

A Little Bit of Hartley & Soul

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The 1959 USAC National and Midwest Midget championships went to a man who probably more nearly personified midget auto racing than any other driver of his era, Gene Hartley of Roanoke, Ind.

Throughout the mid to late-1950s, Hartley competed in and won as many midget races as anyone. In 1957-58, he was third in the national point standings. He was fourth in 1956 and fifth in 1955. In addition, he finished second in the 1958 Midwest Midget standings. Over the last three years, while Shorty Templeman has been dominating the midget picture, Hartley was one of the chief contenders. It almost seemed proper justice for Hartley to break Shorty's reign.

Hartley took the point lead in mid-July and kept it all the way to the end of the season. Jimmy Davies charged up to challenge for the lead during the final months of the season, but his bid fell short by a fairly sizeable margin of 202.2 points. Hartley was prepared to take time off from his winter occupation and travel to the west coast to defend his lead in the winter races. However, he won a 100-lap event of the half-mile Terre Haute (Ind.) Action Track on October 4 and that practically clinched the title. Therefore, he passed up the western races, but Davies couldn't make up the difference.

Hartley drove in 47 feature events and won 11. This means that he was winning almost every fourth race. He added eight seconds, three thirds, five fourths, three fifths and three sixths. This adds up to 33 times in the top-six. Hartley belongs to the group known as "heady" drivers. Undoubtedly, this is a result of a lifetime of association with the sport. He has a particularly fine touch on paved racetracks. He was the fastest qualifier on eight occasions and consistently was among the fastest qualifiers. This means that most of the time, he had to hustle through the field for his victories because the majority of midget features were started in inverted order.

An astonishing 30 different drivers won feature events in 1959, the all-time record for the series. Leroy Warriner of Indianapolis, Ind. was second in the number of victories at five and he finished fifth in the final point standings. Davies and Don Branson were second in qualifying honors, each turning in the fastest time in five programs.

Earl Motter of Fresno, Calif. won the first race of the season and briefly led the points, but George Amick took the second race and the point lead. Amick was killed in a champ car race in April at Daytona (Fla.) International Speedway, but his lead held until June when Shorty Templeman won at Galesburg (Mich.) Speedway and became the leader in the standings.

Templeman's number one position, which had become so familiar in the decade of the 1950s within the division, lasted only nine days. Bob Wente, a young driver from Saint Louis, Mo., surged to the front with a third-place finish at Ohio's Columbus Motor Speedway on June 18. Templeman couldn't get the lead again the rest of the season and finally ended up third in the national standings and fourth in the Midwest.

Wente had only been racing for five years and only a couple of years against top-flight competition, but he clung stubbornly to the point lead for a month. Finally, the pressure of Hartley's fantastically consistent finishes was too much.

Danny Oakes of North Hollywood, Calif., who began his racing career at the wheel of a roadster in 1932 in Santa Maria, Calif., won the 1959 Pacific Coast Midget Championship for his first USAC title. The 48-year-old Oakes didn't win any races, but he was consistently in the top-five and beat Earl Motter of Fresno, Calif. in the final point standings by 1.25 points.

Leroy Warriner of Indianapolis, Ind. won the 1959 USAC Indoor Midget championship at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne, Ind., winning the title in grand style by scoring a clean sweep as the fastest qualifier, then started last in the 100-lap feature, but maneuvered into first by the 84th lap.

Winning titles wasn't new to Warriner. He was the 1953 AAA National and Midwest champ and won the 1946 Florida Midget title. Starting in midgets in Greenfield, Ind. in 1939, at the age of 41, Warriner became a first-time USAC champion.

In August, Fred "Jiggs" Peters scored a victory in the longest ever USAC National Midget feature, a 250-lap feature on the one-mile New Jersey State Fairgrounds aboard Ken Brenn's Offy, a co-sanctioned event with ARDC.

Roll bars were made mandatory for the series starting in 1959. They were required to be constructed of 4130 or 4140 S.A.E. chromoly tubing with a minimum outside diameter of 1-3/8 inch with a minimum wall thickness of 0.095 inches.

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Motter Wins Ascot Midget Race

Gardena, California.....Earl Motter of Pacifica, California celebrated his 40th birthday by winning the first midget race of the United States Auto Club season at Gardena, California's Ascot Stadium on Sunday, February 15.

The race, originally scheduled for 100 laps on the half-mile dirt track, was called at the end of 89 laps because of rain.

Motter started 17th in the 18-car field but drove quickly to the front, passing George Amick, the leader from the start, on the 29th lap.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: February 15, 1959 – Ascot Stadium – Gardena, California

QUALIFYING: 1. Johnny Moorhouse-22.500, 2. Earl Motter, 3. Shorty Templeman, 4. Dempsey Wilson, 5. Bill Cheesbourg, 6. Jimmy Davies.

DASH: (3 laps) 1. Shorty Templeman, 2. Earl Motter, 3. Dempsey Wilson, 4. Johnny Moorhouse, 1:09.46

FIRST HEAT: (6 laps) 1. Johnny Wood, 2. Danny Oakes, 3. Dempsey Wilson. 2:20.80

SECOND HEAT: (6 laps) 1. Earl Motter, 2. Don Branson, 3. Joe Garson. 2:19.76

THIRD HEAT: (6 laps) 1. Rodger Ward, 2. Shorty Templeman, 3. Billy Cantrell. 2:19.40

FEATURE: (89 laps, shortened from 100 laps due to rain) 1. Earl Motter (17), 2. George Amick, 3. Jimmy Davies, 4. Billy Cantrell, 5. Danny Oakes, 6. Shorty Templeman, 7. Bill Homeier, 8. Chuck Booth, 9. Dempsey Wilson, 10. Ed Normi, 11. Wayne Weiler, 12. Tony Lenti, 13. Bill Cheesbourg, 14. Danny Jones, 15. Johnny Moorhouse, 16. Johnny Wood, 17. Johnnie Tolan, 18. Davey Moses.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-28 George Amick, Laps 29-89 Earl Motter.

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Amick Wins Ascot Midget Race

Gardena, California.....George Amick of Rhinelander, Wisconsin, won a 100-lap midget race at Ascot Stadium in Gardena, California on Sunday, March 22.

Driving the Glen Dennee Offy, Amick took the lead on the 32nd lap after starting 16th in a field of 18 cars. By winning, Amick assumed first place in the Pacific Coast midget championship point standings.

Mike McGreevy of Oakland, California led the race at the start. Billy Cantrell of Anaheim, California passed him on the 16th lap but had mechanical troubles 13 laps later. McGreevy led for three more laps before Amick took over.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: March 22, 1959 – Ascot Stadium – Gardena, California

QUALIFYING: 1. Johnny Boyd-22.340.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Jimmy Davies, 2. Johnny Boyd, 3. Don Davis. 2:23.81

FIRST HEAT: 1. George Amick, 2. Johnny Moorhouse, 3. Mike McGreevy. 2:21.08

FIRST HEAT: 1. Johnnie Tolan, 2. Johnnie Parsons, 3. Bill Boyd. 2:22.53

DASH: 1. George Amick, 2. Don Cameron, 3. Danny Oakes. 1:12.07

SEMI: 1. Joe Garson, 2. Bill Boyd, 3. Bud Sterrett. 5:58.08

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. George Amick (16), 2. Johnnie Parsons, 3. Mike McGreevy, 4. Johnny Boyd, 5. Shorty Templeman, 6. Johnnie Tolan, 7. Ray Crawford, 8. Danny Oakes, 9. Tommy Copp, 10. Gene Gurney, 11. Dempsey Wilson, 12. Wayne Weiler, 13. Don Davis, 14. Billy Cantrell, 15. Danny Jones, 16. Johnny Moorhouse, 17. Jimmy Davies, 18. Don Cameron.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-15 Mike McGreevy, Laps 16-28 Billy Cantrell, Laps 29-31 Mike McGreevy, Laps 32-100 George Amick.

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Boyd Scores Win at Gardena

Gardena, California.....Johnny Boyd of Fresno, California won a 100-lap midget race on the one-third mile Ascot Stadium dirt track in Gardena, California on Sunday, April 26.

Boyd took the lead on the 81st lap after working his way forward from the 15th starting position.

Jimmy Davies of Pacoima, California started fourth and took the lead on the first lap. Johnnie Tolan of Denver, Colorado took the lead on the 80th lap but hit the outside fence on the next lap and Boyd took over to the finish.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: April 26, 1959 – Ascot Stadium – Gardena, California

QUALIFYING: 1. Earl Motter-16.220.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Johnny Boyd, 2. Earl Motter, 3. Billy Cantrell, 4. Gene Gurney.

FIRST HEAT: (6 laps) 1. Johnnie Parsons, 2. Johnny Boyd, 3. Bill Boyd. 1:57.20

FIRST HEAT: (6 laps) 1. Gene Gurney, 2. Bud Sterrett, 3. Chuck Hulse. 2:13.30

FIRST HEAT: (6 laps) 1. Don Davis, 2. Jimmy Davies, 3. Billy Cantrell. 1:41.93

FIRST HEAT: (6 laps) 1. Johnny Boyd, 2. Johnnie Parsons, 3. Don Davis. 1:38.75

SEMI: (15 laps) 1. Johnnie Parsons, 2. Don Davis, 3. Chuck Hulse. 4:10.23

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Johnny Boyd (15), 2. Billy Cantrell, 3. Jimmy Davies (4), 4. Johnny Moorhouse, 5. Wayne Weiler, 6. Joe Garson, 7. Norm Hall, 8. Earl Motter, 9. Bob Cortner, 10. Gene Gurney, 11. Cal Niday, 12. Don Cameron, 13. Johnnie Tolan, 14. Johnny Wood, 15. Chuck Hulse, 16. Don Edmunds, 17. Dempsey Wilson, 18. Shorty Templeman.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-79 Jimmy Davies, Lap 80 Johnnie Tolan, Laps 81-100 Johnny Boyd.

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Wente Wins Birmingham Midget Race

Birmingham, Alabama.....Bob Wente of Saint Louis, Missouri won a 25-lap National midget championship race on the one-half mile dirt track of the Alabama State Fairgrounds in Birmingham, Alabama on Sunday, April 26.

Wente, who finished sixth in the 1958 point standings, started on the outside of the front row. He jumped into the lead at the start and led the entire distance. He was driving the Harry Turner Offy, owned by Harry Turner of Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Chuck Rodee of Indianapolis, Indiana made his first appearance in a United States Auto Club race since being injured last March at Trenton. He was the fastest qualifier in the Lloyd Rahn Offy with a time of 25.250 seconds. Rodee finished second in the feature event.

The Birmingham race was the first midget event of the season in the Midwest.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: April 26, 1959 – Alabama State Fairgrounds – Birmingham, Alabama

QUALIFYING: 1. Chuck Rodee-25.250.

