

Shorty Grabs the Trifecta

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With serious competition threatening him all the way, Shorty Templeman once again emerged as the top man in the midgets in 1958 to become the first three-time USAC National Midget champion.

The feat came much harder than the previous two for the Seattle, Wash. native as he finished only 8.25 points ahead of Rex Easton of Springfield, Ill. in the final standings. Templeman and Easton were the top two contenders a year ago and, for the second year in a row, Templeman won out in the point battle despite the fact Easton won more races.

In 41 events, Templeman won twice and was the fastest qualifier five times. Easton won four races in 42 appearances and was the fastest qualifier once. Gene Hartley of Roanoke, Ind. raced in 32 features and repeated his 1957 third place finish. Veteran Don Branson of Rantoul, Ill. was fourth.

At the end of April, with all the races to that time scheduled on the pacific coast, Johnnie Tolan of Denver, Colo. was the point leader with a substantial margin over Joe Garson of Los Angeles, Calif. and Billy Garrett of Burbank, Calif. Templeman ranked fourth, but the points earned in the early races eventually proved to be the deciding factor.

The best in May was Mauri Wilson of Chicago, Ill. closely followed by Gene Force of Richmond, Ind. Templeman and Easton were busy with Indianapolis 500 duties but returned in June in tandem force back at the top of the field.

Jack Turner had the best sustained run of the season during June, winning three-in-a-row and four out of six races from June 11 to June 25. Bill Homeier of Pacoima, Calif. won a 100-mile race at Langhorne (Pa.) Speedway and vaulted into second place in the standings. Homeier outscored all other drivers during the month. Templeman picked up over 200 points and took the lead. Easton was pretty far behind in ninth place but rising rapidly.

The month of July went to Easton as the Springfield, Ill. pilot began to make his bid for the title, moving into third place behind Templeman and Hartley. Easton scored 437 points in a busy August to take over the championship lead.

September and October went to Don Branson, who won two of four races in the Midwest to cement a fourth-place finish in the final standings. Had Branson competed in more races during the early portion of the season, he might have been the champion. On the other hand, both Templeman and Easton had difficulties finishing races at the end of the season.

Templeman carried a very small lead into the final races in California. Hartley closed with a rush to barely miss the Midwest Midget championship. He still had a mathematical chance for the National crown, but decided against running in the west, so that left only Templeman and Easton in the running.

Easton won a feature at Phoenix, Arizona's Manzanita Speedway, but couldn't close much of the gap between himself and Templeman. Going into the final race at Ascot Stadium in Gardena, Calif., Templeman led by 48.25 points. Templeman dropped out of the race with mechanical difficulties early in the race, so Easton had to finish fifth or better to win the championship. Driving a borrowed car, Easton tried with all his might, but sixth was the best he could do.

Templeman started his racing career at Bremerton, Washington in 1945. He was third in the 1954 AAA National Midget standings, second in 1955 and was the champion in each of the first three years of USAC's history.

In a span of 12 days during midseason, the series lost two drivers. Paul Howe, 43, of Danville, Ind., was killed during the June 18 feature at South Bend (Ind.) Motor Speedway after striking the fence, then flipping back onto the track and landing upside down. During qualifying for the June 29 event at Langhorne, New Brunswick, New Jersey's Nick Duino endured a fatal broken neck following a series of flips that ejected him from his ride. The 21-year-old was making his USAC debut.

Among the items that were subjected to a more thorough inspection in 1958 were helmets, seat belts, shoulder harnesses and roll bars. New mandates required helmet shells to be made of fiberglass. Helmets were to be equipped with adequate chin straps and liners in good condition to meet approval. Roll bars remained only “encouraged.”

Duane Carter, Director of Competition, and Tom Binford, President, met with midget car owners, drivers, and promoters at Crown Point, Ind. on April 5, where it was agreed that the rule concerning drivers who enter events and then fail to appear at said event, would be enforced throughout the 1958 season.

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Tolan is the Winner at Riverside

Riverside, California.....The first road race for USAC National Midgets was won by Johnnie Tolan of Denver, Colorado, by more than a mile over second place Joe Garson in the 100-mile race at California’s Riverside International Raceway on Sunday, January 19.

Tolan's time for the 40 lap, 100 mile race was 1:08:31.61 for an average of 87.556 miles per hour, which delivered the first points toward the 1958 USAC National Midget Championship.

Driving the Inglewood Tire Services Spl. owned by Bill Krech of Inglewood., California, Tolan had been the fastest qualifier with a time of 1:41.05 for an average speed of 89.064 miles per hour.

Tolan won the trophy dash, besting Wilson, Easton and Templeman.

George Amick of Venice, California was hospitalized with severe bruises as a result of a spectacular flip in one of the heat races. Jerry Unser and Rodger Ward sustained minor injuries in other accidents.

Promoter J.C. Agajanian paid a guaranteed purse of \$5,000.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: January 19, 1958 – Riverside International Raceway – Riverside, California

QUALIFYING: 1. Johnnie Tolan-1:41.050

DASH: 1. Johnnie Tolan, 2. Dempsey Wilson, 3. Rex Easton, 4. Shorty Templeman.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Shorty Templeman, 2. Johnnie Tolan, 3. Joe Garson, 4. Billy Garrett.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Dempsey Wilson, 2. Rex Easton, 3. Don Horvath, 4. Danny Jones.

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Johnnie Tolan (Bill Krech #76), 2. Joe Garson, 3. Shorty Templeman, 4. Billy Garrett, 5. Don Horvath, 6. Art Bisch, 7. Dempsey Wilson, 8. Tony Bettenhausen, 9. Ray Crawford, 10. Bob Cortner, 11. Dick Betts, 12. Les Scott, 13. Danny Oakes, 14. Bill Homeier, 15. Rex Easton, 16. Louie Unser, 17. Earl Motter, 18. Harry Stockman. 1:08:31.61

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Garrett Leads All the Way to Win at San Jose Midget Race

San Jose, California.....Billy Garrett of Burbank, California started third and led all 100 laps of the USAC National Midget championship race at California's San Jose Speedway on Sunday, March 9.

Johnnie Tolan of Denver, Colorado finished second and picked up enough points to hold first place in the USAC National and Pacific Coast Midget point standings.

Promoter J.C. Agajanian announced that the crowd totaled 5,500, permitting the purse to go \$750 over the guarantee of \$2,000.

Johnnie Parsons of Van Nuys, California won the second heat and set a new track record for six laps of 1:38.41, breaking the old record of 1:41.01 set by Johnnie Tolan on February 10, 1957. Parsons' average speed was 73.163 miles per hour.

Shorty Templeman of Seattle, Washington was the fastest qualifier at 16.400 seconds.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: March 9, 1958 – San Jose Speedway – San Jose, California

QUALIFYING: 1. Shorty Templeman-16.400.

