

No Snoozin' for Sleepy

By: *Richie Murray*

Ron "Sleepy" Tripp had accomplished more in auto racing at the age of 23 than most drivers had in an entire career.

The Costa Mesa, Calif. native defended his USAC National Midget driving title during 1976 in only his second full season. With nine more triumphs, through 1976, he had won approximately one-third of every USAC feature he had ever started.

It was in February of 1974 when a certain application for a Midget license arrived at the USAC headquarters in Indianapolis. "Sleepy Tripp?" commented an amused employee. "What kind of name is that?"

"Wait a minute," said another. "I remember that name. I used to drive quarter midgets against a Sleepy Tripp on the west coast when I was much younger. Let me see that. Yes, that's him. He's fabulous. He'll beat everybody!"

The speaker was Susan Jordan, the staff secretary and wife of USAC media guru Dick Jordan, whose identification was correct. She recalled from her childhood the unanimous groans from all other participants when the Tripp brothers arrived at the track with their new truck, double-decker trailer and two sparkling racers. What had been anticipated as a struggle for first was relegated to a struggle for third. The Tripp Bros. were unbeatable to the frustration of kids and adults alike.

The same could be said for 1976, which was topped by Sleepy's incredible early season 18-hour-ish run where he achieved what seemed practically impossible. Sleepy won a 100-lapper indoors at the Indiana State Fairgrounds Coliseum on the night of Feb. 14, then caught the 2,000-mile redeye flight to California's San Jose Speedway and won the next afternoon's outdoor 100-lap race on Feb. , 15. The San Jose race also was the record 250th USAC event promoted by J.C. Agajanian.

A stretch of eight scores in 12 starts cemented his repeat championship hopes by midsummer. An expansion of that stretch had him failing to place third or better only once in 14 consecutive starts. During this period, he was invited to appear on Chuck Workman's TV sports program in Indianapolis and nervously commented beforehand, "the only other time I recall being on camera was when I played in a Pop Warner football game in California as a kid."

At the same time, he noted, "I should really do more of this, but I have to spend so much time preparing the midget. I do all of my own work and I'm not much of a mechanic." Made public, that last comment would have been met with a barrage of verbal abuse from his adversaries, but it was made without an audience and with a sincerity lost on paper.

James McElreath, who finished second by inches to Dana Carter in June at Eldora in his first ever midget race, was named Rookie of the Year. Steve Lotshaw won his first in the season opener at Fort Wayne and carried on to a runner-up finish in the standings and earning him Most Improved Driver honors. Doug Caruthers was the recipient of the Jim Blunk Award.

Volkswagen powered 34 winners while three wins were tallied for the Chevy II, two for the Vega and two for Porsche, which hit victory lane twice indoors with driver Gary Bettenhausen. Bob Wente earned the overall Indoor Midget title.

Bruce Robey, making his second series start, scored an upset in May at the Indianapolis Speedrome. Robey set fast time, won his heat, then passed Rich Vogler for his lone career win. Vogler, meanwhile, received a \$50 fine for rough driving.

Bob Wente scored his 70th career USAC National Midget race victory during May's Night Before the 500 at Indianapolis Raceway Park. The victory was achieved after the top-two of Tommy Astone and Sleepy Tripp tangled in turn one on the final lap, sending both cars into the outside wall. Tripp was the recipient of a \$100 fine for rough driving due to the accident.

At Englewood (Colo.) Speedway in July, local EPA officials interrupted the event repeatedly to enforce noise limits, reportedly enraging the fans in attendance. The same night, Lotshaw took an unintentional vacation in the Rocky Mountains. He left his van, trailer and midget in the mountains after he spun a wheel bearing. He secured a ride in the Dan Pool No. 9 for the upcoming race in Erie, Colo., then scaled his way back up the mountains to fix his disabled tow rig.

On Labor Day night, Stevi Cederstrom became the first woman to ever start a USAC National Midget feature, doing so at Ascot Park in Gardena, Calif. She finished 13th in the 50-lap feature, which marked her only career series start.

Jimmy Caruthers, the 1970 USAC National Midget driving champ, died on October 26 from cancer. In the months leading up to his death, he had been receiving treatments for a tumor on his aorta, all while capturing the USAC Silver Crown title.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: January 4, 1976 – Allen County War Memorial Coliseum – Fort Wayne, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Tommy Astone, 46, Gamester-8.386; 2. Pancho Carter, 5, Caruthers-8.527; 3. Steve Lotshaw, 9, Pool-8.605; 4. Tom Bigelow, 8, Cornell-8.662; 5. Sleepy Tripp, 1, Tripp-8.679; 6. Rich Vogler, 48, Heerboth-8.727; 7. Jim Hines, 70, Saunders-8.755; 8. Duke Cook, 40, McClain-8.771; 9. Spike Gehlhausen, 91, Gehlhausen-8.811; 10. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-8.819; 11. Bill Davis, 74, Andrew-8.844; 12. Dave Gable, 10, Polak-8.855; 13. Billy Engelhart, 59, Riggs-8.885; 14. Jerry Nuckles, 57, Nuckles-8.939; 15. Ron Eden, 77, Eden-8.949; 16. Tom Mislich, 36, Mislich-8.993; 17. Tommy Ford, 37, Ford-8.994; 18. Jack Owen, 6, Washburn-9.058; 19. Duke DeRosa, 31, Kunz-9.088; 20. Jim Hettinger, 27, Hettinger-9.105; 21. Bob Wente, 25, Wente-9.121; 22. Ron McFaddin, 30, McFaddin-9.127; 23. Jim Dinsmoor, 76, Jacobs-9.172; 24. Ken Nichols, 11, Jones-9.191; 25. John Batts, 16, Sandy-9.212; 26. Gary Bettenhausen, 93, Bettenhausen-9.214; 27. Bruce Field, 87, Brod-9.263; 28. Steve Cannon, 18, Graham-9.373; 29. Danny Frye Jr., 79, Frye-9.429; 30. Rex Waltenburg, 49, Ammerman-9.466; 31. Alan Brown, 53, Brown-9.635; 32. Roger Branson, 72, Branson-9.644; 33. Gary Byers, 75, Dailey-9.699; 34. Mike Stroud, 21, Stroud-9.851; 35. Benny Rapp, 17, Kistler-9.954; 36. Richard Powell, 43, Powell-10.003; 37. Ray Stringer, 63, Stringer-10.898; 38. Jim McClean, 69, Lockard-11.003; 39. Curt Dinsmoor, 10, Dinsmoor-11.418; 40. Carl Johnson, 32, Eschen-11.976; 41. Dave Ray, 83, Schooley-NT; 42. Dana Carter, 2, Shannon-NT; 43. Jackie Howerton, 22, Braga-NT; 44. Gordy Lee, 23, Snyder-NT; 45. Chuck Wilson, 11x, Horne-NT.

NON-QUALIFIERS RACE: (15 laps) 1. Bruce Field, 2. John Batts, 3. Rex Waltenburg, 4. Ron McFaddin, 5. Jim Dinsmoor, 6. Danny Frye Jr., 7. Alan Brown. NT

FIRST HEAT: (15 laps) 1. Bob Wente, 2. Tommy Ford, 3. Sleepy Tripp, 4. Tommy Astone, 5. Spike Gehlhausen, 6. Billy Engelhart. 2:08.87

SECOND HEAT: (15 laps) 1. Pancho Carter, 2. Jerry Nuckles, 3. Jack Owen, 4. Greg Staab, 5. Ron McFaddin, 6. Rich Vogler. NT

THIRD HEAT: (15 laps) 1. Duke DeRosa, 2. Ron Eden, 3. Jim Hines, 4. Steve Lotshaw, 5. Jim Dinsmoor, 6. Bill Davis. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (15 laps) 1. Ken Nichols, 2. Tom Bigelow, 3. Jim Hettinger, 4. Tom Mislich, 5. Duke Cook, 6. Dave Gable. 2:11.66

SEMI: (20 laps) 1. Bob Wente, 2. Dave Gable, 3. Ron Eden, 4. Jerry Nuckles, 5. Tom Mislich, 6. Jack Owen, 7. Jim Hettinger, 8. Duke DeRosa, 9. Jim Dinsmoor, 10. Ron McFaddin, 11. Billy Engelhart, 12. Tommy Ford. NT

FEATURE: (75 laps) 1. Steve Lotshaw, 2. Rich Vogler, 3. Tommy Astone, 4. Bob Wente, 5. Spike Gehlhausen, 6. Jim Hines, 7. Bill Davis, 8. Sleepy Tripp, 9. Tom Bigelow, 10. Duke Cook, 11. Dave Gable, 12. Pancho Carter. NT

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: January 18, 1976 – Allen County War Memorial Coliseum – Fort Wayne, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Tommy Astone, 46, Gamester-8.293; 2. Richard Powell, 43, Powell-8.345; 3. Pancho Carter, 5, Caruthers-8.370; 4. Sleepy Tripp, 1, Tripp-8.433; 5. Bob Wente, 25, Wente-8.523; 6. Ken Nichols, 11, Jones-8.527; 7. Dana Carter, 2, Shannon-8.546; 8. Jim Hettinger, 27, Hettinger-8.552; 9. Tom Bigelow, 8, Cornell-8.559; 10. Gary Bettenhausen, 93, Bettenhausen-8.602; 11. Bill Davis, 74, Andrew-8.652; 12. Roger Branson, 72, Branson-8.659; 13. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-8.673; 14. Steve Lotshaw, 9, Pool-8.692; 15. Spike Gehlhausen, 91, Gehlhausen-8.758; 16. Bob Hare, 85, Michels-8.767; 17. Rich Vogler, 48, Heerboth-8.774; 18. Jim Hines, 70, Saunders-8.793; 19. Jim Dinsmoor, 76, Jacobs-8.820; 20. Jerry Nuckles, 57, Nuckles-8.836; 21. Jackie Howerton, 22, Braga-8.888; 22. Dave Gable, 10, Polak-8.893; 23. Mark Alderson, 199, Duman-8.899; 24. Tommy Ford, 37, Ford-8.925; 25. Mike Stroud, 21, Stroud-8.939; 26. Marvin Carman, 40, McClain-8.943; 27. Danny Frye Jr., 79, Frye-8.952; 28. Rex Waltenburg, 49, Ammerman-9.009; 29. Ron Eden, 77, Eden-9.024; 30. Stan Fox, 7, Fox-9.055; 31. Bruce Field, 87, Brod-9.071; 32. Tom Mislich, 36, Mislich-9.077; 33. Gordy Lee, 23, Snyder-9.138; 34. Billy Engelhart, 59, Riggs-9.170; 35. Alan Brown, 53, Brown-9.188; 36. Duke DeRosa, 31, Kunz-9.195; 37. Tom Steiner, 82, Turner-9.230; 38. Gary Irvin, 76EC, Haller-9.272; 39. John Batts, 16, Sandy-9.283; 40. Ron McFaddin, 30, McFaddin-9.292; 41. Benny Rapp, 17, Kistler-9.478; 42. Ray Stringer, 63, Stringer-NT; 43. Dick Pole, 34, Cooper-NT; 44. Dave Ray, 83, Schooley-NT; 45. Gary Byers, 75, Dailey-NT; 46. Jack Owen, 6, Washburn-NT; 47. King Kramer, 61, Kramer-NT.

NON-QUALIFIERS RACE: (15 laps) 1. Ron Eden, 2. Billy Engelhart, 3. Tom Mislich, 4. Mike Stroud, 5. Bruce Field, 6. Danny Frye Jr., 7. Marvin Carman, 8. Rex Waltenburg, 9. Stan Fox, 10. Gordy Lee. NT

FIRST HEAT: (15 laps) 1. Rich Vogler, 2. Greg Staab, 3. Bob Wente, 4. Tommy Astone, 5. Jackie Howerton, 6. Tom Bigelow. NT

SECOND HEAT: (15 laps) 1. Steve Lotshaw, 2. Gary Bettenhausen, 3. Dave Gable, 4. Jim Hines, 5. Ken Nichols, 6. Richard Powell. NT

THIRD HEAT: (15 laps) 1. Mark Alderson, 2. Bill Davis, 3. Dana Carter, 4. Jim Dinsmoor, 5. Spike Gehlhausen, 6. Pancho Carter. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (15 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Tommy Ford, 3. Jerry Nuckles, 4. Jim Hettinger, 5. Roger Branson, 6. Bob Hare. 2:11.33

SEMI: (20 laps) 1. Dave Gable, 2. Steve Lotshaw, 3. Greg Staab, 4. Spike Gehlhausen, 5. Jim Hines, 6. Rich Vogler, 7. Bill Davis, 8. Jerry Nuckles, 9. Roger Branson, 10. Jackie Howerton, 11. Bob Hare, 12. Jim Dinsmoor. NT

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Gary Bettenhausen, 2. Tom Bigelow, 3. Dana Carter, 4. Tommy Astone, 5. Steve Lotshaw, 6. Bob Wente, 7. Pancho Carter, 8. Ken Nichols, 9. Richard Powell, 10. Dave Gable, 11. Sleepy Tripp, 12. Jim Hettinger. 14:48.87

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: February 7, 1976 – Indiana State Fairgrounds Coliseum – Indianapolis, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Pancho Carter, 5, Caruthers-9.664; 2. Sleepy Tripp, 1, Tripp-9.727; 3. Bob Wente, 25, Wente-9.758; 4. Tommy Astone, 46, Gamester-9.813; 5. Rich Vogler, 48, Heerboth-9.863; 6. Dana Carter, 2, Shannon-9.867; 7. Gary Bettenhausen, 93, Bettenhausen-9.938; 8. Roger Branson, 72, Branson-9.958; 9. Spike Gehlhausen, 91, Gehlhausen-10.001; 10. Ken Nichols, 11, Jones-10.016; 11. Duke DeRosa, 31, Kunz-10.035; 12. Jim Hettinger, 27, Hettinger-10.043; 13. Mike Stroud, 21, Stroud-10.063; 14. Billy Engelhart, 59, Riggs-10.094; 15. Jackie Howerton, 22, Braga-10.100; 16. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-10.110; 17. Steve Lotshaw, 9, Pool-10.150; 18. Tommy Ford, 37, Ford-10.153; 19. Tom Steiner, 82, Turner-