FIRST HEAT: (6 laps) 1. Roger Lane, 2. Leroy Warriner, 3. Eddie McVay. 2:46.80

SECOND HEAT: (6 laps) 1. Bob Wente, 2. Gene Force, 3. Jerry Kemp. 2:47.60

FEATURE: (23 laps) 1. Bob Wente (2), 2. Chuck Rodee, 3. Leroy Warriner, 4. Eddie McVay, 5. Tommy Copp, 6. Jerry Kemp, 7. Bob Harkey, 8. Gene Force, 9. Roger Lane, 10. Bud Bogard, 11. Don Nordhorn, 12. Bud Williams, 13. Bob Schroeder.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-23 Bob Wente.

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Johnson & Branson Cop Midget Features at New Bremen

New Bremen, Ohio.....Van Johnson of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and Don Branson of Urbana, Illinois, won 50-lap midget races on the half-mile dirt track at Ohio's New Bremen Speedway on Sunday, May 3.

By winning the second feature event, Johnson got his name inscribed on the George Amick Memorial Trophy presented by the Bowes Seal Fast Corporation. The first driver to win this event twice will retain permanent possession of the trophy.

Branson, driving the Al's Paint & Body Shop Special, started third in the first 50 and took the lead on the seventh lap.

Bob McLean of South Bend, Indiana led the first three laps and Bob Wente of Saint Louis, Missouri, was in front for the next three.

Elmer George of Speedway, Indiana, started 16th and finished second, while Rex Easton finished third from the eighth starting position.

Johnson, driving the Lowther Offy, started fifth in the second race and took the lead on the third lap. Buddy Martin led the first two laps. Easton moved from 15th to second and George jumped from 16th to third at the finish.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: May 3, 1959 – New Bremen Speedway – New Bremen, Ohio – George Amick Memorial

QUALIFYING: 1. Gene Weyant-21.570.

FIRST FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Don Branson (3), 2. Elmer George (16), 3. Rex Easton (8), 4. Bob Wente, 5. Gene Weyant, 6. Bob McLean, 7. Gene Force, 8. Ronnie Duman, 9. Len Sutton, 10. Bud Tingelstad, 11. Frank Burany, 12. Jerry Kemp, 13. Van Johnson, 14. Buckie Sager, 15. Bob Ellingham, 16. Don Evans, 17. Buddy Martin, 18. Johnny Kay.

SECOND FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Van Johnson (5), 2. Rex Easton (15), 3. Elmer George (16), 4. Bud Tingelstad, 5. Bob Wente, 6. Johnny Kay, 7. Gene Force, 8. Gene Weyant, 9. Don Branson, 10. Bob McLean, 11. Gene Hartley, 12. Frank Burany, 13. Jerry Kemp, 14. Jim Packard, 15. Buckie Sager, 16. Chuck Weyant, 17. Bob Ellingham, 18. Ronnie Duman, 19. Buddy Martin, 20. Len Sutton, 21. Chuck Rodee.

FIRST FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-3 Bob McLean, Laps 4-6 Bob Wente, Laps 7-50 Don Branson.

SECOND FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-2 Buddy Martin, Laps 3-50 Van Johnson.

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Force Wins Kokomo's Night Before the 500

Kokomo, Indiana.....Gene Force of Richmond, Indiana won a 50-lap national midget championship race on the quarter-mile dirt track at Indiana's Kokomo Speedway on Friday, May 29.

Force took the lead in the Shannon Brothers Offy on the 21st lap. Russ Congdon of Puyallup, Washington was the fastest qualifier in the Speed Enterprises Offy with a time of 17.300 seconds.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: May 29, 1959 – Kokomo Speedway – Kokomo, Indiana – Night Before The 500

QUALIFYING: Russ Congdon (17.300)

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Ted Hartley, 2. Frank Burany, 3. Jim Packard. 3:02.05

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Bob Wente, 2. Jerry Mans, 3. Bob McLean. 3:04.88

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Johnny Roberts, 2. Don Boorse, 3. Bob Ellingham. 3:08.07

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Rex Easton, 2. Russ Congdon, 3. Bud Bogard. 3:05.06

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Bill Homeier, 2. Bud Bogard, 3. David Lee. 3:07.51.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Gene Force, 2. Don Boorse, 3. Shorty Templeman, 4. Rex Easton, 5. Bill Homeier, 6. Buddy Cagle, 7. Bob Ellingham, 8. Jim Packard, 9. Frank Burany, 10. Leroy Warriner, 11. Russ Congdon, 12. Bob Wente, 13. Lloyd Ruby, 14. Bob McLean, 15. Ted Hartley, 16. Roy Graham, 17. Dale Swaim, 18. Johnny Roberts.

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Easton Wins Lansing Midget Race

Mason, Michigan.....Rex Easton of Springfield, Illinois, the 1958 USAC Midwest Midget champion, won his first feature of the 1959 season, a 50-lap event on the quarter-mile asphalt track at Lansing Motor Speedway in Mason, Michigan on Thursday, June 4.

Easton drove the Rahn Offy to a new 50-lap track record of 12:39.57, which erased the old record of 12:53.69 set by Bob Wente on September 11, 1958.

The attendance was 1490 and the purse was \$1500. Russ Congdon of Puyallup, Washington was the fastest qualifier with a time of 14.420 seconds.

The heat winners were Packard, Hartley, Templeman, and Wente and the semi-feature was won by Joe Wills.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 4, 1959 – Lansing Motor Speedway – Mason, Michigan

QUALIFYING: 1. Russ Congdon-14.420.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Jim Packard.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Gene Hartley.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Shorty Templeman.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Bob Wente.

SEMI: 1. Joe Wills.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Rex Easton, 2. Gene Hartley, 3. Gene Force, 4. Jimmy Davies, 5. Chuck Rodee, 6. Bob Wente, 7. Johnny White, 8. Shorty Templeman, 9. Ronnie Duman, 10. Dale Swaim, 11. Jim Packard, 12. Johnny Kay, 13. Larry McCloskey, 14. Joe Wills, 15. Bob Reemsnyder, 16. Jack Joerns, 17. David Lee, 18. Russ Congdon. 12:39.57 (New Track Record)

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Branson Takes Illiana Midget Race

Schererville, Indiana.....Don Branson of Champaign, Illinois won a 50-lap midget race on the half-mile dirt track of Illiana Motor Speedway in Schererville, Indiana on Friday, June 5.

The attendance was 2160 and the purse was \$3000. Branson was the fastest qualifier with a time of 24.020 seconds in the Willey Body Shop Special.

The heat winners were Weyant, Packard, and Easton, and the semi-feature winner was Johnny White.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 5, 1959 – Illiana Motor Speedway – Schererville, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Don Branson-24.020.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Chuck Weyant.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Jim Packard.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Rex Easton.

SEMI: 1. Johnny White.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Don Branson, 2. Gene Hartley, 3. Chuck Weyant, 4. Shorty Templeman, 5. Johnny White, 6. Bob McLean, 7. Jimmy Knight, 8. Chuck Rodee, 9. Johnny Kay, 10. Russ Congdon, 11. Clyde Young, 12. David Lee, 13. Larry McCloskey, 14. Don Boorse, 15. Gene Force, 16. Bill Homeier, 17. Rex Easton, 18. Dale Swaim, 19. Jim Packard, 20. Johnny Roberts, 21. Duane Carter, 22. Bob Wente, 23. Jimmy Daywalt, 24. Jimmy Davies.

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Wente Wins at Grand Rapids

Grand Rapids, Michigan.....Bob Wente of Saint Louis, Missouri won his second midget feature of the season, a 50-lap race on the quarter-mile asphalt track at Michigan's Grand Rapids Speedrome on Saturday, June 6.

Wente was the fastest qualifier with a time of 13.640 seconds in the Higman Offy.

The heat winners were McLean, Wente and Davies. Duman won a trophy dash and McCloskey won the semi-feature.

The attendance was 2190 and the purse was \$1500.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 6, 1959 – Grand Rapids Speedrome – Grand Rapids, Michigan

QUALIFYING: 1. Bob Wente-13.640.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Bob McLean.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Bob Wente.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Jimmy Davies.

DASH: 1. Ronnie Duman.

SEMI: 1. Larry McCloskey.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Bob Wente, 2. Ronnie Duman, 3. Russ Congdon, 4. Tommy Copp, 5. Johnny White, 6. Jimmy Davies, 7. Don Boorse, 8. Leroy Warriner, 9. Larry McCloskey, 10. Al Miller, 11. Bob McLean, 12. Ted Hartley.

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Mount Clemens Race Won by Davies

Mount Clemens, Michigan.....Jimmy Davies of Pacoima, California won a 20-lap midget race on the half-mile dirt track at Michigan's Mount Clemens Speedway on Sunday, June 7.

Johnny White was the fastest qualifier with a time of 25.800 seconds.

The heat winners were Davies, Duman, and Homeier, and the semi-feature was won by Homeier.

The attendance was 1900 and the purse was \$2000.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 7, 1959 – Mount Clemens Speedway – Mount Clemens, Michigan

QUALIFYING: 1. Johnny White-25.800.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Jimmy Davies.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Ronnie Duman.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Bill Homeier.

SEMI: 1. Bill Homeier.

FEATURE: (20 laps) 1. Jimmy Davies, 2. Johnny White, 3. Don Boorse, 4. Russ Congdon, 5. Bob Wente, 6. Al Miller, 7. Tommy Copp, 8. Nick Wilhelm, 9. Bill Homeier, 10. Les Scott, 11. Larry McCloskey, 12. Joe Wills, 13. Ronnie Duman, 14. Bob McLean.

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Templeman Wins Close Galesburg Midget Race

Galesburg, Michigan.....Shorty Templeman of Seattle, Washington won a 50-lap midget race by inches at Michigan's Galesburg Speedway on Wednesday, June 10.

He passed Johnnie Parsons of Van Nuys, California on the last lap. Parsons had led since the 20th lap.

The heat winners were Wente, Warriner, Branson and Frazier. The semi-feature was won by Wente. Branson was the fastest qualifier with a time of 15.900 seconds.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 10, 1959 – Galesburg Speedway – Galesburg, Michigan

QUALIFYING: 1. Don Branson-15.900.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Bob Wente.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Leroy Warriner.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Don Branson.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Dick Frazier.

SEMI HEAT: 1. Bob Wente.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Shorty Templeman, 2. Johnnie Parsons, 3. Bob Wente, 4. Leroy Warriner, 5. Don Branson, 6. Johnny White, 7. Chuck Rodee, 8. Rex Easton, 9. Bill Homeier, 10. Jimmy Davies, 11. Dick Frazier, 12. David Lee, 13. Rex Easton, 14. Russ Congdon.

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Easton Wins Race in Library, PA

Library, Pennsylvania.....Rex Easton of Springfield, Illinois won a 50-lap midget race at Library, Pennsylvania's South Park Speedway on Friday, June 12.

The heat winners were Easton, Van Johnson, and Gene Hartley. The fastest qualifier was Bob Wente with a time 15.640 seconds.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 12, 1959 – South Park Speedway – Library, Pennsylvania

QUALIFYING: 1. Bob Wente-15.640.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Rex Easton.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Van Johnson.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Gene Hartley.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Rex Easton, 2. Van Johnson, 3. Buddy Martin, 4. Jimmy Davies, 5. Bob Wente, 6. Chuck Weyant, 7. Chuck Rodee, 8. Eddie Johnson, 9. Buckie Sager, 10. Bob Miley, 11. Leroy Warriner, 12. Gene Hartley.

