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Job Finished for McIntosh: 2025 USAC NOS Energy Drink National Midget Review

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Resilience was at the forefront of Cannon McIntosh's ascension to the USAC NOS Energy Drink Midget National Championship in 2025.

One year after finishing as the runner-up in the series standings, the Bixby, Oklahoma native climbed to the top after leading the series with five victories, 14 top-fives and 19 top-tens at the wheel of his Keith Kunz/Curb-Agajanian Motorsports/Mobil 1 – Toyota – Curb Records/LynK/Speedway Toyota No. 71K.

By a 44-point margin, McIntosh became the third Oklahoman to capture the USAC National Midget crown following Christopher Bell (2013) and Daison Pursley (2024), who McIntosh finished as a runner-up to in the standings one year ago.

Meanwhile, McIntosh also provided Keith Kunz Motorsports its record-extending 13th USAC National Midget entrant title. For Curb-Agajanian, their latest entrant title is their 11th.

Since returning to KKM in 2024, McIntosh has accumulated eight wins, 29 top-fives and 39 top-tens in a total of 46 feature starts, a consistent run that saw him win more often (5) than he finished outside the top-ten (4) throughout the 2025 campaign. Mission accomplished.

“(Crew chief) Beau (Binder) and I sat down and talked about our goals and what we needed to do to accomplish them,” McIntosh explained. “I just took it one race at a time and I felt like we struggled at the beginning and just learned from every race as we went on. We had our down moments but I feel like that’s when we came out and did our best, whether it was winning or just running up front the next time out.”

That seemed to be a reoccurring theme for the 22-year-old McIntosh. In May in Belleville, Kansas, McIntosh tangled with his championship nemesis, Justin Grant, while battling for second on the first of two nights on the short track. Restarting at the tail, he charged back from 22nd to finish fifth! One night later at Belleville, he bounced back to take the victory.

In July at The Dirt Track at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, a mishap relegated him to a 21st place finish on the opening night of the BC39 Presented by Avanti Windows & Doors. On the next night at IMS, misfortune seemingly continued after flipping wildly in his heat race. After repairs, he came back to win the semi-feature. Starting 19th in the feature, it seemed to be a long shot to win it, but don’t tell that to Cannon. After passing teammate Jacob Denney with two laps remaining, McIntosh had earned a \$20,039 prize while becoming the first multi-time BC39 winner. The +18 run proved to be the biggest charge of the series season by any driver.

“We were really good at being resilient and overcoming bad nights,” McIntosh noted. “When I look back at the BC39, on the first night, we struggled, stalled the car and ended up in the back. When we came back the next night, I was scratching my head. I knew the car was capable, and then we went out and won it. That’s the moment I knew this team was capable of doing this.”

Prior to his BC39 triumph, McIntosh stood a distant 106 points out of the championship lead behind Justin Grant and Kale Drake. That just so happened to be when Cannon was at his best as he strung together seven consecutive podium finishes that resulted in another pair of victories during Mid-America Midget Week at Missouri’s Sweet Springs Motorsports Complex and Nebraska’s Jefferson County Speedway, the latter of which was worth a cool \$10,000.

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In a mere five races, McIntosh had erased a 106-point deficit to reign at the top of the standings following his Jefferson County win. After initially pulling away to a 39-point edge, the first event of November's Golden State Invasion at Placerville Speedway's Hangtown 100 had shrunk McIntosh's lead to three over Grant.

But when the walls began to close in on McIntosh, he responded. He won the next race out, this time at Merced Speedway's Midget Madness, and subsequently, stretched out his lead over Grant, a lead he did not relinquish. In fact, the Merced win was monumental as it provided car owner Keith Kunz his 200th career USAC national victory across the three divisions (Midget, Sprint Car, Silver Crown).

"It was those bad moments that really helped us do what we had to do," McIntosh acknowledged. "But we weren't going down without a fight. We were down a lot of points but we just kind of forgot about that and decided to go out and start clicking off wins and podiums, and I think we went on a streak of seven podiums in a row. That got us right back in the fight. We were just not even thinking about it and just going out and racing."

Behind every winning driver is a winning crew, and McIntosh is no exception.

"These guys worked really hard all year – Beau (Binder), Phil (Zubizareta) and Spencer (Rolenc) – that was our core group throughout the entire season," McIntosh said. It took all these pieces to make it happen along with Pete Willoughby and Keith Kunz. It's an honor to do this for them. These guys stayed confident in me and I stayed confident in them all the time. That's what did it. Belief in ourselves and belief in the group that we have. I definitely couldn't have done it without these guys."

Elsewhere, Justin Grant led the points longer than any other driver on the circuit, topping the standings for 12 races throughout the first half of the season. He won three times, including April's Kokomo Grand Prix at Indiana's Kokomo Speedway where he set a new record by winning across all three USAC national divisions quicker than any driver in series history. He won again in his next outing at Belleville, then scored the opening night of the BC39 at IMS en route to a runner-up points finish for the third time in his career, also doing so in 2022 and 2023. He also led all series drivers with three fast qualifying times.

Kevin Thomas Jr. equaled a career best finish in the USAC National Midget points by taking third in the standings a full decade after also finishing third in 2015. Despite no wins, he tied McIntosh for the series lead with 19 top-ten results, while garnering four second place finishes at Circle City, Bloomington and Eldora twice. He did accrue the most heat race victories of the season as well, amassing eight.

Jacob Denney continued his rise up the rankings with three wins and a career best fourth place finish in the standings. His first USAC start for the KKM team resulted in victory in the season opener at Kokomo after starting 17th! That erased a drought of 48 series starts without a win. Furthermore, he won twice during USAC Indiana Midget Week in June at Paragon and then continued his prowess at Kokomo with his second win of the year there to close out IMW.

Kale Drake finished fifth in the standings, starting off the year by winning back-to-back in extremely superstitious fashion. On the way to Sweet Springs, he paid \$22.22 for gas, then drew pill #22, then put on 22 tear-offs before the feature. For good measure, he led the final two laps of the feature to earn his second career series win. In fact, he won – you guessed it – two times overall this season, including at Circle City in June. His second place finish at Kokomo clinched him the \$15,000 USAC Indiana Midget Week championship by – wait for it – a 22-point margin. You can't make this stuff up.

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Gavin Miller experienced a breakout year, winning three times in a four-race span during the late summer months. After 763 days and 56 races without a USAC victory, he returned to victory lane at Jefferson County, then did it again twice on Labor Day weekend by scoring at Bloomington, then grabbing the prestigious 40th Firemen's Nationals at Wisconsin's Angell Park Speedway worth \$10,000.

Logan Seavey also posted a victory in November at Merced's Chase Johnson Classic and led all drivers with 115 laps led. Drake Edwards became a first-time USAC National Midget winner during the Chad McDaniel Memorial at Kansas' Mitchell County Fairgrounds. Fellow Arizonan Hayden Reinbold also became a first-time series victor in September at Eldora in what his 101st career series start and occurred on the same night he also earned his first career fast qualifying time.

Non-championship contenders, but midget racing masters, also dropped in on occasion to flex their muscles. Daison Pursley's historic September night at Eldora saw him perform a USAC sweep of the 4-Crown Nationals by winning the Silver Crown, Sprint Car and Midget portions of the program in a single \$45,000 night. He backed that up in the next series round at Placerville's Hangtown 100 where late-race contact between him and Kyle Larson for the lead led to a deafening chorus of boo birds. Yet, it was another \$20,000 payday for Pursley.

Buddy Kofoid won the \$12,500-to-win Jason Leffler Memorial at the event's new home of Bakersfield Speedway at Kevin Harvick's Kern Raceway in November, utilizing essentially the same team and car number that Leffler used to win his first USAC National Midget title in 1997. At Ventura, Corey Day closed out the year by becoming the youngest back-to-back winner in the 84-year history of the ARP Turkey Night Grand Prix Presented by the West Coast Stock Car/Motorsports Hall of Fame, which was worth \$15,000.

Steven Snyder Jr. was named USAC National Midget MPI Rookie of the Year after finishing eighth in the standings with a pair of second place results at Kokomo and Placerville. Gunnar Setser, another impressive Rookie, finished 10th in the standings with a best result of fifth at Sweet Springs.

Also of note, Jerry Coons Jr. and his son, Cale Coons, each started both features at Belleville in May, making it one of the rare occasions a father has competed against his son in a USAC National Midget feature, joining Ted & Gene Hartley, Danny & George Kladis, Don & Rich Vogler, Bob & Bobby Wente, Bob & Terry Wente, Buddie & Trevor Boys, Jim & Ted Hines, Norm & Travis Young, Leon & Brady Bacon, Ryan & Randy Oerter, Ryan & Ashley Oerter and Joe & Clinton Boyles.

For the first time in series history, one team occupied the top four finishing positions of a feature. In 2025, it happened twice for the Keith Kunz/Curb-Agajanian Motorsports team, in April at Belleville and again in November at Merced.

In a statistical oddity in August at Bloomington, every race conducted during the program was won by a car sporting number 97. Zach Wigal scored the first heat race win in Pat O'Dell's No. 97x. The second heat was captured by Kale Drake in the Keith Kunz/Curb-Agajanian Motorsports No. 97K. Gavin Miller, aboard his Keith Kunz/Curb-Agajanian Motorsports No. 97, finished off the preliminaries with a win in heat race three, then completed the night as the feature victor.

Nine drivers started all 23 feature events: Jacob Denney, Drake Edwards, Justin Grant, Cannon McIntosh, Gavin Miller, Hayden Reinbold, Gunnar Setser, Steven Snyder Jr. and Kevin Thomas Jr. Overall, 107 drivers started a USAC National Midget feature in 2025.

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Denney Debuts with KKM, Runs Away with USAC Midget Opener at Kokomo

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Kokomo, Indiana (April 26, 2025).....Jacob Denney's tenure as a driver for Keith Kunz/Curb-Agajanian Motorsports couldn't have possibly gotten off to any better of a start than it did during Saturday night's USAC NOS Energy Drink Midget National Championship season opener at Indiana's Kokomo Speedway.

Denney tracked down leader Kevin Thomas Jr. on the 13th lap and led the remaining 18 circuits to earn his fourth career series victory. In fact, it was Denney's first series victory since May 2023 at Indiana's Tri-State Speedway, a winless drought that had endured for 48 events and nearly two full calendar years!

Galloway, Ohio's Denney migrated to the famed No. 67 during the offseason after his previous team owned by Tom Malloy scaled back its racing activities for the 2025 season. In his first run for KKM in a USAC event, Denney joined a legion of drivers who have, likewise, achieved the same feat.

Five drivers prior to Denney had actually won the feature in their first ever USAC National Midget start for the Columbus, Indiana KKM operation: Page Jones (1992 Kokomo Speedway), Jerry Coons Jr. (2000 Hartford Speedway Park), Davey Ray (2005 Gas City I-69 Speedway), Logan Seavey (2018 Southern Illinois Center) and Ryan Timms (Red Dirt Raceway).

Denney became the sixth individual to join the elite group. Additionally, he also provided Kunz his record-extending seventh season opening USAC National Midget win as a car entrant, and his third in a row. Kunz's three consecutive opening night wins with the series are just one shy of equaling the record set by Steve Lewis' "Nine Cars" between 1997-2000.

For Denney and his JBL Audio – TRD – Toyota – Mobil 1/LynK/Speedway Toyota, it's so far, so good, so fast.

"We've been super-fast every night we've hit the track," Denney said. "I feel like we've had the car to win. Little things can go each way, and it's just how racing goes, but we have a great piece. Hopefully, the year continues like this."

Starting fifth, Denney quickly slotted into the second spot on lap one and promptly began his pursuit of race leader and third starting Kevin Thomas Jr. who grabbed the initial lead. Denney briefly slid his way into the lead past Thomas in turn two on lap six, but Thomas countered and roared his way back past Denney on the bottom of turn three to retake the spot a half lap later.

On the 13th go around, Denney recreated his turn two move from several laps earlier, but this time, he made it stick as he surpassed Thomas for the spot at the front of the pack. Denney led Thomas at the line by a wheel, then bounced along the cushion in turns three and four as he simultaneously held onto his saddle with one hand and his calf rope in the other as he went highwire through the back half of the field.

"I didn't think I was ever going to get around him," Denney explained of his pursuit of Thomas. "Every time I slid him, he'd either cross me over or I'd make a mistake and he'd get back by me. This car was on rails, so once I got to the front, I was hammer down the rest of the race."

As a matter of fact, over the next several laps, Denney extended his advantage to more than 4.8 seconds over Cannon McIntosh who had moved into the runner-up position past Thomas after Denney overtook the lead. However, as Denney attempted to put 11th running Hayden Reinbold a lap down entering turn three on lap 29 of 30. A collision between Denney's right rear wheel and Reinbold's left front sent Reinbold streaming nose first into the outside wall before flipping

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over twice and coming to a rest. Reinbold walked away from his heavily damaged racecar while Denney maintained his footing and continued on.

"I would like to apologize to Hayden," Denney admitted. "That was completely my fault. I thought he was going to the top because he was outside of a guy, then he peeled to the middle. By that time, I committed and it was too late."

Though the contact didn't end his race, in another way, Denney felt that he might have inadvertently cost himself dearly with an upcoming green-white-checkered restart on the horizon.

"I thought I lost the race," Denney explained. "I was waiting for somebody to slide me on the restart, so I knew the restart was going to be critical. I was sitting there under the red flag on the front stretch and I saw everybody else on the back stretch. I was like, 'dang I just blew a huge lead.'"

Despite that fact, still nobody had anything to contend with the new zip code Denney was continuously establishing. As Denney crossed the finish line, his margin of victory stood at 1.555 seconds as he returned to Kokomo Speedway victory lane for the first time since capturing a USAC Midwest Thunder SpeeD2 Midget feature in 2020.

McIntosh, the 2024 USAC National Midget season opening winner, finished as the runner-up while Pursley took third on the final lap. Kale Drake passed under the flag stand in fourth while Justin Grant rounded out the top-five.

Cannon McIntosh (Bixby, Oklahoma) equaled his best career Kokomo Grand Prix finish with a second place run right behind teammate Denney to make it a one-two finish for team KKM.

It's safe to say, Kale Drake (Collinsville, Oklahoma) likes Kokomo Speedway. On this night, he advanced from 11th to 4th in the feature to earn Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors. In his only other USAC National Midget start at Kokomo in 2024, he finished fifth.

The Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night belongs to Cale Coons (Greencastle, Indiana) who raced to a top-10 finish in his first career USAC National Midget feature start at Kokomo. Similarly, his father, Jerry Coons Jr. finished with a top-10 in his first Kokomo Speedway USAC National Midget start, a seventh place result in 1991.

For the third consecutive year, Justin Grant set quick time in the USAC National Midget season opener. He topped the Kokomo field this time with a lap of 13.285 seconds in Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying. Furthermore, Grant is only the second driver ever to go three-straight as Kevin Thomas Jr. did the same in 2019-20-21. Overall, it's the 10th fast time of Grant's USAC National Midget career, tying him with George Amick, Pancho Carter and Allen Crowe for 64th all-time.

USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: April 26, 2025 – Kokomo Speedway – Kokomo, Indiana – 1/4-Mile Dirt Oval – Kokomo Grand Prix

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Justin Grant, 87, CBI-13.285; 2. Jacob Denney, 67, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-13.320; 3. Drake Edwards, 83, CBI-13.330; 4. Kevin Thomas Jr., 14, 4 Kings-13.355; 5. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-13.403; 6. Cannon McIntosh, 71K, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-13.451; 7. Daison Pursley, 86, CBI-13.530; 8. Karter Sarff, 21K, Sarff-13.541; 9. Gavin Miller, 97, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-13.556; 10. Kale Drake, 97K, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-13.643; 11. Steven Snyder Jr., 4, RMS-13.677; 12. Hayden Reinbold, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-13.702; 13. Frankie Guerrini, 63G, F & F-13.706; 14. Steve Buckwalter, 25, Buckwalter-13.717; 15. Sam Johnson, 72J, Johnson-13.757; 16. Cale Coons, 63, Dooling/Curb-Agajanian-

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13.826; 17. Kyle Jones, 27x, Joyner-13.877; 18. Gunnar Setser, 43, Arnold-13.976; 19. Brecken Reese, 00, Chandler-14.038; 20. Bryan Stanfill, 75AU, Griffiths-14.125; 21. Chelby Hinton, 4B, Klatt-14.360; 22. Chris Baue, 36, Baue-14.503; 23. Michael Magic, 5m, Magic-14.590; 24. Dan Bennett, X, Bennett-14.657; 25. Jason Bennett, 29, Bennett-14.684; 26. Adam Taylor, 7T, ATM-17.669.

CAR IQ FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Daison Pursley, 2. Justin Grant, 3. Kevin Thomas Jr., 4. Cale Coons, 5. Kale Drake, 6. Frankie Guerrini, 7. Brecken Reese, 8. Michael Magic. 2:15.808

K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Steven Snyder Jr., 2. Kyle Jones, 3. Jacob Denney, 4. Steve Buckwalter, 5. Karter Sarff, 6. Logan Seavey, 7. Dan Bennett, 8. Bryan Stanfill. 2:16.159

HOOSIER TIRE / COOK OUT THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Cannon McIntosh, 2. Gunnar Setser, 3. Drake Edwards, 4. Sam Johnson, 5. Gavin Miller, 6. Hayden Reinbold, 7. Chris Baue, 8. Jason Bennett. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Jacob Denney (5), 2. Cannon McIntosh (1), 3. Daison Pursley (7), 4. Kale Drake (11), 5. Justin Grant (6), 6. Gavin Miller (10), 7. Karter Sarff (9), 8. Drake Edwards (4), 9. Steven Snyder Jr. (8), 10. Cale Coons (16), 11. Logan Seavey (2), 12. Kyle Jones (17), 13. Gunnar Setser (18), 14. Frankie Guerrini (13), 15. Sam Johnson (15), 16. Steve Buckwalter (14), 17. Bryan Stanfill (20), 18. Brecken Reese (19), 19. Dan Bennett (21), 20. Kevin Thomas Jr. (3), 21. Hayden Reinbold (12), 22. Jason Bennett (22), 23. Michael Magic (23), 24. Chris Baue (24). NT

**Hayden Reinbold flipped on lap 29 of the feature.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-12 Kevin Thomas Jr., Laps 13-30 Jacob Denney.

USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Jacob Denney-81, 2-Cannon McIntosh-76, 3-Daison Pursley-72, 4-Justin Grant-71, 5-Kale Drake-65, 6-Gavin Miller-59, 7-Drake Edwards-59, 8-Karter Sarff-56, 9-Steven Snyder Jr.-54, 10-Cale Coons-48.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-62, 2-C.J. Leary-48, 3-Briggs Danner-36, 4-Jadon Rogers-26, 5-Chase Stockon-24, 6-Kyle Cummins-19, 7-Robert Ballou-18, 8-Justin Grant-17, 9-Daison Pursley-17, 10-Jake Swanson-17.

NEXT USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: April 27, 2025 – Kokomo Speedway – Kokomo, Indiana – 1/4-Mile Dirt Oval – Kokomo Grand Prix

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Drake Edwards (13.324)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Justin Grant (13.285)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: Daison Pursley

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Steven Snyder Jr.

Hoosier Tire / Cook Out Third Heat Winner: Cannon McIntosh

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Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Kale Drake (11th to 4th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Cale Coons

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Triple Play! Grant's Win Sets USAC Record at Kokomo Midget GP

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Kokomo, Indiana (April 27, 2025).....Over the course of the past three weekends, Justin Grant has tallied a victory in every piece of machinery he's operated in USAC competition.

Sunday's USAC NOS Energy Drink Midget National Championship triumph during the second and final night of the Kokomo Grand Prix at Indiana's Kokomo Speedway was just the latest in a historic early season run for the lone, California native.

Grant's Kokomo win comes on the heels of an April 12 USAC AMSOIL National Sprint Car score at Lawrenceburg Speedway followed by a dominant USAC Silver Crown performance at Toledo Speedway seven days later on April 19.

In the process, Grant set an all-time USAC record by winning in all three national divisions in a season faster than any driver ever has before...by one single, solitary day.

For the past 23 years, Dave Steele had held the record for the earliest date any driver has accomplished the feat, doing so by April 28, 2002. Grant's race-winning triumvirate was completed on April 27, 2025.

Grant was in command from start to finish at Kokomo in his CB Industries/NOS Energy Drink – PristineAuction.com – Mobil 1 – TRD/Spike/Speedway Toyota, leading all 30 laps in just his second start for CBI after joining the reigning championship winning team over the offseason.

As an aside, Grant's winning ride provided the first USAC National Midget feature win for a car numbered 87 since Danny McKnight captured the Turkey Night Grand Prix aboard L.T. Caruthers No. 87 at Gardena, California's Ascot Park a half century ago.

Grant's 18th career USAC National Midget win moved him into a tie for 40th place all-time alongside Logan Seavey, and incidentally, Dave Steele. Overall, it's Grants' 90th career USAC main event win, moving him past Tom Bigelow for 9th all-time. Furthermore, his 82nd USAC national victory pushed him past Bryan Clauson for 7th place all-time.

But of most importance to Grant at the moment was the fact that Sunday's tally was his first ever in a USAC National Midget at Kokomo, the same scene in which he's the all-time record holder with 11 career USAC National Sprint Car wins. This one was truly an important one.

"It's really special to win a midget race here," Grant beamed. "It feels like it's taken me forever to win one. I've been really close but I've never been able to get it done. (Car owner) Chad (Boat) had this car absolutely dialed tonight. I could move out to the middle. I could run the bottom. I could do whatever I wanted. It was a ton of fun to drive; an awesome racecar. Chad's got a great team here with all the guys who work on this 87 and the other two cars as well."

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Grant's wins across the USAC spectrum also have him in contention for a \$500,000 reward posted for the driver who can capture the single season USAC Triple Crown by winning all three USAC national titles. It's a feat which has only been achieved twice, first by Tony Stewart in 1995 and J.J. Yeley in 2003. It would be a quite lucrative payday for Grant, and although there's a ton of season left on the plate, Grant feels he's at the top of his game while currently sitting at the top of the Silver Crown and Midget points, and second in the Sprint standings.

"I've been trying for a long time," Grant noted. "I feel like this is the year I've got everything lined up the way it needs to be lined up. If there's a year to do it, this has got to be the one. I just have to take care of myself and keep myself excited and I've got a lot of people taking the load off my shoulders this year and letting me focus on driving racecars and doing my job. I'm working really hard at focusing on that and not so much on the other stuff."

Granted started his race from the outside of the front row and immediately established the lead over pole sitter and series newcomer Steven Snyder Jr. Snyder, the leading series Rookie in points following the first weekend of the schedule, made his bid for the lead on lap five, sliding under Grant in turn one. However, as Snyder four-wheel-drifted up the racetrack, Grant slipped back under to retake the spot up front.

Throughout the goings, previous night's winner Jacob Denney was matriculating his way up through the field from his eighth place starting spot, swapping slide jobs with Logan Seavey before taking over third in turns one and two just before midway. With six to go, Denney had tracked down Snyder and trekked his way into the second spot with a low line maneuver in turn four.

At that point, Grant's lead held strong and had expanded to 2.7 seconds with three laps remaining. That is until contact in turn three between multiple cars resulted in the front end being knocked out on the car driven by 21st running Dan Bennett, resulting in Bennett slithering to a stop in the middle of turn three.

A caution on the ensuing restart for 11th running Cale Coons who stopped atop turn two required his car to be towed away back to the pits, ending his evening prematurely. As the field prepared to take the green for the lap 28 restart, second running Denney's left rear tire had deflated, leaving him to drive the final three laps on the rim as he free fell from a possible victory to a disappointing 12th place finish.

In turn, that left Grant all by his lonesome to finish off the victory by a 2.096 second margin. Snyder crossed the stripe a distant second over Seavey who nipped Cannon McIntosh at the line for third while Kale Drake rounded out the top-five.

For Snyder, the second place finish was the best of his USAC National Midget career so far through five starts. One night after earning his first career series top-10, Snyder grabbed both his first career top-five result and his first ever podium in his RMS Racing/EnviroFab – Vahlco Wheels – Rod End Supply – MPV Logistics/Spike/Speedway Toyota.

It was a bounce back night for Logan Seavey. After enduring a rough opening to his Kokomo Grand Prix the night before with an 11th place result, the two-time series champ returned to the podium with a third place run in his Abacus Racing/Indy Powersports – Prime 47 – CG CPAs – Mountain Mechanical/Spike/Stanton SR-11x.

Kale Drake was a Rod End Supply Hard Charger on Saturday night. He repeated the feat on Sunday with an even deeper run from 15th to fifth.

The Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night was awarded to Kyle Jones, who experienced a bit of a frustration for the majority of Sunday night's event. A nagging mechanical issue prevented him from hot lapping, qualifying and competing in his heat

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race. However, during the semi-feature, he advanced from last (seventh) to first, thus transferring his way in winning fashion into the main event.

Not only did CB Industries win the feature, they also swept both fast qualifying times over the weekend with Justin Grant taking top honors on Saturday and Drake Edwards topping the field on Sunday for his first career fast qualifying time with the USAC National Midgets. It marked the first time in which a single team opened the USAC National Midget season with two consecutive fast qualifying times since Keith Kunz/Curb-Agajanian Motorsports did so in 2016 with drivers Christopher Bell and Rico Abreu.

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CAR IQ FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Kevin Thomas Jr., 2. Justin Grant, 3. Emerson Axsom, 4. Hayden Reinbold, 5. Drake Edwards, 6. Michael Magic, 7. Chelby Hinton. NT

K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Cale Coons, 2. Karter Sarff, 3. Gavin Miller, 4. Steven Snyder Jr., 5. Kale Drake, 6. Chris Baue, 7. Jason Bennett. 2:18.156

HOOSIER TIRE THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Jacob Denney, 2. Cannon McIntosh, 3. Gunnar Setser, 4. Logan Seavey, 5. Sam Johnson, 6. Bryan Stanfill. 2:16.332

COOK OUT FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Daison Pursley, 2. Thomas Meseraull, 3. Steve Buckwalter, 4. Frankie Guerrini, 5. Brecken Reese, 6. Dan Bennett, 7. Kyle Jones. 2:18.656

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Kyle Jones, 2. Chris Baue, 3. Dan Bennett, 4. Jason Bennett, 5. Michael Magic, 6. Chelby Hinton, 7. Adam Taylor. 2:22.080

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Justin Grant (2), 2. Steven Snyder Jr. (1), 3. Logan Seavey (4), 4. Cannon McIntosh (10), 5. Kale Drake (15), 6. Kevin Thomas Jr. (7), 7. Daison Pursley (3), 8. Karter Sarff (5), 9. Drake Edwards (6), 10. Gavin Miller (12), 11. Hayden Reinbold (14), 12. Jacob Denney (8), 13. Gunnar Setser (16), 14. Emerson Axsom (18), 15. Frankie Guerrini (13), 16. Sam Johnson (19), 17. Brecken Reese (17), 18. Cale Coons (9), 19. Thomas Meseraull (11), 20. Kyle Jones (24), 21. Dan Bennett (22), 22. Jason Bennett (23), 23. Chris Baue (21), 24. Steve Buckwalter (20). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Justin Grant.

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USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Justin Grant-150, 2-Cannon McIntosh-144, 3-Daison Pursley-135, 4-Jacob Denney-128, 5-Steven Snyder Jr.-127, 6-Kale Drake-127, 7-Logan Seavey-119, 8-Karter Sarff-117, 9-Drake Edwards-115, 10-Gavin Miller-108.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-62, 2-C.J. Leary-48, 3-Briggs Danner-36, 4-Jadon Rogers-26, 5-Chase Stockon-24, 6-Kyle Cummins-19, 7-Robert Ballou-18, 8-Justin Grant-17, 9-Daison Pursley-17, 10-Jake Swanson-17.

NEXT USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACES: May 16-17, 2025 – Belleville Short Track – Belleville, Kansas – 1/4-Mile Dirt Oval – Huncovsky Classic

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Karter Sarff (13.122)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Drake Edwards (13.013)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: Kevin Thomas Jr.

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Cale Coons

Hoosier Tire Third Heat Winner: Jacob Denney

Cook Out Fourth Heat Winner: Daison Pursley

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Kyle Jones

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Kale Drake (15th to 5th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Kyle Jones

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Justin Time! Grant Wins Belleville's USAC Midget Run

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Belleville, Kansas (May 16, 2025).....In each of the past two years, Justin Grant's biggest reward on the opening night of the Huncovsky Classic was setting fast qualifying time on the Belleville Short Track in both 2023 and 2024.

On Friday night, the lone, California native embiggened his role at the forefront of the field by capturing his first career victory at the Belleville, Kansas 1/4-mile dirt oval for what was his second consecutive victory on the 2025 USAC NOS Energy Drink Midget National Championship season.

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With a 5th, 1st and 1st over his first three starts of the USAC National Midget season, Grant is the first driver to win at least two of the first three main events to begin a series season since he himself achieved the feat in 2022 after capturing three-in-a-row to kick off the campaign that year.

This time around, Grant started third on the grid and found his way to the front by lap 13 after working his way past pole sitter and racelong leader Logan Seavey during a mid-race restart. From there, Grant wheeled his CB Industries/NOS Energy Drink – PristineAuction.com – Mobil 1 – TRD/Spike/Speedway Toyota straight to victory lane in the 30-lap main.

Grant's 19th career USAC National Midget triumph moved him into 36th place on the series' all-time win list alongside Jerry Coons Jr., Tyler Courtney, Stan Fox and Jason Leffler. Concurrently, Grant's active point lead grew from six to 16 by virtue of his Belleville score.

In the beginning, Seavey outpaced McIntosh to the stripe by a mere inch or two to lead the opening lap of the feature. Seavey subsequently maintained control throughout much of the first half. Meanwhile, the tussle for position behind Seavey was mounting between Grant, McIntosh and the surging Denney who had already recorded fast qualifying time and a heat race win in pursuit of a rare nightly sweep.

However, Denney was the first to find misfortune after advancing his way up into the lead pack by lap three. That's when Denney nearly locked it up over between turns three and four. Miraculously, he managed to avoid contact from the rest of the field all while fighting to save his race from those bearing down on him. Thus, he kept on keepin' on despite nosediving all the way back to ninth in the running order.

Soon after, McIntosh suffered his very own heartbreak fate. While running second on lap seven, he spun to a stop after rear-end contact resulting from a collision with Grant. That promptly forced McIntosh to restart at the tail end of the field (22nd) with 24 laps to go.

From Grant's perspective, he postulated that McIntosh was midstream in the process of changing direction from entry to exit, thus initiating the subsequent checkup which resulted in McIntosh getting the short end of the stick.

"I think he was maybe trying to diamond three and four there," Grant pondered. "We were all kind of smoking in there wide open. He stopped to go the other direction and it was pretty glass slick coming to it. So there wasn't a whole lot there I could do. I don't want to get into him like that. He kind of took it out of my hands there when he stopped there getting into three."

On a lap 13 restart following a turn two spin and stop by Hayden Reinbold, Grant found his footing and surged out in front, sliding from the bottom of turn one to the top of two to get by Seavey for the lead with nearly half the race in the books.

The feature's lone red flag was displayed on lap 19 when 19th running Blake Spicer toppled over the turn four cushion. He was able to walk away.

On the subsequent lap 19 restart, Denney was on the move once again as he hustled from fourth to second around the outside of Seavey and new second place runner Kale Drake. The fifth starting Drake was in a prime position to net his finest run of the USAC season thus far but ran out of space and slid over the cushion in turns three and four with five laps remaining. He'd restart at the tail but managed only to get back to 16th.

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Drake's teammate, Denney, befell a similar fate just following the restart with four laps to go. Denney fell over the turn two edge, dropping him from second to 10th in the blink of an eye as Thomas Meseraull and Kevin Thomas Jr. capitalized on the shuffling to slot themselves into second and third with less than a handful of laps to go.

It was easy living for Grant from that point forward as he stayed the course to cross the line 0.746 seconds ahead for his fifth USAC national feature score in 2025, tops among all drivers: Sprint (2), Midget (2) and Silver Crown (1). Across the three divisions, Grant now stands first in both the Midget and Silver Crown points and second in the Sprint Car standings as he pursues a \$500,000 Triple Crown champion reward if he can win all three titles in 2025.

"That's the goal, by starting out this year to go win all three championships," Grant acknowledged. "I'm doing what I can to do my job in the seat and it's been working out really well."

Thomas Meseraull collected a second place result after starting back in the eighth position. His plus-six advancement was boosted with Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors as the feature's biggest mover in the main event.

Third place finisher Kevin Thomas Jr. was superb on Friday, opening the night by winning his heat in spectacular fashion with a fourth to first move in turns one and two on the initial lap. In the feature, he charged from seventh to third for his best finish of the USAC National Midget season thus far.

Rookie Steven Snyder Jr. took fourth while Cannon McIntosh rounded out the top-five with a valiant run from the tail. For the final 24 laps, McIntosh picked his way from 22nd place to crack the top-five for the third time in row to start the season. That earned Cannon the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

Jacob Denney's fast time during Honest Abe Roof Qualifying was the third of his USAC National Midget career. It's the third consecutive year he's earned at least one USAC National Midget fast qualifying time.

Jerry Coons Jr. and his son, Cale Coons both made their way into the feature lineup. Together, they became the 14th father/child duo to compete in the same USAC National Midget feature, joining Ted & Gene Hartley, Danny & George Kladis, Don & Rich Vogler, Bob & Bobby Wente, Bob & Terry Wente, Buddie & Trevor Boys, Jim & Ted Hines, Norm & Travis Young, Leon & Brady Bacon, Ryan & Randy Oerter, Ryan & Ashley Oerter and Joe & Clinton Boyles. As fate would have it, both generations of Coons started the feature side-by-side in row eight. When all was said and done, Jerry took 13th and Cale 15th at the checkered.

USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: May 16, 2025 – Belleville Short Track – Belleville, Kansas – 1/4-Mile Dirt Oval – Huncovsky Classic

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Jacob Denney, 67, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-11.994; 2. Kale Drake, 97K, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-12.031; 3. Cannon McIntosh, 71K, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-12.052; 4. Justin Grant, 87, CBI-12.061; 5. Hayden Reinbold, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-12.096; 6. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-12.103; 7. Steven Snyder Jr., 4, RMS-12.125; 8. Drake Edwards, 83, CBI-12.161; 9. Kevin Thomas Jr., 14, 4 Kings-12.203; 10. Gavin Miller, 97, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-12.222; 11. Gunnar Setser, 43, Arnold-12.224; 12. Kyle Jones, 27x, Joyner-12.243; 13. Garrett Benson, 7B, Engler-12.250; 14. Thomas Meseraull, 7x, Engler-12.285; 15. Jerry Coons Jr., 85, Central-12.292; 16. Cale Coons, 63, Dooling/Curb-Agajanian-12.350; 17. Brandon Carr, 98K, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-12.476; 18. Mack Leopard, 86, CBI-12.480; 19. Chelby Hinton, 4B,

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Klatt-12.489; 20. Lance Bennett, 91, Mason-12.542; 21. Zack Merritt, 43m, Oerter-12.704; 22. Blake Spicer, 4s, Spicer-13.243; 23. Ashley Oerter, 16, Oerter-14.344; 24. John Webster, 43J, Oerter-NT.