10.159; 20. Marvin Carman, 40x, McClain-10.161; 21. Mel Kenyon, 61, 3K-10.173; 22. Jim Hines, 70, Saunders-10.195; 23. Rex Waltenburg, 49, Ammerman-10.196; 24. Gary Byers, 75, Dailey-10.207; 25. Jerry Nuckles, 57x, Nuckles-10.222; 26. Tom Bigelow, 8, Cornell-10.242; 27. Leigh Earnshaw Jr., 76EC, Haller-10.293; 28. Bruce Field, 87, Brod-10.304; 29. Richard Powell, 43, Powell-10.316; 30. Tom Mislich, 36, Mislich-10.336; 31. Dave Gable, 10, Polak-10.389; 32. Jim Dinsmoor, 76x, Jacobs-10.426; 33. John Batts, 16, Sandy-10.464; 34. Bill Davis, 74, Andrew-10.467; 35. Dave Ray, 83, Schooley-10.481; 36. Mike Schiesel, 45, English-10.537; 37. King Kramer, 61x, Kramer-10.541; 38. Stan Fox, 7, Fox-10.569; 39. Jack Owen, 6, Washburn-10.646; 40. Bob Hare, 85, Michels-10.657; 41. Benny Rapp, 17, Kistler-10.696; 42. Dick Pole, 34, Cooper-10.755; 43. John Nuckles, 59x, Nuckles-10.850; 44. Robin Miller, 40, Miller-10.924; 45. Alan Brown, 53, Brown-11.021; 46. Curt Dinsmoor, 10x, Dinsmoor-18.725; 47. Arnie Knepper, 199, Duman-NT; 48. Gordy Lee, 23, Snyder-NT; 49. Thad Doshier, 48x, Hillin-NT; 50. Don Jones, 71, Jones-NT.

TROPHY DASH: (4 laps) 1. Tommy Astone, 2. Sleepy Tripp, 3. Pancho Carter, 4. Bob Wente. 39.61

FIRST HEAT: (15 laps) 1. Steve Lotshaw, 2. Rich Vogler, 3. Mel Kenyon, 4. Mike Stroud, 5. Spike Gehlhausen, 6. Ken Nichols. NT

SECOND HEAT: (15 laps) 1. Jim Hines, 2. Billy Engelhart, 3. Dana Carter, 4. Tommy Ford, 5. Sleepy Tripp, 6. Ken Nichols. NT

THIRD HEAT: (15 laps) 1. Rex Waltenburg, 2. Jackie Howerton, 3. Gary Bettenhausen, 4. Tom Steiner, 5. Bob Wente, 6. Duke DeRosa. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (15 laps) 1. Gary Byers, 2. Marvin Carman, 3. Tommy Astone, 4. Jim Hettinger, 5. Roger Branson, 6. Greg Staab. 2:31.41

SEMI: (20 laps) 1. Mel Kenyon, 2. Jim Hines, 3. Tom Steiner, 4. Steve Lotshaw, 5. Greg Staab, 6. Jackie Howerton, 7. Billy Engelhart, 8. Jim Hettinger, 9. Marvin Carman, 10. Duke DeRosa, 11. Tommy Ford, 12. Mike Stroud. 3:17.28

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Gary Bettenhausen, 2. Bob Wente, 3. Tommy Astone, 4. Ken Nichols, 5. Mel Kenyon, 6. Spike Gehlhausen, 7. Sleepy Tripp, 8. Roger Branson, 9. Pancho Carter, 10. Jim Hines, 11. Rich Vogler, 12. Dana Carter. NT

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Tripp Wins Indoors at Indy

Sleepy Tripp grabbed a Valentine's Day USAC National Midget victory indoors at the Indiana State Fairgrounds Coliseum on February 14. Sleepy drove his own Rimco Manufacturing Volkswagen to victory in the Indianapolis event.

Previous week's winner Gary Bettenhausen placed second behind Tripp this time around to take the Indy indoor title but Bob Wente's consistent finishes in all four Indiana indoor races earned him the Hoosier Auto Racing Fans trophy for the overall Indiana indoor title.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: February 14, 1976 – Indiana State Fairgrounds Coliseum – Indianapolis, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Bob Wente, 25, Wente-8.995; 2. Tommy Astone, 46, Gamester-9.019; 3. Gary Bettenhausen, 93, Bettenhausen-9.073; 4. Dana Carter, 2, Shannon-9.117; 5. Jerry Nuckles, 57, Nuckles-9.153; 6. Rich Vogler, 48, Heerboth-9.224; 7. Gary Byers, 75, Dailey-9.238; 8. Sleepy Tripp, 1, Tripp-9.241; 9. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-9.266; 10. Jim Hines, 70, Saunders-9.290; 11. Bill Davis, 74, Andrew-9.300; 12. Ken Nichols, 11, Jones-9.340; 13. Arnie Knepper, 199, Duman-9.384; 14. Dave Gable, 10, Polak-9.387; 15. Jackie Howerton, 22, Braga-9.389; 16. Steve Lotshaw, 9, Pool-9.399; 17. Tom Steiner,

82, Turner-9.405; 18. Duke DeRosa, 31, Kunz-9.421; 19. Spike Gehlhausen, 91, Gehlhausen-9.460; 20. Jim Hettinger, 27, Hettinger-9.463; 21. Gene Gennetten, 33, Gennetten-9.466; 22. Don Jones, 71, Jones-9.489; 23. Marvin Carman, 40x, McClain-9.494; 24. Tommy Ford, 37, Ford-9.569; 25. Tom Mislich, 36, Mislich-9.572; 26. Mike Schiesel, 45, English-9.609; 27. Billy Engelhart, 59, Riggs-9.672; 28. Jim Dinsmoor, 76x, Jacobs-9.662; 29. Tom Bigelow, 8, Cornell-9.696; 30. Rex Waltenburg, 49, Ammerman-9.702; 31. Benny Rapp, 117, Kistler-9.745; 32. Richard Powell, 43, Powell-9.748; 33. Alan Brown, 53, Brown-9.748; 34. Dave Ray, 83, Schooley-9.757; 35. Mel Kenyon, 61, 3K-9.766; 36. Leigh Earnshaw Jr., 76, Haller-9.783; 37. Roger Branson, 72, Branson-9.850; 38. Bruce Field, 87, Brod-9.918; 39. Jack Owen, 6, Washburn-9.968; 40. Bob Hare, 85, Michels-10.009; 41. Curt Dinsmoor, 10x, Dinsmoor-10.051; 42. Robin Miller, 40, Miller-10.082; 43. John Nuckles, 59x, Nuckles-10.116; 44. King Kramer, 61x, Kramer-10.139; 45. Mike Stroud, 21, Stroud-NT.

TROPHY DASH: (4 laps) 1. Dana Carter, 2. Tommy Astone, 3. Gary Bettenhausen, 4. Bob Wente. 36.85

FIRST HEAT: (15 laps) 1. Tom Steiner, 2. Greg Staab, 3. Arnie Knepper, 4. Tom Mislich, 5. Jerry Nuckles, 6. Bob Wente. NT

SECOND HEAT: (15 laps) 1. Duke DeRosa, 2. Tommy Astone, 3. Jim Hines, 4. Dave Gable, 5. Don Jones, 6. Rich Vogler. NT

THIRD HEAT: (15 laps) 1. Marvin Carman, 2. Jackie Howerton, 3. Gary Byers, 4. Gary Bettenhausen, 5. Bill Davis, 6. Spike Gehlhausen. 2:18.28

FOURTH HEAT: (15 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Steve Lotshaw, 3. Ken Nichols, 4. Jim Hettinger, 5. Dana Carter, 6. Tommy Ford. NT

SEMI: (20 laps) 1. Spike Gehlhausen, 2. Steve Lotshaw, 3. Tom Steiner, 4. Arnie Knepper, 5. Jackie Howerton, 6. Dave Gable, 7. Bill Davis, 8. Marvin Carman, 9. Ken Nichols, 10. Tommy Ford, 11. Duke DeRosa, 12. Jim Hettinger. NT

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Gary Bettenhausen, 3. Bob Wente, 4. Jim Hines, 5. Jerry Nuckles, 6. Gary Byers, 7. Steve Lotshaw, 8. Greg Staab, 9. Spike Gehlhausen, 10. Tommy Astone, 11. Dana Carter, 12. Rich Vogler. NT

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Cross Country Tripp Does the Impossible at San Jose

Sleepy Tripp shot himself into the USAC National Midget point lead by winning two consecutive USAC National Midget races on tracks 2,000 miles apart in less than 24 hours.

Tripp's 16th career USAC National Midget win came at California's San Jose Speedway on February 15 aboard his Chunky Koster-owned Volkswagen.

The first five midget races of the season produced 98 total points for Sleepy, compared to 94 for Gary Bettenhausen and 87 for Bob Wente.

The next scheduled USAC National Midget race is set for Saturday night, March 13, at Manzanita Speedway in Phoenix, Arizona.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: February 15, 1976 – San Jose Speedway – San Jose, California

QUALIFYING: 1. Pancho Carter, 5, Caruthers-14.731; 2. Larry Patton, 35, Noutary-14.970; 3. Bobby Olivero, 78, Caruthers-14.994; 4. Danny McKnight, 26, Miller-15.058; 5. Chuck Gurney, 80, Hucke-15.067; 6. Gary Bettenhausen, 27, Lynch-15.074; 7. Johnny W. Anderson, 3, Gonsel-15.076; 8. Dave Strickland, 12, Mauro-15.081; 9. Roy Cook Jr., 1, Wright-15.127; 10.

Sleepy Tripp, 97, Koster-15.182; 11. Bob DeJong, 11, Miller-15.241; 12. Danny O'Neill, 2, Bussell-15.245; 13. Mike Ryan, 17, Shanoian-15.257; 14. Chris Cumberworth, 41, Cumberworth-15.340; 15. Tom Enea, 20, Scettrini-15.391; 16. Hank Butcher, 4x, DuPont-15.472; 17. Clark Templeman, 52, Valencia-15.578; 18. Jeff Heywood, 95, Heywood-15.580; 19. Mike Smith, 10, Smith-15.599; 20. Billy Rogers, 8, Rogers-15.660; 21. Ken Molica, 18, Molica-15.661; 22. Harry Stryker Jr., 5x, Stryker-15.664; 23. Larry Pestorich, 47x, Shanoian-15.677; 24. Milt Harper, 92, Harper-15.767; 25. Rick Goudy, 66, Lee-15.770; 26. Lowell Voss, 50, Irwin-15.786; 27. Ed Shefchik, 99, Shefchik-15.981; 28. Wheeler Gresham, 16, Gresham-16.264; 29. Floyd Alvis, 42, Wilson-16.493; 30. Stan Titus, 79, Titus-17.758; 31. Palmer Crowell, 66x, Miller-NT; 32. Buz Tapply, 3x, Tapply-NT.

TROPHY DASH: (4 laps) 1. Bobby Olivero, 2. Danny McKnight, 3. Pancho Carter, 4. Larry Patton. 59.95

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Chuck Gurney, 2. Rick Goudy, 3. Roy Cook Jr., 4. Ken Molica, 5. Mike Ryan, 6. Clark Templeman, 7. Floyd Alvis, 8. Pancho Carter. NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Larry Patton, 2. Sleepy Tripp, 3. Chris Cumberworth, 4. Gary Bettenhausen, 5. Lowell Voss, 6. Stan Titus, 7. Harry Stryker Jr., 8. Jeff Heywood. NT

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Johnny W. Anderson, 2. Larry Pestorich, 3. Bob DeJong, 4. Mike Smith, 5. Ed Shefchik, 6. Palmer Crowell, 7. Tom Enea, 8. Bobby Olivero. 2:36.90

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Dave Strickland, 2. Hank Butcher, 3. Wheeler Gresham, 4. Danny O'Neill, 5. Milt Harper, 6. Billy Rogers, 7. Danny McKnight. 2:31.96

SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Mike Ryan, 2. Clark Templeman, 3. Lowell Voss, 4. Billy Rogers, 5. Palmer Crowell, 6. Ed Shefchik, 7. Floyd Alvis, 8. Tom Enea, 9. Stan Titus, 10. Milt Harper, 11. Danny McKnight, 12. Jeff Heywood. 3:00.05

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Larry Patton, 3. Dave Strickland, 4. Roy Cook Jr., 5. Chris Cumberworth, 6. Gary Bettenhausen, 7. Ken Molica, 8. Mike Ryan, 9. Bob DeJong, 10. Danny O'Neill, 11. Billy Rogers, 12. Mike Smith, 13. Wheeler Gresham, 14. Larry Pestorich, 15. Clark Templeman, 16. Chuck Gurney, 17. Johnny W. Anderson, 18. Hank Butcher, 19. Rick Goudy, 20. Lowell Voss. 29:37.39

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: March 13, 1976 – Manzanita Speedway – Phoenix, Arizona

QUALIFYING: 1. Bobby Olivero, 78, Caruthers-22.444; 2. Dana Carter, 2, Shannon-23.081; 3. Pancho Carter, 5, Caruthers-23.099; 4. Clark Templeman, 77, Shanoian-23.142; 5. Chuck Gurney, 80, Hucce-23.167; 6. Larry Patton, 35, Noutary-23.173; 7. Danny McKnight, 26, Miller-23.231; 8. Mel Kenyon, 66, Lee-23.279; 9. Lealand McSpadden, 11A, Grigsby-23.329; 10. Ron Shuman, 15A, Wells-23.350; 11. Bruce Field, 7, Field-23.434; 12. Gary Bettenhausen, 27, Lynch-23.437; 13. Mike Ryan, 17, Shanoian-23.545; 14. Roy Cook Jr., 80x, Wright-23.577; 15. Lee Kunzman, 93, Linne-23.682; 16. Dave Manes, 71A, Trainor-23.739; 17. Mike Schiesel, 45, English-23.855; 18. Sleepy Tripp, 1, Tripp-23.903; 19. Chris Cumberworth, 41, Cumberworth-23.904; 20. Billy Engelhart, 59, Riggs-23.994; 21. Billy Felts, 15, Felts-24.105; 22. Jeff Heywood, 95, Heywood-24.118; 23. Lowell Voss, 50, Irwin-24.191; 24. Jimmy Schrum, 43, Ellis-24.309; 25. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-24.433; 26. Tommy Astone, 46, Gamester-24.580; 27. Dave Gable, 10, Polak-24.649; 28. Pat Holton, 38, Wilton-24.762; 29. Larry Pestorich, 47x, Shanoian-24.781; 30. Stan Fox, 7x, Fox-25.025; 31. Dave Strickland, 12, Mauro-25.149; 32. Larry Fritz, 94, Miller-25.202; 33. Butch Kelly, 31x, Kelly-25.305; 34. Buz Tapply, 31, Tapply-25.598; 35. Ray Stringer, 63, Stringer-25.687; 36. Billy Yeros, 66x, Mack-26.392; 37. John Zerbe, 6A, Patterson-26.541; 38. Billy Cruce, 72, Alexander-NT; 39. Jimmy Blanton, 35A, Blanton-NT; 40. Gary Kanawyer, 84, Kanawyer-NT.