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Copp is Midget Winner at Flat Rock

Flat Rock, Michigan.....Tommy Copp of San Bruno, California won his first USAC feature race, a 50-lap midget event at Michigan's Flat Rock Speedway on Saturday, June 13.

The heat winners were McLean, Rodee, Copp, and Boorse. McLean won the semi. The fastest qualifier was Hartley with a time of 13.920 seconds.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 13, 1959 – Flat Rock Speedway – Flat Rock, Michigan

QUALIFYING: 1. Gene Hartley-13.920.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Bob McLean.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Chuck Rodee.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Tommy Copp.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Don Boorse.

SEMI: 1. Bob McLean.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Tommy Copp, 2. Eddie Johnson, 3. Shorty Templeman, 4. Bob Wente, 5. Johnnie Parsons, 6. Chuck Rodee, 7. Gene Hartley, 8. Johnny White, 9. Al Miller, 10. Don Boorse, 11. Leroy Warriner, 12. Dick Frazier, 13. Dale Swaim, 14. Bob Miley, 15. Russ Congdon, 16. Bob Reemsnyder, 17. Buckie Sager, 18. Buddy Martin.

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McCloskey Wins Midget Race at Auto City

Clio, Michigan.....Larry McCloskey of Detroit, Michigan won a 50-lap midget race at Clio, Michigan's Auto City Speedway on Sunday, June 14.

The heat winners were McCloskey, Congdon, McLean, and Warriner. Congdon won the semi-feature. Al Miller was the fastest qualifier with a time of 16.940 seconds.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 14, 1959 – Auto City Speedway – Clio, Michigan

QUALIFYING: 1. Al Miller-16.940.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Larry McCloskey.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Russ Congdon.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Bob McLean.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Leroy Warriner.

SEMI: 1. Russ Congdon.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Larry McCloskey, 2. Johnny White, 3. Al Miller, 4. Shorty Templeman, 5. Gene Hartley, 6. Joe Wills, 7. Chuck Rodee, 8. Tommy Copp, 9. Leroy Warriner, 10. Red Kamp, 11. Russ Congdon, 12. Dick Leisure, 13. Bob Wente, 14. Bob McLean, 15. Ronnie Duman, 16. D. Alexander.

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Homeier Wins Lorain County Midget Race

Elyria, Ohio.....Bill Homeier of Pacoima, California won a 100-lap midget race on the quarter-mile dirt track at Elyria, Ohio's Lorain County Speedway on Wednesday, June 17.

The heat winners were Homeier, Wenthe, Dick Frazier, and McLean. Eddie Johnson was the fastest qualifier with a time of 17.91 seconds, which is a new one-lap track record.

The purse was \$2676.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 17, 1959 – Lorain County Speedway – Elyria, Ohio

QUALIFYING: 1. Eddie Johnson-17.910 (New Track Record).

FIRST HEAT: 1. Bill Homeier.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Bob Wenthe.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Dick Frazier.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Bob McLean.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Bill Homeier, 2. Gene Hartley, 3. Jimmy Davies, 4. Eddie Johnson, 5. Johnny White, 6. Bob Wenthe, 7. Joe Wills, 8. Buckie Sager, 9. Shorty Templeman, 10. Red Kamp, 11. Bob McLean, 12. Johnny Kay, 13. Dick Frazier, 14. Chuck Weyant, 15. Dan Fagnilli, 16. Bernie Wrona, 17. Ed Stanley, 18. Jim Packard.

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Gene Hartley Wins at Columbus

Columbus, Ohio.....Gene Hartley of Roanoke, Indiana won a 50-lap midget race on the 3/10-mile asphalt track at Columbus, Ohio, Thursday, June 18.

The heat winners were Hartley, Force, Weyant, and Oakes. Hartley was the fastest qualifier with a time of 16.280 seconds.

The purse was \$2000.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 18, 1959 – Columbus Motor Speedway – Columbus, Ohio

QUALIFYING: 1. Gene Hartley-16.280.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Gene Hartley.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Gene Force.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Chuck Weyant.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Danny Oakes.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Gene Hartley, 2. Leroy Warriner, 3. Bob Wenthe, 4. Bill Homeier, 5. Chuck Rodee, 6. Johnny White, 7. Chuck Weyant, 8. Danny Oakes, 9. Jim Packard, 10. Joe Wills, 11. Red Kamp, 12. Buckie Sager, 13. Gene Force.

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Weyant Wins Midget Race at Illiana

Schererville, Indiana.....Chuck Weyant of Springfield, Illinois won a 20-lap midget race on the half-mile Illiana Motor Speedway in Schererville, Indiana on Friday, June 19.

The heat winners were Templeman, Congdon, Wentz, and Davies. Homeier won the semi and Weyant was the fastest qualifier with a time of 24.270 seconds.

The purse was \$2000.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 19, 1959 – Illiana Motor Speedway – Schererville, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Chuck Weyant-24.270.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Shorty Templeman.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Russ Congdon.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Bob Wentz.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Jimmy Davies.

SEMI: 1. Bill Homeier.

FEATURE: (20 laps) 1. Chuck Weyant, 2. Shorty Templeman, 3. Bill Homeier, 4. Jimmy Davies, 5. Bob Wentz, 6. Johnnie Parsons, 7. Russ Congdon, 8. Gene Hartley, 9. Keith Thomas, 10. Len Sutton, 11. Bob Ellingham, 12. Jimmy Knight, 13. Johnny White, 14. Johnny Kay, 15. Danny Oakes, 16. Frank Burany, 17. Jim Packard, 18. Don Boorse.

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Davies is a Winner at Jackson

Jackson, Michigan.....Jimmy Davies of Pacoima, California won a 30-lap midget race on the third-mile track at Michigan's Jackson Motor Speedway on Thursday, June 25.

It was Davies' second feature win of the current midget season. Don Branson was the fastest qualifier with a time of 15.840 seconds. Davies' time in the feature was 8:11.75.

The heat winners were Warriner, Miller, Congdon and Parsons. Kay won the trophy dash and McLean won the semi-feature.

The purse was \$2040.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 25, 1959 – Jackson Motor Speedway – Jackson, Michigan

QUALIFYING: 1. Don Branson-15.840.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Leroy Warriner.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Al Miller.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Russ Congdon.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Johnnie Parsons.

DASH: 1. Johnny Kay.

SEMI: 1. Bob McLean.

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Jimmy Davies, 2. Bob McLean, 3. Len Sutton, 4. Tommy Copp, 5. Don Branson, 6. Russ Congdon, 7. Leroy Warriner, 8. Ronnie Duman, 9. Johnny Kay, 10. Chuck Rodee, 11. Al Miller, 12. Bill Homeier, 13. Shorty Templeman, 14. Danny Oakes, 15. Chuck Weyant, 16. Bob Wente, 17. Gene Hartley, 18. Johnny White. 8:11.75

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Sutton Wins in Dixie

Birch Run, Michigan.....Len Sutton of Portland, Oregon won his first midget feature race of the season, a 50-lapper at Dixie Motor Speedway in Birch Run, Michigan on Friday, June 26.

The fastest qualifier was Tommy Copp of San Bruno, California who was clocked in 16.940 seconds. The time for the feature was 13:38.25.

The heat winners were White, Weyant, Rodee, and Wente. Weyant won the semi-feature.

The purse was \$1500.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 26, 1959 – Dixie Motor Speedway – Birch Run, Michigan

QUALIFYING: 1. Tommy Copp-16.940.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Johnny White.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Chuck Weyant.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Chuck Rodee.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Bob Wente.

SEMI: 1. Chuck Weyant.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Len Sutton, 2. Al Miller, 3. Gene Hartley, 4. Bob Wente, 5. Leroy Warriner, 6. Danny Oakes, 7. Shorty Templeman, 8. Johnnie Parsons, 9. Bill Homeier, 10. Johnny Pouelsen, 11. Chuck Rodee, 12. Johnny Kay, 13. David Lee, 14. Johnny White, 15. Jimmy Davies, 16. Larry McCloskey, 17. Tommy Copp, 18. Don Branson. 13:38.25

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Rodee Scores Win at Kil-Kare

Xenia, Ohio.....Chuck Rodee of Indianapolis, Indiana won his first race since being injured in 1958 by driving to victory in a 50-lap midget race at Kil-Kare Speedway in Xenia, Ohio on Saturday, June 27.

Gene Force was the fastest qualifier with a time of 15.140 seconds.

The heat winners were Rodee, Weyant Tingelstad, and Hartley. The semi-feature was won by Oakes.

The crowd was estimated at 3000 and the purse was \$2000.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 27, 1959 – Kil-Kare Speedway – Xenia, Ohio

QUALIFYING: 1. Gene Force-15.140.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Chuck Rodee.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Chuck Weyant.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Bud Tingelstad.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Gene Hartley.

SEMI: 1. Danny Oakes.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Chuck Rodee, 2. Bill Homeier, 3. Don Branson, 4. Gene Hartley, 5. Gene Force, 6. Len Sutton, 7. Jimmy Davies, 8. Danny Oakes, 9. Ronnie Duman, 10. Russ Congdon, 11. Leroy Warriner, 12. Shorty Templeman, 13. Tommy Copp, 14. Johnnie Parsons, 15. Chuck Weyant, 16. Patsy Goacher, 17. Bob McLean, 18. Bob Wente.

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Gene Hartley Wins at Illiana

Schererville, Indiana.....Gene Hartley of Roanoke, Indiana won a 20-lap midget race on the half-mile dirt track of Illiana Motor Speedway in Schererville, Indiana on Friday, July 3.

It was Hartley's second feature win of the season.

Danny Oakes was the fastest qualifier with a time of 24.300 seconds. The heat winners were Bob McLean, Dick Frazier, Len Sutton, and Jimmy Davies.

The purse was \$2000.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 3, 1959 – Illiana Motor Speedway – Schererville, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Danny Oakes-24.300.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Bob McLean.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Dick Frazier.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Len Sutton.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Jimmy Davies.

FEATURE: (20 laps) 1. Gene Hartley, 2. Danny Oakes, 3. Jimmy Davies, 4. Chuck Weyant, 5. Rodger Ward, 6. Bob Wente, 7. Don Boorse, 8. Keith Thomas, 9. A.J. Foyt, 10. Len Sutton, 11. Lloyd Ruby, 12. Bill Homeier, 13. Johnnie Parsons, 14. Red Amick, 15. Duane Carter, 16. Chuck Rodee, 17. Don Branson, 18. Russ Congdon.

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Copp is a Winner at Mount Clemens

Mount Clemens, Michigan.....Tommy Copp of San Bruno, California won a 50-lap midget race on the quarter-mile dirt track at Michigan's Mount Clemens Speedway on Saturday, July 4 to score his second feature win of the season.

Larry McCloskey was the fastest qualifier with a time of 15.930 seconds, while the time of the feature was 11:08.80.

The heat winners were Force, Oakes, Rodee, and Copp, while Duman won the semi.

