

Templeman Tops Inaugural Season

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The start of a new racing season is always punctuated with pressing questions, but in 1956, uncertainty abounded. The American Automobile Association had bowed out of the racing business at the conclusion of the 1955 season, and in its stead a new group was prepared to pick up the baton.

The United States Auto Club was incorporated in September 1955 and the time had come for the assembled crew to take flight. At first blush, much was the same. At the helm of midget operations was the sometimes gruff, but effective Bob Stroud. Stroud, widely acknowledged as the originator of the four-wide parade lap, could be stern, but he was also known to lend a hand to a struggling racer.

Washington state's Jack Turner had captured the 1954 and 1955 AAA National Midget championship, and with this as an endorsement, he was anxious to get a chance to compete in the Indianapolis 500.

The inaugural USAC race was contested on January 8 at Fort Wayne Indiana's Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, and when the night was over, Gene Hartley, the son of midget racing pioneer Ted Hartley (who finished four spots behind his son in fifth) became the first winner in club history for car owner Ray Bolander in the Bill Lipkey-promoted indoor event.

Three weeks later, the tour traveled way out west to compete at California's Bonelli Stadium where Clark "Shorty" Templeman was the best in a 100-lap grind. By this point in his career, Templeman already possessed an impressive resume marked by five consecutive Washington Midget Racing Association titles beginning in 1949.

In the end, 57 events were held during the 1956 season, and reflecting the times, most races were over 100 laps in distance. Underscoring the strength of the series, seven different drivers emerged victorious in the first seven races and each winner was a future inductee into the National Midget Hall of Fame.

Templeman logged nine wins on the campaign driving Ashley Wright's sparkling Hardwood Door Special. The highwater mark of Shorty's year came in the event soon to be known as the Night Before the 500, then held at the original 16th Street Speedway, located right across the street from the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

On the eve before Pat Flaherty took a swig of cool milk in victory lane just a stone's throw away in the 500-Mile International Sweepstakes, Templeman beat the odds and snared all three feature events, a record number of wins for a driver in a single night of USAC National Midget competition.

By mid-June, Shorty sat atop the standings, a position he would never relinquish. Speedway, Indiana driver Chuck Rodee (Rodeghier) finished in the runner-up spot with Eddie Sachs, a four-time winner, checking in at third.

Jimmy Knight uncovered something new during his first career USAC National Midget feature victory at the Sportsdrome in Jeffersonville, Ind. on May 22 as he won the 100-lap midget feature with a roadster type machine unique to the midget scene but closely resembled the style that was predominant to the big cars at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

In a humorous aside, in June, Sachs served as the substitute flagman at Michigan's Auto City Speedway. Meanwhile, Jack Turner, USAC Midgets' first-ever driver representative, failed in his attempt to three-peat as champion, but his six wins were second best on the tour. Over the course of the season, an amazing 25 different drivers visited victory lane.

The law was laid down by the new club following an August 4 race at 16th Street Speedway. Turner captured the 100-lap victory; however, all 18 starting drivers felt the wrath from USAC officials following the event. Each driver was levied a reported \$5 fine for neglecting to observe the flags during the feature. A statement of "future violators will be disqualified" was promptly issued.

A season highlight came on October 7 during the running of the Hut Hundred at the Terre Haute Action Track. Tony Bettenhausen, racing for owner Harry Turner, passed Chuck Weyant on the final circuit and won by a mere car length. To the delight of the crowd, Bettenhausen and Weyant had traded the lead repeatedly over the final ten laps.

With Templeman topping the standings, drivers who called Washington home had now notched three-straight National midget crowns. For the new USAC, a year was under their belt, and all looked forward to what lay in store in 1957.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: January 8, 1956 – Allen County War Memorial Coliseum – Fort Wayne, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Johnny Roberts, 2. Jack Bates, 3. Gene Hartley.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Forrest Parker, 2. Harry Turner, 3. Johnny Roberts.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Chuck Weyant, 2. Jack Bates, 3. Danny Kladis.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Leroy Warriner, 2. Ted Hartley, 3. Gene Hartley.

CONSOLATION RACE: 1. Carl Williams, 2. Hank Nykaza, 3. Hickman.

SEMI: 1. Rex Easton, 2. Leroy Warriner, 3. Harry Turner.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Gene Hartley (Ray Bolander #8), 2. Chuck Rodee, 3. Pete Peterson, 4. Johnny Roberts, 5. Ted Hartley, 6. Jack Bates, 7. Bob McLean, 8. Danny Kladis, 9. Ernie McCoy, 10. Jimmy Knight.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: January 29, 1956 – Bonelli Stadium – Santa Clarita, California

QUALIFYING: 1. George Amick, 2. Dempsey Wilson, 3. Edgar Elder.

FIRST HEAT: 1. George Amick, 2. Bob Machin, 3. Larry Dunham.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Shorty Templeman, 2. Jim Gilchrist, 3. Danny Oakes.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Johnnie Parsons, 2. Hal Minyard, 3. Johnnie Tolan.

CONSOLATION: 1. Rodger Ward, 2. Billy Garrett, 3. Danny Oakes.

FIRST SEMI: 1. Johnny Boyd, 2. Johnnie Parsons, 3. Bob Machin.

SECOND SEMI: 1. Johnnie Tolan, 2. Bud Clemons, 3. Hal Minyard.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Shorty Templeman (Ashley Wright #2), 2. Johnnie Tolan, 3. Johnnie Parsons, 4. Edgar Elder, 5. Bud Clemons, 6. Dempsey Wilson, 7. Walt Faulkner, 8. Johnny Boyd, 9. Billy Garrett, 10. Rodger Ward, 11. Bob Cortner, 12. Dickie Reese, 13. Don Horvath, 14. Bob Machin, 15. Johnny Baldwin, 16. George Amick, 17. Hal Minyard, 18. Larry Dunham.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: February 11, 1956 – Grand Rapids Stadium – Grand Rapids, Michigan

QUALIFYING: 1. Gene Hartley, 2. Dick Good, 3. Hank Nykaza.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Ted Hartley, 2. Rex Easton, 3. Hank Nykaza.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Johnny Roberts, 2. Forrest Parker, 3. Leroy Warriner.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Gene Hartley, 2. Bob McLean, 3. Dick Good.

DASH: 1. Johnny Roberts, 2. Hank Nykaza, 3. Gene Hartley.

FEATURE: (37 laps) 1. Leroy Warriner (Bob Higman #67), 2. Gene Hartley, 3. Bob McLean, 4. Hank Nykaza, 5. Johnny Roberts, 6. Forrest Parker, 7. Ted Hartley, 8. Gordon VanderLaan, 9. Dick Good, 10. Rex Easton.

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Tolan Takes South Mountain

Phoenix, Arizona.....Johnnie Tolan captured the 100-lap United States Auto Club sanctioned midget race at South Mountain Speedway on Saturday night, March 31.

Following Tolan in the feature were Johnny Boyd, George Amick, Dempsey Wilson, Danny Oakes, Walt Faulkner, Howard Kelly, Johnnie Parsons, Rodger Ward and Bob Cortner.

Cortner set the fastest time of the day in a Ford-powered car with a lap of 14.160 seconds. Second fastest time went to Faulkner followed by Tolan and Oakes.

The weather was warm and clear, and the race was accident free.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: March 31, 1956 – South Mountain Speedway – Phoenix, Arizona

QUALIFYING: 1. Bob Cortner-14.160, 2. Walt Faulkner, 3. Johnnie Tolan, 4. Danny Oakes.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Johnny Baldwin, 2. Johnnie Parsons, 3. Rex Easton.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Johnny Boyd, 2. Dempsey Wilson, 3. George Amick.

SEMI: 1. Jimmy Reece, 2. Bill Cheesbourg, 3. Joe Giba.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Johnnie Tolan (Bill Krech #76), 2. Johnny Boyd, 3. George Amick, 4. Dempsey Wilson, 5. Danny Oakes, 6. Walt Faulkner, 7. Howard Kelley, 8. Johnnie Parsons, 9. Rodger Ward, 10. Bob Cortner, 11. Larry Dunham, 12. Rex Easton, 13. Hank Henry, 14. Johnny Baldwin, 15. Billy Garrett, 16. Jim Gilchrist, 17. Skee Redican, 18. Don Edmunds.

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Ward Takes Flight at Airport

Fresno, California.....Rodger Ward scored his first victory of the 1956 USAC racing season by beating a star-studded field of midget drivers at Fresno, California's Airport Speedway on Sunday afternoon, April 8.

Following Ward in the 100-lap feature on the 1/5-mile dirt track were George Amick, Johnnie Parsons, Johnny Baldwin, Earl Motter, Rex Easton, Dempsey Wilson, Joe Garson, Johnny Boyd, and Shorty Templeman.

Heat race victories went to Dickie Reese, Frank Armi, and Don Edmunds. The semi-feature went to Armi. Billy Garrett won the trophy dash over Parsons, Elder, and Garson.

The fastest qualifying time of the day went to Edgar Elder at 14.550 seconds. Tony Bettenhausen's throttle stuck during hot laps, resulting in the car flipping into the wall. Bettenhausen escaped uninjured.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: April 8, 1956 – Airport Speedway – Fresno, California

QUALIFYING: 1. Edgar Edler-14.550

FIRST HEAT: 1. Dickie Reese

SECOND HEAT: 1. Frank Armi

THIRD HEAT: 1. Don Edmunds

SEMI: 1. Frank Armi

DASH: 1. Billy Garrett, 2. Johnnie Parsons, 3. Edgar Elder, 4. Joe Garson.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Rodger Ward (A.J. Murphy #51), 2. George Amick, 3. Johnnie Parsons, 4. Johnny Baldwin, 5. Earl Motter, 6. Rex Easton, 7. Dempsey Wilson, 8. Joe Garson, 9. Johnny Boyd, 10. Shorty Templeman, 11. Bill Homeier, 12. Billy Garrett, 13. Howard Kelley, 14. Bob Cortner, 15. Johnnie Tolan, 16. Jack Jordan, 17. Edgar Elder, 18. Troy Ruttman.

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Weyant Wins Midwest Opener at Broadway

Knoxville, Tennessee.....Chuck Weyant won the opening USAC Midget race on the Midwest circuit by a narrow margin over Gene Hartley in a wire-to-wire duel.

In the 25-mile, 50-lap feature, Eddie Russo was third, followed by Gene Force, Ronnie Duman, and Leroy Warriner.

Hank Nykaza set the fastest lap in time trials with the heat race going to Bob Tattersall, Chuck Weyant, Walt Geis, and Leroy Warriner. Both Tattersall and Geis were driving Ford-powered machines. No accidents occurred during the day.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: April 14, 1956 – Broadway Speedway – Knoxville, Tennessee

QUALIFYING: 1. Hank Nykaza

FIRST HEAT: 1. Bob Tattersall

SECOND HEAT: 1. Chuck Weyant

THIRD HEAT: 1. Walt Geis

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Leroy Warriner

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Chuck Weyant (Johnny Pawl #18), 2. Gene Hartley, 3. Eddie Russo, 4. Gene Force, 5. Ronnie Duman, 6. Leroy Warriner, 7. Willie Hunziker, 8. Wally Hostetler, 9. Walt Geis, 10. Carl Williams, 11. Claude Lay, 12. Rick Kerr, 13. Dwight Brown, 14. Red Hamilton, 15. Hank Nykaza, 16. Bob McLean, 17. Bob Tattersall, 18. Chuck Rodee, 19. Elmer George, 20. Johnny Roberts. 21. Don Branson.