TROPHY DASH: (4 laps) 1. Dana Carter, 2. Bobby Olivero, 3. Pancho Carter, 4. Clark Templeman. 1:31.59

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Bobby Olivero, 2. Lealand McSpadden, 3. Greg Staab, 4. Larry Pestorich, 5. Mike Ryan, 6. Billy Felts, 7. Mike Schiesel, 8. Chuck Gurney. 3:04.09

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Ron Shuman, 2. Stan Fox, 3. Larry Patton, 4. Sleepy Tripp, 5. Roy Cook Jr., 6. Tommy Astone, 7. Jeff Heywood, 8. Dana Carter. 3:08.40

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Pancho Carter, 2. Dave Strickland, 3. Dave Gable, 4. Chris Cumberworth, 5. Lee Kunzman, 6. Danny McKnight, 7. Lowell Voss, 8. Bruce Field. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Billy Engelhart, 2. Mel Kenyon, 3. Clark Templeman, 4. Gary Bettenhausen, 5. Jimmy Schrum, 6. Dave Manes, 7. Larry Fritz, 8. Pat Holton. NT

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Chuck Gurney, 2. Danny McKnight, 3. Roy Cook Jr., 4. Mike Ryan, 5. Lowell Voss, 6. Pat Holton, 7. Larry Fritz, 8. Butch Kelly, 9. Mike Schiesel, 10. Jeff Heywood, 11. Lee Kunzman, 12. Jimmy Schrum, 13. Buz Tapplly, 14. Dana Carter, 15. Dave Manes. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Mel Kenyon, 2. Bobby Olivero, 3. Billy Engelhart, 4. Lealand McSpadden, 5. Larry Patton, 6. Chuck Gurney, 7. Dave Strickland, 8. Stan Fox, 9. Ron Shuman, 10. Greg Staab, 11. Danny McKnight, 12. Sleepy Tripp, 13. Clark Templeman, 14. Pancho Carter, 15. Mike Ryan, 16. Roy Cook Jr., 17. Chris Cumberworth, 18. Dana Carter (#27), 19. Dave Gable, 20. Larry Pestorich. NT

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: March 21, 1976 – Madera Speedway – Madera, California

QUALIFYING: 1. Hank Butcher, 4, DuPont-15.111; 2. Roy Cook Jr., 80x, Wright-15.171; 3. Sleepy Tripp, 1, Tripp-15.199; 4. Chuck Gurney, 80, Huckle-15.234; 5. Burt Foland, 11, Miller-15.241; 6. Tom Enea, 20, Marin-15.288; 7. Larry Patton, 35, Noutary-15.294; 8. Pancho Carter, 5, Caruthers-15.308; 9. Danny McKnight, 26, Miller-15.327; 10. Johnny W. Anderson, 3, Gonsel-15.351; 11. Bobby Olivero, 78, Caruthers-15.397; 12. Mike Schiesel, 45, English-15.432; 13. Gary Bettenhausen, 27, Lynch-15.444; 14. Lowell Voss, 50, Irwin-15.459; 15. Jeff Heywood, 95, Heywood-15.494; 16. Ken Molica, 18, Molica-15.502; 17. Danny O'Neill, 2, Bussell-15.548; 18. Chunky Koster, 97, Koster-15.582; 19. Butch Haisman, 47, Haisman-15.663; 20. Tommy Astone, 17, Shanoian-15.676; 21. Chris Cumberworth, 41, Cumberworth-15.728; 22. Mike Ryan, 52, Valencia-15.798; 23. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-15.851; 24. Billy Vukovich, 93, Linne-15.864; 25. Harry Stryker Jr., 5x, Stryker-15.882; 26. Billy Rogers, 8, Rogers-15.891; 27. Ron Hulse, 65, Baker-15.927; 28. Mike Smith, 10x, Smith-16.045; 29. Ron Butler, 62, Butler-16.078; 30. Larry Pestorich, 47x, Shanoian-16.080; 31. Louie Shefchik, 99, Shefchik-16.127; 32. Ray Stringer, 63, Stringer-16.215; 33. Danny Drake, 60, Schweitzer-16.278; 34. Ed Losinski, 69, Losinski-16.309; 35. Dave Gable, 10, Polak-16.315; 36. Arlen Stebbins, 72, Alexander-16.342; 37. Dave Ellis, 43, Ellis-16.354; 38. Butch Kelly, 31x, Kelly-16.455; 39. Brian Yates, 20NZ, Yates-16.716; 40. Mike Botelho, 66, Miller-NT.

TROPHY DASH: (4 laps) 1. Chuck Gurney, 2. Sleepy Tripp, 3. Roy Cook Jr., 4. Hank Butcher. 1:01.20

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Danny McKnight, 2. Hank Butcher, 3. Burt Foland, 4. Danny O'Neill, 5. Chris Cumberworth, 6. Harry Stryker Jr., 7. Ron Butler, 8. Gary Bettenhausen. 2:35.03

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Roy Cook Jr., 2. Johnny W. Anderson, 3. Lowell Voss, 4. Mike Ryan, 5. Chunky Koster, 6. Larry Pestorich, 7. Tom Enea, 8. Billy Rogers. 2:37.66

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Larry Patton, 2. Sleepy Tripp, 3. Bobby Olivero, 4. Jeff Heywood, 5. Ron Hulse, 6. Greg Staab, 7. Louie Shefchik, 8. Butch Haisman. 2:35.00

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Pancho Carter, 2. Chuck Gurney, 3. Billy Vukovich, 4. Tommy Astone, 5. Mike Schiesel, 6. Ken Molica, 7. Mike Smith, 8. Ray Stringer. NT

SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Tom Enea, 2. Ken Molica, 3. Chris Cumberworth, 4. Gary Bettenhausen, 5. Chunky Koster, 6. Harry Stryker Jr., 7. Mike Schiesel, 8. Ron Hulse, 9. Larry Pestorich, 10. Billy Rogers, 11. Louie Shefchik, 12. Greg Staab, 13. Ray Stringer, 14. Ron Butler, 15. Danny Drake, 16. Butch Haisman. NT

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Danny McKnight, 3. Bobby Olivero, 4. Hank Butcher, 5. Johnny W. Anderson, 6. Larry Patton, 7. Tommy Astone, 8. Chris Cumberworth, 9. Danny O'Neill, 10. Ken Molica, 11. Gary Bettenhausen, 12. Jeff Heywood, 13. Mike Ryan, 14. Billy Vukovich, 15. Lowell Voss, 16. Burt Foland, 17. Tom Enea, 18. Chuck Gurney, 19. Pancho Carter, 20. Roy Cook Jr. 26:42.80

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: March 27, 1976 – Ascot Park – Gardena, California

QUALIFYING: 1. Bobby Olivero, 78, Caruthers-21.763; 2. Tommy Astone, 17, Shanoian-21.878; 3. Larry Patton, 35, Noutary-22.002; 4. Lowell Voss, 50, Irwin-22.086; 5. Tom Enea, 20, Scettrini-22.223; 6. Mike Ryan, 52, Valencia-22.254; 7. Mike Schiesel, 45, English-22.258; 8. Stan Fox, 7x, Fox-22.271; 9. Rick Goudy, 66, Lee-22.425; 10. Chuck Gurney, 80, Hucke-22.451; 11. Johnny W. Anderson, 3, Gonsel-22.500; 12. Danny McKnight, 26, Miller-22.518; 13. Pancho Carter, 5, Caruthers-22.535; 14. Roy Cook Jr., 80x, Wright-22.543; 15. Gary Bettenhausen, 93, Linne-22.581; 16. Sleepy Tripp, 1, Tripp-22.640; 17. Chunky Koster, 97, Koster-22.656; 18. Burt Foland, 11, Miller-22.671; 19. Tony Simon, 36, Baiza-22.730; 20. Lee Leonard, 43x, Leonard-22.743; 21. Chris Cumberworth, 41, Cumberworth-22.781; 22. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-22.844; 23. Gary Kanawyer, 84, Kanawyer-22.847; 24. Bob Wente, 77, Olds-22.877; 25. Dave Gable, 10, Polak-22.905; 26. Ron Butler, 62, Butler-22.981; 27. Jeff Heywood, 95, Heywood-23.025; 28. Max Sweeney, 72, Alexander-23.079; 29. Hank Butcher, 4, DuPont-23.104; 30. Danny Drake, 60, Schweitzer-23.180; 31. Ken Molica, 18, Dyson-23.411; 32. Brian Yates, 20NZ, Yates-23.461; 33. Dave Ellis, 43, Ellis-23.516; 34. Mike Smith, 10x, Smith-23.809; 35. Clark Templeman, 77x, Smith-23.841; 36. Butch Kelly, 31x, Kelly-23.900; 37. Ray Stringer, 63, Stringer-NT; 38. Bud Whitfield, 6, Whitfield-NT; 39. Butch Haisman, 47, Haisman-NT; 40. Sam Titus, 79, Titus-NT; 41. Dennis Lodes, 27, Lynch-NT; 42. Ed Losinski, 69, Losinski-NT; 43. Ron Parker, 39, Parker-NT.

TROPHY DASH: (4 laps) 1. Larry Patton, 2. Bobby Olivero, 3. Tommy Astone, 4. Lowell Voss. 1:30.13

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Pancho Carter, 2. Bobby Olivero, 3. Rick Goudy, 4. Chris Cumberworth, 5. Tom Enea, 6. Dave Gable, 7. Chunky Koster, 8. Dave Ellis. NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Roy Cook Jr., 2. Tommy Astone, 3. Greg Staab, 4. Mike Ryan, 5. Burt Foland, 6. Ron Butler, 7. Danny Drake, 8. Chuck Gurney. NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Gary Bettenhausen, 2. Jeff Heywood, 3. Larry Patton, 4. Ken Molica, 5. Tony Simon, 6. Mike Schiesel, 7. Gary Kanawyer, 8. Johnny W. Anderson. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Danny McKnight, 2. Stan Fox, 3. Lee Leonard, 4. Sleepy Tripp, 5. Lowell Voss, 6. Bob Wente, 7. Max Sweeney, 8. Brian Yates. NT

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Chuck Gurney, 2. Lowell Voss, 3. Mike Schiesel, 4. Tom Enea, 5. Dave Gable, 6. Chris Cumberworth (#62), 7. Max Sweeney, 8. Burt Foland, 9. Clark Templeman, 10. Dave Ellis, 11. Danny Drake, 12. Brian Yates, 13. Bob Wente, 14. Gary Kanawyer, 15. Mike Smith, 16. Tony Simon, 17. Chunky Koster. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Bobby Olivero, 2. Gary Bettenhausen, 3. Sleepy Tripp, 4. Rick Goudy, 5. Pancho Carter, 6. Larry Patton, 7. Tommy Astone, 8. Chuck Gurney, 9. Mike Schiesel, 10. Roy Cook Jr., 11. Mike Ryan, 12. Stan Fox, 13. Tom Enea, 14. Greg Staab, 15. Lee Leonard, 16. Dave Gable, 17. Jeff Heywood, 18. Ken Molica, 19. Danny McKnight, 20. Lowell Voss. 15:31.20

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: April 11, 1976 – Indianapolis Raceway Park – Clermont, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Johnny Parsons, 69, Lockard-23.260; 2. Sleepy Tripp, 1, Tripp-23.677; 3. Lennie Boyd, 41, Boyd-23.771; 4. Bob Wente, 25, Wente-23.857; 5. Lee Kunzman, 93, Linne-23.999; 6. Richard Powell, 132, Holestine-24.019; 7. Bruce Robey, 64, Horton-24.055; 8. Billy Vukovich, 2, Shannon-24.083; 9. Doug Craig, 6, Craig-24.104; 10. Larry Patton, 5, Caruthers-24.236; 11. Gary Irvin, 46, Gamester-24.245; 12. Steve Lotshaw, 62, Lotshaw-24.263; 13. Mel Kenyon, 8, Cornell-24.415; 14. Jerry Nuckles, 57, Nuckles-24.603; 15. Jim McClean, 22, Braga-24.691; 16. Gary Byers, 75, Dailey-24.701; 17. Tom Brosius, 93x, Brosius-24.753; 18. Don Jones, 71, Jones-24.757; 19. Ken Schrader, 67, Green-24.805; 20. Roger Branson, 72, Branson-24.873; 21. Jim Hines, 70, Saunders-24.896; 22. Bud Frazier, 11, Jones-25.046; 23. Spike Gehlhausen, 19, Gehlhausen-25.078; 24. Dick Pole, 34, Cooper-25.380; 25. Larry Fritz, 94, Miller-25.392; 26. Billy Humphreys, 73, Humphreys-25.531; 27. Leigh Earnshaw Jr., 76EC, Haller-25.578; 28. Dave Gable, 10, Polak-25.664; 29. Bobby Wente, 24, Wente-25.842; 30. Ken Weiland, 84, Weiland-26.491; 31. Alan Brown, 53, Brown-26.524; 32. Tommy Ford, 37, Ford-26.620; 33. Mike Stroud, 21, Stroud-28.145; 34. Rex Waltenburg, 49, Ammerman-28.630; 35. Robin Miller, 40, Miller-29.566; 36. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-31.176; 37. Bill Edwards, 42, Edwards-NT; 38. Carl Johnson, 32, Eschen-NT; 39. Ron McFaddin, 30, McFaddin-NT; 40. Jim Beckley, 9, Pool-NT; 41. Bruce Field, 7, Field-NT; 42. Duke DeRosa, 31, Kunz-NT; 43. Bob Lithgow, 28, Lithgow-NT; 44. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 16, Bettenhausen-NT; 45. Mel Kenyon, 59, Riggs-NT.