CAR IQ FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Jacob Denney, 2. Steven Snyder Jr., 3. Justin Grant, 4. Gavin Miller, 5. Garrett Benson, 6. Cale Coons, 7. Blake Spicer, 8. Chelby Hinton. NT

K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Thomas Meseraull, 2. Kale Drake, 3. Drake Edwards, 4. Gunnar Setser, 5. Hayden Reinbold, 6. Lance Bennett, 7. Brandon Carr. NT

USACGEAR.COM THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Kevin Thomas Jr., 2. Cannon McIntosh, 3. Logan Seavey, 4. Kyle Jones, 5. Jerry Coons Jr., 6. Mack Leopard, 7. Zack Merritt, 8. John Webster. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Justin Grant (3), 2. Thomas Meseraull (8), 3. Kevin Thomas Jr. (7), 4. Steven Snyder Jr. (9), 5. Cannon McIntosh (4), 6. Logan Seavey (1), 7. Kyle Jones (13), 8. Gunnar Setser (12), 9. Jacob Denney (6), 10. Gavin Miller (11), 11. Drake Edwards (10), 12. Garrett Benson (14), 13. Jerry Coons Jr. (15), 14. Mack Leopard (18), 15. Cale Coons (16), 16. Kale Drake (5), 17. Brandon Carr (17), 18. Hayden Reinbold (2), 19. Zack Merritt (21), 20. Lance Bennett (20), 21. Blake Spicer (22), 22. John Webster (24), 23. Ashley Oerter (23), 24. Chelby Hinton (19). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-12 Logan Seavey, Laps 13-30 Justin Grant.

**Lance Bennett flipped during hot laps. Blake Spicer flipped on lap 19 of the feature.

USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Justin Grant-229, 2-Cannon McIntosh-213, 3-Steven Snyder Jr.-195, 4-Jacob Denney-188, 5-Logan Seavey-181, 6-Kale Drake-170, 7-Kevin Thomas Jr.-167, 8-Drake Edwards-162, 9-Gavin Miller-156, 10-Gunnar Setser-141.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-98, 2-C.J. Leary-48, 3-Briggs Danner-41, 4-Robert Ballou-35, 5-Chase Stockon-31, 6-Jadon Rogers-30, 7-Gunnar Setser-28, 8-Justin Grant-27, 9-Kyle Cummins-23, 10-Kevin Thomas Jr.-21.

NEXT USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: May 17, 2025 – Belleville Short Track – Belleville, Kansas – 1/4-Mile Dirt Oval – Huncovsky Classic

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Gunnar Setser (12.038)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Jacob Denney (11.994)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: Jacob Denney

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Thomas Meseraull

USACgear.com Third Heat Winner: Kevin Thomas Jr.

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Thomas Meseraull (8th to 2nd)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Cannon McIntosh

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Cannon in D Major! McIntosh Masters Belleville USAC Midgets

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Belleville, Kansas (May 17, 2025).....Redemption was on the forefront of Cannon McIntosh's mind during Saturday night's USAC NOS Energy Drink Midget National Championship portion of the Huncovsky Classic at Kansas' Belleville Short Track.

An incident involving McIntosh and Justin Grant while the two were battling for the second spot on lap seven of Friday night's feature, McIntosh spun to a stop, severely damaging his chance at a victory. He recovered, however, and managed to climb back from his 22nd place restarting position to finish fifth.

That just showed a glimpse of what the Bixby, Oklahoma native could do on the 1/4-mile dirt oval, and he proved as such on Saturday night as he picked his way through the field from the inside of row five, then emerged ahead on lap 31 of 40 following a duel with teammate Gavin Miller.

McIntosh led the remaining 10 laps from that point forward, crossing under the checkered flag in a 1-2-3-4 finish for the Keith Kunz/Curb-Agajanian Motorsports team with Kale Drake swiping second, Miller coming home third and Jacob Denney filling the fourth spot. It is believed to be the first instance of a single team occupying the top-four finishing positions of a feature in USAC National Midget history.

"I feel like we had the best piece last night as well," McIntosh declared. "The cards just didn't fall our way. We had to go the back early and fight our way back. To pass as many good cars as we did meant that we had a pretty good piece. Tonight, we didn't start as far forward as we wanted to, but when you have a car that good, you can't not win the race for your guys."

While becoming the first multi-time USAC winner on the Belleville Short Track, McIntosh also surged past Grant to become the new series point leader in his Mobil 1 – TRD – Toyota – Curb Records/LynK/Speedway Toyota. Furthermore, his 10th career USAC National Midget feature win moved him to 73rd place all-time alongside Allen Heath, Doug Kalitta, Brad Kuhn, Steve Lotshaw, Jerry McClung, Thomas Meseraull and Chuck Weyant.

The evening was, for all intents and purposes, a KKM rout. In addition to grabbing the first four positions in the main event, the team's stable also won each of the three heat races with Kale Drake, Miller and McIntosh all succeeding along the way.

However, the one running away with the feature for the first half was outside front row starter Logan Seavey as he constructed a four second lead over the field by lap 19. On lap 20, it proved to be all for naught as his car spun off the top of the turn three cushion and came to a stop to necessitate a caution.

That opened the door for Miller to become the new race leader after emerging ahead of Jerry Coons Jr. just a few laps before the midway point. At that moment, McIntosh was beginning to make hay in his venture up the leaderboard. He slashed his way to second with an outside pass of Grant on the front straight on lap 22 yet remained a half second behind Miller with 16 to go.

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On a lap 29 restart, McIntosh picked the pocket of Miller along the bottom of turns one and two to assume the lead. Miller refused to relent and came back to the forefront with a slide past McIntosh in turn three on lap 30. McIntosh then reloaded and hustled along the bottom of turns one and two to slot back into the number one spot on the 31st circuit.

"I did everything I could there, and once we got to the lead, I felt like everything was flowing well," McIntosh recalled. "I felt like I was flowing and things were just going smooth. Even with that late yellow, I wasn't sweating it too much. I felt like I had such a good car that I just needed to execute the restart and we could get away, and that's what happened."

British Rookie Brandon Carr (15th) ground to a stop atop the turn three cushion on lap 39 to set up a two-lap dash to the finish line. With that said, McIntosh had his grip firmly on the wheel and would soon have the same grip on the trophy.

McIntosh crossed the line roughly six car lengths and 1.064 seconds ahead of runner-up Kale Drake who snuck by Miller along the bottom on the final restart. Miller hung on for third while Jacob Denney grabbed fourth and Jerry Coons Jr. rounded out the top-five with a solid night.

"(Crew chief) Beau (Binder) tried to make the car good everywhere we went," McIntosh praised. "I felt like I could run top and bottom. Once I figured out each corner and how I wanted to run it, I feel like we were lights out. Huge thanks to Beau. Last time, we were scratching our heads and figuring out what to do. We were so far off. Him getting me comfortable has gotten me back to where I need to be, and I think he has his confidence back too. I think we're all where we need to be."

Justin Grant recorded his 11th career USAC National Midget fast qualifying time, which tied him with fellow USAC national champions Brady Bacon, Danny Caruthers, Ryan Newman, Ken Schrader and Sleepy Tripp, just to name a few, for 52nd all-time.

Steven Snyder Jr. picked up multiple accolades with his sixth place finish at Belleville. The leading series Rookie netted Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors for his 16th to 6th run. He also picked up the Belleville USAC Midget ProSource Passing Master crown, making 17 passes in feature events across the two nights.

USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: May 17, 2025 – Belleville Short Track – Belleville, Kansas – 1/4-Mile Dirt Oval – Huncovsky Classic

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Justin Grant, 87, CBI-12.194; 2. Kevin Thomas Jr., 14, 4 Kings-12.308; 3. Mack Leopard, 86, CBI-12.317; 4. Drake Edwards, 83, CBI-12.329; 5. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-12.347; 6. Jerry Coons Jr., 85, Central-12.377; 7. Kale Drake, 97K, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-12.386; 8. Gavin Miller, 97, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-12.394; 9. Cannon McIntosh, 71K, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-12.445; 10. Gunnar Setser, 43, Arnold-12.446; 11. Garrett Benson, 7B, Engler-12.483; 12. Hayden Reinbold, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-12.548; 13. Jacob Denney, 67, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-12.564; 14. Kyle Jones, 27x, Joyner-12.642; 15. Brandon Carr, 98K, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-12.666; 16. Steven Snyder Jr., 4, RMS-12.674; 17. Cale Coons, 63, Dooling/Curb-Agajanian-12.730; 18. Zack Merritt, 43m, Oerter-13.046; 19. Lance Bennett, 91, Mason-13.115; 20. Dusty Young, 60, Chappue-13.283; 21. Blake Spicer, 4s, Spicer-13.483.

CAR IQ FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Kale Drake, 2. Steven Snyder Jr., 3. Jacob Denney, 4. Justin Grant, 5. Gunnar Setser, 6. Drake Edwards, 7. Lance Bennett. 2:10.15

K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Gavin Miller, 2. Logan Seavey, 3. Cale Coons, 4. Kevin Thomas Jr., 5. Garrett Benson, 6. Kyle Jones, 7. Dusty Young. 2:08.66

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USACGEAR.COM THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Cannon McIntosh, 2. Hayden Reinbold, 3. Brandon Carr, 4. Jerry Coons Jr., 5. Mack Leopard, 6. Zack Merritt, 7. Blake Spicer. 2:11.08

FEATURE: (40 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Cannon McIntosh (9), 2. Kale Drake (7), 3. Gavin Miller (8), 4. Jacob Denney (13), 5. Jerry Coons Jr. (1), 6. Steven Snyder Jr. (16), 7. Logan Seavey (2), 8. Justin Grant (6), 9. Drake Edwards (3), 10. Cale Coons (17), 11. Kevin Thomas Jr. (5), 12. Mack Leopard (4), 13. Gunnar Setser (10), 14. Garrett Benson (11), 15. Hayden Reinbold (12), 16. Kyle Jones (14), 17. Brandon Carr (15), 18. Zack Merritt (18), 19. Dusty Young (20), 20. Lance Bennett (19), 21. Blake Spicer (21). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-19 Logan Seavey, Laps 20-28 Gavin Miller, Lap 29 Cannon McIntosh, Lap 30 Gavin Miller, Laps 31-40 Cannon McIntosh

USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Cannon McIntosh-291, 2-Justin Grant-289, 3-Steven Snyder Jr.-257, 4-Jacob Denney-255, 5-Kale Drake-245, 6-Logan Seavey-242, 7-Gavin Miller-228, 8-Kevin Thomas Jr.-218, 9-Drake Edwards-214, 10-Gunnar Setser-182.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-103, 2-C.J. Leary-48, 3-Briggs Danner-41, 4-Robert Ballou-35, 5-Chase Stockon-31, 6-Jadon Rogers-30, 7-Gunnar Setser-28, 8-Justin Grant-27, 9-Kyle Cummins-23, 10-Kevin Thomas Jr.-21.

NEXT USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: May 18, 2025 – Sweet Springs Motorsports Complex – Sweet Springs, Missouri – 1/6-Mile Dirt Oval

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Jerry Coons Jr. (12.358)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Justin Grant (12.194)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: Kale Drake

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Gavin Miller

USACgear.com Third Heat Winner: Cannon McIntosh

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Steven Snyder Jr. (16th to 6th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Logan Seavey

ProSource Belleville Midget Passing Master: Steven Snyder Jr. (17 Passes)

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Holy Smokes! Drake's Heroics Score Sweet Springs USAC Midget Win

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By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Sweet Springs, Missouri (May 18, 2025).....Kale Drake may not be overly superstitious, but at the least, he is certainly a little bit stitious.

Prior to Sunday night's USAC NOS Energy Drink Midget National Championship event at Missouri's Sweet Springs Motorsports Complex, the Collinsville, Oklahoma native was involved in a series of fortunate events with the number two featuring prominently everywhere he turned.

"I was talking to (USAC official Kirk Spridgeon) and Justin (Grant) at the trailer earlier today and I told them that when I stopped at the gas station, it was \$22.22. After that, I drew the pill 22, then I put on 22 tear-offs before the A-Main. I might be superstitious but I think it worked out," Drake said with a laugh.

In the end, that same numeral played an integral role in the backdrop of Drake's fortunes at Sweet Springs. As a matter of fact, he was leading the USAC Midget race there in 2024 with two laps remaining when he found trouble and bounced to a stop, ending his bid for the win.

On Sunday, Drake was slotted third on the final restart. Picking up from where he left off one year ago, Drake made a charge around the outside to take the lead with – you guessed it – two laps to go. Lest we mention that he led the feature three different times, each in chunks of two laps at a time – laps 1-2, laps 16-17 and laps 29-30.

When all was said it done, Drake collected – wait for it – USAC National Midget career victory number two. But to do it in such dramatic fashion, this will be one he remembers for a lifetime, possibly "two" lifetimes.

"Holy smokes, that was a long race and a technical one and super fun," Drake exclaimed. "That's not quite up my alley but we made it work."

Drake was in a prime spot for the start of the 40-lap main event – on the pole position in his Keith Kunz-Curb-Agajanian Motorsports/Eibach – TRD – Toyota – Mobil 1/LynK/Speedway Toyota. But after leading the opening lap, he found himself suddenly on the chase of his teammate, Jacob Denney.

But on lap 16, Denney tripped over the turn two cushion, opening the door for Drake to race on by while utilizing the bottom of turns three and four to edge his way into the lead. After the lap was completed, 17th running Garrett Benson flipped into the outside wall at the exit of turn four. He was okay, but his night was over.

Now let's flashback to before the start of the feature. Riley Kreisel was initially slated to start on the pole, but in a wild turn of events, was penalized for being late to staging, delayed while attempting to remedy a tire bleeder issue. The result was a two row penalty, which docked Kreisel back to fifth on the grid. However, as it turned out, it wasn't much of a deterrent to the determined Kreisel.

Kreisel's Ron Cox owned ride hadn't been fired since January's Chili Bowl Nationals four months earlier. Furthermore, he only found out he was going to compete at Sweet Springs at 11pm the night before. On top of everything else, it was only his third career USAC National Midget start and his first since seven years prior in 2018 at the very same 1/6-mile Sweet Springs dirt oval.

The beneficiary of Kreisel's position shuffle was Drake who moved from the outside of the front row to the pole, a spot he actually wasn't all that particularly at ease with.

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"I didn't know how I really felt about taking the pole over," Drake admitted. "I didn't really want to start the race off and set the pace, but Jacob got out in front of me and showed me what I needed to do and what not to do, which really showed me where the limit was."

Back to Kreisel. Just after the restart, he found his groove on the bottom and rolled past Denney for second on the 17th circuit, then picked off Drake moments later on lap 18 for the lead. At the same time, 13th starting Drake Edwards followed Kreisel's path to slot into second ahead of Drake. However, Edwards performed a half-spin in turn two on lap 24 and lost grip of the second spot to Drake in the meantime. That said, Edwards stuck with it and snuck his way back into second on the bottom past Drake as the pair worked around the lapped car of Thomas Meseraull.

Meanwhile, Kreisel's lead had expanded to a full second and he looked to be on his way to a surefire first career USAC national victory. But on lap 37, series Rookie Brandon Carr (20th) hooked the turn one cushion and nearly flipped before coming to a rest on all fours. Kreisel's 1.35 second advantage over the field was erased due to the caution and he now had the field bearing down on him with a three-lap shootout on the horizon.

Sitting third with three to go was Drake who had low line dwellers Kreisel and Edwards, both first time USAC national winning hopefuls, sitting in front of him coming back to green. There was only one place to "send it."

"I had to remind myself on that restart that I know what I'm doing and I have the best guys behind me, and I just needed to hit my marks," Drake recalled. "It really came down to that last restart. I really had to send it. If I could hit my marks, I knew I had the best car on the racetrack, so it was just a matter of committing. It took a lot of commitment to run it up there and be fast."

Staying true to his personal pep talk under the helmet, Drake dug in on the outside and nipped Edwards at the stripe for second with two to go on lap 38. Heading to the white flag, Drake hit the cushion in turn one perfectly, then launched off turn two to dispose of Kreisel and place himself at the top of the leaderboard.

On the last go around, Drake changed course and attacked the bottom of turns three and four to thwart off Kreisel and Edwards and block the lane. Drake crossed the line with a 0.363 second margin of victory, his first in USAC since a BC39 prelim win last September.

Behind him, Justin Grant seemingly came out of nowhere, picking off both Kreisel and Edwards in one fell swoop off turn four to get the second spot by a car length. The runner-up result also moved Grant back to the top of the USAC National Midget standings. Grant's fourth to second final corner surge proved to be the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

In Arizonian Drake Edwards' first ever visit to Sweet Springs, he earned his best career USAC National Midget finish. He very nearly won the thing after starting 13th but wound up a strong third to round out the podium.

Kreisel fell to fourth after leading a race high 21 laps while 2018 and 2024 Sweet Springs USAC Midget feature winner Logan Seavey took fifth.

Andrew Felker doesn't run USAC National Midgets very often, but when he does, he does some mighty fine work. He advanced 12 positions on his way from 19th to 7th to collect the Rod End Supply Hard Charger award.

Earlier in the evening, Cannon McIntosh recorded his 12th career USAC National Midget fast time during Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying. That moved him to 49th on the all-time list alongside Don Meacham, Larry Rice and Josh Wise.

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USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: May 18, 2025 – Sweet Springs Motorsports Complex – Sweet Springs, Missouri – 1/6-Mile Dirt Oval

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Cannon McIntosh, 71K, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-11.746; 2. Justin Grant, 87, CBI-11.823; 3. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-11.875; 4. Jacob Denney, 67, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-11.882; 5. Kale Drake, 97K, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-11.888; 6. Riley Kreisel, 19K, Cox-11.920; 7. Kameron Key, 21J, TKH-11.930; 8. Gavin Miller, 97, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-11.977; 9. Gunnar Setser, 43, Arnold-11.989; 10. Drake Edwards, 83, CBI-11.995; 11. Brecken Reese, 00, Chandler-11.999; 12. Hayden Reinbold, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-12.013; 13. Kyle Jones, 27x, Joyner-12.018; 14. Garrett Benson, 7B, Engler-12.022; 15. Steven Snyder Jr., 4, RMS-12.022; 16. Mack Leopard, 86, CBI-12.023; 17. Kevin Thomas Jr., 14, 4 Kings-12.033; 18. Cale Coons, 63, Dooling/Curb-Agajanian-12.096; 19. Andrew Felker, 11A, Felker-12.141; 20. Brandon Carr, 98K, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-12.238; 21. Thomas Meseraull, 7x, Engler-12.307; 22. Branigan Roark, 44, Roark-12.343; 23. Chad Winfrey, 321, Winfrey-12.351; 24. Mark Chisholm, 56x, Chisholm-12.378; 25. Daniel Robinson, 92, O'Sullivan-12.408; 26. Blake Spicer, 4s, Spicer-12.837; 27. Jacob McFarlin, 33, Roark-12.943.

CAR IQ FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature) 1. Mack Leopard, 2. Kyle Jones, 3. Cannon McIntosh, 4. Andrew Felker, 5. Kameron Key, 6. Jacob Denney, 7. Branigan Roark, 8. Daniel Robinson, 9. Drake Edwards. NT

K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature) 1. Kevin Thomas Jr., 2. Garrett Benson, 3. Gavin Miller, 4. Kale Drake, 5. Justin Grant, 6. Brecken Reese, 7. Chad Winfrey, 8. Brandon Carr, 9. Blake Spicer. 2:03.99

USACGEAR.COM THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature) 1. Hayden Reinbold, 2. Steven Snyder Jr., 3. Riley Kreisel, 4. Thomas Meseraull, 5. Logan Seavey, 6. Gunnar Setser, 7. Cale Coons, 8. Mark Chisholm, 9. Jacob McFarlin. 2:05.05

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (10 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature) 1. Drake Edwards, 2. Cale Coons, 3. Chad Winfrey, 4. Daniel Robinson, 5. Brandon Carr, 6. Branigan Roark, 7. Blake Spicer, 8. Jacob McFarlin. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Kale Drake (1), 2. Justin Grant (4), 3. Drake Edwards (13), 4. Riley Kreisel (5), 5. Logan Seavey (3), 6. Gavin Miller (11), 7. Andrew Felker (19), 8. Kyle Jones (15), 9. Cannon McIntosh (6), 10. Jacob Denney (2), 11. Kevin Thomas Jr. (9), 12. Gunnar Setser (12), 13. Daniel Robinson (24), 14. Cale Coons (18), 15. Steven Snyder Jr. (17), 16. Hayden Reinbold (7), 17. Brecken Reese (14), 18. Thomas Meseraull (21), 19. Branigan Roark (22), 20. Mack Leopard (8), 21. Brandon Carr (20), 22. Kameron Key (10), 23. Garrett Benson (16), 24. Chad Winfrey (23). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1-2 Kale Drake, Laps 3-15 Jacob Denney, Laps 16-17 Kale Drake, Laps 18-38 Riley Kreisel, Laps 39-40 Kale Drake.

**Garrett Benson flipped on lap 16 of the feature.

USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Justin Grant-365, 2-Cannon McIntosh-349, 3-Kale Drake-322, 4-Logan Seavey-308, 5-Jacob Denney-304, 6-Steven Snyder Jr.-297, 7-Gavin Miller-289, 8-Drake Edwards-281, 9-Kevin Thomas Jr.-267, 10-Gunnar Setser-224.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-103, 2-C.J. Leary-49, 3-Briggs Danner-41, 4-Chase Stockon-37, 5-Robert Ballou-35, 6-Jadon Rogers-30, 7-Justin Grant-30, 8-Gunnar Setser-28, 9-Kyle Cummins-23, 10-Kyle Jones-22.

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NEXT USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: June 3, 2025 – Circle City Raceway – Indianapolis, Indiana – 1/4-Mile Dirt Oval – 21st Annual USAC Indiana Midget Week

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Kevin Thomas Jr. (12.113)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Cannon McIntosh (11.746)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: Mack Leopard

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Kevin Thomas Jr.

USACgear.com Third Heat Winner: Hayden Reinbold

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Andrew Felker (19th to 7th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Justin Grant

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Kale's on Rails! Drake Charges 9th to the Win at Circle City IMW Opener

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Indianapolis, Indiana (June 3, 2025).....All year long, Kale Drake has displayed an astounding passing prowess that has put him atop USAC's passing master standings.

During Tuesday night's 21st annual USAC Indiana Midget Week opener at Circle City Raceway's, that very same passing prowess took the ninth place starting Drake to victory lane.

In a race which saw the lead exchange hands six different times among three drivers, Drake (Collinsville, Oklahoma) broke through with the winning move around Kevin Thomas Jr. with six laps remaining to earn his first career Indiana Midget Week win, his second straight USAC NOS Energy Drink Midget National Championship victory and his third career series victory overall.

Drake, whose 120 passes in USAC national feature events in 2025 is a staggering 66 more than anyone else, leads the season long Parallax Group Passing Master standings. Starting inside row five, Drake needed to dig deep to get to the front once more in his Keith Kunz-Curb-Agajanian Motorsports/Eibach – TRD – Toyota – Mobil 1/LynK/Speedway Toyota.

In the meantime, pole sitter Logan Seavey sprinted out to the lead where he'd remain for the initial 18 circuits of the 30-lap feature. On the ninth lap, 10th running Gunnar Setser flipped upside down in turn two to bring out the only red flag of the night. Setser was able to walk away while Cannon McIntosh, second in series points, also dropped out following the incident, finishing 25th in the 25-car field.

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When action resumed, Daison Pursley slid past Seavey in turns one and two on the 10th lap. Seavey astutely cut back under to reassume the lead, then fended off another Pursley attack in turns three and four to lead at the stripe by a wheel. Shortly thereafter, Karter Sarff circled the waters, then pounced on lap 16 to take second from Pursley.

Suddenly, it was a swarm of six different cars all under a blanket as fifth starting Kevin Thomas Jr. rolled the bottom to fourth on lap 16, to third on lap 17, to second on lap 18 and to the lead on lap 19 in three-wide fashion with himself on the low line, Drake in the middle and Seavey on the outside.

Drake had surged from sixth to second in a five-lap span between laps 16-20, and after a somewhat stagnant start, he had surprised the field with his presence at the front and even surprised himself!

"I didn't think we were going to have anything for them," Drake stated. "Early on in that race, we were struggling and at a standstill really. I could pounce on them when they made a mistake, but other than that, I really didn't have speed. When I stumbled upon that line, it worked out really well for us."

"That" line involved bouncing his right rear tire off the outside wall in turns one and two, then diamonding his path from the top of turn three to the bottom of turn four. Drake took that maneuver to the lead past Thomas on lap 21 and the duel was on. Thomas retook the top spot on lap 22 before Drake took it back on the 23rd lap. Thomas regained the lead on lap 24, but Drake fought back to reach the top once more on lap 25 around the outside of turn four.

Artist Bob Ross once encouraged people to embrace "happy accidents." Instead of viewing errors as mistakes, he encouraged individuals to use the opportunity to create something unexpected and positive. Drake's artistry on the racetrack transformed from what could've been construed as an accident initially to a pivotal and winning moment.

"I accidentally did that move in one and two and kind of gained on the guys ahead of me, and I was like, 'whew! If we can replicate that, we're going to be hard to beat,'" Drake revealed. "Once I made it happen, we were able to pick our way right through them. They were hanging really bad off the exit, so I could make the diamond line work. I was able to drive it into the corner so hard, thanks to having such a good racecar. I really just had to get it turned and come down the hill. There's not much to lean on up there and it's really slick. You've got to come up with unique lines like that."

Despite reaching lapped traffic during the final two laps, Drake was able to extend his lead over Thomas in the final stages, leading the final six laps to win by a 1.265 second margin over Thomas, Sarff and Pursley with Seavey rounding out the top-five.

Furthermore, Drake became the first feature winning driver to also grab hard charger honors in USAC National Midget competition this season, advancing eight positions to score his second straight feature victory with the series after also winning on May 18 at Missouri's Sweet Springs Motorsports Complex in similarly dramatic fashion.

"They were racing really hard in front of me, so it slowed them all down, and it really opened the door for me," Drake explained. "To grab another Rod End Supply Hard Charger is unreal. We've passed so many racecars this year, and I think that's just a testament to the racecars I've had the pleasure of sitting in. It just makes my job really easy. If only I could just start my night off a little better! But it doesn't seem to drag us down too bad."

It was exactly seven years ago to the day that Kevin Thomas Jr. captured his lone USAC Indiana Midget Week win at Kokomo Speedway in 2018. Seven years later, to the day, Thomas nearly pulled off his second IMW triumph, leading three different times for a total of four laps en route to a second place finish.

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Karter Sarff made an impressive Indiana Midget Week debut, finishing with a career best USAC National Midget result of third to earn the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

Justin Grant earned his 12th career USAC National Midget Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifying time, which tied him for 49th place on the all-time list alongside Cannon McIntosh, Don Meacham, Larry Rice and Josh Wise. It was also the fifth fast time of Grant's Indiana Midget Week career, tying him for second most all-time with Bryan Clauson.

USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: June 3, 2025 – Circle City Raceway – Indianapolis, Indiana – 1/4-Mile Dirt Oval – 21st Annual USAC Indiana Midget Week

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Justin Grant, 87, CBI-12.482; 2. Kevin Thomas Jr., 14, 4 Kings-12.526; 3. Hayden Reinbold, 19AZ, Reinbold/Underwood-12.539; 4. Karter Sarff, 21K, Sarff-12.553; 5. Zach Wigal, 8, Cornell-12.566; 6. Corbin Rueschenberg, 26, Rueschenberg-12.598; 7. Daison Pursley, 86, CBI-12.603; 8. Colton Robinson, 67K, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-12.612; 9. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-12.615; 10. Drake Edwards, 83, CBI-12.628; 11. Cannon McIntosh, 71K, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-12.654; 12. Gavin Miller, 97, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-12.659; 13. Gunnar Setser, 43, Arnold-12.679; 14. Jacob Denney, 67, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-12.711; 15. Brecken Reese, 00, Chandler-12.717; 16. Steven Snyder Jr., 4, RMS-12.733; 17. Trey Marcham, 85, Central-12.735; 18. Thomas Meseraull, 7x, Engler-12.745; 19. Kale Drake, 97K, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-12.753; 20. K.J. Snow, 86x, CBI-12.786; 21. Kyle Jones, 27x, Joyner-12.788; 22. Jake Boxell, 14JB, 4 Kings-12.846; 23. Daniel Harding, 71w, Golding-12.853; 24. Zach Daum, 5D, O'Dell-12.867; 25. Mason Hannagan, 71H, Hills-12.869; 26. Kaiden Manders, 71, Golding-12.878; 27. Preston Norbury, 77AZ, Norbury-12.902; 28. Kyle Cummins, 3G, Styres-12.920; 29. Cale Coons, 63, Dooling/Curb-Agajanian-12.952; 30. Ethan Mitchell, 19m, Bundy Built-12.953; 31. Blake Brannon, 40, Brannon-13.010; 32. Tom Payet, 7AU, Bennett-13.026; 33. Jake Robinson, 8AU, Robinson-13.084; 34. Kevin Newton, 16TH, 2nd Law-13.108; 35. Chris Baue, 36, Baue-13.355; 36. Scott Orr, 88s, Orr-13.399; 37. Rylan Gray, 81G, Gray-14.514; 38. Chris Hartman, 35s, Hodge-NT; 39. Abby Hohlbein, 2B, Poe-NT.

CAR IQ FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Gunnar Setser, 2. Justin Grant, 3. Trey Marcham, 4. Kyle Jones, 5. Logan Seavey, 6. Zach Wigal, 7. Mason Hannagan, 8. Cale Coons, 9. Jake Robinson. 2:08.811

K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Thomas Meseraull, 2. Jacob Denney, 3. Drake Edwards, 4. Kevin Thomas Jr., 5. Jake Boxell, 6. Corbin Rueschenberg, 7. Kaiden Manders, 8. Ethan Mitchell, 9. Kevin Newton, 10. Chris Hartman. NT

USACGEAR.COM THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Kale Drake, 2. Cannon McIntosh, 3. Hayden Reinbold, 4. Daison Pursley, 5. Brecken Reese, 6. Daniel Harding, 7. Preston Norbury, 8. Blake Brannon, 9. Chris Baue. 2:11.124

COOK OUT FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Zach Daum, 2. Steven Snyder Jr., 3. Karter Sarff, 4. K.J. Snow, 5. Gavin Miller, 6. Kyle Cummins, 7. Colton Robinson, 8. Tom Payet, 9. Scott Orr. NT

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Zach Wigal, 2. Corbin Rueschenberg, 3. Mason Hannagan, 4. Kyle Cummins, 5. Kaiden Manders, 6. Daniel Harding, 7. Blake Brannon, 8. Preston Norbury, 9. Cale Coons, 10. Colton Robinson, 11. Tom Payet, 12. Chris Baue, 13. Jake Robinson, 14. Kevin Newton, 15. Chris Hartman, 16. Ethan Mitchell, 17. Rylan Gray. NT

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FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Kale Drake (9), 2. Kevin Thomas Jr. (5), 3. Karter Sarff (3), 4. Daison Pursley (2), 5. Logan Seavey (1), 6. Zach Wigal (11), 7. Justin Grant (6), 8. Hayden Reinbold (4), 9. Zach Daum (10), 10. Gavin Miller (15), 11. Jacob Denney (16), 12. Thomas Meseraull (8), 13. Drake Edwards (13), 14. Kyle Jones (21), 15. Cale Coons (25-P), 16. Jakeb Boxell (22), 17. Mason Hannagan (23), 18. Kyle Cummins (24), 19. Trey Marcham (19), 20. Steven Snyder Jr. (18), 21. Corbin Rueschenberg (12), 22. Brecken Reese (17), 23. K.J. Snow (20), 24. Gunnar Setser (7), 25. Cannon McIntosh (14). NT

(P) represents a provisional starter.

**Gunnar Setser flipped on lap 9 of the feature.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1-18 Logan Seavey, Laps 19-20 Kevin Thomas Jr., Lap 21 Kale Drake, Lap 22 Kevin Thomas Jr., Lap 23 Kale Drake, Lap 24 Kevin Thomas Jr., Laps 25-30 Kale Drake.

USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Justin Grant-430, 2-Kale Drake-400, 3-Cannon McIntosh-379, 4-Logan Seavey-370, 5-Jacob Denney-352, 6-Kevin Thomas Jr.-344, 7-Gavin Miller-336, 8-Steven Snyder Jr.-327, 9-Drake Edwards-324, 10-Kyle Jones-259.

USAC INDIANA MIDGET WEEK POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-78, 2-Kevin Thomas Jr.-77, 3-Karter Sarff-73, 4-Daison Pursley-66, 5-Justin Grant-65, 6-Logan Seavey-62, 7-Zach Wigal-60, 8-Hayden Reinbold-59, 9-Zach Daum-54, 10-Jacob Denney-48.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-120, 2-C.J. Leary-54, 3-Kyle Cummins-45, 4-Briggs Danner-44, 5-Chase Stockon-42, 6-Robert Ballou-41, 7-Gunnar Setser-38, 8-Justin Grant-33, 9-Jadon Rogers-30, 10-Kyle Jones-29.

USAC INDIANA MIDGET WEEK PARALLAX GROUP PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-9, 2-Mason Hannagan-9, 3-Kyle Jones-7, 4-Kyle Cummins-7, 5-Jacob Denney-6, 6-Jakeb Boxell-6, 7-Kevin Thomas Jr.-5, 8-Zach Wigal-5, 9-Gavin Miller-5, 10-Justin Grant-4.

NEXT USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: June 4, 2025 – Paragon Speedway – Paragon, Indiana – 3/8-Mile Dirt Oval – 21st Annual USAC Indiana Midget Week

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Jacob Denney (12.698)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Justin Grant (12.482)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: Gunnar Setser

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Thomas Meseraull

USACgear.com Third Heat Winner: Kale Drake

Cook Out Fourth Heat Winner: Zach Daum

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Kale Drake (9th to 1st)

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Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Karter Sarff

ProSource Hard Work Award: Brecken Reese

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Enter Stage Left! Denney Delivers Victory at Paragon

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Paragon, Indiana (June 4, 2025).....Jacob Denney's USAC NOS Energy Drink Midget National Championship career pretty much jump started with his first career series victory during USAC Indiana Midget Week in 2022.

On Wednesday night, IMW provided the stage for the Galloway, Ohio racer to once again slay the field, this time at Paragon Speedway in round two of the 21st annual edition of the series.

Denney's third career IMW score came in wire-to-wire fashion as he led all 30 laps from the outside of the front row at the 3/8-mile dirt oval. His latest IMW win came exactly two years to the day of his most recent triumph in the miniseries back in 2023.

The third USAC Indiana Midget Week win of Denney's career marks the third different track and team for which Denney has won with in the series over the past four seasons: 2022 at Lincoln Park Speedway with Mounce-Stout Motorsports; 2023 at Tri-State Speedway with Tom Malloy; and now in 2025 at Paragon with Keith Kunz/Curb-Agajanian Motorsports.

Denney's second win of the USAC National Midget season is the fifth overall in his career, lifting him to 122nd place on the all-time list alongside Mike Bliss, Lonnie Caruthers, Larry Dickson, Mike Fedorcak, Burt Foland, Mack McClellan, Danny McKnight, Cliff Spalding, Ricky Stenhouse Jr. and Jerry Weeks.

Needless to say, the trip to Paragon went more smoothly than his last visit to the track with the Xtreme Outlaw Midget Series in 2023 where he "exited stage right," so to speak, in turns three and four. This time, it was clean and green for the 20-year-old Denney and his Keith Kunz-Curb-Agajanian Motorsports/JBL Audio – TRD – Toyota – Mobil 1/LynK/Speedway Toyota.

Denney established the lead from the get-go as he gapped pole sitter K.J. Snow by 10 car lengths on the opening circuit. By lap five, Denney's mission had led him to a nearly three second lead, all of which was of utmost importance and went accordingly with his plan.

"With that much track rework, you've got to get out and go and make your own laps and be the guy to dictate where you move around and which lines are fast," Denney explained. "The first start was important and I knew each restart was going to be just as important because the corners are so sharp here. You just have to lift getting into them. I didn't want anybody to drive up in there and slide me."

In the distance behind Denney, the race for second was up for the taking as Hayden Reinbold began to pressure Snow for the position. On the seventh lap, Reinbold tagged the rear bumper of Snow entering turn three and subsequently slid up the racetrack, allowing seven cars to roar past Reinbold as he dropped all the way back to 10th.

