

## **Tripp a Delight & Fantastic**

***By: Richie Murray***

Ron "Sleepy" Tripp of Costa Mesa, Calif., relative unknown until late 1974, made a shambles of the competition in his first full year of USAC National Midget competition and scored a most decisive championship during the 1975 season.

Doing much of his own mechanical work and focusing his efforts on winning the USAC National Midget crown, Sleepy's dedication produced 13 feature victories during the 46-race season, the third-largest total in history, and he became one of the most dominant champions in the history of the club. He and his Rimco Manufacturing Volkswagen finished so far in front of the field that they probably could have gone home in August and still won the title.

During one stretch, Sleepy won three races at different tracks on successive nights and grabbed eight wins in 11 starts. In a two-month stretch late in the season, he finished 17 of 19 starts inside the top-three. To further illustrate Sleepy's dedication, he apparently turned down several lucrative offers that might have interfered with his drive to the title.

One of two brothers who completely dominated the national quarter midget scene as kids, Sleepy's brother, Bob, competed in three USAC National Midget races in 1975, finishing second behind Sleepy in the July 26 feature at Suntana Speedway in Provo, Utah. The two brothers reportedly owned over 2,000 trophies from their younger years as racers.

Sleepy was just one of several newcomers who enlightened the Midget trail in 1975. Dana Carter's first full season of USAC National Midget competition produced four wins and a second place points finish. He and older brother Pancho won five-in-a-row in June, a streak which ended only when they tangled with each other during the feature at Weedsport in July.

Mel Kenyon nailed down a victory and third in the standings by winning Turkey Night, held for the first time on pavement at Speedway 605 in Irwindale, Calif. after legal problems forced a temporary closure of its home at Ascot Park. Anaheim, California's Larry Patton won twice and finished fourth in points to earn the likeable lad the Rookie of the Year distinction.

The season produced several memorable victories such as Gary Bettenhausen's comeback during January's season opener indoors in Fort Wayne, Ind. Still recovering from injuries sustained during a July 1974 crash in Syracuse, N.Y., Bettenhausen virtually beat his competition one-handed as he came from the 10th starting position to win in just his second race back.

The only serious accident to mar an otherwise remarkably safe series of races claimed the life of Wilmington, Ill. driver John Gall on August 8 at the Indianapolis (Ind.) Speedrome when his throttle stuck during the fourth heat race, which resulted in him hitting the outside retaining wall, flipping over it and making contact with a light pole. The 25-year-old, who operated a trash hauling company with his father, was competing in his first full season of USAC National Midget racing.

Rex Easton suffered a fatal heart attack just before Christmas. The USAC National Midget runner-up in 1957-1958 totaled 21 wins and was also crowned the 1958 USAC Midwest Midget champion. He was 60 years old. Furthermore, George McBeath passed away on December 11. His car, driven by Larry Cannon, won at Springfield (Ill.) Speedway in 1969.

USAC National Midget engine size specifications remained unaltered for 1975, but cars of rear-engine design were no longer eligible starting this year. Six point safety harnesses were also made mandatory beginning in 1975.

Bob Higman was involved in an accident en route to the February 8 Indiana State Fairgrounds Coliseum race and the Dan Pool No. 9 midget he was carrying ended up in a ditch. Pool took the car back to his Romney, Ind. shop, replaced the bent axle and made other repairs before restarting his trip. Dana Carter drove the car to second place in the feature that night.

Ken Nichols' first victory was tumultuous, sliding upside-down in his heat race, then coming back to score the feature victory on March 1 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds Coliseum. In a quarter-midget match race prior to this event, five "grown-ups" squeezed their way into seats as Jim Hettinger defeated Nichols, Steve Lotshaw, Larry Fritz and Jerry Nuckles.

Nichols, along with Mark Alderson, placed inside the top-10 in points for the first time in 1975. Nichols took seventh while Alderson was eighth and was named Most Improved Driver. Bob Wente received the Jim Blunk Award for Sportsmanship.

Racing writer Robin Miller made his series debut in June. Miller acquired a car from Merle Bettenhausen and made his first start at the Champaign-Urbana Fairgrounds in Illinois, finishing 12th. His season ended abruptly during a hot lap crash in August at Santa Fe Speedway in Hinsdale, Ill, suffering a cerebral concussion that required a few days stay in the hospital.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: January 5, 1975 – Allen County War Memorial Coliseum – Fort Wayne, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Richard Powell, 43, Powell-8.572; 2. Bob Hare, 181, Graham-8.605; 3. Spike Gehlhausen, 91, Gehlhausen-8.726; 4. Jerry Stone, 54, Stone-8.799; 5. Bill Davis, 74, Andrew-8.812; 6. Gary Byers, 36, Byers-8.817; 7. Chuck Gurney, 7, Koehler-8.833; 8. Dave Gable, 10, Polak-8.834; 9. Doug Craig, 6x, Craig-8.866; 10. Steve Cannon, 67, Schneider-8.934; 11. Gary Bettenhausen, 93, Linne-8.940; 12. Billy Engelhart, 59, Riggs-8.941; 13. Larry Cannon, 68, Tetrault-8.950; 14. Bob Wente, 25, Wente-8.969; 15. Bob Lithgow, 28, Lithgow-8.970; 16. Jerry Nuckles, 157, Nuckles-8.982; 17. Jigger Sirois, 50, Doty-8.982; 18. Rich Vogler, 3, Cornell-8.987; 19. Dave Strickland, 46, Gamester-8.999; 20. Van Gurley, 63, Perkins-9.053; 21. Newt White, 96, Steffes-9.147; 22. Gary Irvin, 42, Irvin-9.176; 23. Rex Waltenburg, 34, Cooper-9.201; 24. John Gall, 75, Dailey-9.245; 25. Larry Dickson, 81, Jones-9.256; 26. Bruce Field, 122, Braga-9.257; 27. Ron Eden, 77, Eden-9.282; 28. Bill Compton, 117, Kistler-9.294; 29. John Batts, 56, McMahon-9.327; 30. Johnny Parsons, 69, Lockard-9.331; 31. Gary Ponzini, 79, King-9.356; 32. Jay Cornell, 82, Cornell-9.389; 33. Dick Standridge, 102, Rahn-9.409; 34. Tom Bigelow, 9, Pool-9.450; 35. Jack Shipman, 49, Ammerman-9.508; 36. Lee Mettetal, 94, Mettetal-9.553; 37. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-9.586; 38. John Lucas, 95, Mogis-9.662; 39. Jim Hettinger, 15EC, Hettinger-9.677; 40. Bill Weingarten, 30, Weingarten-9.694; 41. Steve Lotshaw, 62, Lotshaw-9.710; 42. King Kramer, 161, Kramer-9.879; 43. Jack Crawford, 22EC, Givens-9.893; 44. Sleepy Tripp, 2, Caruthers-9.928; 45. Tom Brosius, 52, Brosius-9.940; 46. Chris Buttler, 159, Nuckles-9.969; 47. Gene Gennetten, 31, Gennetten-10.143; 48. Kevin Olson, 51, Olson-10.269; 49. Mark Alderson, 22, Alderson-10.295; 50. Duke Cook, 115, Hoppe-10.305; 51. Paul Ruhland, 41, Ruhland-10.371; 52. Bob Schumacher, 8, Korff-11.725; 53. Pancho Carter, 22, Shannon-11.982; 54. Tommy Astone, 4, Astone-NT; 55. Wes Stafford, 29, Fortune-NT; 56. Mike Schiesel, 88, English-NT; 57. Kurt Mayhew, 106, Mayhew-NT.

NON-QUALIFIERS RACE: (15 laps) 1. Johnny Parsons, 2. Bruce Field, 3. John Gall, 4. Ron Eden, 5. Larry Dickson, 6. Newt White, 7. John Batts, 8. Rex Waltenburg, 9. Gary Irvin, 10. Bill Compton. NT

FIRST HEAT: (15 laps) 1. Larry Cannon, 2. Doug Craig, 3. Jigger Sirois, 4. Bill Davis, 5. Newt White, 6. Richard Powell. NT

SECOND HEAT: (15 laps) 1. Rich Vogler, 2. Bob Hare, 3. Steve Cannon, 4. Gary Irvin, 5. Bob Wente, 6. Gary Byers. NT

THIRD HEAT: (15 laps) 1. Dave Strickland, 2. Gary Bettenhausen, 3. Bob Lithgow, 4. Spike Gehlhausen, 5. Chuck Gurney, 6. Rex Waltenburg. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (15 laps) 1. Jerry Nuckles, 2. Billy Engelhart, 3. Jerry Stone, 4. Dave Gable, 5. John Gall, 6. Van Gurley. NT

SEMI: (20 laps) 1. Bob Wente, 2. Larry Cannon, 3. Van Gurley, 4. Bob Lithgow, 5. Billy Engelhart, 6. Newt White, 7. Rich Vogler, 8. Rex Waltenburg, 9. Jerry Nuckles, 10. Gary Irvin, 11. Dave Strickland, 12. Jigger Sirois. NT

FEATURE: (75 laps) 1. Gary Bettenhausen, 2. Spike Gehlhausen, 3. Bill Davis, 4. Steve Cannon, 5. Larry Cannon, 6. Dave Gable, 7. Bob Wente, 8. Richard Powell, 9. Bob Hare, 10. Chuck Gurney, 11. Doug Craig, 12. Jerry Stone. 13:01.54

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: January 19, 1975 – Allen County War Memorial Coliseum – Fort Wayne, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Dana Carter, 9, Pool-8.575; 2. Sleepy Tripp, 2, Caruthers-8.651; 3. Jim Hettinger, 15, Hettinger-8.659; 4. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-8.679; 5. Ken Schrader, 115, Hoppe-8.697; 6. Ron Eden, 77, Eden-8.734; 7. Ken Nichols, 46, Gamester-8.772; 8. Jerry Stone, 54, Stone-8.778; 9. Gary Bettenhausen, 93, Linne-8.814; 10. Gary Irvin, 42, Irvin-8.823; 11. Bob Wente, 25, Wente-8.825; 12. John Batts, 56, McMahon-8.839; 13. Larry Cannon, 68, Tetrault-8.852; 14. Tom Bigelow, 3, Cornell-8.860; 15. Richard Powell, 43, Powell-8.874; 16. Pancho Carter, 22, Shannon-8.889; 17. John Gall, 75, Dailey-8.897; 18. Roger Branson, 72, Branson-8.917; 19. Bob Lithgow, 28, Lithgow-8.934; 20. Jigger Sirois, 50, Doty-8.952; 21. Gary Ponzini, 30, Weingarten-8.960; 22. Bruce Field, 122, Braga-8.961; 23. Jim Hines, 177, Saunders-8.962; 24. Jerry Nuckles, 157, Nuckles-8.995; 25. Rich Vogler, 24, Vogler-8.999; 26. Mike Schiesel, 88, English-9.005; 27. Larry Dickson, 81, Jones-9.009; 28. Bill Davis, 74, Andrew-9.010; 29. Rocky Fisher, 40, McClain-9.019; 30. Johnny Parsons, 69, Lockard-9.046; 31. Dick Standridge, 102, Rahn-9.093; 32. Tommy Astone, 4, Astone-9.100; 33. Van Gurley, 63, Perkins-9.139; 34. Bob Hare, 17, Korff-9.163; 35. Jack Shipman, 49, Ammerman-9.178; 36. Doug Craig, 6x, Craig-9.185; 37. Lee Mettetal, 94, Mettetal-9.187; 38. Steve Cannon, 67, Schneider-9.204; 39. Paul Ruhland, 41, Ruhland-9.207; 40. Dave Edwards, 50x, Zuber-9.238; 41. Wes Stafford, 39, Fortune-9.241; 42. Spike Gehlhausen, 91, Gehlhausen-9.312; 43. Dave Gable, 10, Polak-9.336; 44. Chuck Gurney, 7, Koehler-9.352; 45. Kurt Mayhew, 106, Mayhew-9.352; 46. Bill Compton, 117, Kistler-9.363; 47. Duke Cook, 30x, McFaddin-9.373; 48. Jay Cornell, 82, Cornell-9.422; 49. Billy Engelhart, 59, Riggs-9.424; 50. Bob Hare, 181, Graham-9.443; 51. Mel Cornett, 79, King-9.466; 52. Dennis Devea, 128, Schofield-9.470; 53. Gary Byers, 36, Byers-9.492; 54. Tom Brosius, 52, Brosius-9.495; 55. Newt White, 96, Steffes-9.555; 56. King Kramer, 161, Kramer-9.560; 57. Tom Steiner, 92, Steinfatt-9.693; 58. Kevin Olson, 51, Olson-9.719; 59. Paul Clark, 91x, Clark-9.725; 60. Mark Alderson, 19, Alderson-9.791; 61. Carl Hungness, 70, Hungness-9.918; 62. Chuck Wilson, 111, Wilson-9.945; 63. Rex Waltenburg, 34, Cooper-10.009; 64. John Lucas, 95, Mogis-10.183; 65. Mike Stroud, 21, Stroud-10.386; 66. Jack Crawford, 22EC, Givens-10.435; 67. Chris Buttler, 159, Nuckles-10.929; 68. Robin Miller, 16, Miller-NT.

NON-QUALIFIERS RACE: (15 laps) 1. Bill Davis, 2. Jerry Nuckles, 3. Jim Hines, 4. Mike Schiesel, 5. Gary Ponzini, 6. Bruce Field, 7. Dick Standridge, 8. Van Gurley, 9. Johnny Parsons, 10. Rocky Fisher. NT

FIRST HEAT: (15 laps) 1. Gary Ponzini, 2. John Gall, 3. Larry Cannon, 4. Gary Bettenhausen, 5. Dana Carter, 6. Ken Schrader. 2:12.051

SECOND HEAT: (15 laps) 1. Tom Bigelow, 2. Gary Irvin, 3. Ron Eden, 4. Bruce Field, 5. Roger Branson, 6. Sleepy Tripp. NT

THIRD HEAT: (15 laps) 1. Bob Lithgow, 2. Ken Nichols, 3. Jim Hines, 4. Richard Powell, 5. Jim Hettinger, 6. Bob Wente. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (15 laps) 1. Greg Staab, 2. Jerry Nuckles, 3. Pancho Carter, 4. John Batts, 5. Jigger Sirois, 6. Jerry Stone. NT

SEMI: (20 laps) 1. Tom Bigelow, 2. John Batts, 3. John Gall, 4. Richard Powell, 5. Gary Ponzini, 6. Bob Lithgow, 7. Bob Wente, 8. Jim Hines, 9. Larry Cannon, 10. Don Branson, 11. Pancho Carter, 12. Bruce Field. NT

FEATURE: (100 Laps) 1. Gary Bettenhausen, 2. Gary Irvin, 3. Ron Eden, 4. Ken Nichols, 5. John Batts, 6. Jim Hettinger, 7. Dana Carter, 8. Greg Staab, 9. Tom Bigelow, 10. Sleepy Tripp, 11. Ken Schrader, 12. Jerry Stone. NT

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: January 25, 1975 – Indiana State Fairgrounds Coliseum – Indianapolis, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Sleepy Tripp, 61, Caruthers-9.723; 2. Pancho Carter, 22, Shannon-9.832; 3. Gary Bettenhausen, 93, Linne-9.878; 4. Bob Wente, 25, Wente-9.959; 5. Rocky Fisher, 40, McClain-10.007; 6. Bill Davis, 74, Andrew-10.068; 7. Tom Bigelow, 3, Cornell-10.088; 8. Gary Byers, 36, Byers-10.120; 9. Jim Hines, 177, Saunders-10.142; 10. Dana Carter, 9, Pool-10.143; 11. Jim Hettinger, 15, Hettinger-10.273; 12. Mark Alderson, 19, Alderson-10.315; 13. Paul Ruhland, 41, Ruhland-10.336; 14. Roger Branson, 72, Branson-10.374; 15. Jigger Sirois, 50, Doty-10.374; 16. Tom Steiner, 92, Steinfatt-10.401; 17. Steve Lotshaw, 62, Lotshaw-10.429; 18. Billy Engelhart, 59, Riggs-10.485; 19. Doug Craig, 6x, Craig-10.542; 20. Jerry Stone, 54, Stone-10.551; 21. Bob Wilkins, 119, Wilkins-10.569; 22. Bruce Field, 122, Braga-10.603; 23. Bill Weingarten, 30, Weingarten-10.610; 24. Ken Schrader, 115, Hoppe-10.633; 25. King Kramer, 161, Kramer-10.637; 26. Richard Powell, 43, Powell-10.649; 27. Jerry Nuckles, 157, Nuckles-10.658; 28. Spike Gehlhausen, 91, Gehlhausen-10.670; 29. Ken Nichols, 46, Gamester-10.672; 30. Chuck Wilson, 111, Wilson-10.698; 31. Rich Vogler, 24, Vogler-10.720; 32. Dennis Devea, 128, Schofield-10.736; 33. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-10.779; 34. Tommy Astone, 2, Caruthers-10.795; 35. Gary Irvin, 42, Irvin-10.805; 36. Jack Cornell, 82, Cornell-10.818; 37. Steve Chassey, 4, Astone-10.827; 38. Dick Standridge, 102, Rahn-10.849; 39. Larry Cannon, 68, Tetrault-10.902; 40. Steve Cannon, 67, Schneider-10.908; 41. Gary Ponzini, 7, Koehler-10.943; 42. Bob Lithgow, 28, Lithgow-11.039; 43. Dave Gable, 10, Polak-11.040; 44. Robin Miller, 16, Miller-11.068; 45. Bob Hare, 181, Graham-11.079; 46. Danny Frye Jr., 15x, Middleton-11.145; 47. Larry Henn, 144, Barbre-11.208; 48. Wes Stafford, 39, Fortune-11.277; 49. Paul Clark, 91x, Clark-11.285; 50. John Batts, 56, McMahon-11.295; 51. Mike Schiesel, 88, English-11.402; 52. Ron Eden, 77, Eden-11.431; 53. John Gall, 75, Dailey-11.512; 54. Dick Northam, 79, King-11.530; 55. Kurt Mayhew, 106, Mayhew-11.548; 56. Chris Buttler, 159, Nuckles-11.549; 57. Rex Waltenburg, 34, Cooper-11.632; 58. Denny Stewart, 90, Stewart-11.678; 59. Bob Schumacher, 17, Korff-11.706; 60. Carl Hungness, 70, Hungness-11.806; 61. Larry Dickson, 81, Jones-11.931; 62. Kevin Olson, 51, Olson-11.957; 63. Larry Fritz, 108, Fritz-11.979; 64. Eric Morrison, 38, Morrison-12.380; 65. Sonny Ates, 117, Kistler-12.538; 66. Jack Crawford, 22EC, Givens-12.609; 67. Bob Brutto, 86, Ferland-12.729; 68. Mike Stroud, 21, Stroud-12.811; 69. Dave Edwards, 50x, Zuber-13.228; 70. Tom Brosius, 52, Brosius-13.757; 71. Johnny Parsons, 69, Lockard-NT; 72. Jack Shipman, 49, Ammerman-NT; 73. Lee Mettetal, 94, Mettetal-NT; 74. John Lucas, 95, Mogis-NT; 75. Duke Cook, 30x, McFaddin-NT.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Pancho Carter, 2. Bob Wente, 3. Sleepy Tripp, 4. Gary Bettenhausen. 39.12

FIRST HEAT: (15 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Steve Lotshaw, 3. Rocky Fisher, 4. Jim Hines, 5. Bob Wilkins, 6. Paul Ruhland. 2:35.45

SECOND HEAT: (15 laps) 1. Dana Carter, 2. Pancho Carter, 3. Bruce Field, 4. Billy Engelhart, 5. Bill Davis, 6. Roger Branson. NT

THIRD HEAT: (15 laps) 1. Jim Hettinger, 2. Bill Weingarten, 3. Gary Bettenhausen, 4. Tom Bigelow, 5. Doug Craig, 6. Jigger Sirois. 2:32.28

FOURTH HEAT: (15 laps) 1. Ken Schrader, 2. Gary Byers, 3. Jerry Stone, 4. Mark Alderson, 5. Bob Wente, 6. Tom Steiner. NT

NON-QUALIFIERS RACE: (15 laps) 1. Rich Vogler, 2. Greg Staab, 3. Gary Irvin, 4. King Kramer, 5. Dennis Devea, 6. Jerry Nuckles, 7. Chuck Wilson, 8. Richard Powell, 9. Spike Gehlhausen, 10. Tommy Astone. 2:36.78

SEMI: (20 laps) 1. Doug Craig, 2. Jim Hettinger, 3. Jerry Stone, 4. Steve Lotshaw, 5. Roger Branson, 6. Bill Weingarten, 7. Mark Alderson, 8. Jigger Sirois, 9. Paul Ruhland, 10. Bob Wilkins, 11. Billy Engelhart, 12. Bruce Field. 3:51.45

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Dana Carter, 2. Jim Hines, 3. Bob Wente, 4. Gary Byers, 5. Pancho Carter, 6. Bill Davis, 7. Gary Bettenhausen, 8. Tom Bigelow, 9. Sleepy Tripp, 10. Rocky Fisher, 11. Jim Hettinger, 12. Doug Craig. 18:19.81