TROPHY DASH: (4 laps) 1. Johnny Parsons, 2. Bob Wente, 3. Sleepy Tripp, 4. Lennie Boyd. 1:36.564

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Lee Kunzman, 2. Doug Craig, 3. Jim Hines, 4. Ken Schrader, 5. Billy Humphreys, 6. Spike Gehlhausen, 7. Tom Brosius, 8. Bruce Robey, 9. Larry Fritz, 10. Gary Irvin, 11. Johnny Parsons, 12. Mel Kenyon. NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Billy Vukovich, 2. Sleepy Tripp, 3. Bob Wente, 4. Don Jones, 5. Dick Pole, 6. Richard Powell, 7. Jerry Nuckles, 8. Roger Branson, 9. Gary Byers, 10. Steve Lotshaw, 11. Bud Frazier, 12. Larry Patton. 4:04.112

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Steve Lotshaw, 3. Bob Wente, 4. Mel Kenyon, 5. Tom Brosius, 6. Bruce Robey, 7. Ken Schrader, 8. Don Jones, 9. Dick Pole, 10. Richard Powell, 11. Roger Branson, 12. Doug Craig, 13. Gary Byers, 14. Spike Gehlhausen, 15. Billy Humphreys, 16. Dave Gable, 17. Leigh Earnshaw Jr., 18. Bobby Wente, 19. Larry Fritz, 20. Jerry Nuckles, 21. Billy Vukovich, 22. Lee Kunzman, 23. Larry Patton, 24. Jim Hines. NT

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: May 19, 1976 – Indianapolis Speedrome – Indianapolis, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Bruce Robey, 64, Horton-13.012; 2. Rich Vogler, 48, Heerboth-13.175; 3. Sleepy Tripp, 1, Tripp 13.266; 4. Gene Gennetten, 33, Gennetten-13.313; 5. Bobby Wente, 24, Wente-13.373; 6. Mike Schiesel, 45, English-13.399; 7. Tommy Astone, 5, Caruthers-13.413; 8. Gary Irvin, 46, Gamester-13.436; 9. Mike Stroud, 21, Stroud-13.528; 10. Ron Eden, 49, Ammerman-13.529; 11. Steve Lotshaw, 62, Lotshaw-13.587; 12. Jim Hines, 70, Saunders-13.615; 13. Robin Miller, 40, Miller-13.646; 14. Dana Carter, 2, Shannon-13.661; 15. Jim Hettinger, 27, Hettinger-13.720; 16. Tommy Ford, 37, Ford-13.740; 17. Ken Weiland, 84, Weiland-13.808; 18. Alan Brown, 53, Brown-13.875; 19. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-13.903; 20. Sam Isenhower, 16, Sandy-13.913; 21. Gary Byers, 75, Dailey-13.951; 22. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 16, Bettenhausen-14.011; 23. Tom Brosius, 93, Brosius-14.102; 24. Bobby Jones, 74, Andrew-14.484; 25. Curt Dinsmoor, 10, Dinsmoor-14.670; 26. Chuck Gurney, 9, Pool-NT; 27. Ron McFaddin, 30, McFaddin-NT.

TROPHY DASH: (4 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Gene Gennetten, 3. Rich Vogler, 4. Bruce Robey. 52.22

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Bruce Robey, 2. Gary Byers, 3. Ken Weiland, 4. Mike Stroud, 5. Bobby Wente, 6. Robin Miller. NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Rich Vogler, 2. Dana Carter, 3. Alan Brown, 4. Mike Schiesel, 5. Ron Eden, 6. Tony Bettenhausen Jr. NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Tom Brosius, 3. Steve Lotshaw, 4. Tommy Astone, 5. Jim Hettinger, 6. Greg Staab. 1:46.00

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Gene Gennetten, 2. Sam Isenhower, 3. Jim Hines, 4. Gary Irvin, 5. Chuck Gurney, 6. Tommy Ford, 7. Bobby Jones. 1:49.52

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Ron Eden, 2. Bobby Wente, 3. Jim Hettinger, 4. Greg Staab, 5. Mike Schiesel, 6. Chuck Gurney, 7. Sam Isenhower, 8. Bobby Jones, 9. Tommy Ford, 10. Robin Miller. 2:16.40

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Bruce Robey, 2. Rich Vogler, 3. Gary Irvin, 4. Dana Carter, 5. Tom Brosius, 6. Ron Eden, 7. Tommy Astone, 8. Alan Brown, 9. Sam Isenhower, 10. Jim Hines, 11. Greg Staab, 12. Mike Stroud, 13. Bobby Wente, 14. Jim Hettinger, 15. Gary Byers, 16. Steve Lotshaw, 17. Sleepy Tripp, 18. Mike Schiesel, 19. Gene Gennetten, 20. Ken Weiland. NT

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Wente's VW Wins Night Before the 500 Thriller

Bob Wente scored his 70th career USAC National Midget race victory on May 29 in the Night Before the 500 event at Indianapolis Raceway Park in Clermont, Indiana.

The victory was achieved after Tommy Astone and Sleepy Tripp tangled in the first turn after taking the white flag and both cars crashed into the outside wall. Neither driver was injured and Wente took over the lead and held it to the finish.

Tripp retained the midget division point lead as Wente closed to within two of second place Astone going into the June 6 race in Columbus, Ohio.

Steve Cannon finished second behind Wente with Steve Lotshaw taking third in the 30-lapper.

The night's racing was filled with excitement as Bruce Field rolled over the fourth turn wall in the Field SESCO during the first heat. He was uninjured as was Rich Vogler who hit the third turn wall hard after riding up over one of Sleepy Tripp's rear wheels during the feature while running third.

The victory was Wente's second in the Night Before the 500 series, having won one of two features on the 1969 IRP program.

The crowd for the race was excellent, contributing to a purse of \$9,500, almost double the guarantee.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: May 29, 1976 – Indianapolis Raceway Park – Clermont, Indiana – Night Before the 500

QUALIFYING: 1. Rich Vogler, 48, Heerboth-23.483; 2. Tommy Astone, 5, Caruthers-23.500; 3. Jim Hines, 70, Saunders-23.630; 4. Dana Carter, 2, Shannon-23.688; 5. Steve Lotshaw, 62, Lotshaw-23.700; 6. Bob Wente, 25, Wente-23.715; 7. Bruce Robey, 64, Horton-23.826; 8. Steve Cannon, 67, Schneider-23.829; 9. Jeff Heywood, 95, Heywood-23.893; 10. Ken Schrader, 67x, Green-23.918; 11. Chuck Gurney, 9, Pool-23.927; 12. Sleepy Tripp, 1, Tripp-23.942; 13. Bruce Field, 7, Field-23.976; 14. Larry Rice, 11, Jones-24.005; 15. Gary Byers, 75, Dailey-24.163; 16. Chris Cumberworth, 3wc, Lynch-24.215; 17. Mike Schiesel, 45, English-24.291; 18. Richard Powell, 132, Holistine-24.341; 19. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 16, Bettenhausen-24.352; 20. Tom Brosius, 93wc, Brosius-24.455; 21. Leigh Earnshaw Jr., 76EC, Haller-24.579; 22. Gary Irvin, 46, Gamester-24.606; 23. Jim Hettinger, 27, Hettinger-24.633; 24. Scott Dennison, 59, Riggs-24.723; 25. Tom Steiner, 93, Linne-24.733; 26. Jim Beckley, 17, Haller-24.921; 27. Robin Miller, 40, Miller-24.965; 28. Alan Brown, 53EC, Brown-25.025; 29. Danny Frye Jr., 89, Soubirou-25.035; 30. Tommy Ford, 27, Ford-25.089; 31. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-25.146; 32. Jerry Weeks, 88, Hampson-25.185; 33. Roger Branson, 72, Branson-25.205; 34. Ken Nichols, 8, Cornell-25.402; 35. Bobby Wente, 24, Wente-25.459; 36. Paul Clark, 91, Clark-25.481; 37. Tom Mislich, 36, Mislich-25.499; 38. Benny Rapp, 14, Rapp-25.698; 39. Wayne Rutherford, 94, Miller-25.871; 40. Ron McFaddin, 30, McFaddin-26.018; 41. Bob Dempsey, 19, Arkow-26.187; 42. Doug Craig, 6EC, Craig-29.057; 43. Bob Lithgow, 28, Lithgow-NT; 44. Dave Gable, 10, Polak-NT; 45. Lee Kunzman, 55, Hamilton-NT; 46. Jackie Howerton, 22, Braga-NT; 47. Don Jones, 71, Jones-NT; 48. Warren Mockler, 47, Mockler-NT.

TROPHY DASH: (4 laps) 1. Rich Vogler, 2. Dana Carter, 3. Tommy Astone, 4. Jim Hines. 1:34.92

FIRST HEAT: (6 laps) 1. Jeff Heywood, 2. Rich Vogler, 3. Steve Lotshaw, 4. Mike Schiesel, 5. Leigh Earnshaw Jr., 6. Danny Frye Jr., 7. Bruce Field, 8. Tom Steiner. NT

SECOND HEAT: (6 laps) 1. Tommy Astone, 2. Gary Irvin, 3. Richard Powell, 4. Larry Rice, 5. Bob Wente, 6. Ken Schrader, 7. Tommy Ford, 8. Jim Beckley. NT

THIRD HEAT: (6 laps) 1. Chuck Gurney, 2. Gary Byers, 3. Bruce Robey, 4. Jim Hettinger, 5. Jim Hines, 6. Robin Miller, 7. Greg Staab, 8. Tony Bettenhausen Jr. 2:26.69

FOURTH HEAT: (6 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Dana Carter, 3. Tom Brosius, 4. Steve Cannon, 5. Chris Cumberworth, 6. Scott Dennison, 7. Alan Brown, 8. Jerry Weeks. NT

SEMI: (8 laps) 1. Bob Wente, 2. Ken Schrader, 3. Chris Cumberworth, 4. Jim Beckley, 5. Leigh Earnshaw Jr., 6. Alan Brown, 7. Scott Dennison, 8. Paul Clark, 9. Danny Frye Jr., 10. Robin Miller, 11. Tommy Ford, 12. Tom Mislich, 13. Benny Rapp, 14. Bobby Wente, 15. Jim Hines. 3:15.46

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Bob Wente, 2. Steve Cannon, 3. Steve Lotshaw, 4. Ken Schrader, 5. Tom Brosius, 6. Chuck Gurney, 7. Larry Rice, 8. Richard Powell, 9. Dana Carter, 10. Mike Schiesel, 11. Jeff Heywood, 12. Gary Byers, 13. Tommy Astone, 14. Sleepy Tripp, 15. Leigh Earnshaw Jr., 16. Gary Irvin, 17. Chris Cumberworth, 18. Rich Vogler, 19. Bruce Robey, 20. Jim Hettinger. NT

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 6, 1976 – Columbus Motor Speedway – Columbus, Ohio

QUALIFYING: 1. Tommy Astone, 5, Caruthers-14.812; 2. Jeff Heywood, 95, Heywood-14.894; 3. Bob Wente, 25, Wente-14.918; 4. Gary Irvin, 46, Gamester-15.015; 5. Bruce Robey, 64, Horton-15.032; 6. Sleepy Tripp, 1, Tripp-15.111; 7. Jerry Nuckles, 57, Nuckles-15.133; 8. Steve Lotshaw, 62, Lotshaw-15.126; 9. Chris Cumberworth, 3EC, Lynch-15.164, 10. Ken Nichols, 2, Shannon-15.249; 11. Tom Brosius, 93, Brosius-15.338; 12. Mel Kenyon, 11, Jones-15.374; 13. Johnny Parsons, 69, Lockard-15.405; 14. Jim Hettinger, 27, Hettinger-15.475; 15. Warren Mockler, 47, Mockler-15.529; 16. Jim Hines, 9, Pool-15.648; 17. Bobby Wente, 24, Wente-15.664; 18. Dave Gable, 10, Polak-15.683; 19. Ron Eden, 49, Ammerman-15.728; 20. Don Jones, 71, Potter-15.866; 21. Alan Brown, 53, Brown-15.921; 22. Gary Byers, 75, Dailey-15.923; 23. Bill Edwards, 42, Edwards-16.116; 24. Benny Rapp, 14, Rapp-16.257; 25. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-16.304; 26. Chris Buttler, 77, Scholz-16.564; 27. John Nuckles, 59x, Nuckles-NT.