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Following 20th place running Zach Wigal's stoppage in turns one and two on the 11th lap, the yellow flag dissipated Denney's 2.1 second lead. Nonetheless, it was merely a temporary disturbance as Denney quickly reestablished his commanding lead to the tune of nearly three seconds.

Grant found his way into second as he slid under Snow to grab second in turn four on the 12th lap. Kale Drake followed suit and skid under Snow in turns three and four on lap 16 to slot into the "show" position.

Few races go exactly to perfection for the eventual winner, and that too can be said about Denney's firsthand experience on this particular evening. Entering lapped traffic, Denney continued to thrust the hammer down around the outside. Without mirrors or spotters, and a mere 30 laps to get the job done, urgency is preferred over complacency.

"I had to move up for lapped traffic and about turned it over, so I definitely held my breath for the last three laps there," Denney revealed after his close encounter of the third turn cushion. "I kept looking back after any mistake I made, and from the middle of one and two, I could see them entering turn one without making a mistake. So I just had to take a deep breath, because down in turns one and two, you had to run really hard, and in turns three and four, you really had to take it easy running across the slick."

In the end, Denney took it to the stripe 2.537 seconds ahead of the competition, crossing under the checkered flag ahead of runner-up Justin Grant with Kale Drake, K.J. Snow and Cannon McIntosh occupying the top-five in the final running order.

Justin Grant brought his ride home in second place, and in the process, rose from fifth to second in USAC Indiana Midget Week points with two rounds down and four to go. It also helped him retain his overall season long USAC National Midget point lead.

Meanwhile, Kale Drake maintained his USAC Indiana Midget Week point lead with another podium result, finishing third after starting seventh.

Seventeenth place finisher Zach Daum took the ProSource Hard Work Award winner as the last driver finishing the feature on the lead lap. However, he was not all that pleased after a last lap incident relegated him from 13th to a 17th place result, and afterward, stalked the racetrack while carrying his steering wheel and looking for the culprit.

Snow met fire in the feature as K.J. Snow, making just his second career USAC National Midget feature start, came home with an impressive fourth place finish with the same team and number Daison Pursley utilized to capture the 2024 USAC Indiana Midget Week crown. For his efforts, Snow was named the recipient of the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

Kyle Cummins advanced eighth positions from 16th to eighth in the feature to earn Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors.

Karter Sarff's first run in a midget at Paragon got off to a hot start as he achieved his second career USAC Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifying Time. Sarff ultimately finished sixth in the feature to stick himself right in the middle of the Indiana Midget Week title fight where he currently resides third, 13 points out of the lead.

USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: June 4, 2025 – Paragon Speedway – Paragon, Indiana – 3/8-Mile Dirt Oval – 21st Annual USAC Indiana Midget Week

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Karter Sarff, 21K, Sarff-14.833; 2. Justin Grant, 87, CBI-15.018; 3. Steven Snyder Jr., 4, RMS-15.092; 4. Hayden Reinbold, 19AZ, Reinbold-Underwood-15.105; 5. Cannon McIntosh, 71K, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-

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15.132; 6. Jacob Denney, 67, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-15.135; 7. Jakeb Boxell, 14JB, 4 Kings-15.158; 8. Drake Edwards, 83, CBI-15.167; 9. K.J. Snow, 86, CBI-15.182; 10. Corbin Rueschenberg, 26, Rueschenberg-15.193; 11. Colton Robinson, 67K, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-15.212; 12. Kevin Thomas Jr., 14, 4 Kings-15.216; 13. Kyle Cummins, 3G, Styres-15.226; 14. Gavin Miller, 97, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-15.251; 15. Brecken Reese, 00, Chandler-15.261; 16. Zach Daum, 5D, O'Dell-15.269; 17. Kale Drake, 97K, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-15.271; 18. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-15.296; 19. Chelby Hinton, 4B, Klatt-15.311; 20. Kaiden Manders, 71, Golding-15.339; 21. Ethan Mitchell, 19m, Bundy Built-15.355; 22. Trey Marcham, 85, Central-15.358; 23. Thomas Meseraull, 7x, Engler-15.373; 24. Gunnar Setser, 43, Arnold-15.407; 25. Daniel Harding, 71w, Golding-15.447; 26. Blake Brannon, 40, Brannon-15.526; 27. Kevin Newton, 16TH, 2nd Law-15.571; 28. Tom Payet, 7AU, Bennett-15.580; 29. Jake Robinson, 8AU, Robinson-15.595; 30. Cale Coons, 63, Dooling/Curb-Agajanian-15.666; 31. Zach Wigal, 8, Cornell-15.746; 32. Preston Norbury, 77AZ, Norbury-15.755; 33. Mason Hannagan, 71H, Hills-15.804; 34. Chris Baue, 36, Baue-15.837; 35. Kyle Jones, 27x, Joyner-16.511.

CAR IQ FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Kale Drake, 2. K.J. Snow, 3. Kyle Cummins, 4. Ethan Mitchell, 5. Cannon McIntosh, 6. Karter Sarff, 7. Daniel Harding, 8. Mason Hannagan, 9. Jake Robinson.

K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Logan Seavey, 2. Trey Marcham, 3. Corbin Rueschenberg, 4. Jacob Denney, 5. Justin Grant, 6. Cale Coons, 7. Gavin Miller, 8. Blake Brannon, 9. Chris Baue.

USACGEAR.COM THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Thomas Meseraull, 2. Chelby Hinton, 3. Brecken Reese, 4. Steven Snyder Jr., 5. Zach Wigal, 6. Colton Robinson, 7. Kyle Jones, 8. Jakeb Boxell, 9. Kevin Newton.

COOK OUT FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Gunnar Setser, 2. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3. Zach Daum, 4. Kaiden Manders, 5. Hayden Reinbold, 6. Drake Edwards, 7. Tom Payet, 8. Preston Norbury.

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Karter Sarff, 2. Drake Edwards, 3. Colton Robinson, 4. Gavin Miller, 5. Tom Payet, 6. Cale Coons, 7. Kyle Jones, 8. Jakeb Boxell, 9. Kevin Newton, 10. Blake Brannon, 11. Mason Hannagan, 12. Chris Baue, 13. Daniel Harding, 14. Jake Robinson, 15. Preston Norbury.

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Jacob Denney (2), 2. Justin Grant (6), 3. Kale Drake (7), 4. K.J. Snow (1), 5. Cannon McIntosh (3), 6. Karter Sarff (11), 7. Gunnar Setser (10), 8. Kyle Cummins (16), 9. Kevin Thomas Jr. (15), 10. Logan Seavey (8), 11. Steven Snyder Jr. (5), 12. Colton Robinson (14), 13. Thomas Meseraull (9), 14. Drake Edwards (12), 15. Hayden Reinbold (4), 16. Gavin Miller (17), 17. Zach Daum (19), 18. Zach Wigal (24), 19. Brecken Reese (18), 20. Trey Marcham (23), 21. Ethan Mitchell (22), 22. Cale Coons (26-P), 23. Kyle Jones (25-P), 24. Corbin Rueschenberg (13), 25. Kaiden Manders (21), 26. Chelby Hinton (20). NT

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FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1-30 Jacob Denney.

USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Justin Grant-506, 2-Kale Drake-472, 3-Cannon McIntosh-443, 4-Jacob Denney-428, 5-Logan Seavey-421, 6-Kevin Thomas Jr.-397, 7-Steven Snyder Jr.-377, 8-Gavin Miller-368, 9-Drake Edwards-361, 10-Gunnar Setser-315.

USAC INDIANA MIDGET WEEK POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-150, 2-Justin Grant-141, 3-Karter Sarff-137, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-130, 5-Jacob Denney-124, 6-Logan Seavey-113, 7-Hayden Reinbold-99, 8-K.J. Snow-96, 9-Cannon McIntosh-94, 10-Thomas Meseraull-92.

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USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-124, 2-C.J. Leary-54, 3-Kyle Cummins-53, 4-Briggs Danner-44, 5-Chase Stockon-42, 6-Robert Ballou-41, 7-Gunnar Setser-41, 8-Justin Grant-37, 9-Kevin Thomas Jr.-32, 10-Jadon Rogers-30.

USAC INDIANA MIDGET WEEK PARALLAX GROUP PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kyle Cummins-15, 2-Kale Drake-14, 3-Zach Wigal-14, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-13, 5-Kyle Jones-11, 6-Mason Hannagan-11, 7-Justin Grant-9, 8-Jacob Denney-8, 9-Karter Sarff-8, 10-Gavin Miller-8.

NEXT USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: June 5, 2025 – Honest Abe Roofing Lincoln Park Speedway – Putnamville, Indiana – 5/16-Mile Dirt Oval – 21st Annual USAC Indiana Midget Week

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Kevin Thomas Jr. (15.060)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Karter Sarff (14.833)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: Kale Drake

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Logan Seavey

USACgear.com Third Heat Winner: Thomas Meseraull

Cook Out Fourth Heat Winner: Gunnar Setser

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Karter Sarff

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Kyle Cummins (16th to 8th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: K.J. Snow

ProSource Hard Work Award: Zach Daum

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17th to 1st! Denney Stuns with Kokomo Win, Drake Takes USAC IMW Title

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Kokomo, Indiana (June 8, 2025).....Seventeen drivers came into Sunday night's 2025 USAC Indiana Midget Week finale at Kokomo Speedway mathematically in contention for the miniseries championship.

Somewhat fittingly, the final event of the truncated and abbreviated three-race series came down to the two drivers who captured victories in the first two rounds of the series – teammates Jacob Denney and Kale Drake.

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Denney (Galloway, Ohio) captured the battle with a stunning run to first after starting 17th in the 24-car field on the 1/4-mile dirt oval, leading the final six laps en route to his second victory of the week in his Keith Kunz-Curb-Agajanian Motorsports/JBL Audio – TRD – Toyota – Mobil 1/LynK/Speedway Toyota.

Drake (Collinsville, Oklahoma), meanwhile, led 11 laps of his own in the feature before crossing the line in the runner-up spot. But it was his consistency throughout the three-race series in which he garnered a 1st, a 3rd and a 2nd to corral the \$15,000 Indiana Midget Week championship by a 22-point margin.

As far as Denney's plus-16 mad dash to the front, it's the furthest back any driver has won a USAC NOS Energy Drink Midget National Championship feature dating back to the 2019 season. Ironically, or maybe not so ironically, the previous largest winning charge came via Buddy Kofoid, who drove for the same team and the same car number (#67) as Denney on his way to a 2021 score at Oklahoma's Port City Speedway.

"I'm super stoked to get it done from 17th. That's way back there," an ecstatic Denney stated.

Denney's victory is already his third of the USAC National Midget season, and his second at Kokomo after also winning the 2025 season opener during April's Kokomo Grand Prix. That moved Denney up to 109th place on the all-time USAC National Midget win list alongside Spencer Bayston, Donnie Beechler, George Benson, Dana Carter, Bob Cicconi, Robby Flock, Nick Fornoro Jr., Arnie Knepper, Ricky Shelton, Mike Streicher, Dave Strickland Jr., Kevin Thomas Jr. and Roger West.

Perhaps even more impressively, after winning at Paragon Speedway on Wednesday and Kokomo on Sunday, Denney's Indiana Midget Week career win total stands at four. That already ranks as the fourth most all-time behind Bryan Clauson & Kyle Larson (9), Buddy Kofoid (6) and Christopher Bell & Tanner Thorson (5), and is tied with Rico Abreu & Logan Seavey (4).

Denney did the deed at Kokomo after a less than desirable qualifying run of 14th. When all the preliminaries were completed, he was shuffled back to the inside of row nine for the start of the 30-lap feature. By then, the number of eligible Indiana Midget Week championship contenders had dwindled to six with Drake leading the bunch and Denney back in fifth, 27 points behind.

If Drake could finish the feature fourth or better, the title was his regardless of how anybody else performed. As it turned out, Drake never strayed outside of the top-two for the entire duration of the feature.

Things got off to a messy start, however. As the green flag was waved, sixth place starting Karter Sarff's car failed to take off, the victim of a stripped cam spud that ended his race and dashed his IMW championship hopes. Sarff entered the feature only 11 points out of the lead in third.

But Sarff's issue was just the beginning of a chain reaction that first saw Colton Robinson broadside into the backside of Sarff. Frankie Guerrini became a victim of circumstance as he tagged Robinson and flipped several times in turn one. Guerrini walked away, and his night, along with Sarff's, were immediately over.

Original pole sitter Jakeb Boxell was penalized on the initial green flag for jumping the start and was henceforth moved back one row while Drake Edwards was slotted over into the pole position. Drake was now the new occupant of the outside of the front row.

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Edwards took advantage of the situation to lead lap one as Drake dropped into second. By lap six, Drake was angling for the lead as he peeked ahead of Edwards on the outside of turn two. Nonetheless, Edwards managed to fend off Drake for the time being.

On lap 10, Edwards' ride took a hop, skip and a jump atop the turn two cushion, allowing Drake to breeze on by to the inside and into the lead. A lap later, Edwards fought back to wrestle control of the race away from Drake as he drove around the outside of Drake in turns three and four.

After third running Daison Pursley fell to the wayside with a flat left rear tire on lap 13, one lap after the ensuing restart, Edwards stumbled on the turn two cushion and subsequently opened the door for Drake to roll on by into the lead. At that very moment, Denney suddenly became a contender, ultimately roaring into second past Edwards on lap 16, and it was then he knew it was go time if he desired to win this deal.

"At the end, I just had to go," Denney explained. "I had to be patient and take my time because I kept making mistakes. I felt like I was running a completely different line than everybody else in three and four."

Denney chased Drake for the next nine laps, and on the 25th circuit, dove low into turn one and drifted up past Drake. Then in turns three and four, Denney entered high in turn three and swooped low at the exit of turn four around the outside of Drake to take over the top spot for good.

"I knew I had to be right there on him to make it work," Denney explained. "I kept sliding Drake down there and he kept crossing me over. When I finally got around him, I knew that I had to really get across far and get back going again to clear him."

Denney led the final six laps to score the win by a 0.464 margin over Kale Drake, who locked up the USAC Indiana Midget Week championship. Drake Edwards finished third with Kevin Thomas Jr. fourth and Cannon McIntosh fifth.

Not only did Denney earn Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors, he also grabbed the USAC Indiana Midget Week Parallax Group Passing Master title. Through the three races of IMW, he passed a series high total of 25 cars. Sixteen of those passes came during Sunday's victory at Kokomo.

In his heat race, Drake Edwards surged late in the going to grab the final transfer spot. That earned him a front row starting spot for the feature where he proceeded to lead a race high 13 laps en route to a third place finish, which proved to be the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

Preston Norbury picked up some accolades during his first USAC Indiana Midget Week experience. He attended all three events during the week and collected a \$500 bonus from ProSource for his perseverance.

Trevor Cline was the ProSource Hard Work award winner. In his first USAC National Midget feature start at Kokomo, he was the final driver finishing on the lead lap (20th), which provided him a \$100 bonus.

For the second event in a row, albeit four days later, Karter Sarff was the Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier. He topped the field with a lap of 13.252 seconds for his third career fast qualifying time with the series.

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HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Karter Sarff, 21K, Sarff-13.252; 2. Steven Snyder Jr., 4, RMS-13.342; 3. Kevin Thomas Jr., 14, 4 Kings-13.352; 4. Daison Pursley, 86, CBI-13.355; 5. Kale Drake, 97K, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-13.412; 6. Drake Edwards, 83, CBI-13.442; 7. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-13.445; 8. Jakeb Boxell, 14JB, 4 Kings-13.450; 9. Justin Grant, 87, CBI-13.465; 10. Trevor Cline, 55, Cline-13.466; 11. Brecken Reese, 00, Chandler-13.481; 12. Hayden Reinbold, 19AZ, Reinbold-Underwood-13.498; 13. Rylan Gray, 81G, Gray-13.499; 14. Jacob Denney, 67, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-13.512; 15. Gunnar Setser, 43, Arnold-13.564; 16. Ethan Mitchell, 19m, Bundy Built-13.566; 17. Colton Robinson, 67K, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-13.587; 18. Gavin Miller, 97, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-13.601; 19. Thomas Meseraull, 7x, Engler-13.614; 20. Blake Brannon, 40, Brannon-13.624; 21. Zach Wigal, 8, Cornell-13.668; 22. Cannon McIntosh, 71K, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-13.699; 23. Chelby Hinton, 4B, Klatt-13.716; 24. Corbin Rueschenberg, 26, Rueschenberg-13.791; 25. Preston Norbury, 77AZ, Norbury-13.837; 26. Kaiden Manders, 71, Golding-13.873; 27. Cale Coons, 63, Dooling/Curb-Agajanian-13.897; 28. Tom Payet, 7AU, Bennett-13.916; 29. Frankie Guerrini, 63G, F & F-13.945; 30. Jeff Schindler, 8x, Schindler-14.035; 31. Daniel Harding, 71w, Golding-14.141; 32. Jake Robinson, 8AU, Robinson-14.158; 33. Mark Chisholm, 56x, Chisholm-14.489.

CAR IQ FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Rylan Gray, 2. Justin Grant, 3. Kale Drake, 4. Colton Robinson, 5. Karter Sarff, 6. Zach Wigal, 7. Frankie Guerrini, 8. Preston Norbury, 9. Mark Chisholm. 2:15.706

K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Cannon McIntosh, 2. Jacob Denney, 3. Gavin Miller, 4. Trevor Cline, 5. Drake Edwards, 6. Steven Snyder Jr., 7. Kaiden Manders, 8. Jeff Schindler. 2:16.960

USACGEAR.COM THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Chelby Hinton, 2. Thomas Meseraull, 3. Kevin Thomas Jr., 4. Cale Coons, 5. Brecken Reese, 6. Logan Seavey, 7. Daniel Harding, 8. Gunnar Setser. NT

COOK OUT FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Corbin Rueschenberg, 2. Hayden Reinbold, 3. Ethan Mitchell, 4. Daison Pursley, 5. Jakeb Boxell, 6. Blake Brannon, 7. Jake Robinson, 8. Tom Payet. NT

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Steven Snyder Jr., 2. Gunnar Setser, 3. Logan Seavey, 4. Frankie Guerrini, 5. Kaiden Manders, 6. Tom Payet, 7. Jake Robinson, 8. Blake Brannon, 9. Preston Norbury, 10. Mark Chisholm, 11. Jeff Schindler, 12. Daniel Harding. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Jacob Denney (17), 2. Kale Drake (3), 3. Drake Edwards (2), 4. Kevin Thomas Jr. (5), 5. Cannon McIntosh (8), 6. Justin Grant (13), 7. Jakeb Boxell (1), 8. Rylan Gray (7), 9. Gunnar Setser (18), 10. Hayden Reinbold (16), 11. Steven Snyder Jr. (11), 12. Ethan Mitchell (19), 13. Daison Pursley (4), 14. Logan Seavey (12), 15. Corbin Rueschenberg (10), 16. Thomas Meseraull (22), 17. Gavin Miller (21), 18. Brecken Reese (15), 19. Cale Coons (23), 20. Trevor Cline (14), 21. Chelby Hinton (9), 22. Colton Robinson (20), 23. Karter Sarff (6), 24. Frankie Guerrini (24). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-9 Drake Edwards, Lap 10 Kale Drake, Laps 11-14 Drake Edwards, Laps 15-24 Kale Drake, Laps 25-30 Jacob Denney.

**Frankie Guerrini flipped on lap 1 of the feature.

USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Justin Grant-578, 2-Kale Drake-557, 3-Cannon McIntosh-519, 4-Jacob Denney-515, 5-Kevin Thomas Jr.-478, 6-Logan Seavey-467, 7-Drake Edwards-440, 8-Steven Snyder Jr.-436, 9-Gavin Miller-413, 10-Gunnar Setser-373.

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FINAL USAC INDIANA MIDGET WEEK POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-235, 2-Justin Grant-213, 3-Jacob Denney-211, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-211, 5-Karter Sarff-180, 6-Cannon McIntosh-170, 7-Drake Edwards-159, 8-Logan Seavey-159, 9-Hayden Reinbold-159, 10-Gunnar Setser-149.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-125, 2-C.J. Leary-54, 3-Kyle Cummins-53, 4-Gunnar Setser-50, 5-Justin Grant-44, 6-Briggs Danner-44, 7-Chase Stockon-42, 8-Robert Ballou-41, 9-Jacob Denney-35, 10-Kevin Thomas Jr.-33.

FINAL USAC INDIANA MIDGET WEEK PARALLAX GROUP PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Jacob Denney-25, 2-Gunnar Setser-21, 3-Justin Grant-18, 4-Kale Drake-17, 5-Kevin Thomas Jr.-17, 6-Kyle Cummins-15, 7-Zach Wigal-14, 8-Hayden Reinbold-12, 9-Gavin Miller-12, 10-Kyle Jones-11.

NEXT USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACES: July 1-2, 2025 – The Dirt Track at Indianapolis Motor Speedway – Speedway, Indiana – 1/5-Mile Dirt Oval – 7th BC39 Presented by Avanti Windows & Doors

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Jakeb Boxell (13.331)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Karter Sarff (13.252)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: Rylan Gray

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Cannon McIntosh

USACgear.com Third Heat Winner: Chelby Hinton

Cook Out Fourth Heat Winner: Corbin Rueschenberg

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Steven Snyder Jr.

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Jacob Denney (17th to 1st)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Drake Edwards

ProSource Hard Work Award: Trevor Cline

USAC Indiana Midget Week Champion: Kale Drake

USAC Parallax Group Indiana Midget Week Passing Master Champion: Jacob Denney (25)

ProSource Perseverance Award: Preston Norbury

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Grant Hangs on to Win Wild BC39 Opener at IMS

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By: Paul Kelly – Indianapolis Motor Speedway

Speedway, Indiana (July 1, 2025).....Justin Grant endured constant pressure from rivals, numerous caution flags and heavy traffic to win a wild USAC NOS Energy Drink Midget National Championship feature Tuesday night that opened the BC39 Presented by Avanti Windows & Doors at The Dirt Track at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

alone, California's Grant, who started second, used nearly every inch of the racetrack to earn \$5,000 for his third career win at IMS in the CB Industries/NOS Energy Drink – PristineAuction.com – Mobil 1 – TRD/Spike/Speedway Toyota No. 87 owned by Chad Boat, the son of 1998 Indianapolis 500 pole sitter Billy Boat. Grant also won the BC39 main feature in 2023 on the 1/5th-mile dirt oval inside Turn 3 at IMS.

Gavin Miller finished second in the No. 97 Keith Kunz/Curb-Agajanian Motorsports entry, and Kyle Cummins was third in the No. 3G Glenn Stires Racing car.

"It was a lot of fun," Grant said. "I had no idea what to do. I felt like I could make better speed up top, but you could just get pocketed so easy by guys running the slider there."

"I almost felt like I slowed down. I felt like early I was able to run pretty good pace around the top, and it felt like as the pace of the race slowed down, I had to slow down and start doing things a little differently. I felt like I was almost running easier at the end than at the beginning but just trying to be fast in the spots where you can get past."

The 30-lap feature looked anything but slow, especially over the frantic final 15 laps.

Grant drove under pole sitter Logan Seavey on Lap 3 and took the lead, which he held until a restart with 12 laps to go. Daison Pursley then drove his No. 86 CB Industries machine under Grant in Turns 3 and 4 for first place.

That pass started a ferocious duel between Pursley and Grant. The two drivers swapped the lead at least three times over the next five laps, using every available line on the clay oval.

With five laps to go, Pursley slid high in Turn 4 and banged wheels with Grant in the high groove while they dueled for the lead. That slight loss of momentum let Kale Drake squeeze past to take the lead in the No. 97K Keith Kunz/Curb-Agajanian Motorsports car.

But Drake drifted high in Turn 1 on the very next lap and spun, collecting Pursley and Seavey while Grant drove low to avoid the snarl and take the lead as the caution flags flew.

Grant kept the lead on the restart and appeared to be headed to a smooth drive to victory when the No. 19M Bundy Built Motorsports entry driven by Ethan Mitchell stopped in Turn 4 with one lap to go, triggering a caution period and the first of two green-white-checkered restarts.

California native Grant hung on to the lead on both restarts and was never challenged to win by a 0.486 second margin.

The win was Grant's 20th career feature triumph in USAC National Midget competition, tying for 35th place all-time alongside four-time Indianapolis 500 winner A.J. Foyt.

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CAR IQ FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, passing points) 1. Justin Grant (#87 CBI), 2. Hayden Reinbold (#19AZ Reinbold-Underwood), 3. Mitchel Moles (#19 Reinbold-Underwood), 4. Brandon Carr (#98K Kunz/Curb-Agajanian), 5. Chris Andrews (#95 Miller), 6. Dusty Young (#60 Chappue), 7. Steven Snyder Jr. (#4 RMS), 8. Zach Daum (#16 Minear). NT

K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, passing points) 1. Zach Wigal (#8 Cornell), 2. Justin Peck (#3p Petty-Rossi), 3. Kale Drake (#97K Kunz/Curb-Agajanian), 4. P.J. Gargiulo (#5 Gargiulo), 5. Devon Dobie (#23 Dobie), 6. Chris Baue (#36 Baue), 7. Billy Wease (#2 Poe), 8. Austin Wood (#17H Wood). 1:46.465

USACGEAR.COM THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, passing points) 1. Kevin Thomas Jr. (#14 4 Kings), 2. Colton Robinson (#67K Kunz/Curb-Agajanian), 3. Gavin Miller (#97 Kunz/Curb-Agajanian), 4. Chelby Hinton (#4B Klatt), 5. Mack Leopard (#86x CBI), 6. Mike Hess (#92 Fairfield), 7. Braxton Cummings (#71B Cummings), 8. Chris Hartman (#35s Hodge). NT

COOK OUT FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps, passing points) 1. Daison Pursley (#86 CBI), 2. Jakeb Boxell (#14JB 4 Kings Racing), 3. Kade Morton (#8m Morton), 4. Dillon Welch (#60x LeVecque), 5. Lance Bennett (#91 Mason), 6. Cody Weisensel (#20w Burrington), 7. Kyle Jones (#27x Joyner), 8. Connor Wolf (#41 OMR-Rase). NT

CAR IQ FIFTH HEAT: (8 laps, passing points) 1. Ethan Mitchell (#19m Bundy Built), 2. Cannon McIntosh (#71K Kunz/Curb-Agajanian), 3. Gunnar Setser (#43 Arnold), 4. Chase Stockon (#7s Engler), 5. Kaylee Bryson (#11 Abacus), 6. Korbyn Hayslett (#17L Cummings), 7. Bradley Cox (#45 Cox), 8. Lane Goodman (#11A Morton). NT

K1 RACEGEAR SIXTH HEAT: (8 laps, passing points) 1. Drake Edwards (#83 CBI), 2. Briggs Danner (#40x McDermand), 3. Thomas Meseraull (#7x Engler), 4. Kyle Cummins (#3G Styres), 5. Chase McDermand (#40 McDermand), 6. Cooper Miller (#8J Miller), 7. Corbin Rueschenberg (#26 Rueschenberg), 8. Carter Jensrud (#c71 Jensrud), 9. Jeffrey Abbey (#8K Abbey). NT

USACGEAR.COM SEVENTH HEAT: (8 laps, passing points) 1. Jacob Denney (#67 Kunz/Curb-Agajanian), 2. Trevor Cline (#55 Cline), 3. Ricky Thornton Jr. (#19R Reinbold-Underwood), 4. Chris Sheil (#91s Mason), 5. Rylan Gray (#81G Gray), 6. Cole Parker (#17K Cummings), 7. Cord Kisthardt (#21 Kisthardt), 8. Cale Coons (#63 Dooling). 1:45.827

COOK OUT EIGHTH HEAT: (8 laps, passing points) 1. Brecken Reese (#00 Chandler), 2. Logan Seavey (#57 Abacus), 3. J.J. Yeley (#3J Petty), 4. Kevin Newton (#16TH 2nd Law), 5. Miles Doherty (#8D Doherty), 6. Josh Hodge (#5J Hodge), 7. Tyler Fitzpatrick (#57F Fitzpatrick), 8. Jonathan Beason (#14B Hollan), 9. Frankie Guerrini (#63G F & F). NT

C-MAIN: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the semis) 1. Jonathan Beason, 2. Steven Snyder Jr., 3. Zach Daum, 4. Bradley Cox, 5. Corbin Rueschenberg, 6. Braxton Cummings, 7. Carter Jensrud, 8. Cord Kisthardt, 9. Jeffrey Abbey, 10. Connor Wolf, 11. Austin Wood, 12. Chris Hartman, 13. Cale Coons, 14. Mike Hess, 15. Tyler Fitzpatrick. NT

FIRST ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Ricky Thornton Jr., 2. Kyle Cummins, 3. Gunnar Setser, 4. Chase Stockon, 5. Trevor Cline, 6. Chelby Hinton, 7. Jonathan Beason, 8. Kaylee Bryson, 9. Kade Morton, 10. Zach Daum, 11. Cooper Miller, 12. Kevin Newton, 13. Miles Doherty, 14. Mack Leopard, 15. Korbyn Hayslett, 16. Chris Andrews, 17. Cole Parker, 18. Cody Weisensel. 2:45.076

SECOND ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Colton Robinson, 2. Briggs Danner, 3. J.J. Yeley, 4. Jakeb Boxell, 5. Chase McDermand, 6. Dillon Welch, 7. Chris Sheil, 8. Steven Snyder Jr., 9. Brandon Carr, 10. Bradley Cox, 11. Billy Wease, 12. Josh Hodge, 13. Lance Bennett, 14. P.J. Gargiulo, 15. Dusty Young, 16. Chris Baue, 17. Devon Dobie. NT

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FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Justin Grant (2), 2. Gavin Miller (9), 3. Kyle Cummins (19), 4. Zach Wigal (14), 5. Drake Edwards (6), 6. Briggs Danner (20), 7. Brecken Reese (16), 8. Kevin Thomas Jr. (10), 9. Justin Peck (11), 10. Thomas Meseraull (12), 11. Kyle Jones (26-P), 12. Hayden Reinbold (5), 13. Gunnar Setser (21), 14. Steven Snyder Jr. (25-P), 15. Colton Robinson (18), 16. Ricky Thornton Jr. (17), 17. Chase Stockon (23), 18. Daison Pursley (4), 19. Kale Drake (8), 20. Jakeb Boxell (24), 21. Cannon McIntosh (3), 22. Ethan Mitchell (13), 23. Logan Seavey (1), 24. J.J. Yeley (22), 25. Mitchel Moles (7), 26. Jacob Denney (15). NT

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FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-2 Logan Seavey, Laps 3-18 Justin Grant, Laps 19-20 Daison Pursley, Lap 21 Justin Grant, Laps 22-23 Daison Pursley, Laps 24-25 Justin Grant, Lap 26 Kale Drake, Laps 27-31 Justin Grant.

**Zach Daum flipped during the first heat. Steven Snyder Jr. flipped during the first heat. Cale Coons flipped during the seventh heat. Tyler Fitzpatrick flipped during the C-Main. Jacob Denney flipped on lap 1 of the feature. Mitchel Moles flipped on lap 18 of the feature.

USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Justin Grant-648, 2-Kale Drake-582, 3-Cannon McIntosh-542, 4-Jacob Denney-538, 5-Kevin Thomas Jr.-527, 6-Drake Edwards-498, 7-Logan Seavey-490, 8-Gavin Miller-480, 9-Steven Snyder Jr.-471, 10-Gunnar Setser-410.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-135, 2-Briggs Danner-95, 3-Kyle Cummins-78, 4-C.J. Leary-73, 5-Gunnar Setser-72, 6-Robert Ballou-66, 7-Justin Grant-63, 8-Chase Stockon-56, 9-Kevin Thomas Jr.-48, 10-Jacob Denney-35.

NEXT USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: July 2, 2025 – The Dirt Track at Indianapolis Motor Speedway – Speedway, Indiana – 1/5-Mile Dirt Oval – 7th BC39 Presented by Avanti Windows & Doors

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Daison Pursley (12.362)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: Justin Grant

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Zach Wigal

USACgear.com Third Heat Winner: Kevin Thomas Jr.

Cook Out Fourth Heat Winner: Daison Pursley

Car IQ Fifth Heat Winner: Ethan Mitchell

K1 RaceGear Sixth Heat Winner: Drake Edwards

USACgear.com Seventh Heat Winner: Jacob Denney

Cook Out Eighth Heat Winner: Brecken Reese

Hoosier Tire C-Main Winner: Jonathan Beason

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First Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Ricky Thornton Jr.

Second Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Colton Robinson

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Kyle Cummins (19th to 3rd)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Jonathan Beason

Max Papis Innovations Rookie of the Race: Brecken Reese (7th)

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19th to 1st! McIntosh's Deep Drive Makes Him BC39's First Two-Time Winner

By: Paul Kelly – Indianapolis Motor Speedway

Speedway, Indiana (July 2, 2025).....Cannon McIntosh took a long, tough route Wednesday night to become the first two-time winner of the BC39 Presented by Avanti Windows & Doors at The Dirt Track at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

McIntosh, from Bixby, Oklahoma, repeated as the winner of the 39-lap USAC NOS Energy Drink Midget National Championship race after starting 19th in his Keith Kunz-Curb-Agajanian Motorsports/Mobil 1 – Toyota – Curb Records/LynK/Speedway Toyota machine in the 28-car field. He earned \$20,039 for the win in the race honoring late USAC champion and three-time Indianapolis 500 starter Bryan Clauson.

“I’m speechless right now – this is amazing,” McIntosh said. “To do it in honor of Bryan Clauson here at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway twice now, it’s just an honor. It’s all for him, and I’m sure he’s looking down, smiling and seeing another good race here.”

The Keith Kunz/Curb-Agajanian team swept the top three spots in the finishing order, as Gavin Miller placed second in the team’s No. 97 car and Jacob Denney third in the No. 67 entry.

McIntosh’s journey to victory lane for the second straight year at the 1/5th-mile dirt oval inside turn three at IMS was as improbable as it was dramatic. He ended up upside-down in a wild crash during a qualifying race earlier in the evening and had to drive his way into the field by winning the Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts semi feature.

That placed McIntosh 19th in the starting lineup. He wasn’t a factor in the first half of the race, which was dominated by pole sitter Justin Grant, who won the 30-lap feature Tuesday night.

But McIntosh began to charge through traffic and climbed to third by lap 30 behind Grant and Denney. Grant had led every lap to that point, expanding his gap to nearly a second midway through the race, but was being challenged by Denney as McIntosh drew closer.

Grant and Denney jostled in a spirited side-by-side duel for the lead from laps 30 to 35, with Grant holding off Denney's repeated low slides for the top spot on both ends of the dirt oval.

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On lap 36, Grant was running in the high groove exiting turn four and Denney low when the two drivers banged wheels heading for the flag stand. On the next lap, Grant dove low exiting turn two trying to pass Denney for the lead, but Grant's right front wheel hit Denney's left rear, momentarily launching Grant airborne and blunting his momentum.

That incident triggered a caution and flattened Grant's front left tire and bent his left side nerf bar into his left rear tire, effectively ending his chances to sweep the event in the No. 87 CB Industries car. Meanwhile, McIntosh squeezed past Grant and took second place.

With two laps to go, Denney and McIntosh made hard contact while battling for the lead exiting turn two, with Denney taking the lead. Miller was closely pursuing, ready to pounce. Just two turns later, McIntosh slid under Denney in turn four for the lead with the white flag in the air while Miller and Denney made contact, all but ending their chances to win.

That bobble by his rivals let McIntosh pull away on the final lap for the victory.

"A lot of guys moved up to the top there, and it was hard to make moves," McIntosh said. "When you throw a slide job, you lose so much momentum. So, to try and get your momentum back without getting slid was tough."

"Luckily, I was the guy coming from behind and putting those guys in bad positions and was able to get to the next guy before they could get back to me. Just kept making moves."

