 8. Co.Wakim, 9. Ch.Wakim, 10. Hendricks, 11. Bell, 12. Mayhew, 13. Herrera, 14. DeWees, 15. Christian, 16. Bishop, 17. Perkins, 18. Everhart. NT.

MRS. WAGSDASH: (12 laps, With Starting Positions) 1. Kaleb Montgomery (1), 2. Ryan Timmons (2), 3. Kyle Edwards (3), 4. Troy Rutherford (5), 5. Jake Andreotti (6), 6. Trent Carter (4). NT.

SAMMY BAHR & RAY STANSBERRY FEATURE: (30 laps, With Starting Positions) 1. Jake Andreotti (2), 2. Troy Rutherford (6), 3. Trent Carter (7), 4. Kyle Edwards (9), 5. Ryan Timmons (8), 6. Kaleb Montgomery (5), 7. Steve Hix (11), 8. Cody Majors (10), 9. Ron LaPlant (18), 10. Verne Sweeney (13), 11. Bryan Whitley (15), 12. Brody Fuson (4), 13. A.J. Bender (12), 14. Bruce Douglass (20), 15. Tom Hendricks (22), 16. Logan Calderwood (3), 17. Tyler Hatzikian (17), 18. Chris Wakim (19), 19. Tom Dunkel (21), 20. Cole Wakim (14), 21. Grant Sexton (1), 22. Chris Ennis (16). NT,

\*\*Ennis flipped on lap 1 of the feature.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Andreotti.



BR MOTORSPORTS / ROD END SUPPLY HARD CHARGER: Ron LaPlant (18th to 9th)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: A.J. Bender

LONGEST TOW AWARD: Ron LaPlant

HIGH TECH PERFORMANCE LUCKY PILL DRAW AWARD: Elexa Herrera

NEW USAC WEST COAST SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Ryan Timmons-299, 2-Ron LaPlant-247, 3-Kyle Edwards-241, 4-Brody Fuson-212, 5-Tyler Hatzikian-205, 6-Cody Majors-197, 7-Trent Carter-182, 8-David Gasper-179, --Tom Hendricks-179, 10-Chris Ennis-163.

NEW WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY TOP QUALIFIER POINTS: 1-Ryan Timmons-18, 2-David Gasper-12, --Troy Rutherford-12, 4-Brody Fuson-11, 5-Kyle Edwards-10, 6-Cody Majors-9, 7-Kaleb Montgomery-5, 8-Ron LaPlant-3, 9-Logan Calderwood-2, 10-Tyler Hatzikian-1, --Chris Ennis-1.

NEW SAMMY BAHR & RAY STANSBERRY FEATURE POINTS: 1-Ryan Timmons-256, 2-Ron LaPlant-226, 3-Kyle Edwards-209, 4-Tyler Hatzikian-188, 5-Brody Fuson-171, 6-Cody Majors-168, 7-Trent Carter-166, 8-Tom Hendricks-165, 9-Chris Ennis-145, 10-David Gasper-138.

NEW PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Ron LaPlant-21, 2-Tom Hendricks-19, 3-Jon DeWees-18, 4-Adam Christian-12, 5-Elexa Herrera-11, --Ryan Timmons-11, 7-Hannah Mayhew-10, --Trent Carter-10, 9-Heath Holdsclaw-8, 10-Brody Fuson-7.

NEXT USAC WEST COAST SPRINT CAR RACE: July 29 – Santa Maria Raceway – Santa Maria, California

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## **BRODY FUSON SURGES TO LATE VENTURA VICTORY**

***By: Lance Jennings***

VENTURA, CALIFORNIA - SEPTEMBER 18, 2023...Fresh off winning the previous weekend in a USAC Western States Midget, Brody Fuson of Bakersfield, California returned to Ventura Raceway and topped last Saturday's 250th USAC West Coast Sprint Car event. By winning a dash off the last corner, Fuson took the checkered flag ahead of Jake Andreotti, Logan Calderwood, point leader Ryan Timmons, and David Gasper.

Making his first start in Joey Bishop's #45 JBM Golf Carts entry, San Diego, California's A.J. Bender started on the pole position. Bender led the opening ten laps until mechanical problems sidelined the former Turkey Night Grand Prix Sprint Car winner. Still under green flag conditions, June 17th Ventura winner Jake Andreotti of Castro Valley, California inherited the lead. Andreotti set a fast pace and sliced his way through slower traffic as Calderwood, Gasper, Fuson, and Timmons were gaining ground.