TROPHY DASH: (4 laps) 1. Bob Wente, 2. Tommy Astone, 3. Jeff Heywood, 4. Gary Irvin. 59.82

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Bob Wente, 2. Bruce Robey, 3. Johnny Parsons, 4. Tommy Astone, 5. Jerry Nuckles, 6. Warren Mockler, 7. Alan Brown, 8. Ron Eden, 9. Bobby Wente, 10. Chris Cumberworth, 11. Tom Brosius, 12. Bill Edwards. NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Ken Nichols, 3. Jim Hettinger, 4. Jeff Heywood, 5. Steve Lotshaw, 6. Dave Gable, 7. Gary Byers, 8. Mel Kenyon, 9. Don Jones, 10. Benny Rapp, 11. Gary Irvin, 12. Jim Hines. NT

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Bob Wente, 2. Johnny Parsons, 3. Steve Lotshaw, 4. Tommy Astone, 5. Jim Hettinger, 6. Mel Kenyon, 7. Jeff Heywood, 8. Greg Staab, 9. Jerry Nuckles, 10. Warren Mockler, 11. Don Jones, 12. Gary Irvin, 13. Ken Nichols, 14. Dave Gable, 15. Ron Eden, 16. Chris Buttler, 17. Sleepy Tripp, 18. Bruce Robey, 19. Benny Rapp, 20. Gary Byers, 21. Alan Brown. NT

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 11, 1976 – Hales Corners Speedway – Hales Corners, Wisconsin

QUALIFYING: 1. Bubby Jones, 9, Pool-18.207; 2. Mike Schiesel, 45, English-18.253; 3. Mel Kenyon, 11, Jones-18.309; 4. Sleepy Tripp, 1, Tripp-18.319; 5. Johnny Parsons, 2, Shannon-18.337; 6. Tommy Astone, 5, Caruthers-18.373; 7. Jeff Heywood, 95, Heywood-18.510; 8. Steve Cannon, 67, Schneider-18.698; 9. Steve Lotshaw, 62, Lotshaw-18.715; 10. Stan Fox, 7, Fox-18.766; 11. Tom Brosius, 93, Brosius-18.788; 12. Jim Hettinger, 27, Hettinger-18.798; 13. Jerry Nuckles, 57, Nuckles-18.810; 14. Kevin Olson, 51, Olson-18.826; 15. Don Jones, 71, Jones-18.881; 16. Rich Vogler, 48, Heerboth-18.892; 17. Dave Gable, 10, Polak-18.949; 18. Gary Lynch, 54, Lynch-18.960; 19. Bob Lithgow, 28, Lithgow-19.011; 20. Jackie Howerton, 22, Braga-19.016; 21. Paul Clark, 91, Clark-19.163; 22. Scott Moore, 21, Moore-19.165; 23. Eddie Loomis, 35, Loomis-19.211; 24. Billy Humphreys, 73, Humphreys-19.215; 25. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-19.235; 26. Tom Mislich, 36, Mislich-19.253; 27. Gary Byers, 75, Dailey-19.306; 28. Alan Brown, 53, Brown-19.415; 29. Dave Wunrow, 43, Wunrow-19.500; 30. Tim Pangborn, 4, Pangborn-19.643; 31. Barry Handlin, 44x, Handlin-20.000; 32. Scott Dennison, 56, Dennison-NT; 33. Warren Mockler, 47, Mockler-NT; 34. Gary Irvin, 46, Gamester-NT; 35. Tom Steiner, 84, Weiland-NT.

TROPHY DASH: (4 laps) 1. Mike Schiesel, 2. Sleepy Tripp, 3. Mel Kenyon, 4. Bubby Jones. NT

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Johnny Parsons, 2. Dave Wunrow, 3. Paul Clark, 4. Dave Gable, 5. Greg Staab, 6. Steve Lotshaw, 7. Jerry Nuckles, 8. Bubby Jones. NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Tommy Astone, 2. Kevin Olson, 3. Mike Schiesel, 4. Stan Fox, 5. Scott Moore, 6. Gary Lynch, 7. Tom Mislich, 8. Tim Pangborn. NT

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Gary Byers, 2. Tom Brosius, 3. Mel Kenyon, 4. Jeff Heywood, 5. Don Jones, 6. Barry Handlin, 7. Bob Lithgow, 8. Eddie Loomis. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Billy Humphreys, 2. Rich Vogler, 3. Steve Cannon, 4. Jackie Howerton, 5. Sleepy Tripp, 6. Jim Hettinger, 7. Alan Brown, 8. Scott Dennison. NT

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Steve Lotshaw, 3. Scott Moore, 4. Jerry Nuckles, 5. Eddie Loomis, 6. Tim Pangborn, 7. Greg Staab, 8. Scott Dennison, 9. Barry Handlin, 10. Alan Brown, 11. Don Jones, 12. Gary Lynch, 13. Jim Hettinger, 14. Tom Mislich, 15. Bob Lithgow, 16. Bubby Jones. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Steve Cannon, 2. Tommy Astone, 3. Jeff Heywood, 4. Tom Brosius, 5. Mel Kenyon, 6. Kevin Olson, 7. Stan Fox, 8. Billy Humphreys, 9. Jackie Howerton, 10. Paul Clark, 11. Dave Gable, 12. Steve Lotshaw, 13. Jerry Nuckles, 14. Mike Schiesel, 15. Rich Vogler, 16. Dave Wunrow, 17. Scott Moore, 18. Johnny Parsons, 19. Sleepy Tripp, 20. Gary Byers. NT

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 12, 1976 – Springfield Speedway – Springfield, Illinois

QUALIFYING: 1. Tommy Astone, 5, Caruthers-12.991; 2. Richard Powell, 43, Powell-13.037; 3. Rich Vogler, 48, Heerboth-13.152; 4. Mel Kenyon, 11, Jones 13.154; 5. Bubby Jones, 2, Shannon-13.216; 6. Bob Wente, 25, Wente-13.222; 7. Steve Cannon, 67, Schneider-13.350; 8. Jeff Heywood, 95, Heywood-13.358; 9. Steve Lotshaw, 62, Lotshaw-13.420; 10. Duke DeRosa, 31, Kunz-13.456; 11. Sleepy Tripp, 1, Tripp-13.481; 12. Jerry Nuckles, 57, Nuckles-13.555; 13. Ken Schrader, 39, Fortune-13.611; 14. Tommy Ford, 37, Ford-13.618; 15. Ken Weiland, 84, Weiland-13.631; 16. Bobby Wente, 24, Wente-13.640; 17. Dave Gable, 10, Polak-13.658; 18. Mike Stroud, 21, Stroud-13.682; 19. Bob Lithgow, 28, Lithgow-13.696; 20. Jim Hettinger, 27, Hettinger-13.795; 21. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-14.239; 22. Tom Mislich, 49, Ammerman-14.389; 23. Barry Handlin, 44x, Handlin-14.398; 24. Gary Byers, 75, Dailey-14.504; 25. Ron McFaddin, 30, McFaddin-14.834.

TROPHY DASH: (4 laps) 1. Mel Kenyon, 2. Tommy Astone, 3. Rich Vogler, 4. Richard Powell. 53.547

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Bubby Jones, 2. Tommy Astone, 3. Steve Lotshaw, 4. Dave Gable, 5. Greg Staab, 6. Ken Schrader, 7. Ron McFaddin. 2:18.14

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Bob Wente, 2. Richard Powell, 3. Duke DeRosa, 4. Mike Stroud, 5. Tommy Ford, 6. Tom Mislich. 2:16.70

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Steve Cannon, 3. Rich Vogler, 4. Bob Lithgow, 5. Barry Handlin, 6. Ken Weiland. 2:12.21

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jim Hettinger, 2. Jeff Heywood, 3. Mel Kenyon, 4. Gary Byers, 5. Bobby Wente, 6. Jerry Nuckles. NT

SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Jerry Nuckles, 2. Ken Weiland, 3. Ken Schrader, 4. Greg Staab, 5. Tommy Ford, 6. Bobby Wente, 7. Tom Mislich, 8. Ron McFaddin, 9. Barry Handlin. 2:42.21

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Bob Wente, 2. Bubby Jones, 3. Mel Kenyon, 4. Steve Cannon, 5. Jeff Heywood, 6. Sleepy Tripp, 7. Tommy Astone, 8. Rich Vogler, 9. Dave Gable, 10. Steve Lotshaw, 11. Duke DeRosa, 12. Greg Staab, 13. Mike Stroud, 14.

Gary Byers, 15. Ken Weiland, 16. Jerry Nuckles, 17. Jim Hettinger, 18. Ken Schrader, 19. Bob Lithgow, 20. Richard Powell.
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Dana Takes Eldora, McElreath Second

Dana Carter led all 40 laps on June 20 to win the USAC National Midget race at Eldora Speedway in Rossburg, Ohio.

The race was part of a doubleheader program with the USAC National Sprint Cars, a 40-lapper won by Clark Templeman.

Carter drove the Shannon Buick Vega to victory over James McElreath, Steve Cannon, and Sleepy Tripp. The race was the first in a midget for the young McElreath, who posted the second fastest qualifying time.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 20, 1976 – Eldora Speedway – Rossburg, Ohio

QUALIFYING: 1. Tommy Astone, 5, Caruthers-19.212; 2. James McElreath, 55, Hamilton-19.376; 3. Sleepy Tripp, 1, Tripp-19.438; 4. Bob Wente, 25, Wente-19.539; 5. Bruce Robey, 64, Horton-19.547; 6. Rich Vogler, 48, Heerboth-19.629; 7. Leigh Earnshaw Jr., 17, Haller-19.657; 8. Dana Carter, 2, Shannon-19.697; 9. Steve Lotshaw, 62, Lotshaw-19.754; 10. John Lucas, 49, Ammerman-19.758; 11. Chuck Gurney, 9, Pool-19.773; 12. Steve Cannon, 67, Schneider-19.785; 13. Gary Byers, 75, Dailey-19.795; 14. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-19.894; 15. Jeff Heywood, 95, Heywood-19.894; 16. Tom Mislich, 36, Mislich-19.913; 17. Bruce Field, 7, Field-19.932; 18. Jackie Howerton, 22, Braga-19.945; 19. Mike Schiesel, 45, English-19.970; 20. Bob Dempsey, 19, Arkow-20.167; 21. Jim Hettinger, 27, Hettinger-20.256; 22. Mel Kenyon, 11, Jones-20.285; 23. Billy Humphreys, 73, Humphreys-20.322; 24. Jerry Weeks, 88, Hampson-20.326; 25. Bob Lithgow, 28, Lithgow-20.424; 26. Dave Gable, 10, Polak-20.525; 27. Tom Brosius, 93wc, Brosius-20.547; 28. Gary Irvin, 46, Gamester-20.584; 29. Robin Miller, 40, Miller-20.602; 30. Chuck Wilson, 11EC, Wilson-20.641; 31. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 16, Bettenhausen-21.700; 32. Alan Brown, 53, Brown-22.652.

TROPHY DASH: (4 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Tommy Astone, 3. James McElreath, 4. Bob Wente. 1:19.58

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Chuck Gurney, 2. Mike Schiesel, 3. Jeff Heywood, 4. Tommy Astone, 5. Bruce Field, 6. Billy Humphreys, 7. Sleepy Tripp, 8. Bruce Robey, 9. Jim Hettinger, 10. Steve Lotshaw, 11. Gary Byers, 12. Leigh Earnshaw Jr. 3:25.82

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Dana Carter, 2. Rich Vogler, 3. Mel Kenyon, 4. Bob Dempsey, 5. James McElreath, 6. Steve Cannon, 7. Greg Staab, 8. Jackie Howerton, 9. Bob Wente, 10. Bob Lithgow, 11. Tom Mislich, 12. John Lucas. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Dana Carter, 2. James McElreath, 3. Steve Cannon, 4. Sleepy Tripp, 5. Rich Vogler, 6. Greg Staab, 7. Jeff Heywood, 8. Jim Hettinger, 9. Bruce Field, 10. Dave Gable, 11. Chuck Gurney, 12. Bob Lithgow, 13. Billy Humphreys, 14. Tommy Astone, 15. Bruce Robey, 16. Leigh Earnshaw Jr., 17. Mike Schiesel, 18. Gary Byers, 19. Tom Mislich, 20. Bob Wente, 21. Mel Kenyon, 22. Bob Dempsey, 23. Steve Lotshaw, 24. John Lucas. NT

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 30, 1976 – Indianapolis Raceway Park – Clermont, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Johnny Parsons, 69, Lockard-23.393; 2. Sleepy Tripp, 1, Tripp-23.525; 3. Gary Bettenhausen, 16, Bettenhausen-23.709; 4. Dana Carter, 2, Shannon-23.821; 5. Rich Vogler, 48, Heerboth-23.853; 6. Steve Cannon, 67, Schneider-23.866; 7. Tommy Astone, 5, Caruthers-23.884; 8. Gary Irvin, 46, Gamester-23.937; 9. Tom Steiner, 93, Linne-23.991; 10. Steve Lotshaw, 62, Lotshaw-24.058; 11. Bob Wente, 25, Wente-24.120; 12. Chuck Gurney, 9, Pool-24.126; 13. Jan Opperman, 28, Lithgow-24.155; 14. Mel Kenyon, 11, Jones-24.173; 15. Bruce Robey, 64, Horton-24.178; 16. Bruce Field, 7, Field-24.299; 17. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-24.537; 18. Jerry Weeks, 88, Hampson-24.587; 19. James McElreath, 55, Hamilton-24.648; 20. Dave Gable, 10, Polak-24.672; 21. Don Jones, 71, Potter-24.880; 22. Warren Mockler, 47, Mockler-24.896; 23. Tom Brosius, 93wc, Brosius-25.075; 24. Bob Dempsey, 19, Arkow-25.242; 25. Kevin Olson, 51, Olson-25.632; 26. Alan Brown, 53, Brown-25.758; 27. Rick Duman, 199, Duman-25.799; 28. Jigger Sirois, 50, Doty-27.067; 29. Ron McFaddin, 30, McFaddin-NT; 30. Mike Schiesel, 45, English-NT; 31. Jerry Nuckles, 57EC, Nuckles-NT; 32. Jeff Nuckles, 59EC, Nuckles-NT.