The purse was \$2000.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 4, 1959 – Mount Clemens Speedway – Mount Clemens, Michigan

QUALIFYING: 1. Larry McCloskey-15.930.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Gene Force.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Danny Oakes.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Chuck Rodee.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Tommy Copp.

SEMI: 1. Ronnie Duman.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Tommy Copp, 2. Gene Force, 3. Chuck Rodee, 4. Bob Wente, 5. Gene Hartley, 6. Don Boorse, 7. Johnnie Parsons, 8. Danny Oakes, 9. Len Sutton, 10. Russ Congdon, 11. Eddie Johnson, 12. Johnny Kay, 13. Johnny White, 14. Larry McCloskey, 15. Ronnie Duman, 16. Al Miller, 17. Joe Wills, 18. Bob McLean. 11:08.80

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Branson Takes Macon Midget Race

Macon, Illinois.....Don Branson of Champaign, Illinois won a 50-lap midget race on the one-fifth mile dirt track at Macon Speedway in Illinois on Thursday, July 9.

Johnnie Parsons was the fastest qualifier with a time of 13.090 seconds. The time for the feature was 14:52.27.

The heat winners were Cagle, Bob Tattersall, Eddie Russo, and David Lee. The semi-feature was won by Chuck Marshall.

This was the first USAC sanctioned event scheduled at Macon Speedway and was promoted by Chuck Weyant.

The purse zoomed over the \$1500 guarantee to \$2000.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 9, 1959 – Macon Speedway – Macon, Illinois

QUALIFYING: 1. Johnnie Parsons-13.090.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Buddy Cagle.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Bob Tattersall.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Eddie Russo.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. David Lee.

SEMI: 1. Chuck Marshall.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Don Branson, 2. Leroy Warriner, 3. Gene Force, 4. Buddy Cagle, 5. Jim Packard, 6. Gene Hartley, 7. Bob Wente, 8. Danny Oakes, 9. Gene Weyant, 10. Johnny White, 11. Chuck Rodee, 12. Johnnie Parsons, 13. Bill Homeier, 14. David Lee, 15. Dwight Brown, 16. Willie Hunziker, 17. Arnie Knepper, 18. Russ Congdon. 14:52.27

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 10, 1959 – Quad City Raceway – East Moline, Illinois

QUALIFYING: 1. Don Branson-15.680.

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Templeman Wins Kokomo Midget Race

Kokomo, Indiana.....Shorty Templeman of Seattle, Washington won his second midget feature event of the season, a 50-lapper at Indiana's Kokomo Speedway on Sunday, June 12.

The fastest qualifier on the quarter-mile dirt track was Dale Swaim with a time of 17.990 seconds.

The heat winners were Les Scott, John Slowiak, Johnny Kay, and Leroy Warriner. The semi-feature was won by Gene Force.

The purse was \$1900, \$400 over the guarantee.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 12, 1959 – Kokomo Speedway – Kokomo, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Dale Swaim-17.990.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Les Scott.

SECOND HEAT: 1. John Slowiak.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Johnny Kay.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Leroy Warriner.

SEMI: 1. Gene Force.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Shorty Templeman, 2. Bill Cheesbourg, 3. Russ Congdon, 4. Gene Hartley, 5. Jimmy Davies, 6. Leroy Warriner, 7. Jimmy Knight, 8. Chuck Rodee, 9. Ray Richards, 10. Bill Eubank, 11. Chuck Weyant, 12. Danny Oakes, 13. Dick Frazier, 14. Bill Homeier, 15. Cotton Farmer, 16. Jim Hurtubise, 17. Nick Wilhelm, 18. Dale Swaim.

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Hartley Wins Auto City Midget Race

Clio, Michigan.....Gene Hartley of Roanoke, Indiana won a 50-lap midget race on the quarter-mile dirt track at Clio, Michigan's Auto City Speedway on Thursday, July 16.

It was his third feature win of the season.

The fastest qualifier was Danny Oakes with a time of 16.840 seconds. The time for the feature was 14:25.23.

The heat winners were Wenthe, Rodee, Swaim, and Oakes. The semi-feature was won by Larry McCloskey.

The purse was \$1500.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 16, 1959 – Auto City Speedway – Clio, Michigan

QUALIFYING: Danny Oakes (16.840)

FIRST HEAT: 1. Bob Wenthe.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Chuck Rodee.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Dale Swaim.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Danny Oakes.

SEMI: 1. Larry McCloskey.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Gene Hartley, 2. Bill Homeier, 3. Bob Wenthe, 4. Les Scott, 5. Leroy Warriner, 6. Johnnie Parsons, 7. Len Sutton, 8. Gene Force, 9. Dale Swaim, 10. Shorty Templeman, 11. Chuck Rodee, 12. Al Miller, 13. Jack Rounds, 14. Russ Congdon, 15. Tommy Copp, 16. Nick Wilhelm, 17. Johnny White, 18. Danny Oakes. 14:25.23

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Ward Wins at Illiana

Schererville, Indiana.....Rodger Ward of Beloit, Kansas won a 20-lap midget race on the half-mile dirt track at Illiana Motor Speedway in Schererville, Indiana on Friday, July 17.

The fastest qualifier was Les Scott with a time of 24.360 seconds. The time for the feature was 8:32.08.

The heat winners were Force, Ward, Davies, and White. Davies won the semi.

The purse was \$2000.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 17, 1959 – Illiana Motor Speedway – Schererville, Indiana

QUALIFYING: Les Scott (24.360)

FIRST HEAT: 1. Gene Force.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Rodger Ward.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Jimmy Davies.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Johnny White.

SEMI: 1. Jimmy Davies.

FEATURE: (20 laps) 1. Rodger Ward, 2. Shorty Templeman, 3. Les Scott, 4. Chuck Weyant, 5. Gene Hartley, 6. Chuck Rodee, 7. Bill Cheesbourg, 8. Russ Congdon, 9. Johnny Kay, 10. Bill Homeier, 11. Johnny White, 12. Bob Wente, 13. Dale Swaim, 14. Bob Ellingham, 15. Carl Williams, 16. Gene Force, 17. Willie Hunziker, 18. Don Branson. 8:32.08

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Warriner Wins Flat Rock Race

Flat Rock, Michigan.....Leroy Warriner of Indianapolis, Indiana won a 50-lap midget race on the quarter-mile asphalt track at Michigan's Flat Rock Speedway on Saturday, July 19.

He set a new track record for the distance of 11:57.78.

The fastest qualifier was Bob McLean with a time of 14.000 seconds.

The heat winners were Davies, Templeman, Kay, and McLean. The semi-feature was won by Kay.

The purse was \$1500.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 18, 1959 – Flat Rock Speedway – Flat Rock, Michigan

QUALIFYING: 1. Bob McLean-14.000.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Jimmy Davies.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Shorty Templeman.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Johnny Kay.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Bob McLean.

SEMI: 1. Johnny Kay.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Leroy Warriner, 2. Al Miller, 3. Shorty Templeman, 4. Gene Hartley, 5. Gene Force, 6. Jimmy Davies, 7. Russ Congdon, 8. Dale Swaim, 9. Bob McLean, 10. Chuck Rodee, 11. Len Sutton, 12. Bill Homeier, 13. Bob Wente, 14. Tommy Copp, 15. Cotton Farmer, 16. Jack Rounds, 17. Don Branson, 18. Eddie Johnson. 11:57.78 (New Track Record)

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McLean Wins Race at Grand Rapids

Grand Rapids, Michigan.....Bob McLean of South Bend, Indiana won his first midget feature race of the season on Thursday, July 23 at the quarter-mile asphalt track of Michigan's Grand Rapids Speedrome.

Gene Hartley was the fastest qualifier for the 50-lap event with a time of 13.520 seconds.

The heat winners were Johnny Kay, Don Branson, Gene Force, and Bob Wente. Cotton Farmer won the semi-feature.

The purse was \$1500.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 23, 1959 – Grand Rapids Speedrome – Grand Rapids, Michigan

QUALIFYING: 1. Gene Hartley-13.520.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Johnny Kay.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Don Branson.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Gene Force.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Bob Wente.

SEMI: 1. Cotton Farmer.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Bob McLean, 2. Don Branson, 3. Russ Congdon, 4. Chuck Rodee, 5. Gene Force, 6. Gene Hartley, 7. Shorty Templeman, 8. Leroy Warriner, 9. Bob Wente, 10. Johnny Kay, 11. Les Scott, 12. Al Miller, 13. Johnnie Parsons, 14. Joe Giba, 15. Cotton Farmer, 16. Dale Swaim, 17. Jack Bates, 18. Bob Reemsnyder.

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Hartley Charges from Last to First to Win at Mount Clemens

Mount Clemens, Michigan.....Gene Hartley of Roanoke, Indiana won a 50-lap midget race on the quarter-mile dirt track at Michigan's Mount Clemens Speedway on Saturday, July 25.

Driving the Bolander Offy, Hartley was the fastest qualifier and drove to his fourth victory of the season from the last starting position.

The heat winners were Gene Hartley, Jimmy Knight, Les Scott, and Bob Wente. Scott won the semi.

The purse was \$1500.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 25, 1959 – Mount Clemens Speedway – Mount Clemens, Michigan

QUALIFYING: 1. Gene Hartley-13.520.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Gene Hartley.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Jimmy Knight.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Les Scott.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Bob Wente.

FIFTH HEAT: 1. Les Scott.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Gene Hartley (18), 2. Bill Homeier, 3. Leroy Warriner, 4. Tommy Copp, 5. Johnnie Parsons, 6. Bob McLean, 7. Ralph Liguori, 8. Johnny White, 9. Jimmy Knight, 10. Dale Swaim, 11. Joe Giba, 12. Johnny Kay, 13. Chuck Rodee, 14. Cotton Farmer, 15. Ernie McCoy, 16. Bob Wente, 17. Russ Congdon, 18. Johnny Fedricks.

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Hartley Wins His Fifth at New Bremen

New Bremen, Ohio.....Gene Hartley of Roanoke, Indiana won his fifth midget feature victory of the season by taking a 50-lap race on the half-mile dirt track at Ohio's New Bremen Speedway on Sunday, July 26.

Hartley, the current point leader in both the National and Midwest Midget standings, set new records for one and 50 laps in leading all the way. He was also the fastest qualifier with a record-breaking time for one lap at 20.460 seconds. His time for 50 laps was 17:31.00.

The heat winners were Bill Homeier, Jimmy Davies, and Tommy Copp. Homeier and Don Branson won semi-features and Len Sutton won the trophy dash.

The purse was over the guarantee at \$3318.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 26, 1959 – New Bremen Speedway – New Bremen, Ohio

QUALIFYING: 1. Gene Hartley-20.460 (New Track Record)

FIRST HEAT: 1. Bill Homeier.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Jimmy Davies.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Tommy Copp.

FIRST SEMI: 1. Bill Homeier.

SECOND SEMI: 1. Don Branson.