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Parsons Picks Up Victory at Gardena

Gardena, California.....Johnnie Parsons took top honors in the 100-lap USAC Midget race on Saturday night, April 21.

Following Parsons were Johnny Boyd, George Amick, Jimmy Reece, Jack Jordan, Edgar Elder, Jimmy Davies, Danny Oakes, Johnnie Tolan, Dickie Reese, Johnny Baldwin, and Tony Bettenhausen.

The fastest lap in time trials went to Amick at 14:500.

Bill Homeier flipped during the feature event, and after hitting the wall, his car was struck by one driven by Rodger Ward. Ward escaped uninjured. However, Homeier received a broken shoulder, a broken arm, and a broken finger. He was confined at the University Hospital in Gardena, California.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: April 21, 1956 – Gardena Stadium – Gardena, California

QUALIFYING: 1. George Amick-14.500

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Johnnie Parsons (Fred Gerhardt #45), 2. Johnny Boyd, 3. George Amick, 4. Jimmy Reece, 5. Jack Jordan, 6. Edgar Elder, 7. Jimmy Davies, 8. Danny Oakes, 9. Johnnie Tolan, 10. Dickie Reese, 11. Johnny Baldwin, 12. Tony Bettenhausen, 13. Dempsey Wilson, 14. Frank Armii, 15. Walt Faulkner, 16. Joe Garson, 17. Bill Homeier, 18. Rodger Ward.

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Amick is Awesome in Salem Score

Salem, Indiana.....George Amick won the 50-lap USAC National Midget feature at Salem Speedway on Sunday, May 13 by beating Gene Force in what proved to be a wheel-to-wheel duel from start to finish on the high-banked track.

Following Amick and Force was Shorty Templeman, Russ Klar and Wally Hostetler.

The fastest qualifying time went to Hank Nykaza at 21.430 seconds.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: May 13, 1956 – Salem Speedway – Salem, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Hank Nykaza-21.430

FIRST HEAT: 1. Leroy Warriner, 2. Eddie Sachs, 3. Bob McLean.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Gene Force, 2. Shorty Templeman, 3. Chuck Rodee.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Russ Klar, 2. George Amick, 3. Bob Tattersall.

SEMI: 1. Justin King, 2. Mel McGaughy, 3. Hank Nykaza.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. George Amick (Johnny Pawl #18), 2. Gene Force, 3. Shorty Templeman, 4. Russ Klar, 5. Wally Hostetler, 6. Roy Graham, 7. Eddie Sachs, 8. Bob McLean, 9. Bob Gregg, 10. Mel McGaughy, 11. Justin King, 12. Chuck Rodee, 13. Hank Nykaza, 14. Bob Reemsnyder, 15. Bob Tattersall, 16. Leroy Warriner.

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It's Knight's Night at the Sportsdrome

Jeffersonville, Indiana.....Jimmy Knight uncovered something new at the Sportsdrome in Jeffersonville, Indiana on Tuesday night, May 22, as he won the 100-lap USAC National Midget feature with a roadster type machine.

The car closely resembles the roadster which was predominant at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway at the time.

Following Knight in the feature were Bob McLean, Don Branson, Rex Easton, Shorty Templeman, Chuck Rodee, Mel McGaughy, Eddie Johnson, Bill Boyd, and Leroy Warriner.

The fast qualifying time went to Bob McLean at 15.450 seconds. There were no accidents during the program. A field of 27 cars were on hand for the event.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: May 22, 1956 – Sportsdrome – Jeffersonville, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Bob McLean-15.450.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Bob McLean, 2. Gene Force, 3. Norm Hall.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Johnny Kay, 2. Shorty Templeman, 3. Len Duncan.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Justin King, 2. Rex Easton, 3. Don Branson.

SEMI: 1. Roy Graham, 2. Justin King, 3. Leroy Warriner.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Jimmy Knight (Jimmy Knight #10), 2. Bob McLean, 3. Don Branson, 4. Rex Easton, 5. Shorty Templeman, 6. Chuck Rodee, 7. Mel McGaughy, 8. Eddie Johnson, 9. Bill Boyd, 10. Leroy Warriner, 11. Hank Nykaza, 12. Roy Graham, 13. Wally Hostetler, 14. Len Duncan, 15. Bob Tattersall, 16. Gene Force, 17. Bob Gregg, 18. Dick Brown.

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Biro Automatic at Motor City

Detroit, Michigan.....Gays Biro won the 50-lap USAC National Midget feature at Motor City Speedway on Thursday night, May 24.

Following Biro in the feature were Chuck Rodee, Bill Doster, Eddie Johnson, George Amick, Leroy Warriner, Elmer George, Shorty Templeman, Rex Easton, and Don Branson.

The fastest qualifying time went to Elmer George at 13.010 seconds. Biro set a new track record for 50 laps with a time of 11:09:88.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: May 24, 1956 – Motor City Speedway – Detroit, Michigan

QUALIFYING: 1. Elmer George-13.010

FIRST HEAT: 1. Wally Hostetler

SECOND HEAT: 1. Bob Gregg

THIRD HEAT: 1. Chuck Rodee

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Don Branson

SEMI: 1. Wally Hostetler

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Gays Biro (Al Jackson #9), 2. Chuck Rodee, 3. Bill Doster, 4. Eddie Johnson, 5. George Amick, 6. Leroy Warriner, 7. Elmer George, 8. Shorty Templeman, 9. Rex Easton, 10. Don Branson, 11. Paul Howe, 12. Gene Force, 13. Mel McGaughy, 14. Johnny Fedricks, 15. Hank Nykaza, 16. Ronnie Kaplan, 17. Bill Boyd, 18. Roy Graham. 11:09.88 (New Track Record)

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: May 29, 1956 – 16th Street Speedway – Indianapolis, Indiana – Night Before the 500

QUALIFYING: 1. Wally Hostetler

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Shorty Templeman (Ashley Wright #2), 2. Chuck Rodee, 3. Dick Brown, 4. Frank Burany, 5. Mel McGaughy, 6. Johnny Kay, 7. Forrest Parker, 8. Ronnie Kaplan, 9. Wayne Doerstler, 10. Tony Lenti, 11. Bob McLean, 12. Wally Hostetler, 13. Jimmy Knight, 14. Rex Easton, 15. George Tichenor, 16. Don Branson, 17. Tony Bonadies, 18. George Fonder.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: May 29, 1956 – 16th Street Speedway – Indianapolis, Indiana – Night Before the 500

QUALIFYING: 1. Forrest Parker

FEATURE: (150 laps) 1. Shorty Templeman (Ashley Wright #2), 2. Forrest Parker, 3. Tony Lenti, 4. Bob Gregg, 5. Dick Brown, 6. Hank Nykaza, 7. Mel McGaughy, 8. Mauri Wilson, 9. Len Duncan, 10. Bob McLean, 11. Gig Stephens, 12. Al Alpern, 13. Gene Force, 14. Ernie McCoy, 15. Dick Frazier, 16. Chuck Rodee, 17. Wally Hostetler, 18. Roy Graham.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: May 29, 1956 – 16th Street Speedway – Indianapolis, Indiana – Night Before the 500

QUALIFYING: 1. Al Alpern

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Shorty Templeman (Ashley Wright #2), 2. Forrest Parker, 3. Chuck Rodee, 4. Rex Easton, 5. Leroy Warriner, 6. George Amick, 7. Bob McLean, 8. Don Branson, 9. Jimmy Knight, 10. Hank Nykaza, 11. Wally Hostetler, 12. Gene Force, 13. A.J. Foyt, 14. Mel McGaughy, 15. Bob Gregg, 16. Al Alpern, 17. Johnny Kay, 18. Nick Fornoro.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 1, 1956 – Raceway Park – Blue Island, Illinois

QUALIFYING: 1. Johnny Kay-13:250

FIRST HEAT: 1. George Amick, 2. Bob Cortner, 3. Gene Hartley, 4. Chuck Rodee.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Van Johnson, 2. Mauri Wilson, 3. Rex Easton, 4. Mel McGaughy

THIRD HEAT: 1. Howard Kelley, 2. Shorty Templeman, 3. Danny Kladis, 4. Bob Gregg.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Roy Graham, 2. Bud Clemons, 3. Jimmy Knight, 4. Jimmy Davies.

SEMI: 1. Tony Lenti, 2. Van Johnson, 3. Danny Kladis, 4. Bud Clemons.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Shorty Templeman (Ashley Wright #2), 2. Gene Hartley, 3. Chuck Rodee, 4. Johnny Kay, 5. Al Alpern, 6. Wade Althuser, 7. Jimmy Davies, 8. Roy Graham, 9. Don Branson, 10. Ronnie Kaplan, 11. Rex Easton, 12. Mel McGaughy, 13. George Amick, 14. Bob Gregg, 15. Clyde Young, 16. Mauri Wilson, 17. Russ Congdon, 18. Jimmy Knight.

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Turner Tops Field at Sportsdrome

Jeffersonville, Indiana.....1955 AAA National Midget champion Jack Turner scored his first win of the season at the Sportsdrome in Jeffersonville, Indiana on Saturday night, June 2.

Following Turner in the feature were Johnnie Tolan, Jimmy Knight, Shorty Templeman, Rex Easton, Mel McGaughy, George Amick, Johnny Kay, Russ Congdon, and Bob McLean.

The fastest qualifier was Bob McLean at a time of 13.320 seconds.

Chuck Rodee flipped during the feature and received track burns and facial cuts. He was expected to be released by June 6.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 2, 1956 – Sportsdrome – Jeffersonville, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Bob McLean-13.320

FIRST HEAT: 1. Rex Easton, 2. Shorty Templeman, 3. Chuck Rodee, 4. Bob McLean.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Johnny Kay, 2. George Amick, 3. Bud Clemons, 4. Russ Congdon.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Howard Kelley, 2. Jack Turner, 3. Jimmy Knight, 4. Mel McGaughy.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Andy Linden, 2. Don Branson, 3. Wade Althuser, 4. Roy Graham.

SEMI: 1. Dick Deahl, 2. Mel McGaughy, 3. Russ Congdon, 4. Don Branson.

FEATURE: (49 laps) 1. Jack Turner (Carl Evans #56), 2. Johnnie Tolan, 3. Jimmy Knight, 4. Shorty Templeman, 5. Rex Easton, 6. Mel McGaughy, 7. George Amick, 8. Johnny Kay, 9. Russ Congdon, 10. Bob McLean, 11. Howard Kelley, 12. Roy Graham, 13. Jim Hemmings, 14. Bud Clemons, 15. Wade Althuser, 16. Chuck Rodee, 17. Paul Russo, 18. Andy Linden.

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Easton Downs the Competition at Lafayette

Lafayette, Indiana.....Rex Easton won the 30-lap feature at Indiana's Lafayette Speedway on Thursday night, June 7.