TROPHY DASH: (4 laps) 1. Johnny Parsons, 2. Dana Carter, 3. Sleepy Tripp, 4. Gary Bettenhausen. 1:35.872

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Bruce Robey, 2. Jan Opperman, 3. Gary Bettenhausen, 4. Johnny Parsons, 5. Tom Brosius, 6. Rich Vogler, 7. Tommy Astone, 8. James McElreath, 9. Bob Wente, 10. Tom Steiner, 11. Greg Staab, 12. Don Jones. 4:01.444

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Dana Carter, 2. Steve Lotshaw, 3. Chuck Gurney, 4. Sleepy Tripp, 5. Steve Cannon, 6. Bruce Field, 7. Gary Irvin, 8. Jerry Weeks, 9. Bob Dempsey, 10. Dave Gable, 11. Warren Mockler, 12. Mel Kenyon. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Johnny Parsons, 2. Rich Vogler, 3. Gary Bettenhausen, 4. Jan Opperman, 5. Sleepy Tripp, 6. Dana Carter, 7. Tom Brosius, 8. Chuck Gurney, 9. Gary Irvin, 10. Jerry Weeks, 11. Bob Dempsey, 12. Greg Staab, 13. Bruce Field, 14. Dave Gable, 15. Rick Duman, 16. Bruce Robey, 17. Steve Cannon, 18. Tom Steiner, 19. James McElreath, 20. Bob Wente, 21. Steve Lotshaw, 22. Don Jones, 23. Alan Brown, 24. Kevin Olson. NT

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 7, 1976 – Kokomo Speedway – Kokomo, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Chuck Gurney, 9, Pool-17.870; 2. Steve Lotshaw, 62, Lotshaw-17.872; 3. Rich Vogler, 48, Heerboth-17.925; 4. Tommy Astone, 5, Caruthers-17.940; 5. Gary Irvin, 46, Gamester-17.956; 6. Jeff Heywood, 95, Heywood-17.968; 7. Dave Gable, 10, Polak-18.002; 8. Sleepy Tripp, 1, Tripp-18.047; 9. Mike Schiesel, 45, English-18.086; 10. Mel Kenyon, 11, Jones-18.090; 11. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-18.123; 12. Dana Carter, 2, Shannon-18.135; 13. Kevin Olson, 51, Corrigan-18.150; 14. Jan Opperman, 27, Hettinger-18.258; 15. Stan Fox, 7, Fox-18.425; 16. Tom Mislich, 36, Mislich-18.471; 17. Wayne Woodward, 48x, Hill-18.500; 18. Gary Byers, 75, Dailey-18.511; 19. Mark Alderson, 33, Alderson-18.527; 20. Alan Brown, 53, Brown-18.761; 21. Jim Dinsmoor, 76, Jacobs-18.781; 22. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 16, Bettenhausen-18.806; 23. Don Jones, 71, Jones-18.815; 24. Ed Jeffrey, 51x, Jeffrey-18.836; 25. Robin Miller, 40, Miller-18.942; 26. Ron Eden, 49, Ammerman-19.027; 27. Tom Brosius, 93wc, Brosius-19.034; 28. Sam Isenhower, 16x, Sandy-19.211; 29. Barry Handlin, 44x, Handlin-19.520; 30. Ken Weiland, 84, Weiland-NT.

TROPHY DASH: (4 laps) 1. Tommy Astone, 2. Steve Lotshaw, 3. Gary Irvin, 4. Chuck Gurney. NT

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Kevin Olson, 2. Mike Schiesel, 3. Gary Irvin, 4. Robin Miller, 5. Barry Handlin, 6. Jim Dinsmoor, 7. Wayne Woodward, 8. Chuck Gurney. 3:05.78

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Mel Kenyon, 2. Jan Opperman, 3. Steve Lotshaw, 4. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 5. Ron Eden, 6. Jeff Heywood. NT

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Tom Brosius, 2. Rich Vogler, 3. Mark Alderson, 4. Stan Fox, 5. Dave Gable, 6. Greg Staab, 7. Don Jones. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Tommy Astone, 2. Sleepy Tripp, 3. Dana Carter, 4. Kevin Olson, 5. Tom Mislich, 6. Sam Isenhower, 7. Alan Brown, 8. Ken Weiland. NT

SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Chuck Gurney, 2. Jeff Heywood, 3. Wayne Woodward, 4. Greg Staab, 5. Ron Eden, 6. Tom Mislich, 7. Jim Dinsmoor, 8. Barry Handlin, 9. Don Jones, 10. Alan Brown, 11. Sam Isenhower, 12. Dave Gable, 13. Ken Weiland. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Tommy Astone, 2. Dana Carter, 3. Sleepy Tripp, 4. Chuck Gurney, 5. Jan Opperman, 6. Kevin Olson, 7. Mike Schiesel, 8. Steve Lotshaw, 9. Robin Miller, 10. Ed Jeffrey, 11. Tom Brosius, 12. Mel Kenyon, 13. Jeff Heywood, 14. Greg Staab, 15. Gary Irvin, 16. Rich Vogler, 17. Stan Fox, 18. Wayne Woodward, 19. Mark Alderson, 20. Tony Bettenhausen Jr. NT

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 10, 1976 – Springfield Speedway – Springfield, Illinois

QUALIFYING: 1. Rich Vogler, 48, Heerboth-12.738; 2. Bob Wente, 25, Wente-12.880; 3. Ken Weiland, 84, Weiland-12.950; 4. Tommy Astone, 5, Caruthers-12.967; 5. Mel Kenyon, 11, Jones-13.033; 6. Duke DeRosa, 31, Kunz-13.118; 7. Johnny Parsons, 2, Shannon-13.130; 8. Richard Powell, 43, Powell-13.134; 9. Sleepy Tripp, 1, Tripp-13.136; 10. Bobby Wente, 24, Wente-13.143; 11. Bob Lithgow, 28, Lithgow-13.150; 12. Steve Cannon, 67, Schneider-13.181; 13. Roger Branson, 72, Branson-13.214; 14. Steve Lotshaw, 9, Pool-13.242; 15. Jeff Heywood, 95, Heywood-13.304; 16. Larry Patton, 28wc, Welch-13.353; 17. Ken Nichols, 46, Gamester-13.357; 18. Ken Schrader, 39, Fortune-13.420; 19. Kevin Olson, 51, Corrigan-13.450; 20. Tommy Ford, 37, Ford-13.478; 21. Paul Clark, 91, Clark-13.507; 22. Mike Stroud, 21, Stroud-13.525; 23. Tom Brosius, 93wc, Brosius-13.556; 24. Larry McCoy, 50, Doty-13.556; 25. Stan Fox, 7, Fox-13.605; 26. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-13.738; 27. Tom Mislich, 36, Mislich-13.760; 28. Tim Pangborn, 4, Pangborn-13.777; 29. Robin Miller, 40, Miller-13.810; 30. Dave Gable, 10, Polak-13.835; 31. Barry Handlin, 44x, Handlin-13.839; 32. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 16, Bettenhausen-13.942; 33. Don Jones, 71, Jones-14.040; 34. Ron Eden, 49, Ammerman-14.782.

TROPHY DASH: (4 laps) 1. Tommy Astone, 2. Bob Wente, 3. Rich Vogler, 4. Ken Weiland. NT

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Rich Vogler, 2. Sleepy Tripp, 3. Paul Clark, 4. Mel Kenyon, 5. Stan Fox, 6. Ken Nichols, 7. Roger Branson, 8. Robin Miller. NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Bob Wente, 2. Greg Staab, 3. Steve Lotshaw, 4. Mike Stroud, 5. Bobby Wente, 6. Dave Gable, 7. Ken Schrader, 8. Duke DeRosa. NT

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Johnny Parsons, 2. Tom Mislich, 3. Tom Brosius, 4. Bob Lithgow, 5. Jeff Heywood, 6. Barry Handlin, 7. Kevin Olson, 8. Ken Weiland. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Tommy Astone, 2. Larry Patton, 3. Tim Pangborn, 4. Steve Cannon, 5. Richard Powell, 6. Tommy Ford, 7. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 8. Larry McCoy. 2:10.65

SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Stan Fox, 2. Ken Nichols, 3. Roger Branson, 4. Kevin Olson, 5. Dave Gable, 6. Richard Powell, 7. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 8. Tommy Ford, 9. Barry Handlin, 10. Bobby Wente, 11. Ken Schrader, 12. Ken Weiland, 13. Jeff Heywood, 14. Duke DeRosa, 15. Robin Miller, 16. Larry McCoy. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Steve Cannon, 2. Tommy Astone, 3. Bob Wente, 4. Sleepy Tripp, 5. Mel Kenyon, 6. Rich Vogler, 7. Bob Lithgow, 8. Paul Clark, 9. Kevin Olson, 10. Stan Fox, 11. Tim Pangborn, 12. Steve Lotshaw, 13. Roger Branson, 14. Tom Brosius, 15. Ken Nichols, 16. Greg Staab, 17. Johnny Parsons, 18. Larry Patton, 19. Mike Stroud, 20. Tom Mislich. NT

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 11, 1976 - Illiana Motor Speedway – Schererville, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Johnny Parsons, 69, Lockard-20.902; 2. Steve Lotshaw, 62, Lotshaw-21.005; 3. Larry Patton, 28wc, Welch-21.200; 4. Steve Cannon, 67, Schneider-21.209; 5. Tommy Astone, 5, Caruthers-21.301; 6. Bob Wente, 25, Wente-21.302; 7. Tom Brosius, 93wc, Brosius-21.401; 8. Bruce Field, 7, Field-21.602; 9. Ken Nichols, 46, Gamester-21.604; 10. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-21.605; 11. Sleepy Tripp, 1, Tripp-21.606; 12. Richard Powell, 132, Holestine-21.677; 13. Dave Gable, 10, Polak-21.707; 14. Rich Vogler, 48, Heerboth-21.763; 15. Bob Dempsey, 19, Arkow-21.807; 16. Jim Dinsmoor, 49, Ammerman-22.008; 17. Barry Handlin, 44x, Handlin-22.009; 18. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 16, Bettenhausen-22.093; 19. Tom Mislich, 36, Mislich-22.202; 20. Don Jones, 71, Jones-22.308; 21. Robin Miller, 40, Miller-22.708; 22. Rex Waltenburg, 50, Doty-23.305; 23. Ed Jeffrey, 51x, Jeffrey-NT; 24. Alan Brown, 53, Brown-NT; 25. Scott Moore, 21x, Moore-NT; 26. Jeff Heywood, 95, Heywood-NT; 27. Bob Lithgow, 28, Lithgow-NT; 28. #9, Pool-NT; 29. #2, Shannon-NT.

TROPHY DASH: (4 laps) 1. Steve Lotshaw, 2. Johnny Parsons, 3. Steve Cannon, 4. Larry Patton. 1:25.35

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Tom Brosius, 2. Steve Cannon, 3. Greg Staab, 4. Tom Mislich, 5. Jim Dinsmoor, 6. Johnny Parsons, 7. Dave Gable, 8. Robin Miller. NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Steve Lotshaw, 2. Sleepy Tripp, 3. Tommy Astone, 4. Bruce Field, 5. Rich Vogler, 6. Barry Handlin, 7. Rex Waltenburg. NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Larry Patton, 2. Richard Powell, 3. Bob Dempsey, 4. Bob Wente, 5. Ken Nichols, 6. Don Jones, 7. Tony Bettenhausen Jr. 2:53.80

SEMI: (8 laps) 1. Ken Nichols, 2. Bruce Field, 3. Johnny Parsons, 4. Dave Gable, 5. Tom Mislich, 6. Robin Miller, 7. Sleepy Tripp. 2:55.10

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Larry Patton, 2. Sleepy Tripp, 3. Steve Cannon, 4. Tommy Astone, 5. Richard Powell, 6. Ken Nichols, 7. Dave Gable, 8. Bruce Field, 9. Rich Vogler (#2), 10. Tom Mislich, 11. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 12. Don Jones, 13. Barry Handlin, 14. Robin Miller, 15. Johnny Parsons, 16. Steve Lotshaw (#9), 17. Rex Waltenburg, 18. Greg Staab, 19. Bob Dempsey, 20. Tom Brosius, 21. Bob Wente, 22. Jim Dinsmoor, 23. Ed Jeffrey. NT

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 14, 1976 – Indianapolis Raceway Park – Clermont, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Johnny Parsons, 69, Lockard-23.403; 2. Tommy Astone, 5, Caruthers-23.414; 3. Tom Bigelow, 50, Doty-23.600; 4. Dana Carter, 2, Shannon-23.604; 5. Steve Lotshaw, 62, Lotshaw-23.608; 6. Jan Opperman, 28, Lithgow-23.700; 7. Gary Bettenhausen, 16, Bettenhausen-23.704; 8. Larry Patton, 28wc, Welch-23.706; 9. Pancho Carter, 84, Weiland-23.804; 10. Jerry Nuckles, 57, Nuckles-23.905; 11. Sleepy Tripp, 1, Tripp-24.303; 12. Dave Gable, 10, Polak-24.308; 13. Rich Vogler, 48, Heerboth-24.318; 14. Jerry Weeks, 88, Hampson-24.405; 15. Bob Wente, 25, Wente-24.437; 16. James

McElreath, 55, Hamilton-24.502; 17. Jeff Heywood, 95, Heywood-24.503; 18. Mel Kenyon, 11, Jones-24.509; 19. Bruce Field, 7, Field-24.602; 20. Richard Powell, 132, Holestine-24.608; 21. Tom Mislich, 36, Mislich-24.901; 22. Don Jones, 71, Potter-24.903; 23. Mark Alderson, 33, Alderson-25.006; 24. Robin Miller, 40, Miller-25.266; 25. Barry Handlin, 44x, Handlin-26.304; 26. Bob Jones, 74, Andrew-26.501; 27. Tom Brosius, 93wc, Brosius-NT.