McIntosh's second USAC National Midget victory of the year was also the 11th of his career, which moves him to 67th place all-time alongside Kasey Kahne, Jimmy Knight, Bob McLean, Johnny Moorhouse, Bobby Santos and Brad Sweet.

In addition to winning the race, McIntosh also picked up Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors. Prior to Wednesday, the deepest in the field a BC39 winner had started was seventh by Brady Bacon during the inaugural edition of the event in 2018.

Entering this week's BC39, it had been six years since Justin Peck last made a USAC National Midget feature start. On Wednesday, he scored a career best USAC finish of fifth in his BC39 debut, earning \$700 and a steering wheel trophy as the Max Papis Innovations BC39 Rookie of the Race.

Steven Snyder Jr. had to eat some alphabet soup in his first BC39 run. After winning the C-Main, he started 14th in the semi-feature. On the last lap, last turn of the semi, he slid from eighth to sixth to grab the final transfer spot into the feature, which earned him Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night honors.

USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: July 2, 2025 – The Dirt Track at Indianapolis Motor Speedway – Speedway, Indiana – 1/5-Mile Dirt Oval – 7th BC39 Presented by Avanti Windows & Doors

CAR IQ FIRST QUALIFIER: (10 laps, passing points) 1. Kyle Cummins (#3G Styres), 2. Logan Seavey (#57 Abacus), 3. Kale Drake (#97K Kunz/Curb-Agajanian), 4. Brandon Carr (#98K Kunz/Curb-Agajanian), 5. Josh Hodge (#5J Hodge), 6. Cord Kisthardt (#21 Kisthardt), 7. Colton Robinson (#67K Kunz/Curb-Agajanian), 8. Chris Hartman (#35s Hodge), 9. Chris Baue (#36 Baue), 10. J.J. Yeley (#3J Petty). NT

K1 RACEGEAR SECOND QUALIFIER: (10 laps, passing points) 1. Gavin Miller (#97 Kunz/Curb-Agajanian), 2. Justin Grant (#87 CBI), 3. Zach Wigal (#8 Cornell), 4. Kaylee Bryson (#11 Abacus), 5. Chase Stockon (#7s Engler), 6. Trevor Cline (#55 Cline),

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7. Mike Hess (#92 Fairfield), 8. Cody Weisensel (#20w Burrington), 9. Carter Jensrud (#c71 Jensrud), 10. Mack Leopard (#86x CBI). 2:10.020

USACGEAR.COM THIRD QUALIFIER: (10 laps, passing points) 1. Jacob Denney (#67 Kunz/Curb-Agajanian), 2. Kevin Thomas Jr. (#14 4 Kings), 3. Chase McDermand (#40 McDermand), 4. Zach Daum (#16 Minear), 5. Steven Snyder Jr. (#4 RMS), 6. Jakeb Boxell (#14JB 4 Kings Racing), 7. Lance Bennett (#91 Mason), 8. Dusty Young (#60 Chappue), 9. Cannon McIntosh (#71K Kunz/Curb-Agajanian), 10. Rylan Gray (#81G Gray). NT

COOK OUT FOURTH QUALIFIER: (10 laps, passing points) 1. Gunnar Setser (#43 Arnold), 2. Justin Peck (#3p Petty-Rossi), 3. Chelby Hinton (#4B Klatt), 4. Hayden Reinbold (#19AZ Reinbold-Underwood), 5. Brecken Reese (#00 Chandler), 6. Cooper Miller (#8J Miller), 7. Jeffrey Abbey (#8K Abbey), 8. Korbyn Hayslett (#71B Cummings), 9. Miles Doherty (#8D Doherty), 10. Bradley Cox (#45 Cox). NT

CAR IQ FIFTH QUALIFIER: (10 laps, passing points) 1. Thomas Meseraull (#7x Engler), 2. Drake Edwards (#83 CBI), 3. Jonathan Beason (#14B Hollan), 4. Kyle Jones (#27x Joyner), 5. Devon Dobie (#23 Dobie), 6. Chris Sheil (#91s Mason), 7. Dillon Welch (#60x LeVecque), 8. Billy Wease (#2 Poe), 9. P.J. Gargiulo (#5 Gargiulo), 10. Briggs Danner (#40x McDermand). 2:17.934

K1 RACEGEAR SIXTH QUALIFIER: (10 laps, passing points) 1. Mitchel Moles (#19 Reinbold-Underwood), 2. Ethan Mitchell (#19m Bundy Built), 3. Chris Andrews (#95 Miller), 4. Ricky Thornton Jr. (#19R Reinbold-Underwood), 5. Braxton Cummings (#17L Cummings), 6. Cole Parker (#17K Cummings), 7. Connor Wolf (#41 OMR-Rase), 8. Kevin Newton (#16TH 2nd Law), 9. Kade Morton (#8m Morton), 10. Austin Wood (#17H Wood). NT

FIRST HOOSIER TIRE C-MAIN: (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the semis) 1. Cooper Miller, 2. Devon Dobie, 3. Briggs Danner, 4. Lance Bennett, 5. Dillon Welch, 6. P.J. Gargiulo, 7. Cody Weisensel, 8. Korbyn Hayslett, 9. Miles Doherty, 10. Chris Hartman, 11. Braxton Cummings, 12. Connor Wolf, 13. Kade Morton. NT

SECOND HOOSIER TIRE C-MAIN: (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the semis) 1. Steven Snyder Jr., 2. Colton Robinson, 3. Chris Sheil, 4. J.J. Yeley, 5. Jeffrey Abbey, 6. Mike Hess, 7. Cole Parker, 8. Mack Leopard, 9. Austin Wood, 10. Dusty Young, 11. Kevin Newton, 12. Carter Jensrud, 13. Cord Kisthardt, 14. Billy Wease. 2:46.211

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (15 laps, top-6 transfer to the feature) 1. Cannon McIntosh, 2. Jonathan Beason, 3. Zach Daum, 4. Kyle Jones, 5. Brecken Reese, 6. Steven Snyder Jr., 7. Jakeb Boxell, 8. Briggs Danner, 9. Kaylee Bryson, 10. Chase Stockon, 11. Devon Dobie, 12. Trevor Cline, 13. Colton Robinson, 14. Brandon Carr, 15. Lance Bennett, 16. Chris Sheil, 17. J.J. Yeley, 18. Cooper Miller, 19. Josh Hodge, 20. Chelby Hinton. NT

FEATURE: (39 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Cannon McIntosh (19), 2. Gavin Miller (4), 3. Jacob Denney (9), 4. Zach Daum (21), 5. Justin Peck (8), 6. Ricky Thornton Jr. (17), 7. Drake Edwards (5), 8. Ethan Mitchell (11), 9. Logan Seavey (2), 10. Kevin Thomas Jr. (7), 11. Gunnar Setser (14), 12. Justin Grant (1), 13. Kale Drake (13), 14. Hayden Reinbold (12), 15. Chris Andrews (18), 16. Steven Snyder Jr. (24), 17. Colton Robinson (25-P), 18. Zach Wigal (15), 19. Brecken Reese (23), 20. Jonathan Beason (20), 21. Jakeb Boxell (26-P), 22. Chase McDermand (16), 23. Mitchel Moles (3), 24. Kyle Cummins (10), 25. Kaylee Bryson (27-I), 26. Thomas Meseraull (6), 27. Kyle Jones (22), 28. J.J. Yeley (28-I). NT

(P) represents a USAC provisional starter

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FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-36 Justin Grant, Lap 37 Jacob Denney, Laps 38-39 Cannon McIntosh.

**Colton Robinson flipped during the first qualifier. Mack Leopard flipped during the second qualifier. Rylan Gray flipped during the third qualifier. Cannon McIntosh flipped during the third qualifier. Bradley Cox flipped during the fourth qualifier. Connor Wolf flipped during the first C-Main. Steven Snyder Jr. & Jonathan Beason flipped on lap 22 of the feature. Mitchel Moles flipped on lap 25 of the feature.

USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Justin Grant-687, 2-Kale Drake-619, 3-Cannon McIntosh-612, 4-Jacob Denney-602, 5-Kevin Thomas Jr.-570, 6-Drake Edwards-550, 7-Gavin Miller-547, 8-Logan Seavey-536, 9-Steven Snyder Jr.-502, 10-Gunnar Setser-451.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-135, 2-Briggs Danner-95, 3-Kyle Cummins-78, 4-Gunnar Setser-75, 5-C.J. Leary-73, 6-Robert Ballou-66, 7-Justin Grant-63, 8-Chase Stockon-56, 9-Kevin Thomas Jr.-48, 10-Jacob Denney-41.

NEXT USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: July 8, 2025 – Sweet Springs Motorsports Complex – Sweet Springs, Missouri – 1/6-Mile Dirt Oval – Mid-America Midget Week

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Mitchel Moles (12.398)

Car IQ First Qualifier Winner: Kyle Cummins

K1 RaceGear Second Qualifier Winner: Gavin Miller

USACgear.com Third Qualifier Winner: Jacob Denney

Cook Out Fourth Qualifier Winner: Gunnar Setser

Car IQ Fifth Qualifier Winner: Thomas Meseraull

K1 RaceGear Sixth Qualifier Winner: Mitchel Moles

First Hoosier Tire C-Main Winner: Cooper Miller

Second Hoosier Tire C-Main Winner: Steven Snyder Jr.

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Cannon McIntosh

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Cannon McIntosh (19th to 1st)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Steven Snyder Jr.

Max Papis Innovations Rookie of the Race: Justin Peck (5th)

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Extra Sweet! McIntosh Becomes First 3-Time USAC Midget Winner at Sweet Springs

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Sweet Springs, Missouri (July 8, 2025).....Less than a week ago, Cannon McIntosh was busy becoming the first multi-time winner of the BC39 at The Dirt Track at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

On Tuesday night, McIntosh was in the process of becoming the first three-time USAC NOS Energy Drink National Midget winner at Missouri's Sweet Springs Motorsports Complex.

While his BC39 victory required him to charge from 19th to the win, his Sweet Springs score didn't require as much flair for the dramatic.

During Tuesday's Mid-America Midget Week opener at the 1/6-mile dirt oval, the Bixby, Oklahoma native went wire-to-wire, leading all 40 laps en route to his third career USAC National Midget victory at Sweet Springs, following previous triumphs in 2020 and 2022. It's the type of track he knows. It's the type of track he loves.

"I grew up going to small tracks like this," McIntosh reflected. "There's usually a pretty good bottom to roll and a cushion as well. I like places where you can do both. It's not just dedicated to one line. I feel like it suits me pretty well. Actually, I feel like the last few times I've been here, I've really struggled to find my speed and rhythm. To get back in victory lane here is pretty special."

McIntosh's latest win was his second consecutive on the USAC National Midget trail and his third overall during the 2025 season. For his career, McIntosh has now tallied 12 USAC National Midget feature wins, moving himself to 61st place all-time alongside series champions Danny Caruthers, Russ Gamester and Jeff Gordon as well as Gene Force, Bobby Grim and Ron Shuman.

McIntosh started on the outside of the front row in his Keith Kunz-Curb-Agajanian Motorsports/Mobil 1 – Toyota – Curb Records/LynK/Speedway Toyota. But instead of using the outside line, McIntosh quickly cut to the bottom behind Grant entering turn one. As Grant drifted up the track in turn two, McIntosh poked under and wheelied his way to the lead midway down the back straight before beating Grant back to the line by a single car length.

That began McIntosh' racelong search of where exactly to be on the racetrack. However, he soon came to realize he was exactly where he needed to be.

"I feel like I was fighting to find my line the whole race," McIntosh explained. "I was tuning on the shocks as we went because I started to realize that the bottom was probably going to be there all the way to the end. I just kept cranking on the right rear shock to try and make the car better as the race went on. This thing was fantastic all night. We qualified right where we needed to put ourselves in position. We got a good start, got under Justin there and just tried to pace ourselves from then on."

Behind McIntosh, the battle raged on for second as Rookie Gunnar Setser slipped under Grant to slot into second on lap seven. Zach Daum followed Setser's lead and bolted underneath Grant entering turn three a lap later on the eighth circuit.

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Grant soon found his footing and went back to work. He took Daum for third at the exit of turn two on the 11th lap. By the 19th go around, Grant had risen to second as he finagled up a lane and advanced around the outside of Setser in the second turn, then went to work on trying to cut down McIntosh's five car length advantage as the leader.

"I could hear, at times, him coming behind me," McIntosh revealed. "But it was probably one of the toughest races I've ever ran. I feel like I'm usually pretty good at running the bottom. It had slime, a little bit of grip and then slick. If you got in too low to try and miss the slick, you'd hit the grease and push out of the groove. If you tried to miss the grease, you'd get caught in the slick and completely miss the corner."

By lap 28, McIntosh was fully engulfed in lapped traffic. As McIntosh stayed true to the low line, Grant began to fish McIntosh in while working the middle groove and was able to pull right to McIntosh's rear bumper. Just as that was happening, trouble found Daum as he sat backwards, stopped in the middle of turn one. Daum was running sixth at the time but had run as high as second for a brief moment early in the race. Daum restarted at the tail and finished a distant 14th.

For the remaining 12 laps, McIntosh went relatively unchallenged, winning by a 1.296 second margin over Justin Grant with Daison Pursley third. Hayden Reinbold earned his best career USAC National Midget finish in fourth while Gunnar Setser performed likewise by recording his best series performance with a fifth.

It was a little bit of *déjà vu* on the part of Justin Grant. Back in May during the USAC National Midgets' first trip of the season to Sweet Springs, Grant crossed the line in second. On Tuesday night, he landed squarely into the same spot, finishing second once again for the second time in a row at Sweet Springs.

Daison Pursley equaled his best finish of the 2025 USAC National Midget season with a third. Overall, it's the third time he's finished on the podium at Sweet Springs after runner-up results in both 2022 and 2023.

It was also quite a run for Kale Drake who won May's USAC Midget round at Sweet Springs. Starting 17th, Drake picked his way +10 through the field to finish seventh, thus earning Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors.

Missouri's own Chad Winfrey raced his way into the final transfer spot with two laps remaining in the semi-feature. Subsequent contact to his rear bumper moments later from another car shook him but didn't rattle him as he rolled into the feature lineup.

Meanwhile, Logan Seavey captured his 20th career USAC National Midget Honest Abe Roof Fast Qualifying award with a time of 11.692 seconds. That puts him 23rd on the all-time list alongside Bryan Clauson, Dan Drinan, Bobby East, Bobby Grim and Kyle Larson.

USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: July 8, 2025 – Sweet Springs Motorsports Complex – Sweet Springs, Missouri – 1/6-Mile Dirt Oval – Mid-America Midget Week

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-11.692; 2. Daison Pursley, 86, CBI-11.781; 3. Jacob Denney, 67, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-11.811; 4. Zach Daum, 5D, O'Dell-11.813; 5. Gunnar Setser, 43, Arnold-11.821; 6. Cannon McIntosh, 71K, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-11.823; 7. Justin Grant, 87, CBI-11.830; 8. Gavin Miller, 97, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-11.850; 9. Kevin Thomas Jr., 14, 4 Kings-11.885; 10. Riley Kreisel, 19K, Cox-11.950; 11. Garet Williamson, 6G, DGRD-12.001; 12. Mack Leopard, 86x, CBI-12.002; 13. Kale Drake, 97K, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-12.012; 14. Hayden Reinbold, 19AZ,

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Reinbold-Underwood-12.015; 15. Steven Snyder Jr., 4, RMS-12.025; 16. Ethan Mitchell, 19m, Bundy Built-12.036; 17. Brecken Reese, 00, Chandler-12.065; 18. Kameron Key, 21J, TKH-12.066; 19. Drake Edwards, 83, CBI-12.181; 20. Cale Coons, 63, Dooling/Curb-Agajanian-12.222; 21. Kyle Jones, 27x, Joyner-12.250; 22. Trey Zorn, 00s, Chandler-12.288; 23. Mark Chisholm, 56x, Chisholm-12.302; 24. Todd McVay, 89, McVay-12.311; 25. Andrew Felker, 11A, Felker-12.331; 26. Branigan Roark, 33, Roark-12.464; 27. Zack Merritt, 43m, Oerter-12.467; 28. Chad Winfrey, 321, Winfrey-12.518; 29. Chelby Hinton, 4B, Klatt-NT.

CAR IQ FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top 5 transfer to the feature) 1. Kyle Jones, 2. Brecken Reese, 3. Kevin Thomas Jr., 4. Kale Drake, 5. Gunnar Setser, 6. Logan Seavey, 7. Andrew Felker. 2:02.90

K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top 5 transfer to the feature) 1. Hayden Reinbold, 2. Kameron Key, 3. Cannon McIntosh, 4. Riley Kreisel, 5. Daison Pursley, 6. Branigan Roark, 7. Trey Zorn. 2:00.55

USACGEAR.COM THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top 5 transfer to the feature) 1. Steven Snyder Jr., 2. Drake Edwards, 3. Jacob Denney, 4. Justin Grant, 5. Garet Williamson, 6. Mark Chisholm, 7. Zack Merritt. 2:03.80

COOK OUT FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps, top 5 transfer to the feature) 1. Cale Coons, 2. Zach Daum, 3. Mack Leopard, 4. Gavin Miller, 5. Ethan Mitchell, 6. Todd McVay, 7. Chad Winfrey. 2:05.76

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (10 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Logan Seavey, 2. Trey Zorn, 3. Andrew Felker, 4. Chad Winfrey, 5. Zack Merritt, 6. Mark Chisholm, 7. Branigan Roark, 8. Todd McVay. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Cannon McIntosh (2), 2. Justin Grant (1), 3. Daison Pursley (6), 4. Hayden Reinbold (7), 5. Gunnar Setser (3), 6. Kevin Thomas Jr. (13), 7. Kale Drake (17), 8. Steven Snyder Jr. (8), 9. Jacob Denney (5), 10. Logan Seavey (11), 11. Drake Edwards (21), 12. Gavin Miller (12), 13. Ethan Mitchell (18), 14. Zach Daum (4), 15. Cale Coons (9), 16. Riley Kreisel (14), 17. Trey Zorn (22), 18. Brecken Reese (19), 19. Mack Leopard (16), 20. Andrew Felker (23), 21. Garet Williamson (15), 22. Chad Winfrey (24), 23. Kyle Jones (10), 24. Kameron Key (20). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-40 Cannon McIntosh.

USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Justin Grant-759, 2-Cannon McIntosh-689, 3-Kale Drake-676, 4-Jacob Denney-658, 5-Kevin Thomas Jr.-631, 6-Drake Edwards-598, 7-Gavin Miller-591, 8-Logan Seavey-588, 9-Steven Snyder Jr.-559, 10-Gunnar Setser-515.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-151, 2-Briggs Danner-95, 3-Kyle Cummins-86, 4-Justin Grant-77, 5-Gunnar Setser-75, 6-C.J. Leary-74, 7-Robert Ballou-66, 8-Kevin Thomas Jr.-60, 9-Chase Stockon-57, 10-Logan Seavey-47.

NEXT USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: July 9, 2025 – Mitchell County Fairgrounds – Beloit, Kansas – 1/4-Mile Dirt Oval – 14th Chad McDaniel Memorial / Mid-America Midget Week

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Logan Seavey (11.834)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Logan Seavey (11.692)

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Car IQ First Heat Winner: Kyle Jones

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Hayden Reinbold

USACgear.com Third Heat Winner: Steven Snyder Jr.

Cook Out Fourth Heat Winner: Cale Coons

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Logan Seavey

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Kale Drake (17th to 7th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Chad Winfrey

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First Time Winner! Edwards Notches Initial USAC Midget Win at Mitchell County

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Beloit, Kansas (July 9, 2025).....It had been nearly nine years since the last occasion of an Arizona native becoming a first-time USAC NOS Energy Drink Midget National Championship feature winner.

On Wednesday night, the last and the newest Arizonans to grab a victory with the series were standing side-by-side in victory lane as the winning driver and car owner following the 14th running of the Chad McDaniel Memorial at the Mitchell County Fairgrounds Raceway in Beloit, Kansas.

The driver, Drake Edwards (Peoria, Arizona), took the lead on the second lap and paced the remaining 29 circuits at the wheel of his car owned by Chad Boat (Phoenix, Arizona) to capture victory in Wednesday's second round of Mid-America Midget Week.

As a driver himself, Boat became a first-time winner with the series in August of 2016. Interestingly, Boat also scored his first victory during Mid-America Midget Week in neighboring Nebraska at Fairbury's Jefferson County Speedway.

For Boat, it was his 45th career series win as a USAC National Midget car owner, tying him with USAC Hall of Famers Bob & Gene Shannon, who tallied 45 victories between 1958-1976.

As for Edwards, it was his first after he had been knocking on the door for victory throughout his initial full-time season with the series, finishing third twice at Sweet Springs and Kokomo, a race in which he led a race-high 13 laps.

But on Wednesday night, the 2024 USAC Western States Midget series runner-up and Rookie of the Year made his mark on the national scene and stamped his name in the record books in just his 23rd career USAC National Midget feature start.

"I was really worried about taking all year long or not even getting (a win) at all," Edwards stated. "This is a really, really hard deal and all these guys are really good. It's been a learning curve, for sure. I think it's huge. Just for me, it's a confidence

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booster. I think we can carry this momentum onto the rest of the week and hopefully the rest of the year and maybe pick up a few more of these things."

In the process, Edwards sported the No. 83 on his ride, which won its first USAC National Midget feature in nearly 47 seasons. Bobby Olivero was the most recent, taking Bill Raney's No. 83 to the win on August 12, 1978 at Ohio's Limaland Motor Speedway.

Lining up on the pole in his CB Industries/Avanti Windows & Doors – PristineAuction.com/Spike/Speedway Toyota, Edwards initially endured a rough go on the start, momentarily dropping to fifth as the field hit turn three for the first time behind Justin Grant, Cannon McIntosh, Logan Seavey, and Daison Pursley.

However, just ahead of Edwards' nose, McIntosh and Pursley collided, sending Pursley sliding up to the middle of the track with the wheels locked up and forcing him to a halt. Jeff Stasa, running 22nd, also got collected in the ordeal after contact with the stopped Pursley. Stasa did not return, dropping out with a 24th place finish while Pursley restarted and raced his way back to ninth at the finish.

On the second try at a restart, Grant got the upper hand once again from his outside front row starting position to lead the opening lap by a wheel over Edwards. That said, Edwards was in a much better spot this time to pounce on his CBI teammate, sliding into the lead in turn one. In turn three, Grant retaliated by sliding past Edwards, but Edwards succinctly answered by cutting back under Grant to lead lap two by a pair of car lengths.

Rising to the occasion early was sixth starting Logan Seavey who zipped around the outside of Grant for the second spot on the back straight on lap eight. McIntosh, winner of the last two series races, followed suit and surged underneath Grant in turn four to grab third a half lap later.

By lap eight, Edwards' lead had expanded to well over a second. However, a turn three excursion and bike on the cushion nearly cost him as Seavey reeled himself to within a car length of Edwards' back bumper. Moments later, 12th running Mack Leopard found trouble in the same spot and slipped all the way over the turn three and four cushion before coming to a rest to bring out the yellow flag.

The night's only red flag was displayed on lap 14 as 17th running Kyle Jones toppled over in turn two. He was okay, but his car was towed back to the pits, out of the race with a 21st place result after the team suffered yet another bout of misfortune less than 24 hours after having their new engine expire on them.

Down the stretch, Edwards retained full control as he built his lead up to over a second while working through lapped traffic. On the flipside, Seavey's encounter with traffic didn't work out as kindly. As Seavey attempted to slide 16th running Ethan Mitchell in turn two, he couldn't quite complete the slider attempt, instead falling in line behind Mitchell.

Meanwhile, McIntosh, with a full allotment of momentum, raced under Seavey on the back stretch for third. Jacob Denney followed McIntosh's path and charged around Seavey in turns one and two on the 29th go around to take third.

Up front, the story was Edwards, albeit in a line of traffic. After a close call with the 15th place running car of Brecken Reese on the final corner, with the two making slight bumper-to-bumper contact, Edwards ultimately prevailed by a 0.655 second margin ahead of runner-up Cannon McIntosh while Jacob Denney took third, Logan Seavey fourth and Justin Grant fifth.

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"It was kind of hard," Edwards admitted. "I was pacing myself and I smelt the rubber about halfway through there. they were all up to speed, so it was hard to get across the track and make sliders and stuff. I knew on that last corner, I was debating whether to slide the 00 there but it's so fast around here, you just hold it out and hopefully don't make a mistake."

Cannon McIntosh finished second, and over his three most recent series starts over the past week, he has now finished 1st-1st-2nd to top his previous best Chad McDaniel Memorial finish of fourth in 2022.

Jacob Denney advanced +8 during the feature after starting 11th and racing his way up to a third place result for his best career Chad McDaniel Memorial finish after previously finishing fourth in both 2023 and 2024. That earned him Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors.

Chelby Hinton recorded his first career top 10 result in USAC National Midget competition, overcoming recent mechanical obstacles to finish 10th in the final tally while also scoring a heat race win to boot. That made him a shoo-in for the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night

Furthermore, Logan Seavey topped Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying to make it two-for-two on quick times thus far through Mid-America Midget Week 2025. His 21st career USAC National Midget fast qualifying time tied him with 1994-1995 series champion Tony Stewart for 22nd place on the all-time list.

USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: July 9, 2025 – Mitchell County Fairgrounds – Beloit, Kansas – 1/4-Mile Dirt Oval – 14th Chad McDaniel Memorial / Mid-America Midget Week

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-12.332; 2. Gavin Miller, 97, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-12.377; 3. Cannon McIntosh, 71K, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-12.421; 4. Daison Pursley, 86, CBI-12.446; 5. Justin Grant, 87, CBI-12.475; 6. Drake Edwards, 83, CBI-12.502; 7. Mack Leopard, 86x, CBI-12.544; 8. Jacob Denney, 67, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-12.557; 9. Ethan Mitchell, 19m, Bundy Built-12.582; 10. Kevin Thomas Jr., 14, 4 Kings-12.603; 11. Hayden Reinbold, 19AZ, Reinbold-Underwood-12.604; 12. Steven Snyder Jr., 4, RMS-12.610; 13. Chelby Hinton, 4B, Klatt-12.623; 14. Kale Drake, 97K, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-12.630; 15. Gunnar Setser, 43, Arnold-12.649; 16. Kyle Jones, 27x, Joyner-12.656; 17. Brecken Reese, 00, Chandler-12.755; 18. Zack Merritt, 43m, Oerter-12.765; 19. Cale Coons, 63, Dooling/Curb-Agajanian-12.805; 20. Mark Chisholm, 56x, Chisholm-13.022; 21. Trey Zorn, 00s, Chandler-13.027; 22. Jeff Stasa, 91, Stasa-13.106; 23. Caiden Warren, 12w, Warren-13.300; 24. Blake Spicer, 4s, Spicer-13.534; 25. Dylan Doyle, 37, Doyle-13.975; 26. Shaun Shapel, 84s, Shapel-NT.

CAR IQ FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, top 6 transfer to the feature) 1. Chelby Hinton, 2. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3. Mack Leopard, 4. Kyle Jones, 5. Daison Pursley, 6. Logan Seavey, 7. Cale Coons, 8. Jeff Stasa, 9. Dylan Doyle. NT

K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, top 6 transfer to the feature) 1. Kale Drake, 2. Gavin Miller, 3. Jacob Denney, 4. Hayden Reinbold, 5. Brecken Reese, 6. Justin Grant, 7. Mark Chisholm, 8. Caiden Warren, 9. Shaun Shapel. NT

USACGEAR.COM THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, top 6 transfer to the feature) 1. Steven Snyder Jr., 2. Gunnar Setser, 3. Drake Edwards, 4. Cannon McIntosh, 5. Ethan Mitchell, 6. Trey Zorn, 7. Zack Merritt, 8. Blake Spicer. NT

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (8 laps, top 6 transfer to the feature) 1. Cale Coons, 2. Zack Merritt, 3. Jeff Stasa, 4. Mark Chisholm, 5. Blake Spicer, 6. Caiden Warren, 7. Dylan Doyle, 8. Shaun Shapel. NT

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FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Drake Edwards (1), 2. Cannon McIntosh (4), 3. Jacob Denney (11), 4. Logan Seavey (6), 5. Justin Grant (2), 6. Kale Drake (9), 7. Kevin Thomas Jr. (13), 8. Gavin Miller (5), 9. Daison Pursley (3), 10. Chelby Hinton (8), 11. Hayden Reinbold (14), 12. Steven Snyder Jr. (7), 13. Cale Coons (19), 14. Gunnar Setser (15), 15. Brecken Reese (17), 16. Ethan Mitchell (12), 17. Zack Merritt (18), 18. Caiden Warren (23), 19. Trey Zorn (21), 20. Mark Chisholm (20), 21. Kyle Jones (16), 22. Mack Leopard (10), 23. Blake Spicer (24), 24. Jeff Stasa (22). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Justin Grant, Laps 2-30 Drake Edwards.

**Kyle Jones flipped on lap 14 of the feature.

USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Justin Grant-822, 2-Cannon McIntosh-765, 3-Kale Drake-739, 4-Jacob Denney-728, 5-Kevin Thomas Jr.-690, 6-Drake Edwards-675, 7-Logan Seavey-658, 8-Gavin Miller-652, 9-Steven Snyder Jr.-606, 10-Gunnar Setser-557.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-154, 2-Briggs Danner-95, 3-Kyle Cummins-86, 4-Justin Grant-77, 5-Gunnar Setser-76, 6-C.J. Leary-74, 7-Kevin Thomas Jr.-66, 8-Robert Ballou-66, 9-Chase Stockon-57, 10-Logan Seavey-49.

NEXT USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACES: July 11-12, 2025 – Jefferson County Speedway – Fairbury, Nebraska – 1/5-Mile Dirt Oval – Riverside Chevrolet Midwest Midget Championship Presented by Westin Packaged Meats & Schmidt's Sanitation / Mid-America Midget Week

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Steven Snyder Jr. (12.416)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Logan Seavey (12.332)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: Chelby Hinton

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Kale Drake

USAC Gear Third Heat Winner: Steven Snyder Jr.

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Cale Coons

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Jacob Denney (11th to 3rd)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Chelby Hinton

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763 Days Later! Miller is a USAC Midget Winner Again at Jefferson County

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

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Fairbury, Nebraska (July 11, 2025).....Seven hundred and sixty-three days after becoming a first-time USAC NOS Energy Drink National Midget winner, Gavin Miller became a two-time series winner on Friday night at Fairbury, Nebraska's Jefferson County Speedway.

Miller's June 9, 2023, triumph at Indiana's Bloomington Speedway more than two years ago was the last time the Allentown, Pennsylvania racer got to enjoy such a moment. Now, the date of July 11, 2025, feels even better.

Starting from the outside of the front row, Miller led all 30 laps during Friday's Riverside Chevrolet Midwest Midget Championship Presented by Westin Packaged Meats & Schmidt's Sanitation opener, round three of Mid-America Midget Week.

Despite Miller's somewhat lengthy hiatus from the win column, which lasted a total of 56 races, his recent pattern of consistency laid the foundation for his path back to victory. Just last week, he finished as the runner-up on back-to-back nights of the BC39 at The Dirt Track at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

"We've been on a streak of a lot of podium runs and it's about time we broke through," Miller reiterated. "I wanted that one really bad. I've been feeling like I've let them down, but it's boosted my confidence by having good people around me who have told me that I'm capable of being able to do this kind of stuff."

In the end, Miller and his Keith Kunz-Curb-Agajanian Motorsports/SoundGear – Toyota – Mobil 1/LynK/Speedway Toyota led the way to the third such podium sweep for KKM during the 2025 USAC National Midget season as his fellow teammates Cannon McIntosh and Jacob Denney finished second and third, respectively.

The Kunz/Curb-Agajanian team finished in the top four positions in May at Kansas' Belleville Short Track, then commanded the top three on the final night of the BC39 during the first week of July at IMS.

In four career starts, Miller's previous best USAC National Midget result at Jefferson County's 1/5-mile dirt oval had been a sixth in the 2024 Midwest Midget Championship opener. The following night, he started on the pole but was involved in an accident while challenging for the lead, which knocked him back to 11th in the finishing order.

But Miller does have past winning experience at Jefferson County, tallying three micro sprint main events between 2021 and 2024. From his bird's eye view at the front of the field for Friday's midget feature, Miller was confident this could be a breakthrough night.

"I knew that starting on the outside would kind of help me out," Miller explained. "I figured that with them watering the track, the top was going to be pretty dominant."

While Miller got the jump on pole sitter Kyle Jones at the start, red hot McIntosh was hustling his way up into contention on the opening lap by going to the topside around first-time USAC starter Trent Way, then found his own way underneath Jones for the runner-up spot on the second lap, kickstarting what turned out to be a racelong pursuit.

Denney, meanwhile, was busy exchanging sliders with Ethan Mitchell on lap six and seven before finally clearing Mitchell to slot into fourth behind Mack Leopard.

Engine trouble on lap 12 ended a quality run for ninth running Bradley Cox who was making his first career USAC feature start after winning his heat race earlier in the evening.

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However, hellaciousness broke loose on the ensuing restart, when sixth running Mitchell experienced the double whammy of contact between himself and Steven Snyder Jr. followed by a face-to-face meeting with a turn four infield tire. That sent Mitchell spiraling upside down along the front straightaway as the field scattered left and right to miss his flipping machine.

Mitchell climbed out and walked away but was out of the race. During the red, ninth running Justin Grant exited toward the Indy Metal Finishing Work Area following contact from Gunnar Setser as the two attempted to avoid the incident involving Mitchell. Grant returned to the lineup, restarting at the tail, but only managed to get back to 16th at the checkered for his most unsavory result of the season, which cinched up the series championship points race to its closest margin since May 18.

Miller led the field past the halfway point and maintained a few car length advantage over McIntosh before ultimately reaching the tail end of the field. Miller made a gutsy and decisive move in turn three on lap 22 as he split between Way and Luke Icke to put both a lap down in the running order while also hanging McIntosh out to dry behind them, thus helping himself to some much needed breathing room as the race leader.

A few blinks later, Denney had made his way into third with a turn one slide job past Jones on lap 24. Snyder followed suit to fourth past Jones on lap 25.

With five laps remaining, Miller was mostly by his lonesome but still giving 10/10ths. As Miller crossed under the flag stand on lap 25, he bounced his right rear tire off the front straightaway wall, which subsequently sucked his right front tire into the concrete as well. It was seemingly 'no harm, no foul' as he remained on the gas all the way up 'til the time he reached the rear bumper of Grant, who at the time was the final car on the lead lap.

Rather than retreat from the comfortable line that had been his bread and butter all race to venture into the unknown, Miller followed Grant for the remaining tours while weighing the risk/reward of changing up the gameplan by making the wrong move at the wrong moment.

"It was kind of tough getting by Justin there," Miller admitted. "Since it was top dominant, I couldn't really slide through the slick there and I was a little nervous about breaking my momentum and possibly being slid by Cannon."

While McIntosh was close enough to chop into the lead, Miller never allowed him to encroach closer than a couple car lengths. When all was said and done, Miller was 0.203 seconds better than runner-up Cannon McIntosh while Jacob Denney was third, Steven Snyder Jr. fourth and Kyle Jones fifth.

Bixby, Oklahoma's Cannon McIntosh finished second to extend his top two finishing streak to four races following results of 1st-1st-2nd-2nd over his past four USAC National Midget starts, which has vaulted him back into the series championship race. On Friday alone, McIntosh cut his deficit to Grant from 57 to 18. McIntosh's performance equaled his best yet at Jefferson County after also earning second on the opening night of 2024.

It was third again for Galloway, Ohio's Jacob Denney who has now recorded three third place finishes in his last four USAC National Midget starts. To boot, it was also his best career finish at Jefferson County, topping his fourth from 2024.