DASH: 1. Len Sutton.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Gene Hartley, 2. Len Sutton, 3. Johnny White, 4. Bob McLean, 5. Jim Packard, 6. Les Scott, 7. Bobby Unser, 8. Don Boorse, 9. Jimmy Knight, 10. Johnnie Parsons, 11. Dick Northam, 12. Jimmy Davies, 13. Eddie Johnson, 14. Rodger Ward, 15. Bob Wente, 16. Bill Eubank, 17. Don Branson, 18. Chuck Rodee, 19. Dale Swaim, 20. Shorty Templeman, 21. Russ Congdon, 22. Eddie Sachs, 23. Joe Giba, 24. Ernie McCoy. 17:31.00 (New Track Record)

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 29, 1959 – Peoria Speedway – Peoria, Illinois

QUALIFYING: 1. Bob Wente-14.480.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Leroy Warriner.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Johnny White.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Russ Congdon.

SEMI: 1. Gene Force.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Leroy Warriner, 2. Gene Hartley, 3. Johnnie Parsons, 4. Chuck Rodee, 5. Dick Ritchie, 6. Shorty Templeman, 7. Russ Congdon, 8. Bob Wente, 9. Bill Homeier, 10. Jimmy Davies, 11. Johnny White, 12. Don Branson, 13. A.J. Foyt, 14. Les Scott, 15. Bob McLean, 16. Joe Giba, 17. Jerry Kemp, 18. Tony Bettenhausen. 12:56.44

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Boorse Wins First Race at Macon

Macon, Illinois.....Don Boorse of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who has been a regular member of the midget circuit for the past two years, won his first USAC feature event in the 50-lap race on the fifth-mile dirt track at Macon Speedway in Illinois on Thursday, July 30. Boorse's winning time was 11:00.26.

The fastest qualifier was Tony Bettenhausen with a time of 12.890 seconds.

The heat winners were Jimmy Davies, Bob Tattersall, Joe Giba, and Gene Hartley. The semi-feature was won by Johnnie Parsons.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 30, 1959 – Macon Speedway – Macon, Illinois

QUALIFYING: 1. Tony Bettenhausen-12.890.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Jimmy Davies.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Bob Tattersall.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Joe Giba.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Gene Hartley.

SEMI: 1. Johnnie Parsons.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Don Boorse, 2. Jimmy Davies, 3. Bill Homeier, 4. A.J. Foyt, 5. Leroy Warriner, 6. Gene Hartley, 7. Bob Tattersall, 8. Gene Force, 9. Don Branson, 10. Bob Wente, 11. Bob McLean, 12. Bobby Grim, 13. Tony Bettenhausen, 14. Jim Packard, 15. Les Scott, 16. Johnny Kay, 17. Chuck Rodee, 18. Russ Congdon. 11:00.26

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Moline Midget Race Goes to Branson

East Moline, Illinois.....Don Branson of Champaign, Illinois won a 50-lap midget race on the quarter-mile dirt track of Quad City Raceway in East Moline, Illinois on Friday, July 31.

The heat winners were Johnny White, Keith Thomas, Bob Wente, and A.J. Foyt. The semi-feature was won by Johnnie Parsons and the fastest qualifier was Bob McLean.

The purse was \$1500.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 31, 1959 – Quad City Raceway – East Moline, Illinois

QUALIFYING: Bob McLean

FIRST HEAT: 1. Johnny White.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Keith Thomas.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Bob Wente.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. A.J. Foyt.

SEMI: 1. Johnnie Parsons.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Don Branson, 2. Johnny White, 3. Russ Congdon, 4. A.J. Foyt, 5. Dick Ritchie, 6. Don Boorse, 7. Jimmy Davies, 8. Bob Wente, 9. Gene Hartley, 10. Bill Homeier, 11. Les Scott, 12. Joe Giba, 13. Carl Williams, 14. Chuck Rodee, 15. Johnny Kay, 16. Bob McLean, 17. Leroy Warriner, 18. Bobby Grim.

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Weyant Wins Rich Champaign Race

Champaign, Illinois.....An overflow crowd saw Chuck Weyant of Springfield, Illinois win a 40-lap midget race on the half-mile dirt track at the Champaign-Urbana Fairgrounds in Illinois on Saturday, August 1.

Weyant's time for the feature race was 16:47.30. Johnnie Parsons was the fastest qualifier with a time of 25.680 seconds. The purse jumped over the guarantee to \$3200.

The heat winners were Bob McLean, A.J. Foyt, and Don Boorse. The semi-feature was won by Carl Williams.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 1, 1959 – Champaign-Urbana Fairgrounds – Champaign, Illinois

QUALIFYING: 1. Johnnie Parsons-25.680.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Bob McLean.

SECOND HEAT: 1. A.J. Foyt.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Don Boorse.

SEMI: 1. Carl Williams.

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Chuck Weyant, 2. Gene Hartley, 3. Bob Wente, 4. Johnnie Parsons, 5. Les Scott, 6. Don Branson, 7. Tony Bettenhausen, 8. Jimmy Davies, 9. Gene Force, 10. Don Boorse, 11. Bill Eubank, 12. Johnny White, 13. Bill Homeier, 14. Carl Williams, 15. Russ Congdon, 16. Bobby Grim, 17. Bob McLean, 18. A.J. Foyt, 19. Johnny Kay, 20. Shorty Templeman, 21. Joe Giba, 22. Dale Swaim, 23. Red Amick, 24. Chuck Rodee. 16:47.30

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Veith Takes Sacramento Midget Race

Sacramento, California.....Bob Veith of Oakland, California drove the Ruiz Offy to victory in a 100-lap midget race at California's Sacramento Speedway on Saturday, August 1.

Veith's winning time was 32:12.57, while the fastest qualifier, Davey Moses, recorded a time of 18.270 seconds in the London Offy.

The heat winners were Joe Garson, Davey Moses, Dempsey Wilson, and Johnny Moorhouse. The trophy dash was won by Moses.

The purse went over the guarantee to \$2516.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 1, 1959 – Sacramento Speedway – Sacramento, California

QUALIFYING: 1. Davey Moses-18.270.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Joe Garson.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Davey Moses.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Dempsey Wilson.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Johnny Moorhouse.

SEMI: 1. Davey Moses.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Bob Veith, 2. Johnny Wood, 3. Johnny Moorhouse, 4. Dempsey Wilson, 5. Mike McGreevy, 6. Norm Rapp, 7. Gene Gurney, 8. Joe Garson, 9. Ronnie Hulse, 10. Les Stark, 11. Johnny Baldwin, 12. Jerry Seher, 13. Chuck Booth, 14. Davey Moses, 15. Jim Kinner. 32:12.57

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Moses Wins at Bakersfield

Bakersfield, California.....Davey Moses of Mountain View, California won a 100-lap midget race at California's Bakersfield Speedway on Sunday, August 2.

Driving the London Offy, Moses was timed in at 27:16.56.

The heat winners were Gene Gurney, Cal Niday, Joe Garson, and Billy Cantrell. The trophy dash was won by Johnnie Tolan. Cantrell was the fastest qualifier with a time of 15.410 seconds.

The purse was \$2000.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 2, 1959 – Bakersfield Speedway – Bakersfield, California

QUALIFYING: 1. Billy Cantrell-15.410.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Gene Gurney.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Cal Niday.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Joe Garson.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Billy Cantrell.

SEMI: 1. Johnnie Tolan.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Davey Moses, 2. Joe Garson, 3. Billy Cantrell, 4. Norm Rapp, 5. Cal Niday, 6. Johnny Wood, 7. Leroy Neumayer, 8. Gene Gurney, 9. Johnny Melton, 10. Jim Gilchrist, 11. Johnnie Tolan, 12. Chuck Booth, 13. Joe Soares, 14. Dempsey Wilson, 15. Norm Hall, 16. Don Staudinger. 27:16.56

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Sutton Wins Xenia Midget Race

Xenia, Ohio.....Len Sutton of Portland, Oregon won a 50-lap midget race on the quarter-mile asphalt track of Kil-Kare Speedway in Xenia, Ohio on Wednesday, August 5.

It was Sutton's second feature win of the season.

Sutton was also the fastest qualifier with a time of 15.060 seconds, which is a new track record, breaking the mark established earlier in the season by Gene Force.

The heat winners were Leroy Warriner, Bob McLean, Gene Hartley, and Jimmy Davies. Gene Force won the semi-feature.

The purse was \$2000.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 5, 1959 – Kil-Kare Speedway – Xenia, Ohio

QUALIFYING: 1. Len Sutton-15.060 (New Track Record).

FIRST HEAT: 1. Leroy Warriner.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Bob McLean.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Gene Hartley.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Jimmy Davies.

SEMI: 1. Gene Force.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Len Sutton, 2. Bob Wente, 3. Gere Force, 4. Gene Hartley, 5. Bob McLean, 6. Chuck Rodee, 7. Dick Frazier, 8. Russ Congdon, 9. Tommy Copp, 10. Jimmy Davies, 11. A.J. Foyt, 12. Joe Giba, 13. Shorty Templeman, 14. Leroy Warriner, 15. Bill Harter.

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It's Sutton Again at Columbus

Columbus, Ohio.....Len Sutton won his third midget race of the season and second in a row in a 50-lap event on the 3/10-mile asphalt oval at Ohio's Columbus Motor Speedway on Thursday, August 6.

For the second right in a row, Sutton also set a new qualifying record. His time of 16.000 seconds broke a mark of 16.120 set in 1957 by A.J. Foyt.

The heat winners were Gene Force, Chuck Rodee, Gene Hartley, and Jimmy Davies. Russ Congdon won the semi-feature.

The purse was \$2000.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 6, 1959 – Columbus Motor Speedway – Columbus, Ohio

QUALIFYING: 1. Len Sutton-16.000 (New Track Record).

FIRST HEAT: 1. Gene Force.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Chuck Rodee.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Gene Hartley.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Jimmy Davies.

SEMI: 1. Russ Congdon.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Len Sutton, 2. Gene Hartley, 3. A.J. Foyt, 4. Chuck Rodee, 5. Dick Frazier, 6. Johnny White, 7. Bob Wente, 8. Jimmy Davies, 9. Russ Congdon, 10. Gene Force, 11. Tommy Copp, 12. Joe Giba, 13. Ray Sellers, 14. Leroy Warriner, 15. Bill Homeier, 16. Shorty Templeman, 17. Bob McLean.

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Warriner Wins at Flat Rock

Flat Rock, Michigan.....Leroy Warriner of Indianapolis, Indiana won his third midget race of the season in a 50-lapper on the quarter-mile asphalt track at Michigan's Flat Rock Speedway on Saturday, August 8.

Johnny Kay Of New Britain, Connecticut set a new track record in qualifications of 14.650 seconds. He was driving the Carl Evans Offy.

The heat winners were Leroy Warriner, Chuck Rodee, Gene Force, and Johnny White. Rodee won the semi-feature.

The purse was \$1500.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 8, 1959 – Flat Rock Speedway – Flat Rock, Michigan

QUALIFYING: 1. Johnny Kay-14.650 (New Track Record).

FIRST HEAT: 1. Leroy Warriner.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Chuck Rodee.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Gene Force.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Johnny White.