DASH: 1. Joe Garson, 2. Shorty Templeman, 3. Len Sutton, 4. Mike McGreevy.

FIRST HEAT: (6 laps) 1. Art Bisch, 2. Ed Normi, 3. Tommy Copp, 4. Billy Garrett.

SECOND HEAT: (6 laps) 1. Johnnie Parsons, 2. George Amick, 3. Don Horvath, 4. Dee Hileman. 1:38.41 (New Track Record)

THIRD HEAT: (6 laps) 1. Dickie Reese, 2. Bob Cortner, 3. Earl Motter, 4. Billy Garrett.

SEMI: 1. Don Horvath, 2. Johnnie Parsons, 3. Cotton Farmer, 4. Tommy Copp, 5. Louie Unser, 6. Ed Normi.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Billy Garrett (Gus Linhares #17), 2. Johnnie Tolan, 3. Dickie Reese, 4. Mike McGreevy, 5. Bob Cortner, 6. Dempsey Wilson, 7. Danny Oakes, 8. Les Scott, 9. Art Bisch, 10. Johnnie Parsons, 11. Dee Hileman, 12. Earl Motter.

QUALIFYING: Shorty Templeman (16.400)

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-100 Billy Garrett.

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Garson Jumps to Second in Standings with Win at Gardena

Gardena, California.....Joe Garson of Los Angeles, California moved into second in the USAC National Midget Championship point standings by winning the 100-lap feature on the quarter-mile dirt track at California's Gardena Stadium on Saturday night, April 5.

Johnnie Tolan of Denver, Colorado finished 12th in the feature and maintained a 9.5 point edge on Garson in the standings.

The time for the feature was 27:20.80.

Garson was the fastest qualifier with a time of 15.930 seconds.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: April 5, 1958 – Gardena Stadium – Gardena, California

QUALIFYING: 1. Joe Garson-15.930; 2. Dickie Reese-15.940; 3. Johnnie Parsons-15.970; 4. Bill Homeier-16.070; 5. Danny Oakes-16.150; 6. Shorty Templeman-16.200.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Billy Garrett, 2. Art Bisch, 3. Harry Stockman.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Don Horvath, 2. Mike McGreevy, 3. Dickie Reese.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Earl Motter, 2. Cotton Farmer, 3. Shorty Templeman.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Billy Garrett, 2. Mike McGreevy, 3. Art Bisch.

DASH: 1. Johnnie Parsons, 2. Joe Garson, 3. Dickie Reese.

SEMI: 1. Carl Williams, 2. Harry Stockman, 3. Dempsey Wilson.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Joe Garson (Ernie Casale #2), 2. Johnny Moorhouse, 3. Ray Crawford, 4. Johnnie Parsons, 5. Danny Oakes, 6. Les Scott, 7. Bill Homeier, 8. Shorty Templeman, 9. Tommy Copp, 10. Art Bisch, 11. Billy Garrett, 12. Johnnie Tolan, 13. Len Sutton, 14. Don Edmunds, 15. Norm Rapp, 16. George Amick, 17. Shorty Templeman, 18. Bob Spoo. 27:20.80

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Moorhouse Wins Gardena Midget Race

Gardena, California.....Johnny Moorhouse of Santa Ana, California won the 100-lap feature of the midget program at California's Gardena Stadium on Saturday, April 19.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: April 19, 1958 – Gardena Stadium – Gardena, California

QUALIFYING: 1. Ray Crawford-16.150.

DASH: 1. Joe Garson, 2. Don Horvath, 3. Ray Crawford.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Earl Motter, 2. Art Bisch, 3. Johnnie Tolan.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Dempsey Wilson, 2. Billy Garrett, 3. Bob Cortner.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Johnny Moorhouse, 2. Tommy Copp, 3. Don Edmunds.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Dempsey Wilson, 2. Earl Motter, 3. Johnny Moorhouse.

SEMI: 1. Dempsey Wilson, 2. Earl Motter, 3. Jim Hayes.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Johnny Moorhouse (Clyde Lynch #27), 2. Johnnie Tolan, 3. Tommy Copp, 4. Dickie Reese, 5. Bill Boyd, 6. Danny Oakes, 7. Billy Garrett, 8. Joe Garson, 9. Art Bisch, 10. Don Edmunds, 11. Larry Dunham, 12. Johnnie Parsons.

QUALIFYING: Ray Crawford (16.150)

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Motter Wins Midget Race at Contra Costa

Pacheco, California.....Earl Motter of Hayward, California won the 100-lap USAC National Midget championship race on the quarter-mile dirt track at Pacheco, California's Contra Costa Stadium on Saturday, April 26.

Motter set a track record of 25:27.07 in the feature event. Dickie Reese of Berkeley, California also set a track record for one lap in qualifications at 14.160 seconds.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: April 26, 1958 – Contra Costa Stadium – Pacheco, California

QUALIFYING: 1. Dickie Reese-14.160 (New Track Record); 2. Johnnie Parsons; 3. Tommy Copp; 4. Ed Normi; 5. Johnnie Tolan; 6. Bob Cortner.

DASH: 1. Tommy Copp, 2. Ed Normi, 3. Johnnie Parsons, 4. Dickie Reese.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Earl Motter, 2. Dickie Reese, 3. Shorty Templeman.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Davey Moses, 2. Larry Dunham, 3. Johnnie Tolan.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Gene Gurney, 2. Mike McGreevy, 3. Jim Hayes.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Dickie Reese, 2. Earl Motter, 3. Davey Moses.

SEMI: 1. Gene Gurney, 2. Chuck Booth, 3. Dee Hileman.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Earl Motter (Moe Goff #57), 2. Dickie Reese, 3. Mike McGreevy, 4. Ed Normi, 5. Shorty Templeman, 6. Johnnie Tolan, 7. Tommy Copp, 8. Larry Dunham, 9. Chuck Booth, 10. Bob Spoo, 11. Bob Cortner, 12. Joe Garson. 25:27.07

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Amick Wins First Midget Race at New Bremen

New Bremen, Ohio.....George Amick of Venice, California drove Harry Turner's midget into first place less than six laps from the finish to win the first United States Auto Club Midget race ever held at Ohio's New Bremen Speedway on Sunday, May 11.

Van Johnson of Anaheim, California had led most of the way after passing Amick and Rex Easton of Springfield, Illinois, who engaged in a thrilling duel in the early laps. Johnson got caught in traffic and Amick drove underneath in the first turn to take the lead.