A lap 25 caution flag reset the field as Andreotti had a great restart and maintained command. Fuson charged forward and challenged the leader on the last lap with three corners to go. Going down the back straightaway and going into the third turn, Fuson looked to have the lead. Andreotti drove hard into the corner and it was even off the last turn. Going to the finish line, Fuson surged ahead and claimed the third USAC West Coast Sprint Car victory of his career.

Racing Bob & Toni Van Meter's #51 Race Pa Motorsports / WE Spike, Brody Fuson qualified second overall, won the 10-lap Brown & Miller Racing Solutions Second Heat Race, and topped the 30-lap Sammy Bahr and Ray Stansberry main event after starting fifth. Heading to the final point race on October 7th at The Dirt Track at Kern County Raceway Park, the USAC Western States Midget point leader ranks fourth in the USAC West Coast Sprint Car standings.

Menifee, California's Tom Dunkel opened the night by winning the Lucky Pill Draw presented by High Tech Performance and earned ten gallons of fuel. In addition, he won the Rod End Supply / Brown & Miller Racing Solutions Pill Draw Award. Driving the Tom & Christy Dunkel #17A Inland Rigging / Dunkel Farms DRC, Dunkel was eleventh quick in time trials, ran fourth in his heat race, and scored eighth in the feature from twelfth. In limited starts, Tom has climbed to nineteenth in the point chase.

David Gasper of Goleta, California won the Brown & Miller Racing Solutions / Rod End Supply lucky pill draw award. Driving the Gasper Racing / Kittle Motorsports owned #18 AR Air Repair / Valley Precision Products Triple X, Gasper qualified sixth overall, ran third in his heat race, and finished fifth in the main event. David left the Ventura County Fairgrounds ranked fifth in the point standings and second in rookie honors.

Point leader Ryan Timmons of Pleasant Hill, California earned his sixth career Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award. Piloting the family owned #29T Red Line Oil / Evergood Fine Foods Maxim, Timmons posted a time of 12.198 seconds over the 21-car roster. Ryan placed third in his heat race and powered to fourth in the main event from the sixth starting spot. By finishing fourth, the former rookie of the year earned \$100 from an anonymous race fan. At press time, Timmons has a 72-point advantage heading to the October 7th Championship Night.

Racing the May Motorsports' #8M RDM Mechanics / Keen Concrete Maxim, Jake Andreotti qualified seventh overall, won the 10-lap Extreme Mufflers Heat Race, and led nineteen laps of the main event. Running a limited schedule, Andreotti has moved into a tie with Elexa Herrera for thirteenth in USAC West Coast points.

Simi Valley, California's Tom Hendricks raced to victory in the 10-lap Competition Suspension Incorporated Third Heat Race. The owner / driver of the #14 Snap-On Tools / Powerhouse Performance ITI, Hendricks was eighteenth fast in time trials and scored twentieth in the feature after an early exit. The veteran driver left Ventura Raceway ranked seventh in the point standings.

Ron LaPlant of Oroville, California earned his third BR Motorsports / Rod End Supply Hard Charger Award with a ninth place run from seventeenth. The owner / driver of the #69 RJL Truck and Tractor Painting / Feather Falls Casino Eagle was sixteenth quick in time trials and placed second in his heat race. Heading to the last point race, Ron is second in the standings and leads the chase for top rookie honors.

Santa Clara, California's Adam Christian claimed the Wilwood Disc Brakes Lucky 13 Award after finishing thirteenth in the main event. The owner/driver of the #12 Yak Graphics Triple X qualified fourteenth overall and scored third in his heat race. The rookie contender heads to the George Snider Classic ranked twelfth in the USAC West Coast standings.

The non-winged 360 sprint cars will return to action on Saturday, October 7th at The Dirt Track at Kern County Raceway Park in Bakersfield, California for Championship Night and the George Snider Classic. The final point race will also feature the USAC Western States Midgets and Dwarf Cars.

The USAC West Coast Sprint Car Series thanks BR Motorsports, Brown & Miller Racing Solutions, Competition Suspension Incorporated, Extreme Mufflers, High Tech Performance, Hoosier Racing Tires, Rod End Supply, Saldana Racing Products, Steve Lafond / Tear-Off Heaven Fotos, Wagtimers, Wilwood Disc Brakes, and Woodland Auto Display for their support.