Following Easton in the feature were George Amick, Shorty Templeman, Mauri Wilson, Jack Turner, Al Alpern, Elmer George, Russ Congdon, Jimmy Knight, Bud Clemons, Ronnie Kaplan, and Leroy Warriner.

Fast time in qualifying went to Shorty Templeman at 13.650 seconds. Russ Congdon also turned a 13:650 in qualifying.

There were no accidents during the program.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 7, 1956 – Lafayette Speedway – Lafayette, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Shorty Templeman-13.650.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Shorty Templeman, 2. Rex Easton, 3. George Amick.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Mauri Wilson, 2. Russ Congdon, 3. Al Alpern.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Jack Turner, 2. Ronnie Kaplan, 3. Jimmy Knight.

SEMI: 1. Bud Clemons, 2. Elmer George, 3. Leroy Warriner.

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Rex Easton (Lloyd Rahn #4), 2. George Amick, 3. Shorty Templeman, 4. Mauri Wilson, 5. Jack Turner, 6. Al Alpern, 7. Elmer George, 8. Russ Congdon, 9. Jimmy Knight, 10. Bud Clemons, 11. Ronnie Kaplan, 12. Leroy Warriner.

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Force Powers to Cincinnati Race Bowl Glory

Evendale, Ohio.....Gene Force captured the 50-lap USAC National Midget feature at the Cincinnati Race Bowl on Friday Night, June 8.

Shorty Templeman took second in the feature, followed by Rex Easton, Eddie Sachs, Andy Linden, Don Branson, Howard Kelley, Bob Cortner, Russ Congdon, and Gays Biro.

Quick time was taken by Eddie Sachs at a lap of 12.940 seconds.

There were no accidents on the night.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 8, 1956 – Cincinnati Race Bowl – Evendale, Ohio

QUALIFYING: 1. Eddie Sachs-12.940.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Eddie Sachs, 2. Andy Linden, 3. Jim Hemmings, 4. Russ Congdon.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Shorty Templeman, 2. Gays Biro, 3. Bud Clemons, 4. Johnny Kay.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Gene Force, 2. Bob Cortner, 3. Dick Best, 4. Howard Kelley.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Leroy Warriner, 2. Howard Kelley, 3. Johnny Kay, 4. Russ Congdon.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Gene Force (Lloyd Hamm #22), 2. Shorty Templeman, 3. Rex Easton, 4. Eddie Sachs, 5. Andy Linden, 6. Don Branson, 7. Howard Kelley, 8. Bob Cortner, 9. Russ Congdon, 10. Gays Biro, 11. Bud Clemons, 12. Roy Graham, 13. Jim Hemmings, 14. Johnny Kay, 15. Norm Hall, 16. Dick Betts.

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Coast is Clear for Alpern at Crystal

Crystal, Michigan.....Al Alpern won the 50-lap USAC National Midget feature at Michigan's Crystal Speedway on Saturday night, June 9.

Following Alpern in the feature were Bob McLean, Wally Hostetler, Bill Boyd, Leroy Warriner, Hank Nykaza, Ronnie Kaplan, Jimmy Knight, Bill Doster, and Don Morgan.

The fastest qualifier was Leroy Warriner at 18.080 seconds.

No accidents took place during the program.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 9, 1956 – Crystal Speedway – Crystal, Michigan

QUALIFYING: 1. Leroy Warriner-18.080.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Leroy Warriner, 2. Wally Hostetler, 3. Bill Boyd.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Al Alpern, 2. Hank Nykaza, 3. Bob McLean.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Ronnie Kaplan, 2. Jimmy Knight, 3. Bill Boyd.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Wally Hostetler, 2. Bob McLean, 3. Hank Nykaza.

DASH: 1. Al Alpern, 2. Bill Boyd, 3. Ronnie Kaplan.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Al Alpern (Al Alpern #48), 2. Bob McLean, 3. Wally Hostetler, 4. Bill Boyd, 5. Leroy Warriner, 6. Hank Nykaza, 7. Ronnie Kaplan, 8. Jimmy Knight, 9. Bill Doster, 10. Don Morgan.

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Sachs Sacks Field at South Bend

South Bend, Indiana.....Eddie Sachs won the 50-lap USAC National Midget feature at Indiana's South Bend Motor Speedway on Wednesday Night, June 13.

Following Sachs in the feature were Rex Easton, Shorty Templeman, Jimmy Knight, Jack Turner, Leroy Warriner, Andy Linden, George Amick, Gene Hartley, Don Branson, Gene Force, and Chuck Rodee.

Bob McLean was the fastest qualifier with a time of 13.360 seconds.

No accidents occurred during the program.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 13, 1956 – South Bend Motor Speedway – South Bend, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Bob McLean-13.360.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Bud Clemons, 2. Mel McGaughy, 3. Ronnie Kaplan, 4. Russ Congdon.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Johnny Kay, 2. Rex Easton, 3. Don Branson, 4. Elmer George.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Eddie Sachs, 2. Al Alpern, 3. Gene Hartley, 4. Joe Giba.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Jimmy Knight, 2. Mauri Wilson, 3. Jack Turner, 4. Gene Force.

SEMI: 1. Johnnie Tolan, 2. Howard Kelley, 3. Norm Hall, 4. Tony Lenti.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Eddie Sachs (Lee Elkins #73), 2. Rex Easton, 3. Shorty Templeman, 4. Jimmy Knight, 5. Jack Turner, 6. Leroy Warriner, 7. Andy Linden, 8. George Amick, 9. Gene Hartley, 10. Don Branson, 11. Gene Force, 12. Chuck Rodee, 13. Russ Congdon, 14. Mauri Wilson, 15. Dick Good, 16. Elmer George, 17. Bud Clemons, 18. Bob McLean.

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Amick's Aim is True at Berlin

Marne, Michigan.....George Amick won the 50-lap USAC National Midget feature at Berlin Raceway in Marne, Michigan on Thursday night, June 14.

Following Amick in the feature event were Rex Easton, Eddie Sachs, Johnnie Tolan, Shorty Templeman, Don Branson, Gene Hartley, Al Alpern, Andy Linden, Van Johnson, Gays Biro, and Elmer George.

Jack Turner was the night's fastest qualifier with a time of 13.050 seconds.

No incidents were reported during the program.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 14, 1956 – Berlin Raceway – Marne, Michigan

QUALIFYING: 1. Jack Turner-13.050.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Johnnie Tolan, 2. Jack Turner, 3. Wally Hostetler, 4. Van Johnson.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Rex Easton, 2. Gays Biro, 3. Elmer George, 4. Gene Hartley.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Andy Linden, 2. Don Branson, 3. Johnny Kay, 4. Gordon VanderLaan.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Shorty Templeman, 2. Ted Hartley, 3. Joe Giba, 4. Roy Graham.

SEMI: 1. Hank Nykaza, 2. Howard Kelley, 3. Wally Hostetler, 4. Gene Hartley.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. George Amick (Bob Sowle #8), 2. Rex Easton, 3. Eddie Sachs, 4. Johnnie Tolan, 5. Shorty Templeman, 6. Don Branson, 7. Gene Hartley, 8. Al Alpern, 9. Andy Linden, 10. Van Johnson, 11. Gays Biro, 12. Elmer George, 13. Roy Graham, 14. Joe Giba, 15. Bud Clemons, 16. Johnny Kay, 17. Jack Turner, 18. Tony Lenti.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 15, 1956 – Galesburg Speedway – Galesburg, Michigan

QUALIFYING: 1. Bob McLean-15.870.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Jimmy Knight, 2. Shorty Templeman, 3. Gene Hartley, 4. Eddie Sachs.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Johnny Kay, 2. Jack Turner, 3. Mel McGaughy, 4. Bud Clemons.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Don Branson, 2. Elmer George, 3. Hank Nykaza, 4. Russ Congdon.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Chuck Rodee, 2. Wally Hostetler, 3. Justin King, 4. Leroy Warriner.

SEMI: 1. Roy Graham, 2. Gays Biro, 3. Tony Lenti, 4. Don Branson, 5. Hank Nykaza, 6. Justin King.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Mel McGaughy (Mel McGaughy #63), 2. Jimmy Knight, 3. Shorty Templeman, 4. Jack Turner, 5. Gene Hartley, 6. Russ Congdon, 7. Rex Easton, 8. Elmer George, 9. Leroy Warriner, 10. Chuck Rodee, 11. Eddie Sachs, 12. Al Alpern, 13. Bob McLean, 14. Johnnie Tolan, 15. George Amick, 16. Johnny Kay, 17. Wally Hostetler, 18. Andy Linden.

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Shorty's Night is Sweet at Motor City

Detroit, Michigan.....Shorty Templeman won the 75-lap USAC National Midget feature at Motor City Speedway in Detroit, Michigan on Saturday night, June 16.

Following Templeman in the feature were Eddie Sachs, Al Alpern, Russ Congdon, Gays Biro, Jimmy Knight, Chuck Rodee, Johnnie Tolan, Elmer George, Johnny Kay, Gene Hartley, and Leroy Warriner.

Fast Time went to Chuck Rodee.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 16, 1956 – Motor City Speedway – Detroit, Michigan

QUALIFYING: 1. Chuck Rodee.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Gays Biro, 2. Rex Easton, 3. Russ Englehaupt, 4. Al Alpern.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Howard Kelley, 2. Eddie Sachs, 3. Johnnie Tolan, 4. Leroy Warriner.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Shorty Templeman, 2. Gene Hartley, 3. Johnny Kay, 4. Bob McLean.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Eddie Johnson, 2. Johnny Fedricks, 3. Elmer George.

FEATURE: (75 laps) 1. Shorty Templeman (Ashley Wright #2), 2. Eddie Sachs, 3. Al Alpern, 4. Russ Congdon, 5. Gays Biro, 6. Jimmy Knight, 7. Chuck Rodee, 8. Johnnie Tolan, 9. Elmer George, 10. Johnny Kay, 11. Gene Hartley, 12. Leroy Warriner, 13. Mel McGaughy, 14. Howard Kelley, 15. Rex Easton, 16. Bob McLean, 17. Johnny Fedricks, 18. Jack Turner.

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No Turnin' Back for Jack, Turner Takes Blue Island

Blue Island, Illinois.....Jack Turner won the 100-lap USAC National Midget feature at Blue Island, Illinois' Raceway Park on Wednesday night, June 20.

Following Turner in the feature were Chuck Rodee, Shorty Templeman, Eddie Sachs, Johnnie Parsons, George Amick, Mel McGaughy, Gene Hartley, Al Alpern, Leroy Warriner, Tony Lenti, and Johnnie Tolan.

Quick time was turned by George Amick with a lap of 12.940 seconds during qualifying.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 20, 1956 – Raceway Park – Blue Island, Illinois

QUALIFYING: 1. George Amick-12.940.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Bud Clemons, 2. Mel McGaughy, 3. George Amick, 4. Shorty Templeman.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Jimmy Knight, 2. Bob Hare, 3. Leroy Warriner, 4. Tony Lenti.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Mauri Wilson, 2. Jack Turner, 3. Eddie Sachs, 4. Chuck Rodee.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Rex Easton, 2. Gene Hartley, 3. Al Alpern, 4. Johnnie Parsons.