SEMI: 1. Chuck Rodee.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Leroy Warriner, 2. Gene Hartley, 3. Chuck Rodee, 4. Shorty Templeman, 5. Eddie Johnson, 6. Gene Force, 7. Bob McLean, 8. Bob Wentz, 9. Don Horvath, 10. Dick Frazier, 11. Johnny White, 12. Johnny Kay, 13. Johnnie Parsons, 14. Don Boorse, 15. Ronnie Duman, 16. Russ Congdon, 17. Larry McCloskey, 18. Tommy Copp.

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Eddie Johnson is a Lorain County Winner

Elyria, Ohio.....Eddie Johnson of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio won a 100-lap midget race on the third-mile dirt track at Elyria, Ohio's Lorain County Speedway on Sunday, August 9.

The race was originally scheduled for Friday but was postponed because of rain.

Jimmy Davies was the fastest qualifier with a time of 18.190 seconds.

The heat winners were Bill Spear, John Slowiak, Bill Eubank, and Shorty Templeman.

Tommy Copp won the semi-feature.

The purse was \$2443.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 9, 1959 – Lorain County Speedway – Elyria, Ohio

QUALIFYING: 1. Jimmy Davies-18.190.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Bill Spear.

SECOND HEAT: 1. John Slowiak.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Bill Eubank.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Shorty Templeman.

SEMI: 1. Tommy Copp.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Eddie Johnson, 2. Gene Force, 3. Leroy Warriner, 4. Russ Congdon, 5. Johnnie Parsons, 6. Bob McLean, 7. Gene Hartley, 8. Johnny Kay, 9. Les Scott, 10. John Slowiak, 11. Shorty Templeman, 12. Bill Eubank, 13. Chuck Rodee, 14. Bill Spear, 15. Jimmy Davies, 16. Dick Frazier, 17. Don Horvath, 18. Buckie Sager.

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Hartley Wins Fort Wayne Midget Race

Fort Wayne, Indiana.....Gene Hartley of Roanoke, Indiana, the current leader in both the USAC National and Midwest Midget point standings, won his sixth feature event of the season on the quarter-mile asphalt track at Indiana's Fort Wayne Speedway on Thursday, August 13.

Hartley drove to victory in the 50-lap race in the Evans Offy. Gene Force was the fastest qualifier with a time of 15.530 seconds.

The heat winners were Joe Giba, Johnny Kay, Gene Hartley, and Bob McLean. Bob Wente won the semi-feature.

The purse was \$1500.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 13, 1959 – Fort Wayne Speedway – Fort Wayne, Indiana

QUALIFYING: Gene Force (15.530)

FIRST HEAT: 1. Joe Giba.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Johnny Kay.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Gene Hartley.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Bob McLean.

SEMI HEAT: 1. Bob Wente.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Gene Hartley, 2. Bob Wente, 3. Bob McLean, 4. Gene Force, 5. Shorty Templeman, 6. Ted Hartley, 7. Chuck Rodee, 8. Johnnie Parsons, 9. Dick Northam, 10. Joe Giba, 11. Ralph Liguori, 12. Len Sutton, 13. Johnny Kay, 14. Tommy Copp.

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Eddie Johnson is Canfield Winner

Canfield, Ohio.....Eddie Johnson of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio won his second midget feature event of the season, a 100-lap race on the quarter-mile dirt track at Ohio's Canfield Speedway on Friday, August 14.

Johnson's time was 28:32.09, while the fastest qualifier, Bob Wente, recorded a time of 17.030 seconds.

The heat winners were Ed Stanley, Johnny White, Shorty Templeman, and Bobby Grim. The semi-feature was won by Templeman.

The purse was \$2331.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 14, 1959 – Canfield Fairgrounds – Canfield, Ohio

QUALIFYING: 1. Bob Wente-17.030.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Ed Stanley.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Johnny White.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Shorty Templeman.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Bobby Grim.

SEMI: 1. Shorty Templeman.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Eddie Johnson, 2. Bill Spear, 3. Shorty Templeman, 4. Johnny White, 5. Johnnie Parsons, 6. Don Horvath, 7. Gene Force, 8. Bobby Grim, 9. Joe Giba, 10. Bob Wente, 11. Bill Homeier, 12. Gene Hartley, 13. Bob McLean, 14. Buddy Martin, 15. Jim Shaffer, 16. R. Bartholomew, 17. Bowery, 18. Dan Fagnilli. 28:32.09

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Wente Wins Illiana Midget Race

Schererville, Indiana.....Bob Wente of Saint Louis, Missouri won a 20-lap midget race on the half-mile dirt track of Illiana Motor Speedway in Schererville, Indiana on Saturday, August 15.

Wente's time for the distance was 7:53.20. Gene Hartley was the fastest qualifier with a time of 24.840 seconds.

The heat winners were Chuck Weyant, Tony Bettenhausen, Dwight Brown, and Shorty Templeman. The semi-feature was won by Jimmy Davies.

The purse was \$2000.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 15, 1959 – Illiana Motor Speedway – Schererville, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Gene Hartley-24.840.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Chuck Weyant.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Tony Bettenhausen.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Dwight Brown.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Shorty Templeman.

SEMI: 1. Jimmy Davies.

FEATURE: (20 laps) 1. Bob Wente, 2. Gene Hartley, 3. Shorty Templeman, 4. Carl Williams, 5. Bobby Grim, 6. Rodger Ward, 7. Don Boorse, 8. Chuck Rodee, 9. Jimmy Knight, 10. Eddie Johnson, 11. Bill Homeier, 12. Johnny Riva, 13. Joe Giba, 14. Russ Congdon, 15. Dwight Brown, 16. Johnny White, 17. Bob McLean, 18. Les Scott. 7:53.20

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Jeffersonville Race Won by Leroy Warriner

Jeffersonville, Indiana.....Leroy Warriner of Indianapolis, Indiana won a 50-lap midget race on the quarter-mile asphalt track at Jeffersonville, Indiana's Sportsdrome on Monday, August 17.

It had been scheduled for Sunday but was rained out.

The time for the feature was 13:12.49. The fastest qualifier was Gene Hartley with a time of 15.450 seconds.

The heat winners were Bob Tattersall, Chuck Rodee, Gene Hartley, and Bob McLean.

The purse was \$1500.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 17, 1959 – Sportsdrome – Jeffersonville, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Gene Hartley-15.450.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Bob Tattersall.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Chuck Rodee.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Gene Hartley.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Bob McLean.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Leroy Warriner, 2. Shorty Templeman, 3. Gene Hartley, 4. Gene Force, 5. Len Sutton, 6. Eddie Jackson, 7. Joe Giba, 8. Bob McLean, 9. Chuck Rodee, 10. Bob Tattersall, 11. Bob Wente. 13:12.49

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Hartley Wins Peoria Midget Race

Peoria, Illinois.....Gene Hartley of Roanoke, Indiana won his seventh midget race of the season, a 50-lap event on the quarter-mile dirt track at Peoria Speedway in Illinois on Wednesday, August 26.

Hartley's time was 13:20.14. Jimmy Davies was the fastest qualifier with a time of 14.180 seconds.

The heat winners were John Slowiak, Eddie Jackson, Johnny Kay, and Johnnie Parsons. Bob McLean won the semi-feature.

The purse was \$1500.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 26, 1959 – Peoria Speedway – Peoria, Illinois

QUALIFYING: 1. Jimmy Davies-14.180.

FIRST HEAT: 1. John Slowiak.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Eddie Jackson.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Johnny Kay.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Johnnie Parsons.

SEMI: 1. Bob McLean.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Gene Hartley, 2. Russ Congdon, 3. Johnny Kay, 4. Gene Force, 5. Bob McLean, 6. Bob Tattersall, 7. Shorty Templeman, 8. Bob Wente, 9. John Slowiak, 10. Johnnie Parsons, 11. Chuck Rodee, 12. Joe Giba, 13. Bobby Grim, 14. Jimmy Davies, 15. Eddie Jackson, 16. Bob Hodge, 17. Bob Lithgow, 18. Bob Lively. 13:20.14

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Ward is Milwaukee Midget Winner

West Allis, Wisconsin.....Rodger Ward drove the Leader Card Special to victory in the 100-mile midget race on the one-mile asphalt track at West Allis' Wisconsin State Fair Park on Saturday, August 29.

Ward was the fastest qualifier with a time of 36.270 seconds and completed the race in 1:01:48.957 for an average speed of 97.062 miles per hour.

Ward led the first 47 laps before being passed by Tony Bettenhausen, who had engine trouble after 63 laps. Jimmy Davies led the 71st and 72nd laps, but Ward led all the rest.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 29, 1959 – Wisconsin State Fair Park – West Allis, Wisconsin

QUALIFYING: 1. Rodger Ward-36.270.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Rodger Ward, 2. Jimmy Davies, 3. Eddie Johnson, 4. Chuck Rodee, 5. Shorty Templeman, 6. Len Sutton, 7. Russ Congdon, 8. Leroy Warriner, 9. Frank Burany, 10. Bill Homeier, 11. Bill Cheesbourg, 12. Gene Hartley, 13. Ed Walker, 14. Don Boorse, 15. Joe Giba, 16. Gene Force, 17. Johnnie Parsons, 18. Tony Bettenhausen, 19. Keith Thomas, 20. Tommy Copp, 21. Bob Wente, 22. Jimmy Knight, 23. Bob McLean, 24. Danny Oakes, 25. Jack Reynolds, 26. Don Branson, 27. Orville Franks. 1:01:48.957

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-47 Rodger Ward, Laps 48-63 Tony Bettenhausen, Laps 64-70 Rodger Ward, Laps 71-72 Jimmy Davies, Laps 73-100 Rodger Ward.

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Peters Wins Trenton Midget Race

Trenton, New Jersey.....Fred "Jiggs" Peters of Bound Brook, New Jersey won a 250-mile midget race in Trenton, New Jersey on Sunday, August 30.

The event was co-sanctioned by USAC and ARDC. The purse was \$12,500.

Peters was driving the Ken Brenn Offy and averaged 94.388 miles per hour. He was followed across the line by Bert Brooks, Gig Stephens, Johnny Coy, and Tony Romit.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 30, 1959 – New Jersey State Fairgrounds – Trenton, New Jersey – Co-Sanctioned by ARDC

QUALIFYING: 1. Gig Stephens

FEATURE: (250 laps) 1. Jiggs Peters, 2. Bert Brooks, 3. Gig Stephens, 4. Johnny Coy, 5. Tony Romit, 6. Tony Bonadies, 7. Red Riegel, 8. Bill Randall, 9. Russ Klar, 10. Jimmy Davies. 2:38:55.11

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Hartley Wins Midget Race at Painesville

Painesville, Ohio.....Gene Hartley of Roanoke, Indiana won his eighth feature event of the midget season, a 50-lap race on the quarter-mile asphalt track at Ohio's Painesville Speedway on Thursday, September 3.

Hartley set a new track record of 14.280 seconds during qualifications.

The first USAC race on the track paid a purse of \$1500.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: September 3, 1959 – Painesville Speedway – Painesville, Ohio

QUALIFYING: 1. Gene Hartley-14.280 (New Track Record).