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#### USAC WEST COAST SPRINT CAR SERIES RACE RESULTS: September 16, 2023 – Ventura Raceway - Ventura, California

WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY QUALIFYING: 1. Ryan Timmons, 29T, Timmons-12.198; 2. Brody Fuson, 51, Van Meter-12.264; 3. Logan Calderwood, 6, Calderwood-12.357; 4. Kyle Edwards, 39, Edwards-12.379; 5. Cole Wakim, 9, Wakim-12.424; 6. David Gasper, 18, Gasper/Kittle-12.464; 7. Jake Andreotti, 8M, May-12.475; 8. A.J. Bender, 45, Bishop-12.555; 9. Rick Hendrix, 15, Hendrix-12.575; 10. Chris Wakim, 9W, Wakim-12.613; 11. Tom Dunkel, 17A, Dunkel-12.631; 12. Tyler Hatzikian, 27, Hatzikian-12.638; 13. Bryan Whitley, 22, Whitley-12.638; 14. Adam Christian, 12, Christian-12.750; 15. Jon

DeWees, 63D, DeWees-12.785; 16. Ron LaPlant, 69, LaPlant-12.914; 17. Heath Holdsclaw, 33, Case-12.965; 18. Tom Hendricks, 14, Hendricks-13.049; 19. Chris Ennis, 86, Ennis-13.469; 20. Elexa Herrera, 5E, Herrera-13.833; 21. Camie Bell, 29C, Bell-14.503.

EXTREME MUFFLERS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Andreotti, 2. LaPlant, 3. Timmons, 4. Whitley, 5. Edwards, 6. Ch.Wakim, 7. Ennis. NT.

BROWN & MILLER RACING SOLUTIONS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Fuson, 2. Bender, 3. Christian, 4. Dunkel, 5. Co.Wakim, 6. Holdsclaw, 7. Herrera. NT.

COMPETITION SUSPENSION INCORPORATED THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Hendricks, 2. Hendrix, 3. Gasper, 4. Calderwood, 5. DeWees, 6. Bell. NT.

SAMMY BAHR & RAY STANSBERRY FEATURE: (30 laps, With Starting Positions) 1. Brody Fuson (5), 2. Jake Andreotti (2), 3. Logan Calderwood (4), 4. Ryan Timmons (6), 5. David Gasper (3), 6. Cole Wakim (9), 7. Kyle Edwards (8), 8. Tom Dunkel (12), 9. Ron LaPlant (17), 10. Heath Holdsclaw (18), 11. Jon DeWees (16), 12. Rick Hendrix (10), 13. Adam Christian (15), 14. Bryan Whitley (14), 15. Camie Bell (21), 16. Elexa Herrera (20), 17. Chris Wakim (11), 18. Tyler Hatzikian (13), 19. A.J. Bender (1), 20. Tom Hendricks (7). NT

\*\*Chris Ennis did not start feature.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-10 Bender, Laps 11-29 Andreotti, Lap 30 Fuson.

BR MOTORSPORTS / ROD END SUPPLY HARD CHARGER: Ron LaPlant (17th to 9th)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Adam Christian

BROWN & MILLER RACING SOLUTIONS / ROD END SUPPLY PILL DRAW: David Gasper

ROD END SUPPLY / BROWN & MILLER RACING SOLUTIONS PILL DRAW: Tom Dunkel

WHEEL PACK AWARD: Elexa Herrera

HIGH TECH PERFORMANCE LUCKY PILL DRAW AWARD: Tom Dunkel

NEW USAC WEST COAST SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Ryan Timmons-372, 2-Ron LaPlant-300, --Kyle Edwards-300, 4-Brody Fuson-295, 5-David Gasper-244, 6-Tyler Hatzikian-232, 7-Tom Hendricks-210, 8-Jon DeWees-198, 9-Cody Majors-197, 10-Trent Carter-182.

NEW WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY TOP QUALIFIER POINTS: 1-Ryan Timmons-24, 3-Brody Fuson-16, 3-David Gasper-13, --Kyle Edwards-13, 5-Troy Rutherford-12, 6-Cody Majors-9, 7-Logan Calderwood-6, 8-Kaleb Montgomery-5, 9-Ron LaPlant-3, 10-Cole Wakim-2.