Thirty-four drivers attempted to qualify for the 24 starting positions in the feature. The purse was \$3000.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: May 11, 1958 – New Bremen Speedway – New Bremen, Ohio

QUALIFYING: 1. George Amick-20.760, 2. Rex Easton, 3. Rodger Ward, 4. Van Johnson, 5. Elmer George.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Darrell York, 2. Wally Hostettler, 3. Jim Shaffer.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Bob McLean, 2. Eddie Johnson, 3. Billy Garrett.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Chuck Weyant, 2. Gene Hartley, 3. Ted Hartley.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Lloyd Ruby, 2. Gene Force, 3. Bob Wente.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. George Amick (Harry Turner #82), 2. Van Johnson, 3. Lloyd Ruby, 4. Billy Garrett, 5. Gene Hartley, 6. Bob Wente, 7. Ted Hartley, 8. Bill Homeier, 9. Chuck Weyant, 10. Johnny Kay, 11. Don Branson, 12. Paul Howe.

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Lloyd Ruby Wins Midget Race at Dayton

Dayton, Ohio.....Lloyd Ruby of Wichita Falls, Texas won the 50-lap midget race on the half-mile track at Ohio's Dayton Speedway on Friday night, May 23.

Heat winners were Les Scott, Don Branson, Jim Packard, and Davey Moses.

The fastest qualifier was Harry Kern with a time of 23.800 seconds.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: May 23, 1958 – Dayton Speedway – Dayton, Ohio

QUALIFYING: 1. Harry Kern-23.800

FIRST HEAT: 1. Les Scott.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Don Branson.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Jim Packard.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Davey Moses.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Lloyd Ruby (Ray Bolander #4), 2. Gene Force, 3. Don Branson, 4. Les Scott, 5. Bob Wente, 6. Harry Kern, 7. Johnny White, 8. Paul Howe, 9. Buzz Barton, 10. Roy Graham, 11. Wally Hostetler, 12. Carl Williams, 13. Bob Schroeder, 14. Sonny McDaniel, 15. E. Swain, 16. Davey Moses, 17. Bill Homeier, 18. Roy Gillhamer, 19. Cotton Farmer, 20. Norm Hall, 21. Bob McLean, 22. Cecil Smith, 23. Jim Packard, 24. Johnny Kay.

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Frank Burany Credited with Kokomo Midget Win

Kokomo, Indiana.....Frank Burany of Elm Grove, Wisconsin was ruled the winner of a 50-lap midget race on the quarter-mile dirt track at Indiana's Kokomo Speedway on Saturday night, May 24, when Lloyd Ruby was penalized one lap for passing under the yellow flag.

The heat race winners were Burany, Harry Kern, Les Scott, and Ruby.

The fastest qualifiers were Ruby at 17.390 seconds, followed by Roy Gillhamer, Sonny McDaniel, Don Branson, Rex Easton, and Danny Burke.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: May 24, 1958 – Kokomo Speedway – Kokomo, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Lloyd Ruby-17.390, 2. Roy Gillhamer, 3. Sonny McDaniel, 4. Don Branson, 5. Rex Easton, 6. Danny Burke.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Frank Burany.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Harry Kern.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Les Scott.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Lloyd Ruby

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Frank Burany (Harry Turner #82), 2. Lloyd Ruby, 3. Jim Packard, 4. Gene Force, 5. Buzz Barton, 6. Rex Easton, 7. Bill Homeier, 8. Bob Wente, 9. Paul Howe, 10. Wally Hostetler, 11. Tommy Copp, 12. Danny Burke, 13. Don Branson, 14. Carl Williams, 15. Don Boorse, 16. Sonny McDaniel, 17. Roy Gillhamer, 18. Davey Moses.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: May 28, 1958 – Raceway Park – Blue Island, Illinois

QUALIFYING: 1. Mauri Wilson-12.740.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Frank Burany (Mabel Cummings #45), 2. Mauri Wilson, 3. Russ Congdon, 4. Jim Packard, 5. Davey Moses, 6. Sonny McDaniel, 7. Jimmy Knight, 8. Ronnie Kaplan, 9. Don Boorse, 10. Buzz Barton, 11. Les Scott, 12. Bob Schroeder, 13. Johnny Roberts, 14. Don Branson, 15. Bob Wente, 16. Rex Easton, 17. Lloyd Ruby, 18. Johnny White.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: May 29, 1958 – 16th Street Speedway – Indianapolis, Indiana – Night Before the 500

QUALIFYING: 1. Mauri Wilson-15.970.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Mauri Wilson (Mauri Wilson #61), 2. Andy Furci, 3. Leroy Warriner, 4. Joe Sostilio, 5. Rex Easton, 6. Tony Bonadies, 7. Gene Hartley, 8. Palmer Crowell, 9. Mel McGaughy, 10. Earl Motter, 11. Tommy Rice, 12. Buzz Barton, 13. Buddy Cagle, 14. ???, 15. Lloyd Ruby, 16. Don Branson, 17. Paul Howe, 18. Russ Congdon.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: May 29, 1958 – 16th Street Speedway – Indianapolis, Indiana – Night Before the 500

QUALIFYING: 1. Mauri Wilson-15.750.

FEATURE: (150 laps) 1. Gene Force (Lloyd Hamm #22), 2. Mauri Wilson, 3. Gene Hartley, 4. Rex Easton, 5. Danny Oakes, 6. Andy Furci, 7. Frank Burany, 8. Paul Howe, 9. Tommy Copp, 10. Palmer Crowell, 11. Russ Congdon, 12. Lloyd Ruby.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: May 29, 1958 – 16th Street Speedway – Indianapolis, Indiana – Night Before the 500

QUALIFYING: 1. Tony Bonadies

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Tony Bonadies (Edwin Walker #9), 2. Tommy Copp, 3. Gene Force, 4. Les Scott, 5. Roger Bailey, 6. Russ Klar, 7. Lloyd Ruby, 8. Mel McGaughy, 9. Don Branson, 10. Paul Howe, 11. Davey Moses, 12. Buddy Cagle, 13. Danny Oakes, 14. Jack Bates, 15. Rex Easton, 16. Mauri Wilson, 17. Andy Furci, 18. Wally Hostetler.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 5, 1958 – Berlin Raceway – Marne, Michigan

QUALIFYING: 1. George Amick-23.710.