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Gene Hartley, 2. Chuck Rodee, 3. Johnny Kay, 4. Russ Congdon, 5. Leroy Warriner, 6. Bobby Grim, 7. Jack Turner, 8. Ray Sellers, 9. Buddy Martin, 10. Al Shaffer, 11. Tommy Copp, 12. Bill Eubank, 13. R. Bartholomew, 14. Dan Fagnilli, 15. Bill Spear, 16. J. Ter??, 17. Bernie Wrona, 18. Ed Stanley.

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Hartley Wins Another Midget Race at Illiana

Schererville, Indiana.....Gene Hartley chalked up win number nine in a 30-lap race on the half-mile dirt track of Illiana Motor Speedway in Schererville, Indiana on Saturday, September 5.

Hartley's time for the feature race was 12:45.75. Chuck Weyant of Springfield, Illinois was the fastest qualifier with a time of 24.330 seconds.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: September 5, 1959 – Illiana Motor Speedway – Schererville, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Chuck Weyant-24.330.

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Gene Hartley, 2. Tommy Copp, 3. Bob Wente, 4. Johnny Riva, 5. Dale Swaim, 6. Bob McLean, 7. Jimmy Davies, 8. Larry McCloskey, 9. Bob Tattersall, 10. Frank Burany, 11. Gene Force, 12. Chuck Weyant, 13. Lee Drollinger, 14. Shorty Templeman, 15. Johnny Kay, 16. Bobby Grim, 17. Chuck Rodee, 18. Danny Oakes. 12:45.75

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Bettenhausen is Du Quoin Midget Winner

Du Quoin, Illinois.....Tony Bettenhausen of Tinley Park, Illinois won a 100-mile midget race on the one-mile dirt track at the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds in Illinois on Sunday, September 6.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: September 6, 1959 – Du Quoin State Fairgrounds – Du Quoin, Illinois

QUALIFYING: 1. Bill Cheesbourg-38.980.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Tony Bettenhausen, 2. Jimmy Davies, 3. Shorty Templeman, 4. Jack Turner, 5. Danny Oakes, 6. Tommy Copp, 7. Bob Wente, 8. Johnnie Parsons, 9. Bill Homeier, 10. Eddie Johnson, 11. Leroy Warriner, 12. Orville Franks, 13. Joe Giba, 14. Chuck Rodee, 15. Larry McCloskey, 16. Jim Neff, 17. Gene Hartley, 18. Gene Force, 19. Al Shaffer, 20. Frank Burany, 21. Len Sutton, 22. Russ Congdon, 23. Bob McLean, 24. Allen Crowe, 25. Bob Tattersall, 26. Jerry Mans, 27. Les Harshbarger, 28. Jim Millmaker, 29. Chuck Weyant, 30. Bill Cheesbourg, 31. Paige Baker.

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Warriner Wins Macon Midget Race

Macon, Illinois.....Leroy Warriner of Indianapolis, Indiana won his fifth midget race of the season, a 50-lap event on the fifth-mile dirt track at Macon Speedway in Illinois on Tuesday, September 15.

The fastest qualifier was Chuck Marshall with a time of 12.720 seconds. Jimmy Davies finished fourth, while Gene Hartley finished eighth to close the gap slightly in the point standings.

The heat winners were Russ Congdon, Bill Eubank, Gene Hartley, and Johnny Riva. The semi-feature was won by Gene Weyant.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: September 15, 1959 – Macon Speedway – Macon, Illinois

QUALIFYING: 1. Chuck Marshall-12.720.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Russ Congdon.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Bill Eubank.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Gene Hartley.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Johnny Riva.

SEMI: 1. Gene Weyant.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Leroy Warriner, 2. John Slowiak, 3. Gene Weyant, 4. Jimmy Davies, 5. Bill Eubank, 6. Bill Homeier, 7. Red Hamilton, 8. Gene Hartley, 9. Johnny Riva, 10. Russ Congdon, 11. Allen Crowe, 12. Tommy Copp, 13. Tony Lenti, 14. Chuck Marshall, 15. Danny Oakes, 16. Leo Caldwell, 17. Bob Wente, 18. Shorty Templeman.

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Hartley Wins Midget Race at Lincoln, Illinois

Lincoln, Illinois.....Gene Hartley of Roanoke, Indiana won his 10th midget race of the season to edge a little farther ahead in the USAC National Midget championship point standings.

His latest victory came in a 40-lap event on the half-mile dirt track at the Lincoln Fairgrounds in Illinois on Sunday, September 27.

Chuck Marshall was the fastest qualifier with a time of 27.130 seconds.

The heat winners were Bill Homeier, Gene Hartley, Danny Oakes, and Leroy Warriner.

With just one midwestern midget race left on the schedule, Hartley has clinched the area championship, but the national midget championship probably will not be settled until later in the season. The Terre Haute race will pay 100 points to the winner.

The purse was \$2,500.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: September 27, 1959 – Lincoln Fairgrounds – Lincoln, Illinois

QUALIFYING: Chuck Marshall (27.130)

FIRST HEAT: 1. Bill Homeier.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Gene Hartley.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Danny Oakes.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Leroy Warriner.

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Gene Hartley, 2. Chuck Marshall, 3. Carl Williams, 4. Bill Homeier, 5. Bob Wente, 6. Leroy Warriner, 7. Red Hamilton, 8. Danny Oakes, 9. Jimmy Davies, 10. Dale Swaim, 11. Johnny Riva, 12. John Slowiak, 13. Eddie Russo, 14. Bob Tattersall, 15. Tony Lenti, 16. Tommy Copp, 17. Allen Crowe, 18. Phil Palumbo, 19. Chuck Rodee, 20. Ray Sellers.

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Baldwin is Gardena Midget Winner

Gardena, California.....Johnny Baldwin of San Carlos, California won a 100-lap midget race on the third-mile dirt track at California's Gardena Stadium on Saturday, October 3.

Baldwin started 12th and took the lead on the 43rd lap and held it to the finish for a time of 30:24.60.

Chuck Hulse led the first lap and Johnny Wood was in front from the second to the 17th. Jim Hurtubise took over until he was passed by Baldwin.

The heat winners were Bob Burbridge, Johnny Wood, Johnnie Parsons, and Jim Hurtubise. Burbridge won the semi-feature and Johnny Moorhouse won the trophy dash. Ray Crawford was the fastest qualifier with a time of 15.510 seconds.

The purse went over the guarantee to \$2211.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: October 3, 1959 – Gardena Stadium – Gardena, California

QUALIFYING: 1. Ray Crawford-15.510.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Bob Burbridge.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Johnny Wood.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Johnnie Parsons.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Jim Hurtubise.

SEMI HEAT: 1. Bob Burbridge.

DASH HEAT: 1. Johnny Moorhouse.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Johnny Baldwin (12), 2. Billy Cantrell, 3. Johnny Wood, 4. Johnnie Tolan, 5. Mike McGreevy, 6. Johnny Moorhouse, 7. Joe Garson, 8. Gene Gurney, 9. Johnnie Parsons, 10. Tim Sullivan, 11. Cal Niday, 12. Davey Moses, 13. Ray Crawford, 14. Jim Hurtubise, 15. Earl Motter, 16. Danny Oakes, 17. Don Davis, 18. Chuck Hulse. 30:24.60

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Chuck Hulse, Laps 2-17 Johnny Wood, Laps 18-42 Jim Hurtubise, Laps 43-100 Johnny Baldwin.

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Hartley Wins 11th Midget Feature at Terre Haute

Terre Haute, Indiana.....Gene Hartley of Roanoke, Indiana, the 1959 USAC Midwest Midget champion, moved closer to the National Midget championship by winning the Hut 100 on the half-mile dirt track at Indiana's Terre Haute Action Track on Sunday, October 4.

Hartley took the lead on the 84th lap to capture his 11th feature victory of the season. He was timed in at 46:46.97, which was a little over two minutes off the track record. Chuck Marshall of Champaign, Illinois led the first 83 laps.

Jimmy Davies of Pacoima, California was the fastest qualifier with a time of 24.870 seconds. He was eliminated from the feature event with a broken radius rod. This gave Hartley a 208-point lead in the standings with just the Pacific Coast races left on the schedule.

The heat winners were Don Branson, Chuck Marshall, and Johnny White. The semi-feature was won by Cotton Farmer.

Among the interested spectators was Rex Easton of Springfield, Illinois, who was still recuperating from injuries suffered in a sprint car race in Grand Rapids, Michigan on June 19.

The purse went \$500 over the guarantee to \$4000.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: October 4, 1959 – Terre Haute Action Track – Terre Haute, Indiana – Hut 100

QUALIFYING: 1. Jimmy Davies-24.870.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Don Branson.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Chuck Marshall.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Johnny White.

SEMI: 1. Cotton Farmer.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Gene Hartley, 2. Bob Tattersall, 3. Chuck Marshall, 4. Leroy Warriner, 5. Larry McCloskey, 6. Dale Swaim, 7. Chuck Weyant, 8. Johnny White, 9. Al Shaffer, 10. Chuck Rodee, 11. Billy Wood, 12. A.J. Foyt, 13. Cotton Farmer, 14. Jimmy Davies, 15. Dick Brown, 16. Tony Lenti, 17. Bill Homeier, 18. Gene Force, 19. Shorty Templeman, 20. Tommy Copp, 21. Bill Eubank, 22. Eddie Johnson, 23. Bob Ellingham, 24. Rodger Ward. 46:46.97

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-83 Chuck Marshall, Laps 84-100 Gene Hartley.

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Spalding Spooks on Halloween Night in San Jose

San Jose, California.....Cliff Spalding of Bothell, Washington drove to victory in his Harmon Offy at California's San Jose Speedway on Saturday, October 31.

Spalding led Earl Motter and Danny Oakes across the finish line in a 100-lap race on the quarter-mile asphalt track in San Jose.

Oakes, who was driving the Dean Van Lines Special, was the fastest qualifier with a time of 16.440 seconds.

The heat winners were Johnny Baldwin, Gene Force, and Jimmy Davies, with Baldwin winning two heats. The trophy dash was won by Jim Hurtubise and the semi-feature winner was Bill Homeier.

The purse was \$2000.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: October 31, 1959 – San Jose Speedway – San Jose, California

QUALIFYING: 1. Danny Oakes-16.440.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Johnny Baldwin.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Gene Force.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Jimmy Davies.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Johnny Baldwin.

DASH: 1. Jim Hurtubise.

SEMI: 1. Bill Homeier.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Cliff Spalding, 2. Earl Motter, 3. Danny Oakes, 4. Gene Gurney, 5. Davey Moses, 6. Joe Garson, 7. Mike McGreevy, 8. Jim Hurtubise, 9. Bob Burbridge, 10. Shorty Templeman, 11. Billy Cantrell, 12. Bill Sullivan, 13. Bill Cheesbourg, 14. Johnny Wood, 15. Norm Rapp, 16. Johnny Baldwin, 17. A.J. Foyt, 18. Johnnie Tolan.