NEW SAMMY BAHR & RAY STANSBERRY FEATURE POINTS: 1-Ryan Timmons-317, 2-Ron LaPlant-272, 3-Kyle Edwards-261, 4-Brody Fuson-241, 5-Tyler Hatzikian-215, 6-Davis Gasper-196, 7-Tom Hendricks-188, 8-Jon DeWees-175, 9-Cody Majors-168, 10-Trent Carter-166.

NEW PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Ron LaPlant-29, 2-Jon DeWees-23, 3-Tom Hendricks-19, 4-Heath Holdsclaw-16, 5-Elexa Herrera-15, 6-Adam Christian-14, 7-Ryan Timmons-13, 8-Brody Fuson-11, --Camie Bell-11, --Hannah Mayhew-10, --Trent Carter-10.

NEXT USAC WEST COAST SPRINT CAR RACE: October 7 – The Dirt Track at Kern County Raceway Park – Bakersfield, California – Championship Night / George Snider Classic

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## **JOHNSON CAPTURES GEORGE SNIDER CLASSIC WIN; TIMMONS EARNS USAC WEST COAST SPRINT CAR CROWN**

BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA - OCTOBER 9, 2023... Leading all 30-laps, second starting Chase Johnson of Penngrove, California sailed to last Saturday's \$1,500 George Snider Classic victory at The Dirt Track at Kern County Raceway Park. After rains washed away the Short Track Nationals in Arkansas, Johnson secured Chris Muraoka's #25 Surecan LLC / O'Brien Race Cars Triple X ride and claimed the eighth USAC West Coast Sprint Car victory of his career. Hard Charger David Gasper, fast qualifier Brody Fuson, Logan Calderwood, and Heath Holdsclaw rounded out the top five drivers.

Johnson began his night by qualifying fifth overall and followed that up by running second to Adam Christian in his heat race. Once out front, the versatile driver dominated the feature, only to have several caution flags halt the event. Chase had excellent restarts, managed his way through slower traffic, and was not to be denied for his third win at the fast 1/3-mile oval.

Bakersfield, California's Brody Fuson established the new track record and captured his second Woodland Auto Display Fast Time Award with a time of 14.113 seconds over the 23-car roster. Driving Bob & Toni Van Meter's #51 Race Pa Motorsports / W.E. Spike, Fuson won the 10-lap Extreme Mufflers Heat Race, and was involved in an early flip with newly crowned champion with Ryan Timmons on the second lap. While Timmons was done for the night, Fuson restarted at the back and charged to a third place finish. Brody had just claimed the USAC Western States Midget Championship and climbed to second in the final USAC West Coast Sprint Car standings.

Santa Clara, California's Adam Christian raced to his first USAC heat race victory in the 10-lap Brown & Miller Racing Solutions sponsored event. The rookie contender and owner/driver of the #12 Yak Graphics Triple X was fourteenth quick in time trials and finished eighth in the feature. Christian finished his campaign ranked tenth in the point chase.

Ron LaPlant of Oroville, California earned Rookie of the Year honors for the 2023 season. The owner/driver of the #69 R/L Truck & Tractor / Feather Falls Casino Eagle qualified ninth overall, won his first USAC heat race in the 10-lap Competition Suspension Incorporated event, and scored fourteenth in the feature after a late race flat front tire knocked him out from second. LaPlant had a shot at the championship but fell to fourth in the West Coast standings.

Starting eighteenth, Goleta, California's David Gasper earned the night's BR Motorsports / Rod End Supply Hard Charger Award after finishing second in the 30-lap Sammy Bahr / Ray Stansberry Feature. Driving the Gasper Racing / Kittle Motorsports owned #18 AR Air Repair Triple X, Gasper was eighteenth in time trials and scored fifth in his heat race. The rookie contender and two-time California Lightning Sprint Champion placed fifth in the final point standings.

Camie Bell of Bakersfield, California claimed the night's Wilwood Disc Brakes Lucky 13 Award after running thirteenth in the main event from twenty-first. Driving the family owned #29C American Fabrication Industrial Finishes / Hydraulic Controls entry, Bell qualified twenty-first overall, ran seventh in her heat race, and climbed to twelfth in the point chase.

The USAC West Coast Sprint Car Series thanks, BR Motorsports, Brown & Miller Racing Solutions, Competition Suspension Incorporated, Extreme Mufflers, Finishline Promotions, FloRacing, High Tech Performance, Hoosier Racing Tires, P1 Racing Images, Rod End Supply, Saldana Racing Products, SCRAFAN.COM, Sidewaze Designs, Steve Lafond, Tear-Off Heaven Fotos, Wilwood Disc Brakes, and Woodland Auto Display for their support.