FEATURE: (25 laps) 1. George Amick (Harry Turner #82), 2. Buddy Cagle, 3. Cotton Farmer, 4. Gene Hartley, 5. Bill Homeier, 6. Leroy Warriner, 7. Johnny White, 8. Jack Beduhn, 9. Benny Kieff.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 6, 1958 – Springfield Speedway – Springfield, Illinois

QUALIFYING: 1. Russ Congdon-13.410.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Johnny Roberts (M.J. & H.E. Holton #11), 2. Gene Weyant, 3. Buddy Cagle, 4. Bill Homeier, 5. Paul Howe, 6. Shorty Templeman, 7. Bob Schroeder, 8. Tommy Copp, 9. Chuck Weyant, 10. Russ Congdon, 11. Dale Swaim, 12. Johnny Kay.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 11, 1958 – Cincinnati Race Bowl – Evendale, Ohio

QUALIFYING: 1. Jack Turner-12.940.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Jack Turner (Jack Turner #6), 2. Rex Easton, 3. Buddy Cagle, 4. Cotton Farmer, 5. Shorty Templeman, 6. Bob Wente, 7. Russ Congdon, 8. Bob Schroeder, 9. Bill Homeier, 10. Norm Hall, 11. Tommy Copp, 12. Harry Kern, 13. Johnny Kay, 14. Jim Davis, 15. Dale Swaim, 16. A.J. Foyt, 17. Gene Force, 18. Don Branson, 19. Rick Kerr.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 14, 1958 – Motor City Speedway – Detroit, Michigan

QUALIFYING: 1. Russ Congdon-12.970.

FEATURE: (75 laps) 1. Gene Hartley (Red Marley #88), 2. Bill Homeier, 3. Shorty Templeman, 4. Gene Force, 5. Russ Congdon, 6. Mauri Wilson, 7. Tommy Copp, 8. Dale Swaim, 9. Bob Wente, 10. Buddy Cagle, 11. Leroy Warriner, 12. Paul Howe.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 18, 1958 – South Bend Motor Speedway – South Bend, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Shorty Templeman-13.310.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Rex Easton (Lloyd Rahn #2), 2. Len Sutton, 3. Buddy Cagle, 4. Shorty Templeman, 5. Cotton Farmer, 6. Bill Homeier, 7. Harry Kern, 8. Jack Bates, 9. Gene Force, 10. Tommy Copp, 11. Gene Hartley, 12. Don Branson, 13. Mauri Wilson, 14. Rick Kerr, 15. Jim Davis, 16. Jack Turner, 17. Bob McLean, 18. Paul Howe.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 20, 1958 – Sportsdrome – Jeffersonville, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Bob Wente-15.040.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Jack Turner (Jack Turner #6), 2. Leroy Warriner, 3. Rex Easton, 4. Shorty Templeman, 5. Len Sutton, 6. Gene Hartley, 7. Buddy Cagle, 8. Gene Force, 9. Don Branson, 10. Danny Oakes, 11. Norm Hall, 12. Justin King.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 22, 1958 – Santa Fe Speedway – Hinsdale, Illinois

QUALIFYING: 1. Don Branson.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 24, 1958 – Lansing Motor Speedway – Mason, Michigan

QUALIFYING: 1. Jack Turner-14.170.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Jack Turner (Jack Turner #6), 2. Cotton Farmer, 3. Gene Hartley, 4. Rex Easton, 5. Danny Oakes, 6. Shorty Templeman, 7. Len Sutton, 8. Ronnie Duman, 9. Don Branson, 10. Tommy Copp, 11. Russ Congdon, 12. Bob Wente.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 25, 1958 – Grand Rapids Speedrome – Grand Rapids, Michigan

QUALIFYING: 1. Don Branson-12.800.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Jack Turner (Jack Turner #6), 2. Shorty Templeman, 3. Russ Congdon, 4. George Amick, 5. Rex Easton, 6. Gene Hartley, 7. Bill Homeier, 8. Norm Hall, 9. Bob Wente, 10. Tim Sullivan, 11. Rick Kerr, 12. Danny Oakes.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 28, 1958 – Motor City Speedway – Detroit, Michigan

QUALIFYING: 1. Bob McLean-12.890.

FEATURE: (75 laps) 1. Gene Force (Bob Higman #67), 2. Shorty Templeman, 3. George Amick, 4. Gene Hartley, 5. Don Branson, 6. Eddie Johnson, 7. Mauri Wilson, 8. Jack Turner, 9. Len Sutton, 10. Bob McLean, 11. Rex Easton, 12. Leroy Warriner, 13. Bob Wente, 14. Ronnie Duman, 15. Russ Congdon, 16. Dale Swaim, 17. Danny Oakes, 18. Jim Florian.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 29, 1958 – Langhorne Speedway – Langhorne, Pennsylvania

QUALIFYING: 1. Buddy Cagle-36.540.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Bill Homeier (Al Jackson #91), 2. Buddy Cagle, 3. Bud Randall, 4. Dick Linder, 5. Ernie McCoy, 6. Al Herman, 7. Chuck Weyant, 8. Jiggs Peters, 9. Chuck Arnold, 10. Vic Martin, 11. Jud Larson, 12. Bob Boone, 13. Bob Disbrow, 14. Len Duncan, 15. Wally Hostetler, 16. Mike Magill, 17. Red Riegel, 18. Steve Yanigan, 19. Tony Romit, 20. Tony Bonadies, 21. Jim Packard.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 9, 1958 – Cincinnati Race Bowl – Evendale, Ohio

QUALIFYING: 1. Dale Swaim-13.000.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Jim Packard (Bill Lloyd #27), 2. Rex Easton, 3. Jack Turner, 4. Buddy Cagle, 5. Cotton Farmer, 6. George Amick, 7. Shorty Templeman, 8. Gene Force, 9. Bob Wente, 10. Leroy Warriner, 11. Elmer George, 12. Bob Schroeder, 13. Les Scott, 14. Don Branson, 15. Tommy Copp, 16. Russ Congdon, 17. Bob McLean, 18. Dale Swaim.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 12, 1958 – Motor City Speedway – Detroit, Michigan

QUALIFYING: 1. Shorty Templeman-12.970.

FEATURE: (75 laps) 1. Gene Hartley (Red Marley #88), 2. Shorty Templeman, 3. Len Sutton, 4. Eddie Johnson, 5. Russ Congdon, 6. Bob McLean, 7. Johnny White, 8. Dale Swaim, 9. Bob Wente, 10. Ronnie Duman, 11. Rex Easton, 12. Buddy Cagle, 13. Don Branson, 14. Cotton Farmer, 15. Gene Force, 16. Earl Motter, 17. Mauri Wilson, 18. Jack Turner.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 16, 1958 – Raceway Park – Blue Island, Illinois

QUALIFYING: 1. Bob Wente-12.680.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Len Sutton (Ed Loniewski #87), 2. Gene Hartley, 3. Shorty Templeman, 4. Rex Easton, 5. Bob McLean, 6. Bill Homeier, 7. Russ Congdon, 8. Bob Wente, 9. Don Branson, 10. Jack Bates, 11. Tommy Copp, 12. Buddy Cagle, 13. Bob Schroeder, 14. Earl Motter, 15. Don Boorse, 16. Jack Turner, 17. Mauri Wilson, 18. Gene Force.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 18, 1958 – Sportsdrome – Jeffersonville, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Len Sutton-15.390.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Jack Turner (Bob Higman #67), 2. Len Sutton, 3. Shorty Templeman, 4. Don Branson, 5. Dale Swaim, 6. Bill Homeier, 7. Gene Hartley, 8. Les Scott, 9. Buddy Cagle, 10. Bob Wente, 11. Chuck Weyant, 12. Gene Force.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 23, 1958 – Grand Rapids Speedrome – Grand Rapids, Michigan