SEMI: 1. Danny Kladis, 2. Joe Giba, 3. Bob Hare, 4. Mauri Wilson.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Jack Turner (Carl Evans #56), 2. Chuck Rodee, 3. Shorty Templeman, 4. Eddie Sachs, 5. Johnnie Parsons, 6. George Amick, 7. Mel McGaughy, 8. Gene Hartley, 9. Al Alpern, 10. Leroy Warriner, 11. Tony Lenti, 12. Johnnie Tolan, 13. Johnny Kay, 14. Russ Congdon, 15. Ronnie Kaplan, 16. Bob McLean, 17. Rex Easton, 18. Norm Hall.

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Easton Springs to Victory at Springfield

Springfield, Illinois.....Rex Easton won the 50-lap USAC National Midget feature at Little Springfield Speedway in Illinois on Friday night, June 22.

Following Easton in the feature were George Amick, Don Hutchinson, Al Alpern, Carl Williams, Chuck Marshall, Shorty Templeman, Ned Kirkpatrick, Chuck Rodee, Eddie Russo, Don Branson, and Red Hamilton.

Chuck Rodee was the fastest qualifier at 13.640 seconds.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 22, 1956 – Springfield Speedway – Springfield, Illinois

QUALIFYING: 1. Chuck Rodee-13.640.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Chuck Marshall, 2. Carl Williams, 3. Don Hutchinson, 4. George Amick.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Rex Easton, 2. Dwight Brown, 3. Don Branson, 4. Red Hamilton.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Al Alpern, 2. Eddie Russo, 3. Shorty Templeman, 4. Bud Clemons.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Ned Kirkpatrick, 2. Jimmy Davies, 3. Bud Liente, 4. Chuck Weyant.

DASH: 1. Shorty Templeman, 2. Jimmy Davies, 3. Red Hamilton, 4. Chuck Rodee.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Rex Easton (Lloyd Rahn #4), 2. George Amick, 3. Don Hutchinson, 4. Al Alpern, 5. Carl Williams, 6. Chuck Marshall, 7. Shorty Templeman, 8. Ned Kirkpatrick, 9. Chuck Rodee, 10. Eddie Russo, 11. Don Branson, 12. Red Hamilton, 13. Dwight Brown, 14. Bud Clemons, 15. Chuck Weyant, 16. Joe Giba, 17. Jimmy Davies, 18. Bob Wente.

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Tolan Pays the Toll for Victory at 16th Street

Indianapolis, Indiana.....Johnnie Tolan won the 100-lap USAC National Midget feature at Indianapolis, Indiana's 16th Street Speedway on Saturday night, June 23.

Following Tolan in the feature were Eddie Sachs, Forrest Parker, Shorty Templeman, Rex Easton, Mel McGaughy, Palmer Crowell, Chuck Rodee, Don Branson, Johnny Kay, Joe Giba, and Al Alpern.

The quickest lap in qualifying was turned by Forrest Parker at a time of 15.850 seconds.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 23, 1956 – 16th Street Speedway – Indianapolis, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Forrest Parker-15.850.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Forrest Parker, 2. Rex Easton, 3. Eddie Sachs, 4. Ronnie Kaplan.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Bob McLean, 2. Chuck Rodee, 3. Van Johnson, 4. Johnny Kay.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Bud Clemons, 2. Johnnie Tolan, 3. Mel McGaughy, 4. Joe Giba.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Mauri Wilson, 2. Palmer Crowell, 3. Shorty Templeman, 4. Leroy Warriner.

SEMI: 1. Russ Congdon, 2. Rex Easton, 3. Eddie Johnson, 4. Paul Howe.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Johnnie Tolan (Hank Green #9), 2. Eddie Sachs, 3. Forrest Parker, 4. Shorty Templeman, 5. Rex Easton, 6. Mel McGaughy, 7. Palmer Crowell, 8. Chuck Rodee, 9. Don Branson, 10. Johnny Kay, 11. Joe Giba, 12. Al Alpern, 13. Jimmy Knight, 14. Ronnie Kaplan, 15. Leroy Warriner, 16. Eddie Johnson, 17. Ted Hartley, 18. Mauri Wilson.

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Sachs Sends it to Victory Lane in Dayton

Dayton, Ohio.....Eddie Sachs won the 100-lap USAC National Midget feature at Ohio's Dayton Speedway on Sunday, June 25.

Following Sachs in the feature were Roy Graham, Shorty Templeman, Rex Easton, Joe Giba, Gays Biro, Bud Clemons, Russ Congdon, Norm Hall, Bob McLean, Don Branson, and Gene Force.

Top qualifying honors went to Eddie Sachs at 19.825 seconds.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 24, 1956 – Dayton Speedway – Dayton, Ohio

QUALIFYING: 1. Eddie Sachs-19.825.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Eddie Sachs, 2. Don Branson, 3. Gays Biro, 4. Roy Graham.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Bob McLean, 2. Rex Easton, 3. Ray Lyden, 4. Norm Hall.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Shorty Templeman, 2. Gene Force, 3. Russ Congdon, 4. Joe Giba.

SEMI: 1. Bud Clemons, 2. Cecil Smith, 3. Bob Reemsnyder, 4. Clyde Egbert.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Eddie Sachs (Gus Hoffman #7), 2. Roy Graham, 3. Shorty Templeman, 4. Rex Easton, 5. Joe Giba, 6. Gays Biro, 7. Bud Clemons, 8. Russ Congdon, 9. Norm Hall, 10. Bob McLean, 11. Don Branson, 12. Gene Force, 13. Ray Lyden, 14. Cecil Smith, 15. Bob Reemsnyder, 16. Clyde Egbert, 17. Kenny Swim.

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Rodee Rides to Glory at Berlin

Marne, Michigan.....Chuck Rodee won the 100-lap USAC National Midget race at Berlin Raceway in Marne, Michigan on Thursday night, June 28.

Following Rodee were Gene Hartley, Johnnie Tolan, Bill Doster, Wally Hostetler, Jimmy Knight, Mel McGaughy, Joe Giba, Bob Gregg, Russ Congdon, Buckie Sager, and Al Alpern.

Rex Easton flipped over the top of Leroy Warriner on the first lap of the feature with both drivers receiving a broken wrist. Easton and Warriner were released from the hospital the following morning.

Rodee set a new track record in the semi-feature with a 10-lap record of 2:13.59.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 28, 1956 – Berlin Raceway – Marne, Michigan

QUALIFYING: 1. Johnnie Tolan.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Gene Hartley, 2. Shorty Templeman, 3. Jimmy Davies, 4. Johnnie Tolan.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Don Branson, 2. Al Alpern, 3. Van Johnson, 4. Eddie Sachs.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Wally Hostetler, 2. Leroy Warriner, 3. Bill Doster, 4. Jimmy Knight.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Chuck Rodee, 2. Rex Easton, 3. Mel McGaughy, 4. Joe Giba.

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Chuck Rodee, 2. Clark Templeman, 3. Leroy Warriner, 4. Rex Easton. 2:13.59 (New Track Record)

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Chuck Rodee (Ed Loniewski #87), 2. Gene Hartley, 3. Johnnie Tolan, 4. Bill Doster, 5. Wally Hostetler, 6. Jimmy Knight, 7. Roy Graham, 8. Mel McGaughy, 9. Joe Giba, 10. Bob Gregg, 11. Russ Congdon, 12. Buckie Sager, 13. Al Alpern, 14. Eddie Sachs, 15. Shorty Templeman, 16. Jimmy Davies, 17. Leroy Warriner, 18. Rex Easton.

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Davies Whistles Dixie to Victory

Flint, Michigan.....Jimmy Davies won the 100-lap USAC National Midget feature at Auto City Speedway in Flint, Michigan on Friday night, June 29.

Following Davies in the feature were Chuck Rodee, Gene Hartley, Don Branson, Hank Nykaza, Al Alpern, Bill Doster, Jimmy Knight, Roy Graham, Bob Gregg, Larry McCloskey, and Shorty Templeman.

Fast time was taken by Jimmy Knight with a lap of 18.106 seconds in qualifying.

The flags during the event were handled in fine style by substitute flagman Eddie Sachs.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 29, 1956 – Dixie Motor Speedway – Flint, Michigan

QUALIFYING: 1. Jimmy Knight-18.106.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Al Alpern, 2. Hank Nykaza, 3. Jimmy Davies, 4. Jimmy Knight.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Johnnie Tolan, 2. Chuck Rodee, 3. Gene Hartley, 4. Roy Graham.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Shorty Templeman, 2. Van Johnson, 3. Bob Gregg, 4. Joe Giba.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Don Branson, 2. Bill Doster, 3. Roy Graham, 4. Larry McCloskey.

SEMI: 1. Jimmy Davies, 2. Johnnie Tolan, 3. Shorty Templeman, 4. Gene Hartley.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Jimmy Davies (Jimmy Davies #24), 2. Chuck Rodee, 3. Gene Hartley, 4. Don Branson, 5. Hank Nykaza, 6. Al Alpern, 7. Bill Doster, 8. Jimmy Knight, 9. Roy Graham, 10. Bob Gregg, 11. Larry McCloskey, 12. Shorty Templeman, 13. Norm Hall, 14. Buckie Sager, 15. Johnnie Tolan, 16. Van Johnson, 17. Joe Giba, 18. Mel McGaughy.

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Biro's City is Motor City

Detroit, Michigan.....Gays Biro won the 75-lap USAC National Midget Midget feature at Motor City Speedway on Saturday night, June 30.

Following Biro in the feature were Chuck Rodee, Eddie Sachs, Ronnie Kaplan, Johnny Kay, Van Johnson, Jimmy Knight, Russ Congdon, Al Alpern, Don Branson, Mel McGaughy, and Joe Giba.

The quickest qualifier was Joe Giba at 12.990 seconds.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 30, 1956 – Motor City Speedway – Detroit, Michigan

QUALIFYING: 1. Joe Giba-12.990.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Justin King, 2. Shorty Templeman, 3. Eddie Sachs, 4. Bud Clemons.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Roy Graham, 2. Don Branson, 3. Chuck Rodee, 4. Ronnie Kaplan.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Wally Hostetler, 2. Al Alpern, 3. Gays Biro, 4. Van Johnson.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Jimmy Knight, 2. Mel McGaughy, 3. Hank Nykaza, 4. Joe Giba.

SEMI: 1. Roy Graham, 2. Buckie Sager, 3. Justin King, 4. Bob Reemsnyder.

FEATURE: (75 laps) 1. Gays Biro (Al Jackson #9), 2. Chuck Rodee, 3. Eddie Sachs, 4. Ronnie Kaplan, 5. Johnny Kay, 6. Van Johnson, 7. Jimmy Knight, 8. Russ Congdon, 9. Al Alpern, 10. Don Branson, 11. Mel McGaughy, 12. Joe Giba, 13. Hank Nykaza, 14. Bob Gregg, 15. Wally Hostetler, 16. Shorty Templeman, 17. Mauri Wilson, 18. Howard Kelley.

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Davies Feels Good From Morning Til' the End of the Day

Williams Grove, Pennsylvania.....Jimmy Davies won the 100-lap USAC National Midget feature at Williams Grove Speedway in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania on Sunday, July 8.

Following Davies in the feature were Gays Biro, Chuck Arnold, Nick Fornoro, Al Herman, Bill Damico, Dick Brown, Chuck Rodee, Wayne Doerstler, and Russ Klar.