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**USAC WEST COAST SPRINT CAR SERIES RACE RESULTS: October 7, 2023 – The Dirt Track at Kern County Raceway Park - Bakersfield, California – George Snider Classic / Championship Night**

**WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY FAST QUALIFIER:** 1. Brody Fuson, 51, Van Meter-14.113 (New Track Record); 2. T.J. Smith, 32, Sarale-14.466; 3. Ryan Timmons, 29T, Timmons-14.586; 4. Chris Ennis, 86, Ennis-14.596; 5. Chase Johnson, 25, Muraoka-

14.600; 6. Kyle Edwards, 39, Edwards-14.694; 7. Tom Dunkel, 17A, Dunkel-14.697; 8. Logan Calderwood, 6, Calderwood-14.720; 9. Ron LaPlant, 69, LaPlant-14.819; 10. Jake Andreotti, 8M, May-14.841; 11. Heath Holdsclaw, 33, Case-14.873; 12. A.J. Bender, 8W, May-14.939; 13. Tom Hendricks, 14, Hendricks-14.973; 14. Adam Christian, 12, Christian-15.007; 15. Matt Day, 97, Day-15.244; 16. Aaron Altaffer, 84, Altaffer-15.343; 17. Malyssa Perkins, 85M, Perkins-15.682; 18. David Gasper, 18, Gasper/Kittle-15.802; 19. Alexa Herrera, 5E, Herrera-15.912; 20. Jon DeWees, 63D, DeWees-16.008; 21. Camie Bell, 29C, Bell-16.105; 22. Gage Stickler, 17, Diani-16.653; 23. Tyler Hatzikian, 27, Hatzikian-19.613.

EXTREME MUFFLERS FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Fuson, 2. Hendricks, 3. Ennis, 4. Dunkel, 5. Altaffer, 6. Herrera, 7. Stickler, 8. Andreotti. NT.

BROWN & MILLER RACING SOLUTIONS SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Christian, 2. Johnson, 3. Smith, 4. DeWees, 5. Holdsclaw, 6. Calderwood, 7. Perkins. NT.

COMPETITION SUSPENSION INCORPORATED THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. LaPlant, 2. Timmons, 3. Bender, 4. Day, 5. Gasper, 6. Edwards, 7. Bell. NT.

SAMMY BAHR & RAY STANSBERRY FEATURE: (30 laps, With Starting Positions) 1. Chase Johnson (2), 2. David Gasper (18), 3. Brody Fuson (6), 4. Logan Calderwood (10), 5. Heath Holdsclaw (12), 6. Kyle Edwards (9), 7. Chris Ennis (3), 8. Adam Christian (8), 9. Jon DeWees (20), 10. Tom Hendricks (14), 11. Aaron Altaffer (16), 12. Gage Stickler (22), 13. Camie Bell (21), 14. Ron LaPlant (7), 15. A.J. Bender (13), 16. Malyssa Perkins (17), 17. Alexa Herrera (19), 18. T.J. Smith (5), 19. Tom Dunkel (1), 20. Matt Day (15), 21. Ryan Timmons (4), 22. Tyler Hatzikian (23). NT.

**\*\*Andreotti flipped during lap 7 of the first heat. Fuson and Timmons flipped during lap 2 of the feature. Smith flipped during lap 6 of the feature. Andreotti did not start feature.**

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Johnson.

BR MOTORSPORTS / ROD END SUPPLY HARD CHARGER: David Gasper (18th to 2nd)

WILWOOD DISC BRAKES LUCKY 13 AWARD: Camie Bell

FINAL USAC WEST COAST SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Ryan Timmons-406, 2-Brody Fuson-373, 3-Kyle Edwards-359, 4-Ron LaPlant-343, 5-David Gasper-315, 6-Tom Hendricks-260, 7-Tyler Hatzikian-255, 8-Jon DeWees-249, 9-Chris Ennis-236, 10-Adam Christian-224.

FINAL WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY TOP QUALIFIER POINTS: 1-Ryan Timmons-28, 3-Brody Fuson-22, 3-Kyle Edwards-19, 4-David Gasper-13, 5-Troy Rutherford-12, 6-Cody Majors-9, 7-Logan Calderwood-6, 8-Kaleb Montgomery-5, --T.J. Smith-5, 10-Chris Ennis-4.