QUALIFYING: 1. George Amick-13.010.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. George Amick (Hugh McCullough #44), 2. Rex Easton, 3. Jack Turner, 4. Justin King, 5. Johnny White, 6. Les Scott, 7. Tommy Copp, 8. Len Sutton, 9. Gene Force, 10. Cotton Farmer, 11. Russ Congdon, 12. Bill Homeier.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 24, 1958 – Jackson Motor Speedway – Jackson, Michigan

QUALIFYING: 1. Leroy Warriner-18.750.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Bill Homeier (Al Jackson #9), 2. Jack Turner, 3. Shorty Templeman, 4. Buddy Cagle, 5. Don Branson, 6. Gene Force, 7. Jimmy Daywalt, 8. Earl Motter, 9. Russ Congdon, 10. Les Scott, 11. Ronnie Duman, 12. Leroy Warriner, 13. Rex Easton, 14. Johnny White, 15. Bob Schroeder, 16. Don Horvath, 17. Bob Wente, 18. Tommy Copp.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 25, 1958 – South Bend Motor Speedway – South Bend, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Len Sutton-13.220.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Shorty Templeman (Don Horvath #26), 2. Rex Easton, 3. Jack Turner, 4. Gene Force, 5. Mauri Wilson, 6. Norm Hall, 7. Les Scott, 8. Bob Wente, 9. Justin King, 10. Leroy Warriner, 11. Buddy Cagle, 12. Tommy Copp, 13. Tim Sullivan, 14. John Slowiak, 15. Jimmy Daywalt, 16. Len Sutton, 17. Bob McLean, 18. Gene Hartley.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 26, 1958 – Motor City Speedway – Detroit, Michigan

QUALIFYING: 1. Russ Congdon-12.930.

FEATURE: (75 laps) 1. Russ Congdon (Avis & Clarence Fischer #63), 2. Buddy Cagle, 3. Bill Homeier, 4. Gene Hartley, 5. Rex Easton, 6. Bob McLean, 7. Leroy Warriner, 8. Jack Turner, 9. Earl Motter, 10. Ronnie Duman, 11. Bob Wente, 12. Danny Oakes, 13. Fred Johns, 14. John Slowiak, 15. Johnny White, 16. Tim Sullivan, 17. Mauri Wilson, 18. Don Branson.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 27, 1958 – New Bremen Speedway – New Bremen, Ohio

QUALIFYING: 1. Rex Easton-21.110.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Rex Easton (Lloyd Rahn #2), 2. Gene Hartley, 3. Buddy Cagle, 4. Bob Wente, 5. Jack Turner, 6. Cotton Farmer, 7. Earl Motter, 8. Len Sutton, 9. Jim Packard, 10. Dick Ritchie, 11. Gene Force, 12. Russ Congdon, 13. Bud Tingelstad, 14. Danny Oakes, 15. Bill Homeier, 16. Mauri Wilson, 17. Vic Martin, 18. Tommy Copp, 19. Johnny Roberts, 20. Johnny White, 21. Bill Cheesbourg, 22. Don Branson, 23. Bob McLean, 24. Rodger Ward.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 1, 1958 – Quad City Raceway – East Moline, Illinois

QUALIFYING: 1. A.J. Foyt.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Gene Hartley (Ray Bolander #4), 2. Bob Wente, 3. Rex Easton, 4. Don Branson, 5. Gene Force, 6. Carl Williams, 7. Len Sutton, 8. Bob Schroeder, 9. Johnny Roberts, 10. Shorty Templeman, 11. A.J. Foyt, 12. Mauri Wilson.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 2, 1958 – Soldier Field – Chicago, Illinois

QUALIFYING: 1. Len Sutton-16.820.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Eddie Johnson (Jerry Zeelo #21), 2. Rex Easton, 3. Russ Congdon, 4. A.J. Foyt, 5. Bob Wente, 6. Gene Hartley, 7. Jimmy Daywalt, 8. Len Sutton, 9. Jim Packard, 10. Don Boorse, 11. Don Branson, 12. Danny Oakes, 13. Bob Hare, 14. Bill Homeier, 15. Gene Force, 16. Chuck Weyant, 17. Leroy Warriner, 18. Shorty Templeman.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 3, 1958 – Indianapolis Speedrome – Indianapolis, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Shorty Templeman-14.390.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Gene Hartley (Ray Bolander #4), 2. Bud Tingelstad, 3. Johnnie Tolan, 4. Norm Hall, 5. A.J. Foyt, 6. Buddy Cagle, 7. Len Sutton, 8. Bob McLean, 9. Gene Force, 10. Rex Easton, 11. Ted Hartley, 12. Leroy Warriner, 13. Jim Packard, 14. Danny Oakes, 15. Russ Congdon, 16. Shorty Templeman, 17. Bob Wente, 18. Wally Hostetler.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 6, 1958 – Grand Rapids Speedrome – Grand Rapids, Michigan

QUALIFYING: 1. George Amick-13.070.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. George Amick (Hugh McCullough #44), 2. Cotton Farmer, 3. Gene Hartley, 4. Gene Force, 5. Jack Turner, 6. Shorty Templeman, 7. Russ Congdon, 8. Rex Easton, 9. Danny Oakes, 10. Buddy Cagle, 11. Bud Tingelstad, 12. Ted Hartley.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 7, 1958 – Lansing Motor Speedway – Mason, Michigan

QUALIFYING: 1. Bud Tingelstad-14.500.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Gene Force (Bob & Gene Shannon #22), 2. Gene Hartley, 3. Russ Congdon, 4. Rex Easton, 5. Jack Turner, 6. Shorty Templeman, 7. Bob McLean, 8. Cotton Farmer, 9. Bill Homeier, 10. Bud Tingelstad, 11. Danny Oakes, 12. Buddy Cagle.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 9, 1958 – Motor City Speedway – Detroit, Michigan

QUALIFYING: 1. Gene Hartley.