Buried in the depths of the field, Sutter, California's Logan Seavey transformed his night into a decent one by picking off 13 of his competitors as he advanced from his 19th starting position to finish sixth and capture Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors.

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Needless to say, it's been a trying year for Texan Kyle Jones and Joyner Motorsports. This week alone, on Tuesday at Sweet Springs, they lost an engine. On Wednesday, they flipped upside down during the feature. After all the frustration, on Friday night, Jones tied his best career USAC National Midget finish of fifth, which he also achieved at Belleville in May 2024. For their perseverance, Jones and company were the recipients of the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

Newcomer Mack Leopard picked his spots correctly during Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying. Hailing from Beavercreek, Ohio, Leopard set quick time with a lap 10.945 seconds, then went on to finish a career-best eighth in the feature in what was just his sixth career USAC National Midget start.

USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: July 11, 2025 – Jefferson County Speedway – Fairbury, Nebraska – 1/5-Mile Dirt Oval – Riverside Chevrolet Midwest Midget Championship Presented by Westin Packaged Meats & Schmidt's Sanitation / Mid-America Midget Week

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Mack Leopard, 86x, CBI-10.945; 2. Jacob Denney, 67, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-10.960; 3. Cannon McIntosh, 71K, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-10.962; 4. Trent Way, 86, CBI-10.978; 5. Gavin Miller, 97, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-10.993; 6. Chelby Hinton, 4B, Klatt-11.010; 7. Kyle Jones, 27x, Joyner-11.051; 8. Justin Grant, 87, CBI-11.059; 9. Kevin Thomas Jr., 14, 4 Kings-11.065; 10. Drake Edwards, 83, CBI-11.072; 11. Kale Drake, 97K, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-11.075; 12. Gunnar Setser, 43, Arnold-11.088; 13. Hayden Reinbold, 19AZ, Reinbold-Underwood-11.116; 14. Corbin Rueschenberg, 26, Rueschenberg-11.130; 15. Cale Coons, 85, Central-11.138; 16. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-11.152; 17. Shannon McQueen, 7, McQueen-11.161; 18. Brecken Reese, 00, Chandler-11.193; 19. Lance Bennett, 91, Mason-11.227; 20. Ethan Mitchell, 19m, Bundy Built-11.275; 21. Brian Schwabauer, 9B, Murphy-11.291; 22. Steven Snyder Jr., 4, RMS-11.345; 23. Bradley Cox, 45, Cox-11.356; 24. Luke Icke, 2, Icke-11.522; 25. Caiden Warren, 12w, Warren-11.547; 26. Blake Spicer, 4s, Spicer-11.586; 27. Blaze Bennett, 10, Mason-11.637; 28. John Klabunde, 77J, Klabunde-11.681; 29. Dylan Doyle, 37, Doyle-12.076; 30. Shaun Shapel, 84J, Shapel-12.213; 31. Zack Merritt, 43m, Oerter-12.657; 32. Mark Chisholm, 56x, Chisholm-NT.

CAR IQ FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top 5 transfer to the feature) 1. Kevin Thomas Jr., 2. Gavin Miller, 3. Mack Leopard, 4. Shannon McQueen, 5. Brian Schwabauer, 6. Dylan Doyle, 7. Hayden Reinbold, 8. Caiden Warren. NT

K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top 5 transfer to the feature) 1. Steven Snyder Jr., 2. Drake Edwards, 3. Corbin Rueschenberg, 4. Jacob Denney, 5. Brecken Reese, 6. Chelby Hinton, 7. Blake Spicer, 8. Shaun Shapel. NT

USAC GEAR THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top 5 transfer to the feature) 1. Bradley Cox, 2. Kale Drake, 3. Cale Coons, 4. Kyle Jones, 5. Cannon McIntosh, 6. Lance Bennett, 7. Blaze Bennett, 8. Zack Merritt. NT

COOK OUT FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps, top 5 transfer to the feature) 1. Ethan Mitchell, 2. Gunnar Setser, 3. Logan Seavey, 4. Justin Grant, 5. Trent Way, 6. Luke Icke, 7. John Klabunde. 1:55.438

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Hayden Reinbold, 2. Chelby Hinton, 3. Lance Bennett, 4. Luke Icke, 5. Caiden Warren, 6. Blake Spicer, 7. Blaze Bennett, 8. Dylan Doyle, 9. Shaun Shapel. 2:18.259 (New Track Record)

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Gavin Miller (2), 2. Cannon McIntosh (4), 3. Jacob Denney (5), 4. Steven Snyder Jr. (9), 5. Kyle Jones (1), 6. Logan Seavey (19), 7. Kevin Thomas Jr. (7), 8. Mack Leopard (6), 9. Kale Drake (14),

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10. Gunnar Setser (15), 11. Cale Coons (18), 12. Drake Edwards (13), 13. Hayden Reinbold (16), 14. Corbin Rueschenberg (17), 15. Brecken Reese (21), 16. Justin Grant (12), 17. Trent Way (3), 18. Brian Schwabauer (23), 19. Luke Icke (24), 20. Shannon McQueen (20), 21. Lance Bennett (22), 22. Ethan Mitchell (8), 23. Bradley Cox (10), 24. Chelby Hinton (11). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Gavin Miller.

**Hayden Reinbold flipped during the first heat. Ethan Mitchell flipped on lap 12 of the feature.

USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Justin Grant-858, 2-Cannon McIntosh-840, 3-Jacob Denney-802, 4-Kale Drake-792, 5-Kevin Thomas Jr.-750, 6-Gavin Miller-731, 7-Drake Edwards-721, 8-Logan Seavey-719, 9-Steven Snyder Jr.-675, 10-Gunnar Setser-607.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-159, 2-Briggs Danner-95, 3-Kyle Cummins-86, 4-Gunnar Setser-81, 5-Justin Grant-77, 6-C.J. Leary-74, 7-Kevin Thomas Jr.-66, 8-Robert Ballou-66, 9-Logan Seavey-62, 10-Chase Stockon-57.

NEXT USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: July 12, 2025 – Jefferson County Speedway – Fairbury, Nebraska – 1/5-Mile Dirt Oval – Riverside Chevrolet Midwest Midget Championship Presented by Westin Packaged Meats & Schmidt's Sanitation / Mid-America Midget Week

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Steven Snyder Jr. (11.076)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Mack Leopard (10.945)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: Kevin Thomas Jr.

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Steven Snyder Jr.

USAC Gear Third Heat Winner: Bradley Cox

Cook Out Fourth Heat Winner: Ethan Mitchell

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Hayden Reinbold

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Logan Seavey (19th to 6th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Kyle Jones

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Cannon Goes Off! McIntosh Masters Jefferson County for \$10,000 Score

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

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Fairbury, Nebraska (July 12, 2025).....Everything Cannon McIntosh had accomplished over the past 11 days could be encapsulated in a mere 40 laps during Saturday night's USAC NOS Energy Drink Midget National Championship feature at Fairbury, Nebraska's Jefferson County Speedway.

With six laps remaining, the Bixby, Oklahoma racer picked off the front two in one fell swoop to advance from third to first en route to pulling off a \$10,000 triumph at the Riverside Chevrolet Midwest Midget Championship Presented by Westin Packaged Meats & Schmidt's Sanitation, the finale of Mid-America Midget Week 2025.

Over the course of the first two laps of the 40-lap feature, the fifth starting McIntosh fell to as deep as eighth in the running order and remained there for the entire first half of the race in his Keith Kunz-Curb-Agajanian Motorsports/Mobil 1 – Toyota – Curb Records/LynK/Speedway Toyota.

Throughout his past five series starts in an 11-day span, McIntosh has been absolutely stellar. He reigned victorious in the BC39 at The Dirt Track at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, then followed that up by winning the Mid-America Midget Week opener at Missouri's Sweet Springs Motorsports Complex this past Tuesday. He then took a pair of runner-up results on Wednesday at Kansas' Mitchell County Fairgrounds and on Friday at Jefferson County, all before returning to victory lane on Saturday at Jefferson County.

Prior to his BC39 victory on July 2, McIntosh stood third in the series standings, a distant 106 points out of the lead. Suddenly, he now finds himself in the driver's seat in his quest for a first career USAC National Midget title. But as for today, the moment at hand on Jefferson County's 1/5-mile dirt oval was all that occupied his mind.

"In this race, I wasn't really thinking about (points)," McIntosh stated. "I knew I was going backwards, and I had to change something if I wanted to win the race. You just have to focus on winning races and finishing up front and let the rest of it play itself out. We'll just keep plugging away. This car has been lights out lately. I just have to do my part when I'm in the seat."

He certainly did his part late in the going. Yet, early on, McIntosh's struggle was real as he fell back to the bottom portion of the top 10. But by the halfway point, he was on the move.

"I was going backwards early, but I started to make some ground up top behind those guys and pick a few of them off," McIntosh recalled. "It was such a fast pace up there, it was really hard to see the cushion and I don't feel like I was getting all the way up to it to build up speed."

All the while, Seavey established his dominance from the pole position while Jacob Denney quickly advanced from fourth to second on the opening lap to snag the runner-up spot for the time being while Friday night Jefferson County winner Gavin Miller had already moved from sixth to third.

On the lap five restart following a turn one spin and stop by 24th place running Caiden Warren, Miller carved his way under Denney to take over second in turn two. At the same time, Seavey continuously increased his lead to more than 1.6 seconds as he blazed through traffic.

On the 23rd lap, 21st running Don Droud Jr. got pinched into the outside wall along the front straight away and flipped upside down before landing in turn one. Droud was okay and actually restarted at the tail of the field before ultimately finishing 19th.

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It was at this point in which the sixth place running McIntosh took a decidedly different approach in order to shake things up and make things happen.

"There was a restart with, I think, 17 to go and I just knew I had to try something different," McIntosh explained. "I think we were in sixth there and I just went to the bottom on the restart, and it was actually really good. I hadn't really run it before, but then I stayed committed to it when I started picking guys off."

Denney found his way back to the second position on lap 28 following an exchange of sliders between himself and his KKM teammate, Miller. Once again, Seavey took advantage of the battles breaking out behind him to open up his lead to 1.7 seconds until Kale Drake (8th) spun around on the bottom of turn two and stopped, which necessitated a yellow.

Just prior to the yellow, McIntosh had snuck along the bottom amidst the lapped cars of Drouard and Blake Spicer to overtake Miller for third. Once the field tightened up even further due to the caution, McIntosh had an inkling he was in good shape.

"Once I was in third, I knew we probably had a chance to get there," McIntosh surmised. "I just had to stay committed to it and try to make as few mistakes as possible. I knew with five to go I wasn't going anywhere, and I just had to hit my marks."

On the lap 35 restart, Seavey skidded across the top of the cushion in turns three and four while, reportedly, also believing he had heard a call for a yellow flag. Meanwhile, Denney slid through the middle to draw even with Seavey, which opened the door wide open for McIntosh to skate on by both drivers at the bottom while exiting turn four.

On the 36th circuit, Drake once again brought out the yellow after stopping in the second turn, which presented a four lap shootout for the win.

McIntosh feathered the bottom while Denney pounded the cushion in hot pursuit in the hunt for victory. Off the final corner, McIntosh had the field covered as he beat Denney to the line by a 0.363 second margin while Logan Seavey took third after leading a race-high 34 laps, Steven Snyder Jr. finished fourth and Gavin Miller rounded out the top five.

Drake Edwards raced his way up +6 during the feature. The Peoria, Arizona native started 16th and finished 10th on his run to earn Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors.

On the final lap of the Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi-Feature, Blake Spicer lost the final transfer spot to Blaze Bennett. However, in turns three and four, Spicer (Marysville, Kansas) came roaring back on the bottom to retake the final spot and make his way into his first Midwest Midget Championship feature. That earned him Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night accolades.

Shannon McQueen picked up an extra \$450 in addition to her \$500 start money, pocketing a total of \$950. The bonus was raised in memory of Thelma Bartels, a Fairbury, Nebraska native who was near and dear to the racing community at Jefferson County Speedway.

USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: July 12, 2025 – Jefferson County Speedway – Fairbury, Nebraska – 1/5-Mile Dirt Oval – Riverside Chevrolet Midwest Midget Championship Presented by Westin Packaged Meats & Schmidt's Sanitation / Mid-America Midget Week

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CAR IQ FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top 5 transfer to the feature) 1. Hayden Reinbold (#19AZ Reinbold-Underwood), 2. Kale Drake (#97K Kunz/Curb-Agajanian), 3. Trent Way (#86 CBI), 4. Gavin Miller (#97 Kunz/Curb-Agajanian), 5. Kyle Jones (#27x Joyner), 6. Zack Merritt (#43m Oerter), 7. Blake Spicer (#4s Spicer). 1:51.003

K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top 5 transfer to the feature) 1. Ethan Mitchell (#4m RMS), 2. Gunnar Setser (#43 Arnold), 3. Cannon McIntosh (#71K Kunz/Curb-Agajanian), 4. Corbin Rueschenberg (#26 Rueschenberg), 5. Logan Seavey (#57 Abacus), 6. Don Droud Jr. (#22T Burch), 7. Blaze Bennett (#10 Mason), 8. Brian Schwabauer (#9B Murphy). 1:51.311

USAC GEAR THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top 5 transfer to the feature) 1. Brecken Reese (#00 Chandler), 2. Kevin Thomas Jr. (#14 4 Kings), 3. Jacob Denney (#67 Kunz/Curb-Agajanian), 4. Bradley Cox (#45 Cox), 5. Cale Coons (#85 Central), 6. Dylan Doyle (#37 Doyle), 7. Luke Icke (#2 Icke). 1:53.242

COOK OUT FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps, top 5 transfer to the feature) 1. Justin Grant (#87 CBI), 2. Drake Edwards (#83 CBI), 3. Steven Snyder Jr. (#4 RMS), 4. Mack Leopard (#86x CBI), 5. Shannon McQueen (#7 McQueen), 6. Caiden Warren (#12w Warren). NT

ALSO AT THE TRACK: Lance Bennett (#91 Mason) & Shaun Shapell (#84J Shapell)

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (10 laps, top 4 transfer to the feature) 1. Don Droud Jr., 2. Zack Merritt, 3. Caiden Warren, 4. Blake Spicer, 5. Blaze Bennett, 6. Dylan Doyle, 7. Brian Schwabauer. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Cannon McIntosh (5), 2. Jacob Denney (4), 3. Logan Seavey (1), 4. Steven Snyder Jr. (3), 5. Gavin Miller (6), 6. Kyle Jones (2), 7. Kevin Thomas Jr. (11), 8. Justin Grant (9), 9. Hayden Reinbold (7), 10. Drake Edwards (16), 11. Corbin Rueschenberg (17), 12. Mack Leopard (12), 13. Gunnar Setser (14), 14. Ethan Mitchell (10), 15. Kale Drake (13), 16. Trent Way (18), 17. Zack Merritt (23), 18. Bradley Cox (20), 19. Don Droud Jr. (24), 20. Shannon McQueen (19), 21. Blake Spicer (22), 22. Caiden Warren (21), 23. Cale Coons (15), 24. Brecken Reese (8). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-34 Logan Seavey, Laps 35-40 Cannon McIntosh.

**Don Droud Jr. flipped on lap 23 of the feature.

USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Cannon McIntosh-910, 2-Justin Grant-907, 3-Jacob Denney-869, 4-Kale Drake-825, 5-Kevin Thomas Jr.-802, 6-Gavin Miller-789, 7-Logan Seavey-783, 8-Drake Edwards-764, 9-Steven Snyder Jr.-736, 10-Gunnar Setser-644.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-159, 2-Briggs Danner-95, 3-Kyle Cummins-86, 4-Gunnar Setser-82, 5-Justin Grant-78, 6-C.J. Leary-74, 7-Kevin Thomas Jr.-70, 8-Robert Ballou-66, 9-Logan Seavey-62, 10-Chase Stockon-57.

NEXT USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: August 29, 2025 – Bloomington Speedway – Bloomington, Indiana – 1/4-Mile Dirt Oval

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Steven Snyder Jr. (11.042)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: Hayden Reinbold

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K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Ethan Mitchell

USAC Gear Third Heat Winner: Brecken Reese

Cook Out Fourth Heat Winner: Justin Grant

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Don Droud Jr.

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Drake Edwards (16th to 10th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Blake Spicer

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Home Sweet Bloomington! Miller Mans the Red Clay for Victory

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Bloomington, Indiana (August 29, 2025).....For Gavin Miller, the red clay of Bloomington Speedway has been a home away from home.

Back in 2023, the Allentown, Pennsylvania native captured his first career USAC NOS Energy Drink Midget National Championship victory.

On Friday night, it was more of the same as Miller capitalized on the misfortune of early race front runners Jacob Denney and Justin Grant, then led the final 15 circuits of the 30-lap feature to score his third career series win, two of which have come on the southern Indiana 1/4-mile.

“I think it just fits my driving style,” Miller acknowledged. “Sometimes you’ve got to hit it nice and straight. I felt like the top was pretty good down here. I just started sliding myself because I found the moisture on entry there.”

Miller has turned up the wick of late, finishing inside the top-two in four of his last seven series starts through July and August, including two victories. Miller also scored a win in July on the opening night of the Midwest Midget Championship at Fairbury, Nebraska’s Jefferson County Speedway.

After waiting 56 races between his first and second career USAC National Midget triumph, Miller only had to wait one more race to get win number three in his Keith Kunz-Curb-Agajanian Motorsports/SoundGear – Toyota – Mobil 1/LynK/Speedway Toyota.

Now, Miller is a two-time winner with the series in 2025 and is among the hottest contenders right now on the tour.

“I struggled last year and just had to regroup and rethink who I am as a driver,” Miller explained. “I’m working great with (crew chief) Beau (Binder) now. Working at the shop has definitely taught me what I like in my racecar a little bit better. Communication with my crew chief has been the biggest thing.”

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Miller actually had to bounce back at the start of Friday night's feature, the first USAC National Midget event held at Bloomington outside of Indiana Midget Week since Tony Stewart's victory in August 1994, 31 years ago.

After starting from the pole position, teammate and outside front row starter Denney pounced to the lead after he and Miller sliced and diced one another on each end of the racetrack for the first pair of laps. By lap three, Miller had fallen to third as Grant zipped past on the inside of turn two to overtake the second position.

By the midway point, Denney had stretched his lead out to a full two seconds as he matriculated through lapped traffic with relative ease while Grant and Miller couldn't seem to break free from the gridlock nearly a straightaway behind in the second and third spot.

However, on lap 16, Denney's right rear tire was noticeably low, and on the 17th lap, it finally gave way in turn three to bring out the caution, relegating Denney to the Indy Metal Finishing Work Area. After restarting at the tail, he worked his way back up to a 12th place result.

Grant inherited the lead for the restart but soon found his own bit of right rear tire misfortune as well. As soon as the green flag was waved for the lap 17 restart, Grant was swallowed up by Miller instantaneously as Grant's tire rapidly deflated, dropping him to third behind Brecken Reese within a lap.

Moments later, Steven Snyder Jr. (9th) got crossed up in turns three and four and nearly came to a halt. Just behind him, 15th running Thomas Meseraull was unable to avoid Snyder, and the ensuing contact sent Meseraull flipping upside down. During the red flag, Grant headed back to the work area before returning with fresh rubber, managing only to get back to 16th by the race's end.

From there, Miller said 'sayonara' to the competition as the only shakeups at the upper tier of the field occurred behind him. With six laps remaining, Reese got tied up atop the turn two cushion, allowing both Kevin Thomas Jr. and Cannon McIntosh to sweep on by into second and third, respectively.

When all was said and done, Miller was 2.373 seconds ahead as he crossed under Keith Dewig's checkered flag with Kevin Thomas Jr. taking second, Cannon McIntosh third, Brecken Reese fourth and Jakeb Boxell rounding out the top-five with his best career USAC National Midget result.

Winning isn't easy, and even though the night didn't exactly unfold the way he envisioned it, Miller is grateful to add another one in the win column.

"The track was great; it was racy," Miller praised. "I didn't really want to win it that way, especially with them cutting tires there, and I honestly thought I did the same thing on the restart. I kept spinning my tires just praying that my tire wasn't cut. But I just had to be smart on the restarts, hit my line right and make sure I wasn't making mistakes getting into the corners. I just had to hit my line on the bottom and slide myself the best that I could."

In 12 USAC National Midget starts this season, Brecken Reese had grabbed just a single top-10 finish, which also happened to be his only result better than 14th! But Friday night was different as the USAC Rookie from Canyon, Texas earned his best career series finish of fourth in his first ever visit to Bloomington Speedway.

To start the night, a throttle linkage issue relegated Gunnar Setser to just one qualifying lap. Starting 17th in the feature, Setser worked his way up to a seventh place finish in the feature, which earned him the Sober Joe's Coffee Recovery of Night award.

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When Hayden Reinbold pulled off in his heat race, his night was trending downward. After going to a backup car for the feature, the Arizonan advanced +12 from his 23rd starting spot to finish 11th, good enough for Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors.

In Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying, Kevin Thomas Jr. blazed to his first quick time of the USAC National Midget season, marking 4 Kings Racing's first ever USAC fast qualifier award as the team went one-two with Jakeb Boxell also going second quickest. For KTJ, it was his 10th career USAC National Midget fast qualifying time tonight, which tied George Amick, Pancho Carter and Allen Crowe for 65th place on the all-time list.

In a statistical oddity, every race conducted during the program was won by a car sporting the number 97. Zach Wigal scored the first heat race win in Pat O'Dell's No. 97x. The second race victory was captured by Kale Drake in the Keith Kunz/Curb-Agajanian Motorsports No. 97K. Gavin Miller, aboard his Keith Kunz/Curb-Agajanian Motorsports No. 97, finished off the preliminaries with a win in heat race three, then completed the night as the feature victor.

USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: August 29, 2025 – Bloomington Speedway – Bloomington, Indiana – 1/4-Mile Dirt Oval

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Kevin Thomas Jr., 14, 4 Kings-11.852; 2. Jakeb Boxell, 14JB, 4 Kings-11.854; 3. Brecken Reese, 20Q, Reese-11.909; 4. Justin Grant, 87, CBI-11.937; 5. Jacob Denney, 67, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-12.046; 6. Gavin Miller, 97, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-12.061; 7. Cannon McIntosh, 71K, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-12.099; 8. Drake Edwards, 83, CBI-12.100; 9. Steven Snyder Jr., 4, RMS-12.105; 10. Colton Robinson, 67K, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-12.111; 11. Cale Coons, 63, Dooling/Curb-Agajanian-12.121; 12. Hayden Reinbold, 19AZ, Reinbold-Underwood-12.121; 13. Zach Wigal, 97x, O'Dell-12.205; 14. Kale Drake, 97K, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-12.255; 15. Thomas Meseraull, 7s, Engler-12.287; 16. Braxton Cummings, 71B, Cummings-12.308; 17. Ethan Mitchell, 19m, Bundy Built-12.311; 18. Stephen Schnapf, 11s, Martin-12.320; 19. Gunnar Setser, 43, Arnold-12.443; 20. Mack Leopard, 86, CBI-12.485; 21. Jeff Schindler, 8x, Schindler-NT; 22. Justin Dickerson, 21D, Dickerson-12.861; 23. Alex Shipman, 17, Cummings-12.915; 24. Chris Hartman, 35s, Hodge-12.950; 25. Mark Chisholm, 56x, Chisholm-NT (time of 12.508 disallowed after missing the scales).

CAR IQ FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Zach Wigal, 2. Colton Robinson, 3. Justin Grant, 4. Cannon McIntosh, 5. Kevin Thomas Jr., 6. Gunnar Setser, 7. Braxton Cummings, 8. Mark Chisholm, 9. Justin Dickerson. NT

K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Kale Drake, 2. Jacob Denney, 3. Ethan Mitchell, 4. Cale Coons, 5. Drake Edwards, 6. Jakeb Boxell, 7. Mack Leopard, 8. Alex Shipman. 2:06.221

USAC GEAR THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Gavin Miller, 2. Steven Snyder Jr., 3. Brecken Reese, 4. Thomas Meseraull, 5. Jeff Schindler, 6. Chris Hartman, 7. Hayden Reinbold, 8. Stephen Schnapf. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Gavin Miller (1), 2. Kevin Thomas Jr. (6), 3. Cannon McIntosh (9), 4. Brecken Reese (4), 5. Jakeb Boxell (5), 6. Steven Snyder Jr. (11), 7. Gunnar Setser (17), 8. Kale Drake (8), 9. Zach Wigal (7), 10. Colton Robinson (12), 11. Hayden Reinbold (23), 12. Jacob Denney (2), 13. Drake Edwards (10), 14. Ethan Mitchell (16), 15. Mack Leopard (18), 16. Justin Grant (3), 17. Cale Coons (13), 18. Justin Dickerson (20), 19. Chris Hartman (21), 20. Thomas Meseraull (14), 21. Mark Chisholm (22), 22. Braxton Cummings (15), 23. Jordan Kinser (#17) (24), 24. Jeff Schindler (19). NT

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FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-15 Jacob Denney, Lap 16 Justin Grant, Laps 17-30 Gavin Miller.

**Thomas Meseraull flipped on lap 18 of the feature.

USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Cannon McIntosh-979, 2-Justin Grant-947, 3-Jacob Denney-917, 4-Kale Drake-882, 5-Kevin Thomas Jr.-879, 6-Gavin Miller-868, 7-Drake Edwards-805, 8-Steven Snyder Jr.-798, 9-Logan Seavey-783, 10-Gunnar Setser-699.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-207, 2-Briggs Danner-129, 3-Gunnar Setser-112, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-111, 5-Logan Seavey-105, 6-Justin Grant-97, 7-C.J. Leary-95, 8-Kyle Cummins-94, 9-Chase Stockon-82, 10-Hayden Reinbold-81.

NEXT USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: August 31, 2025 – Angell Park Speedway – Sun Prairie, Wisconsin – 1/3-Mile Dirt Oval – 40th Firemen's Nationals

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Jacob Denney (11.930)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Kevin Thomas Jr. (11.852)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: Zach Wigal

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Kale Drake

USAC Gear Third Heat Winner: Gavin Miller

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Hayden Reinbold (23rd to 11th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Brecken Reese

Sober Joe's Coffee Recovery of the Night: Gunnar Setser

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Gavin Fuego! Miller Mines \$10,000 at Angell Park's 40th Firemen's Nationals

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Sun Prairie, Wisconsin (August 31, 2025).....Throughout the first 63 feature starts of his USAC NOS Energy Drink Midget National Championship career, Gavin Miller possessed just a single, solitary victory.

Now, after his latest triumph in Sunday night's 40th running of the Firemen's Nationals at Sun Prairie, Wisconsin's Angell Park Speedway, it's safe to say the Allentown, Pennsylvania racer is heating up at just the right time.

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Over his past four series starts, Miller has amassed three victories, including two in a three day span this weekend starting with Friday's round at Indiana's Bloomington Speedway and again on Sunday at Angell Park where he led the final 38 circuits of the 40-lapper to earn a cool \$10,000 reward.

In addition, Miller led a complete sweep of the podium with each of the top-three finishers all hailing from the Keith Kunz/Curb-Agajanian Motorsports stable as Cannon McIntosh and Kale Drake crossed the line first and second, respectively.

"Everyone's clicking well and I'm feeling the best I ever have in this car," Miller said in praise of his team led by Beau Binder, the crew chief on the Keith Kunz-Curb-Agajanian Motorsports/SoundGear – Toyota – Mobil 1/LynK/Speedway Toyota.

In 2023, Miller led a race high 20 laps and finished as the runner-up at the Firemen's Nationals. Starting third this time around, he made quick work of the frontrunners. On a lap three restart following 15th running Zach Wigal's bike and spin in turn three, Miller got busy grooving the low line as he blew by Drake for second in turn one, then overtook Brecken Reese for the lead on the back straight moments later. Meanwhile, McIntosh followed suit to second a lap later past Reese.

Nearing halfway, Miller had ballooned his lead over McIntosh to more than three seconds as he fought through traffic, all while trying to navigate a tricky surface on the 1/3-mile dirt oval that had many a driver flabbergasted at the prospect of the exit of turn four, snagging right rear tires and snapping their front wheels to the right, straight toward the front straightaway wall.

A number of cautions in the second half – five to be precise – didn't allow Miller to scurry too far away for any prolonged period of time. In relatively short spurts, the main mover was Drake who had fallen back to sixth after running as high as second during the opening laps. By lap 32, Drake was back up to third as he blasted by Grant on the front straightaway after Grant got corked up sideways off turn four.

With two laps remaining, Miller found himself in full command of the race with a 1.341 second advantage in his pocket. However, Mack Leopard (16th) came to a stop in turn four on lap 39 to necessitate a yellow, which completely wiped out Miller's lead, therein forcing a green-white-checkered finish between the triumvirate of KKM team cars driven by Miller, McIntosh and Drake.

That said, soon after the restart, Cale Coons became the next victim of the turn four cushion of voodoo. He came to a stop just moments after Drake snuck by McIntosh for second and was setting up to make his run at Miller for the lead. But with the yellow flag, all of Drake's work was negated due to scoring reverting to the last completed lap, which slotted Drake back into third behind McIntosh.

With restart after restart stifling Miller's rhythm, the yellow flag wasn't a pleasant sight, especially with McIntosh in prime position to pounce and a surging Drake prepared to pose a threat to Miller's near racelng lead.

"I kind of messed up a little bit on some of those restarts and I was thinking, hopefully there's not another yellow," Miller admitted. "I saw one on the last lap and I was getting a little nervous. Luckily, on the next restart, I was able to hit the bottom good and slide myself.

I wasn't really worrying about him," Miller continued on the subject of McIntosh. "It was just about hitting my marks and focusing on myself without anyone around me. It was tricky there off turn four where it bit me. I almost hit the wall a

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couple times in lapped traffic there. I just had to figure out how to maneuver around it and try not to slap it that hard, especially later in the race."

On the final restart, once and for all, nobody had a thing for Miller as he closed the deal out with pinpoint precision to lock down his fourth career USAC victory, 0.771 seconds ahead of runner-up Cannon McIntosh who earned his seventh consecutive podium finish with the series, thus assisting him in expanding his championship point lead from 32 to 39. Kale Drake took third with Justin Grant fourth and Kevin Thomas Jr. rounding out the top-five.

In the early afternoon hours, Daison Pursley was airborne on a flight from Washington to Wisconsin after finishing third the night before with the High Limit Sprint Cars at Skagit Speedway. Throughout the feature at Angell Park, it would be fair to say that he was still flying come feature time where he advanced 13 positions from his 20th starting spot to finish in the seventh position. That earned him the night's Rod End Supply Hard Charger award.

Initially, Gunnar Setser ran up through the field at Angell Park from 19th to 11th. Forced to the Indy Metal Finishing Work Area with a mud-packed right rear tire, Setser raced his way back through the pack to finish ninth, passing four cars on the final restart alone. That was good enough to earn the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

In Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying, Jacob Denney set a new Angell Park Speedway USAC National Midget track record with a lap of 14.203 seconds. That broke Bryan Clauson's decade old record of 14.316 set in 2015. Overall, it was Denney's fourth career USAC National Midget fast qualifying time with the series, and his second of the 2025 season.

USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: August 31, 2025 – Angell Park Speedway – Sun Prairie, Wisconsin – 1/3-Mile Dirt Oval – 40th Firemen's Nationals

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Jacob Denney, 67, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-14.203 (New Track Record); 2. Cannon McIntosh, 71K, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-14.245; 3. Kale Drake, 97K, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-14.246; 4. Gavin Miller, 97, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-14.278; 5. Mack Leopard, 86x, CBI-14.364; 6. Hayden Reinbold, 19AZ, Reinbold-Underwood-14.376; 7. Brecken Reese, 20Q, Reese-14.410; 8. Steven Snyder Jr., 4, RMS-14.428; 9. Karter Sarff, 7x, Engler-14.440; 10. Drake Edwards, 83, CBI-14.492; 11. Ethan Mitchell, 19m, Bundy Built-14.507; 12. Jakeb Boxell, 14JB, 4 Kings-14.533; 13. Justin Grant, 87, CBI-14.534; 14. Colton Robinson, 67K, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-14.539; 15. Kevin Thomas Jr., 14, 4 Kings-14.547; 16. Zach Wigal, 40x, McDermand-14.547; 17. Cale Coons, 63, Dooling/Curb-Agajanian-14.565; 18. Rylan Gray, 4R, RMS-14.597; 19. Gunnar Setser, 43, Arnold-14.616; 20. Daison Pursley, 86, CBI-14.711; 21. Zach Boden, 51, Boden-15.157; 22. Mark Chisholm, 56x, Chisholm-15.182; 23. Cody Weisensel, 20, Weisensel-15.712; 24. Parker Jones, 6G, DGRD-NT.

CAR IQ FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Justin Grant, 2. Zach Wigal, 3. Brecken Reese, 4. Jacob Denney, 5. Drake Edwards, 6. Gavin Miller, 7. Gunnar Setser, 8. Mark Chisholm. 1:59.577

K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Cale Coons, 2. Steven Snyder Jr., 3. Colton Robinson, 4. Daison Pursley, 5. Cannon McIntosh, 6. Ethan Mitchell, 7. Mack Leopard, 8. Cody Weisensel. 2:00.306

USAC GEAR THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Kevin Thomas Jr., 2. Jakeb Boxell, 3. Kale Drake, 4. Rylan Gray, 5. Karter Sarff, 6. Hayden Reinbold, 7. Parker Jones. 1:59.601

FEATURE: (40 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Gavin Miller (3), 2. Cannon McIntosh (5), 3. Kale Drake (4), 4. Justin Grant (7), 5. Kevin Thomas Jr. (8), 6. Hayden Reinbold (2), 7. Daison Pursley (20), 8. Karter Sarff (12), 9. Gunnar Setser (19),

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10. Steven Snyder Jr. (11), 11. Jacob Denney (6), 12. Jakeb Boxell (15), 13. Brecken Reese (1), 14. Rylan Gray (18), 15. Zach Wigal (17), 16. Colton Robinson (16), 17. Cale Coons (9), 18. Cody Weisensel (21), 19. Mack Leopard (10), 20. Ethan Mitchell (14), 21. Drake Edwards (13), 22. Parker Jones (22), 23. Mark Chisholm (23). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-2 Brecken Reese, Laps 3-40 Gavin Miller.

**Parker Jones flipped during hot laps. Mark Chisholm flipped during the first heat.

USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Cannon McIntosh-1055, 2-Justin Grant-1016, 3-Jacob Denney-969, 4-Kale Drake-956, 5-Kevin Thomas Jr.-945, 6-Gavin Miller-944, 7-Steven Snyder Jr.-848, 8-Drake Edwards-832, 9-Logan Seavey-783, 10-Gunnar Setser-747.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-208, 2-Briggs Danner-129, 3-Gunnar Setser-122, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-118, 5-Logan Seavey-105, 6-C.J. Leary-102, 7-Justin Grant-100, 8-Kyle Cummins-94, 9-Chase Stockon-85, 10-Hayden Reinbold-81.

NEXT USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: September 18, 2025 – Eldora Speedway – Rossburg, Ohio – 1/2-Mile Dirt Oval

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Kale Drake (14.277)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Jacob Denney (14.203)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: Justin Grant

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Cale Coons

USAC Gear Third Heat Winner: Kevin Thomas Jr.

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Daison Pursley (20th to 7th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Gunnar Setser

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Reinbold Statement! Hayden Hustles to First USAC Midget Score at Eldora

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Rossburg, Ohio (September 18, 2025).....When Hayden Reinbold set quick time for the first time in his USAC NOS Energy Drink Midget National Championship career during Thursday night's Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying session, that particular feat made everyone on the grounds of Rossburg, Ohio's Eldora Speedway stand up and take notice.

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As it turned out, it was just a harbinger of more good things to come on this most magical night for the Gilbert, Arizona racer.