FINAL SAMMY BAHR & RAY STANSBERRY FEATURE POINTS: 1-Ryan Timmons-340, 2-Kyle Edwards-316, 3-Ron LaPlant-307, 4-Brody Fuson-305, 5-David Gasper-263, 6-Tyler Hatzikian-238, 7-Tom Hendricks-231, 8-Jon DeWees-221, 9-Chris Ennis-197, 10-Adam Christian-193.

FINAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Jon DeWees-34, 2-Ron LaPlant-29, 3-Tom Hendricks-23, --Heath Holdsclaw-23, 5-Camie Bell-19, 6-David Gasper-18, 7-Alexa Herrera-17, 8-Adam Christian-14, --Brody Fuson-14, 10-Ryan Timmons-13.

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## **2023 USAC WEST COAST SPRINT CAR STAT LEADERS:**

Driver Champion: Ryan Timmons

Rookie of the Year: Ron LaPlant

Most Feature Wins: 2-Ryan Timmons

Laps Led: 49-Jake Andreotti

Top-Fives: 5-Ryan Timmons

Top-Tens: 5-Kyle Edwards, Ron LaPlant & Ryan Timmons

Fast Qualifying Times: 2-Brody Fuson, Troy Rutherford & Ryan Timmons

Heat Race Wins: 4-Brody Fuson

Feature Starts: 6-Kyle Edwards, Brody Fuson, Tyler Hatzikian, Tom Hendricks, Ron LaPlant & Ryan Timmons

## **2023 USAC WEST COAST SPRINT CAR DRIVER POINT STANDINGS:**

### **POS. PTS. DRIVER, HOMETOWN**

1.	406	Ryan Timmons, Pleasant Hill, Calif.
2.	373	Brody Fuson, Bakersfield, Calif.
3.	359	Kyle Edwards, Fountain Valley, Calif.
4.	343	(R) Ron LaPlant, Oroville, Calif.
5.	315	(R) David Gasper, Goleta, Calif.
6.	260	Tom Hendricks, Simi Valley, Calif.
7.	255	Tyler Hatzikian, Murrieta, Calif.
8.	249	(R) Jon DeWees, Lemoore, Calif.
9.	236	Chris Ennis, Bakersfield, Calif.
10.	224	(R) Adam Christian, Santa Clara, Calif.
11.	197	Cody Majors, Simi Valley, Calif.
12.	187	Camie Bell, Bakersfield, Calif.
13.	184	Elexa Herrera, New Cuyama, Calif.
14.	182	Trent Carter, Torrance, Calif.
15.	175	Logan Calderwood, Goodyear, Ariz.
16.	163	(R) Heath Holdsclaw, Rocklin, Calif.
17.	163	(R) Jake Andreotti, Castro Valley, Calif.
18.	159	(R) Tommy Dunkel, Menifee, Calif.
19.	143	Steve Hix, Ventura, Calif.
20.	133	Hannah Mayhew, Acton, Calif.
21.	125	Troy Rutherford, Ojai, Calif.
22.	114	A.J. Bender, San Diego, Calif.

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| 23. | 104 | Matt Day, Bakersfield, Calif.           |
| 24. | 93  | James Herrera, New Cuyama, Calif.       |
| 25. | 79  | Chase Johnson, Penngrove, Calif.        |
| 26. | 72  | Tanner Boul, Auberry, Calif.            |
| 27. | 61  | D.J. Johnson, Stockton, Calif.          |
| 28. | 49  | (R) Verne Sweeney, Lomita, Calif.       |
| 29. | 47  | Joey Bishop, Camarillo, Calif.          |
| 30. | 46  | Rick Hendrix, Palmdale, Calif.          |
| 31. | 45  | Aaron Altaffer, Fresno, Calif.          |
| 32. | 41  | Charlie Butcher, Ventura, Calif.        |
| 33. | 33  | (R) Austin Grabowski, Riverside, Calif. |
| 34. | 29  | (R) Grant Sexton, Lakeside, Calif.      |
| 35. | 10  | (R) Tony Everhart, El Cajon, Calif.     |