FEATURE: (75 laps) 1. Shorty Templeman (Don Persons #79), 2. Rex Easton, 3. Buddy Cagle, 4. Len Sutton, 5. Jack Turner, 6. Bob Wente, 7. Ronnie Duman, 8. Johnny White, 9. Danny Oakes, 10. Bob McLean, 11. Gene Hartley, 12. Jerry Kemp, 13. Bud Tingelstad, 14. Tim Sullivan, 15. Russ Congdon, 16. Bill Homeier, 17. Eddie Johnson, 18. Gene Force.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 12, 1958 – Columbus Motor Speedway – Columbus, Ohio

QUALIFYING: 1. Jack Turner-16.340.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Bob Wente (Mabel Cummings #45), 2. Rex Easton, 3. Don Branson, 4. Jim Packard, 5. Gene Hartley, 6. Buddy Cagle, 7. Johnny White, 8. Shorty Templeman, 9. Len Sutton, 10. Russ Congdon, 11. Dale Swaim, 12. A.J. Foyt, 13. Bill Cheesbourg, 14. Leroy Warriner, 15. Norm Hall, 16. Tommy Copp, 17. Jack Turner, 18. Roy Graham.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 13, 1958 – Cincinnati Race Bowl – Evendale, Ohio

QUALIFYING: 1. Don Branson-12.930.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Rex Easton (Lloyd Rahn #2), 2. Buddy Cagle, 3. Gene Force, 4. Don Branson, 5. Shorty Templeman, 6. Jack Turner, 7. Cotton Farmer, 8. Bob Wente, 9. Bill Cheesbourg, 10. Jim Packard, 11. Tommy Copp, 12. Len Sutton, 13. Bob Schroeder, 14. Bud Tingelstad, 15. Johnny White, 16. Wally Hostetler, 17. Dale Swaim, 18. A.J. Foyt.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 15, 1958 – Springfield Speedway – Springfield, Illinois

QUALIFYING: 1. Gene Hartley-13.490.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Chuck Weyant (Johnny Pawl #18), 2. Rex Easton, 3. Jim Packard, 4. Jimmy Daywalt, 5. Johnny Roberts, 6. Gene Hartley, 7. Jack Turner, 8. Carl Williams, 9. Shorty Templeman, 10. Dick Ritchie, 11. Gene Weyant, 12. Billy Wood.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 16, 1958 – Indianapolis Speedrome – Indianapolis, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Gene Force-14.380.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Eddie Johnson (Lloyd Rahn #2), 2. Gene Hartley, 3. Don Boorse, 4. Norm Hall, 5. Russ Congdon, 6. Gene Force, 7. Jack Turner, 8. Bob McLean, 9. Shorty Templeman, 10. Buddy Cagle, 11. Tommy Copp, 12. Wally Hostetler, 13. Ted Hartley, 14. Dick Frazier, 15. Jimmy Daywalt, 16. Bud Tingelstad, 17. Cotton Farmer, 18. Leroy Warriner.

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Bettenhausen Wins Milwaukee Midget Race

West Allis, Wisconsin.....Tony Bettenhausen of Tinley Park, Illinois won the 100-mile USAC National Midget championship race at the Wisconsin State Fair Park on Saturday, August 23.

The fastest qualifier was Rodger Ward in the Flatow Offy with a time of 35.603 seconds.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 23, 1958 – Wisconsin State Fair Park – West Allis, Wisconsin

QUALIFYING: 1. Rodger Ward-35.603.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Tony Bettenhausen (Kathryn Wright #1), 2. Don Branson, 3. Frank Burany, 4. Bob Wente, 5. Rex Easton, 6. Buddy Cagle, 7. Gene Hartley, 8. Chuck Weyant, 9. Bill Cheesbourg, 10. Mike Magill, 11. Tommy Copp, 12. Bill Homeier, 13. Johnnie Parsons, 14. Shorty Templeman, 15. Danny Oakes, 16. Jimmy Reece, 17. Jack Turner, 18. Gene Force, 19. Jimmy Davies, 20. Russ Congdon, 21. Dempsey Wilson, 22. Bob Schroeder, 23. Norm Hall, 24. Rex Records, 25. Justin King, 26. Ted Hartley, 27. Jimmy Daywalt, 28. Bob Hare, 29. Len Sutton, 30. Wally Hostetler, 31. Tony Bonadies, 32. Rodger Ward, 33. Bob McLean, 34. George Amick.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 25, 1958 – Motor City Speedway – Detroit, Michigan

QUALIFYING: 1. Bob McLean-12.850.

FEATURE: (75 laps) 1. Gene Hartley (Ray Bolander #4), 2. Rex Easton, 3. Eddie Johnson, 4. Jack Turner, 5. Shorty Templeman, 6. Ronnie Duman, 7. Norm Hall, 8. Buddy Cagle, 9. Chuck Weyant, 10. Vic Martin, 11. Tommy Copp, 12. Russ Congdon, 13. Dempsey Wilson, 14. Gene Force, 15. Bill Homeier, 16. Leroy Warriner, 17. Jimmy Daywalt, 18. Bob McLean.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 31, 1958 – Du Quoin State Fairgrounds – Du Quoin, Illinois

QUALIFYING: 1. Shorty Templeman-39.860.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Rodger Ward (Greg Flatow #52), 2. Bill Cheesbourg, 3. Don Branson, 4. Shorty Templeman, 5. Chuck Weyant, 6. Dempsey Wilson, 7. Bill Homeier, 8. Bob Wente, 9. Bill Chennault, 10. Len Sutton, 11. Rex Easton, 12. Dick Linder, 13. Danny Oakes, 14. Johnny Roberts, 15. Wally Hostetler, 16. Gene Hartley, 17. Bob Schroeder, 18. Willie Hunziker, 19. Carl Williams, 20. Eddie Johnson.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: September 11, 1958 – Lansing Motor Speedway – Mason, Michigan

QUALIFYING: 1. Bob McLean-14.460.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Bob Wente (Carl Gehlhausen #21), 2. Gene Hartley, 3. Buddy Cagle, 4. Gene Force, 5. Rex Easton, 6. Leroy Warriner, 7. Bill Cheesbourg, 8. Tommy Copp, 9. Bob McLean, 10. Bill Homeier, 11. Johnny White, 12. Ted Hartley.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: September 13, 1958 – Motor City Speedway – Detroit, Michigan

QUALIFYING: 1. Leroy Warriner-12.950.