In what was his 101st career USAC National Midget feature start, Reinbold sliced a path to the lead from his sixth place starting position, taking the lead by lap eight, then running away with it in his Reinbold-Underwood Motorsports/AME Electrical – Mesilla Valley Transportation/Spike/Stanton SR-11x.

That is until his ride began to run out of fuel on the 25th and final lap of the opening night feature at the 43rd 4-Crown Nationals Presented by NKTELCO.

As Reinbold dove to the bottom between turns three and four and onto the straightaway in order to take the shortest way around the 1/2-mile dirt oval, his car sputtered across the line 0.336 seconds ahead of Kevin Thomas Jr. No extra style points needed.

Long at last, Reinbold had become a first-time USAC National Midget feature winner after six consecutive seasons of trying. In doing so, Reinbold became just the third driver to earn his first career USAC National Midget main event win at Eldora, joining Jack Hewitt (1987) and Danny Stratton (2005).

“It’s pretty freaking cool to get your first quick time and feature win on the same night,” Reinbold stated. “Not only that, but at Eldora!”

To put Reinbold’s achievement into perspective, in his first 100 career USAC National Midget starts, he had earned just two top-five finishes consisting of a fourth at Missouri’s Sweet Springs Motorsports Complex in July 2025 and a fifth in June 2024 at Indiana’s Lawrenceburg.

This will surely be a night in which Reinbold will fondly remember forever. But perhaps it’s just the beginning of more to come for the 21-year-old. But this particular one nearly ended in heartache if it were to go even one lap longer.

As Reinbold breezingly coasted across the finish line with just enough juice, he had earned his place as the second first-time USAC National Midget winner of the 2025 campaign, joining Drake Edwards.

“I got pretty nervous there,” Reinbold admitted. “We were chugging along at the end, and it just stopped running, but I think we barely got it.”

The first part of the race was marred by multiple massive accidents. On the initial try of the start, eighth row starters Kale Drake and Chase Stockon collided on entry into turn one, promptly sending Stockon toppling over while Drake barrel-rolled six times up the banking. Both drivers were able to walk away from their respective cars under their own power.

On the second try of the start, the field successfully maneuvered through turn one, but turn two proved to be most detrimental, especially for Zach Wigal who tripped over the turn two cushion, smacked the outside concrete wall and was subsequently sent hurdling over 5.5 times before coming to a rest. He too was eliminated from the evening before a lap was even in the books.

Once the race finally went green and stayed green, Kevin Thomas Jr. slotted himself into the lead from the pole position, exactly as he did in the preceding USAC AMSOIL National Sprint Car feature. While Thomas and Daison Pursley were dueling at the head of the field, Reinbold was closing in. Reinbold took second from Pursley on the low line on lap five.

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By the eighth lap, Reinbold was prepared to pounce as he worked the bottom and swept past Thomas in between turns three and four, a spot he'd never relinquish.

Pursley (lap 13), and later on, his CB Industries teammate Drake Edwards (lap 20), were both running third when they fell victims to shredded right rear tires, each of which necessitated yellow flags. All the stoppages did was stifle Reinbold's pursuit of victory and forced him to lead the way on multiple restarts down the stretch, a quite precarious position to be in, especially when you very well could become a sitting duck.

"It's pretty nerve wracking to have (Kevin Thomas Jr.) behind you, especially when the track is like this, very technical. He's really good at that stuff," Reinbold related. "I'm just thankful that our car was so good. I didn't even really have to think about it. I could put it anywhere I wanted to and it stuck."

Following Reinbold to the finish line were Kevin Thomas Jr. as the runner-up, series Rookie Jakeb Boxell in third and defending series champion Justin Grant fourth with Jacob Denney rounding out the top-five, best among the Ohio natives in the field.

Remember the name of Jakeb Boxell. In just his 10th career USAC National Midget start, Boxell puts it on the podium in his 4-Crown debut after racing from ninth to third to earn his best career series finish as well as Inferno Armor USA Fire Move of the Night honors.

Oklahoman Tim Kent wasn't just making his first career run at Eldora. It was his first career USAC National Midget start of any kind. He picked up the Rod End Supply Hard Charger award for his +7 advancement in the feature from his 21st place starting position to finish 14th.

USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: September 18, 2025 – Eldora Speedway – Rossburg, Ohio – 1/2-Mile Dirt Oval – 43rd 4-Crown Nationals Presented by NKTELCO

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Hayden Reinbold, 19AZ, Reinbold-Underwood-16.072; 2. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-16.230; 3. Jacob Denney, 67, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-16.266; 4. Daison Pursley, 86, CBI-16.279; 5. Drake Edwards, 83, CBI-16.336; 6. Kevin Thomas Jr., 14, 4 Kings-16.345; 7. Justin Grant, 87, CBI-16.409; 8. Jakeb Boxell, 14JB, 4 Kings-16.527; 9. Gavin Miller, 97, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-16.580; 10. Cannon McIntosh, 71K, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-16.636; 11. Steven Snyder Jr., 4, RMS-16.642; 12. Zach Wigal, 97x, O'Dell-16.762; 13. Gunnar Setser, 43, Arnold-16.811; 14. Cale Coons, 63, Dooling/Curb-Agajanian-16.899; 15. Kale Drake, 97K, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-16.903; 16. Chase Stockon, 7x, Engler-17.013; 17. Ronnie Gardner, 4R, RMS-17.041; 18. Braxton Cummings, 71B, Cummings-17.373; 19. Cord Kisthardt, 21K, Kisthardt-19.822; 20. Mack Leopard, 40x, McDermand-NT; 21. Tim Kent, 07, Gariss/Jenkins-NT.

CAR IQ FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Justin Grant, 2. Daison Pursley, 3. Hayden Reinbold, 4. Cannon McIntosh, 5. Gunnar Setser, 6. Chase Stockon, 7. Cord Kisthardt. NT

K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Steven Snyder Jr., 2. Jakeb Boxell, 3. Cale Coons, 4. Drake Edwards, 5. Logan Seavey, 6. Ronnie Gardner. 2:16.074

USAC GEAR THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Kevin Thomas Jr., 2. Kale Drake, 3. Jacob Denney, 4. Zach Wigal, 5. Gavin Miller, 6. Tim Kent, 7. Braxton Cummings. 2:14.845

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FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Hayden Reinbold (6), 2. Kevin Thomas Jr. (1), 3. Jakeb Boxell (9), 4. Justin Grant (7), 5. Jacob Denney (4), 6. Steven Snyder Jr. (8), 7. Logan Seavey (5), 8. Gavin Miller (10), 9. Cannon McIntosh (11), 10. Drake Edwards (2), 11. Daison Pursley (3), 12. Cale Coons (14), 13. Ronnie Gardner (17), 14. Tim Kent (21), 15. Cord Kisthardt (19), 16. Gunnar Setser (13), 17. Zach Wigal (12), 18. Kale Drake (15), 19. Chase Stockon (16), 20. Braxton Cummings (18), 21. Mack Leopard (20). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-7 Kevin Thomas Jr., Laps 8-25 Hayden Reinbold.

**Kale Drake & Chase Stockon flipped on lap 1 of the feature. Zach Wigal flipped on the lap 1 restart of the feature.

USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Cannon McIntosh-1106, 2-Justin Grant-1085, 3-Jacob Denney-1037, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-1021, 5-Gavin Miller-997, 6-Kale Drake-990, 7-Steven Snyder Jr.-911, 8-Drake Edwards-882, 9-Logan Seavey-844, 10-Hayden Reinbold-802.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-213, 2-Briggs Danner-143, 3-Gunnar Setser-134, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-124, 5-C.J. Leary-113, 6-Justin Grant-112, 7-Logan Seavey-108, 8-Chase Stockon-100, 9-Kyle Cummins-99, 10-Hayden Reinbold-94.

NEXT USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: September 20, 2025 – Eldora Speedway – Rossburg, Ohio – 1/2-Mile Dirt Oval – 43rd 4-Crown Nationals Presented by NKTELCO

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Daison Pursley (16.218)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Hayden Reinbold (16.072)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: Justin Grant

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Steven Snyder Jr.

USAC Gear Third Heat Winner: Kevin Thomas Jr.

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Tim Kent (21st to 14th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Jakeb Boxell

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USAC Sweep! Pursley Triples Up with 3 Wins at Eldora's 4-Crown

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Rossburg, Ohio (September 20, 2025)....."I love Eldora."

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It's clear to see that Eldora Speedway loves Daison Pursley back after the 20-year-old Locust Grove, Oklahoma made history on Saturday night during the 43rd running of the 4-Crown Nationals Presented by NKTELCO at the Rossburg, Ohio 1/2-mile dirt oval.

After winning two out of the three USAC main events one year ago, Pursley topped himself, and then some, on Saturday night as he became just the fourth driver in the event's history to sweep the USAC portion of the 4-Crown by capturing successive victories in USAC's AMSOIL National Sprint Car, NOS Energy Drink National Midget and Silver Crown divisions.

Pursley joins an elite club that includes only Jack Hewitt, who won all four in a single night back in 1998, plus Kyle Larson in 2011 and Logan Seavey in 2023 as the only individuals to win three USAC events in one night at the 4-Crown. For his efforts, Pursley collected \$15,000 for each of his three USAC victories on Saturday night, a quite lucrative \$45,000 evening.

"I love Eldora; there's not much else to say," Pursley stated matter of factly. "This place is absolutely phenomenal. This is what dreams are made of, getting to race on the fence like that."

In 2024, Pursley picked up USAC Sprint Car and USAC Midget feature wins during the 4-Crown and narrowly missed out on the sweep after leading the first 12 laps before finishing fourth in the USAC Silver Crown finale.

This time, Pursley left no doubt. In the USAC Sprint Car feature, he charged from third to first on the opening circuit, then led all 30 laps en route to the victory in his CB Industries/Avanti Windows & Doors – Pristine Auction – NOS/Spike/Stanton Chevy by a 1.438 second margin.

Pursley followed up in the subsequent 25-lap midget main by racing from seventh to first. Steven Snyder Jr. led the initial six laps before catching the turn two cushion and colliding with the wall. Kevin Thomas Jr. held the point from laps seven through 13 until Pursley slipped by on the 14th trip and led the final 12 laps in his CB Industries/PristineAuction.com – NOS Energy Drink – TRD – Mobil 1/Spike/Speedway Toyota, closing out a 3.536 second victory. Pursley's plus-six run also earned him Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors.

After running 18th in the High Limit Sprint Car feature, Pursley strapped in for the 50-lap USAC Silver Crown finale. There, starting on the outside of the front row, he wasted little time getting to the front. He slid early race leader C.J. Leary for the lead in turn one on the eighth lap before Leary cut back under to retake the lead. But by the time the pair reached turn three a half lap later, Pursley repeated the maneuver to take the lead for good in his Chris Dyson Racing/Concord American Flagpole – High Performance Lubricants – Macri Concrete/Maxim/Ott Chevy. From there, it was curtains as Pursley paced the final 43 laps to win by a commanding 2.386 seconds.

Couple the USAC success with his Great Lakes Super Sprint Series 360 victory on Friday night at Eldora, Pursley had the Midas touch all weekend long. It's a long way from where he started just a handful of years ago when The Big E seemed majorly daunting.

"When I started coming to Eldora in 2021, this place intimidated me," Pursley admitted. "Now, it's changed after getting hooked up with the right people and just watching so much film from around here. This is where a lot of big races are and I knew that if I wanted to put my name in that hat, I had to really start getting good at Eldora. I've grown to love this place and run right up against the fence. It takes a lot of bravery for sure. But I feel like you can throw my hat in there now that I've almost kind of mastered it."

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In addition to all the other accolades, Pursley also earned the 4-Crown Nationals Parallax Group Passing Master title after passing 24 cars throughout the weekend's USAC events between Thursday's, Friday's and Saturday's festivities. Overall, Pursley now owns five 4-Crown feature victories, which already ranks among the upper echelon in the event, which dates back to 1981. Jack Hewitt towers over all with 19 4-Crown victories. Tyler Courtney and Dave Darland each have seven. Tracy Hines, Logan Seavey, Rich Vogler, Chris Windom, Rico Abreu and now Pursley now have five.

In the USAC tally, Pursley's Silver Crown score was the third of his career. The USAC Sprint Car win was his fourth, while his USAC Midget triumph was his 10th, tying him for 74th place all-time alongside Allen Heath, Doug Kalitta, Brad Kuhn, Steve Lotshaw, Jerry McClung, Thomas Meseraull and Chuck Weyant.

Pursley was the lone driver to compete in all four divisions on Saturday night, and five total throughout the week. With a heavy workload, he was able to shine like so few have at the legendary 1/2-mile dirt oval.

"It's a lot of racing for sure, but I'm still super young and I don't really get tired because of old age, as I've heard a lot of people say," Pursley said with a laugh. "I just love racing and I love racing anytime I can. I know that I'm not going to be able to race as much as I am long-term. I'm thankful for the position I'm in and the opportunity to get to drive not just one great racecar, not three, but five really great racecars."

Additional hard chargers on Saturday night were Brady Bacon (12th to 4th in USAC Sprints) and Carmen Perigo (20th to 3rd in USAC Silver Crown). Perigo was also the recipient of the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night for his Silver Crown performance while Keith Sheffer II collected the honors for a career best USAC Sprint Car finish of ninth. Drake Edwards, meanwhile, bounced back from a rough go in Thursday's Midget feature to finish fifth on Saturday night.

Finally, Justin Grant finished off the season and the night with his second career USAC Silver Crown driving championship, and his second overall, after previously earning the 2020 series title. For his Hemelgarn Racing team, it was their second series entrant crown and second for crew chief Dennis LaCava.

USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: September 20, 2025 – Eldora Speedway – Rossburg, Ohio – 1/2-Mile Dirt Oval – 43rd 4-Crown Nationals Presented by NKTELCO

CAR IQ FIRST QUALIFIER: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Daison Pursley (#86 CBI), 2. Cannon McIntosh (#71K Kunz/Curb-Agajanian), 3. Jakeb Boxell (#14JB 4 Kings), 4. Logan Seavey (#57 Abacus), 5. Jacob Denney (#67 Kunz/Curb-Agajanian), 6. Hayden Reinbold (#19AZ Reinbold-Underwood), 7. Ronnie Gardner (#4R RMS), 8. Cord Kisthardt (#21K Kisthardt), 9. Braxton Cummings (#71B Cummings). 2:13.330

K1 RACEGEAR SECOND QUALIFIER: (8 laps, all transfer to the feature) 1. Kevin Thomas Jr. (#14 4 Kings), 2. Drake Edwards (#83 CBI), 3. Steven Snyder Jr. (#4 RMS), 4. Justin Grant (#87 CBI), 5. Gunnar Setser (#43 Arnold), 6. Gavin Miller (#97 Kunz/Curb-Agajanian), 7. Cale Coons (#63 Dooling/Curb-Agajanian), 8. Mack Leopard (#40x McDermand), 9. Tim Kent (#07 Gariss/Jenkins). 2:15.383

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Daison Pursley (7), 2. Kevin Thomas Jr. (5), 3. Logan Seavey (8), 4. Justin Grant (3), 5. Drake Edwards (11), 6. Jakeb Boxell (4), 7. Cannon McIntosh (10), 8. Jacob Denney (2), 9. Hayden Reinbold (6), 10. Cale Coons (12), 11. Gavin Miller (9), 12. Gunnar Setser (16), 13. Braxton Cummings (17), 14. Ronnie Gardner (13), 15. Mack Leopard (18), 16. Tim Kent (14), 17. Steven Snyder Jr. (1), 18. Cord Kisthardt (15). NT

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FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-6 Steven Snyder Jr., Laps 7-13 Kevin Thomas Jr., Laps 14-25 Daison Pursley.

USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Cannon McIntosh-1158, 2-Justin Grant-1146, 3-Kevin Thomas Jr.-1088, 4-Jacob Denney-1086, 5-Gavin Miller-1038, 6-Kale Drake-990, 7-Drake Edwards-940, 8-Steven Snyder Jr.-940, 9-Logan Seavey-908, 10-Hayden Reinbold-848.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-213, 2-Briggs Danner-143, 3-Gunnar Setser-138, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-128, 5-C.J. Leary-117, 6-Logan Seavey-113, 7-Justin Grant-112, 8-Chase Stockon-107, 9-Kyle Cummins-102, 10-Hayden Reinbold-94.

FINAL 4-CROWN NATIONALS PARALLAX PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Daison Pursley-24, 2-Kevin Thomas Jr.-18, 3-Carmen Perigo-17, 4-Gunnar Setser-17, 5-Hayden Reinbold-16, 6-Brady Bacon-14, 7-Kyle Cummins-14, 8-Keith Sheffer II-14, 9-Brian Ruhlman-14, 10-Logan Seavey-12.

NEXT USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: November 14-15, 2025 – Placerville Speedway – Placerville, California – 1/4-Mile Dirt Oval – Hangtown 100

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Daison Pursley (16.385)

Car IQ First Qualifier Winner: Daison Pursley

K1 RaceGear Second Qualifier Winner: Kevin Thomas Jr.

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Daison Pursley (7th to 1st)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Drake Edwards

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Chaos in Hangtown! Pursley Prevails for \$20,000 Placerville Prize

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Placerville, California (November 15, 2025).....About 99.8 percent of the time, taking the lead with five laps remaining en route to pocketing a \$20,000 payday would be cause for a joyous occasion, a jubilant moment that would forever be one of the highlight moments of a season, and perhaps, even a career.

For Daison Pursley, Saturday night's USAC NOS Energy Drink Midget National Championship Hangtown 100 victory at California's Placerville Speedway was anything but.

On the 96th circuit of the 100-lap feature, Pursley (Locust Grove, Oklahoma) took his shot at Kyle Larson for the lead. However, as he dove low into turn one, Pursley appeared to clip the berm on the inside of the track with his left front tire.

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A split second later, Pursley was sliding up the racetrack until his right rear tire had a direct meeting with Larson's left front tire.

The resulting contact launched Larson airborne over the cushion where his car helicoptered 3.5 times before landing on its side clear over in turn two. After Larson climbed out and saddled up to the edge of the track, he gave Pursley a sarcastic applause and a double thumbs up.

The chorus of boos and "birds" suddenly appearing from the frenzied crowd was unmistakable in the immediate aftermath and even included an item or two hurled over the front straightaway fence by spectators aimed in the direction of Pursley.

When Pursley crossed the finish line as the race winner, the umbrage was multiplied to a deafening roar from the throng of Larson supporters on hand at the 1/4-mile dirt oval, the racetrack where Larson cut his teeth as a teenage racer.

Now nursing a broken right shock as a result of the accident, Pursley finished the final five laps to earn his second consecutive series victory, and the 11th of his career, in his CB Industries/PristineAuction.com – NOS Energy Drink – TRD – Mobil 1/Spike/Speedway Toyota.

Forgoing the usual cage stand and fist pump reserved for such a special moment, Pursley was completely subdued, apologetic and remorseful at how the events transpired down the stretch.

"I just hit the grease; I felt like I had a run on him," Pursley explained. "I don't want to win the race like that. I apologize to Kyle and them. I know that's not how I want to race and how he wants to be raced. It just sucks. I don't even want to celebrate this. I don't want to race like that at all."

After starting fourth on the grid in the 25-car field, Pursley never strayed outside the top-four throughout the entire 100-lap distance. After moving up to second past Buddy Kofoid with 10 laps to go, Pursley did something nobody had done all night – stick with Larson.

Rounding the high side of turn four on lap 96, Pursley found himself right on the back of Larson's bumper off turn four. Pursley's one and only opportunity at the win may very well have been in this very moment, and Pursley shot his shot.

"I just hate it," Pursley stated. "I felt like I was trying super hard. You only get a couple of times where you get to race and almost beat Kyle. I just messed up down there and hit the grease, pushed out a little bit and off he went over my right rear."

As far as Larson, the recently crowned two-time NASCAR Cup Series champion took the lead before midway and led a race-high 52 laps. Seemingly, he was well on his way to an unprecedented third career Hangtown 100 victory, regularly pushing his lead out to 1.5 seconds during each green flag stint. That is, until it all crumpled into a heap just five laps from the finish line.

"He surprised me on entry into one and hit the grease and I kind of had nowhere to go," Larson observed. "It's a bummer, but I get it because my entry was closed off, so he was going to have to pull the trigger right there. 'Oh well,' I guess. I wish it wouldn't have happened and I'm sure he wishes it wouldn't have happened too."

Pursley reiterated his point that in no way was it intentional by any means. Rather, it was a split decision from the cockpit that went askew and awry, and ultimately, resulted in major misfortune for Larson.

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"I definitely want to go talk to Kyle," Pursley stated. "I know he's not going to be very appreciative of me right now and that's absolutely understandable. I'll go down there and take my ass chewing and continue on and try to get better as a racecar driver and everything. But like I said, and I'll say it forever, I don't want to race anybody like that."

Aside from the late-race wildness, the entire Hangtown 100 weekend was under siege from Mother Nature. Nearly 3.5 inches of rain fell on Placerville Speedway on Friday, washing out the opening night of the event. A rearranged early afternoon start on Saturday was put into action due to the threat of more rain in the forecast for later that night and then fell shortly after the checkered flag.

The other constant in the program was calamity. On the opening lap of the feature, Jacob Denney (5th) got sideways on in turn three, which triggered a chain reaction. In all, seven drivers were collected in the melee, including Denney, Kevin Thomas Jr., Justin Grant, Carson Macedo, Gavin Miller, Cannon McIntosh and Hayden Reinbold who was the lone driver in the fracas to flip upside down.

Denney was the only driver not to return. Meanwhile, Grant (5th), McIntosh (7th) and Thomas (9th) all restarted and managed to record top-10 finishes.

On lap 29, 2025 USAC Western States Midget champion Caden Sarale found trouble as he flipped in turn one on the 29th lap while running 20th. The incident happened just in front of the leaders, forcing evasive action by Corey Day (1st) and Larson (2nd) to successfully avoid contact.

Kale Drake (9th) was the next tumbler as he flipped in turn two on lap 38 after clipping the infield berm. He also went back to the tail of the field and returned to finish a solid 10th.

Buddy Kofoid led the initial 14 laps before pole sitter Day took over on the 15th lap. Soon, 11th place starting Larson was surging as he put four wheels above the cushion to ride his way into the lead on the 44th lap.

Day, who led 29 laps, remained nestled in the second position until lap 59 when he climbed the left rear tire of the lapped car of Gavin Miller on entry into turn three and began a series of nasty end-over-end flip from which he was able to walk away from.

The mandatory competition stoppage window, scheduled between laps 40-60, arrived following Day's accident, allowing teams to make changes and refuel for the final 42-lap sprint. Soon after the restart, on lap 60, Kofoid surpassed Pursley for second and began trying to reel in Larson's 1.5 second advantage. Kofoid was going to line up second on the restart with five laps remaining but pulled off due to a mechanical issue.

NTT IndyCar Series competitor Santino Ferrucci (15th) was among the eight drivers who got upside down on the night when he took a lengthy flip over the turn one cushion but was able to climb out and walk away.

Ultimately, Pursley crossed the finish line 0.257 seconds ahead of Steven Snyder Jr. who equaled his career best USAC finish of second. Shane Golobic took third while Landon Brooks picked up Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors with a 21st to fourth run. Justin Grant rounded out the top-five and closed up the USAC National Midget championship race to three points behind Cannon McIntosh who crossed the line in seventh.

Colby charged through the field not once, but twice during the feature. First, he advanced 18th to sixth in the first half of the race before suffering a flat tire. Restarting 22nd, he worked way back up to a sixth place result. That made him the recipient of the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

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To begin the night, Kyle Larson topped Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying. It was his 21st career USAC National Midget fast qualifying time, tying him for 22nd place all-time alongside Tony Stewart and Logan Seavey.

USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: November 15, 2025 – Placerville Speedway – Placerville, California – 1/4-Mile Dirt Oval – Hangtown 100 – Golden State Invasion

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Kyle Larson, 1K, Larson-11.487; 2. Drake Edwards, 83, CBI-11.527; 3. Kevin Thomas Jr., 14, 4 Kings-11.599; 4. Jacob Denney, 67, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-11.622; 5. Daison Pursley, 86, CBI-11.653; 6. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-11.677; 7. Buddy Kofoid, 71, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-11.696; 8. Corey Day, 4K, Kahne-11.698; 9. Hayden Reinbold, 19AZ, Reinbold-Underwood-11.736; 10. Tanner Carrick, 98, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-11.763; 11. Steven Snyder Jr., 4, RMS-11.771; 12. Gavin Miller, 97, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-11.773; 13. Carson Macedo, 99AU, Dyson-11.785; 14. Cannon McIntosh, 71K, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-11.802; 15. Jake Andreotti, 00, Davis-11.805; 16. Colby Copeland, 27w, Wood-11.833; 17. Shane Golobic, 17w, Wood-11.847; 18. Kale Drake, 97K, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-11.868; 19. Santino Ferrucci, 16, Abacus-11.875; 20. Landon Brooks, 57w, Wood-11.878; 21. Caden Sarale, 32, Sarale-11.894; 22. Cale Coons, 63, Dooling/Curb-Agajanian-11.918; 23. Michael Pickens, 31, Beilman-11.925; 24. Justin Grant, 87, CBI-11.934; 25. Michael Faccinto, 68, Six8-11.938; 26. Gunnar Setser, 43, Arnold-11.953; 27. Connor Speir, 14JR, Streeter/Graunstadt-11.993; 28. Jake Swanson, 31B, Beilman-12.121; 29. Jake Morgan, 45, Morgan-12.551; 30. Anthony Bruno, 9, Boscacci-12.745; 31. Dane Culver, 50, Knuckles Up-NT.

CAR IQ FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Shane Golobic, 2. Carson Macedo, 3. Caden Sarale, 4. Hayden Reinbold, 5. Daison Pursley, 6. Michael Faccinto, 7. Jake Morgan, 8. Kyle Larson. NT

K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Cale Coons, 2. Kale Drake, 3. Tanner Carrick, 4. Cannon McIntosh, 5. Logan Seavey, 6. Gunnar Setser, 7. Anthony Bruno, 8. Drake Edwards. NT

USAC GEAR THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Steven Snyder Jr., 2. Kevin Thomas Jr., 3. Buddy Kofoid, 4. Santino Ferrucci, 5. Jake Andreotti, 6. Dane Culver, 7. Connor Speir, 8. Michael Pickens. 2:00.741

COOK OUT FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Justin Grant, 2. Corey Day, 3. Jacob Denney, 4. Landon Brooks, 5. Gavin Miller, 6. Colby Copeland, 7. Jake Swanson. 2:02.039

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Colby Copeland, 2. Gunnar Setser, 3. Kyle Larson, 4. Michael Faccinto, 5. Drake Edwards, 6. Connor Speir, 7. Jake Morgan, 8. Anthony Bruno, 9. Dane Culver. NT

FEATURE: (100 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Daison Pursley (4), 2. Steven Snyder Jr. (7), 3. Shane Golobic (8), 4. Landon Brooks (21), 5. Justin Grant (10), 6. Colby Copeland (18), 7. Cannon McIntosh (16), 8. Gunnar Setser (23), 9. Kevin Thomas Jr. (6), 10. Kale Drake (19), 11. Logan Seavey (3), 12. Jake Andreotti (17), 13. Cale Coons (9), 14. Tanner Carrick (13), 15. Kyle Larson (11), 16. Buddy Kofoid (2), 17. Gavin Miller (14), 18. Carson Macedo (15), 19. Michael Faccinto (22), 20. Santino Ferrucci (20), 21. Hayden Reinbold (12), 22. Corey Day (1), 23. Caden Sarale (25), 24. Drake Edwards (24-P), 25. Jacob Denney (5). NT

(P) represents a provisional starter.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-14 Buddy Kofoid, Laps 15-43 Corey Day, Laps 44-95 Kyle Larson, Laps 96-100 Daison Pursley.

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**Drake Edwards flipped during the semi. Dane Culver flipped during the semi. Hayden Reinbold flipped on lap 1 of the feature. Caden Sarale flipped on lap 29 of the feature. Kale Drake flipped on lap 38 of the feature. Corey Day flipped on lap 59 of the feature. Santino Ferrucci flipped on lap 70 of the feature. Kyle Larson flipped on lap 96 of the feature.

USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Cannon McIntosh-1215, 2-Justin Grant-1212, 3-Kevin Thomas Jr.-1145, 4-Jacob Denney-1118, 5-Gavin Miller-1071, 6-Kale Drake-1040, 7-Steven Snyder Jr.-1015, 8-Drake Edwards-968, 9-Logan Seavey-954, 10-Hayden Reinbold-876.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-222, 2-Gunnar Setser-172, 3-Briggs Danner-151, 4-C.J. Leary-141, 5-Kevin Thomas Jr.-135, 6-Justin Grant-130, 7-Logan Seavey-126, 8-Hayden Reinbold-123, 9-Kyle Cummins-120, 10-Chase Stockon-119.

NEXT USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: November 19, 2025 – Plaza Park Raceway – Visalia, California – 1/5-Mile Dirt Oval – Golden State Invasion

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Kevin Thomas Jr. (11.617)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Kyle Larson (11.487)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: Shane Golobic

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Cale Coons

USAC Gear Third Heat Winner: Steven Snyder Jr.

Cook Out Fourth Heat Winner: Justin Grant

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Colby Copeland

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Landon Brooks (21st to 4th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Colby Copeland

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200 for Kunz! McIntosh Masters Merced's USAC Midget Madness

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Merced, California (November 21, 2025).....Cannon McIntosh took a giant leap toward his first career USAC NOS Energy Drink Midget National Championship with his decisive victory during the Golden State Invasion's Midget Madness on Friday night at California's Merced Speedway.

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Simultaneously, the Bixby, Oklahoma racer delivered a milestone victory for his car owner, Keith Kunz. Kunz's triumph was the 200th of his career across USAC's three national divisions: Midget (163), Sprint (35) and Silver Crown (2).

Kunz is the second entrant to reach the 200 USAC national win mark, joining his longtime team partner, Mike Curb (221).

There couldn't have possibly been a better way for the team to meet the magnitude of the moment as Keith Kunz/Curb-Agajanian Motorsports machines crossed the finish line in the first four positions with McIntosh followed by Buddy Kofoid, Tanner Carrick and Jacob Denney.

In a non-stop 30-lap feature that was completed in just 6:26.03, third place starting McIntosh tracked down racelong leader Kofoid in traffic on the 14th lap and raced away to victory for the fifth time this season with the series in his Keith Kunz/Curb-Agajanian Motorsports/Mobil 1 – Toyota – Curb Records/LynK/Speedway Toyota.

McIntosh, whose best previous Merced result was a third in 2020, became a first time victor at the high banked 1/4-mile dirt oval. McIntosh's 14th career USAC National Midget victory moved him to 54th on the all-time series win list alongside Chuck Arnold, Jack Turner and Leroy Warriner, all of whom were stalwarts in the early years of USAC during the 1950s-60s.

Of utmost importance is the USAC National Midget title race as McIntosh entered the Merced event with a three-point edge over Justin Grant. By night's end, McIntosh had ballooned his lead to 39 points with three events remaining.

"Obviously, it's always in the back of your head," McIntosh remarked regarding the points situation. "The only thing I can do is to go out and be my best. We knew we had to put all the pieces together tonight by qualifying well, heat race good and just make it happen in the feature."

Initially, it was another KKM driver, Kofoid, who broke away up front in the early going from his outside front row starting position. However, McIntosh was already hustling. When pole sitter Drake Edwards stepped out sideways in turn four on lap three, McIntosh took advantage and drove under Edwards to slot into second. Denney followed suit and raced underneath Edwards in turn two to grab third less than a lap later.

By lap 12, the top-three runners were all caught in a logjam of lapped traffic. Denney briefly slipped by McIntosh for second on the back straight, and by the time the trio reached the exit of turn four, Kofoid, McIntosh and Denney were three-wide. McIntosh slid back under Denney to retake second moments later while the pressure was beginning to mount on Kofoid up front.

"I got into second there and I was following Buddy while trying to stay above it," McIntosh explained. "He kind of moved down, then I was still trying to go above it in three and four when he moved down. I saw Denney there poking in a nose on me and I knew I had to get down and protect."

On the 14th circuit, McIntosh was able to get a wheel in edgewise under Kofoid on the back straight, then successfully cleared him in turn three. Kofoid drifted to the high side in turns one and two a half lap later and attempted to get a run going up top. However, the lapped car of Gunnar Setser already occupied the groove at the entry to turn three, stifling Kofoid's momentum, thus allowing McIntosh to skate away cleanly. Kofoid also briefly lost second to Denney but quickly fought back under on the front straight to regain the runner-up spot.

"Lapped traffic kind of slowed Buddy's pace up and I was able to squeak under him," McIntosh articulated. "It was a dogfight between him, Denney and me for a moment, but we were able to get through traffic cleanly. It was definitely a 'cowboy up' racetrack. I'm just glad to be able to get it done and survive."

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Kofoid, the only multi-time USAC National Midget winner at Merced, wasn't going to go away that easily, though. On the 18th lap, McIntosh got a tad hung up as he tried to put 2025 USAC Western States Midget Rookie of the Year Connor Speir a lap down. As McIntosh tried to navigate around Speir, Kofoid was building his momentum on the high line. Off turn four, Kofoid was rapidly closing in on McIntosh just as McIntosh moved up the racetrack ever so slightly to maneuver around Speir, forcing Kofoid to check up momentarily.

From there, McIntosh was never headed and his beeline to victory lane wasn't about to be impeded any time soon. McIntosh crossed the finish line 0.502 seconds ahead of Kofoid at the line with Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier Carrick third, Denney fourth and Kevin Thomas Jr. rounding out the top-five.

"Beau (Binder) gave me an amazing car tonight," McIntosh praised of his crew chief. "This thing was on kill all night. I just knew I had to do my job and run it hard. We knew what we were going to get out of this racetrack after all this rain. So, it was really special to get another win here."

Justin Grant was behind the 8 ball all night long following an undesirable qualifying run of 26th out of the 32 cars on hand. He dug deep, working his way from seventh to third in his heat, then advanced +10 from his 23rd starting spot to finish 13th in the feature to earn Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors.

Fillmore, California's Connor Speir transferred into his first USAC career USAC National Midget feature in spectacular fashion. In doing so, he duked it out with none other than 2022 Merced USAC winner Carson Macedo to grab the fourth and final transfer spot out of the semi-feature. That earned him the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

Throughout hot laps, qualifying, four heat races, a semi-feature and a 30-lap feature, nary a single yellow flag was displayed, making it a perfectly clean and safe racing night from start to finish.

USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: November 21, 2025 – Merced Speedway – Merced, California – 1/4-Mile Dirt Oval – Midget Madness – Golden State Invasion

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Tanner Carrick, 98, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-11.845; 2. Jacob Denney, 67, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-11.891; 3. Kevin Thomas Jr., 14, 4 Kings-11.998; 4. Cannon McIntosh, 71K, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-12.037; 5. Caden Sarale, 32, Sarale-12.048; 6. Landon Brooks, 57w, Wood-12.052; 7. Buddy Kofoid, 71, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-12.063; 8. Drake Edwards, 83, CBI-12.066; 9. Steven Snyder Jr., 4, RMS-12.102; 10. Gunnar Setser, 43, Arnold-12.108; 11. Kale Drake, 97K, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-12.125; 12. Gavin Miller, 97, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-12.137; 13. Austin Wood, 87w, Wood-12.143; 14. Jake Andreotti, 00, Davis-12.152; 15. Carson Macedo, 99AU, Dyson-12.167; 16. Daison Pursley, 86, CBI-12.173; 17. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-12.176; 18. Hayden Reinbold, 19AZ, Reinbold-Underwood-12.189; 19. Jett Yantis, 4y, Carlile-12.247; 20. Connor Speir, 14JR, Streeter/Graunstadt-12.264; 21. Brandon Carr, 98K, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-12.276; 22. Colton Robinson, 67K, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-12.312; 23. Michael Pickens, 31, Beilman-12.342; 24. Jake Boxell, 14JB, 4 Kings-12.350; 25. Ty Gibbs, 84, CBI-12.362; 26. Justin Grant, 87, CBI-12.398; 27. Brecken Reese, 20Q, Reese-12.429; 28. Jake Swanson, 31B, Beilman-12.447; 29. Mathew Radisich, 17NZ, Out & About-12.487; 30. T.J. Smith, 68, Six8-12.513; 31. Cale Coons, 63, Dooling/Curb-Agajanian-12.555; 32. Dane Culver, 50, Knuckles Up-NT.