Gig Stephens and Bill "Red" Riegel were slightly burned in two separate accidents but were released after treatment.

Davies limped to the win after coasting on the last lap when the main bearings on his ride burned out. His time for the race was 46:34.02 minutes.

Jimmy Knight was the fastest qualifier.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 8, 1956 – Williams Grove Speedway – Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania

QUALIFYING: Jimmy Knight

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Jimmy Davies (Jimmy Davies #24), 2. Gays Biro, 3. Chuck Arnold, 4. Nick Fornoro, 5. Al Herman, 6. Bill Damico, 7. Dick Brown, 8. Chuck Rodee, 9. Wayne Doerstler, 10. Russ Klar, 11. Shorty McAndrew, 12. Tony Martino, 13. George Fonder, 14. Hank Nykaza, 15. Al Alpern, 16. Jimmy Knight, 17. Jiggs Peters, 18. Johnny Kay, 19. Bert Brooks, 20. Tony Romit, 21. Chuck Weyant, 22. Dutch Schaefer, 23. Red Riegel, 24. Black, 25. Eddie Johnson, 26. Bill Randall, 27. Carl Miller. 46:34.02

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Herman's Big Adventure Nets Triumph at Sportsman Park

Bedford, Ohio.....Al Herman won the 50-lap USAC National Midget feature at Sportsman Park in Bedford, Ohio on Thursday night, July 12, establishing a track record of 12:50.06.

Following Herman in the feature were Johnnie Tolan, Al Alpern, Russ Congdon, Eddie Johnson, Jack Shaffer, Gays Biro, Gene Force, George Tichenor, Chuck Rodee, George Amick, and Jimmy Knight.

Chuck Rodee turned the fastest time in qualifying, establishing a track record of 14.640 seconds.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 12, 1956 – Sportsman Park – Bedford, Ohio

QUALIFYING: 1. Chuck Rodee-14.640 (New Track Record)

FIRST HEAT: 1. Al Herman, 2. Al Alpern, 3. Jimmy Knight, 4. Chuck Rodee.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Roy Graham, 2. Jim Shaffer, 3. Gene Force, 4. Gays Biro.

THIRD HEAT: 1. George Tichenor, 2. Russ Congdon, 3. Bud Clemons, 4. Buckie Sager.

SEMI: 1. Johnnie Tolan, 2. Mauri Wilson, 3. Joe Giba, 4. Gene Force.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Al Herman (C.E. Kirchner #11), 2. Johnnie Tolan, 3. Al Alpern, 4. Russ Congdon, 5. Eddie Johnson, 6. Jim Shaffer, 7. Gays Biro, 8. Gene Force, 9. George Tichenor, 10. Chuck Rodee, 11. George Amick, 12. Jimmy Knight, 13. Joe Giba, 14. Buckie Sager, 15. Bud Clemons, 16. Roy Graham, 17. Mauri Wilson. 12:50.06

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The Force is with Gene at 16th Street

Indianapolis, Indiana.....Gene Force won the 100-lap USAC National Midget race at Indianapolis, Indiana's 16th Street Speedway on Saturday Night, July 14.

Following Force were Justin King, Mel McGaughy, George Tichenor, Russ Congdon, Johnnie Tolan, Chuck Rodee, Johnny Kay, Forrest Parker, Gays Biro, Ronnie Kaplan, and Bud Clemons.

George Tichenor set quick time in new track record fashion at 15.730 seconds.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 14, 1956 – 16th Street Speedway – Indianapolis, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. George Tichenor-15.730 (New Track Record).

FIRST HEAT: 1. Forrest Parker, 2. Don Branson, 3. Hank Nykaza, 4. Mel McGaughy.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Johnny Kay, 2. Chuck Rodee, 3. Shorty Templeman, 4. Justin King.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Jimmy Knight, 2. Roy Newman, 3. Al Herman, 4. Gene Force.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Ronnie Kaplan, 2. Mauri Wilson, 3. George Tichenor, 4. Bob Gregg.

SEMI: 1. Palmer Crowell, 2. Bob McLean, 3. Al Herman, 4. Roy Newman.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Gene Force (Lloyd Hamm #22), 2. Justin King, 3. Mel McGaughy, 4. George Tichenor, 5. Russ Congdon, 6. Johnnie Tolan, 7. Chuck Rodee, 8. Johnny Kay, 9. Forrest Parker, 10. Gays Biro, 11. Ronnie Kaplan, 12. Bud Clemons, 13. Jimmy Knight, 14. Shorty Templeman, 15. Hank Nykaza, 16. Mauri Wilson, 17. Bob Gregg, 18. Joe Giba.

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Turner is the Jack of All Trades in Motor City Win

Detroit, Michigan.....Jack Turner won the 75-lap USAC National Midget feature at Motor City Speedway in Detroit, Michigan on Monday night, July 16.

Turner set a new track record for the distance with a time of 16:45.55.

Following Turner in the feature were Shorty Templeman, Chuck Rodee, Eddie Sachs, Palmer Crowell, Gene Force, Gays Biro, Al Herman, Al Alpern, Elmer George, Johnny Kay, and Hank Nykaza.

Russ Congdon was the night's fastest qualifier.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 16, 1956 – Motor City Speedway – Detroit, Michigan

QUALIFYING: 1. Russ Congdon

FIRST HEAT: 1. Bud Clemons, 2. Ronnie Kaplan, 3. Russ Congdon.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Joe Giba, 2. Al Alpern, 3. Gene Hartley.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Bill Sprentall, 2. Gays Biro, 3. Eddie Sachs.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Elmer George, 2. Hank Nykaza, 3. Jack Turner.

SEMI: 1. Chuck Rodee, 2. Gene Hartley, 3. Clark Templeman.

FEATURE: (75 laps) 1. Jack Turner (Carl Evans #56), 2. Shorty Templeman, 3. Chuck Rodee, 4. Eddie Sachs, 5. Palmer Crowell, 6. Gene Force, 7. Gays Biro, 8. Al Herman, 9. Al Alpern, 10. Elmer George, 11. Johnny Kay, 12. Hank Nykaza, 13. Ronnie Kaplan, 14. Buckie Sager, 15. Gene Hartley, 16. Russ Congdon, 17. Bill Sprentall, 18. Joe Giba. 16:45.55 (New Track Record)

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Gene is a Force of Nature at Cincinnati Race Bowl

Evendale, Ohio.....Gene Force won the 50-lap USAC National Midget feature at Ohio's Cincinnati Race Bowl on Tuesday night, July 17.

Following Force were Eddie Sachs, Johnny Kay, Jack Turner, Elmer George, Shorty Templeman, Chuck Rodee, Bob McLean, Russ Congdon, Bud Clemons, Roy Graham, and Jim Hemmings.

Shorty Templeman was quick time in time trials at 13.040 seconds.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 17, 1956 – Cincinnati Race Bowl – Evendale, Ohio

QUALIFYING: 1. Shorty Templeman-13.040.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Bud Clemons, 2. Russ Congdon, 3. Shorty Templeman, 4. Jack Turner.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Gene Force, 2. Eddie Sachs, 3. Elmer George, 4. Roy Graham.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Johnny Kay, 2. Chuck Rodee, 3. George Amick, 4. Bob McLean.

SEMI: 1. Bob McLean, 2. Elmer George, 3. Shorty Templeman, 4. Jack Turner.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Gene Force (Lloyd Hamm #22), 2. Eddie Sachs, 3. Johnny Kay, 4. Jack Turner, 5. Elmer George, 6. Shorty Templeman, 7. Chuck Rodee, 8. Bob McLean, 9. Russ Congdon, 10. Bud Clemons, 11. Roy Graham, 12. Jim Hemmings, 13. Paul Howe, 14. Cecil Smith, 15. Clyde Egbert.

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Turner Tops Galesburg Go

Galesburg, Michigan.....Jack Turner won the 100-lap feature at Galesburg, Michigan on Friday night, July 20.

Following Turner in the feature were Mel McGaughy, Russ Congdon, Gene Hartley, Jimmy Knight, Eddie Sachs, Palmer Crowell, Hank Nykaza, Johnny Kay, and Bob Gregg.

With a time of 15.780 seconds, Eddie Sachs was the night's fastest qualifier.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 20, 1956 – Galesburg Speedway – Galesburg, Michigan

QUALIFYING: 1. Eddie Sachs-15.780.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Eddie Sachs, 2. Bob McLean, 3. Bob Gregg, 4. Ronnie Kaplan.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Roy Graham, 2. Russ Congdon, 3. Jack Turner, 4. Shorty Templeman.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Mel McGaughy, 2. Gene Force, 3. Gene Hartley, 4. Hank Nykaza.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Jimmy Knight, 2. Shorty Templeman, 3. Hank Nykaza, 4. Ronnie Kaplan.

SEMI: 1. Mel McGaughy, 2. Jack Turner, 3. Gene Hartley, 4. Russ Congdon.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Jack Turner (Carl Evans #56), 2. Mel McGaughy, 3. Russ Congdon, 4. Gene Hartley, 5. Jimmy Knight, 6. Eddie Sachs, 7. Palmer Crowell, 8. Hank Nykaza, 9. Johnny Kay, 10. Bob Gregg, 11. Gene Force, 12. Ronnie Kaplan, 13. Bob McLean, 14. Roy Graham, 15. Buckie Sager, 16. Shorty Templeman, 17. Bill Sprentall, 18. Al Alpern.

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Rodee & Knight Split Top Honors at Sportsdrome

Jeffersonville, Indiana.....Chuck Rodee and Jimmy Knight split honors as each won a 50-lap USAC National Midget feature at the Sportsdrome in Jeffersonville, Indiana on Saturday night, July 21.

Rodee won the first feature followed by Johnnie Tolan, Shorty Templeman, Gene Force, Mel McGaughy, Palmer Crowell, Elmer George, Justin King, Johnny Kay, and Russ Congdon.

The second feature went to Jimmy Knight followed by Roy Graham, Congdon, Tolan, Templeman, Don Branson, Kay, Force, King, and Bud Clemons.

Eddie Sachs was the fastest qualifier at a time of 15.470 seconds.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 21, 1956 – Sportsdrome – Jeffersonville, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Eddie Sachs-15.470.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Eddie Sachs, 2. Bob McLean, 3. Don Branson, 4. Jerry Kemp.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Jimmy Knight, 2. Chuck Rodee, 3. Gene Force, 4. Palmer Crowell.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Bud Clemons, 2. Shorty Templeman, 3. Mel McGaughy, 4. Russ Congdon.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Bob Gregg, 2. Elmer George, 3. Johnnie Tolan, 4. Justin King.

SEMI: 1. Paul Howe.

FIRST FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Chuck Rodee (Ed Loniewski #87), 2. Johnnie Tolan, 3. Shorty Templeman, 4. Gene Force, 5. Mel McGaughy, 6. Palmer Crowell, 7. Elmer George, 8. Justin King, 9. Johnny Kay, 10. Russ Congdon, 11. Don Branson, 12. Jimmy Knight, 13. Jim McWithey, 14. Bud Clemons, 15. Roy Graham, 16. Bob McLean, 17. Bob Gregg, 18. Eddie Sachs.