**\*\***(R) *represents a series Rookie*

#### **2023 USAC WEST COAST SPRINT CAR FEATURE WINNERS:**

Apr 8: Bakersfield Speedway - Bakersfield, CA

**WINNER:** Ryan Timmons (Dave Timmons #29T)

May 13: Ventura Raceway - Ventura, CA

**WINNER:** David Gasper (Gasper Racing-Kittle Motorsports #18)

Jun 3: Bakersfield Speedway - Bakersfield, CA

**WINNER:** Ryan Timmons (Dave Timmons #29T)

Jun 17: Ventura Raceway - Ventura, CA

**WINNER:** Jake Andreotti (May Motorsports #8m)

Sep 16: Ventura Raceway - Ventura, CA

**WINNER:** Brody Fuson (Bob & Toni Van Meter #51)

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

**WINNER:** Chase Johnson (Chris Muraoka #25)

Nov 25: (SE) Ventura Raceway - Ventura, CA

**WINNER:** Ryan Timms (Timms Racing #5T)

**\*\***(SE) *represents a non-points special event*

**2023 USAC WEST COAST SPRINT CAR FEATURE WINS:**

2-Ryan Timmons (Apr 8 at Bakersfield Speedway & June 3 at Bakersfield Speedway)

1-Jake Andreotti (Jun 17 at Ventura Raceway)

1-Brody Fuson (Sep 16 at Ventura Raceway)

1-David Gasper (May 13 at Ventura Raceway)

1-Chase Johnson (Oct 7 at The Dirt Track at Kern County Raceway Park)

**2023 USAC WEST COAST SPRINT CAR NON-POINTS SPECIAL EVENT FEATURE WINS:**

1-Ryan Timms (Nov 25 at Ventura Raceway)

**2023 USAC WEST COAST SPRINT CAR FEATURE LAPS LED:**

49-Jake Andreotti

30-Chase Johnson

24-David Gasper

18-Ron LaPlant

14-Brody Fuson & Ryan Timmons

10-A.J. Bender

9-Trent Carter

6-Kyle Edwards & Cody Majors

**2023 USAC WEST COAST SPRINT CAR TOP-5 FEATURE FINISHES:**

5-Ryan Timmons

3-Kyle Edwards, Brody Fuson & David Gasper

2-Jake Andreotti, Logan Calderwood, Trent Carter, Chris Ennis & Ron LaPlant

1-Tanner Boul, Tyler Hatzikian, Heath Holdsclaw, Chase Johnson, Cody Majors & Troy Rutherford

**2023 USAC WEST COAST SPRINT CAR TOP-10 FEATURE FINISHES:**

5-Kyle Edwards, Ron LaPlant & Ryan Timmons

3-Adam Christian, Jon DeWees, Chris Ennis, Brody Fuson, David Gasper, Tyler Hatzikian, Tom Hendricks & Heath Holdsclaw

2-Jake Andreotti, Logan Calderwood, Trent Carter, Steve Hix & Cody Majors

1-Tanner Boul, Tom Dunkel, James Herrera, Chase Johnson, D.J. Johnson, Hannah Mayhew, Kaleb Montgomery, Troy Rutherford, Verne Sweeney, Cole Wakim & Bryan Whitley



**2023 USAC WEST COAST SPRINT CAR FEATURE STARTS:**

6-Kyle Edwards, Brody Fuson, Tyler Hatzikian, Tom Hendricks, Ron LaPlant & Ryan Timmons

5-Camie Bell, Jon DeWees, David Gasper & Elexa Herrera

4-Adam Christian, Tommy Dunkel, Chris Ennis & Cody Majors

3-A.J. Bender, Logan Calderwood, Trent Carter, Matt Day, Steve Hix, Heath Holdsclaw, Hannah Mayhew & Bryan Whitley

2-Jake Andreotti, James Herrera, Troy Rutherford, Chris Wakim & Cole Wakim

1-Aaron Altaffer, Joey Bishop, Tanner Boul, Charlie Butcher, Bruce Douglass, Austin Grabowski, Rick Hendrix, Chase Johnson, D.J. Johnson, Eathon Lanfri, Kaleb Montgomery, Malyssa Perkins, Grant Sexton, T.J. Smith & Gage Stickler

**2023 USAC WEST COAST SPRINT CAR FAST QUALIFYING TIMES:**

2-Brody Fuson, Troy Rutherford & Ryan Timmons

**2023 USAC WEST COAST SPRINT CAR HEAT RACE WINS:**

4-Brody Fuson

2-Kyle Edwards

1-Jake Andreotti, Tanner Boul, Charlie Butcher, Trent Carter, Adam Christian, Tommy Dunkel, Tom Hendricks, Steve Hix, Ron LaPlant, Kaleb Montgomery, Troy Rutherford & Ryan Timmons