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: February 8, 1975 – Indiana State Fairgrounds Coliseum – Indianapolis, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Bob Wente, 25, Wente-9.575; 2. Tommy Astone, 61, Caruthers-9.592; 3. Gary Irvin, 42, Irvin-9.822; 4. Tom Bigelow, 3, Cornell-9.869; 5. John Batts, 56, McMahon-9.892; 6. Dana Carter, 9, Pool-9.948; 7. Sleepy Tripp, 2, Caruthers-9.964; 8. Larry Cannon, 68, Tetrault-10.072; 9. Jerry Stone, 54, Stone-10.178; 10. Jerry Nuckles, 157, Nuckles-10.237; 11. Ken Nichols, 46, Gamester-10.324; 12. Rich Vogler, 24, Vogler-10.355; 13. Spike Gehlhausen, 91, Gehlhausen-10.372; 14. Jim Hines, 77x, Saunders-10.380; 15. Bill Davis, 74, Andrew-10.416; 16. Jim Hettinger, 15, Hettinger-10.512; 17. Roger Branson, 72, Branson-10.518; 18. Steve Cannon, 67, Schneider-10.530; 19. Paul Clark, 91x, Clark-10.583; 20. Bob Wilkins, 119, Wilkins-10.772; 21. Mike Schiesel, 88, English-10.782; 22. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-10.807; 23. Rex Waltenburg, 34, Cooper-10.819; 24. Dick Northam, 79, King-10.823; 25. Gary Byers, 36, Byers-10.827; 26. Mark Alderson, 19, Alderson-10.838; 27. Bobby Wente, 81, Jones-10.895; 28. Gary Ponzini, 4, Astone-10.910; 29. Steve Lotshaw, 62, Lotshaw-10.935; 30. Lee Mettetal, 94, Mettetal-10.940; 31. Eric Morrison, 38, Morrison-10.969; 32. Bob Lithgow, 28, Lithgow-11.040; 33. Larry Henn, 44x, Barbre-11.052; 34. Gary Bettenhausen, 93, Linne-11.059; 35. Sonny Ates, 50, Doty-11.229; 36. Dennis Devea, 128, Schofield-11.443; 37. Jack Shipman, 49, Ammerman-11.507; 38. Richard Powell, 43, Powell-11.524; 39. John Lucas, 95, Mogis-11.595; 40. Bruce Field, 122, Braga-11.670; 41. Chris Buttler, 159, Nuckles-11.781; 42. Jerry Dunlap, 17, Korff-11.937; 43. Robin Miller, 16, Miller-11.967; 44. Billy Engelhart, 59, Riggs-12.053; 45. Paul Ruhland, 41, Ruhland-12.055; 46. John Gall, 75, Dailey-12.063; 47. Pancho Carter, 22, Shannon-12.156; 48. Tom Brosius, 52, Brosius-12.200; 49. Bob Hare, 181, Graham-12.872; 50. King Kramer, 161, Kramer-12.931; 51. Bill Weingarten, 30x, Weingarten-13.003; 52. Jerry Howe, 117, Kistler-13.378; 53. Carl Hungness, 70, Hungness-13.841; 54. Jimmy White, 30, McFaddin-14.137; 55. Bob Brutto, 86, Ferland-15.295; 56. Mike Stroud, 21, Stroud-NT; 57. Jack Crawford, 22EC, Givens-NT; 58. Rocky Fisher, 40, McClain-NT; 59. Denny Stewart, 90, Stewart-NT.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Tom Bigelow, 2. Gary Irvin, 3. Bob Wente, 4. Tommy Astone. 39.55

FIRST HEAT: (15 laps) 1. Jerry Stone, 2. Bob Wente, 3. John Batts, 4. Roger Branson, 5. Spike Gehlhausen, 6. Mike Schiesel. NT

SECOND HEAT: (15 laps) 1. Jim Hines, 2. Greg Staab, 3. Tommy Astone, 4. Steve Cannon, 5. Jerry Nuckles, 6. Dana Carter. NT

THIRD HEAT: (15 laps) 1. Rex Waltenburg, 2. Bill Davis, 3. Ken Nichols, 4. Gary Irvin, 5. Paul Clark, 6. Sleepy Tripp. 2:35.97

FOURTH HEAT: (15 laps) 1. Rich Vogler, 2. Jim Hettinger, 3. Tom Bigelow, 4. Larry Cannon, 5. Bob Wilkins, 6. Dick Northam. NT

NON-QUALIFIERS RACE: (15 laps) 1. Larry Henn, 2. Mark Alderson, 3. Sonny Ates, 4. Eric Morrison, 5. Lee Mettetal. 1:49.37

SEMI: (20 laps) 1. Greg Staab, 2. Steve Cannon, 3. Rex Waltenburg, 4. Jim Hettinger, 5. Bill Davis, 6. Ken Nichols, 7. Jim Hines, 8. Spike Gehlhausen, 9. Paul Clark, 10. Rich Vogler, 11. Bob Wilkins, 12. Roger Branson. 3:27.78

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Dana Carter, 3. John Batts, 4. Tom Bigelow, 5. Gary Irvin, 6. Bob Wente, 7. Tommy Astone, 8. Jerry Stone, 9. Greg Staab, 10. Steve Cannon, 11. Larry Cannon, 12. Jerry Nuckles. NT

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: February 14, 1975 – Oklahoma City Sports Arena – Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

QUALIFYING: 1. Chuck Gurney, 30x, Weingarten-8.942; 2. Gary Bettenhausen, 93, Linne-9.960; 3. Bob Wente, 25, Wente-9.973; 4. Roger Branson, 72, Branson-10.006; 5. Pancho Carter, 22, Shannon-10.316; 6. Richard Powell, 43, Powell-10:321;

7. Dave Gable, 10, Polak-10.332; 8. Ken Nichols, 46, Gamester-10.557; 9. John Batts, 56, McMahon-10.708; 10. Sleepy Tripp, 5, Tripp-10.735; 11. Dana Carter, 9, Pool-10.757; 12. Mike Stroud, 21, Stroud-10.861; 13. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-10.897; 14. John Gall, 75, Dailey-10.903; 15. Rich Vogler, 24, Vogler-10.933; 16. Jerry Stone, 54, Stone-11.022; 17. Mark Alderson, 33, Wirtjes-11.031; 18. Steve Lotshaw, 62, Lotshaw-11.253; 19. Rex Waltenburg, 34, Cooper-11.321; 20. Danny Frye Jr., 15, Middleton-11.444; 21. Dave Strickland, 11, Mauro-11.499; 22. Tommy Astone, 2, Caruthers-11.610; 23. Jim Hines, 77x, Saunders-11.834; 24. Jigger Sirois, 50, Doty-11.976; 25. Tom Bigelow, 3, Cornell-12.135; 26. Mike Schiesel, 88, English-12.485; 27. Gary Irvin, 42, Irvin-12.782; 28. Bobby Wente, 30, McFaddin-12.946; 29. Tom Brosius, 52, Brosius-13.283; 30. Bruce Field, 122, Braga-13.343; 31. Spike Gehlhausen, 91, Gehlhausen-13.357; 32. Jim Hettinger, 15, Hettinger-13.582; 33. Lee Mettetal, 94, Mettetal-13.941; 34. Bill Davis, 74, Andrew-14.005; 35. Bob Wilkins, 119, Wilkins-14.241; 36. Paul Clark, 91x, Clark-14.874; 37. Gary Byers, 36, Byers-14.951; 38. Jack Shipman, 49, Ammerman-15.917.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Chuck Gurney, 2. Roger Branson, 3. Gary Bettenhausen, 4. Bob Wente. NT

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Chuck Gurney, 2. John Batts, 3. Mark Alderson, 4. Dave Strickland, 5. Greg Staab, 6. Pancho Carter. NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Bob Wente, 2. Jim Hines, 3. Dave Gable, 4. Rex Waltenburg, 5. Rich Vogler, 6. Dana Carter. NT

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Richard Powell, 2. Sleepy Tripp, 3. Tom Bigelow, 4. Gary Bettenhausen, 5. John Gall, 6. Steve Lotshaw. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jerry Stone, 2. Danny Frye Jr., 3. Roger Branson, 4. Ken Nichols, 5. Jigger Sirois, 6. Mike Stroud. NT

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Tom Bigelow, 2. Jerry Stone, 3. Dana Carter, 4. Dave Strickland, 5. Jim Hines, 6. Rich Vogler, 7. Gary Irvin, 8. Mike Schiesel, 9. John Gall, 10. Rex Waltenburg, 11. Danny Frye Jr. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. John Batts, 2. Sleepy Tripp, 3. Chuck Gurney, 4. Tom Bigelow, 5. Dave Gable, 6. Roger Branson, 7. Gary Bettenhausen, 8. Bob Wente, 9. Richard Powell, 10. Jerry Stone, 11. Ken Nichols, 12. Pancho Carter. NT

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: February 16, 1975 – Oklahoma City Sports Arena – Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

QUALIFYING: 1. Tommy Astone, 2, Caruthers-8.558; 2. Gary Bettenhausen, 93, Linne-8.617; 3. Sleepy Tripp, 5, Tripp-8.647; 4. Bob Wente, 25, Wente-8.914; 5. Dana Carter, 9, Pool-9.062; 6. Tom Bigelow, 3, Cornell-9.154; 7. Pancho Carter, 22, Shannon-9.160; 8. Dave Strickland, 11, Mauro-9.180; 9. Bill Davis, 74, Andrew-9.220; 10. Roger Branson, 72, Branson-9.232; 11. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-9.274; 12. Dave Gable, 10, Polak-9.280; 13. Paul Clark, 91x, Clark-9.316; 14. Richard Powell, 43, Powell-9.340; 15. Ken Nichols, 46, Gamester-9.348; 16. Steve Lotshaw, 62, Lotshaw-9.421; 17. Rex Waltenburg, 34, Cooper-9.437; 18. Mark Alderson, 33, Wirtjes-9.443; 19. Mike Schiesel, 88, English-9.485; 20. Jerry Stone, 54, Stone-9.505; 21. Spike Gehlhausen, 91, Gehlhausen-9.511; 22. Rich Vogler, 24, Vogler-9.554; 23. Jim Hettinger, 15x, Hettinger-9.577; 24. Chuck Gurney, 30x, Weingarten-9.580; 25. Danny Frye Jr., 15, Middleton-9.660; 26. Gary Irvin, 42, Irvin-9.754; 27. Gary Byers, 36, Byers-9.781; 28. Bob Wilkins, 119, Wilkins-9.868; 29. Bobby Wente, 30, McFaddin-10.323; 30. Jigger Sirois, 50, Doty-10.610; 31. Jim Hines, 77x, Saunders-10.625; 32. John Batts, 56, McMahon-10.673; 33. Tom Brosius, 52, Brosius-11.108; 34. Lee Mettetal, 94, Mettetal-11.339; 35. John Gall, 75, Dailey-12.315; 36. Jack Shipman, 49, Ammerman-13.331; 37. Mike Stroud, 21, Stroud-NT.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Gary Bettenhausen, 2. Tommy Astone, 3. Bob Wente, 4. Dana Carter. 37.60

FIRST HEAT: (15 laps) 1. Spike Gehlhausen, 2. Rex Waltenburg, 3. Bill Davis, 4. Dana Carter, 5. Paul Clark, 6. Tommy Astone. 2:14.85

SECOND HEAT: (15 laps) 1. Richard Powell, 2. Tom Bigelow, 3. Rich Vogler, 4. Mark Alderson, 5. Gary Bettenhausen. 2:25.40

THIRD HEAT: (15 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Mike Schiesel, 3. Pancho Carter, 4. Ken Nichols, 5. Greg Staab, 6. Jim Hettinger. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (15 laps) 1. Chuck Gurney, 2. Jerry Stone, 3. Steve Lotshaw, 4. Dave Gable, 5. Dave Strickland, 6. Bob Wente. NT

SEMI: (20 laps) 1. Jerry Stone, 2. Dave Gable, 3. Mark Alderson, 4. Rich Vogler, 5. Steve Lotshaw, 6. Greg Staab, 7. Spike Gehlhausen, 8. Richard Powell, 9. Paul Clark, 10. Rex Waltenburg, 11. Mike Schiesel, 12. Ken Nichols. NT

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Pancho Carter, 3. Bob Wente, 4. Tom Bigelow, 5. Dave Gable, 6. Dana Carter, 7. Dave Strickland, 8. Bill Davis, 9. Gary Bettenhausen, 10. Roger Branson, 11. Jerry Stone, 12. Tommy Astone. NT

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: February 23, 1975 – San Jose Speedway – San Jose, California

QUALIFYING: 1. Chuck Gurney, 99, Linne-14.874; 2. Sleepy Tripp, 5, Tripp-14.880; 3. Jimmy Caruthers, 2, Caruthers-14.912; 4. Ken Nichols, 72, Shanoian-15.045; 5. Danny O'Neill, 71, Bussell-15.059; 6. Pancho Carter, 10, Cook-15.070; 7. Milt Harper, 92, Harper-15.095; 8. Bob DeJong, 7, Miller-15.128; 9. Tommy Astone, 5x, Lynch-15.143; 10. Johnny Parsons, 80x, Hucke-15.197; 11. Bill Weingarten, 30, Weingarten-15.214; 12. Bobby Morrow, 2x, Morrow-15.271; 13. Bobby Olivero, 78, Caruthers-15.279; 14. Johnny W. Anderson, 3x, Gonsel-15.283; 15. Hank Butcher, 3, DuPont-15.297; 16. Gary Bettenhausen, 93, Linne-15.316; 17. Larry Patton, 35x, Noutary-15.322; 18. Mike Ryan, 15NZ, Yates-15.333; 19. Floyd Alvis, 17, Alvis-15.338; 20. Mark Alderson, 33, Wirtjes-15.392; 21. Harry Stryker, 5N, Stryker-15.394; 22. Jerry Belville, 65, Baker-15.403; 23. Wheeler Gresham, 89, Gresham-15.404; 24. Jim Beckley, 77, Olds-15.413; 25. Dana Carter, 55, Shanoian-15.466; 26. Pat Holton, 55x, Wilton-15.502; 27. Buddy Irwin, 80, Wright-15.523; 28. Wally Lawrence, 35, Lawrence-15.590; 29. Mike Smith, 95, Smith-15.591; 30. Dave Strickland, 66, Lee-15.655; 31. Ted Montague III, 6, Montague-15.707; 32. Bill Fahrberger, 37, Osborne-15.866; 33. Billy Rogers, 82, Rogers-15.981; 34. Ed Shefchik, 99x, Shefchik-16.039; 35. Mike Palmer, 56, Palmer-16.063; 36. Rich Lawson, 38, Osborne-16.387; 37. George Snider, 84x, Kanawyer-17.368; 38. Dave Strickland, 1, Mauro-NT; 39. Eric Gibson, 45, Crews-NT; 40. Don Bankson, 34, Bankson-NT; 41. Brian Yates, 20NZ, Yates-NT.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Ken Nichols, 2. Jimmy Caruthers, 3. Chuck Gurney, 4. Sleepy Tripp. 1:00.10

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Chuck Gurney, 2. Johnny Parsons, 3. Mike Ryan, 4. Johnny W. Anderson, 5. Jerry Belville, 6. Danny O'Neill, 7. Pat Holton, 8. Ted Montague III. 2:31.96

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Hank Butcher, 2. Buddy Irwin, 3. Pancho Carter, 4. Sleepy Tripp, 5. Floyd Alvis, 6. Bill Weingarten, 7. Bill Fahrberger, 8. Wheeler Gresham. 2:34.82

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jimmy Caruthers, 2. Bobby Morrow, 3. Gary Bettenhausen, 4. Mike Smith, 5. Jim Beckley, 6. Wally Lawrence, 7. Mark Alderson, 8. Milt Harper. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Bobby Olivero, 2. Ken Nichols, 3. Larry Patton, 4. Harry Stryker, 5. Dave Strickland, 6. Billy Rogers, 7. Dana Carter, 8. Tommy Astone. NT

SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Tommy Astone, 2. Danny O'Neill, 3. Jim Beckley, 4. Bill Weingarten, 5. Mark Alderson, 6. Jerry Belville, 7. Wheeler Gresham, 8. Pat Holton, 9. Wally Lawrence, 10. Bill Fahrberger, 11. Mike Palmer, 12. Rich Lawson, 13. Billy Rogers, 14. Floyd Alvis, 15. Ed Shefchik, 16. George Snider. NT

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Bobby Olivero, 2. Chuck Gurney, 3. Jimmy Caruthers, 4. Larry Patton, 5. Johnny W. Anderson, 6. Buddy Irwin, 7. Harry Stryker Jr., 8. Mike Smith, 9. Bill Weingarten, 10. Hank Butcher, 11. Bobby Morrow, 12. Ken Nichols, 13. Gary Bettenhausen, 14. Pancho Carter, 15. Jim Beckley, 16. Mike Ryan, 17. Sleepy Tripp, 18. Johnny Parsons, 19. Danny O'Neill, 20. Tommy Astone. 26:31.58

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: March 1, 1975 – Indiana State Fairgrounds Coliseum – Indianapolis, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Tommy Astone, 22, Shannon-9.576; 2. Bob Wente, 25, Wente-9.590; 3. Jerry Nuckles, 157, Nuckles-9.663; 4. Dana Carter, 9, Pool-9.688; 5. Ken Nichols, 46, Gamester-9.733; 6. Tom Steiner, 92, Steinfatt-9.769; 7. Ron Eden, 77, Eden-9.777; 8. Sleepy Tripp, 5, Tripp-9.786; 9. Steve Cannon, 67, Schneider-9.799; 10. Jerry Stone, 54, Stone-9.849; 11. Roger Branson, 72, Branson-9.850; 12. Jim Hettinger, 15x, Hettinger-9.881; 13. Larry Henn, 44x, Henn-9.950; 14. John Gall, 75, Dailey-9.951; 15. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-9.973; 16. Bruce Field, 122, Braga-9.973; 17. Larry Fritz, 108, Fritz-9.984; 18. Rich Vogler, 24, Vogler-9.992; 19. John Batts, 56, McMahon-9.997; 20. Gary Byers, 36, Byers-9.999; 21. Rex Waltenburg, 34, Cooper-10.004; 22. Jim Hines, 177, Saunders-10.013; 23. Larry Dickson, 81, Jones-10.015; 24. Richard Powell, 43, Powell-10.034; 25. Bill Davis, 74, Andrew-10.036; 26. Newt White, 96, Steffes-10.040; 27. Gary Irvin, 42, Irvin-10.078; 28. Bob Lithgow, 28, Lithgow-10.089; 29. Paul Clark, 91x, Clark-10.090; 30. Steve Lotshaw, 62, Lotshaw-10.093; 31. Billy Engelhart, 59, Riggs-10.123; 32. Danny Frye Jr., 15, Middleton-10.155; 33. Spike Gehlhausen, 91, Gehlhausen-10.204; 34. Dave Gable, 10, Polak-10.225; 35. Kevin Olson, 51, Olson-10.241; 36. Rocky Fisher, 40, McClain-10.253; 37. Denny Stewart, 90, Stewart-10.274; 38. Dennis Devea, 128, Schofield-10.287; 39. Tom Brosius, 52, Brosius-10.342; 40. Sonny Ates, 75x, Dannenfeldt-10.395; 41. Bob Wilkins, 119, Wilkins-10.475; 42. Jigger Sirois, 50, Doty-10.496; 43. Duke Cook, 4, Astone-10.518; 44. Dick Standridge, 102, Rahn-10.531; 45. Eric Morrison, 38, Morrison-10.542; 46. Paul Ruhland, 41, Ruhland-10.554; 47. Dick Northam, 79, King-10.594; 48. Mike Stroud, 21, Stroud-10.597; 49. Ken Schrader, 115, Hoppe-10.615; 50. Jack Shipman, 49, Ammerman-10.667; 51. John Lucas, 95, Mogis-10.707; 52. Bob Schumacher, 17, Korff-10.782; 53. Benny Rapp, 117, Kistler-10.957; 54. King Kramer, 161, Kramer-10.993; 55. Bob Brutto, 86, Brutto-11.344; 56. Chris Buttler, 159, Nuckles-11.437; 57. Ron McFaddin, 30, McFaddin-14.910; 58. Gary Ponzini, 3, Cornell-NT; 59. Lee Mettetal, 94, Mettetal-NT.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Bob Wente, 2. Dana Carter, 3. Tommy Astone, 4. Jerry Nuckles. 38.845

FIRST HEAT: (15 laps) 1. Rex Waltenburg, 2. Larry Fritz, 3. Larry Henn, 4. Steve Cannon, 5. Tommy Astone, 6. Ken Nichols. NT

SECOND HEAT: (15 laps) 1. Rich Vogler, 2. Bob Wente, 3. Tom Steiner, 4. John Gall, 5. Jim Hines, 6. Jerry Stone. 2:30.01

THIRD HEAT: (15 laps) 1. Larry Dickson, 2. Greg Staab, 3. Ron Eden, 4. John Batts, 5. Roger Branson, 6. Jerry Nuckles. 2:30.81

FOURTH HEAT: (15 laps) 1. Richard Powell, 2. Gary Byers, 3. Jim Hettinger, 4. Dana Carter, 5. Sleepy Tripp, 6. Bruce Field. NT

NON-QUALIFIERS RACE: (15 laps) 1. Steve Lotshaw, 2. Billy Engelhart, 3. Paul Clark, 4. Dave Gable, 5. Richard Powell, 6. Kevin Olson, 7. Spike Gehlhausen, 8. Gary Irvin, 9. Danny Frye Jr., 10. Bill Davis. NT



SEMI: (20 laps) 1. Rex Waltenburg, 2. Greg Staab, 3. John Gall, 4. John Batts, 5. Bruce Field, 6. Larry Henn, 7. Roger Branson, 8. Larry Fritz, 9. Jim Hettinger, 10. Jim Hines, 11. Gary Byers, 12. Rich Vogler. NT

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Ken Nichols, 2. Jerry Stone, 3. Ron Eden, 4. Sleepy Tripp, 5. Rex Waltenburg, 6. Jerry Nuckles, 7. Greg Staab, 8. Bob Wente, 9. Dana Carter, 10. Tommy Astone, 11. Steve Cannon, 12. Tom Steiner. NT

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: March 15, 1975 – Manzanita Speedway – Phoenix, Arizona