FEATURE: (75 laps) 1. Leroy Warriner (Bill Lloyd #27), 2. Gene Force, 3. Shorty Templeman, 4. Roger Bailey, 5. Eddie Johnson, 6. Gene Hartley, 7. Buddy Cagle, 8. Tommy Copp, 9. Rex Easton, 10. Bob McLean, 11. Bill Homeier, 12. Bob Wente, 13. Ted Hartley, 14. Gordon Gadette, 15. Fred Johns, 16. Russ Congdon, 17. Tim Sullivan, 18. Wally Hostetler.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: September 14, 1958 – Winchester Speedway – Winchester, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Rodger Ward-19.330.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Don Branson (Elbert Willey #64), 2. Rodger Ward, 3. Jack Turner, 4. Rex Easton, 5. Bob Wente, 6. Gene Force, 7. Jimmy Daywalt, 8. Len Sutton, 9. Tommy Copp, 10. Chuck Weyant, 11. Earl Motter, 12. Eddie Johnson, 13. Ronnie

Duman, 14. Buddy Cagle, 15. Dick Frazier, 16. Shorty Templeman, 17. Dick Northam, 18. Roger Bailey, 19. Russ Royce, 20. Dale Swaim, 21. Bud Tingelstad, 22. Elmer George, 23. Johnny White, 24. Leroy Warriner.

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Danny Oakes Wins Gardena Midget Race

Gardena, California.....Danny Oakes of Beverly Hills, California won the first midget race of the California winter season at Gardena Stadium.

The lead changed 10 times during the 100-lap event on the one-third mile dirt track.

Oakes started ninth and George Amick, who finished second, started 14th. Earl Motter, Gene Gurney, and Mike McGreevy led the race at different times.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: October 4, 1958 – Gardena Stadium – Gardena, California

QUALIFYING: 1. Roy Gillhamer-15.920, 2. Joe Garson, 3. Jimmy Davies, 4. Johnny Moorhouse, 5. Johnnie Parsons, 6. Bob Cortner.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Davey Moses, 2. Johnny Baldwin, 3. Chuck Booth.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Earl Motter, 2. Bill Homeier, 3. Larry Dunham.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Wayne Weiler, 2. Danny Jones, 3. Norm Hall.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Johnny Baldwin, 2. Earl Motter, 3. Bill Homeier.

DASH: 1. Jimmy Davies, 2. Johnny Moorhouse, 3. Roy Gillhamer.

SEMI: 1. Wayne Weiler, 2. Don Cameron, 3. Bill Boyd.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Danny Oakes (Bill Butters #59), 2. George Amick, 3. Earl Motter, 4. Johnny Baldwin, 5. Johnny Moorhouse, 6. Johnnie Parsons, 7. Gene Gurney, 8. Johnnie Tolan, 9. Norm Hall, 10. Tommy Copp, 11. Bud Sterrett, 12. Chuck Booth.

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Don Branson Wins Hut 100

Terre Haute, Indiana.....Don Branson of Urbana, Illinois won the Hut 100, the final Midwest midget race of the USAC season on the half-mile Terre Haute Action Track in western Indiana on Sunday, October 5.

Branson completed the 100-lap event with a time of 48:48.89, in the Willey Offy. Branson was also the fastest qualifier with a time of 25.250 seconds.

Rodger Ward, driving the Flatow Offy, finished second and led the first 18 laps. Branson took the lead on the 19th lap and held it until the 34th when Ward went back into first place for two laps. Branson took over again on the 36th lap and

remained in command to the finish. Eddie Johnson of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio passed Ward for the second position on the 99th lap.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: October 5, 1958 – Terre Haute Action Track – Terre Haute, Indiana – Hut 100

QUALIFYING: 1. Don Branson-25.250.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Chuck Weyant, 2. Eddie Johnson, 3. Don Branson.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Rodger Ward, 2. Bob McLean, 3. Dick Northam.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Keith Thomas, 2. Elmer George, 3. Gene Weyant.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Johnny Roberts, 2. Leroy Warriner, 3. Bill Cheesbourg.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Don Branson (Elbert Willey #64), 2. Eddie Johnson, 3. Rodger Ward, 4. Gene Hartley, 5. Russ Congdon, 6. Leroy Warriner, 7. Gene Weyant, 8. Gene Force, 9. Jack Turner, 10. Chuck Weyant, 11. Bill Cheesbourg, 12. Keith Thomas. 48:48.89

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-18 Rodger Ward, Laps 19-33 Don Branson, Laps 34-35 Rodger Ward, Laps 36-100 Don Branson.

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Amick Wins Contra Costa Midget Race

Pacheco, California.....George Amick of Venice, California won a 100-lap USAC National midget championship race at Contra Costa Stadium in Pacheco, California on Saturday, October 18.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: October 18, 1958 – Contra Costa Stadium – Pacheco, California

QUALIFYING: 1. Mike McGreevy-14.600, 2. Earl Motter, 3. Dickie Reese, 4. Chuck Booth, 5. Jimmy Davies, 6. Johnnie Parsons.

DASH: 1. Chuck Booth, 2. Mike McGreevy, 3. Dickie Reese.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Davey Moses, 2. Chuck Booth, 3. Mike McGreevy.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Jim Hayes, 2. Johnny Baldwin, 3. Danny Jones.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Shorty Templeman, 2. Norm Hall, Dempsey Wilson.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Shorty Templeman, 2. Johnny Baldwin, 3. Davey Moses.

SEMI: 1. Davey Moses, 2. Shorty Templeman, 3. Norm Hall.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. George Amick (Harold Guidi #15), 2. Johnny Moorhouse, 3. Johnnie Parsons, 4. Johnny Baldwin, 5. Dickie Reese, 6. Joe Garson, 7. Mike McGreevy, 8. Jimmy Davies, 9. Shorty Templeman, 10. Johnnie Tolan, 11. Dempsey Wilson, 12. Leroy Neumayer.

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Rex Easton Wins Manzy Midget Race

Phoenix, Arizona.....Rex Easton of Springfield, Illinois kept his hopes for a USAC National Midget championship alive with a win in the 100-lap feature race of the midget program on the quarter-mile dirt track at Manzanita Speedway in Phoenix, Arizona on Saturday, November 1st.

Easton started sixth in the feature race and took the lead near the halfway point.

Shorty Templeman of Seattle, Washington, who leads the National Midget championship point standings, started 12th and finished fourth.

Templeman now has a 29-point lead over Easton with two more races scheduled. In 1957, Templeman edged Easton for the title, his second in a row.

Johnny Moorhouse of Santa Ana, California, was the fastest qualifier on the semi-banked track with a time of 15.200 seconds.

Carl Williams of Kansas City, Missouri took the lead at the start and held it until Easton took over.

A field of 27 cars split a \$2,000 guaranteed purse.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: November 1, 1958 – Manzanita Speedway – Phoenix, Arizona

QUALIFYING: 1. Johnny Moorhouse-15.200, 2. Jimmy Davies, 3. Rodger Ward, 4. Gene Gurney, 5. Joe Garson, 6. Wayne Weiler.

DASH: 1. Gene Gurney, 2. Johnny Moorhouse, 3. Rodger Ward.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Jimmy Davies, 2. Norm Hall, 3. Johnny Moorhouse.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Danny Jones, 2. Johnny Wood, 3. Leroy Neumayer.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Don Branson, 2. Eddie Jackson, 3. Johnnie Tolan.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Jimmy Davies, 2. Johnny Wood, 3. Don Branson.