SECOND FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Jimmy Knight (Jimmy Knight #10), 2. Roy Graham, 3. Russ Congdon, 4. Johnnie Tolan, 5. Shorty Templeman, 6. Don Branson, 7. Johnny Kay, 8. Gene Force, 9. Justin King, 10. Bud Clemons, 11. Jim McWithey, 12. Elmer George, 13. Palmer Crowell, 14. Eddie Sachs, 15. Mel McGaughy, 16. Chuck Rodee, 17. Bob McLean, 18. Bob Gregg.

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Sachs Racks Up Victory at Blue Island

Blue Island, Illinois.....Eddie Sachs won the 100-lap USAC National Midget feature at Raceway Park in Blue Island, Illinois on Wednesday night, July 25.

Following Sachs in the feature were Jack Turner, Gene Hartley, Shorty Templeman, Chuck Rodee, Elmer George, George Amick, Ronnie Kaplan, Hank Nykaza, Mauri Wilson, Clyde Young, and George Tichenor.

Andy Linden went to the top of the board in time trials as the fastest qualifier.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 25, 1956 – Raceway Park – Blue Island, Illinois

QUALIFYING: 1. Andy Linden.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Justin King, 2. Gene Hartley, 3. Jack Turner, 4. Chuck Rodee.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Don Branson, 2. Eddie Sachs, 3. Mauri Wilson, 4. Johnnie Tolan.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Shorty Templeman, 2. Elmer George, 3. Roy Graham, 4. Jimmy Knight.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Clyde Young, 2. Al Alpern, 3. Gene Force, 4. Bob McLean.

SEMI: 1. Bud Clemons.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Eddie Sachs (Lee Elkins #73), 2. Jack Turner, 3. Gene Hartley, 4. Shorty Templeman, 5. Chuck Rodee, 6. Elmer George, 7. George Amick, 8. Ronnie Kaplan, 9. Hank Nykaza, 10. Mauri Wilson, 11. Clyde Young, 12. George Tichenor, 13. Roy Graham, 14. Johnnie Tolan, 15. Al Alpern, 16. Jimmy Knight, 17. Bob Gregg, 18. Andy Linden.

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Hartley Attacks, Wins at Quad City

Moline, Illinois.....Gene Hartley won the 100-lap USAC National Midget feature at Quad City Raceway in Moline, Illinois on Thursday night, July 26.

Following Hartley in the feature were Shorty Templeman, Eddie Sachs, Chuck Rodee, Johnnie Tolan, Johnnie Parsons, Chuck Weyant, Jack Turner, Hank Nykaza, Van Johnson, Don Branson, and Jimmy Knight.

Johnnie Parsons qualified quickest at a time of 16.450 seconds.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 26, 1956 – Quad City Raceway – Moline, Illinois

QUALIFYING: 1. Johnnie Parsons-16.450.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Gene Hartley, 2. Al Alpern, 3. Jack Turner, 4. Bill Chennault.

SECOND HEAT: 1. George Amick, 2. Elmer George, 3. Eddie Sachs, 4. Van Johnson.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Shorty Templeman, 2. Ronnie Kaplan, 3. Chuck Weyant, 4. Chuck Rodee.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Johnnie Parsons, 2. Red Hamilton, 3. Gene Force, 4. Andy Linden.

SEMI: 1. Chuck Weyant, 2. Dick Ritchie, 3. Red Hamilton, 4. Elmer George.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Gene Hartley (Red Marley #88), 2. Shorty Templeman, 3. Eddie Sachs, 4. Chuck Rodee, 5. Johnnie Tolan, 6. Johnnie Parsons, 7. Chuck Weyant, 8. Jack Turner, 9. Hank Nykaza, 10. Van Johnson, 11. Don Branson, 12. Jimmy Knight, 13. Howard Kelley, 14. Bud Clemons, 15. Chuck Marshall, 16. Andy Linden, 17. Al Alpern, 18. George Amick.

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And He's a Winner! Linden Lands Victory at Springfield

Springfield, Illinois.....Andy Linden won the 75-lap USAC National Midget feature at Illinois' Springfield Speedway on Friday night, July 27.

Following Linden in the feature were Gene Hartley, Tony Lenti, Van Johnson, Elmer George, Eddie Sachs, Shorty Templeman, Don Branson, Johnnie Tolan, Chuck Rodee, Roy Graham, and Hank Nykaza.

Amick was the fast qualifier with a lap at 13.100 seconds.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 27, 1956 – Springfield Speedway – Springfield, Illinois

QUALIFYING: 1. George Amick-13.100.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Shorty Templeman, 2. Bud Clemons, 3. Gene Hartley, 4. Chuck Rodee.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Arnie Knepper, 2. Elmer George, 3. Eddie Sachs, 4. Red Hamilton.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Andy Linden, 2. Jack Turner, 3. Don Branson, 4. Jimmy Davies.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Ronnie Kaplan, 2. Johnnie Tolan, 3. Van Johnson, 4. Tony Lenti.

SEMI: 1. Arnie Knepper, 2. Hank Nykaza, 3. Roy Graham, 4. George Amick.

FEATURE: (75 laps) 1. Andy Linden (O.M. Burns #47), 2. Gene Hartley, 3. Tony Lenti, 4. Van Johnson, 5. Elmer George, 6. Eddie Sachs, 7. Shorty Templeman, 8. Don Branson, 9. Johnnie Tolan, 10. Chuck Rodee, 11. Roy Graham, 12. Hank Nykaza, 13. Jimmy Knight, 14. Johnny Kay, 15. Jack Turner, 16. Jimmy Davies, 17. George Amick, 18. Ronnie Kaplan.

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Parker Pokes Through for Win in Kokomo's USAC Debut

Kokomo, Indiana.....Forrest Parker won the 100-lap USAC National Midget feature at Kokomo Speedway on Saturday night, July 28.

Following Parker in the feature were Gene Hartley, Leroy Warriner, Chuck Rodee, Eddie Sachs, Gays Biro, Johnnie Tolan, Gene Force, Roy Graham, Ted Hartley, Jimmy Davies, and Johnny Kay.

Jim Adair flipped during the semi-feature and received a broken shoulder and track burns.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 28, 1956 – Kokomo Speedway – Kokomo, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Gays Biro.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Gays Biro, 2. Roy Graham, 3. Leroy Warriner, 4. Ronnie Kaplan.

SECOND HEAT: 1. George Amick, 2. Johnnie Tolan, 3. Forrest Parker, 4. Chuck Rodee.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Gene Hartley, 2. George Tichenor, 3. Jimmy Davies, 4. Ted Hartley.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Johnny Kay, 2. Gene Force, 3. Dick Leisure, 4. Bob McLean.

SEMI: 1. Chuck Rodee, 2. Ted Hartley, 3. George Amick, 4. George Amick, 5. Eddie Sachs.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Forrest Parker (Forrest Parker #12), 2. Gene Hartley, 3. Leroy Warriner, 4. Chuck Rodee, 5. Eddie Sachs, 6. Gays Biro, 7. Johnnie Tolan, 8. Gene Force, 9. Roy Graham, 10. Ted Hartley, 11. Jimmy Davies, 12. Johnny Kay, 13. Ronnie Kaplan, 14. Bud Clemons, 15. Jimmy Knight, 16. Jim Shaffer, 17. Bob McLean, 18. Andy Linden.

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Biro is in Like Flint at Dixie

Flint, Michigan.....Gays Biro won the 75-lap USAC National Midget feature at Flint, Michigan's Dixie Motor Speedway on Sunday night, July 29.

Following Biro in the feature were Chuck Rodee, Roy Graham, Johnny Kay, Hank Nykaza, Buckie Sager, Al Alpern, Bill Sprentall, Emery Rice, and Ted Hartley.

Gays Biro was the fastest qualifier, timing in at 18.380 seconds.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 29, 1956 – Dixie Motor Speedway – Flint, Michigan

QUALIFYING: 1. Gays Biro-18.380.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Johnny Kay, 2. Chuck Rodee, 3. Gays Biro.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Roy Graham, 2. Hank Nykaza, 3. Buckie Sager.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Gays Biro, 2. Chuck Rodee, 3. Buckie Sager.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Hank Nykaza, 2. Buckie Sager, 3. Roy Graham.

SEMI: 1. Al Alpern, 2. Bill Sprentall, 3. Johnny Kay, 4. Hank Nykaza.

FEATURE: (75 laps) 1. Gays Biro (Al Jackson #9), 2. Chuck Rodee, 3. Roy Graham, 4. Johnny Kay, 5. Hank Nykaza, 6. Buckie Sager, 7. Al Alpern, 8. Bill Sprentall, 9. Emery Rice, 10. Ted Hartley.

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Jacked Up! Turner Takes Sportsman Park Score

Bedford, Ohio.....Jack Turner won the 100-lap USAC National Midget feature at Bedford, Ohio's Sportsman Park on Thursday night, August 2.

Following Turner in the feature were Al Herman, Shorty Templeman, Gays Biro, Jim Florian, Chuck Rodee, Johnnie Tolan, Leroy Warriner, Eddie Sachs, Eddie Johnson, Buckle Sager, and Andy Linden.

Bob Gregg escaped injury when his car was demolished during the first heat race.

Fast time went to Andy Linden at 14.550 seconds.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 2, 1956 – Sportsman Park – Bedford, Ohio

QUALIFYING: 1. Andy Linden-14.550.

DASH: 1. Johnnie Tolan, 2. Jack Turner, 3. Andy Linden, 4. Elmer George.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Al Herman, 2. Shorty Templeman, 3. Buckie Sager.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Eddie Sachs, 2. Jack Turner, 3. Eddie Johnson.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Jim Florian, 2. Leroy Warriner, 3. Johnnie Tolan.

SEMI: 1. Al Herman, 2. Shorty Templeman, 3. Johnny Kay.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Jack Turner (Carl Evans #56), 2. Al Herman, 3. Shorty Templeman, 4. Gays Biro, 5. Jim Florian, 6. Chuck Rodee, 7. Johnnie Tolan, 8. Leroy Warriner, 9. Eddie Sachs, 10. Eddie Johnson, 11. Buckle Sager, 12. Andy Linden, 13. Roy Graham, 14. Gene Hartley, 15. Bud Clemons, 16. Johnny Kay, 17. Jim Shaffer, 18. Elmer George.

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Warriner Reports to Victory Lane at Cincinnati Race Bowl

Evendale, Ohio.....Leroy Warriner won the 50-lap USAC National Midget feature at the high-banked Cincinnati Race Bowl on Friday night, August 3.

Following Warriner in the feature were Gene Force, Eddie Sachs, Elmer George, Shorty Templeman, Paul Howe, Don Branson, Chuck Rodee, Jim Hemmings, Johnny Kay, Roy Graham, and Al Alpern.

Elmer George was the night's fastest qualifier at 12.850 seconds.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 3, 1956 – Cincinnati Race Bowl - Evendale, Ohio

QUALIFYING: 1. Elmer George-12.850.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Johnny Kay, 2. Jim Hemmings, 3. Don Branson, 4. Leroy Warriner.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Shorty Templeman, 2. George Amick, 3. Gene Force, 4. Paul Howe.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Elmer George, 2. Chuck Rodee, 3. Paul Howe, 4. Al Alpern.