QUALIFYING: 1. Bobby Olivero, 78, Caruthers-22.709; 2. Gary Bettenhausen, 30, Weingarten-23.085; 3. Jimmy Caruthers, 2, Caruthers-23.132; 4. Steve Troxell, 3x, Wells-23.347; 5. Pancho Carter, 10x, Cook-23.378; 6. Buddy Irwin, 80, Wright-23.398; 7. Ken Nichols, 72, Shanoian-23.707; 8. Hank Butcher, 3, DuPont-23.768; 9. Bob DeJong, 7x, Miller-23.829; 10. Dana Carter, 9, Pool-23.834; 11. Larry Patton, 35x, Noutary-23.894; 12. Richard Powell, 43, Powell-23.901; 13. Mark Alderson, 33, Wirtjes-24.010; 14. Johnny Parsons, 80x, Hucke-24.025; 15. Chuck Gurney, 99, Linne-24.077; 16. Jerry Stone, 54, Stone-24.155; 17. Spike Gehlhausen, 91, Gehlhausen-24.178; 18. Jerry Belville, 65, Baker-24.329; 19. Stan Fox, 7w, Fox-24.354; 20. Billy Shuman, 11A, Grigsby-24.355; 21. Pat Holton, 55x, Wilton-24.367; 22. Spyder Anderson, 41, Anderson-24.447; 23. Danny McKnight, 5x, Lynch-24.464; 24. Gary Irvin, 42, Irvin-24.521; 25. Bruce Field, 7, Field-24.528; 26. Sleepy Tripp, 5, Tripp-24.572; 27. Dave Gable, 10, Polak-24.748; 28. Tommy Astone, 22, Shannon-24.933; 29. Ray Stringer, 63, Stringer-25.060; 30. Mike Palmer, 22x, Palmer-25.087; 31. Vic Mencarini, 45, Mencarini-25.117; 32. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-NT.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Steve Troxell, 2. Pancho Carter, 3. Bobby Olivero, 4. Gary Bettenhausen. 1:32.75

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Bobby Olivero, 2. Pancho Carter, 3. Bruce Field, 4. Mark Alderson, 5. Bob DeJong, 6. Spike Gehlhausen, 7. Pat Holton, 8. Ray Stringer. 3:52.70

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Gary Bettenhausen, 2. Jerry Belville, 3. Dana Carter, 4. Johnny Parsons, 5. Spyder Anderson, 6. Buddy Irwin, 7. Mike Palmer, 8. Sleepy Tripp. 3:55.68

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jimmy Caruthers, 2. Larry Patton, 3. Danny McKnight, 4. Ken Nichols, 5. Dave Gable, 6. Stan Fox, 7. Chuck Gurney. 3:53.45

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Steve Troxell, 2. Richard Powell, 3. Hank Butcher, 4. Larry Rice (#42), 5. Billy Shuman, 6. Jerry Stone. 3:54.96

SEMI: (12 Laps) 1. Buddy Irwin, 2. Sleepy Tripp, 3. Bob DeJong, 4. Stan Fox, 5. Jerry Stone, 6. Spyder Anderson, 7. Dave Gable, 8. Pat Holton, 9. Spike Gehlhausen, 10. Greg Staab, 11. Ray Stringer, 12. Mike Palmer, 13. Chuck Gurney, 14. Billy Shuman. 4:43.07

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Jimmy Caruthers, 2. Steve Troxell, 3. Gary Bettenhausen, 4. Buddy Irwin, 5. Sleepy Tripp, 6. Ken Nichols, 7. Johnny Parsons, 8. Dana Carter, 9. Larry Patton, 10. Bob DeJong, 11. Jerry Belville, 12. Larry Rice (#42), 13. Bruce Field, 14. Richard Powell, 15. Hank Butcher, 16. Danny McKnight, 17. Pancho Carter, 18. Bobby Olivero, 19. Stan Fox, 20. Mark Alderson. NT

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: March 28, 1975 – South Bay Speedway – Chula Vista, California

QUALIFYING: 1. Jimmy Caruthers, 2, Caruthers-23.899; 2. Bobby Olivero, 78, Caruthers-24.189; 3. Richard Powell, 43, Powell-24.546; 4. Larry Rice, 3w, Gonsel-24.616; 5. Gary Bettenhausen, 30, Weingarten-24.738; 6. Johnny Corbin, 90, Corbin-24.987; 7. Mark Alderson, 33, Wirtjes-25.002; 8. Danny McKnight, 5x, Lynch-25.013; 9. Buddy Irwin, 80, Wright-25.119; 10. Tommy Astone, 99, Linne-25.147; 11. Milt Harper, 92, Harper-25.198; 12. Bob DeJong, 7, Miller-25.348; 13. Larry Patton, 35x, Noutary-25.645; 14. Ken Nichols, 72, Shanoian-25.676; 15. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-25.754; 16. Harry Stryker Jr., 5N, Stryker-25.858; 17. Roy Cook Jr., 31, White-26.080; 18. Wheeler Gresham, 89, Gresham-26.094; 19. Jim Watson, 21, Watson -26.126; 20. Ken Gidney, 50, Irwin-26.745; 21. Mike Smith, 95, Smith-27.014; 22. Floyd Alvis, 17, Alvis-27.325; 23. Sleepy Tripp, 5, Tripp-30.629.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Larry Rice, 2. Bobby Olivero, 3. Jimmy Caruthers, 4. Richard Powell. 1:37.94

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jimmy Caruthers, 2. Tommy Astone, 3. Larry Patton, 4. Harry Stryker Jr., 5. Mark Alderson, 6. Jim Watson, 7. Floyd Alvis, 8. Larry Rice. NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Bobby Olivero, 2. Ken Nichols, 3. Danny McKnight, 4. Milt Harper, 5. Gary Bettenhausen, 6. Ken Gidney, 7. Roy Cook Jr., 8. Sleepy Tripp. NT

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Richard Powell, 2. Wheeler Gresham, 3. Johnny Corbin, 4. Greg Staab, 5. Mike Smith, 6. Buddy Irwin, 7. Bob DeJong. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (6 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Mark Alderson, 3. Buddy Irwin, 4. Jim Watson, 5. Floyd Alvis, 6. Mike Smith, 7. Larry Rice. 2:29.42

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Larry Rice, 2. Sleepy Tripp, 3. Buddy Irwin, 4. Mark Alderson, 5. Bob DeJong, 6. Gary Bettenhausen, 7. Ken Gidney, 8. Greg Staab, 9. Jim Watson, 10. Floyd Alvis, 11. Mike Smith, 12. Harry Stryker Jr. 4:03.20

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Larry Rice, 2. Sleepy Tripp, 3. Mark Alderson, 4. Buddy Irwin, 5. Richard Powell, 6. Bob DeJong, 7. Tommy Astone, 8. Gary Bettenhausen, 9. Ken Nichols, 10. Danny McKnight, 11. Larry Patton, 12. Jim Watson, 13. Ken Gidney, 14. Greg Staab, 15. Milt Harper, 16. Johnny Corbin, 17. Bobby Olivero, 18. Harry Stryker Jr., 19. Wheeler Gresham, 20. Jimmy Caruthers. NT

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: March 29, 1975 – Orange Show Stadium – San Bernardino, California

QUALIFYING: 1. Sleepy Tripp, 5, Tripp-14.073; 2. Bobby Olivero, 78, Caruthers-14.347, 3. Larry Rice, 3w, Gonsel-14.441; 4. Bill Weingarten, 30, Weingarten-14.533; 5. Gary Bettenhausen, 25, Lloyd-14.544; 6. Buddy Irwin, 80, Wright-14.547; 7. Larry Patton, 35x, Noutary-14.593; 8. Roger Mears, 26, Miller-14.626; 9. Danny McKnight, 5x, Lynch-14.630; 10. Ken Nichols, 72, Shanoian-14.640; 11. Floyd Alvis, 17, Alvis-14.670; 12. Ted Montague III, 6, Montague-14.677; 13. Tommy Astone, 99, Linne-14.679; 14. Bob DeJong, 7, Miller-14.679; 15. Jeff Heywood, 60, Schweitzer-14.732; 16. Jimmy Caruthers, 2, Caruthers-14.735; 17. Hank Butcher, 3, DuPont-14.748; 18. Roy Cook Jr., 50, Irwin-14.760; 19. Danny O'Neill, 71, Russell-14.801; 20. Mike Smith, 95, Smith-14.970; 21. Harry Stryker Jr., 5N, Stryker-15.016; 22. Jack Mattson, 70, Mattson-15.018; 23. Jerry Dunithan, 27, McDowell-15.033; 24. Pat Holton, 55x, Wilton-15.051; 25. Jim Watson, 21x, Watson-15.058; 26. Mark Alderson, 33, Wirtjes-15.085; 27. Richard Powell, 43, Powell-15.139; 28. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-15.314; 29. Mike Palmer, 22x, Palmer-15.384; 30. Ron Parker, 39, Parker-15.984; 31. Gary Howard, 196, Dzienanowicz-17.473; 32. Milt Harper, 92, Harper-NT.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Larry Rice, 2. Sleepy Tripp, 3. Bill Weingarten, 4. Bobby Olivero. 57.72

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Hank Butcher, 3. Jim Watson, 4. Gary Bettenhausen, 5. Harry Stryker Jr., 6. Tommy Astone, 7. Danny McKnight, 8. Mike Palmer. NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Roy Cook Jr., 2. Bobby Olivero, 3. Buddy Irwin, 4. Mark Alderson, 5. Ken Nichols, 6. Bob DeJong, 7. Ron Parker, 8. Jack Mattson. 2:29.52

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Larry Patton, 2. Larry Rice, 3. Danny O'Neill, 4. Jerry Dunithan, 5. Floyd Alvis, 6. Jeff Heywood, 7. Richard Powell, 8. Gary Howard. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jimmy Caruthers, 2. Bill Weingarten, 3. Greg Staab, 4. Mike Smith, 5. Roger Mears, 6. Pat Holton, 7. Ted Montague III. NT

SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Danny McKnight, 2. Ken Nichols, 3. Roger Mears, 4. Tommy Astone, 5. Jeff Heywood, 6. Bob DeJong, 7. Floyd Alvis, 8. Richard Powell, 9. Harry Stryker Jr., 10. Jack Mattson, 11. Mike Palmer, 12. Ted Montague III, 13. Ron Parker. NT

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Bobby Olivero, 2. Larry Patton, 3. Tommy Astone, 4. Ken Nichols, 5. Roger Mears, 6. Danny O'Neill, 7. Mark Alderson, 8. Jim Watson, 9. Mike Smith, 10. Jerry Dunithan, 11. Greg Staab, 12. Larry Rice, 13. Jeff Heywood, 14. Sleepy Tripp, 15. Jimmy Caruthers, 16. Roy Cook Jr., 17. Gary Bettenhausen, 18. Bill Weingarten, 19. Danny McKnight, 20. Buddy Irwin. 30:57.53

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: May 11, 1975 – Columbus Motor Speedway – Columbus, Ohio

QUALIFYING: 1. Bob Wente, 25, Wente-15.038; 2. Sleepy Tripp, 5, Tripp-15.066; 3. Larry Dickson, 81, Jones-15.154; 4. Jerry Stone, 54, Stone-15.162; 5. Sonny Ates, 75, Baldwin-15.231; 6. Jimmy Caruthers, 2, Caruthers-15.237; 7. Mel Kenyon, 1, 3-K-15.278; 8. Dana Carter, 9, Pool-15.409; 9. Ron Eden, 77, Eden-15.414; 10. Jack Owen, 6, Washburn-15.437; 11. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-15.442; 12. Larry Rice, 69, Lockard-15.445; 13. Richard Powell, 43, Powell-15.446; 14. Gary Irvin, 42, Irvin-15.532; 15. Steve Lotshaw, 62, Lotshaw-15.539; 16. Eric Morrison, 38, Morrison-15.562; 17. Tommy Astone, 22, Shannon-15.575; 18. Spike Gehlhausen, 91, Gehlhausen-15.636; 19. Jack Crawford, 22EC, Givens-15.705; 20. Tom Brosius, 52, Brosius-15.802; 21. John Gall, 75x, Dailey-15.811; 22. Jim Hines, 177, Saunders-15.825; 23. Bill Edwards, 40, Edwards-15.848; 24. Chet Johnson, 65, Stanley-15.874; 25. Mark Alderson, 33, Wirtjes-15.936; 26. Lee Mettetal, 94, Mettetal-16.481; 27. Bob Wilkins, 119, Wilkins-16.495; 28. Paul Ruhland, 41, Ruhland-16.506; 29. Chuck Wilson, 111, Wilson-16.963; 30. Benny Rapp, 117, Kistler-17.209; 31. Bill Davis, 74, Andrew-NT; 32. Ken Nichols, 46, Gamester-NT; 33. Chris Buttler, 159, Nuckles-NT; 34. Jerry Nuckles, 157, Nuckles-NT; 35. Mike Stroud, 97, Linne-NT; 36. Tom Steiner, 63, Perkins-NT; 37. Bob Brutto, 86, Ferland-NT; 38. John Lucas, 95, Mogis-NT; 39. Ken Weiland, 84, Weiland-NT.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Bob Wente, 2. Larry Dickson, 3. Sleepy Tripp, 4. Jerry Stone. 1:00.76

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Tommy Astone, 2. Mel Kenyon, 3. Richard Powell, 4. Larry Dickson, 5. Sonny Ates, 6. John Gall, 7. Greg Staab, 8. Jack Crawford, 9. Bill Edwards, 10. Bob Wente, 11. Ron Eden, 12. Steve Lotshaw. 2:33.77

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Gary Irvin, 3. Jimmy Caruthers, 4. Spike Gehlhausen, 5. Chet Johnson, 6. Dana Carter, 7. Jerry Stone, 8. Larry Rice, 9. Jim Hines, 10. Jack Owen, 11. Eric Morrison, 12. Tom Brosius. NT

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Mel Kenyon, 3. Jimmy Caruthers, 4. Bob Wente, 5. Tommy Astone, 6. Larry Dickson, 7. Dana Carter, 8. Richard Powell, 9. Steve Lotshaw, 10. Gary Irvin, 11. Sonny Ates, 12. Chet Johnson, 13. Tom Brosius, 14. John Gall, 15. Eric Morrison, 16. Jim Hines, 17. Greg Staab, 18. Spike Gehlhausen, 19. Bill Edwards, 20. Jack Owen, 21. Jerry Stone, 22. Jack Crawford, 23. Larry Rice, 24. Ron Eden.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: May 16, 1975 – Indiana State Fairgrounds – Indianapolis, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Tommy Astone, 22, Shannon-35.537; 2. Pancho Carter, 10wc, Cook-35.863; 3. Dana Carter, 9, Pool-35.910; 4. Chuck Gurney, 181, Graham-36.112; 5. Billy Engelhart, 59, Riggs-36.123; 6. Gary Irvin, 42, Irvin-36.224; 7. George Snider, 99, Linne-36.318; 8. Jerry Weeks, 80, Sohm-36.365; 9. Jimmy Caruthers, 2, Caruthers-36.373; 10. Mark Alderson, 33, Wirtjes-36.427; 11. John Hubbard, 2EC, Haller-36.438; 12. Sleepy Tripp, 5, Tripp-36.538; 13. Danny Frye Jr., 15, Middleton-36.599; 14. Bob Wente, 25, Wente-36.641; 15. Dave Gable, 10, Polak-36.710; 16. Richard Powell, 43, Powell-36.786; 17. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-36.793; 18. Larry Patton, 35x, Noutary-36.871; 19. Mel Kenyon, 1, 3-K-36.901; 20. Bob DeJong, 77wc, Miller-36.945; 21. Doug Craig, 55EC, Craig-37.031; 22. Joe Saldana, 88x, Hampson-37.179; 23. Jerry Stone, 54, Stone-37.277; 24. Steve Cannon, 67, Schneider-37.291; 25. Chet Johnson, 65, Stanley-37.325; 26. Steve Lotshaw, 62, Lotshaw-37.327; 27. Spike Gehlhausen, 91, Gehlhausen-37.366; 28. Gary Bettenhausen, 93, Linne-37.395; 29. Duke Cook, 4, Astone-37.508; 30. Gary Byers, 36, Byers-37.540; 31. Rich Vogler, 24, Vogler-37.571; 32. Bruce Field, 7, Field-37.585; 33. Gary Ponzini, 51, Smith-37.636; 34. Sammy Sessions, 66, Lee-37.637; 35. Lee Osborne, 122, Braga-37.734; 36. Ralph Liguori, 50, Doty-37.760; 37. Larry Dickson, 81, Jones-37.819; 38. Bob Lithgow, 28, Lithgow-37.909; 39. John Lucas, 95, Mogis-38.187; 40. Jim Hettinger, 9EC, Kehan-38.255; 41. Bob Wilkins, 119, Wilkins-38.413; 42. Tom Brosius, 52, Brosius-38.438; 43. Dennis Devea, 128, Schofield-38.579; 44. Larry Henn, 144, Barbre-38.801; 45. Jack Owen, 166, Washburn-39.065; 46. John Gall, 75, Dailey-39.479; 47. Rex Waltenburg, 34, Cooper-39.498; 48. Bill Davis, 74, Andrew-39.510; 49. Benny Rapp, 17, Kistler-39.988; 50. Bob Dempsey, 19, Arkow-40.109; 51. Lee Mettetal, 94, Mettetal-40.190; 52. Larry Fritz, 108, Fritz-40.850; 53. Larry Rice, 3, Gonsel-NT; 54. Bobby Riggs, 12, Riggs-NT; 55. Eric Morrison, 38, Morrison-NT; 56. Ken Nichols, 46, Gamester-NT; 57. Tom Steiner, 63, Perkins-NT; 58. Mike Stroud, 97, Linne-NT; 59. Sonny Ates, 175, Baldwin-NT.

NON-QUALIFIERS RACE: (15 laps) 1. Steve Cannon, 2. Duke Cook, 3. Gary Byers, 4. Ralph Liguori, 5. Spike Gehlhausen, 6. Bruce Field, 7. Steve Lotshaw, 8. Trey Osborne, 9. Jim Hettinger, 10. John Lucas, 11. Tom Brosius, 12. Larry Dickson, 13. John Gall, 14. Jerry Stone, 15. Jack Owen, 16. Benny Rapp, 17. Dennis Devea, 18. Bob Dempsey, 19. Rex Waltenburg, 20. Rich Vogler, 21. Gary Ponzini, 22. Larry Henn, 23. Bill Davis, 24. Bob Wilkins. NT

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Pancho Carter, 2. Billy Engelhart, 3. George Snider, 4. Chuck Gurney, 5. Mark Alderson, 6. Dave Gable, 7. John Hubbard, 8. Danny Frye Jr., 9. Bruce Field, 10. Steve Lotshaw, 11. Sleepy Tripp, 12. Larry Patton, 13. Lee Osborne, 14. Gary Irvin, 15. Bob DeJong, 16. Tommy Astone, 17. Dana Carter, 18. Jimmy Caruthers, 19. Steve Cannon, 20. Bob Wente, 21. Duke Cook, 22. Richard Powell, 23. Joe Saldana, 24. Greg Staab, 25. Spike Gehlhausen, 26. Doug Craig, 27. Gary Byers, 28. Ralph Liguori. NT

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: May 24, 1975 – Indianapolis Raceway Park – Clermont, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Tommy Astone, 22, Shannon-23.687; 2. Sleepy Tripp, 5, Tripp-23.822; 3. Dana Carter, 9, Pool-23.893; 4. Billy Engelhart, 59, Riggs-24.006; 5. Steve Cannon, 66, Lee-24.036; 6. Mel Kenyon, 1, 3-K-24.077; 7. Dove Strickland, 11, Mauro-24.088; 8. Lee Kunzman, 99, Linne-24.099; 9. Bob Wente, 25, Wente-24.155; 10. Jackie Howerton, 122, Braga-24.181; 11. Steve Lotshaw, 62, Lotshaw-24.217; 12. Larry Dickson, 81, Jones-24.256; 13. Gary Irvin, 42, Irvin-24.276; 14. Larry Patton, 35, Noutary-24.203; 15. Larry Rice, 3, Gonsel-24.449; 16. Sammy Sauer, 199, Conklin-24.452; 17. Jim Beckley, 77, Olds-24.493; 18. Chuck Gurney, 2, Caruthers-24.499; 19. Danny Frye Jr., 15, Middleton-24.501; 20. Mark Alderson, 33, Wirtjes-24.534; 21. Joe Saldana, 69, Lockard-24.574; 22. Jerry Stone, 54, Stone-24.585; 23. Spike Gehlhausen, 91, Gehlhausen-24.632; 24. Chet Johnson, 65, Stanley-24.700; 25. Ralph Liguori, 50, Doty-24.740; 26. Ken Nichols, 46, Gamester-24.774; 27. Lee Osborne, 10wc, Cook-24.909; 28. Bruce Field, 7, Field-25.003; 29. Dave Gable, 10, Polak-25.004; 30. Bobby Olivero, 78, Caruthers-25.065; 31. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-25.183; 32. Jack Owen, 166, Washburn-25.347; 33. Bob Richards, 74, Soubirou-25.431; 34. Tom Brosius, 52, Brosius-25.563; 35. Bob Lithgow, 28, Lithgow-25.572; 36. Benny Rapp, 17, Kistler-27.074; 37. Bobby Riggs, 12, Riggs-29.088; 38. Duke Cook, 4, Astone-NT; 39. Jerry Weeks, 80, Sohm-NT; 40. Mike Stroud, 97, Linne-NT; 41. John Gall, 75, Dailey-NT.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Dana Carter, 2. Sleepy Tripp, 3. Tommy Astone, 4. Billy Engelhart. 1:35.75

FIRST HEAT: (6 laps) 1. Tommy Astone, 2. Ralph Liguori, 3. Jim Beckley, 4. Joe Saldana, 5. Bob Wente, 6. Steve Cannon, 7. Dave Gable. 2:25.89

SECOND HEAT: (6 laps) 1. Larry Patton, 2. Mel Kenyon, 3. Jerry Stone, 4. Jackie Howerton, 5. Danny Frye Jr., 6. Ken Nichols, 7. Tom Brosius, 8. Bob Richards. 2:26.36

THIRD HEAT: (6 laps) 1. Dana Carter, 2. Larry Rice, 3. Dave Strickland, 4. Chuck Gurney, 5. Greg Staab, 6. Steve Lotshaw, 7. Spike Gehlhausen, 8. Lee Osborne. 2:26.81

FOURTH HEAT: (6 laps) 1. Billy Engelhart, 2. Sammy Sauer, 3. Larry Dickson, 4. Mark Alderson, 5. Lee Kunzman, 6. Bruce Field, 7. Chet Johnson, 8. Jack Owen. 2:27.93

SEMI: (8 laps) 1. Bob Wente, 2. Spike Gehlhausen, 3. Steve Lotshaw, 4. Steve Cannon, 5. Danny Frye Jr., 6. Gary Irvin, 7. Greg Staab, 8. Tom Brosius, 9. Bruce Field, 10. Bob Richards, 11. Chet Johnson, 12. Benny Rapp, 13. Dave Gable, 14. Lee Osborne. 3:18.24