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Spalding Completes Weekend Sweep with Win at Stockton 99

Stockton, California.....Bothell, Washington's Cliff Spalding raced to the win aboard the Harmon Offy at Stockton 99 Speedway in California on Sunday, November 1.

Spalding followed his win at San Jose with a victory in a 100-lap race on the quarter-mile asphalt track at Stockton the next day.

Jimmy Davies and Johnny Baldwin were second and third, respectively.

Davies was the fastest qualifier in his own car with a time of 15.630 seconds.

The heat winners were A.J. Foyt, Cotton Farmer, Dempsey Wilson, and Les Scott. The trophy dash was won by Johnny Baldwin and the semi-feature winner was Billy Cantrell.

The purse was \$2000.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: November 1, 1959 – Stockton 99 Speedway – Stockton, California

QUALIFYING: 1. Jimmy Davies-15.630.

FIRST HEAT: 1. A.J. Foyt.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Cotton Farmer.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Dempsey Wilson.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Les Scott.

DASH: 1. Johnny Baldwin.

SEMI: 1. Billy Cantrell.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Cliff Spalding, 2. Jimmy Davies, 3. Johnny Baldwin, 4. Davey Moses, 5. Tommy Copp, 6. Gene Force, 7. Les Scott, 8. Mike McGreevy, 9. Shorty Templeman, 10. Gene Gurney, 11. Bill Homeier, 12. Bob Burbridge, 13. Ed Andrews, 14. Tim Sullivan, 15. Danny Oakes, 16. Johnny Wood, 17. Johnny Boyd, 18. Chuck Booth.

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Bettenhausen Wins San Antonio Midget Race

San Antonio, Texas.....Tony Bettenhausen of Tinley Park, Illinois led all the way to win a 50-lap midget race on the quarter-mile asphalt track at San Antonio, Texas' Pan-American Speedway on Friday, November 20.

Don Branson of Champaign, Illinois was the fastest qualifier with a time of 14.350 seconds.

The heat winners were Chuck Rodee, Cotton Farmer, Ralph Parkinson, and Bob McLean. The semi-feature was won by Jim Packard.

The purse was \$2000.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: November 20, 1959 – Pan-American Speedway – San Antonio, Texas

QUALIFYING: 1. Don Branson-14.350.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Chuck Rodee.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Cotton Farmer.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Ralph Parkinson.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Bob McLean.

SEMI: 1. Jim Packard.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Tony Bettenhausen, 2. Joe Giba, 3. Jimmy Davies, 4. Sonny McDaniel, 5. Bobby Grim, 6. Lloyd Ruby, 7. Bob McLean, 8. Tony Lenti, 9. Bill Homeier, 10. Don Branson, 11. Willie Wildhaber, 12. Tim Sullivan, 13. Buddy Martin, 14. Cotton Farmer, 15. Gene Force, 16. Johnny Kay, 17. Bob Wente, 18. Gene Hartley.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-50 Tony Bettenhausen.

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Foyt is Corpus Christi Winner

Corpus Christi, Texas.....A.J. Foyt of Houston, Texas won a 50-lap midget race on the quarter-mile asphalt track at Corpus Christi Speedway in Texas on Saturday, November 21.

Driving the Glen Dennee Offy, Foyt led from start to finish, but barely edged Tommy Copp of San Bruno, California at the checkered flag. Chuck Rodee was the fastest qualifier with a time of 15.090 seconds.

The heat winners were Tony Lenti, Bill Homeier, A.J. Foyt, and Tommy Copp. The semi-feature was won by Norm Hall.

The three races at San Antonio, Houston, and Corpus Christi paid a total purse for the three days of \$10,000.

The purse was \$2,000.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: November 21, 1959 – Corpus Christi Speedway – Corpus Christi, Texas

QUALIFYING: 1. Chuck Rodee-15.090.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Tony Lenti.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Bill Homeier.

THIRD HEAT: 1. A.J. Foyt.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Tommy Copp.

SEMI: 1. Norm Hall.

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. A.J. Foyt, 2. Tommy Copp, 3. Gene Hartley, 4. Lloyd Ruby, 5. Bob McLean, 6. Jimmy Davies, 7. Dale Swaim, 8. Bill Homeier, 9. Buddy Martin, 10. Jim Packard, 11. Gene Force, 12. Tony Lenti, 13. Tim Sullivan, 14. Joe Giba, 15. Chuck Rodee, 16. Tony Bettenhausen, 17. Bobby Grim, 18. Bob Wente.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-50 A.J. Foyt.

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Force is Texas "Midget King" With Houston Victory

Houston, Texas.....Gene Force of Richmond, Indiana can claim the "Texas Midget Championship" after outlasting the field in a 100-lap race on the half-mile asphalt track at Houston's Meyer Speedway on Sunday, November 22.

In a race plagued by numerous pit stops for tire changes, Force and the next two drivers, Dale Swaim of Jeffersonville, Indiana and Bill Homeier of Pacoima, California, managed to go the distance without stopping. Force was driving the Shannon Bros. Offy.

Jimmy Davies of Pacoima, California was the fastest qualifier with a time of 22.950 seconds. The heat winners were Davies, Gene Hartley, and A.J. Foyt. The semi-feature was won by Buddy Martin.

There were 38 cars present for qualifications and 24 cars started the feature event.

The purse was \$6,000.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: November 22, 1959 – Meyer Speedway – Houston, Texas

QUALIFYING: 1. Jimmy Davies-22.950.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Jimmy Davies.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Gene Hartley.

THIRD HEAT: 1. A.J. Foyt.

SEMI: 1. Buddy Martin.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Gene Force, 2. Dale Swaim, 3. Bill Homeier, 4. Gene Hartley, 5. Tony Bettenhausen, 6. Duane Carter, 7. Bobby Grim, 8. Jim Packard, 9. Leroy Warriner, 10. Lloyd Ruby, 11. Don Branson, 12. Bob Wente, 13. Tommy Copp, 14. Norm Hall, 15. Buddy Martin, 16. Bob McLean, 17. Jimmy Davies, 18. Chuck Rodee, 19. Tony Lenti, 20. Sonny McDaniel, 21. Ralph Parkinson, 22. Gig Stephens, 23. A.J. Foyt, 24. Jimmy Popham, 25. Eddie McVay.

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Bettenhausen Takes Turkey Night Grand Prix

Gardena, California.....Tony Bettenhausen of Tinley Park, Illinois won his second midget race in two weeks by capturing the Turkey Night Grand Prix, a 150-lap race on the third-mile dirt track at California's Gardena Stadium on Thursday, November 26.

It was Bettenhausen's first victory in the Thanksgiving Day extravaganza promoted by J.C. Agajanian. He drove the Howard Linne Offy into first place on the 13th lap and led the rest of the race.

Bettenhausen was the fastest qualifier with a time of 15.660 seconds, which is only 0.15 second slower than the one-lap track record set on October 4, 1959, by Ray Crawford.

Crawford won the trophy dash and led the first 12 laps of the feature event.

Rodger Ward finished second and did it the hard way, starting 16th. Johnny Boyd and Billy Cantrell were running second and third, respectively, when they tangled on the 117th lap. Neither driver was injured, but both were out of the race.

Earl Motter of Pacifica, California finished eighth and earned enough points to take over the lead in the Pacific Coast midget championship point standings. He leads Cantrell by just 8.25 points, with one race at Saugus on December 27 left on the schedule.

Chuck Booth won the semi-feature. The purse was \$3,545 and the crowd was 5,000. Forty cars participated in the program.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: November 26, 1959 – Gardena Stadium – Gardena, California – Turkey Night Grand Prix

QUALIFYING: 1. Tony Bettenhausen-15.660.

DASH: 1. Ray Crawford.

SEMI: 1. Chuck Booth.

FEATURE: (150 laps) 1. Tony Bettenhausen, 2. Rodger Ward (16), 3. Danny Oakes, 4. Johnnie Parsons, 5. Tommy Copp, 6. Johnnie Tolan, 7. Carl Williams, 8. Earl Motter, 9. Chuck Booth, 10. Johnny Moorhouse, 11. Ray Crawford, 12. Johnny Boyd, 13. Billy Cantrell, 14. Joe Garson, 15. A.J. Foyt, 16. Jim Hurtubise, 17. Jimmy Davies, 18. Bill Cheesbourg.

FEATURE LAPS LED: Laps 1-12 Ray Crawford, Laps 13-150 Tony Bettenhausen.

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Swaim is First Winner at Fort Wayne

Fort Wayne, Indiana.....Dale Swaim of Jeffersonville, Indiana won the 30-lap event at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne, Indiana on Sunday, December 27.

Billy Wood was the fastest qualifier with a time of 9.01 seconds.

The heat winners were Bob McLean, Chuck Weyant, Gene Weyant, and Gene Hartley. Gene Force won the consolation race and Chuck Marshall won the semi-feature.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: December 27, 1959 – Allen County War Memorial Coliseum – Fort Wayne, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Billy Wood-9.010.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Bob McLean.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Chuck Weyant.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Gene Weyant.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Gene Hartley.

NON-QUALIFIERS RACE: 1. Gene Force.

SEMI: 1. Chuck Marshall.

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Dale Swaim, 2. Ted Hartley, 3. Leroy Warriner, 4. Chuck Weyant, 5. Bob McLean, 6. Bobby Grim, 7. Billy Wood, 8. Al Herman, 9. Dick Northam, 10. Don Branson.

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Moses Wins Saugus Midget Race, Oakes is Pacific Coast Champion

Saugus, California.....Davey Moses of Mountain View, California won the final midget race of the season by driving the London Offy to victory in the 100-lap feature event on the one-third mile asphalt track at Santa Clarita, California's Bonelli Stadium on Sunday, December 27.

Danny Oakes of North Hollywood, California finished sixth in the race but picked up enough points to edge Earl Motter of Fresno, California by 1.25 points for the Pacific Coast Midget championship.

Oakes was the fastest qualifier with a time of 18.960 seconds. Moses set a new track record of 32:58.13 in the feature.

The heat winners were Johnny Wood, Jim Hurtubise, Earl Motter, and Billy Cantrell. Johnnie Tolan won the trophy dash and Earl Motter won the semi-feature.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: December 27, 1959 – Bonelli Stadium – Santa Clarita, California

QUALIFYING: 1. Danny Oakes-18.960.

FIRST HEAT: 1. Johnny Wood.

SECOND HEAT: 1. Jim Hurtubise.

THIRD HEAT: 1. Earl Motter.

FOURTH HEAT: 1. Billy Cantrell.

DASH: 1. Johnnie Tolan.

SEMI: 1. Earl Motter.

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Davey Moses, 2. Johnnie Parsons, 3. Cliff Spalding, 4. Rodger Ward, 5. Tommy Copp, 6. Danny Oakes, 7. Earl Motter, 8. Norm Hall, 9. Bill Mehner, 10. Jim Hurtubise, 11. Joe Garson, 12. Johnny Wood, 13. Johnnie Tolan, 14. Les Scott, 15. Cal Niday, 16. Billy Cantrell, 17. Eddie Jackson, 18. Shorty Templeman. 32:58.13 (New Track Record)