TROPHY DASH: (4 laps) 1. Johnny Parsons, 2. Dana Carter, 3. Tom Bigelow, 4. Tommy Astone. 1:35.025

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Steve Lotshaw, 2. Pancho Carter, 3. Gary Bettenhausen, 4. Tom Bigelow, 5. Mel Kenyon, 6. Jerry Weeks, 7. Richard Powell, 8. Sleepy Tripp, 9. Don Jones, 10. Robin Miller, 11. James McElreath, 12. Johnny Parsons. NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Dana Carter, 2. Jan Opperman, 3. Tommy Astone, 4. Mark Alderson, 5. Larry Patton, 6. Dave Gable, 7. Bruce Field, 8. Jeff Heywood, 9. Tom Mislich, 10. Barry Handlin, 11. Bobby Jones, 12. Jerry Nuckles. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Jan Opperman, 3. Dana Carter, 4. Tommy Astone, 5. Mel Kenyon, 6. Johnny Parsons, 7. Gary Bettenhausen, 8. Tom Brosius, 9. Jeff Heywood, 10. Bruce Field, 11. Tom Bigelow, 12. Mark Alderson, 13. Tom Mislich, 14. Richard Powell, 15. Barry Handlin, 16. Jerry Weeks, 17. Steve Lotshaw, 18. Pancho Carter, 19. Larry Patton, 20. Don Jones, 21. Dave Gable, 22. Bob Jones, 23. Jerry Nuckles. NT

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 16, 1976 – Santa Fe Speedway – Hinsdale, Illinois

QUALIFYING: 1. Tommy Astone, 5, Caruthers-14.870; 2. Steve Cannon, 67, Schneider-14.930; 3. Steve Lotshaw, 62, Lotshaw-14.940; 4. Jeff Heywood, 95, Heywood-15.010; 5. Kevin Olson, 51, Corrigan-15.050; 6. Sleepy Tripp, 1, Tripp-15.080; 7. Rich Vogler, 84, Weiland-15.110; 8. Bob Lithgow, 28, Lithgow-15.110; 9. Ken Nichols, 46, Gamester-15.110; 10. Tim Pangborn, 4, Pangborn-15.120; 11. Richard Powell, 43, Powell-15.150; 12. Tom Brosius, 93wc, Brosius-15.210; 13. Stan Fox, 7EC, Fox-15.290; 14. Ed Jeffrey, 51x, Jeffrey-15.290; 15. Bruce Field, 7, Field-15.300; 16. Gary Lynch, 54, Lynch-15.360; 17. Clark Templeman, 9, Pool-15.520; 18. Johnny Parsons, 2, Shannon-15.560; 19. Paul Clark, 91, Clark-15.720; 20. Don Jones, 71, Jones-15.720; 21. Bob Schumacher, 57, Schumacher-16.050; 22. Bob Corcoran, 88, Hampson-16.380; 23. Tom Mislich, 36, Mislich-16.570; 24. Scott Moore, 21x, Moore-NT.

TROPHY DASH: (4 laps) 1. Jeff Heywood, 2. Steve Lotshaw, 3. Tommy Astone, 4. Steve Cannon. NT

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Tommy Astone, 2. Kevin Olson, 3. Ken Nichols, 4. Clark Templeman, 5. Stan Fox, 6. Bob Schumacher. NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Johnny Parsons, 2. Sleepy Tripp, 3. Steve Cannon, 4. Tim Pangborn, 5. Ed Jeffrey. NT

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Rich Vogler, 2. Steve Lotshaw, 3. Paul Clark, 4. Bruce Field, 5. Richard Powell, 6. Tom Mislich. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Don Jones, 2. Gary Lynch, 3. Tom Brosius, 4. Jeff Heywood, 5. Bob Lithgow. NT

SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Richard Powell, 2. Bruce Field, 3. Tim Pangborn, 4. Tom Mislich, 5. Bob Schumacher, 6. Bob Lithgow, 7. Ed Jeffrey, 8. Stan Fox, 9. Sleepy Tripp, 10. Clark Templeman. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Steve Cannon, 3. Steve Lotshaw, 4. Tommy Astone, 5. Kevin Olson, 6. Tim Pangborn, 7. Paul Clark, 8. Tom Mislich, 9. Rich Vogler, 10. Bruce Field, 11. Don Jones, 12. Stan Fox, 13. Johnny Parsons, 14. Clark Templeman, 15. Tom Brosius, 16. Richard Powell, 17. Ken Nichols, 18. Gary Lynch, 19. Bob Schumacher, 20. Jeff Heywood, 21. Ed Jeffrey. NT

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 20, 1976 – State Fairgrounds Speedway – Huron, South Dakota

QUALIFYING: 1. Larry Patton, 28wc, Welch-24.681; 2. Tommy Astone, 5, Caruthers-24.691; 3. Johnny Parsons, 2, Shannon-24.694; 4. Pancho Carter, 80x, Huckle-24.695; 5. Mel Kenyon, 11, Jones-24.829; 6. Ken Nichols, 46, Gamester-24.944; 7. Chuck Gurney, 9, Pool-24.955; 8. Larry Rice, 77, Olds-24.975; 9. Steve Cannon, 67, Schneider-25.026; 10. Sleepy Tripp, 1, Tripp-25.028; 11. Tom Bigelow, 50, Doty-25.039; 12. Jeff Heywood, 95, Heywood-25.236; 13. Clark Templeman, 76, Olds-25.356; 14. Steve Lotshaw, 62, Lotshaw-25.377; 15. Chris Cumberworth, 3wc, Lynch-25.465; 16. Lee Kunzman, 28, Lithgow-25.468; 17. Ed Jeffrey, 51x, Jeffrey-25.527; 18. Bobby Wente, 24, Wente-25.715; 19. Robin Miller, 40, Miller-25.765; 20. Dave Gable, 10, Polak-25.777; 21. Bud Whitfield, 6x, Whitfield-25.827; 22. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 16, Bettenhausen-25.841; 23. Lowell Voss, 50wc, Irwin-25.969; 24. Tracy Potter, 71, Jones-26.708; 25. Ray Stringer, 63, Stringer-30.418.

TROPHY DASH: (4 laps) 1. Pancho Carter, 2. Tommy Astone, 3. Johnny Parsons, 4. Larry Patton. 1:04.629

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Chuck Gurney, 2. Larry Patton, 3. Pancho Carter, 4. Sleepy Tripp, 5. Lee Kunzman, 6. Clark Templeman, 7. Ray Stringer, 8. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 9. Robin Miller. 3:24.79

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Steve Lotshaw, 2. Tommy Astone, 3. Tom Bigelow, 4. Mel Kenyon, 5. Lowell Voss, 6. Dave Gable, 7. Ed Jeffrey. NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Steve Cannon, 2. Chris Cumberworth, 3. Bud Whitfield, 4. Jeff Heywood, 5. Ken Nichols, 6. Tracy Potter, 7. Bobby Wente, 8. Johnny Parsons. NT

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Pancho Carter, 2. Johnny Parsons, 3. Lee Kunzman, 4. Ken Nichols, 5. Ed Jeffrey, 6. Clark Templeman, 7. Sleepy Tripp, 8. Bobby Wente, 9. Robin Miller, 10. Larry Rice, 11. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 12. Steve Lotshaw. NT

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Steve Cannon, 2. Chuck Gurney, 3. Johnny Parsons, 4. Sleepy Tripp, 5. Mel Kenyon, 6. Jeff Heywood, 7. Chris Cumberworth, 8. Lee Kunzman, 9. Larry Patton, 10. Ray Stringer, 11. Bobby Wente, 12. Robin Miller, 13. Ken Nichols, 14. Ed Jeffrey, 15. Lowell Voss, 16. Tracy Potter, 17. Pancho Carter, 18. Tommy Astone, 19. Bud Whitfield, 20. Larry Rice, 21. Tom Bigelow, 22. Steve Lotshaw, 23. Dave Gable, 24. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 25. Clark Templeman. NT

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 21, 1976 – Black Hills Speedway – Rapid City, South Dakota

QUALIFYING: 1. Larry Rice, 77, Olds-22.005; 2. Steve Lotshaw, 62, Lotshaw-22.143; 3. Pancho Carter, 80x, Huckle-22.202; 4. Mel Kenyon, 11, Jones-22.331; 5. Chris Cumberworth, 3wc, Lynch-22.400; 6. Larry Patton, 28x, Welch-22.420; 7. Tommy Astone, 5, Caruthers-22.466; 8. Chuck Gurney, 9, Pool-22.589; 9. Ken Nichols, 46, Gamester-22.636; 10. Sleepy Tripp, 1, Tripp-22.671; 11. Lee Kunzman, 28, Lithgow-22.676; 12. Jeff Heywood, 95, Heywood-22.705; 13. Robin Miller, 40, Miller-22.757; 14. Dave Gable, 10, Polak-22.930; 15. Bud Whitfield, 6, Whitfield-23.002; 16. Clark Templeman, 76, Olds-23.111; 17. Johnny Parsons, 2, Shannon-23.112; 18. Bobby Wente, 24, Wente-23.475; 19. Ed Jeffrey, 51x, Jeffrey-23.761; 20. Tracy Potter, 71, Jones-24.282; 21. Ray Stringer, 63, Stringer-NT (time of 22.213 disallowed).

TROPHY DASH: (4 laps) 1. Pancho Carter, 2. Larry Rice, 3. Steve Lotshaw, DQ. Stringer (originally finished 2nd). NT

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Larry Rice, 2. Larry Patton, 3. Jeff Heywood, 4. Bud Whitfield, 5. Bobby Wente, 6. Ken Nichols, DQ. Stringer. NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Tommy Astone, 2. Steve Lotshaw, 3. Robin Miller, 4. Sleepy Tripp, 5. Ed Jeffrey, 6. Clark Templeman, 7. Mel Kenyon. NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Dave Gable, 2. Pancho Carter, 3. Johnny Parsons, 4. Chris Cumberworth, 5. Lee Kunzman, 6. Tracy Potter, 7. Chuck Gurney. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Pancho Carter, 3. Mel Kenyon, 4. Larry Patton, 5. Lee Kunzman, 6. Chris Cumberworth, 7. Clark Templeman, 8. Jeff Heywood, 9. Dave Gable, 10. Bobby Wente, 11. Tracy Potter, 12. Tommy Astone, 13. Johnny Parsons, 14. Ed Jeffrey, 15. Larry Rice, 16. Robin Miller, 17. Steve Lotshaw, 18. Bud Whitfield, 19. Chuck Gurney, 20. Ken Nichols. NT

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 22, 1976 – Englewood Speedway – Englewood, Colorado

QUALIFYING: 1. Eddie Jackson, 15, Conklin-15.612; 2. Jeff Heywood, 95, Heywood-15.772; 3. Lowell Voss, 50, Irwin-15.773; 4. Jim Beckley, 3, Schweitzer-15.888; 5. Buddy Taylor, 10x, Shaver-15.937; 6. Sleepy Tripp, 1, Tripp-15.979; 7. Bud Whitfield, 6, Whitfield-15.991; 8. Steve Lotshaw, 62, Lotshaw-16.084; 9. Bobby Wente, 24, Wente-16.036; 10. Mel Kenyon, 66, Lee-16.049; 11. Dave Strickland, 11, Mauro-16.118; 12. Ross Leslie, 27, Leslie-16.214; 13. Tracy Potter, 71, Jones-16.240; 14. Buz Tapply, 31, Tapply-16.271; 15. Steve Troxell, 95x, Marcello-16.324; 16. Dave Gable, 10, Polak-16.328; 17. Clark Templeman, 76, Olds-16.353; 18. Bill Renshaw, 98, Roberts-16.429; 19. Mike Gehringer, 96, Gehringer-16.439; 20. Chris Cumberworth, 3wc, Lynch-16.451; 21. Robin Miller, 40, Miller-16.756; 22. Johnny Parsons, 2, Shannon-16.867; 23. Ed Jeffrey, 51x, Jeffrey-NT; 24. Pancho Carter, 80x, Huckle-NT.

TROPHY DASH: (4 laps) 1. Jim Beckley, 2. Jeff Heywood, 3. Buddy Taylor, 4. Lowell Voss. 1:03.60

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Clark Templeman, 2. Bobby Wente, 3. Buddy Taylor, 4. Robin Miller, 5. Tracy Potter, 6. Eddie Jackson. 2:45.30

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jeff Heywood, 2. Mel Kenyon, 3. Sleepy Tripp, 4. Johnny Parsons, 5. Bill Renshaw, 6. Buz Tapply. NT

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Dave Strickland, 2. Bud Whitfield, 3. Steve Troxell, 4. Lowell Voss, 5. Mike Gehringer, 6. Ed Jeffrey. 2:35.46

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Dave Gable, 2. Chris Cumberworth, 3. Jim Beckley, 4. Steve Lotshaw, 5. Ross Leslie. 2:40.22

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Ross Leslie, 2. Mike Gehringer, 3. Buz Tapply, 4. Bill Renshaw, 5. Tracy Potter, 6. Robin Miller, 7. Sleepy Tripp, 8. Steve Troxell, 9. Eddie Jackson, 10. Ed Jeffrey. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Dave Strickland, 2. Mel Kenyon, 3. Sleepy Tripp, 4. Steve Troxell, 5. Steve Lotshaw, 6. Jeff Heywood, 7. Chris Cumberworth, 8. Bobby Wente, 9. Buddy Taylor, 10. Dave Gable, 11. Ross Leslie, 12. Steve Schultz (#40), 13. Bill Renshaw, 14. Buz Tapply, 15. Clark Templeman, 16. Lowell Voss, 17. Mike Gehringer, 18. Bud Whitfield, 19. Johnny Parsons, 20. Jim Beckley. NT

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Strickland Tops Rain Delayed Outing at Erie

Dave Strickland captured the victory at Erie's Colorado National Speedway, driving the Volkswagen owned by race organizer Roger Mauro.