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Billy Engelhart, 2. Bob Wente, 3. Tommy Astone, 4. Larry Rice, 5. Mel Kenyon, 6. Dave Strickland, 7. Joe Saldana, 8. Steve Cannon, 9. Jackie Howerton, 10. Sammy Sauer, 11. Larry Patton, 12. Chuck Gurney, 13. Jim Beckley, 14. Dana Carter, 15. Steve Lotshaw, 16. Spike Gehlhausen, 17. Mark Alderson, 18. Jerry Stone, 19. Ralph Liguori, 20. Larry Dickson. 12:22.48

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: May 26, 1975 – Salem Speedway – Salem, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Gary Irvin, 42, Irvin-18.709; 2. Bobby Olivero, 78, Caruthers-18.714; 3. Billy Engelhart, 59, Riggs-18.762; 4. Dana Carter, 9, Pool-18.850; 5. Jimmy Caruthers, 2, Caruthers-19.033; 6. Pancho Carter, 10wc, Cook-19.053; 7. Larry Patton, 35, Noutary-19.082; 8. Mark Alderson, 33, Wirtjes-19.171; 9. Sleepy Tripp, 5, Tripp-19.172; 10. Spike Gehlhausen, 91, Gehlhausen-19.293; 11. Sammy Sauer, 199, Conklin-19.378; 12. Larry Rice, 3, Gonsel-19.394; 13. Steve Cannon, 66, Lee-19.398; 14. Mel Kenyon, 1, 3-K-19.436; 15. Steve Lotshaw, 62, Lotshaw-19.516; 16. Bob Wente, 25, Wente-19.523; 17. Bruce Field, 7, Field-19.841; 18. Tom Brosius, 52, Brosius-19.981; 19. Gary Ponzini, 51, Smith-20.212; 20. Sonny Ates, 74, Soubirou-20.284; 21. Eric Morrison, 38, Morrison-20.449; 22. Benny Rapp, 17, Kistler-20.906; 23. Dave Gable, 10, Polak-

21.381; 24. Dave Strickland, 11, Mauro-NT; 25. Tommy Astone, 22, Shannon-NT; 26. Jerry Stone, 54, Stone-NT; 27. Bill Edwards, 40, Edwards-NT; 28. Jim Beckley, 77, Olds-NT; 29. Johnny Parsons, 69, Lockard-NT; 30. Mike Stroud, 97, Linne-NT.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Bobby Olivero, 2. Dana Carter, 3. Chuck Gurney (#2), 4. Gary Irvin. 1:15.32

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Dana Carter, 2. Gary Irvin, 3. Larry Patton, 4. Steve Cannon, 5. Dave Gable, 6. Bob Wente, 7. Spike Gehlhausen, 8. Gary Ponzini. 2:33.07

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Chuck Gurney (#2), 2. Mark Alderson, 3. Bruce Field, 4. Bobby Olivero, 5. Eric Morrison, 6. Mel Kenyon, 7. Sammy Sauer. 2:37.51

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Billy Engelhart, 2. Larry Rice, 3. Pancho Carter, 4. Steve Lotshaw, 5. Tom Brosius, 6. Benny Rapp. 2:34.59

FOURTH HEAT: (6 laps) 1. Bob Wente, 2. Spike Gehlhausen, 3. Mel Kenyon, 4. Benny Rapp, 5. Sammy Sauer. 1:59.01

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Larry Rice, 2. Spike Gehlhausen, 3. Dave Gable, 4. Bruce Field, 5. Sammy Sauer, 6. Tom Brosius, 7. Eric Morrison, 8. Mark Alderson, 9. Benny Rapp, 10. Mel Kenyon, 11. Dana Carter, 12. Bob Wente. 3:18.83

FEATURE: (40 Laps) 1. Billy Engelhart, 2. Dana Carter, 3. Larry Patton, 4. Larry Rice, 5. Gary Irvin, 6. Sammy Sauer, 7. Mark Alderson, 8. Bruce Field, 9. Steve Cannon, 10. Chuck Gurney, 11. Spike Gehlhausen, 12. Steve Lotshaw, 13. Dave Gable, 14. Eric Morrison, 15. Pancho Carter, 16. Benny Rapp, 17. Bob Wente, 18. Tom Brosius, 19. Mel Kenyon, 20. Bobby Olivero. 12:51.77

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 1, 1975 – Lake Geneva Raceway – Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

QUALIFYING: 1. Dana Carter, 9, Pool-16.240; 2. Larry Patton, 35, Noutary-16.410; 3. Ron Eden, 77, Eden-16.550; 4. Ken Nichols, 46, Gamester-16.600; 5. Mel Kenyon, 1, 3-K-16.610; 6. John Gall, 75, Dailey-16.730; 7. Bruce Field, 122, Braga-16.760; 8. Jack Owen, 6, Washburn-16.830; 9. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-17.910; 10. Jerry Weeks, 69, Lockard-17.140; 11. Billy Engelhart, 2, Caruthers-17.270; 12. Sleepy Tripp, 5, Tripp-17.490; 13. Tom Brosius, 52, Brosius-17.520; 14. Carl Johnson, 32, Eschen-17.960; 15. Mike Stroud, 30, Weingarten-18.250; 16. Spike Gehlhausen, 91, Gehlhausen-18.250; 17. Jerry Dunlap, 57, Dunlap-20.950; 18. Bobby Tripp, 58, Tripp-NT; 19. Lee Mettetal, 94, Mettetal-NT.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Ken Nichols, 2. Ron Eden, 3. Dana Carter, 4. Larry Patton. NT

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Mel Kenyon, 2. Bruce Field, 3. Dana Carter, 4. Ron Eden, 5. Tom Brosius, 6. Billy Engelhart, 7. Spike Gehlhausen, 8. Bobby Tripp. 2:44.08

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Larry Patton, 2. Ken Nichols, 3. Jerry Weeks, 4. John Gall, 5. Jack Owen, 6. Carl Johnson, 7. Mike Stroud, 8. Sleepy Tripp. 2:50.31

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Dana Carter, 2. Mel Kenyon, 3. Larry Patton, 4. Sleepy Tripp (#58), 5. Ken Nichols, 6. John Gall, 7. Bruce Field, 8. Jack Owen, 9. Jerry Weeks, 10. Tom Brosius, 11. Ron Eden, 12. Spike Gehlhausen, 13. Mike Stroud, 14. Billy Engelhart, 15. Carl Johnson. 9:53.15

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## **The Spotlight's on Pancho with Hales Corners Victory**

Pancho Carter won the Friday night 40-lapper at Hales Corners, Wisconsin as he led all 40 laps at the 1/3-mile dirt oval. He drove the Shannon Brothers Vega and was followed by point leader Sleepy Tripp, Mark Alderson, Mel Kenyon, and Spike Gehlhausen. During qualifying, Lee Mettetal flipped three times but escaped injury.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 6, 1975 – Hales Corners Speedway – Hales Corners, Wisconsin

QUALIFYING: 1. Mel Kenyon, 1, 3-K-17.959; 2. Gary Irvin, 42, Irvin-17.961; 3. Larry Patton, 35x, Noutary-18.062; 4. Ken Weiland, 84, Weiland-18.221; 5. Sleepy Tripp, 5, Tripp-18.246; 6. Spike Gehlhausen, 91, Gehlhausen-18.258; 7. Jimmy Caruthers, 2, Caruthers-18.324; 8. Pancho Carter, 22, Shannon-18.355; 9. Bob Wente, 25, Wente-18.368; 10. Tom Mislich, 32, Mislich-18.413; 11. Steve Lotshaw, 62, Lotshaw-18.555; 12. Mark Alderson, 33, Wirtjes-18.594; 13. Dana Carter, 9, Pool-18.613; 14. Steve Cannon, 67, Schneider-18.639; 15. Rich Vogler, 24, Vogler-18.671; 16. John Gall, 75, Dailey-18.719; 17. Art Bisch Jr., 49, Conrad-18.831; 18. Johnny Parsons, 92, Steinfatt-18.856; 19. Tom Brosius, 52, Brosius-18.911; 20. Mike Stroud, 30, Stroud-18.923; 21. Bruce Field, 122, Braga-18.932; 22. Eric Morrison, 38, Morrison-19.291; 23. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-19.313; 24. Jerry Stone, 132, Holestine-19.377; 25. Carl Johnson, 32x, Eschen-20.101; 26. Ken Nichols, 46, Gamester-NT; 27. Lee Mettetal, 94, Mettetal-NT; 28. Al Murie, 19, Allard-NT.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Ken Weiland, 2. Mel Kenyon, 3. Gary Irvin, 4. Larry Patton. 1:14.54

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Mel Kenyon, 2. Dana Carter, 3. Tom Brosius, 4. Ken Weiland, 5. John Gall, 6. Tom Mislich, 7. Eric Morrison. NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Steve Cannon, 3. Pancho Carter, 4. Greg Staab, 5. Mike Stroud, 6. Steve Lotshaw, 7. Art Bisch Jr., 8. Gary Irvin. NT

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Mark Alderson, 2. Bob Wente, 3. Spike Gehlhausen, 4. Rich Vogler, 5. Larry Patton, 6. Bruce Field, 7. Carl Johnson, 8. Jerry Stone. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (6 laps) 1. Jimmy Caruthers, 2. Tom Mislich, 3. Art Bisch Jr., 4. Eric Morrison. 1:43.57

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Jimmy Caruthers, 2. Larry Patton, 3. Gary Irvin, 4. Tom Mislich, 5. Mike Stroud, 6. Steve Lotshaw, 7. Art Bisch Jr., 8. John Gall, 9. Eric Morrison. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Pancho Carter, 2. Sleepy Tripp, 3. Mark Alderson, 4. Mel Kenyon, 5. Spike Gehlhausen, 6. Rich Vogler, 7. Steve Cannon, 8. Tom Mislich, 9. Gary Irvin, 10. Greg Staab, 11. John Gall, 12. Art Bisch Jr., 13. Jimmy Caruthers, 14. Ken Weiland, 15. Bob Wente, 16. Larry Patton, 17. Tom Brosius, 18. Steve Lotshaw, 19. Dana Carter, 20. Mike Stroud. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-40 Pancho Carter.

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## **Dana Carter Sweeps at Champaign**

One night after his brother, Pancho, captured a victory, Dana Carter did the very same.

Driving the Dan Pool SESCO, Dana dominated the Saturday night program on the dirt at the Champaign-Urbana Fairgrounds in Illinois.

Dana set fast qualifying time, won the DASH, the first heat and the 40-lap feature after overhauling early leader Sleepy Tripp on lap 12 and led the rest of the way.

Steve Cannon placed second, Larry Rice third, Mel Kenyon fourth, and Tripp fifth.

Eric Morrison was taken to Champaign's Burnam Hospital after surviving a wild end-over-ender during the night's program. He was listed in satisfactory condition, suffering only a mild concussion.

#### USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 7, 1975 – Champaign-Urbana Fairgrounds – Champaign, Illinois

QUALIFYING: 1. Dana Carter, 9, Pool-25.411; 2. Tommy Astone, 2, Caruthers-25.444; 3. Larry Patton, 35, Noutary-25.741; 4. Larry Rice, 22, Shannon-25.846; 5. Danny Frye Jr., 15, Middleton-25.868; 6. Ken Weiland, 84, Weiland-25.890; 7. Mel Kenyon, 1, 3-K-25.956; 8. Steve Cannon, 67, Schneider-25.968; 9. Bob Wente, 25, Wente-26.295; 10. Sleepy Tripp, 5, Tripp-26.452; 11. Duke DeRosa, 31, Kunz-26.543; 12. Kevin Olson, 51, Olson-26.663; 13. Ralph Liguori, 50, Doty-26.689; 14. John Gall, 75, Dailey-26.799; 15. Tom Mislich, 32, Mislich-26.827; 16. Mark Alderson, 33, Wirtjes-26.870; 17. Jerry Stone, 132, Holstine-26.965; 18. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-27.047; 19. Denny Stewart, 90, Stewart-27.081; 20. Tom Brosius, 52, Brosius-27.201; 21. Jack Owen, 6, Washburn-27.491; 22. Eric Morrison, 38, Morrison-27.881; 23. Mike Stroud, 30, Stroud-28.130; 24. Dean Shirley, 72, Branson-28.396; 25. Robin Miller, 16, Miller-28.966; 26. Charlie Wilder, 35x, Wilder-30.418; 27. Bruce Field, 122, Braga-NT; 28. Carl Johnson, 32x, Eschen-NT.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Dana Carter, 2. Larry Patton, 3. Larry Rice, 4. Tommy Astone. 1:41.94

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Dana Carter, 2. Larry Rice, 3. Mel Kenyon, 4. Sleepy Tripp, 5. Mark Alderson, 6. Denny Stewart, 7. Robin Miller, 8. Eric Morrison, 9. Ralph Liguori. NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Steve Cannon, 2. Danny Frye Jr., 3. Tom Brosius, 4. Duke DeRosa, 5. John Gall, 6. Mike Stroud, 7. Charlie Wilder, 8. Jerry Stone. 3:29.57

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Bob Wente, 2. Larry Patton, 3. Ken Weiland, 4. Dean Shirley, 5. Jack Owen, 6. Tom Mislich, 7. Greg Staab. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Ralph Liguori, 2. Tom Mislich, 3. Jerry Stone, 4. Mike Stroud, 5. Charlie Wilder, 6. Denny Stewart, 7. Eric Morrison. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Dana Carter, 2. Steve Cannon, 3. Larry Rice, 4. Mel Kenyon, 5. Sleepy Tripp, 6. Danny Frye Jr., 7. Larry Patton, 8. Bob Wente, 9. Mark Alderson, 10. Tom Brosius, 11. Greg Staab, 12. Robin Miller, 13. Ken Weiland, 14. Dean Shirley, 15. John Gall, 16. Mike Stroud, 17. Tom Mislich, 18. Denny Stewart, 19. Jack Owen, 20. Duke DeRosa, 21. Charlie Wilder, 22. Jerry Stone, 23. Ralph Liguori. NT

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#### USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 14, 1975 – Springfield Speedway – Springfield, Illinois

QUALIFYING: 1. Larry Patton, 35, Noutary-12.824; 2. Jimmy Caruthers, 2, Caruthers-12.875; 3. Dana Carter, 9, Pool-12.982; 4. Mel Kenyon, 1, 3-K-13.025; 5. Mark Alderson, 33, Wirtjes-13.078; 6. Bob Wente, 25, Wente-13.124; 7. Richard Powell,



43, Powell-13.136; 8. Pancho Carter, 22, Shannon-13.166; 9. Rich Vogler, 24, Vogler-13.204; 10. Danny Frye Jr., 15, Middleton-13.243; 11. Tom Bigelow, 66, Lee-13.284; 12. Jerry Stone, 54, Stone-13.292; 13. Sleepy Tripp, 5, Tripp-13.323; 14. Steve Cannon, 67, Schneider-13.326; 15. Larry Rice, 81, Jones-13.327; 16. Roger Branson, 51, Smith-13.432; 17. Spike Gehlhausen, 91, Gehlhausen-13.482; 18. Gary Irvin, 42, Irvin-13.501; 19. Dean Shirley, 72, Branson-13.521; 20. Tommy Astone, 4, Astone-13.522; 21. John Gall, 75, Dailey-13.605; 22. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-13.638; 23. Ken Nichols, 46, Gamester-13.767; 24. Dick Standridge, 68, Tetrault-13.837; 25. John Lucas, 95, Mogis-13.857; 26. Tom Brosius, 52, Brosius-13.862; 27. Tom Mislich, 32, Mislich-13.906; 28. Ralph Liguori, 50, Doty-13.964; 29. Lee Mettetal, 94, Mettetal-14.121; 30. Jack Owen, 6, Washburn-14.228; 31. Bobby Tripp, 58, Tripp-NT.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Dana Carter, 2. Jimmy Caruthers, 3. Mel Kenyon, 4. Larry Patton. 52:42

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Mark Alderson, 3. Larry Patton, 4. Spike Gehlhausen, 5. Rich Vogler, 6. John Lucas, 7. Lee Mettetal, 8. John Gall. 2:16.58

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jimmy Caruthers, 2. Gary Irvin, 3. Danny Frye Jr., 4. Bob Wente, 5. Greg Staab, 6. Steve Cannon, 7. Tom Brosius, 8. Jack Owen. 2:13.88

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Tom Bigelow, 2. Larry Rice, 3. Dana Carter, 4. Richard Powell, 5. Ken Nichols, 6. Tom Mislich. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Pancho Carter, 2. Mel Kenyon, 3. Jerry Stone, 4. Tommy Astone, 5. Ralph Liguori, 6. Dick Standridge, 7. Roger Branson. NT

SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Rich Vogler, 2. Steve Cannon, 3. Ralph Liguori, 4. John Lucas, 5. Tom Mislich, 6. John Gall, 7. Roger Branson, 8. Tom Brosius, 9. Dick Standridge, 10. Greg Staab. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Pancho Carter, 2. Rich Vogler, 3. Mark Alderson, 4. Tom Bigelow, 5. Jimmy Caruthers, 6. Mel Kenyon, 7. Larry Rice, 8. Tommy Astone, 9. Danny Frye Jr., 10. Spike Gehlhausen, 11. Larry Patton, 12. John Lucas, 13. Steve Cannon, 14. Bob Wente, 15. Jerry Stone, 16. Dana Carter, 17. Sleepy Tripp, 18. Ralph Liguori, 19. Richard Powell, 20. Gary Irvin. NT

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### **Pancho Makes it 5 for the Carter Family at Penn National**

Pancho Carter gave his family its fifth straight USAC National Midget victory in the 40-lapper at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania's Penn National Speedway on June, 30. Point leader Sleepy Tripp finished second.

#### **USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 30, 1975 – Penn National Speedway – Harrisburg, Pennsylvania**

QUALIFYING: 1. Larry Patton, 35x, Noutary-26.124; 2. Pancho Carter, 22, Shannon-26.265; 3. Dana Carter, 9, Pool-26.348; 4. Leigh Earnshaw Jr., 1x, Darrell-26.838; 5. Steve Lotshaw, 62, Lotshaw-27.183; 6. Jim Hettinger, 22x, Bennett-27.267; 7. Steve Cannon, 67, Schneider-27.340; 8. Kramer Williamson, 29, Ferguson-27.409; 9. Mark Alderson, 33, Wirtjes-27.460; 10. Jimmy Kirk, 19, Hickey-27.613; 11. Sleepy Tripp, 5, Tripp-27.640; 12. Mel Kenyon, 1, 3-K-27.731; 13. Spike Gehlhausen, 91, Gehlhausen-27.810; 14. Dub May, 4, Ferguson-27.872; 15. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-28.144; 16. Tom Brosius, 52, Brosius-28.153; 17. Danny Frye Jr., 74, Soubirou-28.167; 18. Van May, 9x, Kehan-28.365; 19. Doug Craig, 5x, Craig-28.405; 20. Bob Cicconi, 8x, Cicconi-28.573; 21. Roger Branson, 51, Smith-28.851; 22. Paul Weisel, 45, Weisel-28.973; 23. Bob Wilkins, 119, Wilkins-29.025; 24. Wally White, 44x, White-29.969; 25. Hank Bierbaum, 27, Bierbaum-30.538; 26. Bill Edwards, 40, Edwards-31.023; 27. Jimmy Caruthers, 2, Caruthers-NT; 28. Smokey Snellbaker, 6, Burkett-NT.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Dana Carter, 2. Pancho Carter, 3. Larry Patton, 4. Leigh Earnshaw Jr. 1:48.05

FIRST HEAT: (6 laps) 1. Larry Patton, 2. Steve Lotshaw, 3. Spike Gehlhausen, 4. Mark Alderson, 5. Roger Branson, 6. Hank Bierbaum. 2:50.64

SECOND HEAT: (6 laps) 1. Pancho Carter, 2. Jimmy Kirk, 3. Van May, 4. Jim Hettinger, 5. Smokey Snellbaker (#4), 6. Bill Edwards. 2:42.71

THIRD HEAT: (6 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Dana Carter, 3. Steve Cannon, 4. Jimmy Caruthers, 5. Doug Craig, 6. Greg Staab, 7. Bob Wilkins. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (6 laps) 1. Mel Kenyon, 2. Leigh Earnshaw Jr., 3. Kramer Williamson, 4. Wally White, 5. Danny Frye Jr., 6. Bob Cicconi, 7. Paul Weisel, 8. Tom Brosius. 2:46.24

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Pancho Carter, 2. Sleepy Tripp, 3. Jimmy Caruthers, 4. Larry Patton, 5. Dana Carter, 6. Kramer Williamson, 7. Mark Alderson, 8. Jim Hettinger, 9. Smokey Snellbaker (#4), 10. Jimmy Kirk, 11. Mel Kenyon, 12. Steve Cannon, 13. Doug Craig, 14. Spike Gehlhausen, 15. Roger Branson, 16. Wally White, 17. Danny Frye Jr., 18. Steve Lotshaw, 19. Van May, 20. Leigh Earnshaw Jr. NT

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### **Kenyon Breaks Carter's Streak at Weedsport**

Mel Kenyon scored his 76th career USAC National Midget victory in the 40-lap feature on July 3 at New York's Weedsport Speedway.