SEMI: 1. Don Branson, 2. Johnny Kay, 3. Chuck Rodee, 4. Buckie Sager.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Leroy Warriner (Bob Higman #67), 2. Gene Force, 3. Eddie Sachs, 4. Elmer George, 5. Shorty Templeman, 6. Paul Howe, 7. Don Branson, 8. Chuck Rodee, 9. Jim Hemmings, 10. Johnny Kay, 11. Roy Graham, 12. Al Alpern, 13. George Amick, 14. Buckie Sager, 15. Don Morgan.

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Turner on a Dime at 16th Street

Indianapolis, Indiana.....Jack Turner won the 100-lap USAC National Midget feature at the 16th Street Speedway in Indianapolis, Indiana on Saturday night, August 4.

Following Turner in the feature were Chuck Rodee, Andy Linden, Gene Force, Gays Biro, Johnnie Tolan, Mauri Wilson, Leroy Warriner, Ronnie Kaplan, Paul Howe, George Tichenor, and Elmer George.

Heat race victories went to Justin King, Joe Giba, Forrest Parker, Turner. The semi-feature was won by Al Herman.

George Tichenor topped qualifying with a time of 15.920 seconds.

All drivers in the feature event were fined by United States Auto Club officials for neglecting to properly observe the flags during the running of the feature. Future violators were notified that they will be disqualified.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 4, 1956 – 16th Street Speedway – Indianapolis, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. George Tichenor-15.920.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Justin King.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Joe Giba.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Forrest Parker.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Jack Turner.

SEMI: 1. Al Herman.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Jack Turner (Carl Evans #56), 2. Chuck Rodee, 3. Andy Linden, 4. Gene Force, 5. Gays Biro, 6. Johnnie Tolan, 7. Mauri Wilson, 8. Leroy Warriner, 9. Ronnie Kaplan, 10. Paul Howe, 11. George Tichenor, 12. Elmer George, 13. Jimmy Knight, 14. Shorty Templeman, 15. Don Branson, 16. Bud Clemons, 17. Hank Nykaza, 18. Eddie Sachs.

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Sachs's Avenue Leads to Victory Lane at Little Springfield

Springfield, Illinois.....Eddie Sachs won the 100-lap USAC National Midget feature at Springfield Speedway in Illinois on Friday night, August 17.

Following Sachs in the feature were Chuck Rodee, Leroy Warriner, Andy Linden, Gene Hartley, Jimmy Knight, Arnie Knepper, Al Alpern, Don Branson, Ronnie Kaplan, Chuck Weyant, and Elmer George.

Don Branson set fast time in qualifying with a lap of 12.860 seconds.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 17, 1956 – Springfield Speedway – Springfield, Illinois

QUALIFYING: 1. Don Branson-12.860.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Chuck Weyant, 2. Hank Nykaza, 3. Elmer George, 4. Red Hamilton.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Rex Easton, 2. Shorty Templeman, 3. Gene Hartley, 4. Jimmy Knight.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Eddie Sachs, 2. Roy Graham, 3. Al Alpern, 4. Arnie Knepper.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Andy Linden, 2. Don Branson, 3. Leroy Warriner, 4. Ronnie Kaplan.

SEMI: 1. Van Johnson, 2. Red Hamilton, 3. Bud Clemons, 4. Shorty Templeman.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Eddie Sachs (Justin King #79), 2. Chuck Rodee, 3. Leroy Warriner, 4. Andy Linden, 5. Gene Hartley, 6. Jimmy Knight, 7. Arnie Knepper, 8. Al Alpern, 9. Don Branson, 10. Ronnie Kaplan, 11. Chuck Weyant, 12. Elmer George, 13. Billy Garrett, 14. Al Chamberlain, 15. Rex Easton, 16. Hank Nykaza, 17. Johnnie Tolan.

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Hello Motter! Earl Wins at Terre Haute

Terre Haute, Indiana.....Earl Motter won out over Andy Linden in the 100-lap USAC National Midget feature at Indiana's Terre Haute Action Track on Sunday afternoon, August 19, as both cars crossed the finish line with dead engines.

Following Motter and Linden were Chuck Weyant, Forrest Parker, Gays Biro, George Amick, Gene Hartley, Chuck Rodee, Al Alpern, Leroy Warriner, Hank Nykaza, and Eddie Russo.

Motter was also the fastest qualifier at 25.980 seconds.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 19, 1956 – Terre Haute Action Track – Terre Haute, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Earl Motter-25.980.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Gene Hartley, 2. Earl Motter, 3. Gays Biro, 4. Gene Force.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Leroy Warriner, 2. Al Alpern, 3. Hank Nykaza, 4. Shorty Templeman.

THIRD HEAT: 1. George Amick, 2. Chuck Weyant, 3. Ted Hartley, 4. Johnny Kay.

SEMI: 1. Jimmy Knight, 2. Al Alpern, 3. Joe Giba, 4. Danny Kladis.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Earl Motter (Mari Hulman #21), 2. Andy Linden, 3. Chuck Weyant, 4. Forrest Parker, 5. Gays Biro, 6. George Amick, 7. Gene Hartley, 8. Chuck Rodee, 9. Al Alpern, 10. Leroy Warriner, 11. Hank Nykaza, 12. Eddie Russo.

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Templeman is a Winning Man at Blue Island

Blue Island, Illinois.....Shorty Templeman won the 100-lap USAC National Midget feature at Raceway Park in Blue Island, Illinois on Wednesday night, August 22.

Following Templeman in the feature were George Amick, Rex Easton, Elmer George, Bob McLean, Justin King, Clyde Young, Bob Gregg, Danny Kladis, Eddie Sachs, Gene Hartley, and Jimmy Knight.

George Amick was the fastest qualifier at 12.880 seconds.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 22, 1956 – Raceway Park – Blue Island, Illinois

QUALIFYING: 1. George Amick-12.880.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Chuck Rodee, 2. Van Johnson, 3. Mauri Wilson, 4. George Amick.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Gene Hartley, 2. Eddie Sachs, 3. Al Alpern, 4. Rex Easton.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Jimmy Knight, 2. Bob Cortner, 3. Elmer George, 4. Al Chamberlain.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Bob McLean, 2. Danny Kladis, 3. Shorty Templeman, 4. Clyde Young.

SEMI: 1. Van Johnson, 2. Danny Kladis, 3. Al Chamberlain.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Shorty Templeman (Ashley Wright #2), 2. George Amick, 3. Rex Easton, 4. Elmer George, 5. Bob McLean, 6. Justin King, 7. Clyde Young, 8. Bob Gregg, 9. Danny Kladis, 10. Eddie Sachs, 11. Gene Hartley, 12. Jimmy Knight, 13. Al Alpern, 14. Joe Giba, 15. Jack Turner, 16. Dempsey Wilson, 17. Bob Cortner, 18. Chuck Rodee.

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Reece Cups Milwaukee Mile Midget Race

Milwaukee, Wisconsin.....Jimmy Reece won the 100-mile USAC National Midget race on Saturday, August 25 at Wisconsin's Milwaukee Mile.

Following Reece in the event were Johnnie Parsons, Andy Linden, Chuck Weyant, Bob Gregg, Mauri Wilson, Elmer George, George Amick, Eddie Johnson, Roy Graham, Red Hamilton, and Leroy Warriner.

Joe Giba set a new midget qualifying record with a lap of 35.620 seconds while Reece set a new record for the 100-lap distance with a time of 1:02:12.44.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 25, 1956 – Wisconsin State Fair Park – West Allis, Wisconsin

QUALIFYING: 1. Joe Giba-35.620.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Jimmy Reece (John Zink #8), 2. Johnnie Parsons, 3. Andy Linden, 4. Chuck Weyant, 5. Bob Gregg, 6. Mauri Wilson, 7. Elmer George, 8. George Amick, 9. Eddie Johnson, 10. Roy Graham, 11. Red Hamilton, 12. Leroy Warriner, 13. Johnnie Tolan, 14. George Tichenor, 15. Gays Biro, 16. Rex Records, 17. Wally Hostetler, 18. Billy Garrett, 19. Gene Hartley, 20. Gene Force, 21. Tony Bettenhausen, 22. Al Alpern, 23. Bob Cortner, 24. Shorty Templeman, 25. Chuck Rodee, 26. Joe Giba, 27. Van Johnson 28. Bud Clemons, 29. Bob Veith, 30. Eddie Sachs, 31. Jimmy Davies, 32. Jack Turner, 33. Earl Motter. 1:02:12.44

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Tony B. Gets Sporty in Win at Sportsdrome Victory

Jeffersonville, Indiana.....Tony Bettenhausen won the 100-lap USAC National Midget feature at Jeffersonville, Indiana's Sportsdrome on Saturday night, September 1.

Following Bettenhausen in the feature were Bob McLean, Gene Hartley, Rex Easton, Shorty Templeman, Chuck Rodee, Jimmy Knight, Jack Turner, Johnnie Tolan, Justin King, Leroy Warriner, and Al Alpern.

Rex Easton set the top qualifying time of 15.230 seconds.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: September 1, 1956 – Sportsdrome – Jeffersonville, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Rex Easton-15.230.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Bob McLean, 2. Shorty Templeman, 3. Rex Easton, 4. Chuck Rodee.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Gene Force, 2. Tony Bettenhausen, 3. Johnnie Tolan, 4. Joe Giba.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Jack Turner, 2. Jimmy Knight, 3. Gene Hartley, 4. Johnny Kay.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Al Alpern, 2. Justin King, 3. Bud Clemons, 4. Leroy Warriner.

DASH: 1. Bud Clemons.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Tony Bettenhausen (Harry Turner #82), 2. Bob McLean, 3. Gene Hartley, 4. Rex Easton, 5. Shorty Templeman, 6. Chuck Rodee, 7. Jimmy Knight, 8. Jack Turner, 9. Johnnie Tolan, 10. Justin King, 11. Leroy Warriner, 12. Al Alpern, 13. Joe Giba, 14. Bud Clemons, 15. Paul Howe, 16. Gene Force, 17. Johnny Kay, 18. Jim Hemmings.

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Shorty Stands Tall at 16th Street

Indianapolis, Indiana.....Shorty Templeman scored a USAC National Midget victory at the 16th Street Speedway in Indianapolis, Indiana on Saturday, September 8.

Following Templeman in the 150-lap feature were Gene Hartley, Rex Easton, Forrest Parker, Johnny Kay, Leroy Warriner, Johnnie Tolan, Al Alpern, George Tichenor, Bob McLean, Gays Biro, and Len Sutton.

Len Sutton, in his first time at the track, set a new one-lap qualification record with a lap of 15.640 seconds.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: September 8, 1956 – 16th Street Speedway – Indianapolis, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Len Sutton-15.640 (New Track Record)

FIRST HEAT: 1. Johnnie Tolan, 2. Jim McWithey, 3. Wally Hostetler, 4. Shorty Templeman.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Chuck Rodee, 2. Leroy Warriner, 3. Gene Hartley, 4. George Tichenor.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Gene Force, 2. Jimmy Knight, 3. Bob McLean, 4. Johnny Kay.

SEMI: 1. Forrest Parker, 2. Justin King, 3. Rex Easton, 4. Gays Biro.