CAR IQ FIRST HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Logan Seavey, 2. Steven Snyder Jr., 3. Brandon Carr, 4. Austin Wood, 5. Tanner Carrick, 6. Ty Gibbs, 7. Caden Sarale, 8. Mathew Radisich. 2:01.170

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K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Colton Robinson, 2. Jake Andreotti, 3. Justin Grant, 4. Hayden Reinbold, 5. Jacob Denney, 6. Landon Brooks, 7. Gunnar Setser, 8. T.J. Smith. 2:04.220

USAC GEAR THIRD HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Michael Pickens, 2. Kale Drake, 3. Kevin Thomas Jr., 4. Buddy Kofoid, 5. Jett Yantis, 6. Brecken Reese, 7. Carson Macedo, 8. Cale Coons. 2:05.589

COOK OUT FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Jakeb Boxell, 2. Daison Pursley, 3. Cannon McIntosh, 4. Gavin Miller, 5. Drake Edwards, 6. Connor Speir, 7. Jake Swanson. 2:03.769

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Landon Brooks, 2. Caden Sarale, 3. Brecken Reese, 4. Connor Speir, 5. Carson Macedo, 6. Gunnar Setser, 7. T.J. Smith, 8. Ty Gibbs, 9. Mathew Radisch. 2:24.295

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Cannon McIntosh (3), 2. Buddy Kofoid (2), 3. Tanner Carrick (6), 4. Jacob Denney (5), 5. Kevin Thomas Jr. (4), 6. Logan Seavey (7), 7. Drake Edwards (1), 8. Gavin Miller (15), 9. Colton Robinson (8), 10. Landon Brooks (12), 11. Kale Drake (14), 12. Daison Pursley (18), 13. Justin Grant (23), 14. Steven Snyder Jr. (13), 15. Austin Wood (16), 16. Caden Sarale (11), 17. Michael Pickens (9), 18. Hayden Reinbold (19), 19. Jakeb Boxell (10), 20. Jake Andreotti (17), 21. Gunnar Setser (25-P), 22. Connor Speir (21), 23. Brandon Carr (22), 24. Brecken Reese (24), 25. Jett Yantis (20). 6:26.703

(P) represents a provisional starter.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-13 Buddy Kofoid, Laps 14-30 Cannon McIntosh.

USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Cannon McIntosh-1294, 2-Justin Grant-1255, 3-Kevin Thomas Jr.-1213, 4-Jacob Denney-1188, 5-Gavin Miller-1125, 6-Kale Drake-1088, 7-Steven Snyder Jr.-1057, 8-Drake Edwards-1024, 9-Logan Seavey-1017, 10-Hayden Reinbold-908.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-225, 2-Gunnar Setser-172, 3-Briggs Danner-151, 4-C.J. Leary-141, 5-Justin Grant-140, 6-Kevin Thomas Jr.-135, 7-Logan Seavey-127, 8-Hayden Reinbold-124, 9-Kyle Cummins-120, 10-Chase Stockon-119.

NEXT USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: November 22, 2025 – Merced Speedway – Merced, California – 1/4-Mile Dirt Oval – Chase Johnson Classic – Golden State Invasion

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Tanner Carrick (11.903)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Tanner Carrick (11.845)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: Logan Seavey

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Colton Robinson

USAC Gear Third Heat Winner: Michael Pickens

Cook Out Fourth Heat Winner: Jakeb Boxell

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Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Landon Brooks

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Justin Grant (23rd to 13th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Connor Speir

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Seavey Scores Chase Johnson Classic, Breaks USAC Midget Win Drought at Merced

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Merced, California (November 22, 2025).....After 38 races without a single visit to victory lane, Logan Seavey returned to the USAC NOS Energy Drink Midget National Championship top step in a most thrilling fashion during Saturday night's inaugural Chase Johnson Classic at California's Merced Speedway.

Seavey (Seavey, California) started fifth on the grid and trailed for the majority of the 30-lap feature. But with two laps remaining, Seavey's outside pass of racelong leader Jacob Denney proved to be the winning move in what was his first victory of the USAC National Midget season aboard his Abacus Racing/McVey Trucking – Hylan – Indy Powersports – Indy Fuel/Spike/Stanton SR-11x.

Seavey's 19th career USAC National Midget triumph moved him up to 37th place on the all-time series win list alongside Jason Leffler, Jerry Coons Jr., Stan Fox and Tyler Courtney. Furthermore, it was Seavey's first USAC National Midget victory in 533 days, dating back to his USAC Indiana Midget Week win on June 8, 2024, at Tri-State Speedway.

Additionally, Seavey's win was the second of his career with the series at Merced, and his first since his championship season of 2023 exactly two years ago to the day of Saturday night's dub.

Seavey's win also made him the third driver to capture a victory in all three USAC national divisions during the 2025 season, joining Justin Grant and Daison Pursley in that category. It's the third season in a row in which Seavey has accomplished the feat and the fourth overall (2021-2023-2024-2025).

The winning vibes began early for Seavey on Saturday night after capturing a \$1,000 bonus as the victor of the eight lap May Motorsports Chase for Cash Dash. However, for nearly the entire feature, Denney patrolled the field from his pole starting position while past Merced USAC winners Carson Macedo, Corey Day and Seavey led the pursuit toward Denney who seemed untouchable early on as he constructed a full straightaway lead on the field during the first third of the race.

After a dual spin by Steven Snyder Jr. (9th) and Hayden Reinbold (16th) in turn two on the 11th lap, Day began to surge on the ensuing restart. Using the low line, Day raced by the high-riding Macedo to swipe the spot away on the 13th go around, while Seavey made headway following Day's path on the bottom to challenge Macedo for position.

"I was so glad when I saw them work the bottom of one and two," Seavey stated. "I was worried the whole field was going to be up there running through the holes, but they worked it just enough. It was like that moisture came in through the air. It was greasy to start and I kind of bailed on it. Then, it got really fast and I didn't know if it was ever going to come back. But I knew if there was ever a chance I was going to win, I had to get up and hope that the bottom slowed down."

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Around midway, Seavey switched his approach to the topside and worked lap after lap to get around Macedo. Finally, on lap 19, Seavey altered course once more and drove underneath Macedo off turn four to gain the third position with 11 laps remaining.

Another yellow flag was displayed for Snyder (21st) on lap 23 as he bounced and spun around whirling dervishly to a stop in turn two, which erased Denney's commanding 1.868 second lead over the field.

It was during that particular moment in time, Seavey found that the middle of the road might very well be his saving grace.

"Those last seven or eight laps, it started to get slick on exit to where I could get a big run," Seavey said. "I was searching three and four all race. I could run the bottom and I could run the top a little bit, but I would lose some time. I found the middle and turned down off four right before that yellow came out."

Meanwhile, it went from bad to worse for Snyder on the 24th circuit when he flipped in turn two and came to a rest on his wheels, ending a night which started so promising after earning his first career USAC National Midget Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifying award. Fortunately, he climbed out and walked away.

At that moment, Seavey, who stood third in line at the time, knew he had to make quick work of second running Day if he was going to have any chance at running down Denney for the race lead all while finding the perfect placement on the racetrack in order to make his move.

"I knew I really had to get by Corey because he was finding the racetrack too," Seavey explained. "I knew he could hear me and he was moving around in three and four. It was crazy. I didn't really know how it was going to go, but I knew if the top was clear in one and two, I was going to go up there and I was going to run it as hard as I could. Once I snuck by Corey, finding the middle was huge."

With four to go, the top-three of Denney, Day and Seavey all ran under a blanket with no more than a car length's separation between the trio at each end of the racetrack. While Denney and Day occupied the bottom, Seavey carved a path at the top of turns one and two and through the middle of three and four. Seavey snagged a rut in turn four, but undeterred, completed the outside pass of Day to secure second and went to work on tracking Denney down for the race lead with time (and laps) tick, tick ticking away.

As the white flag unfurled from the chief starter, Seavey sifted through the middle of turns three and four to sweep around the outside of Denney by two car lengths at the stripe. Denney made one last ditch effort on the final lap to punch back at Seavey but clipped the infield berm in turn three with his left side tires and slid up the banking, allowing Seavey to successfully escape for a 0.958 second margin over victory.

Denney led a race-high 28 of 30 laps en route to a runner-up finish while Day bounced back to take third after missing the previous night's race as he recovered from last weekend's rough tumble at Placerville Speedway's Hangtown 100. Macedo finished fourth while Drake Edwards rounded out the top-five.

Seavey only led a pair of laps on the night, but he definitely led the right two. For that, he earned Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night honors.

Numerous contingency awards were up for grabs throughout the night of racing. Cale Coons earned a total of \$850 as the feature Hard Charger courtesy of Rod End Supply, Del Morris Insurance Agency and Inland Rigging. Starting 22nd in the feature, he advanced eight positions to finish 14th.

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Eight flips occurred throughout the evening, a stark contrast from the caution free opening night at Merced on Friday. Among the first calamities was Dane Culver who flipped hard during his qualifying run and was a scratch for the remainder of the evening. Despite the misfortune, Culver was awarded \$2,400 as the recipient of the Mittry Construction Most Exciting Qualifying Performance.

USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: November 22, 2025 – Merced Speedway – Merced, California – 1/4-Mile Dirt Oval – Chase Johnson Classic – Golden State Invasion

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Steven Snyder Jr., 4, RMS-12.555; 2. Cannon McIntosh, 71K, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-12.576; 3. Landon Brooks, 57w, Wood-12.584; 4. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-12.593; 5. Jake Andreotti, 00, Davis-12.599; 6. Buddy Kofoid, 71, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-12.656; 7. Corey Day, 4K, Kahne-12.704; 8. Carson Macedo, 99AU, Dyson-12.710; 9. Jacob Denney, 67, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-12.713; 10. Drake Edwards, 83, CBI-12.742; 11. Tanner Carrick, 98, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-12.760; 12. Brecken Reese, 20Q, Reese-12.800; 13. Hayden Reinbold, 19AZ, Reinbold-Underwood-12.810; 14. Justin Grant, 87, CBI-12.820; 15. Kevin Thomas Jr., 14, 4 Kings-12.839; 16. Jett Yantis, 4y, Carlile-12.843; 17. Daison Pursley, 86, CBI-12.883; 18. Michael Pickens, 31, Beilman-12.919; 19. Jakeb Boxell, 14JB, 4 Kings-12.939; 20. Austin Wood, 87w, Wood-12.972; 21. Colton Robinson, 67K, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-13.048; 22. Kyle Jones, 27x, Joyner-13.077; 23. Kale Drake, 97K, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-13.083; 24. Gavin Miller, 97, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-13.100; 25. Gunnar Setser, 43, Arnold-13.113; 26. Connor Speir, 14JR, Streeter/Graunstadt-13.175; 27. Mathew Radisich, 17NZ, Out & About-13.242; 28. Cale Coons, 63, Dooling/Curb-Agajanian-13.246; 29. T.J. Smith, 68, Six8-13.252; 30. Brandon Carr, 98K, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-13.263; 31. Jake Swanson, 31B, Beilman-13.280; 32. Ty Gibbs, 84, CBI-13.291; 33. Anthony Bruno, 9, Boscacci-13.485; 34. Broedy Graham, 66, BGR-14.671; 35. Myles Tomlinson, 22s, GR-16.360; 36. Dane Culver, 50, Knuckles Up-NT; 37. Caden Sarale, 32, Sarale-NT; 38. Terry Nichols, 22G, GR-NT (time of 13.492 disallowed due to illegal right rear tire)

CAR IQ FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Jacob Denney, 2. Daison Pursley, 3. Hayden Reinbold, 4. Jake Andreotti, 5. Steven Snyder Jr., 6. Colton Robinson, 7. Gunnar Setser, 8. T.J. Smith, 9. Anthony Bruno. 1:45.617

K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Drake Edwards, 2. Brandon Carr, 3. Kyle Jones, 4. Michael Pickens, 5. Broedy Graham, 6. Buddy Kofoid, 7. Connor Speir, 8. Cannon McIntosh, 9. Justin Grant. NT

USAC GEAR THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Kale Drake, 2. Corey Day, 3. Jakeb Boxell, 4. Kevin Thomas Jr., 5. Tanner Carrick, 6. Jake Swanson, 7. Mathew Radisich, 8. Landon Brooks, 9. Myles Tomlinson. NT

COOK OUT FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Austin Wood, 2. Jett Yantis, 3. Carson Macedo, 4. Cale Coons, 5. Logan Seavey, 6. Gavin Miller, 7. Ty Gibbs, 8. Brecken Reese, 9. Terry Nichols. NT

MAY MOTORSPORTS CHASE FOR CASH DASH: (8 laps) 1. Logan Seavey, 2. Kale Drake, 3. Drake Edwards, 4. Corey Day, 5. Austin Wood, 6. Steven Snyder Jr., 7. Jacob Denney, 8. Jake Andreotti. NT

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Cannon McIntosh, 2. Landon Brooks, 3. Justin Grant, 4. Gunnar Setser, 5. Brecken Reese, 6. Gavin Miller, 7. Ty Gibbs, 8. Jake Swanson, 9. Colton Robinson, 10. Mathew Radisich, 11. Anthony Bruno, 12. T.J. Smith, 13. Myles Tomlinson. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Logan Seavey (5), 2. Jacob Denney (1), 3. Corey Day (3), 4. Carson Macedo (2), 5. Drake Edwards (7), 6. Cannon McIntosh (10), 7. Landon Brooks (11), 8. Kale Drake (9), 9. Austin Wood (8),

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10. Tanner Carrick (12), 11. Jett Yantis (16), 12. Kevin Thomas Jr. (15), 13. Justin Grant (14), 14. Cale Coons (22), 15. Daison Pursley (17), 16. Jake Andreotti (4), 17. Jakeb Boxell (19), 18. Hayden Reinbold (13), 19. Michael Pickens (18), 20. Gunnar Setser (21), 21. Gavin Miller (25-P), 22. Colton Robinson (26-P), 23. Broedy Graham (24), 24. Brandon Carr (23), 25. Steven Snyder Jr. (6), 26. Kyle Jones (20). NT

(P) represents a provisional starter.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-28 Jacob Denney, Laps 29-30 Logan Seavey.

**Caden Sarale flipped during hot laps. Dane Culver flipped during qualifying. Cannon McIntosh flipped during the second heat. Buddy Kofoid & Connor Speir flipped during the second heat. Landon Brooks flipped during the third heat. Brecken Reese flipped during the semi. Steven Snyder Jr. flipped on lap 25 of the feature.

USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Cannon McIntosh-1357, 2-Justin Grant-1293, 3-Jacob Denney-1263, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-1257, 5-Gavin Miller-1148, 6-Kale Drake-1145, 7-Logan Seavey-1094, 8-Drake Edwards-1090, 9-Steven Snyder Jr.-1090, 10-Hayden Reinbold-941.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-226, 2-Gunnar Setser-173, 3-Briggs Danner-151, 4-Justin Grant-141, 5-C.J. Leary-141, 6-Kevin Thomas Jr.-138, 7-Logan Seavey-131, 8-Hayden Reinbold-124, 9-Kyle Cummins-120, 10-Chase Stockon-119.

NEXT USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: November 25, 2025 – Bakersfield Speedway at Kevin Harvick's Kern Raceway – Bakersfield, California – 1/3-Mile Dirt Oval – Jason Leffler Memorial – Golden State Invasion

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Caden Sarale (12.503)

Honest Abe Roofing/QuickCar Racing Products/Del Morris Insurance Agency Fast Qualifier: Steven Snyder Jr. (12.555)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: Jacob Denney

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Drake Edwards

USAC Gear Third Heat Winner: Kale Drake

Cook Out Fourth Heat Winner: Austin Wood

FK Rod Ends/Painted Canyon Bourbon Heat Race Winner Bonus: Jacob Denney, Drake Edwards, Kale Drake & Austin Wood

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Cannon McIntosh

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Cale Coons (22nd to 14th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Logan Seavey

Pill Draw #24 Barrel of Methanol: Dane Culver

Kaeding Performance 18th Fastest Qualifier: Michael Pickens

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Kaeding Performance 24th Fastest Qualifier: Gavin Miller

Mittry Construction Most Exciting Qualifying Performance: Dane Culver

Eibach Springs Heat Race First Non-Transfers: Colton Robinson, Buddy Kofoid, Jake Swanson & Gavin Miller

Race for Chase Pole Award Courtesy of Keith Trusso: Jacob Denney

Pierovich Heavy Truck Smog Semi First Non-Transfer: Brecken Reese

Kaeding Performance Semi Second Non-Transfer: Gavin Miller

May Motorsports Chase for Cash Dash Winner: Logan Seavey

The Butcher Family Dump Truck Award: Steven Snyder Jr.

Keizer Wheels 18th Place Feature Finisher: Hayden Reinbold

Beilman Motorsports Feature Lap 24 Leader: Jacob Denney

Keen Concrete Cleanest Car Award: Abacus Racing

McCloskey Electric Best Grooved Right Rear Tire: Mitchell Johnson (Six8 Motorsports)

Pierovich Farming Highest Finishing USAC Western States Midget Regular: Jett Yantis

Chris Tramel Cleanest Trailer Award: Caden Sarale #32 & CB Industries #86

Rudeen Racing/Bell Helmets/Rocket Science Concepts Highest Finishing Double Duty Driver: Corey Day

Rudeen Racing Second Highest Finishing Double Duty Driver: Tanner Carrick

Rudeen Racing Third Highest Finishing Double Duty Driver: Daison Pursley

O'Reilly Auto Parts Hard Luck Award: Steven Snyder Jr.

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Buddy's Bako! Kofoid Hits Paydirt with \$12,500 Score at Leffler Memorial

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Bakersfield, California (November 25, 2025).....From Jason Leffler to Buddy Kofoid, No. 71 has had its share of monumental moments over the years in USAC NOS Energy Drink Midget National Championship racing.

Tuesday night's Jason Leffler Memorial at Bakersfield Speedway at Kevin Harvick's Kern Raceway in California was no exception.

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In 1997, Leffler was in the midst of achieving his first career USAC National Midget driving title while wheeling the No. 71 owned by Pete Willoughby and wrenching by crew chief Keith Kunz.

On Tuesday night, the very same stable's No. 71 was once again in victory lane with driver Buddy Kofoid. In a full circle moment, Kofoid won the event in a car owned by Keith Kunz/Curb-Agajanian Motorsports, where Willoughby currently serves as CEO. Fittingly, Kofoid's triumph came in the 11th running of the Leffler Memorial, and none other than Charlie Leffler, Jason's son, was there to present Kofoid the winner's trophy.

Stunningly, it was KKM's first win at the Jason Leffler Memorial after 10 previous tries, finishing as the runner-up on three occasions in 2014-15-16 with Christopher Bell, Rico Abreu and Tanner Thorson, respectively.

For Kofoid, it was his third career USAC National Midget win in Bakersfield, with the previous two coming at the former Bakersfield Speedway back in 2020-2021. Furthermore, in September, Kofoid grabbed a World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Car score at new Bakersfield 1/3-mile.

It was also Kofoid's first USAC win since June 2023 at Indiana's Lincoln Park Speedway and the 25th overall of his career, tying him with Darren Hagen, Dave Strickland and Parnelli Jones for 18th place all-time.

Kofoid also achieved his latest victory while on the mend. In his most recent turn behind the wheel on Saturday at Merced Speedway, Kofoid endured a massive series of flips during a heat race that left him dazed but not fazed, although his status was uncertain.

"I didn't even know if I'd be okay enough to come race today," Kofoid admitted. "I was kind of on the fence a little, even yesterday. After Merced, I wasn't really seeing straight and I'm still kind of hurting to be honest with you. But this definitely makes up for it."

Kofoid's last visit to victory lane during USAC's Golden State Invasion came during the western swing in November 2022 at Merced. After opening this month with a 16th at Placerville followed by a runner-up result at Merced and a DNF on the second night at Merced, Kofoid began to wonder if he could get back to the top.

Never fear, the sixth place starting Kofoid adamantly declared on Tuesday night as he charged around racelong leader Kevin Thomas Jr. on the 13th lap, then led the remaining 18 circuits of the 30-lapper in his Mobil 1 – TRD – Curb Records/Lynk/Speedway Toyota to earn a \$12,500 prize.

"I haven't won on the west coast swing in a couple of years, so I've just been wondering like, 'man, does it hurt me being away for so long and coming back?'" Kofoid pondered. "But I feel good. I feel better than ever, better than I've been in a couple of years, honestly."

Thomas led nearly the entire first half of the feature from the pole position. Kofoid, however, was quickly rising, shooting to third past Daison Pursley on lap four. He scooted into second around the outside of Jake Andreotti entering turn one on the seventh lap. He then set sail on tracking down Thomas at the front.

Just before midway, Kofoid was hovering around the vicinity of Thomas for the lead. However, ninth running Carson Macedo's spin in turn one on the 13th lap put the frontrunners nose-to-tail for the restart. On the ensuing resumption, Kofoid ripped around the outside of Thomas and instantly began to pull away from the pack.

Even on the pace laps, Kofoid knew where he wanted to go. Instantly, he made himself comfortable on the cushion.

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“The bottom was smoother and it was still good, and going around the top maybe wasn’t the preferred groove yet,” Kofoid compared and contrasted. “I really don’t think (the top) was 100 percent there during the feature either. I just kept running it and it felt smooth and it got better and better and I got used to running it. I think that was part of it. I was the first guy up there and was the most comfortable. My car was good and I was able to get it better. But I feel like it cleaned up a little bit on exit where it was okay to kind of be hung out there.”

At the halfway mark, fifth place wasn’t where anyone wanted to be apparently. On the 16th trip, fifth running Drake Edwards slowed dramatically on the back straight. He eventually grinded to a halt in turn three with his car spewing smoke. During the yellow, new fifth place occupant Corey Day pulled into the pits. Both drivers did not resume.

Denney moved into the runner-up slot on the 21st lap past Thomas and then went to work on finding Kofoid. However, Kofoid was long gone by then, and was as comfy as could be.

“I could make good drive to the patch at the entry of three and could get in there good,” Kofoid explained. “It was good through the holes, and I was good just outside the holes. I felt like I was good on the top, but with a track that’s this night and day different, it’s hard to feel 100 percent comfortable. So, I don’t know if I was that good. I felt comfortable and I felt like what I was doing was working. I tried to maximize all the clean corners and minimize all the mistakes. I feel like getting through the holes is something that’s in my wheelhouse, and has been in the midgets, but also (crew chief) Beau (Binder) and everyone got the car good enough to where I could do it.”

Kofoid was never contested down the stretch as he closed out a 1.057 second victory over Denney, Thomas, Andreotti and USAC National Midget Max Papis Innovations Rookie of the Year Steven Snyder Jr. who rounded out the top-five.

No driver has passed more cars in USAC national competition during the 2025 season. No driver passed more cars during Tuesday’s feature. This time around, Kale Drake advanced 13 positions from his 20th starting spot to finish 7th. That earned him Rod End Supply Hard Charger honors.

Jett Yantis put on a show in his homeland of Bakersfield. He stole the final transfer spot in the semi-feature with a last lap, last corner pass. Then, in the feature, he drove from 19th to finish 9th, his best USAC National Midget finish to date in what was just his third career series start. That proved to be the Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night.

Whether it was old Bako or new Bako, it was the same story for Carson Macedo in Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying. His lap of 14.512 seconds established a new one-lap USAC National Midget track record. His most recent USAC National Midget fast time came at the old Bakersfield Speedway one year ago in November of 2024.

Tuesday’s event was the first time the Jason Leffler Memorial had been held in Leffler’s home state of California. All previous 10 editions occurred in Illinois at Wayne County Speedway from 2013-2020 and 2022-2023, and at the Southern Illinois Center in 2021.

Meanwhile, Cannon McIntosh posted a distant 14th place feature result but remained ahead of eighth place finisher Justin Grant at the top of the USAC National Midget standings. McIntosh’s lead sits at 52 over Grant with one race remaining, Saturday’s November 29th finale at California’s Ventura Raceway for the 84th ARP Turkey Night Grand Prix presented by the West Coast Stock Car/Motorsports Hall of Fame. A maximum of 76 points are available at the event.

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USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: November 25, 2025 – Bakersfield Speedway at Kevin Harvick's Kern Raceway – Bakersfield, California – 1/3-Mile Dirt Oval – 11th Jason Leffler Memorial / Golden State Invasion

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: 1. Carson Macedo, 99AU, Dyson-14.512 (New Track Record); 2. Buddy Kofoid, 71, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-14.527; 3. Gavin Miller, 97, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-14.613; 4. Jacob Denney, 67, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-14.649; 5. Jake Andreotti, 00, Davis-14.670; 6. Daison Pursley, 84, CBI-14.680; 7. Kevin Thomas Jr., 14, 4 Kings-14.690; 8. Michael Faccinto, 68, Six8-14.711; 9. Justin Grant, 87, CBI-14.712; 10. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-14.726; 11. Kyle Jones, 27x, Joyner-14.735; 12. Steven Snyder Jr., 4, RMS-14.751; 13. Jakeb Boxell, 14JB, 4 Kings-14.779; 14. Cale Coons, 63, Dooling/Curb-Agajanian-14.797; 15. Cannon McIntosh, 71K, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-14.824; 16. Brecken Reese, 20Q, Reese-14.845; 17. Karter Sarff, 25, Rodela-14.859; 18. Jett Yantis, 4y, Carlile-14.859; 19. Drake Edwards, 83, CBI-14.876; 20. Kale Drake, 97K, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-14.880; 21. Gunnar Setser, 43, Arnold-14.900; 22. Michael Pickens, 31, Beilman-14.912; 23. Ronnie Gardner, 4R, RMS-14.927; 24. Jake Swanson, 31B, Beilman-14.943; 25. Corey Day, 4K, Kahne-14.983; 26. Hayden Reinbold, 19AZ, Reinbold-Underwood-15.033; 27. Brandon Carr, 98K, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-15.158; 28. Ty Gibbs, 86, CBI-15.206; 29. Dane Culver, 73, Alexander-15.207; 30. Dalten Gabbard, 77, Gabbard-15.254; 31. Mathew Radisich, 17NZ, Out & About-15.348; 32. Kaylee Bryson, 11, Abacus-15.543; 33. Drake Cardey, 17A, Dunkel-15.623; 34. Broedy Graham, 66, BGR-NT.

CAR IQ FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Karter Sarff, 2. Gunnar Setser, 3. Jake Andreotti, 4. Justin Grant, 5. Jakeb Boxell, 6. Hayden Reinbold, 7. Carson Macedo, 8. Broedy Graham, 9. Dalten Gabbard. 1:59.564 (New track Record)

K1 RACEGEAR SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Daison Pursley, 2. Michael Pickens, 3. Buddy Kofoid, 4. Logan Seavey, 5. Cale Coons, 6. Jett Yantis, 7. Mathew Radisich, 8. Brandon Carr. 2:01.087

USAC GEAR THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Drake Edwards, 2. Cannon McIntosh, 3. Kevin Thomas Jr., 4. Gavin Miller, 5. Ronnie Gardner, 6. Kyle Jones, 7. Ty Gibbs, 8. Kaylee Bryson. 2:01.584

COOK OUT FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps, top-5 transfer to the feature) 1. Corey Day, 2. Steven Snyder Jr., 3. Kale Drake, 4. Brecken Reese, 5. Jacob Denney, 6. Michael Faccinto, 7. Dane Culver, 8. Drake Cardey. 2:01.574

ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Hayden Reinbold, 2. Carson Macedo, 3. Michael Faccinto, 4. Jett Yantis, 5. Kyle Jones, 6. Brandon Carr, 7. Kaylee Bryson, 8. Dane Culver, 9. Ty Gibbs, 10. Mathew Radisich, 11. Dalten Gabbard, 12. Broedy Graham. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Buddy Kofoid (6), 2. Jacob Denney (4), 3. Kevin Thomas Jr. (1), 4. Jake Andreotti (3), 5. Steven Snyder Jr. (14), 6. Daison Pursley (2), 7. Kale Drake (20), 8. Justin Grant (12), 9. Jett Yantis (19), 10. Brecken Reese (18), 11. Logan Seavey (13), 12. Jakeb Boxell (15), 13. Gunnar Setser (21), 14. Cannon McIntosh (17), 15. Gavin Miller (5), 16. Carson Macedo (10), 17. Karter Sarff (7), 18. Ty Gibbs (25-P), 19. Michael Pickens (22), 20. Ronnie Gardner (23), 21. Hayden Reinbold (24), 22. Corey Day (9), 23. Drake Edwards (8), 24. Cale Coons (16), 25. Michael Faccinto (11). NT

(P) represents a provisional starter.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-12 Kevin Thomas Jr., Laps 13-30 Buddy Kofoid.

**Jake Swanson flipped during qualifying.

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USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Cannon McIntosh-1399, 2-Justin Grant-1347, 3-Jacob Denney-1333, 4-Kevin Thomas Jr.-1327, 5-Kale Drake-1203, 6-Gavin Miller-1190, 7-Steven Snyder Jr.-1155, 8-Logan Seavey-1140, 9-Drake Edwards-1121, 10-Hayden Reinbold-967.

USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-239, 2-Gunnar Setser-181, 3-Briggs Danner-151, 4-Justin Grant-145, 5-C.J. Leary-141, 6-Kevin Thomas Jr.-138, 7-Logan Seavey-133, 8-Hayden Reinbold-127, 9-Kyle Cummins-120, 10-Chase Stockon-119.

NEXT USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE: November 29, 2025 – Ventura Raceway – Ventura, California – 1/5-Mile Dirt Oval – 84th ARP Turkey Night Grand Prix Presented by the West Coast Stock Car/Motorsports Hall of Fame – Golden State Invasion

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Jake Andreotti (14.419)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Carson Macedo (14.512)

Car IQ First Heat Winner: Karter Sarff

K1 RaceGear Second Heat Winner: Daison Pursley

USAC Gear Third Heat Winner: Drake Edwards

Cook Out Fourth Heat Winner: Corey Day

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Hayden Reinbold

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Kale Drake (20th to 7th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Jett Yantis

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Day's Night! Day Goes Back-to-Back at Turkey Night G.P.

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Ventura, California (November 29, 2025).....One year ago, Corey Day placed himself in the record books as the youngest ever Turkey Night Grand Prix winner.

On Saturday, one night after celebrating his 20th birthday, the Clovis, California racer became the youngest two-time victor of the ARP Turkey Night Grand Prix Presented by The West Coast Stock Car/Motorsports Hall of Fame at California's Ventura Raceway.

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In doing so, Day accomplished a rare feat in the 84-year history of Turkey Night by capturing back-to-back wins in the event, joining Ronney Householder (1936-37), Roy Russing (1940-41), A.J. Foyt (1960-61), Ron Shuman (1979-80-81-82), Chuck Gurney (1988-89), Stan Fox (1990-91), Ron Shuman (1992-93), Billy Boat (1995-96-97), Bryan Clauson (2009-10) and Christopher Bell (2017-18).

Though he only competes in a handful of USAC NOS Energy Drink Midget National Championship events per year during November's Golden State Invasion, Day feels right at home, not only in California, but also in the seat of a midget.

"It just wouldn't be possible without Willie Kahne," Day praised. "He works so hard all year and just tinkers on this thing and tries to get it better. Even though we won last year, we showed up with a little something different this year to try and be better, and I think it was. I love coming home at the end of the year and running these races. This is just such a cool place for me."

In a 98-lap duel that saw Day and Logan Seavey exchange the lead on nine different occasions, Day finally grabbed the upper hand on the 75th circuit, then led the remaining 24 laps en route to victory at the helm of his Wille Kahne/Durst – Jet Fitness – Sander Engineering – Alviso Rock/Triple X powered by a Wirth Mopar that's 21-years old, one year older than Day himself.

In researching the data over the past 55 years, the nine lead changes are far and away the most at Turkey Night since at least 1970. The most lead exchanges in that time frame between 1970-2024 was six, which occurred three different times in 1988, 1992 and 1999.

Meanwhile, despite a flat right rear tire and a 15th place result, Cannon McIntosh wrapped up his first career USAC National Midget driving championship by a 44-point margin over Justin Grant. For Keith Kunz Motorsports, it's their record-extending 13th USAC National Midget entrant title. For Curb-Agajanian, their latest entrant title is their 11th.

In front of a sold out, capacity crowd at the 1/5-mile seaside oval, Daison Pursley began the race from the pole position after setting fast time with a lap of 12.140 seconds during Honest Abe Roofing Qualifying.

That said, outside front row starter Seavey established the early race lead while Day made quick work from his third starting position, passing Pursley on the 12th lap to slot into second. Pursley, who won the accompanying Ultimate Sprint Car Series feature event, ultimately dropped out just after midway with a mechanical issue while running fourth.

Two laps later, Day scooted under Seavey to take over the lead on the 16th trip. By lap 18, Seavey had fought back to the front after firing past Day on the top side of turn four.

As far as settling in, finding a groove and letting the race come to them, well, that notion was a non-starter in this one. On lap 21, Day worked under Seavey for the lead once more in turn two, utilizing the low groove, just where he wanted to be.

"I got the top rolling there on him early in the race and was able to get by him and I could just see it start to get blacker and blacker and blacker down there," Day noticed. "This place the past couple of years, and this race, has been won around the bottom and I just didn't want to be stuck on the top and get passed by a couple of guys. I kind of wanted to be the first one down there."

Forced to eschew his preferred low line entering turn three moments later on lap 22, Day entered turn three on the high side and nearly collided with the back of Ronnie Gardner's car as they were attempting to put him a lap down. The near

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melee shuffled Day nearly all the way up to the outside wall. Day gathered it up and motored on, all while Seavey gleefully slipped by on the bottom to reassume the top spot.

On the 28th lap, Day went against his plan and drove back around the outside of Seavey off turn four to take control of the see-saw once again and immediately cut down across Seavey to reaffirm his position along the infield berm at the entry to turn one.

Day remained in control for the next 38 laps throughout the midsection of the race. At the same time, Seavey was dedicated to cutting his own swath of land on the upper crust of the surface. Shortly after a caution, on the 66th lap, Seavey's persistence paid off as he ripped around Day to nip him at the line by a wheel. But just as soon as he put his number at the top of the board, Seavey biked on the turn two cushion and Day reestablished his position at the front.

Although he was slightly tempted, Day didn't want to fall into a trap and chance it by switching lanes and acting as a matador to allow Seavey to freely have the low line as the race progressed and the track surface slicked off.

"He had me worried there for a little bit because he was running pretty hard," Day said of Seavey. "It's always hard to tell if it's a good idea to move up because he could've been tricking me, and if I moved up, he could've gone right by me on the bottom. It's just tough to be leading like that when you don't know what the track is going to do."

Seavey kept at it, and on lap 70, he surged into the lead again on the high side and remained at the top of the pylon for the ensuing five laps. Day never once wavered, however, and by lap 75, the pendulum had swung his way once more, and this time for good, on a restart with 24 laps remaining.

Shortly after Day took the lead, Turkey Night Rookie Cale Coons (21st) flipped on lap 76 in turn two, becoming the fourth upside down victim of the feature, following Jakeb Boxell on lap 32, Caden Sarale on lap 43 and Jacob Denney on the 51st circuit. However, Denney was able to restart at the tail and work his way back to a ninth place finish at the checkered.