The Carter family's five-race winning streak was broken as the two brothers, Dana and Pancho, tangled and finished out of the top 10.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 3, 1975 – Weedsport Speedway – Weedsport, New York

QUALIFYING: 1. Mel Kenyon, 1, 3-K-18.285; 2. Jimmy Caruthers, 2, Caruthers-18.529; 3. Pancho Carter, 22, Shannon-18.585; 4. Sleepy Tripp, 5, Tripp-18.654; 5. Larry Patton, 35x, Noutary-18.683; 6. Jay Cornell, 82, Cornell-18.736; 7. Dana Carter, 9, Pool-18.869; 8. Dave Gable, 10, Polak-18.923; 9. Steve Cannon, 67, Schneider-18.971; 10. Jim Hettinger, 91x, Thomas-19.095; 11. Leigh Earnshaw Jr., 1x, Darrell-19.116; 12. Spike Gehlhausen, 91, Gehlhausen-19.130; 13. Larry Dickson, 81, Jones-19.186; 14. Danny Frye Jr., 74, Soubirou-19.347; 15. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-19.382; 16. Roger Branson, 51, Smith-19.476; 17. Paul Weisel, 45, Weisel-19.504; 18. Mark Alderson, 33, Wirtjes-19.601; 19. Bob Dempsey, 19, Arkow-19.675; 20. Tom Mislich, 32, Mislich-19.898; 21. Richard Powell, 43, Powell-19.727; 22. Steve Lotshaw, 62, Lotshaw-19.876; 23. Tom Brosius, 52, Brosius-19.888; 24. Bob Wilkins, 119, Wilkins-19.951; 25. Wally White, 44x, White-20.545; 26. Bill Edwards, 40, Edwards-20.921; 27. Bob Cicconi, 8x, Cicconi-21.033; 28. Gary Irvin, 42, Irvin-NT; 29. Bobby Tripp, 58, Tripp-NT.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Mel Kenyon, 2. Jimmy Caruthers, 3. Sleepy Tripp, 4. Pancho Carter. 1:14.74

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Larry Patton, 2. Mel Kenyon, 3. Steve Cannon, 4. Larry Dickson, 5. Wally White, 6. Paul Weisel, 7. Richard Powell. NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Steve Lotshaw, 2. Jimmy Caruthers, 3. Danny Frye Jr., 4. Mark Alderson, 5. Bill Edwards, 6. Jay Cornell, 7. Jim Hettinger. NT

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Leigh Earnshaw Jr., 2. Dana Carter, 3. Pancho Carter, 4. Greg Staab, 5. Tom Brosius, 6. Bob Cicconi, 7. Bob Dempsey. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Spike Gehlhausen, 3. Dave Gable, 4. Roger Branson, 5. Tom Mislich, 6. Bob Wilkins. NT

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Jim Hettinger, 2. Tom Brosius, 3. Danny Frye Jr., 4. Jay Cornell, 5. Tom Mislich, 6. Bill Edwards, 7. Mark Alderson, 8. Bob Dempsey. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Mel Kenyon, 2. Jimmy Caruthers, 3. Larry Dickson, 4. Dave Gable, 5. Mark Alderson, 6. Leigh Earnshaw Jr., 7. Jim Hettinger, 8. Danny Frye Jr., 9. Steve Lotshaw, 10. Greg Staab, 11. Steve Cannon, 12. Jay Cornell, 13. Tom Brosius, 14. Tom Mislich, 15. Pancho Carter, 16. Dana Carter, 17. Larry Patton, 18. Sleepy Tripp, 19. Spike Gehlhausen, 20. Roger Branson. NT

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 6, 1975 – Merrittville Speedway – St. Catherine's, Ontario

QUALIFYING: 1. Mel Kenyon, 1, 3-K-16.978; 2. Gary Irvin, 22, Shannon-17.057; 3. Sleepy Tripp, 5, Tripp-17.502; 4. Steve Lotshaw, 62, Lotshaw-17.564; 5. Larry Patton, 35x, Noutary-17.568; 6. Steve Cannon, 67, Schneider-17.581; 7. Richard Powell, 43, Powell-17.584; 8. Dana Carter, 9, Pool-17.590; 9. Jerry Weeks, 81, Jones-17.602; 10. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-17.746; 11. Danny Frye Jr., 74, Soubirou-17.801; 12. Tom Brosius, 52, Brosius-17.820; 13. Mark Alderson, 33, Wirtjes-17.970; 14. Roger Branson, 51, Smith-18.002; 15. Bob Wilkins, 119, Wilkins-18.072; 16. Bob Dempsey, 19, Arkow-18.195; 17. Tom Mislich, 32, Mislich-18.405; 18. Jay Cornell, 82, Cornell-NT.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Mel Kenyon, 3. Steve Lotshaw, 4. Gary Irvin. 1:10.31

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Mel Kenyon, 2. Greg Staab, 3. Steve Lotshaw, 4. Bob Dempsey, 5. Mark Alderson, 6. Richard Powell. NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Larry Patton, 2. Gary Irvin, 3. Dana Carter, 4. Roger Branson, 5. Danny Frye Jr., 6. Tom Mislich. 2:22.58

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Jerry Weeks, 3. Tom Brosius, 4. Steve Cannon, 5. Bob Wilkins, 6. Jay Cornell. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Gary Irvin, 3. Steve Cannon, 4. Mark Alderson, 5. Larry Patton, 6. Bob Dempsey, 7. Dana Carter, 8. Jerry Weeks, 9. Mel Kenyon, 10. Greg Staab, 11. Richard Powell, 12. Steve Lotshaw, 13. Bob Wilkins, 14. Tom Mislich, 15. Roger Branson, 16. Jay Cornell, 17. Danny Frye Jr., 18. Tom Brosius. NT

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**Sleepy Wins at Kokomo**

Sleepy Tripp's hard-fought July 9 victory over Pancho Carter at Indiana's Kokomo Speedway has helped him pull away to a 70-point lead over Dana Carter in the USAC National Midget standings.

Tripp and the Rimco Manufacturing Volkswagen held off a determined challenge from Carter and the Shannon Brothers Vega to win the Kokomo feature in one of the finest races of the season. The win was Sleepy's fifth for 1975.

#### USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 9, 1975 – Kokomo Speedway – Kokomo, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Pancho Carter, 22, Shannon-17.297; 2. Dana Carter, 9, Pool-17.619; 3. Jimmy Caruthers, 2, Caruthers-17.646; 4. Gary Irvin, 42, Irvin-17.652; 5. Larry Patton, 35x, Noutary-17.672; 6. Mark Alderson, 33, Wirtjes-17.738; 7. Sleepy Tripp, 5, Tripp-17.762; 8. Mel Kenyon, 1, 3-K-17.806; 9. Steve Cannon, 67, Schneider-18.018; 10. Larry Rice, 81, Jones-18.165; 11. Rich Vogler, 24, Vogler-18.187; 12. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-18.342; 13. Tom Steiner, 82x, Turner-18.389; 14. Jay Cornell, 82, Cornell-18.397; 15. Kevin Olson, 51x, Olson-18.404; 16. Tommy Astone, 4, Astone-18.411; 17. Tom Brosius, 52, Brosius-18.475; 18. Johnny Parsons, 92, Steinfatt-18.479; 19. Roger Branson, 51, Smith-18.568; 20. Dave Gable, 10, Polak-18.679; 21. John Batts, 68, Tetrault-18.681; 22. Richard Powell, 43, Powell-18.712; 23. Tom Mislich, 32, Mislich-18.758; 24. Bob Wilkins, 119, Wilkins-18.809; 25. Denny Stewart, 90, Stewart-18.875; 26. John Gall, 75, Dailey-18.900; 27. Robin Miller, 16, Miller-19.114; 28. Ron Eden, 77, Eden-19.201; 29. John Lucas, 95, Mogis-19.220; 30. Jim Hines, 177, Saunders-19.435; 31. Jack Owen, 6, Washburn-19.466; 32. Bill Edwards, 40, Edwards-19.657; 33. Larry Fritz, 108, Fritz-19.734; 34. Gary Byers, 132, Holistine-NT; 35. Ken Weiland, 84, Weiland-NT; 36. Bob McDaniels, 99, Owen-NT; 37. Mike Stroud, 30, Stroud-NT.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Dana Carter, 2. Pancho Carter, 3. Larry Patton, 4. Gary Irvin. 1:10.35

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Pancho Carter, 2. Larry Patton, 3. Steve Cannon, 4. Tom Steiner, 5. Dick Standridge (#68), 6. John Lucas, 7. Tom Brosius, 8. Denny Stewart. NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Dana Carter, 2. Larry Rice, 3. Johnny Parsons, 4. Mark Alderson, 5. Richard Powell, 6. Jim Hines, 7. Jay Cornell, 8. John Gall. NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Jimmy Caruthers, 3. Rich Vogler, 4. Kevin Olson, 5. Roger Branson, 6. Robin Miller, 7. Tom Mislich, 8. Jack Owen. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Mel Kenyon, 2. Gary Irvin, 3. Greg Staab, 4. Tommy Astone, 5. Bill Edwards, 6. Dave Gable, 7. Ron Eden, 8. Bob Wilkins. NT

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Tom Brosius, 2. Tom Mislich, 3. Dick Standridge (#68), 4. Denny Stewart, 5. Jim Hines, 6. Larry Fritz, 7. Robin Miller, 8. Bill Edwards, 9. Roger Branson, 10. John Lucas, 11. Jack Owen, 12. Mike Stroud, 13. John Gall, 14. Richard Powell, 15. Bob Wilkins. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Pancho Carter, 3. Mel Kenyon, 4. Jimmy Caruthers, 5. Larry Rice, 6. Dana Carter, 7. Steve Cannon, 8. Rich Vogler, 9. Larry Patton, 10. Tom Mislich, 11. Greg Staab, 12. Denny Stewart, 13. Jim Hines, 14. Tommy Astone, 15. Mark Alderson, 16. Kevin Olson, 17. Tom Brosius, 18. Gary Irvin, 19. Johnny Parsons, 20. Tom Steiner. 10:13.33

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#### USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 12, 1975 – Springfield Speedway – Springfield, Illinois

QUALIFYING: 1. Larry Patton, 35x, Noutary-12.561; 2. Larry Rice, 22, Shannon-12.838; 3. Mel Kenyon, 1, 3-K-12.887; 4. Sleepy Tripp, 5, Tripp-12.888; 5. Tommy Astone, 2, Caruthers-12.919; 6. Dana Carter, 9, Pool-13.091; 7. Steve Cannon, 67,

Schneider-13.100; 8. Roger Branson, 51, Smith-13.102; 9. Kevin Olson, 61x, Olson-13.108; 10. Bob Wente, 25, Wente-13.117; 11. Danny Frye Jr., 15, Middleton-13.258; 12. Mark Alderson, 122, Braga-13.326; 13. Tom Mislich, 32, Mislich-13.367; 14. Duke DeRosa, 31, Kunz-13.518; 15. Ken Schrader, 15x, Hoppe-13.528; 16. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-13.541; 17. John Gall, 75, Dailey-13.582; 18. Mike Stroud, 97, Linne-13.612; 19. Carl Johnson, 32x, Eschen-13.726; 20. Lee Mettetal, 94, Mettetal-13.735; 21. Charlie Wilder, 135, Wilder-13.740; 22. Chuck Lynch, 29, Meents-13.760; 23. Ralph Liguori, 50, Doty-13.778; 24. Bill Edwards, 40, Edwards-13.898; 25. Jack Owen, 6, Washburn-14.500; 26. Arnie Knepper, 35, Knepper-NT; 27. Ken Nichols, 46, Gamester-NT.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Larry Patton, 2. Sleepy Tripp, 3. Mel Kenyon, 4. Larry Rice. 1:01.67

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Larry Patton, 2. Kevin Olson, 3. Tommy Astone, 4. Tom Mislich, 5. John Gall, 6. Charlie Wilder, 7. Jack Owen. NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Dana Carter, 2. Larry Rice, 3. Bob Wente, 4. Duke DeRosa, 5. Mike Stroud, 6. Chuck Lynch. 2:09.60

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Mel Kenyon, 2. Arnie Knepper, 3. Danny Frye Jr., 4. Ken Schrader, 5. Ralph Liguori, 6. Carl Johnson. 2:10.24

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Mark Alderson, 3. Greg Staab, 4. Roger Branson, 5. Bill Edwards, 6. Lee Mettetal. 2:14.61

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Steve Cannon, 2. John Gall, 3. Mike Stroud, 4. Danny Frye Jr., 5. Ralph Liguori, 6. Charlie Wilder, 7. Bill Edwards, 8. Chuck Lynch, 9. Jack Owen, 10. Lee Mettetal, 11. Carl Johnson. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Larry Patton, 2. Sleepy Tripp, 3. Larry Rice, 4. Dana Carter, 5. Steve Cannon, 6. Arnie Knepper, 7. Danny Frye Jr., 8. Mark Alderson, 9. Roger Branson, 10. Tom Mislich, 11. Ken Schrader, 12. Greg Staab, 13. Duke DeRosa, 14. John Gall, 15. Ralph Liguori, 16. Mike Stroud, 17. Mel Kenyon, 18. Kevin Olson, 19. Bob Wente, 20. Tommy Astone. NT

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### **Parsons Takes IRP Midgets**

Johnny Parsons won the 40-lap feature at Indianapolis Raceway Park in Clermont, Indiana on July 16 while driving Bob Lockard's new Badger SESCO.

The win was Parsons' first this season as he beat Billy Engelhart and Sleepy Tripp to the checkered.

A fine turnout of race fans came out for the doubleheader, as the local stock cars also competed on the program. That prompted race organizer Don Dakin to book another USAC National Midget race there for August 13.

### **USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 16, 1975 – Indianapolis Raceway Park – Clermont, Indiana**

QUALIFYING: 1. Tommy Astone, 4, Astone-23.777; 2. Pancho Carter, 22, Shannon-23.828; 3. Billy Engelhart, 59, Riggs-23.832; 4. Larry Patton, 35x, Noutary-23.898; 5. Johnny Parsons, 69, Lockard-23.958; 6. Jimmy Caruthers, 2, Caruthers-23.988; 7. Bob Wente, 25, Wente-24.002; 8. Mel Kenyon, 1, 3-K-24.126; 9. Dana Carter, 9, Pool-24.272; 10. Sleepy Tripp, 5, Tripp-24.333; 11. Steve Lotshaw, 62, Lotshaw-24.362; 12. Danny Frye Jr., 15, Middleton-24.417; 13. Larry Dickson, 81, Jones-24.496; 14. Bruce Field, 7, Field-24.521; 15. Mark Alderson, 33, Wirtjes-24.612; 16. Jay Cornell, 82, Cornell-24.664; 17. Gary Irvin, 42, Irvin-24.712; 18. Tom Mislich, 32, Mislich-24.778; 19. Roger Branson, 51, Smith-24.981; 20. Tom Brosius,

52, Brosius-24.996; 21. John Gall, 75, Dailey-25.028; 22. John Lucas, 95, Mogis-25.096; 23. Spike Gehlhausen, 91, Gehlhausen-25.260; 24. Robin Miller, 16, Miller-25.709; 25. Bill Edwards, 40, Edwards-25.853; 26. Jim Hines, 177, Saunders-26.010; 27. Carl Johnson, 32x, Eschen-26.407; 28. Larry Fritz, 108, Fritz-26.707; 29. Gary Byers, 132, Holestine-NT; 30. Jerry Weeks, 80, Sohm-NT; 31. Jack Owen, 6, Washburn-NT; 32. Jackie Howerton, 122, Braga-NT; 33. Bill Davis, 74, Andrew-NT; 34. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-NT; 35. Jerry Weeks, 99wc, Shefchik-NT.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Larry Patton, 2. Billy Engelhart, 3. Tommy Astone, 4. Pancho Carter. NT

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Billy Engelhart, 2. Johnny Parsons, 3. Dana Carter, 4. Bob Wente, 5. Tommy Astone, 6. John Gall, 7. Larry Dickson, 8. Steve Lotshaw, 9. Roger Branson, 10. Spike Gehlhausen, 11. Gary Irvin, 12. Mark Alderson. 4:03.28

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Larry Patton, 2. Jimmy Caruthers, 3. Mel Kenyon, 4. Pancho Carter, 5. Sleepy Tripp, 6. Bruce Field, 7. Tom Brosius, 8. Danny Frye Jr., 9. Tom Mislich, 10. John Lucas, 11. Jay Cornell, 12. Robin Miller. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Johnny Parsons, 2. Billy Engelhart, 3. Sleepy Tripp, 4. Bruce Field, 5. Danny Frye Jr., 6. Dana Carter, 7. Mark Alderson, 8. Tom Mislich, 9. Jay Cornell, 10. Roger Branson, 11. Gary Irvin, 12. Robin Miller, 13. John Lucas, 14. Larry Dickson, 15. Steve Lotshaw, 16. Jimmy Caruthers, 17. Spike Gehlhausen, 18. Pancho Carter, 19. Tom Brosius, 20. John Gall, 21. Bob Wente, 22. Mel Kenyon, 23. Larry Patton, 24. Tommy Astone. 17:05.10

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### **Patton Wins at Illiana**

Illiana Motor Speedway in Schererville, Indiana, which had its July 13 USAC National Midget race rained out, completed that program on July 18 with Larry Patton and the John Noutary Volkswagen winning the 40-lap feature. Patton was followed by Jimmy Caruthers and Mel Kenyon.

Kenyon led the first 36 laps of the feature before Patton made his move and scored his second career USAC win. Point leader Sleepy Tripp placed 14th.

### **USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 13 & 18, 1975 – Illiana Motor Speedway – Schererville, Indiana**

QUALIFYING: 1. Larry Patton, 35x, Noutary-20.868; 2. Sleepy Tripp, 5, Tripp-21.126; 3. Steve Lotshaw, 62, Lotshaw-21.271; 4. Dana Carter, 9, Pool-21.311; 5. Bob Wente, 25, Wente-21.316; 6. John Lucas, 95, Mogis-21.492; 7. Jay Cornell, 82, Cornell-21.506; 8. John Gall, 75, Dailey-21.530; 9. Roger Branson, 51, Smith-21.571; 10. Mel Kenyon, 1, 3-K-21.606; 11. Ralph Liguori, 50, Doty-21.644; 12. Spike Gehlhausen, 91, Gehlhausen-21.658; 13. Mark Alderson, 188, Hampson-21.781; 14. Tom Mislich, 32, Mislich-21.782; 15. Tom Brosius, 52, Brosius-21.788; 16. Steve Cannon, 67, Schneider-21.870; 17. Jackie Howerton, 122, Braga-22.137; 18. Bill Edwards, 40, Edwards-22.170; 19. Gary Byers, 132, Holestine-22.350; 20. Bruce Field, 7, Field-22.380; 21. Bobby Wente, 46, Gamester-22.466; 22. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-22.681; 23. Robin Miller, 16, Miller-22.842; 24. Jack Owen, 6, Washburn-22.953; 25. Mark Alderson, 33, Wirtjes-NT; 26. Jimmy Caruthers, 2, Caruthers-NT; 27. Pancho Carter, 22, Shannon-NT; 28. Gary Irvin, 42, Irvin-NT; 29. Bob Wilkins, 119, Wilkins-NT.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Dana Carter, 2. Sleepy Tripp, 3. Larry Patton, 4. Steve Lotshaw. 1:25.33

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Larry Patton, 2. Jay Cornell, 3. Dana Carter, 4. Mel Kenyon, 5. Greg Staab, 6. Mark Alderson, 7. Steve Cannon, 8. Gary Byers. 2:51.82

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Jackie Howerton, 2. Bob Wente, 3. Bruce Field, 4. Sleepy Tripp, 5. Tom Mislich, 6. John Gall, 7. Robin Miller, 8. Ralph Liguori. 2:54.58

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Tom Brosius, 2. Steve Lotshaw, 3. Roger Branson, 4. John Lucas, 5. Bobby Wente, 6. Jack Owen, 7. Spike Gehlhausen, 8. Bill Edwards. 2:54.87

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Steve Cannon, 2. Greg Staab, 3. Tom Mislich, 4. Mark Alderson, 5. Jack Owen, 6. Bill Edwards, 7. Gary Byers, 8. Robin Miller, 9. Spike Gehlhausen. NT

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Jimmy Caruthers, 2. John Gall, 3. Steve Cannon, 4. Tom Mislich, 5. Ken Nichols (#46), 6. Jack Owen, 7. Gary Byers, 8. Spike Gehlhausen, 9. Pancho Carter, 10. Gary Irvin, 11. Bill Edwards, 12. Robin Miller, 13. Ralph Liguori, 14. Greg Staab. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Larry Patton, 2. Jimmy Caruthers, 3. Mel Kenyon, 4. Bob Wente, 5. Jackie Howerton, 6. Dana Carter, 7. Jay Cornell, 8. Roger Branson, 9. Tom Mislich, 10. Ken Nichols (#46), 11. Steve Lotshaw, 12. Bruce Field, 13. Steve Cannon, 14. Sleepy Tripp, 15. John Gall, 16. Tom Brosius, 17. Jack Owen, 18. John Lucas. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-36 Mel Kenyon, Laps 37-40 Larry Patton.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 22, 1975 – Lakeside Speedway – Denver, Colorado

QUALIFYING: 1. Bob Wente, 25, Wente-12.651; 2. Sleepy Tripp, 5, Tripp-12.679; 3. Sammy Sauer, 99, Conklin-12.727; 4. Ken Nichols, 5x, Lynch-12.738; 5. Wheeler Gresham, 67, Gresham-12.771; 6. Frank Mantello, 41x, Anderson-12.845; 7. Larry Rice, 77, Olds-12.877; 8. Spyder Anderson, 10, Shaver-12.890; 9. Jim Beckley, 51, Schmeltzer-12.891; 10. Dave Strickland, 11, Mauro-12.917; 11. Roy Cook Jr., 80, Wright-12.928; 12. Ed Shefchik, 2x, Shefchik-12.964; 13. Larry Patton, 35x, Noutary-12.967; 14. Jimmy Caruthers, 2, Caruthers-12.970; 15. Pancho Carter, 22, Shannon-12.973; 16. Johnny Parsons, 80x, Huckle-13.005; 17. Bobby Olivero, 78, Caruthers-13.031; 18. Eddie Jackson, 15, Mauro-13.036; 19. Johnny W. Anderson, 3, Gonsel-13.052; 20. Chris Cumberworth, 41, Cumberworth-13.147; 21. Mike Stroud, 130, Stroud-13.150; 22. Steve Troxell, 29, Conklin-13.201; 23. Mel Kenyon, 1, 3-K-13.205; 24. Ross Leslie, 27, Leslie-13.224; 25. Bobby Tripp, 58, Tripp-13.299; 26. Roger Mears, 26, Miller-13.329; 27. Rod Ullery, 4, Jackson-13.348; 28. Gene Pastor, 76, Olds-13.454; 29. Ray Stringer, 63, Stringer-13.487; 30. Jack Owen, 6, Washburn-13.635; 31. Dana Carter, 9, Pool-13.638; 32. Mark Alderson, 33, Wirtjes-13.650; 33. Richard Powell, 43, Powell-13.687; 34. Robin Miller, 16, Miller-13.798; 35. Carl Johnson, 32, Eschen-14.455; 36. Ron McFaddin, 30, McFaddin-14.467; 37. Rick Montgomery, 12, Schleiger-15.180; 38. Ron Blondel, 98, Blondel-NT.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Ken Nichols, 2. Sammy Sauer, 3. Bob Wente, 4. Sleepy Tripp. 51.60