SEMI: 1. Johnny Wood, 2. Eddie Jackson, 3. Don Branson.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Rex Easton (Lloyd Rahn #2) (6), 2. Johnny Moorhouse, 3. Jimmy Davies, 4. Shorty Templeman (12), 5. Carl Williams, 6. Dempsey Wilson, 7. Bill Homeier, 8. Johnnie Tolan, 9. Leroy Neumayer, 10. Bob Cortner, 11. Bill Cheesbourg, 12. Chuck Booth, 13. Rodger Ward, 14. Jim Hayes, 15. Gene Gurney, 16. Joe Garson, 17. Wayne Weiler, 18. Bill Boyd.

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Garson Wins Turkey Night Grand Prix at Gardena

Gardena, California....."Bullet" Joe Garson of Eagle Rock, California was the overall winner of the Turkey Night Grand Prix at California's Gardena Stadium on Thanksgiving Day, November 27.

Garson jumped into the lead for the Pacific Coast Midget championship by winning the first 50-lap series, finishing fourth in the second series, and third in the third series.

The Grand Prix was conducted in three separate 50-lap series with points awarded for finishing positions in each. The driver with the most points in the three events was the overall winner. Starting positions in the first series were awarded according to qualification times. Starting positions in the second series were awarded in the inverted order of the finish of the first series. The drivers started the third series in in the inverted order of the finish of the second series.

Garson picked up 49 points with his first, fourth, and third place finishes. He started fifth and won the first race, started 15th and finished fourth in the second race, and started ninth and finished third in the final race.

Gardena Stadium now has a one-third mile dirt track and the race times got consistently faster as the evening progressed. Garson's winning time in the first race was 15:13.15. George Amick of Venice, California won the second race with a time of 14:05.65. Shorty Templeman of Seattle, Washington won the third race with a time of 13 44.71.

The fastest qualifier was Jimmy Davies of Pacoima, California with a time of 15.720 seconds, which is a new track record for the new track, breaking the mark of 15.930 set earlier in the spring by Garson.

The trophy dash was won by Ward and the semi-feature was won by Johnnie Tolan.

Forty-three drivers attempted qualification. The purse was \$3,594.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: November 27, 1958 – Gardena Stadium – Gardena, California – Turkey Night Grand Prix

QUALIFYING: 1. Jimmy Davies-15.720 (New Track Record).

DASH: 1. Rodger Ward.

SEMI: 1. Johnnie Tolan.

FIRST FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Joe Garson, 2. Rodger Ward, 3. Johnnie Parsons, 4. Billy Cantrell, 5. Roy Gillhamer, 6. Dempsey Wilson, 7. Shorty Templeman, 8. Tommy Copp, 9. Bob Cortner, 10. Jim Hayes, 11. Rex Easton, 12. Chuck Booth. 15:13.15

SECOND FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. George Amick, 2. Dempsey Wilson, 3. Rodger Ward, 4. Joe Garson, 5. Tony Bettenhausen, 6. Johnny Moorhouse, 7. Dickie Reese, 8. Johnnie Parsons, 9. Rex Easton, 10. Chuck Booth, 11. Billy Cantrell, 12. Tommy Copp. 14:05.65

THIRD FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Shorty Templeman, 2. George Amick, 3. Joe Garson, 4. Dempsey Wilson, 5. Rodger Ward, 6. Johnnie Parsons, 7. Dickie Reese, 8. Tommy Copp, 9. Tony Bettenhausen, 10. Rex Easton, 11. Johnny Moorhouse, 12. Billy Cantrell. 13:44.71

OVERALL FINISH: (150 laps) 1. Joe Garson (Ernie Casale #2), 2. Rodger Ward, 3. Dempsey Wilson, 4. Johnnie Parsons, 5. George Amick, 6. Roy Gillhamer & Tony Bettenhausen, 7. Shorty Templeman, 8. Billy Cantrell, 9. Tommy Copp, 10. Rex Easton, 11. Dickie Reese, 12. Johnny Moorhouse, 13. Chuck Booth, 14. Jim Hayes, 15. Bob Cortner, 16. Jimmy Davies, 17. Tony Bettenhausen, 18. Bud Sterrett.

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Amick Wins at Gardena

Gardena, California.....George Amick of Rhinelander, Wisconsin turned in a sensational performance in winning the final midget race of the 1958 United States Auto Club season at the new Ascot Stadium in Gardena, California on Sunday, December 28.

The feature distance was 100 laps on the half-mile dirt track.

Driving the Paramount Roofing Special owned by Harold Guidi of Palo Alto, California, Amick started 16th in the 18 car field, but blew into third at the end of the second lap. He moved into second on the fourth circuit and immediately started challenging Johnny Moorhouse of Santa Ana, California for the lead. Moorhouse had led from the drop of the green flag from his second starting position.

Moorhouse fouled a plug on the 31st lap and Amick shot into the lead. Tony Bettenhausen of Tinley Park, Illinois, who had started 14th, also moved through the pack and engaged Amick in a sizzling duel that lasted for more than 50 laps. Bettenhausen held the lead from the 65th lap to the 87th when he developed magneto trouble.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: December 28, 1958 – Ascot Stadium – Gardena, California

DASH: (3 laps) 1. Tony Bettenhausen, 2. Johnnie Parsons, 3. George Amick, 4. Jimmy Davies. 1:08.75

QUALIFYING: 1. Jimmy Davies-21.850, 2. George Amick, 3. Johnnie Parsons, 4. Tony Bettenhausen, 5. Earl Motter, 6. Rodger Ward.

FIRST HEAT: (6 laps) 1. Tony Bettenhausen, 2. Johnnie Tolan, 3. Bud Sterrett. 2:21.30

SECOND HEAT: (6 laps) 1. George Amick, 2. Wayne Weiler, 3. Dempsey Wilson. 2:19.33

THIRD HEAT: (6 laps) 1. Rodger Ward, 2. Bill Homeier, 3. Johnnie Parsons. 2:23.67

SEMI: (15 laps) 1. Rex Easton, 2. Wayne Weiler, 3. Dempsey Wilson. 5:55.76

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. George Amick (Harold Guidi #15) (16), 2. Billy Cantrell, 3. Johnnie Parsons, 4. Don Horvath, 5. Johnny Baldwin, 6. Rex Easton, 7. Tony Bettenhausen (14), 8. Earl Motter, 9. Bill Homeier, 10. Bud Sterrett, 11. Ray Crawford, 12. Chuck Booth.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Johnny Moorhouse, Laps 31-64 George Amick, Laps 65-86 Tony Bettenhausen, Laps 87-100 George Amick.