FEATURE: (150 laps) 1. Shorty Templeman (Ashley Wright #2), 2. Gene Hartley, 3. Rex Easton, 4. Forrest Parker, 5. Johnny Kay, 6. Leroy Warriner, 7. Johnnie Tolan, 8. Al Alpern, 9. George Tichenor, 10. Bob McLean, 11. Gays Biro, 12. Len Sutton, 13. Ronnie Kaplan, 14. Paul Howe, 15. Wally Hostetler, 16. Ted Hartley, 17. Jimmy Knight, 18. Chuck Rodee, 19. Hank Nykaza, 20. Justin King, 21. Bob Gregg, 22. Al Chamberlain, 23. Gene Force, 24. Mauri Wilson.

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Andy's On It! Linden Lands Motor City Win

Detroit, Michigan: Andy Linden won the 75-lap Midget feature at Detroit, Michigan's Motor City Speedway on Saturday night, September 13.

Following Linden in the feature were Shorty Templeman, Chuck Rodee, Gays Biro, Leroy Warriner, Jimmy Knight, Rex Easton, Al Alpern, Ronnie Duman, Wally Hostetler, Bob Gregg, and Buckie Sager.

Fast qualifying honors went to Chuck Rodee at 13.100 seconds.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: September 15, 1956 – Motor City Speedway – Detroit, Michigan

QUALIFYING: 1. Chuck Rodee-13.100.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Wally Hostetler, 2. Shorty Templeman, 3. Chuck Rodee, 4. Leroy Warriner.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Bob Gregg, 2. Rex Easton, 3. Jimmy Knight, 4. Bill Sprentall.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Andy Linden, 2. Al Alpern, 3. Leroy Warriner, 4. Gays Biro.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Shorty Templeman, 2. Gays Biro, 3. Chuck Rodee, 4. Leroy Warriner.

FEATURE: (75 laps) 1. Andy Linden (Lee Elkins #73), 2. Shorty Templeman, 3. Chuck Rodee, 4. Gays Biro, 5. Leroy Warriner, 6. Jimmy Knight, 7. Rex Easton, 8. Al Alpern, 9. Ronnie Duman, 10. Wally Hostetler, 11. Bob Gregg, 12. Buckie Sager, 13. Bill Doster, 14. Larry McCloskey.

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Templeman of Doom! Shorty Beats 'Em at Dayton

Dayton, Ohio.....Shorty Templeman won the 50-lap USAC National Midget feature on the 1/4-mile track at Dayton Speedway in Dayton, Ohio on Sunday, September 30.

Following Templeman were Leroy Warriner, Tony Bettenhausen, Gene Hartley, Fred Meeker, Jimmy Knight, Chuck Weyant, Gene Force, Rex Easton, Chuck Rodee, Bob McLean, and Paul Howe.

Gene Hartley set fast time with a lap of 13.949 seconds during qualifying.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: September 30, 1956 – Dayton Speedway – Dayton, Ohio

QUALIFYING: 1. Gene Hartley-13.949

FIRST HEAT: 1. Jimmy Reece, 2. Jim Hemmings, 3. Jimmy Knight, 4. Chuck Weyant.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Don Branson, 2. Tony Bettenhausen, 3. Rex Easton, 4. Justin King.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Shorty Templeman, 2. Jim McWithey, 3. Bob McLean, 4. Leroy Warriner.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Gene Hartley, 2. Bill Doster, 3. Paul Howe, 4. Hank Nykaza.

SEMI: 1. Jim McWithey, 2. Jimmy Reece, 3. Leon Clum, 4. Don Branson.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Shorty Templeman (Ashley Wright #2), 2. Leroy Warriner, 3. Tony Bettenhausen, 4. Gene Hartley, 5. Fred Meeker, 6. Jimmy Knight, 7. Chuck Weyant, 8. Gene Force, 9. Rex Easton, 10. Chuck Rodee, 11. Bob McLean, 12. Paul Howe, 13. Bill Doster, 14. Jimmy Reece, 15. Roy Newman, 16. Wally Hostetler, 17. Hank Nykaza, 18. Justin King.

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Bettenhausen is Best Bet at Terre Haute

Terre Haute, Indiana.....Tony Bettenhausen won the 100-lap Midget race at Indiana's Terre Haute Action Track on Sunday, October 7.

The lead changed hands between Bettenhausen and Chuck Weyant six or seven times during the last 10 laps to provide the crowd with one of the most outstanding races ever seen at the track. In the end, Bettenhausen passed Weyant on the last lap of the race to win by one car length.

Following Bettenhausen and Weyant in the feature were Danny Oakes, Bob McLean, Al Alpern, Johnny Roberts, Johnny Hobel, Mauri Wilson, Jimmy Reece, Gene Weyant, Leroy Warriner, and Tommy Gray.

Andy Linden led the feature past the halfway point before being forced to the sidelines with a broken driveshaft.

Don Branson timed in the fastest during qualifying with a lap of 25.190 seconds.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: October 7, 1956 – Terre Haute Action Track – Terre Haute, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Don Branson-25.190.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Jimmy Reece, 2. Bobby Grim, 3. Jim Hemmings, 4. Don Branson.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Bob McLean, 2. Forrest Parker, 3. Eddie Russo, 4. Roy Newman.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Gays Biro, 2. Tony Bettenhausen, 3. Chuck Weyant, 4 Bob Whittey.

SEMI: 1. Danny Oakes, 2. Arnie Knepper, 3. Gene Hartley, 4. Johnny Roberts.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Tony Bettenhausen (Harry Turner #82), 2. Chuck Weyant, 3. Danny Oakes, 4. Bob McLean, 5. Al Alpern, 6. Johnny Roberts, 7. Johnny Hobel, 8. Mauri Wilson, 9. Jimmy Reece, 10. Gene Weyant, 11. Leroy Warriner, 12. Tommy Gray, 14. Don Branson.

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This Bud's for You! Clemons Wins at Orange Show

San Bernadino, California.....Bud Clemons won the 100-lap USAC National Midget Midget feature at San Bernardino, California's Orange Show Stadium on Saturday night, October 13.

Clemons was followed by Jack Jordan, Don Horvath, Elmer George, Roy Gillhamer, Johnnie Parsons, Jimmy Davies, Johnny Baldwin, Jimmy Reece, and Don Edmunds.

Heat race victories went to Tony Bettenhausen, Rodger Ward, Edgar Elder, and Tony Bettenhausen. The semi-feature win went to Norm Rapp. The fastest qualification time was turned in by Jack Jordan.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: October 13, 1956 – Orange Show Stadium – San Bernardino, California

QUALIFYING: 1. Jack Jordan

FIRST HEAT: 1. Tony Bettenhausen

SECOND HEAT: 1. Rodger Ward

THIRD HEAT: 1. Edgar Elder

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Tony Bettenhausen

SEMI: 1. Norm Rapp

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Bud Clemons (Bob Sorensen #19), 2. Jack Jordan, 3. Don Horvath, 4. Elmer George, 5. Roy Gillhamer, 6. Johnnie Parsons, 7. Jimmy Davies, 8. Johnny Baldwin, 9. Jimmy Reece, 10. Don Edmunds, 11. Tony Bettenhausen, 12. George Amick, 13. Billy Garrett, 14. Jud Larson, 15. Johnnie Tolan, 16. Norm Hall, 17. Johnny Boyd, 18. Skee Redican.

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Living in the Age of Elder, Edgar Wins at Gardena

Gardena, California.....It was Edgar Elder night at California's Gardena Stadium on Thursday, November 22, as Elder tied the track record in qualifications at 14.450 seconds and went on to win J.C. Agajanian's Turkey Night Grand Prix.

Elder's time for the 150 laps was 39:43.96.

Following Edgar in the feature were Johnnie Parsons, Rodger Ward, Jimmy Davies, Danny Oakes, Billy Garrett, Bud Clemons, Elmer George, and Don Horvath.

The 67th lap saw Tony Bettenhausen, Jud Larson, George Amick, and Johnnie Tolan involved in a four way pile-up, but none of the drivers were injured and Tolan and Larson continued in the race.

Billy Garrett won the 15-lap semi-feature in a new record time of 3:46:11, Following Garrett were George Amick, Art Bisch and Ray Crawford.

In other news, George Amick was fined for permitting his pit pass to be used by a friend to gain admission to the pit area.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: November 22, 1956 – Gardena Stadium – Gardena, California – Turkey Night Grand Prix

QUALIFYING: 1. Edgar Elder-14.500 (New Track Record), 2. Jud Larson.

SEMI: (15 laps) 1. Billy Garrett, 2. George Amick, 3. Art Bisch, 4. Ray Crawford. 3:46.11

FEATURE: (150 laps) 1. Edgar Elder (Frank Magarian #72), 2. Johnnie Parsons, 3. Rodger Ward, 4. Jimmy Davies, 5. Danny Oakes, 6. Billy Garrett, 7. Bud Clemons, 8. Elmer George, 9. Don Horvath, 10. Don Staudinger, 11. Jack Jordan, 12. Jud Larson, 13. Johnnie Tolan, 14. Bob Cortner, 15. Frank Armii, 16. Don Edmunds, 17. Tony Bettenhausen, 18. George Amick, 19. Art Bisch, 20. Ray Crawford, 21. Johnny Boyd.

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Saugus Belongs to Tolan

Saugus, California.....Johnnie Tolan won the 100-lap USAC National Midget feature at Saugus, California's Bonelli Stadium on December 30.

The final midget race of the season saw Tolan crack the track record for the distance, breaking the old mark set on January 29, 1956. The new record for 100 laps is now 33:13.59.

Following Tolan in the feature event were Len Sutton, Troy Ruttman, Jack Jordan, Danny Oakes, Bud Clemons, George Amick, Joe Garson, Norm Hall, Dempsey Wilson, Art Bisch, and Johnnie Parsons.

Bob Gregg set the fastest qualification time with a lap of 19.030 seconds in the new Kurtis Kraft Roadster Midget owned by Ashley Wright. Billy Garrett won the trophy dash.

Forty cars were on hand for the final midget race of the 1956 season, which was under the capable promotion of J.C. Agajanian.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: December 30, 1956 – Bonelli Stadium – Santa Clarita, California

QUALIFYING: 1. Bob Gregg-19.030

DASH: 1. Billy Garrett

FIRST HEAT: 1. Jack Jordan, 2. Johnnie Tolan, 3. Norm Hall.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Bud Clemons, 2. Danny Jones, 3. George Amick.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Frank Armi, 2. Troy Ruttman, 3. Len Sutton.

FIRST SEMI: 1. Frank Armi, 2. Johnnie Tolan, 3. Edgar Elder.

SECOND SEMI: 1. Joe Garson, 2. Art Bisch, 3. Troy Ruttman.

THIRD SEMI: 1. Len Sutton, 2. Danny Oakes.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Johnnie Tolan (Bill Krech #26), 2. Len Sutton, 3. Troy Ruttman, 4. Jack Jordan, 5. Danny Oakes, 6. Bud Clemons, 7. George Amick, 8. Joe Garson, 9. Norm Hall, 10. Dempsey Wilson, 11. Art Bisch, 12. Johnnie Parsons, 13. Danny Jones, 14. Frank Armi. 33:13.59