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Bobby Olivero, 2. Larry Patton, 3. Jim Beckley, 4. Bob Wente, 5. Wheeler Gresham, 6. Ray Stringer, 7. Mike Stroud, 8. Bobby Tripp. 2:09.32

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Roger Mears, 2. Jimmy Caruthers, 3. Dave Strickland, 4. Sleepy Tripp, 5. Frank Mantello, 6. Steve Troxell, 7. Jack Owen, 8. Eddie Jackson. 2:11.52

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Dana Carter, 2. Johnny W. Anderson, 3. Sammy Sauer, 4. Pancho Carter, 5. Mel Kenyon, 6. Larry Rice, 7. Roy Cook Jr., 8. Rod Ullery. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Gene Pastor, 2. Johnny Parsons, 3. Spyder Anderson, 4. Ken Nichols, 5. Mark Alderson, 6. Ross Leslie, 7. Ed Shefchik, 8. Chris Cumberworth. NT

SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Wheeler Gresham, 2. Larry Rice, 3. Eddie Jackson, 4. Frank Mantello, 5. Roy Cook Jr., 6. Mel Kenyon, 7. Richard Powell, 8. Rod Ullery, 9. Jack Owen, 10. Ross Leslie, 11. Mark Alderson, 12. Ray Stringer, 13. Robin Miller, 14. Ron McFaddin, 15. Steve Troxell, 16. Ed Shefchik. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Larry Rice, 2. Sleepy Tripp, 3. Dave Strickland, 4. Ken Nichols, 5. Eddie Jackson, 6. Wheeler Gresham, 7. Jim Beckley, 8. Sammy Sauer, 9. Frank Mantello, 10. Jimmy Caruthers, 11. Johnny W. Anderson, 12. Johnny Parsons, 13. Roger Mears, 14. Pancho Carter, 15. Larry Patton, 16. Dana Carter, 17. Gene Pastor, 18. Bob Wente, 19. Spyder Anderson, 20. Bobby Olivero. NT

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 23, 1975 – Englewood Speedway – Englewood, Colorado

QUALIFYING: 1. Larry Rice, 77, Olds-15.399; 2. Jim Beckley, 51, Schmeltzer-15.410; 3. Sleepy Tripp, 5, Tripp-15.438; 4. Sammy Sauer, 99, Conklin-15.449; 5. Dave Strickland, 11, Mauro-15.460; 6. Ken Nichols, 5x, Lynch-15.534; 7. Bob Wente, 25, Wente-15.611; 8. Johnny W. Anderson, 3, Gonsel-15.643; 9. Chris Cumberworth, 41, Cumberworth-15.733; 10. Wheeler Gresham, 67, Gresham-15.746; 11. Eddie Jackson, 15, Mauro-15.749; 12. Pancho Carter, 22, Shannon-15.768; 13. Richard Powell, 43, Powell-15.775; 14. Bobby Tripp, 58, Tripp-15.815; 15. Larry Patton, 35x, Noutary-15.845; 16. Jimmy Caruthers, 2, Caruthers-15.858; 17. Johnny Parsons, 80x, Hucce-15.885; 18. Roger Mears, 26, Miller-15.886; 19. Bobby Olivero, 78, Caruthers-15.897; 20. Dana Carter, 9, Pool-15.910; 21. Steve Troxell, 29, Conklin-15.934; 22. Mark Alderson, 33, Wirtjes-15.979; 23. Gene Pastor, 76, Olds-15.981; 24. Ed Shefchik, 2x, Shefchik-15.992; 25. Rod Ullery, 4, Jackson-16.024; 26. Frank Mantello, 41x, Anderson-16.024; 27. Carl Johnson, 32, Eschen-16.192; 28. Mike Stroud, 130, Stroud-16.213; 29. Robin Miller, 16, Miller-16.229; 30. Ross Leslie, 27, Leslie-16.317; 31. Ray Stringer, 63, Stringer-16.352; 32. Mel Kenyon, 1, 3-K-16.358; 33. Jack Owen, 6, Washburn-16.791; 34. Ron McFaddin, 30, McFaddin-16.926; 35. Rick Montgomery, 12, Schleiger-17.125; 36. Ron Blondel, 98, Blondel-NT; 37. Roy Cook Jr., 80, Wright-NT; 38. Spyder Anderson, 10, Shaver-NT.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Sammy Sauer, 2. Larry Rice, 3. Sleepy Tripp, 4. Jim Beckley. NT

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Dave Strickland, 2. Larry Rice, 3. Steve Troxell, 4. Johnny Parsons, 5. Chris Cumberworth, 6. Richard Powell, 7. Rod Ullery, 8. Robin Miller. 2:37.72

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jim Beckley, 2. Bobby Tripp, 3. Ken Nichols, 4. Roger Mears, 5. Frank Mantello, 6. Mark Alderson, 7. Wheeler Gresham, 8. Ross Leslie. 2:38.82

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Bob Wente, 3. Bobby Olivero, 4. Eddie Jackson, 5. Larry Patton, 6. Ray Stringer, 7. Carl Johnson, 8. Gene Pastor. 2:36.72

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Sammy Sauer, 2. Jimmy Caruthers, 3. Johnny W. Anderson, 4. Pancho Carter, 5. Dana Carter, 6. Mike Stroud, 7. Ed Shefchik, 8. Mel Kenyon. 2:35.70

SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Wheeler Gresham, 2. Mark Alderson, 3. Chris Cumberworth, 4. Larry Patton, 5. Dana Carter, 6. Frank Mantello, 7. Gene Pastor, 8. Ross Leslie, 9. Mike Stroud, 10. Robin Miller, 11. Carl Johnson, 12. Jack Owen, 13. Ron McFaddin, 14. Richard Powell, 15. Ed Shefchik, 16. Rod Ullery. 3:11.20



FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Ken Nichols, 2. Sammy Sauer, 3. Sleepy Tripp, 4. Dave Strickland, 5. Johnny W. Anderson, 6. Bob Wente, 7. Eddie Jackson, 8. Roger Mears, 9. Bobby Tripp, 10. Larry Patton, 11. Chris Cumberworth, 12. Steve Troxell, 13. Wheeler Gresham, 14. Larry Rice, 15. Jimmy Caruthers, 16. Pancho Carter, 17. Jim Beckley, 18. Mark Alderson, 19. Bobby Olivero, 20. Johnny Parsons. NT

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 25, 1975 – Meridian Speedway – Meridian, Idaho

QUALIFYING: 1. Dave Strickland, 11, Mauro-14.113; 2. Sleepy Tripp, 5, Tripp-14.203; 3. Bobby Olivero, 78, Caruthers-14.257; 4. Larry Patton, 35x, Noutary-14.336; 5. Ken Nichols, 5x, Lynch-14.359; 6. Johnny W. Anderson, 3, Gonsel-14.372; 7. Johnny Parsons, 80x, Hucke-14.394; 8. Ed Shefchik, 2x, Shefchik-14.416; 9. Chris Cumberworth, 41, Cumberworth-14.444; 10. Roger Mears, 26, Miller-14.480; 11. Jimmy Caruthers, 2, Caruthers-14.501; 12. Bobby Tripp, 58, Tripp-14.572; 13. Dana Carter, 9, Pool-14.680; 14. Mike Stroud, 130, Stroud-14.685; 15. Buddy Irwin, 50, Irwin-14.776; 16. Carl Johnson, 32, Eschen-14.783; 17. Ron Blondel, 98, Blondel-14.887; 18. Spyder Anderson, 10, Shaver-17.812; 19. Wheeler Gresham, 67x, Gresham-NT.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Bobby Olivero, 2. Larry Patton, 3. Sleepy Tripp, 4. Dave Strickland. 57.35

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Johnny Parsons, 2. Dave Strickland, 3. Larry Patton, 4. Dana Carter, 5. Roger Mears, 6. Carl Johnson. 2:27.36

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jimmy Caruthers, 2. Ken Nichols, 3. Ed Shefchik, 4. Mike Stroud, 5. Ron Blondel, 6. Sleepy Tripp. 2:43.94

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Bobby Olivero, 2. Chris Cumberworth, 3. Buddy Irwin, 4. Bobby Tripp, 5. Johnny W. Anderson, 6. Spyder Anderson. 2:24.32

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Johnny W. Anderson, 3. Carl Johnson, 4. Spyder Anderson, 5. Roger Mears, 6. Jimmy Caruthers. 2:24.32

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Ken Nichols, 2. Bobby Olivero, 3. Sleepy Tripp, 4. Johnny Parsons, 5. Jimmy Caruthers, 6. Spyder Anderson, 7. Ed Shefchik, 8. Chris Cumberworth, 9. Roger Mears, 10. Buddy Irwin, 11. Dana Carter, 12. Johnny W. Anderson, 13. Ron Blondel, 14. Carl Johnson, 15. Dave Strickland, 16. Larry Patton, 17. Mike Stroud, 18. Wheeler Gresham, 19. Bobby Tripp. NT

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 26, 1975 – Suntana Speedway – Provo, Utah

QUALIFYING: 1. Larry Patton, 35x, Noutary-18.007; 2. Dave Strickland, 11, Mauro-18.150; 3. Spyder Anderson, 10, Shaver-18.181; 4. Danny McKnight, 78, Caruthers-18.332; 5. Sleepy Tripp, 5, Tripp-18.440; 6. Chris Cumberworth, 41, Cumberworth-18.510; 7. Jim Beckley, 51, Schmeltzer-18.576; 8. Ken Nichols, 5x, Lynch-18.601; 9. Wheeler Gresham, 67, Gresham-18.640; 10. Jimmy Caruthers, 2, Caruthers-18.652; 11. Bobby Tripp, 58, Tripp-18.701; 12. Johnny Parsons, 80x, Hucke-18.715; 13. Ed Shefchik, 2x, Shefchik-18.735; 14. Dana Carter, 9, Pool-19.082; 15. Roger Mears, 26, Miller-19.098; 16. Joel Terry, 64, Sullivan-19.099; 17. Ron Blondel, 98, Blondel-19.243; 18. Buddy Irwin, 50, Irwin-19.272; 19. Carl Johnson,

32, Eschen-19.404; 20. Jack Owen, 3, Gonsel-19.461; 21. Mike Stroud, 130, Stroud-19.797; 22. Rod Ullery, 4, Jackson-19.798; 23. Robin Miller, 16, Miller-20.159; 24. Sammy Sauer, 99, Conklin-NT.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Danny McKnight, 2. Dave Strickland, 3. Larry Patton, 4. Spyder Anderson. 1:13.09

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Ed Shefchik, 2. Sleepy Tripp, 3. Larry Patton, 4. Mike Stroud, 5. Ron Blondel, 6. Wheeler Gresham. 2:31.85

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Dave Strickland, 2. Jimmy Caruthers, 3. Chris Cumberworth, 4. Dana Carter, 5. Buddy Irwin, 6. Rod Ullery. 2:28.52

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Spyder Anderson, 2. Bobby Tripp, 3. Jim Beckley, 4. Roger Mears, 5. Robin Miller, 6. Carl Johnson. 2:30.32

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Johnny Parsons, 2. Danny McKnight, 3. Ken Nichols, 4. Sammy Sauer, 5. Jack Owen, 6. Joel Terry. 2:32.09

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Bobby Tripp, 3. Danny McKnight, 4. Larry Patton, 5. Jimmy Caruthers, 6. Chris Cumberworth, 7. Jim Beckley, 8. Sammy Sauer, 9. Buddy Irwin, 10. Jack Owen, 11. Rod Ullery, 12. Robin Miller, 13. Carl Johnson, 14. Dana Carter, 15. Joel Terry, 16. Spyder Anderson, 17. Ken Nichols, 18. Roger Mears, 19. Ed Shefchik, 20. Mike Stroud, 21. Dave Strickland, 22. Ron Blondel, 23. Johnny Parsons, 24. Wheeler Gresham. NT

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 28, 1975 – Colorado National Speedway – Erie, Colorado

QUALIFYING: 1. Larry Patton, 35, Noutary-19.493; 2. Jimmy Caruthers, 2, Caruthers-19.605; 3. Larry Rice, 77, Olds-19.959; 4. Eddie Jackson, 15, Mauro-20.220; 5. Johnny Parsons, 80x, Hucke-20.249; 6. Sammy Sauer, 99, Conklin-20.319; 7. Sleepy Tripp, 5, Tripp-20.377; 8. Pancho Carter, 22, Shannon-20.395; 9. Ken Nichols, 2x, Shefchik-20.424; 10. Dana Carter, 9, Pool-20.618; 11. Mark Alderson, 33, Wirtes-20.905; 12. Frank Mantello, 41x, Anderson-20.990; 13. Mike Stroud, 130, Stroud-21.078; 14. Jim Beckley, 51, Schmeltzer-21.143; 15. Cal Chambers, 17, Morrison-21.647; 16. Dave Strickland, 11, Mauro-21.712; 17. Ray Stringer, 63, Stringer-21.840; 18. Rod Ullery, 4, Jackson-21.893; 19. Ross Leslie, 27, Leslie-21.984; 20. Carl Johnson, 32, Eschen-22.249; 21. Pat Myers, 45, Myers-23.065; 22. Jack Owen, 6, Washburn-23.380; 23. Robin Miller, 16, Miller-23.403; 24. Cliff Sealock, 18, Gardner-23.706; 25. Buz Tapply, 76, Tapply-24.845.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Jimmy Caruthers, 2. Larry Patton, 3. Larry Rice, 4. Eddie Jackson. 1:20.29

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Larry Patton, 2. Johnny Parsons, 3. Ken Nichols, 4. Ray Stringer, 5. Mike Stroud, 6. Pat Myers. NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Jimmy Caruthers, 2. Sammy Sauer, 3. Dana Carter, 4. Jim Beckley, 5. Rod Ullery, 6. Jack Owen. 2:40.78

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Mark Alderson, 2. Sleepy Tripp, 3. Cal Chambers, 4. Robin Miller, 5. Ross Leslie, 6. Larry Rice. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Pancho Carter, 2. Frank Mantello, 3. Dave Strickland, 4. Eddie Jackson, 5. Carl Johnson, 6. Cliff Sealock. NT

SEMI: (6 laps) 1. Rod Ullery, 2. Ross Leslie, 3. Jack Owen, 4. Robin Miller, 5. Carl Johnson, 6. Pat Myers. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Jimmy Caruthers, 2. Larry Patton, 3. Sleepy Tripp, 4. Larry Rice, 5. Sammy Sauer, 6. Dana Carter, 7. Ken Nichols, 8. Eddie Jackson, 9. Dave Strickland, 10. Frank Mantello, 11. Ross Leslie, 12. Carl Johnson, 13. Pancho Carter,

14. Mike Stroud, 15. Ray Stringer, 16. Rod Ullery, 17. Robin Miller, 18. Cliff Sealock, 19. Cal Chambers, 20. Johnny Parsons, 21. Mark Alderson, 22. Jim Beckley, 23. Jack Owen, 24. Buz Tapply. NT

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### **Santa Fe Goes to Sleepy & Rimco VW Midget**

Sleepy Tripp and the Rimco Manufacturing Volkswagen appear unstoppable as the Costa Mesa, California newcomer to the USAC National Midget ranks heads for the 1975 championship of the division.

Tripp won the August 1 40-lapper at the 1/4-mile dirt Santa Fe Speedway in Hinsdale, Illinois as Johnny Parsons placed second and Steve Cannon third.

Robin Miller of Indianapolis suffered a cerebral concussion in a practice flip and was admitted to the Hinsdale Hospital where he was listed in fair condition in the intensive care unit. He improved steadily in the following two days, and it was hoped he would be released in the next several days.

### **USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 1, 1975 – Santa Fe Speedway – Hinsdale, Illinois**

QUALIFYING: 1. Jimmy Caruthers, 2, Caruthers-15.090; 2. Rich Vogler, 48, Heerboth-15.200; 3. Johnny Parsons, 80x, Hucke-15.550; 4. Mel Kenyon, 1, 3-K-15.590; 5. Sleepy Tripp, 5, Tripp-15.610; 6. Chuck Gurney, 18, Graham-15.760; 7. Jackie Howerton, 122, Braga-15.760; 8. Duke Cook, 40, McClain-15.860; 9. Steve Cannon, 67, Schneider-15.870; 10. John Gall, 75, Dailey-15.910; 11. Mark Alderson, 33, Wirtjes-15.920; 12. Tom Steiner, 82, Turner-15.950; 13. Arnie Knepper, 35, Knepper-16.060; 14. John Batts, 81, Sandy-16.070; 15. Larry Rice, 46, Gamester-16.070; 16. Art Bisch Jr., 59, Conrad-16.200; 17. Dana Carter, 9, Pool-16.210; 18. Tom Mislich, 32, Mislich-16.340; 19. Denny Stewart, 90, Stewart-16.450; 20. Kevin Olson, 24, Carey-16.450; 21. Wayne Woodward, 2x, Haller-16.450; 22. Tom Brosius, 52, Brosius-16.550; 23. Bobby Wente, 92, Steinfatt-16.720; 24. Frank Filskov, 41, Filskov-16.720; 25. Tom Bigelow, 3, Cornell-16.900; 26. Bruce Field, 188, Hampson-16.980; 27. John Unsbee, 68, Tetrault-17.000; 28. Bill Edwards, 40x, Edwards-17.260; 29. George McBeath, 53, McBeath-24.870; 30. Lee Mettetal, 94, Mettetal-NT; 31. Robin Miller, 16, Miller-NT; 32. Spike Gehlhausen, 91, Gehlhausen-NT.

DASH (4 laps) 1. Jimmy Caruthers, 2. Mel Kenyon, 3. Rich Vogler, 4. Johnny Parsons. 1:02.43

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Dana Carter, 3. Jimmy Caruthers, 4. Tom Bigelow, 5. Steve Cannon, 6. Arnie Knepper, 7. Wayne Woodward, 8. George McBeath. 2:39.52

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Chuck Gurney, 2. Bruce Field, 3. John Batts, 4. Tom Mislich, 5. Rich Vogler, 6. John Gall, 7. Tom Brosius. 2:40.04

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Johnny Parsons, 2. Jackie Howerton, 3. Larry Rice, 4. Mark Alderson, 5. John Unsbee, 6. Denny Stewart, 7. Bobby Wente. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Mel Kenyon, 2. Kevin Olson, 3. Tom Steiner, 4. Art Bisch Jr., 5. Frank Filskov, 6. Duke Cook, 7. Bill Edwards. 2:34.99

SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Steve Cannon, 2. John Gall, 3. Wayne Woodward, 4. Arnie Knepper, 5. Tom Brosius, 6. Rich Vogler, 7. John Unsbee, 8. Bill Edwards, 9. George McBeath, 10. Duke Cook, 11. Frank Filskov, 12. Bobby Wente. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Johnny Parsons, 3. Steve Cannon, 4. Chuck Gurney, 5. Jackie Howerton, 6. Art Bisch Jr., 7. Tom Bigelow, 8. Wayne Woodward, 9. Kevin Olson, 10. Jimmy Caruthers, 11. Arnie Knepper, 12. Dana Carter, 13. Bruce Field, 14. Larry Rice, 15. Tom Mislich, 16. Mark Alderson, 17. Mel Kenyon, 18. John Batts, 19. John Gall, 20. Tom Steiner. NT

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### **No Slip in Tripp, He Wins Again at Little Springfield**

Sleepy Tripp scored again in the August 2 40-lapper at Springfield Speedway in Illinois while Mel Kenyon settled for second behind Sleepy with Larry Rice third.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 2, 1975 – Springfield Speedway – Springfield, Illinois

QUALIFYING: 1. Arnie Knepper, 35, Knepper-12.874; 2. Mel Kenyon, 1, 3-K-12.883; 3. Chuck Gurney, 18, Graham-12.957; 4. Sleepy Tripp, 5, Tripp-12.960; 5. Mark Alderson, 33, Wirtjes-12.968; 6. Bob Wente, 25, Wente-13.041; 7. Rich Vogler, 48, Heerboth-13.145; 8. Larry Rice, 81, Jones-13.162; 9. Steve Cannon, 67, Schneider-13.168; 10. Wayne Woodward, 2x, Haller-13.183; 11. Tom Bigelow, 3, Cornell-13.186; 12. Wes Stafford, 39, Fortune-13.213; 13. Bob Lithgow, 28, Lithgow-13.227; 14. Jackie Howerton, 122, Braga-13.235; 15. Danny Frye Jr., 15, Middleton-13.330; 16. John Gall, 75, Dailey-13.338; 17. Duke Cook, 40, McClain-13.362; 18. Dana Carter, 9, Pool-13.400; 19. Johnny Parsons, 80x, Huckle-13.404; 20. Roger Branson, 51, Smith-13.428; 21. Spike Gehlhausen, 91, Gehlhausen-13.448; 22. Ken Schrader, 115, Hoppe-13.473; 23. Duke DeRosa, 31, Kunz-13.500; 24. Bill Edwards, 40x, Edwards-13.554; 25. Richard Powell, 43, Powell-13.557; 26. Ralph Liguori, 50, Doty-13.726; 27. Art Bisch Jr., 59, Conrad-13.759; 28. Mike Stroud, 30, Stroud-13.830; 29. Bobby Jones, 68, Tetrault-14.009; 30. Tom Mislich, 32, Mislich-NT.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Mel Kenyon, 3. Chuck Gurney, 4. Arnie Knepper. 52.72

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Steve Cannon, 2. Arnie Knepper, 3. Ken Schrader, 4. Duke Cook, 5. Mark Alderson, 6. Ralph Liguori, 7. Bob Lithgow. 2:14.16

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Mel Kenyon, 2. Wayne Woodward, 3. Jackie Howerton, 4. Bob Wente, 5. Art Bisch Jr., 6. Johnny Parsons, 7. Duke DeRosa. 2:11.90