Coons' flip resulted in an open red as crews flocked to the track to make a few late-race adjustments. Down the stretch, Seavey began to abandon the top, and soon settled in on the low line, tucked in behind Day who had fully embraced control of the race. But a lap 94 caution for a Hayden Reinbold right rear wheel ramp and spin in turn one put a momentary hold on Day's winning plans, all while seeing his 1.3 second lead evaporate.

That was of no worry to Day who whisked away from Seavey on the restart and put the finishing touches on a 1.706 second margin of victory ahead of Seavey, Buddy Kofoid and Kyle Larson who advanced 10 spots to finish fourth despite a radius rod that jettisoned itself at one point during the early portion of the feature. Kevin Thomas Jr. rounded out the top-five.

Karter Sarff collected Don Basile Turkey Night Rookie of the Year honors and a \$500 bonus with a sixth place result in the feature. It was a full circle accomplishment for the team as Sarff's car owner, Jerome Rodela, won the same award in 2002 as a driver at Turkey Night.

After mechanical troubles early on the night, Carson Macedo wasn't even able to make a qualifying run. He responded by getting up on the wheel and went 13th to seventh in his qualifying race, then advanced ninth to second in the semi to transfer into the feature event. That alone earned him Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night honors. During the feature, he moved up a total of 17 positions from his 24th starting spot to finish seventh and earn the Rod End Supply Hard Charger award.

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Kale Drake broke a 37-year-old track record during the first qualifying race, which he won with a time of 2:08.373. That broke Ventura Raceway's long-standing 10-lap USAC National Midget track record of 2:17.22 held by two-time Turkey Night winner Stan Fox since 1988.

Grand marshals for the event were 1985 Turkey Night winner Brent Kaeding and TQ Midget standout and sway bar/torsion bar guru Gary Schroeder.

USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RESULTS: November 29, 2025 – Ventura Raceway – Ventura, California – 1/5-Mile Dirt Oval – 84th ARP Turkey Night Grand Prix Presented by the West Coast Stock Car/Motorsports Hall of Fame – Golden State Invasion

HONEST ABE ROOFING QUALIFYING: (top-10 locked into the feature) 1. Daison Pursley, 84, CBI-12.140; 2. Logan Seavey, 57, Abacus-12.144; 3. Corey Day, 4K, Kahne-12.167; 4. Karter Sarff, 25, Rodela-12.189; 5. Buddy Kofoid, 71, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-12.228; 6. Gunnar Setser, 43, Arnold-12.281; 7. Kevin Thomas Jr., 14, 4 Kings-12.286; 8. Jacob Denney, 67, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-12.288; 9. Gavin Miller, 97, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-12.296; 10. Hayden Reinbold, 19AZ, Reinbold-Underwood-12.328; 11. Kale Drake, 97K, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-12.333; 12. Drake Edwards, 83, CBI-12.339; 13. Ronnie Gardner, 4R, RMS-12.375; 14. Kyle Larson, 1K, Larson-12.383; 15. Justin Grant, 87, CBI-12.397; 16. Brandon Carr, 98K, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-12.412; 17. Justin Peck, 5p, Petty/Rossi-12.419; 18. Caden Sarale, 32, Sarale-12.426; 19. Steven Snyder Jr., 4, RMS-12.428; 20. T.J. Smith, 68, Six8-12.437; 21. Jake Andreotti, 00, Davis-12.441; 22. Michael Pickens, 31, Beilman-12.446; 23. Kyle Jones, 27x, Joyner-12.453; 24. Kaylee Bryson, 11, Abacus-12.476; 25. Cannon McIntosh, 71K, Kunz/Curb-Agajanian-12.478; 26. Jakeb Boxell, 14JB, 4 Kings-12.485; 27. Dane Culver, 73, Alexander-12.499; 28. Cale Coons, 63, Dooling/Curb-Agajanian-12.509; 29. Jett Yantis, 4y, Carlile-12.561; 30. Dalten Gabbard, 77, Gabbard-12.623; 31. Michael Faccinto, 14T, Streeter/Graunstadt-12.627; 32. Broedy Graham, 66, BGR-12.672; 33. Connor Lundy, 2p, Petty/Rossi-12.675; 34. Brecken Reese, 20Q, Reese-12.704; 35. Cole Wakim, 55, Lambert-12.743; 36. Preston Norbury, 77AZ, Norbury-12.789; 37. Mathew Radisich, 17NZ, Out & About-12.796; 38. Ty Gibbs, 86, CBI-12.797; 39. Brody Wake, 78, BWR/Wake-12.856; 40. Drake Cardey, 17A, Dunkel-12.911; 41. Randi Pankratz, 8, Pankratz-12.941; 42. Todd Hawse, 18, Hawse-12.987; 43. Kyle Hawse, 20x, Hawse-13.223; 44. Grant Schaad, 15LS, Oliver-13.319; 45. Bryan Drollinger, 71D, Drollinger-13.401; 46. Anthony Bruno, 32c, McCluney/Felkins-13.481; 47. Ron Hazelton, 15x, Hazelton-13.499; 48. Joey Bishop, 45, Bishop-13.892; 49. Carson Macedo, 99AU, Dyson-NT; 50. Austin Wood, 15, Hart-NT (time of 12.617 disallowed due to being underweight at the scales).

CAR IQ FIRST QUALIFIER: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Kale Drake, 2. Kyle Larson, 3. T.J. Smith, 4. Jakeb Boxell, 5. Justin Peck, 6. Kyle Jones, 7. Ty Gibbs, 8. Cole Wakim, 9. Broedy Graham, 10. Austin Wood, 11. Jett Yantis, 12. Grant Schaad, 13. Randi Pankratz, 14. Ron Hazelton. 2:08.373 (New Track Record)

K1 RACEGEAR SECOND QUALIFIER: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Drake Edwards, 2. Justin Grant, 3. Caden Sarale, 4. Dalten Gabbard, 5. Kaylee Bryson, 6. Brody Wake, 7. Preston Norbury, 8. Connor Lundy, 9. Todd Hawse, 10. Joey Bishop, 11. Jake Andreotti, 12. Dane Culver, 13. Bryan Drollinger. NT

USAC GEAR THIRD QUALIFIER: (10 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Steven Snyder Jr., 2. Ronnie Gardner, 3. Cannon McIntosh, 4. Michael Pickens, 5. Brandon Carr, 6. Cale Coons, 7. Carson Macedo, 8. Brecken Reese, 9. Michael Faccinto, 10. Drake Cardey, 11. Mathew Radisich, 12. Kyle Hawse, 13. Anthony Bruno. 2:10.397

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ELLIOTT'S CUSTOM TRAILERS & CARTS SEMI: (12 laps, top-4 transfer to the feature) 1. Kyle Jones, 2. Carson Macedo, 3. Kaylee Bryson, 4. Justin Peck, 5. Brandon Carr, 6. Ty Gibbs, 7. Cale Coons, 8. Cole Wakim, 9. Brecken Reese, 10. Preston Norbury, 11. Brody Wake, 12. Connor Lundy. 2:39.614

FEATURE: (98 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Corey Day (3), 2. Logan Seavey (2), 3. Buddy Kofoid (5), 4. Kyle Larson (14), 5. Kevin Thomas Jr. (7), 6. Karter Sarff (4), 7. Carson Macedo (24), 8. Kale Drake (11), 9. Jacob Denney (8), 10. Gavin Miller (9), 11. Justin Grant (15), 12. Gunnar Setser (6), 13. Steven Snyder Jr. (13), 14. Jakeb Boxell (20), 15. Cannon McIntosh (19), 16. T.J. Smith (17), 17. Ty Gibbs (27-P), 18. Kyle Jones (23), 19. Hayden Reinbold (10), 20. Justin Peck (26), 21. Cale Coons (28-P), 22. Ronnie Gardner (16), 23. Kaylee Bryson (25), 24. Drake Edwards (12), 25. Daison Pursley (1), 26. Caden Sarale (18), 27. Michael Pickens (22), 28. Dalten Gabbard (21). NT

(P) represents a provisional starter.

**Jakeb Boxell flipped on lap 32 of the feature. Caden Sarale flipped on lap 43 of the feature. Jacob Denney flipped on lap 51 of the feature. Cale Coons flipped on lap 76 of the feature.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-13 Logan Seavey, Laps 14-17 Corey Day, Laps 18-20 Logan Seavey, Lap 21 Corey Day, Laps 22-27 Logan Seavey, Laps 28-65 Corey Day, Lap 66 Logan Seavey, Laps 67-69 Corey Day, Laps 70-74 Logan Seavey, Laps 75-98 Corey Day.

FINAL USAC NOS ENERGY DRINK MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: 1-Cannon McIntosh-1432, 2-Justin Grant-1388, 3-Kevin Thomas Jr.-1385, 4-Jacob Denney-1383, 5-Kale Drake-1252, 6-Gavin Miller-1233, 7-Logan Seavey-1212, 8-Steven Snyder Jr.-1192, 9-Drake Edwards-1144, 10-Gunnar Setser-1003.

FINAL USAC PARALLAX GROUP NATIONAL PASSING MASTER POINTS: 1-Kale Drake-242, 2-Gunnar Setser-181, 3-Briggs Danner-151, 4-Justin Grant-149, 5-C.J. Leary-141, 6-Kevin Thomas Jr.-140, 7-Logan Seavey-133, 8-Hayden Reinbold-127, 9-Kyle Cummins-120, 10-Chase Stockon-119.

CONTINGENCY AWARD WINNERS:

Dirt Draft Hot Laps Fastest Driver: Karter Sarff (12.094)

Honest Abe Roofing Fast Qualifier: Daison Pursley (12.140)

Car IQ First Qualifier Winner: Kale Drake

K1 RaceGear Second Qualifier Winner: Drake Edwards

USAC Gear Third Qualifier Winner: Steven Snyder Jr.

Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts Semi Winner: Kyle Jones

Rod End Supply Hard Charger: Carson Macedo (24th to 7th)

Inferno Armor Fire Move of the Night: Carson Macedo

Don Basile Rookie of the Race: Karter Sarff (6th)

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Driver Champion: Cannon McIntosh

Entrant Champion: Keith Kunz/Curb-Agajanian Motorsports #71K

Most Wins: Cannon McIntosh (5)

Rookie of the Year: Steven Snyder Jr. (8th)

Most Laps Led: 115-Logan Seavey

Most Top-Fives: 14-Cannon McIntosh

Most Top-Tens: 19-Cannon McIntosh & Kevin Thomas Jr.

Most Fast Qualifying Times: 3-Justin Grant

Most Heat Race Wins: 8-Kevin Thomas Jr.

Most Feature Starts: 23-Jacob Denney, Drake Edwards, Justin Grant, Cannon McIntosh, Gavin Miller, Hayden Reibold, Gunnar Setser, Steven Snyder Jr. & Kevin Thomas Jr.

Biggest Charge of the Year: Jul 2: The Dirt Track at Indianapolis Motor Speedway - Cannon McIntosh (19th to 1st)

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Apr 26: Kokomo Speedway - Kokomo, IN

WINNER: Jacob Denney (Keith Kunz/Curb-Agajanian Motorsports #67)

Apr 27: Kokomo Speedway - Kokomo, IN

WINNER: Justin Grant (CB Industries #87)

May 16: Belleville Short Track - Belleville, KS

WINNER: Justin Grant (CB Industries #87)

May 17: Belleville Short Track - Belleville, KS

WINNER: Cannon McIntosh (Keith Kunz/Curb-Agajanian Motorsports #71K)

May 18: Sweet Springs Motorsports Complex - Sweet Springs, MO

WINNER: Kale Drake (Keith Kunz/Curb-Agajanian Motorsports #97K)

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Jun 3: (I) Circle City Raceway - Indianapolis, IN

WINNER: Kale Drake (Keith Kunz/Curb-Agajanian Motorsports #97K)

Jun 4: (I) Paragon Speedway - Paragon, IN

WINNER: Jacob Denney (Keith Kunz/Curb-Agajanian Motorsports #67)

Jun 8: (I) Kokomo Speedway - Kokomo, IN

WINNER: Jacob Denney (Keith Kunz/Curb-Agajanian Motorsports #67)

Jul 1: The Dirt Track at Indianapolis Motor Speedway - Speedway, IN

WINNER: Justin Grant (CB Industries #87)

Jul 2: The Dirt Track at Indianapolis Motor Speedway - Speedway, IN

WINNER: Cannon McIntosh (Keith Kunz/Curb-Agajanian Motorsports #71K)

Jul 8: (M) Sweet Springs Motorsports Complex - Sweet Springs, MO

WINNER: Cannon McIntosh (Keith Kunz/Curb-Agajanian Motorsports #71K)

Jul 9: (M) Mitchell County Fairgrounds - Beloit, KS

WINNER: Drake Edwards (CB Industries #83)

Jul 11: (M) Jefferson County Speedway - Fairbury, NE

WINNER: Gavin Miller (Keith Kunz/Curb-Agajanian Motorsports #97)

Jul 12: (M) Jefferson County Speedway - Fairbury, NE

WINNER: Cannon McIntosh (Keith Kunz/Curb-Agajanian Motorsports #71K)

Aug 29: Bloomington Speedway - Bloomington, IN

WINNER: Gavin Miller Keith Kunz/Curb-Agajanian Motorsports #97

Aug 31: Angell Park Speedway - Sun Prairie, WI

WINNER: Gavin Miller (Keith Kunz/Curb-Agajanian Motorsports #97)

Sep 18: Eldora Speedway - Rossburg, OH

WINNER: Hayden Reinbold (Reinbold-Underwood Motorsports #19AZ)

Sep 20: Eldora Speedway - Rossburg, OH

WINNER: Daison Pursley (CB Industries #86)

Nov 15: (G) Placerville Speedway - Placerville, CA

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WINNER: Daison Pursley (CB Industries #86)

Nov 21: (G) Merced Speedway - Merced, CA

WINNER: Cannon McIntosh (Keith Kunz/Curb-Agajanian Motorsports #71K)

Nov 22: (G) Merced Speedway - Merced, CA

WINNER: Logan Seavey (Abacus Racing #57)

Nov 25: (G) Bakersfield Speedway at Kevin Harvick's Kern Raceway - Bakersfield, CA

WINNER: Buddy Kofoid (Keith Kunz/Curb-Agajanian Motorsports #71)

Nov 29: (G) Ventura Raceway - Ventura, CA

WINNER: Corey Day (Willie Kahne #4K)

----- KEY DEFINITIONS -----

(I) represents an Indiana Midget Week event

(M) represents a Mid-America Midget Week event

(G) represents a Golden State Invasion event

2025 USAC National Midget Driver Points

Pos. Pts. Driver, Hometown

1	1432	Cannon McIntosh, Bixby, Oklahoma
2	1388	Justin Grant, Lone, California
3	1385	Kevin Thomas Jr., Cullman, Alabama
4	1383	Jacob Denney, Galloway, Ohio
5	1252	Kale Drake, Collinsville, Oklahoma
6	1233	Gavin Miller, Allentown, Pennsylvania
7	1212	Logan Seavey, Sutter, California
8	1192	Steven Snyder Jr. (R), Rising Sun, Maryland
9	1144	Drake Edwards, Peoria, Arizona
10	1003	Gunnar Setser (R), Columbus, Indiana
11	992	Hayden Reinbold, Gilbert, Arizona

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12	842	Daison Pursley, Locust Grove, Oklahoma
13	766	Cale Coons (R), Greencastle, Indiana
14	605	Brecken Reese (R), Canyon, Texas
15	599	Kyle Jones, Kennedale, Texas
16	541	Jakeb Boxell (R), Zanesville, Indiana
17	445	Karter Sarff, Mason City, Illinois
18	416	Mack Leopard (R), Beavercreek, Ohio
19	374	Ethan Mitchell, Mooresville, North Carolina
20	373	Thomas Meseraull, San Jose, California
21	327	Zach Wigal, Belpre, Ohio
22	314	Colton Robinson (R), Titusville, Florida
23	222	Chelby Hinton (R), Dubberly, Louisiana
24	215	Zach Daum, Pocahontas, Illinois
25	198	Corbin Rueschenberg (R), Mesa, Arizona
26	189	Brandon Carr (R), Sheffield, United Kingdom
27	170	Kyle Cummins, Princeton, Indiana
28	137	Zack Merritt (R), Greeley, Colorado
29	112	Garrett Benson (R), Concordia, Missouri
30	107	Frankie Guerrini (R), San Rafael, California
31	105	Jerry Coons Jr., Tucson, Arizona
32	96	K.J. Snow (R), Kingsburg, California
33	82	Cord Kisthardt (R), Hershey, Pennsylvania
34	78	Bradley Cox (R), Burkburnett, Texas
35	61	Caiden Warren (R), Eaton, Colorado
36	59	Trey Zorn (R), Russell, Kansas
37	58	Chris Hartman (R), Boulder, Colorado
38	40	Blake Brannon (R), Morgan Hill, California

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39	40	Tom Payet (R), Perth, Western Australia
40	40	Jake Robinson (R), Perth, Western Australia
41	40	Mathew Radisich (R), Auckland, New Zealand
42	30	Dylan Doyle (R), Brighton, Colorado
43	20	Adam Taylor (R), Wheatfield, Indiana

(R) represents a USAC National Midget Rookie

2025 USAC National Midget Entrant Points

Pos.	Pts.	Entrant, Team Location
1	1432	Keith Kunz/Curb-Agajanian Motorsports, Columbus, Indiana (#71K)
2	1388	CB Industries, Mooresville, North Carolina (#87)
3	1385	4 Kings Racing, Battle Creek, Michigan (#14)
4	1383	Keith Kunz/Curb-Agajanian Motorsports, Columbus, Indiana (#67)
5	1252	Keith Kunz/Curb-Agajanian Motorsports, Columbus, Indiana (#97K)
6	1233	Keith Kunz/Curb-Agajanian Motorsports, Columbus, Indiana (#97)
7	1212	Abacus Racing, Indianapolis, Indiana (#57)
8	1192	RMS Racing, New Lenox, Illinois (#4)
9	1144	CB Industries, Mooresville, North Carolina (#83)
10	1091	CB Industries, Mooresville, North Carolina (#86)
11	1001	Kevin Arnold, Columbus, Indiana (#43)
12	992	Reinbold-Underwood Motorsports, Gilbert, Arizona (#19AZ)
13	696	Dooling Autosports/Curb-Agajanian, Freeport, Texas (#63)
14	599	Joyner Motorsports, Concordia, Kansas (#27x)
15	541	4 Kings Racing, Battle Creek, Michigan (#14JB)
16	426	Tim Engler, Princeton, Indiana (#7x)
17	355	Keith Kunz/Curb-Agajanian Motorsports, Columbus, Indiana (#67K)
18	339	Bundy Built Motorsports, Mooresville, North Carolina (#19m)

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19	297	Karter Sarff Racing, Mason City, Illinois (#21K)
20	246	Central Motorsports, Edmond, Oklahoma (#85)
21	232	Pat O'Dell, Rochester, Illinois (#97x)
22	222	Klatt Enterprises, Hastings, Nebraska (#4B)
23	199	Cornell Racing Stables, Monee, Illinois (#8)
24	198	Scott Rueschenberg, Mesa, Arizona (#26)
25	189	Keith Kunz/Curb-Agajanian Motorsports, Columbus, Indiana (#98K)
26	179	Tim Engler, Princeton, Indiana (#7s)
27	170	Glenn Styres Racing, Ohsweken, Ontario (#3G)
28	137	Ryan Oerter, Ellicott, Colorado (#43m)
29	110	F & F Racing, Indianapolis, Indiana (#63G)
30	82	Cord Kisthardt, Hershey, Pennsylvania (#21K)
31	78	Lonnie Cox, Elbert, Colorado (#45)
32	40	Paul Brannon, Morgan Hill, California (#40)
33	40	Bennett Motorsport, Perth, Western Australia (#7AU)
34	40	Paul Robinson, Perth, Western Australia (#8AU)
35	40	Out & About Racing, Safety Beach, Victoria (#17NZ)
36	30	Nick Poe, Centerville, Ohio (#2B)
37	20	Adam Taylor Racing, Wheatfield, Indiana (#7T)

2025 USAC National Midget Rookie Driver Points

Pos.	Pts.	Driver, Hometown
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1	1192	Steven Snyder Jr., Rising Sun, Maryland
2	1003	Gunnar Setser, Columbus, Indiana
3	766	Cale Coons, Greencastle, Indiana
4	605	Brecken Reese, Canyon, Texas
5	541	Jakeb Boxell, Zanesville, Indiana

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6	416	Mack Leopard, Beavercreek, Ohio
7	314	Colton Robinson, Titusville, Florida
8	222	Chelby Hinton, Dubberly, Louisiana
9	198	Corbin Rueschenberg, Mesa, Arizona
10	189	Brandon Carr, Sheffield, United Kingdom
11	137	Zack Merritt, Greeley, Colorado
12	112	Garrett Benson, Concordia, Missouri
13	107	Frankie Guerrini, San Rafael, California
14	96	K.J. Snow, Kingsburg, California
15	82	Cord Kisthardt, Hershey, Pennsylvania
16	78	Bradley Cox, Burk Burnett, Texas
17	61	Caiden Warren, Eaton, Colorado
18	59	Trey Zorn, Russell, Kansas
19	58	Chris Hartman, Boulder, Colorado
20	40	Blake Brannon, Morgan Hill, California
21	40	Tom Payet, Perth, Western Australia
22	40	Jake Robinson, Perth, Western Australia
23	40	Mathew Radisich, Auckland, New Zealand
24	30	Dylan Doyle, Brighton, Colorado
25	20	Adam Taylor, Wheatfield, Indiana

2025 USAC MIDGET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP STATISTICS

FEATURE WINS

5-Cannon McIntosh (May 17 at the Belleville Short Track, Jul 2 at The Dirt Track at IMS, Jul 8 at Sweet Springs Motorsports Complex, Jul 12 at Jefferson County Speedway & Nov 21 at Merced Speedway)

3-Jacob Denney (Apr 26 at Kokomo Speedway, Jun 4 at Paragon Speedway & Jun 8 at Kokomo Speedway)

3-Justin Grant (Apr 27 at Kokomo Speedway, May 16 at the Belleville Short Track & Jul 1 at The Dirt Track at IMS)

3-Gavin Miller (Jul 11 at Jefferson County Speedway, Aug 29 at Bloomington Speedway & Aug 31 at Angell Park Speedway)

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2-Kale Drake (May 18 at Sweet Springs Motorsports Complex & Jun 3 at Circle City Raceway)

2-Daison Pursley (Sep 20 at Eldora Speedway & Nov 15 at Placerville Speedway)

1-Corey Day (Nov 29 at Ventura Raceway)

1-Drake Edwards (Jul 9 at the Mitchell County Fairgrounds)

1-Buddy Kofoid (Nov 25 at Bakersfield Speedway at Kevin Harvick's Kern Raceway)

1-Hayden Reinholt (Sep 18 at Eldora Speedway)

1-Logan Seavey (Nov 22 at Merced Speedway)

FEATURE LAPS LED

115-Logan Seavey

111-Jacob Denney

110-Justin Grant

99-Corey Day

92-Gavin Miller

76-Cannon McIntosh

52-Kyle Larson

45-Buddy Kofoid

42-Drake Edwards & Kevin Thomas Jr.

26-Kale Drake

21-Riley Kreisel & Daison Pursley

18-Hayden Reinholt

6-Steven Snyder Jr.

2-Brecken Reese

TOP-5 FEATURE FINISHES

14-Cannon McIntosh

12-Jacob Denney & Justin Grant

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10-Kevin Thomas Jr.

8-Kale Drake & Logan Seavey

7-Gavin Miller

6-Drake Edwards & Steven Snyder Jr.

5-Daison Pursley

3-Buddy Kofoid

2-Jakeb Boxell, Corey Day & Hayden Reibold

1-Jake Andreotti, Landon Brooks, Tanner Carrick, Jerry Coons Jr., Kyle Cummins, Zach Daum, Shane Golobic, Kyle Jones, Riley Kreisel, Kyle Larson, Carson Macedo, Thomas Meseraull, Justin Peck, Brecken Reese, Karter Sarff, Gunnar Setser, K.J. Snow & Zach Wigal

TOP-10 FEATURE FINISHES

19-Cannon McIntosh & Kevin Thomas Jr.

17-Jacob Denney & Justin Grant

16-Kale Drake, Gavin Miller & Logan Seavey

13-Drake Edwards

12-Steven Snyder Jr.

9-Daison Pursley

8-Gunnar Setser

7-Hayden Reibold

6-Karter Sarff

4-Jakeb Boxell & Kyle Jones

3-Landon Brooks, Cale Coons, Buddy Kofoid, Brecken Reese & Zach Wigal

2-Tanner Carrick, Kyle Cummins, Zach Daum, Corey Day, Carson Macedo, Thomas Meseraull, Justin Peck & Colton Robinson

1-Jake Andreotti, Jerry Coons Jr., Colby Copeland, Briggs Danner, Andrew Felker, Shane Golobic, Rylan Gray, Chelby Hinton, Riley Kreisel, Kyle Larson, Mack Leopard, Ethan Mitchell, K.J. Snow, Ricky Thornton Jr., Austin Wood & Jett Yantis

HONEST ABE ROOFING FAST QUALIFYING TIMES

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3-Justin Grant

2-Jacob Denney, Karter Sarff & Logan Seavey

1-Tanner Carrick, Drake Edwards, Kyle Larson, Mack Leopard, Carson Macedo, Cannon McIntosh, Daison Pursley, Hayden Reinbold, Steven Snyder Jr. & Kevin Thomas Jr.

2025 USAC NATIONAL MIDGET FAST QUALIFIERS

Apr 26: Kokomo Speedway - Justin Grant - 13.285

Apr 27: Kokomo Speedway - Drake Edwards - 13.013

May 16: Belleville Short Track - Jacob Denney - 11.994

May 17: Belleville Short Track - Justin Grant - 12.194

May 18: Sweet Springs Motorsports Complex - Cannon McIntosh - 11.746

Jun 3: Circle City Raceway - Justin Grant - 12.482

Jun 4: Paragon Speedway - Karter Sarff - 14.833

Jun 8: Kokomo Speedway - Karter Sarff - 13.252

Jul 8: Sweet Springs Motorsports Complex - Logan Seavey - 11.692

Jul 9: Mitchell County Fairgrounds - Logan Seavey - 12.332

Jul 11: Jefferson County Speedway - Mack Leopard - 10.945

Aug 29: Bloomington Speedway - Kevin Thomas Jr. - 11.852

Aug 31: Angell Park Speedway - Jacob Denney - 14.203

Sep 18: Eldora Speedway - Hayden Reinbold - 16.072

Nov 15: Placerville Speedway - Kyle Larson - 11.487

Nov 21: Merced Speedway - Tanner Carrick - 11.845

Nov 22: Merced Speedway - Steven Snyder Jr. - 12.555

Nov 25: Bakersfield Speedway at Kevin Harvick's Kern Raceway - Carson Macedo - 14.512

Nov 29: Ventura Raceway - Daison Pursley - 12.140

HEAT RACE / QUALIFYING RACE WINS: (Presented by Cook Out, K1 RaceGear, USAC Gear & Car IQ)

8-Kevin Thomas Jr.

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7-Kale Drake & Steven Snyder Jr.

5-Jacob Denney, Justin Grant & Daison Pursley

4-Cale Coons, Drake Edwards & Thomas Meseraull

3-Cannon McIntosh, Gavin Miller, Ethan Mitchell & Hayden Reinbold

2-Chelby Hinton, Brecken Reese, Logan Seavey, Gunnar Setser & Zach Wigal

1-Jakeb Boxell, Bradley Cox, Kyle Cummins, Zach Daum, Corey Day, Shane Golobic, Rylan Gray, Kyle Jones, Mack Leopard, Mitchel Moles, Michael Pickens, Colton Robinson, Corbin Rueschenberg, Karter Sarff & Austin Wood

SEMI WINS: (Presented by Elliott's Custom Trailers & Carts)

2-Kyle Jones, Cannon McIntosh & Hayden Reinbold

1-Landon Brooks, Cale Coons, Colby Copeland, Don Droud Jr., Colton Robinson, Karter Sarff, Logan Seavey, Steven Snyder Jr., Ricky Thornton Jr. & Zach Wigal

FEATURE STARTS

23-Jacob Denney, Drake Edwards, Justin Grant, Cannon McIntosh, Gavin Miller, Hayden Reinbold, Gunnar Setser, Steven Snyder Jr. & Kevin Thomas Jr.

22-Kale Drake

21-Logan Seavey

20-Cale Coons

16-Brecken Reese

15-Kyle Jones & Daison Pursley

12-Jakeb Boxell

11-Mack Leopard

10-Ethan Mitchell

9-Thomas Meseraull

8-Colton Robinson & Karter Sarff

7-Zach Wigal

5-Brandon Carr, Chelby Hinton & Corbin Rueschenberg

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4-Jake Andreotti, Kyle Cummins, Zach Daum, Corey Day, Ronnie Gardner, Buddy Kofoid, Carson Macedo, Zack Merritt, Michael Pickens & Blake Spicer

3-Lance Bennett, Garrett Benson, Landon Brooks, Tanner Carrick, Mark Chisholm, Braxton Cummings, Frankie Guerrini, Justin Peck, Caden Sarale & Jett Yantis

2-Chris Baue, Dan Bennett, Jason Bennett, Kaylee Bryson, Steve Buckwalter, Jerry Coons Jr., Bradley Cox, Michael Faccinto, Andrew Felker, Ty Gibbs, Rylan Gray, Sam Johnson, Tim Kent, Kameron Key, Cord Kisthardt, Riley Kreisel, Kyle Larson, Trey Marcham, Shannon McQueen, Mitchel Moles, K.J. Snow, Chase Stockon, Ricky Thornton Jr., Caiden Warren, Trent Way, Chad Winfrey, Austin Wood, J.J. Yeley & Trey Zorn

1-Chris Andrews, Emerson Axsom, Jonathan Beason, Trevor Cline, Colby Copeland, Briggs Danner, Justin Dickerson, Don Droud Jr., Santino Ferrucci, Dalten Gabbard, Shane Golobic, Broedy Graham, Mason Hannagan, Chris Hartman, Luke Icke, Parker Jones, Jordan Kinser, Michael Magic, Kaiden Manders, Chase McDermand, Ashley Oerter, Branigan Roark, Daniel Robinson, Jeff Schindler, Brian Schwabauer, T.J. Smith, Connor Speir, Bryan Stanfill, Jeff Stasa, John Webster, Cody Weisensel, Garet Williamson & Dusty Young

HARD CHARGER OF THE RACE

Apr 26: Kokomo Speedway - Kale Drake (11th to 4th)

Apr 27: Kokomo Speedway - Kale Drake (15th to 5th)

May 16: Belleville Short Track - Thomas Meseraull (8th to 2nd)

May 17: Belleville Short Track - Steven Snyder Jr. (16th to 6th)

May 18: Sweet Springs Motorsports Complex - Andrew Felker (19th to 7th)

Jun 3: Circle City Raceway - Kale Drake (9th to 1st)

Jun 4: Paragon Speedway - Kyle Cummins (16th to 8th)

Jun 8: Kokomo Speedway - Jacob Denney (17th to 1st)

Jul 1: The Dirt Track at Indianapolis Motor Speedway - Kyle Cummins (19th to 3rd)

Jul 2: The Dirt Track at Indianapolis Motor Speedway - Cannon McIntosh (19th to 1st)

Jul 8: Sweet Springs Motorsports Complex - Kale Drake (17th to 7th)

Jul 9: Mitchell County Fairgrounds - Jacob Denney (11th to 3rd)

Jul 11: Jefferson County Speedway - Logan Seavey (19th to 6th)

Jul 12: Jefferson County Speedway - Drake Edwards (16th to 10th)

Aug 29: Bloomington Speedway - Hayden Reinbold (23rd to 11th)

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Aug 31: Angell Park Speedway - Daison Pursley (20th to 7th)

Sep 18: Eldora Speedway - Tim Kent (21st to 14th)

Sep 20: Eldora Speedway - Daison Pursley (7th to 1st)

Nov 15: Placerville Speedway - Landon Brooks (21st to 4th)

Nov 21: Merced Speedway - Justin Grant (23rd to 13th)

Nov 22: Merced Speedway - Cale Coons (22nd to 14th)

Nov 25: Bakersfield Speedway at Kevin Harvick's Kern Raceway - Kale Drake (20th to 7th)

Nov 29: Ventura Raceway – Carson Macedo (24th to 7th)

DIRT DRAFT FASTEST HOT LAPS DRIVER

Apr 26: Kokomo Speedway - Drake Edwards (13.324)

Apr 27: Kokomo Speedway - Karter Sarff (13.122)

May 16: Belleville Short Track - Gunnar Setser (12.038)

May 17: Belleville Short Track - Jerry Coons Jr. (12.358)

May 18: Sweet Springs Motorsports Complex - Kevin Thomas Jr. (12.113)

Jun 3: Circle City Raceway - Jacob Denney (12.698)

Jun 4: Paragon Speedway - Kevin Thomas Jr. (15.060)

Jun 8: Kokomo Speedway - Jakeb Boxell (13.331)

Jul 1: The Dirt Track at Indianapolis Motor Speedway - Daison Pursley (12.362)

Jul 2: The Dirt Track at Indianapolis Motor Speedway - Mitchel Moles (12.398)

Jul 8: Sweet Springs Motorsports Complex - Logan Seavey (11.834)

Jul 9: Mitchell County Fairgrounds - Steven Snyder Jr. (12.416)

Jul 11: Jefferson County Speedway - Steven Snyder Jr. (11.076)

Jul 12: Jefferson County Speedway - Steven Snyder Jr. (11.042)

Aug 29: Bloomington Speedway - Jacob Denney (11.930)

Aug 31: Angell Park Speedway - Kale Drake (14.277)

Sep 18: Eldora Speedway - Daison Pursley (16.218)

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Sep 20: Eldora Speedway - Daison Pursley (16.385)

Nov 15: Placerville Speedway - Kevin Thomas Jr. (11.617)

Nov 21: Merced Speedway - Tanner Carrick (11.903)

Nov 22: Merced Speedway - Caden Sarale (12.503)

Nov 25: Bakersfield Speedway at Kevin Harvick's Kern Raceway - Jake Andreotti (14.419)

Nov 29: Ventura Raceway – Karter Sarff (12.094)

2025 USAC INFERNO ARMOR FIRE MOVE OF THE NIGHT

Apr 26: Kokomo Speedway - Cale Coons

Apr 27: Kokomo Speedway - Kyle Jones

May 16: Belleville Short Track - Cannon McIntosh

May 17: Belleville Short Track - Logan Seavey

May 18: Sweet Springs Motorsports Complex - Justin Grant

Jun 3: Circle City Raceway - Karter Sarff

Jun 4: Paragon Speedway - K.J. Snow

Jun 8: Kokomo Speedway - Drake Edwards

Jul 1: The Dirt Track at Indianapolis Motor Speedway - Jonathan Beason

Jul 2: The Dirt Track at Indianapolis Motor Speedway - Steven Snyder Jr.

Jul 8: Sweet Springs Motorsports Complex - Chad Winfrey

Jul 9: Mitchell County Fairgrounds - Chelby Hinton

Jul 11: Jefferson County Speedway - Kyle Jones

Jul 12: Jefferson County Speedway - Blake Spicer

Aug 29: Bloomington Speedway - Brecken Reese

Aug 31: Angell Park Speedway - Gunnar Setser

Sep 18: Eldora Speedway - Jakeb Boxell

Sep 20: Eldora Speedway - Drake Edwards

Nov 15: Placerville Speedway - Colby Copeland

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Nov 21: Merced Speedway - Connor Speir

Nov 22: Merced Speedway - Logan Seavey

Nov 25: Bakersfield Speedway at Kevin Harvick's Kern Raceway - Jett Yantis

Nov 29: Ventura Raceway – Carson Macedo