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Rich Vogler, 2. Chuck Gurney, 3. Danny Frye Jr., 4. Tom Bigelow, 5. Mike Stroud, 6. Roger Branson, 7. Bill Edwards. 2:13.39

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Wes Stafford, 3. Richard Powell, 4. Larry Rice, 5. Spike Gehlhausen, 6. John Gall, 7. Bobby Jones. NT

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Mark Alderson, 2. Bob Lithgow, 3. Spike Gehlhausen, 4. Ralph Liguori, 5. John Gall, 6. Mike Stroud, 7. Roger Branson, 8. Duke DeRosa, 9. Art Bisch Jr., 10. Bill Edwards, 11. Bobby Jones, 12. Johnny Parsons. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Mel Kenyon, 3. Larry Rice, 4. Bob Wente, 5. Chuck Gurney, 6. Rich Vogler, 7. Jackie Howerton, 8. Tom Bigelow, 9. Ken Schrader, 10. Bob Lithgow, 11. Duke Cook, 12. Mark Alderson, 13. Wes Stafford, 14. Spike Gehlhausen, 15. John Gall, 16. Danny Frye Jr., 17. Arnie Knepper, 18. Richard Powell, 19. Wayne Woodward, 20. Steve Cannon. NT

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### 3-in-a-Row for Tripp

The Illiana Motor Speedway 40-lap feature in Schererville, Indiana on August 3 again found Sleepy Tripp home first for his third consecutive USAC National Midget victory in as many days with Arnie Knepper and Bruce Field rounding out the podium.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 3, 1975 – Illiana Motor Speedway – Schererville, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Arnie Knepper, 35, Knepper-20.869; 2. Mel Kenyon, 1, 3-K-21.024; 3. Jimmy Caruthers, 28, Lithgow-21.055; 4. Steve Lotshaw, 62, Lotshaw-21.079; 5. Bob Wente, 25, Wente-21.159; 6. Johnny Parsons, 69, Lockard-21.307; 7. Jay Cornell, 82, Cornell-21.337; 8. Sleepy Tripp, 5, Tripp-21.352; 9. Bob Richards, 18, Graham-21.477; 10. Bruce Field, 7, Field-21.541; 11. Rich Vogler, 48, Heerboth-21.618; 12. Jackie Howerton, 122, Braga-21.633; 13. Larry Rice, 81, Jones-21.678; 14. Mark Alderson, 33, Wirtjes-21.737; 15. Spike Gehlhausen, 91, Gehlhausen-21.739; 16. Gary Byers, 92, Steinfatt-21.740; 17. Tom Brosius, 52, Brosius-21.774; 18. Duke Cook, 40, McClain-21.787; 19. John Gall, 75, Dailey-21.790; 20. Wayne Woodward, 2x, Haller-21.951; 21. Carl Johnson, 32x, Eschen-21.980; 22. Richard Powell, 43, Powell-21.999; 23. Jerry Weeks, 188, Hampson-22.028; 24. Bob Dempsey, 19, Arkow-22.234; 25. Dana Carter, 67, Schneider-22.247; 26. Eric Morrison, 38, Morrison-22.397; 27. Tom Mislich, 32, Mislich-22.434; 28. John Lucas, 95, Mogis-22.556; 29. Art Bisch Jr., 59, Conrad-22.640; 30. Jack Owen, 6, Washburn-23.094; 31. John Unsbee, 68, Tetrault-23.501; 32. Bobby Wente, 3, Cornell-NT; 33. Lee Kunzman, 99, Linne-NT.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Jimmy Caruthers, 2. Steve Lotshaw, 3. Arnie Knepper, 4. Mel Kenyon. 1:24.51

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Jimmy Caruthers, 2. Arnie Knepper, 3. Bob Richards, 4. Bob Wente, 5. Tom Brosius, 6. Carl Johnson, 7. Art Bisch Jr. 2:08.24

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Mel Kenyon, 2. Bruce Field, 3. Johnny Parsons, 4. Jay Cornell, 5. Mark Alderson, 6. Richard Powell, 7. Eric Morrison. 2:51.42

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Rich Vogler, 2. Tom Mislich, 3. Spike Gehlhausen, 4. John Gall, 5. Larry Rice, 6. Jerry Weeks, 7. John Unsbee. 2:56.82

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Bob Dempsey, 3. Gary Byers, 4. Wayne Woodward, 5. Steve Lotshaw, 6. Jackie Howerton, 7. John Lucas. 2:53.99

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Steve Lotshaw, 2. Jackie Howerton, 3. Larry Rice, 4. Mark Alderson, 5. Carl Johnson, 6. Richard Powell, 7. Jerry Weeks, 8. Art Bisch Jr., 9. Eric Morrison, 10. Tom Brosius, 11. John Lucas, 12. Lee Kunzman. 3:37.40

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Arnie Knepper, 3. Bruce Field, 4. Jay Cornell, 5. Johnny Parsons, 6. Jackie Howerton, 7. Mel Kenyon, 8. Steve Lotshaw, 9. Bob Richards, 10. Mark Alderson, 11. Gary Byers, 12. John Gall, 13. Bob Dempsey, 14. Wayne Woodward, 15. Tom Mislich, 16. Spike Gehlhausen, 17. Larry Rice, 18. Rich Vogler, 19. Bob Wente, 20. Jimmy Caruthers. NT

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 8, 1975 – Indianapolis Speedrome – Indianapolis, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Mel Kenyon, 1, 3-K-12.791; 2. Duke Cook, 40, McClain-13.078; 3. Billy Engelhart, 59, Riggs-13.120; 4. Sleepy Tripp, 5, Tripp-13.133; 5. Tommy Astone, 4, Astone-13.175; 6. Pancho Carter, 22, Shannon-13.297; 7. Johnny Parsons, 69, Lockard-13.309; 8. Rich Vogler, 48, Heerboth-13.422; 9. Jackie Howerton, 122, Braga-13.489; 10. Steve Lotshaw, 62, Lotshaw-13.492; 11. John Gall, 75, Dailey-13.508; 12. Bill Edwards, 40x, Edwards-13.517; 13. Spike Gehlhausen, 91, Gehlhausen-13.523; 14. John Lucas, 95, Mogis-13.529; 15. Ken Schrader, 115, Hoppe-13.568; 16. Larry Rice, 81, Jones-13.590; 17. Kevin Olson, 92, Steinfatt-13.590; 18. Mark Alderson, 33, Wirtjes-13.596; 19. Dave Gable, 10, Polak-13.600; 20. Bob Dempsey, 19, Arkow-13.688; 21. Roger Branson, 51, Smith-13.689; 22. Eric Morrison, 38, Morrison-13.690; 23. Gary Hoppe, 98, Moore-14.384; 24. Jack Owen, 6, Washburn-NT; 25. Larry Henn, 144, Barbre-NT.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Duke Cook, 3. Mel Kenyon, 4. Billy Engelhart. 53.85

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Mel Kenyon, 2. Roger Branson, 3. Jackie Howerton, 4. Kevin Olson, 5. Tommy Astone, 6. Spike Gehlhausen. NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Mark Alderson, 2. Eric Morrison, 3. Duke Cook, 4. John Lucas, 5. Steve Lotshaw, 6. Pancho Carter. 1:48.75

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Billy Engelhart, 2. Ken Schrader, 3. Gary Hoppe, 4. Dave Gable, 5. Johnny Parsons, 6. Bill Edwards. 1:47.36

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Rich Vogler, 2. Bob Dempsey, 3. Sleepy Tripp, 4. Larry Rice, 5. John Gall. NT

SEMI: (8 laps) 1. Tommy Astone, 2. Pancho Carter, 3. Johnny Parsons, 4. Steve Lotshaw, 5. Spike Gehlhausen, 6. Bill Edwards. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Rich Vogler, 2. Pancho Carter, 3. Jackie Howerton, 4. Billy Engelhart, 5. Mel Kenyon, 6. Duke Cook, 7. Steve Lotshaw, 8. Kevin Olson, 9. Mark Alderson, 10. Bob Dempsey, 11. John Lucas, 12. Ken Schrader, 13. Dave Gable, 14. Roger Branson, 15. Sleepy Tripp, 16. Johnny Parsons, 17. Gary Hoppe, 18. Tommy Astone, 19. Eric Morrison, 20. Larry Rice. NT

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 10, 1975 – Columbus Motor Speedway – Columbus, Ohio

QUALIFYING: 1. Steve Lotshaw, 62, Lotshaw-15.172; 2. Ken Nichols, 22, Shannon-15.237; 3. Lennie Waldo, 157, Nuckles-15.308; 4. Tommy Astone, 2, Caruthers-15.377; 5. Jay Cornell, 82, Cornell-15.390; 6. Mark Alderson, 33, Wirtjes-15.401; 7. Bob Wente, 25, Wente-15.423; 8. Sleepy Tripp, 5, Tripp-15.428; 9. Larry Rice, 81, Jones-15.452; 10. Carl Johnson, 32x, Eschen-15.471; 11. Mel Kenyon, 1, 3-K-15.485; 12. Dana Carter, 122, Braga-15.529; 13. Sonny Ates, 75x, Baldwin-15.657; 14. Bill Edwards, 40x, Edwards-15.664; 15. Steve Chassey, 4, Astone-15.706; 16. Mike Brill, 34, Baldwin-15.869; 17. Ron Eden, 77, Eden-15.930; 18. Tom Brosius, 52, Brosius-15.974; 19. Eric Morrison, 38, Morrison-16.454; 20. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-NT; 21. Benny Rapp, 17, Kistler-NT; 22. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 10, Polak-NT.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Ken Nichols, 2. Tommy Astone, 3. Lennie Waldo, 4. Steve Lotshaw. 1:01.48

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Bob Wente, 2. Larry Rice, 3. Jay Cornell, 4. Steve Lotshaw, 5. Lennie Waldo, 6. Sonny Ates, 7. Eric Morrison, 8. Steve Chassey, 9. Ron Eden. 2:35.29

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Tommy Astone, 3. Ken Nichols, 4. Dana Carter, 5. Mark Alderson, 6. Mike Brill, 7. Tom Brosius, 8. Carl Johnson, 9. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 10. Bill Edwards, 11. Greg Staab. 2:32.47

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Bob Wente, 2. Sleepy Tripp, 3. Tommy Astone, 4. Larry Rice, 5. Ken Nichols, 6. Mark Alderson, 7. Sonny Ates, 8. Carl Johnson, 9. Tom Brosius, 10. Mike Brill, 11. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 12. Ron Eden, 13. Eric Morrison, 14. Bill Edwards, 15. Lennie Waldo, 16. Steve Chassey, 17. Steve Lotshaw, 18. Dana Carter, 19. Jay Cornell, 20. Benny Rapp. 13:19.37

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### **Hales Corners to Tripp**

Sleepy Tripp's victory in the August 15 Hales Corners, Wisconsin USAC National Midget race extended his point lead over Dana Carter to 286 points.

Jerry Weeks finished second at the 1/3-mile dirt track with Ken Nichols third, Ken Weiland fourth, and Duke Cook fifth.

The feature saw a two-car flip involving Tom Brosius and Roger Branson with no injuries sustained.

### **USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 15, 1975 – Hales Corners Speedway – Hales Corners, Wisconsin**

QUALIFYING: 1. Mel Kenyon, 1, 3-K-17.664; 2. Pancho Carter, 22, Shannon-18.059; 3. Billy Engelhart, 71, Willman-18.168; 4. Rich Vogler, 48, Heerboth-18.367; 5. Dana Carter, 9, Pool-18.421; 6. Steve Cannon, 67, Schnelder-18.482; 7. Frank Filskov, 141, Capps-18.483; 8. Duke Cook, 40, McClain-18.520; 9. Sleepy Tripp, 5, Tripp-18.545; 10. Stan Fox, 7x, Fox-18.612; 11. Roger Branson, 91, Steinfatt-18.678; 12. Mark Alderson, 33, Wirtjes-18.690; 13. Tom Brosius, 52, Brosius-18.717; 14. Jerry Weeks, 188, Hampson-18.783; 15. Tim Pangborn, 4, Pangborn-18.809; 16. Carl Johnson, 32x, Eschen-18.885; 17. Bob Lithgow, 28, Lithgow-18.890; 18. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-18.965; 19. Tom Mislich, 32, Mislich-19.020; 20. Scott Moore, 21, Moore-19.078; 21. Ken Weiland, 3, Cornell-19.105; 22. Tom Bigelow, 24, Carey-19.127; 23. Ken Nichols, 122, Braga-19.286; 24. George McBeath, 53, McBeath-NT; 25. Larry Rice, 46, Gamester-NT.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Mel Kenyon, 2. Billy Engelhart, 3. Rich Vogler, 4. Pancho Carter. 1:13.36

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Mel Kenyon, 2. Tom Brosius, 3. Tom Bigelow, 4. Stan Fox, 5. Tom Mislich, 6. Rich Vogler, 7. Frank Filskov, 8. Carl Johnson. NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Pancho Carter, 2. Ken Nichols, 3. Dana Carter, 4. Scott Moore, 5. Bob Lithgow, 6. Roger Branson, 7. Jerry Weeks, 8. Duke Cook. NT

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Steve Cannon, 2. Billy Engelhart, 3. Greg Staab, 4. Mark Alderson, 5. Tim Pangborn, 6. Ken Weiland, 7. Sleepy Tripp. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Jerry Weeks, 2. Frank Filskov, 3. Roger Branson, 4. Carl Johnson, 5. Sleepy Tripp. NT

SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Rich Vogler, 2. Jerry Weeks, 3. Frank Filskov, 4. Sleepy Tripp, 5. Duke Cook, 6. Bob Lithgow, 7. Roger Branson, 8. Tim Pangborn, 9. Ken Weiland, 10. Tom Mislich, 11. Larry Rice, 12. George McBeath. 3:45.83

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Jerry Weeks, 3. Ken Nichols, 4. Ken Weiland, 5. Duke Cook, 6. Pancho Carter, 7. Mark Alderson, 8. Tom Bigelow, 9. Dana Carter, 10. Steve Cannon, 11. Stan Fox, 12. Tim Pangborn, 13. Scott Moore, 14. Frank Filskov, 15. Bob Lithgow, 16. Billy Engelhart, 17. Rich Vogler, 18. Roger Branson, 19. Tom Brosius, 20. Greg Staab. NT

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### **Rimco VW Gives Sleepy Tripp Victory Number 11 at IRP**

Sleepy Tripp appears to have a lock on the 1975 USAC National Midget championship following his 11th victory of the 1975 season.

The Costa Mesa, California newcomer has a 299-point lead over Dana Carter after piloting his Rimco Manufacturing Volkswagen to the 40-lap feature win on August 20 at Indianapolis Raceway Park in Clermont, Indiana.

Pancho Carter placed second, Billy Engelhart third, Mel Kenyon fourth and defending race winner Johnny Parsons fifth.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 20, 1975 – Indianapolis Raceway Park – Clermont, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Jimmy Caruthers, 2, Caruthers-23.670; 2. Mel Kenyon, 1, 3-K-23.779; 3. Tommy Astone, 4, Astone-24.011; 4. Chuck Gurney, 18, Graham-24.024; 5. Sleepy Tripp, 5, Tripp-24.080; 6. Johnny Parsons, 69, Lockard-24.242; 7. Billy Engelhart, 59, Riggs-24.245; 8. Johnny Rutherford, 98, Linne-24.273; 9. Pancho Carter, 22, Shannon-24.279; 10. Dana Carter, 9, Pool-24.371; 11. Bob Wente, 25, Wente-24.453; 12. Larry Rice, 81, Jones-24.531; 13. Joe Saldana, 188, Hampson-24.593; 14. Mark Alderson, 33, Wirtjes-24.634; 15. John Lucas, 95, Mogis-24.661; 16. Spike Gehlhausen, 91, Gehlhausen-24.706; 17. Ken Nichols, 99, Shefchik-24.780; 18. Bob Dempsey, 19, Arkow-24.816; 19. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-24.889; 20. Steve Lotshaw, 62, Lotshaw-24.896; 21. Steve Cannon, 46, Gamester-25.303; 22. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 10, Polak-25.452; 23. Jim Hines, 74, Andrew-26.651; 24. Bill Edwards, 40, Edwards-27.003; 25. Larry Henn, 144, Barbre-28.999; 26. Larry Fritz, 108, Fritz-NT; 27. Rich Vogler, 48, Heerboth-NT; 28. Gary Byers, 132, Holistine-NT.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Tommy Astone, 2. Mel Kenyon, 3. Jimmy Caruthers, 4. Chuck Gurney. NT

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jimmy Caruthers, 2. Pancho Carter, 3. Tommy Astone, 4. Sleepy Tripp, 5. Billy Engelhart, 6. Steve Cannon, 7. Greg Staab, 8. John Lucas, 9. Bob Wente, 10. Joe Saldana, 11. Jim Hines, 12. Ken Nichols. 4:00.96

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Mel Kenyon, 2. Chuck Gurney, 3. Bob Dempsey, 4. Johnny Parsons, 5. Mark Alderson, 6. Dana Carter, 7. Larry Rice, 8. Spike Gehlhausen, 9. Bill Edwards, 10. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 11. Steve Lotshaw, 12. Johnny Rutherford. 4:02.47

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Pancho Carter, 3. Billy Engelhart, 4. Mel Kenyon, 5. Johnny Parsons, 6. Tommy Astone, 7. Johnny Rutherford, 8. Dana Carter, 9. Larry Rice, 10. Mark Alderson, 11. Jimmy Caruthers, 12. Spike Gehlhausen, 13. Joe Saldana, 14. John Lucas, 15. Steve Cannon, 16. Bill Edwards, 17. Bob Dempsey, 18. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 19. Steve Lotshaw, 20. Chuck Gurney, 21. Bob Wente, 22. Greg Staab, 23. Ken Nichols, 24. Larry Henn. 12:19.45

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### **Sleepy's Rimco Gets Win #12 at Weedsport**

Sleepy Tripp scored his 12th victory of the 1975 USAC National Midget season on August 28 at New York's Weedsport Speedway.



Sleepy's Rimco Volkswagen has now won 12 races on 12 different tracks, and his point lead is 267 over Dana Carter entering September.

Steve Cannon drove the Shannon Vega to second with Dana taking third.

#### USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 28, 1975 – Weedsport Speedway – Weedsport, New York

QUALIFYING: 1. Jim Hettinger, 91x, Thomas-18.628; 2. Mel Kenyon, 1, 3-K-18.637; 3. Leigh Earnshaw Jr., 1x, Darrell-19.046; 4. Ken Nichols, 81, Jones-19.269; 5. Dana Carter, 9, Pool-19.412; 6. Sleepy Tripp, 5, Tripp-19.546; 7. Wayne Woodward, 2x, Haller-19.579; 8. Greg Staab, 44, Stabb-19.661; 9. Steve Cannon, 22, Cannon-19.677; 10. Lennie Boyd, 56, Boyd-19.710; 11. Ralph Liguori, 74, Soubirou-19.826; 12. Mark Alderson, 33, Wirtjes-19.980; 13. Paul Weisel, 45, Weisel-20.062; 14. Will Cagle, 122, Braga-20.086; 15. Doug Craig, 5x, Craig-20.212; 16. Eric Morrison, 38, Morrison-20.284; 17. Jerry Weeks, 59, Riggs-20.296; 18. Bob Lithgow, 28, Lithgow-20.313; 19. John Hubbard, 33x, Mataka-20.521; 20. Billy Hughes, 55, Craig-20.532; 21. George McBeath, 53, McBeath-20.578; 22. Wally White, 44x, White-20.771; 23. Tom Gilmore, 60, Gilmore-21.469.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Leigh Earnshaw Jr., 2. Jim Hettinger, 3. Mel Kenyon, 4. Ken Nichols. 1:16.23

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jim Hettinger, 2. Ken Nichols, 3. Lennie Boyd, 4. Wayne Woodward, 5. Paul Weisel, 6. Tom Gilmore, 7. Eric Morrison, 8. Billy Hughes. NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Mel Kenyon, 2. Dana Carter, 3. Will Cagle, 4. Lennie Boyd, 5. Greg Staab, 6. George McBeath, 7. Ralph Liguori. NT

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Leigh Earnshaw Jr., 2. Bob Lithgow, 3. Mark Alderson, 4. Doug Craig, 5. Steve Cannon, 6. Wally White, 7. Sleepy Tripp. NT

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Greg Staab, 3. Steve Cannon, 4. George McBeath, 5. Wally White, 6. Tom Gilmore, 7. Paul Weisel, 8. Eric Morrison, 9. Billy Hughes, 10. Ralph Liguori. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Steve Cannon, 3. Dana Carter, 4. Jim Hettinger, 5. Lenny Boyd, 6. Greg Staab, 7. Mark Alderson, 8. Jerry Weeks, 9. Wayne Woodward, 10. Bob Lithgow, 11. Leigh Earnshaw Jr., 12. Wally White, 13. Paul Weisel, 14. Doug Craig, 15. Ken Nichols, 16. Billy Hughes, 17. Will Cagle, 18. Mel Kenyon, 19. Eric Morrison, 20. George McBeath. NT

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#### **Dana Carter Wins at Syracuse Mile**

Dana Carter won the 50-mile race for USAC National Midgets at the New York State Fairgrounds in Syracuse behind the wheel of the Dan Pool SESCO.

The race saw Leigh Earnshaw Jr. placing second in the Darrell SESCO and John Hubbard coming from the back to place third in the Kehan SESCO.

#### USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 30, 1975 – New York State Fairgrounds – Syracuse, New York

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Dana Carter (#9 Pool), 2. Leigh Earnshaw Jr. (#1x Darrell), 3. John Hubbard (#9x Kehan), 4. Bob Dempsey (#19 Arkow), 5. Ken Nichols (#81 Jones), 6. Richard Powell (#43 Powell), 7. Jerry Weeks (#59 Riggs), 8. Wally White (#44x White), 9. Paul Weisel (#45 Weisel), 10. Billy Hughes (#55 Craig), 11. Jim Hettinger (#91x Thomas), 12. Tom Gilmoure (#60 Gilmoure), 13. Mike Stroud (#97 Linne), 14. Ralph Liguori (#74 Soubirou), 15. Bruce Field (#7 Field), 16. Mark Alderson (#33 Wirtjes), 17. Wayne Woodward (#2x Haller), 18. Doug Craig (#5x Craig), 19. Will Cagle (#122 Braga), 20. Eric Morrison (#38 Morrison), 21. Tommy Astone (#3 Cornell), 22. Steve Cannon (#22 Shannon), 23. Greg Staab (#44 Staab), 24. George McBeath (#53 McBeath), 25. Mel Kenyon (#1 3-K), 26. Dave Humphrey (#48x Humphrey). NT

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: September 5, 1975 – Springfield Speedway – Springfield, Illinois

QUALIFYING: 1. Bob Wente, 25, Wente-13.791; 2. Bob Lithgow, 28, Lithgow-13.799; 3. Mel Kenyon, 1, 3-K-13.834; 4. Wes Stafford, 39, Fortune-13.887; 5. Rich Vogler, 48, Heerboth-13.917; 6. Larry Rice, 77, Olds-13.949; 7. Steve Cannon, 67, Schneider-14.038; 8. Duke DeRosa, 31, Kunz-14.062; 9. Richard Powell, 43, Powell-14.077; 10. Mike Stroud, 30, Stroud-14.161; 11. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-14.257; 12. Sleepy Tripp, 5, Tripp-14.293; 13. Tom Mislich, 32, Mislich-14.341; 14. Mark Alderson, 33, Wirtjes-14.399; 15. Ray Stringer, 63, Stringer-14.604; 16. Tommy Ford, 37, Ford-14.607; 17. Shannon Finley, 32x, Finley-14.691; 18. Ken Schrader, 115, Hoppe-14.846; 19. Ken Weiland, 17, Korff-14.879; 20. Ross Leslie, 27, Leslie-14.881; 21. Bill Hunt, 21, Stroud-15.109; 22. Jack Shipman, 49, Ammerman-15.972; 23. Dick Standridge, 23, Westerhaus-NT.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Mel Kenyon, 2. Bob Wente, 3. Bob Lithgow, 4. Wes Stafford. 56.00

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Wes Stafford, 2. Bob Wente, 3. Ken Weiland, 4. Steve Cannon, 5. Tom Mislich, 6. Mike Stroud, 7. Tommy Ford. NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Rich Vogler, 2. Greg Staab, 3. Duke DeRosa, 4. Bob Lithgow, 5. Shannon Finley, 6. Mark Alderson, 7. Ross Leslie. NT

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Mel Kenyon, 2. Richard Powell, 3. Sleepy Tripp, 4. Ray Stringer, 5. Ken Schrader, 6. Larry Rice, 7. Jack Shipman, 8. Bill Hunt. 2:19.05

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Mike Stroud, 2. Ken Schrader, 3. Tom Mislich, 4. Mark Alderson, 5. Tommy Ford, 6. Shannon Finley, 7. Ross Leslie, 8. Jack Shipman, 9. Larry Rice, 10. Tommy Ford. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Mel Kenyon, 3. Duke DeRosa, 4. Richard Powell, 5. Greg Staab, 6. Larry Cannon, 7. Mark Alderson, 8. Larry Rice, 9. Ken Schrader, 10. Tom Mislich, 11. Tommy Ford, 12. Shannon Finley, 13. Ross Leslie, 14. Ken Weiland, 15. Jack Shipman, 16. Rich Vogler, 17. Bob Wente, 18. Ray Stringer, 19. Bob Lithgow, 20. Mike Stroud. NT

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: September 7, 1975 – Terre Haute Action Track – Terre Haute, Indiana – Hut 100

QUALIFYING: 1. A.J. Foyt, 98, Linne-25.100; 2. Bob Wente, 25, Wente-25.161; 3. Billy Engelhart, 59, Riggs-25.254; 4. Pancho Carter, 22, Shannon-25.276; 5. Lee Kunzman, 99, Linne-25.277; 6. Jackie Howerton, 122, Braga-25.356; 7. Mel Kenyon, 1, 3-K-25.385; 8. Tommy Astone, 46, Gamester-25.550; 9. Jimmy Caruthers, 2, Caruthers-25.587; 10. Dana Carter, 9, Pool-

25.652; 11. Sleepy Tripp, 5, Tripp-25.667; 12. Steve Cannon, 67, Schneider-25.708; 13. Ken Nichols, 81, Jones-25.730; 14. Johnny Parsons, 69, Lockard-25.842; 15. Joe Saldana, 188, Hampson-25.859; 16. Gary Bettenhausen, 93, Linne-25.871; 17. Chuck Gurney, 18, Graham-25.929; 18. Rich Vogler, 48, Heerboth-25.931; 19. Kevin Olson, 51x, Olson-25.940; 20. Bruce Field, 7, Field-25.946; 21. Larry Rice, 77, Olds-26.078; 22. Jerry Weeks, 80, Sohm-26.093; 23. Richard Powell, 82, Cornell-26.102; 24. Wayne Woodward, 2x, Haller-26.103; 25. Duke DeRosa, 31, Kunz-26.109; 26. Spike Gehlhausen, 91, Gehlhausen-26.179; 27. Bob Lithgow, 28, Lithgow-26.199; 28. Tommy Ford, 37, Ford-26.379; 29. Danny Frye Jr., 15, Middleton-26.381; 30. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-26.447; 31. Wes Stafford, 39, Fortune-26.571; 32. Stan Fox, 171, Fox-26.603; 33. Dave Gable, 10, Polak-26.626; 34. Bob Dempsey, 19, Arkow-26.649; 35. Mark Alderson, 51, Smith-26.666; 36. Lee Osborne, 35, Wilder-26.690; 37. John Lucas, 95, Mogis-26.778; 38. Ross Leslie, 27, Leslie-26.853; 39. Tom Mislich, 32, Mislich-26.884; 40. Ralph Liguori, 50, Doty-26.947; 41. Jackie Burke, 33x, Burke-27.018; 42. Mike Stroud, 97, Linne-27.081; 43. Tom Brosius, 52, Brosius-27.242; 44. Eric Morrison, 38, Morrison-27.333; 45. Billy Hughes, 55, Craig-27.340; 46. Jack Owen, 166, Washburn-27.594; 47. Ed Shefchik, 99x, Shefchik-27.812; 48. Jack Shipman, 49, Ammerman-28.015; 49. Benny Rapp, 17, Kistler-28.329; 50. Larry Fritz, 8x, Fritz-28.408; 51. Bob Wilkins, 9x, Wilkins-NT; 52. Gary Byers, 132, Holistine-NT; 53. Carl Johnson, 32x, Eschen-NT; 54. Sonny Ates, 36, Anderson-NT; 55. Dick Standridge, 23, Westerhaus-NT; 56. Larry Henn, 44x, Barbe-NT.

DASH: (3 laps) 1. Pancho Carter, 2. Lee Kunzman, 3. A.J. Foyt, 4. Billy Engelhart. 1:43.13

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Pancho Carter, 2. Bob Wente, 3. Billy Engelhart, 4. Jimmy Caruthers, 5. Chuck Gurney, 6. Sleepy Tripp, 7. Mel Kenyon, 8. Johnny Parsons, 9. Steve Cannon, 10. Joe Saldana, 11. Gary Bettenhausen, 12. Jerry Weeks, 13. Dave Gable, 14. Bob Lithgow, 15. Richard Powell, 16. Wayne Woodward, 17. Bruce Field, 18. Kevin Olson, 19. Tommy Ford, 20. Wes Stafford, 21. Tommy Astone, 22. Stan Fox, 23. Danny Frye Jr., 24. Larry Rice, 25. Spike Gehlhausen, 26. A.J. Foyt, 27. Rich Vogler, 28. Greg Staab, 29. Dana Carter, 30. Ken Nichols, 31. Lee Kunzman, 32. Jackie Howerton, 33. Duke DeRosa. 46:58.51

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### **Olivero Takes Berdoo**

Bobby Olivero and the L.T. Caruthers Volkswagen led all 50 laps on October 3 to win the race at Orange Show Stadium in San Bernardino, California.

Point leader Sleepy Tripp was forced out early, finishing 18th. Point runner-up Dana Carter finished 10th. Ken Nichols piloted the Shannon Brothers Vega to fourth.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: October 3, 1975 – Orange Show Stadium – San Bernardino, California

QUALIFYING: 1. Danny McKnight, 5x, Lynch-14.123; 2. Sleepy Tripp, 5, Tripp-14.231; 3. Larry Patton, 35, Noutary-14.238; 4. Larry Rice, 2, Caruthers-14.462; 5. Chris Cumberworth, 41, Cumberworth-14.581; 6. Chunky Koster, 97, Koster-14.602; 7. Bobby Olivero, 78, Caruthers-14.603; 8. Clark Templeman, 90, Bowers-14.686; 9. Ken Nichols, 22, Shannon-14.722; 10. Mel Kenyon, 66, Lee-14.734; 11. Roy Cook Jr., 72, Alexander-14.849; 12. Pancho Carter, 10, Cook-14.903; 13. Mike Ryan, 1NZ, Valencia-14.993; 14. Mark Alderson, 25, Lloyd-14.999; 15. Dana Carter, 9, Pool-15.090; 16. Buddy Irwin, 26, Miller-15.096; 17. John Hawley, 64, Hawley-15.237; 18. Lowell Voss, 50, Irwin-15.264; 19. Jim Watson, 21, Watson-15.398; 20. Dave Bingham, 60, Schweitzer-15.458; 21. Billy Cruce, 10x, Dressen-15.871; 22. Ron Parker, 39, Parker-NT; 23. Ray Stringer, 63, Stringer-NT.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Larry Patton, 2. Sleepy Tripp, 3. Danny McKnight, 4. Chris Cumberworth. 57.63

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Buddy Irwin, 2. Bobby Olivero, 3. Mel Kenyon, 4. Danny McKnight, 5. Mike Ryan, 6. Jim Watson, 7. Larry Rice. 2:25.28

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Chris Cumberworth, 2. Roy Cook Jr., 3. Clark Templeman, 4. John Hawley, 5. Mark Alderson, 6. Sleepy Tripp, 7. Dave Bingham, 8. Ron Parker. NT

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Larry Patton, 2. Pancho Carter, 3. Ken Nichols, 4. Lowell Voss, 5. Dana Carter, 6. Billy Cruce, 7. Chunky Koster. 2:27.93

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Mark Alderson, 3. Chunky Koster, 4. Jim Watson, 5. Mike Ryan, 6. Dave Bingham, 7. Dana Carter, 8. Ron Parker. 2:25.56

SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Larry Rice, 3. Chunky Koster, 4. Mark Alderson, 5. Dana Carter, 6. Mike Ryan, 7. Jim Watson, 8. Billy Cruce. 2:54.02

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Bobby Olivero, 2. Danny McKnight, 3. Larry Patton, 4. Ken Nichols, 5. Chris Cumberworth, 6. Chunky Koster, 7. Clark Templeman, 8. Roy Cook Jr., 9. Mark Alderson, 10. Dana Carter, 11. Jim Watson, 12. Mike Ryan, 13. John Hawley, 14. Billy Cruce, 15. Mel Kenyon, 16. Dave Bingham, 17. Lowell Voss, 18. Sleepy Tripp, 19. Pancho Carter, 20. Buddy Irwin. 13:32.17

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-50 Bobby Olivero.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: October 4, 1975 – Capital Speedway – West Sacramento, California

QUALIFYING: 1. Johnny W. Anderson, 3x, Gonsel-14.520; 2. Jerry Belville, 65, Baker-14.581; 3. Danny McKnight, 5x, Lynch-14.717; 4. Mike Smith, 95, Smith-14.781; 5. Pancho Carter, 10, Cook-14.787; 6. Billy Rogers, 82, Rogers-14.836; 7. Charlie Hays, 46, Hays-14.841; 8. Harry Stryker Jr., 5, Stryker-14.860; 9. Mel Kenyon, 66, Lee-14.880; 10. Wally Lawrence, 35wc, Lawrence-14.935; 11. Floyd Alvis, 17, Alvis-14.987; 12. Larry Patton, 35x, Noutary-14.991; 13. Jack Thompson, 33, Scettrini-15.018; 14. Rich Lawson, 38, Osborne-15.051; 15. Dana Carter, 9, Pool-15.052; 16. Butch Wilkerson, 55, Shanoian-15.063; 17. Hank Butcher, 3, DuPont-15.083; 18. Gary Patterson, 56, McMahon-15.117; 19. Mike Ryan, 1NZ, Valencia-15.119; 20. Ken Nichols, 22, Shannon-15.162; 21. Ken Molica, 12, Molica-15.190; 22. Larry Rice, 2, Caruthers-15.195; 23. Bob DeJong, 66x, Miller-15.209; 24. Danny O'Neill, 71, Bussell-15.293; 25. Ted Montague III, 6, Montague-15.349; 26. Mark Alderson, 21, Corbin-15.406; 27. Jimmy Sills, 72, Alexander-15.508; 28. Bill Fahrberger, 37, Osborne-15.598; 29. Brian Yates, 20NZ, Yates-15.814; 30. Larry Pestorich, 57, Pestorich-16.134; 31. Ed Shefchik, 22x, Shefchik-NT; 32. Gary Kanawyer, 84, Kanawyer-NT; 33. Milt Harper, 92, Harper-NT; 33. Jim Watson, 21x, Watson-NT.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Danny McKnight, 2. Mike Smith, 3. Jerry Belville, 4. Johnny W. Anderson. 57.40

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Hank Butcher, 2. Mel Kenyon, 3. Pancho Carter, 4. Jack Thompson, 5. Brian Yates, 6. Ted Montague III, 7. Ken Molica, 8. Johnny W. Anderson. NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jerry Belville, 2. Rich Lawson, 3. Billy Rogers, 4. Gary Patterson, 5. Wally Lawrence, 6. Larry Pestorich, 7. Jim Watson. NT

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Dana Carter, 2. Danny McKnight, 3. Bob DeJong, 4. Mike Ryan, 5. Charlie Hays, 6. Ed Shefchik, 7. Jimmy Sills, 8. Floyd Alvis. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Larry Patton, 2. Bill Fahrberger, 3. Danny O'Neill, 4. Butch Wilkerson, 5. Harry Stryker Jr., 6. Ken Nichols, 7. Mike Smith. NT

SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Johnny W. Anderson, 2. Harry Stryker Jr., 3. Ken Nichols, 4. Floyd Alvis, 5. Charlie Hays, 6. Mike Smith, 7. Wally Lawrence, 8. Jimmy Sills, 9. Ed Shefchik. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Larry Patton, 2. Gary Patterson, 3. Harry Stryker Jr., 4. Billy Rogers, 5. Ken Nichols, 6. Mel Kenyon, 7. Mike Ryan, 8. Danny O'Neill, 9. Floyd Alvis, 10. Jack Thompson, 11. Hank Butcher, 12. Danny McKnight, 13. Bob DeJong, 14. Butch Wilkerson, 15. Rich Lawson, 16. Bill Fahrberger, 17. Dana Carter, 18. Johnny W. Anderson, 19. Jerry Belville, 20. Pancho Carter. NT

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### **Turkey Night Win is Mel Kenyon's 77th**

Mel Kenyon's victory in the November 30 Turkey Night Grand Prix at Irwindale, California's 605 Speedway was his 77th career USAC National Midget triumph and put him in the elite list of two-time winners of the traditional midget racing classic.

Mel won the race in 1963 when it was held at Ascot Park in Gardena, California and joins A.J. Foyt, Parnelli Jones, Gary Bettenhausen, and Billy Engelhart as two-time USAC winners of the race. Two-time AAA sanction winners were Bob Swanson, Ronney Householder, Roy Russing, and Perry Grimm.

Kenyon and the 3-K Racing Team Sesco took the lead on lap 78 on the 1/2-mile paved Speedway 605 oval after leader and fast qualifier Tommy Astone spun while lapping slower cars. Mel led the final 23 laps to barely beat a hard charging Roy Cook Jr. who came from the 25th starting spot to finish a close second.

Larry Patton, USAC's 1975 Rookie of the Year in the National Midget division, took third, followed by Johnny Parsons and Chuck Gurney.

The 35th running of the Turkey Night event drew a field of 57 cars and was originally scheduled for Thanksgiving Night, November 27. Heavy rain in the Los Angeles area that night forced postponement of the event after 24 cars had qualified, and the race was rescheduled for Sunday afternoon, November 30.

The victory assured Kenyon of third place in the final 1975 USAC National Midget point standings. He led Larry Patton by only two points going into the race but finished eight ahead of the game rookie. The only other change in the top 10 final ratings was Larry Rice moving into ninth over Bob Wente by finishing 15th in the G.P.

Tommy Astone broke the track record during qualifying with a time of 20.409 seconds. The race was held for the first time on a paved track. Chuck Gurney won the four-lap dash, setting another new track record. Roy Cook Jr. took the 15-lap semi. Kenyon's time for the 100 laps (40:50.20) was an automatic record.

The feature saw four lead changes. Astone took the lead for the opening seven laps from his pole starting spot. Chuck Gurney took the lead on lap eight and held it until Johnny Parsons and the Lockard roadster moved in front for three laps.

On lap 38, Astone went back in front and stayed there until spinning on lap 78 as Kenyon took over for the rest of the race.

USAC National Midget point leader Sleepy Tripp dropped out of the race with mechanical problems as did Gary Bettenhausen, who was attempting to become the race's first three-time winner. Defending Turkey Night champion Danny McKnight finished 13th.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: November 30, 1975 – Speedway 605 – Irwindale, California

QUALIFYING: 1. Tommy Astone, 2, Caruthers-20.409 (New Track Record); 2. Johnny Parsons, 69, Lockard-20.553; 3. Chuck Gurney, 80x, Hucke-20.743; 4. Johnny W. Anderson, 3, Gonsel-20.748; 5. Lee Kunzman, 99, Linne-20.773; 6. Danny McKnight, 67, Caruthers-20.808; 7. Hank Butcher, 3x, DuPont-20.860; 8. Gary Bettenhausen, 82, Noffsinger-20.861; 9. Larry Patton, 35x, Noutary-20.905; 10. Dana Carter, 9, Pool-20.913; 11. Tom Bigelow, 66, Lee-20.968; 12. Sleepy Tripp, 5, Tripp-20.993; 13. Bobby Olivero, 78, Caruthers-21.010; 14. Spyder Anderson, 41, Anderson-21.026; 15. Billy Vukovich, 96, Linne-21.029; 16. Mel Kenyon, 61, 3-K-21.039; 17. Ken Nichols, 5x, Lynch-21.048; 18. Buddy Irwin, 26, Miller-21.131; 19. Johnny Rutherford, 22, Shannon-21.181; 20. Pancho Carter, 10, Cook-21.188; 21. Bob DeJong, 11x, Miller-21.233; 22. Jerry Weeks, 25, Lloyd-21.245; 23. Eddie Jackson, 15, Mauro-21.257; 24. Larry Rice, 55, Shanoian-21.275; 25. Roy Cook Jr., 80, Wright-21.284; 26. Chris Cumberworth, 41x, Cumberworth-21.297; 27. Mark Alderson, 81, Corbin-21.363; 28. Palmer Crowell, 66x, Miller-21.422; 29. Chunky Koster, 97, Koster-21.440; 30. Mike Stroud, 21, Stroud-21.483; 31. Mike Ryan, 1NZ, Valencia-21.507; 32. Ed Losinski, 33, Losinski-21.564; 33. Max Sweeney, 31, White-21.673; 34. Louie Shefchik, 22wc, Shefchik-21.695; 35. Harry Stryker Jr., 5N, Stryker-21.703; 36. Milt Harper, 92, Harper-21.749; 37. Mike Smith, 95, Smith-21.761; 38. Lowell Voss, 50, Irwin-21.883; 39. Bob East, 131, Rassey-21.898; 40. Lealand McSpadden, 11A, Grigsby-21.922; 41. Wally Pankratz, 90, Corbin-21.932; 42. Johnny C. Anderson, 20, Anderson-21.996; 43. Ross Leslie, 27, Leslie-22.048; 44. John Hawley, 64, Hawley-22.098; 45. Jerry Belville, 65, Baker-22.149; 46. Billy Cruce, 10x, Dressen-22.351; 47. Arlen Stebbins, 72, Alexander-22.512; 48. Bobby Wente, 60, Schweitzer-22.894; 49. Ron Parker, 39, Parker-22.947; 50. Wally Lawrence, 35, Lawrence-NT; 51. Clark Templeman, 24, Kischell-NT; 52. Gary Bettenhausen, 93, Linne-NT; 53. Floyd Alvis, 46, Hanson-NT; 54. Danny O'Neill, 71, Bussell-NT; 55. Jim Watson, 21x, Watson-NT.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Chuck Gurney, 2. Tommy Astone, 3. Johnny Parsons, 4. Johnny W. Anderson. 1:23.91 (New Track Record)

SEMI: (15 laps) 1. Roy Cook Jr., 2. Chris Cumberworth, 3. Harry Stryker Jr., 4. Palmer Crowell, 5. Max Sweeney, 6. Chunky Koster, 7. Mike Smith, 8. Milt Harper, 9. Mike Ryan, 10. Bob East, 11. Johnny C. Anderson, 12. Ed Losinski, 13. Lowell Voss, 14. Louie Shefchik, 15. Lealand McSpadden, 16. Mike Stroud. NT

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Mel Kenyon, 2. Roy Cook Jr. (25), 3. Larry Patton, 4. Johnny Parsons, 5. Chuck Gurney, 6. Buddy Irwin, 7. Chris Cumberworth, 8. Tom Bigelow, 9. Bob DeJong, 10. Spyder Anderson, 11. Johnny Rutherford, 12. Dana Carter, 13. Danny McKnight, 14. Tommy Astone (1), 15. Larry Rice, 16. Lee Kunzman, 17. Palmer Crowell, 18. Ken Nichols, 19. Harry Stryker Jr., 20. Gary Bettenhausen, 21. Sleepy Tripp, 22. Hank Butcher, 23. Jerry Weeks, 24. Eddie Jackson, 25. Billy Vukovich, 26. Pancho Carter, 27. Bobby Olivero, 28. Johnny W. Anderson. 40:50.20 (New Track Record)

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-7 Tommy Astone, Laps 8-34 Chuck Gurney, Laps 35-37 Johnny Parsons, Laps 38-77 Tommy Astone, Laps 78-100 Mel Kenyon.