The race was halted by rain after the first heat race and the remainder of the program was scheduled to be completed the following night.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 25-26, 1976 – Colorado National Speedway – Erie, Colorado

QUALIFYING: 1. Buddy Taylor, 10x, Shaver-18.895; 2. Dave Strickland, 11, Mauro-19.078; 3. Larry Patton, 28x, Welch-19.343; 4. Steve Troxell, 95x, Marcello-19.363; 5. Jeff Heywood, 95, Heywood-19.458; 6. Sleepy Tripp, 1, Tripp-19.477; 7. Dave Gable, 10, Polak-19.554; 8. Bobby Olivero, 35, Noutary-19.699; 9. Ralph Hauser, 23x, Hauser-19.719; 10. Bud Whitfield, 6x, Whitfield-19.733; 11. Eddie Jackson, 5x, Conklin-19.756; 12. Buz Tapply, 31, Tapply-19.780; 13. Bill Renshaw, 98, Roberts-19.818; 14. Steve Lotshaw, 9, Pool-19.936; 15. Spyder Anderson, 41, Anderson-19.958; 16. Ross Leslie, 27, Leslie-19.996; 17. Danny McKnight, 76, Olds-19.996; 18. Chris Cumberworth, 3wc, Lynch-20.002; 19. Mel Kenyon, 66, Lee-20.229; 20. Billy Yeros, 66x, Mack-20.308; 21. Johnny Parsons, 2, Shannon-20.362; 22. Mike Gehringer, 96, Gehringer-20.400; 23. Tracy Potter, 71, Jones-21.340.

TROPHY DASH: (4 laps) 1. Larry Patton, 2. Buddy Taylor, 3. Steve Troxell, 4. Dave Strickland. NT

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Buddy Taylor, 2. Jeff Heywood, 3. Danny McKnight, 4. Bill Renshaw, 5. Ralph Hauser, 6. Johnny Parsons. 2:40.39

SECOND HEAT: (6 laps) 1. Dave Strickland, 2. Eddie Jackson, 3. Bud Whitfield, 4. Buz Tapply, 5. Dave Gable. NT

THIRD HEAT: (6 laps) 1. Bobby Olivero, 2. Steve Troxell, 3. Spyder Anderson, 4. Steve Lotshaw, 5. Mike Gehringer. NT

SEMI: (6 laps) 1. Steve Troxell, 2. Eddie Jackson, 3. Ralph Hauser, 4. Spyder Anderson, 5. Buz Tapply, 6. Mike Gehringer. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Dave Strickland, 2. Bobby Olivero, 3. Buddy Taylor, 4. Steve Troxell, 5. Dave Gable, 6. Eddie Jackson, 7. Jeff Heywood, 8. Johnny Parsons, 9. Larry Patton, 10. Mel Kenyon, 11. Sleepy Tripp, 12. Jim Beckley, 13. Bill Renshaw, 14. Steve Lotshaw, 15. Spyder Anderson, 16. Buz Tapply, 17. Bud Whitfield, 18. Ralph Hauser, 19. Tracy Potter, 20. Billy Yeros. NT

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 28, 1976 – Terre Haute Action Track – Terre Haute, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Dana Carter, 2, Shannon-24.101; 2. Mike Schiesel, 45, English-24.156; 3. Steve Chassey, 27, Hettinger-24.386; 4. Bob Wente, 25, Wente-24.411; 5. Tommy Astone, 5, Caruthers-24.413; 6. Chuck Gurney, 9, Pool-24.438; 7. Steve Cannon, 67, Schneider-24.451; 8. Mark Alderson, 4, Alderson-24.517; 9. Steve Lotshaw, 62, Lotshaw-24.534; 10. Sleepy Tripp, 1, Tripp-24.581; 11. Gary Bettenhausen, 28, Lithgow-24.611; 12. John Lucas, 49, Ammerman-24.614; 13. Rich Vogler, 48, Heerboth-24.619; 14. Dave Gable, 10, Polak-24.700; 15. James McElreath, 55, Hamilton-24.801; 16. Duke Cook, 80, Sohms-24.988; 17. Bruce Robey, 64, Horton-25.029; 18. Gary Byers, 75, Dailey-25.063; 19. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 16,

Bettenhausen-25.074; 20. Jeff Heywood, 95, Heywood-25.174; 21. King Kramer, 61, Kramer-25.219; 22. Tom Brosius, 93wc, Brosius-25.223; 23. Tom Mislich, 36, Mislich-25.584; 24. Robin Miller, 40, Miller-25.719; 25. George McBeath, 53, McBeath-25.748; 26. Don Jones, 71, Jones-25.766; 27. Rick Duman, 37, Duman-26.502; 28. Bill Edwards, 42, Edwards-26.632; 29. Mel Kenyon, 11, Jones-NT; 30. Alan Brown, 53x, Brown-NT; 31. Mike Gehringer, 96, Gehringer-NT.

TROPHY DASH: (4 laps) 1. Mike Schiesel, 2. Steve Chassey, 3. Dana Carter, 4. Bob Wente. 1:38.216

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Tommy Astone, 2. Tom Brosius, 3. Dave Gable, 4. Sleppy Tripp, 5. Gary Byers, 6. Don Jones, 7. Dana Carter. NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Gary Bettenhausen, 2. James McElreath, 3. Chuck Gurney, 4. Tom Mislich, 5. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 6. Rick Duman, 7. Mike Schiesel. NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Steve Cannon, 2. Steve Chassey, 3. Jeff Heywood, 4. Duke Cook, 5. John Lucas, 6. Bill Edwards, 7. Robin Miller. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Rich Vogler, 2. Bob Wente, 3. Bruce Robey, 4. King Kramer, 5. George McBeath, 6. Steve Lotshaw, 7. Mel Kenyon. NT

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 30, 1976 – Raceway Park – Blue Island, Illinois

QUALIFYING: 1. Steve Cannon, 67, Schneider-12.242; 2. Tommy Astone, 5, Caruthers-12.360; 3. Rich Vogler, 48, Heerboth-12.425; 4. Tom Steiner, 69, Lockard-12.429; 5. Don Jones, 71, Jones-12.523; 6. Mike Schiesel, 45, English-12.608; 7. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 16, Bettenhausen-12.643; 8. Stan Fox, 7x, Fox-12.710; 9. Steve Lotshaw, 62, Lotshaw-12.730; 10. Dave Gable, 10, Polak-12.744; 11. Gary Irvin, 46, Gamester-12.828; 12. Tom Brosius, 93wc, Brosius-12.860; 13. Ed Jeffrey, 51x, Jeffrey-12.926; 14. Ken Weiland, 84, Weiland-12.979; 15. Rick Duman, 37, Duman-13.160; 16. Robin Miller, 40, Miller-13.191; 17. Scott Moore, 21x, Moore-13.375; 18. Bobby Wente, 24, Wente-13.382.

TROPHY DASH: (4 laps) 1. Tommy Astone, 2. Tom Steiner, 3. Steve Cannon, 4. Don Jones. 49.274

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Steve Cannon, 2. Tom Steiner, 3. Dave Gable, 4. Ed Jeffrey, 5. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 6. Robin Miller. 2:03.68

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Tommy Astone, 2. Ken Weiland, 3. Don Jones, 4. Tom Brosius, 5. Stan Fox, 6. Scott Moore. NT

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Steve Lotshaw, 2. Rich Vogler, 3. Bobby Wente, 4. Mike Schiesel, 5. Rick Duman, 6. Gary Irvin. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Tom Steiner, 2. Rich Vogler, 3. Steve Cannon, 4. Steve Lotshaw, 5. Tommy Astone, 6. Dave Gable, 7. Don Jones, 8. Tom Brosius, 9. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 10. Bobby Wente, 11. Ken Weiland, 12. Rick Duman, 13. Mike Schiesel, 14. Ed Jeffrey, 15. Scott Moore. NT

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 31, 1976 – Wilmot Raceway – Wilmot, Wisconsin

QUALIFYING: 1. Rich Vogler, 48, Heerboth-18.092; 2. Chris Cumberworth, 67, Schneider-18.254; 3. Sleepy Tripp, 1, Tripp-18.427; 4. Kevin Olson, 51, Corrigan-18.544; 5. Eddie Loomis, 82, Turner-18.559; 6. Tom Steiner, 41, Berg-18.607; 7. Steve Lotshaw, 5, Caruthers-18.655; 8. Dave Gable, 10, Polak-18.676; 9. Tim Pangborn, 4, Pangborn-18.710; 10. Tom Mislich, 36, Mislich-18.820; 11. John Davis, 88, Davis-18.853; 12. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 16, Bettenhausen-18.949; 13. George McBeath, 53, McBeath-19.096; 14. Don Jones, 71, Jones-19.126; 15. Ed Jeffrey, 51x, Jeffrey-19.335; 16. Bill Thelaner, 35, Thelaner-19.460; 17. Scott Moore, 21x, Moore-19.724; 18. Bob Schroeder, 57, Schroeder-19.726; 19. Ken Weiland, 84, Weiland-19.788; 20. Rick Duman, 37, Duman-20.162; 21. Robin Miller, 40, Miller-20.445.

TROPHY DASH: (4 laps) 1. Rich Vogler, 2. Chris Cumberworth, 3. Sleepy Tripp, 4. Kevin Olson. 1:17.94

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Rich Vogler, 2. Eddie Loomis, 3. Tim Pangborn, 4. George McBeath, 5. Chris Cumberworth. 3:04.00

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Chris Cumberworth, 2. Ken Weiland, 3. Tom Mislich, 4. Tom Steiner, 5. Ed Jeffrey. 3:08.44

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Steve Lotshaw, 3. Steve Chassey, 4. Rick Duman, 5. John Davis. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Dave Gable, 2. Kevin Olson, 3. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 4. Scott Moore, 5. Robin Miller. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Rich Vogler, 2. Steve Lotshaw, 3. Dave Gable, 4. Tim Pangborn, 5. Kevin Olson, 6. Eddie Loomis, 7. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 8. Bill Thelaner, 9. Tom Mislich, 10. John Davis, 11. Rick Duman, 12. Ken Weiland, 13. Sleepy Tripp, 14. George McBeath, 15. Robin Miller, 16. Chris Cumberworth, 17. Scott Moore, 18. Bob Schroeder, 19. Tom Steiner, 20. Ed Jeffrey. NT

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 1, 1976 – Columbus Motor Speedway – Columbus, Ohio

QUALIFYING: 1. Bob Wente, 25, Wente-15.030; 2. Sleepy Tripp, 1, Tripp-15.113; 3. Jeff Heywood, 95, Heywood-15.113; 4. Bruce Robey, 64, Horton-15.162; 5. Don Jones, 71, Jones-15.315; 6. Mel Kenyon, 11, Jones-15.329; 7. Chris Cumberworth, 5, Caruthers-15.363; 8. Bob Dempsey, 19, Arkow-15.411; 9. Tom Steiner, 69, Lockard-15.412; 10. Jerry Nuckles, 57, Nuckles-15.430; 11. Dave Gable, 10, Polak-15.612; 12. Steve Lotshaw, 62, Lotshaw-15.629; 13. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 16, Bettenhausen-15.662; 14. Chris Buttler, 77, Scholz-15.694; 15. King Kramer, 61, Kramer-15.864; 16. Benny Rapp, 14, Rapp-16.312; 17. Jeff Nuckles, 59, Nuckles-NT.

TROPHY DASH: (4 laps) 1. Bruce Robey, 2. Jeff Heywood, 3. Sleepy Tripp, 4. Bob Wente. 1:00.94

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Bob Wente, 2. Tom Steiner, 3. Jeff Heywood, 4. Dave Gable, 5. Chris Cumberworth, 6. Don Jones, 7. King Kramer, 8. Tony Bettenhausen Jr. NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Jerry Nuckles, 3. Bruce Robey, 4. Mel Kenyon, 5. Steve Lotshaw, 6. Chris Buttler, 7. Benny Rapp, 8. Bob Dempsey. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Bob Wente, 2. Jerry Nuckles, 3. Chris Cumberworth, 4. Tom Steiner, 5. Bruce Robey, 6. Jeff Heywood, 7. Steve Lotshaw, 8. Don Jones, 9. Dave Gable, 10. King Kramer, 11. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 12. Chris Buttler, 13. Sleepy Tripp, 14. Benny Rapp, 15. Mel Kenyon. NT

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First Midget Win for Jan Opperman at Dayton

Jan Opperman scored his first ever USAC National Midget victory on August 8 at Ohio's Dayton Speedway.

Opperman drove the Bob Lithgow Volkswagen to his first USAC pavement victory, having won several sprint races on the dirt previously.

Rich Vogler placed second to Jan with Larry Patton third, Dave Gable fourth, and defending series champion Sleepy Tripp fifth. Tripp drove the No. 9 Dan Pool car instead of his own No. 1 Volkswagen.

Dana Carter, driving the Shannon Brothers Vega, established a new world 1/2-mile midget track record of 17.652 seconds (101.971 mph) during qualifying. This broke the new record established earlier by brother Pancho Carter of 17.806.

Tripp's point lead increased to 140 over runner-up Tommy Astone who did not compete at Dayton.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 8, 1976 – Dayton Speedway – Dayton, Ohio

QUALIFYING: 1. Dana Carter, 2, Shannon-17.652; 2. Pancho Carter, 5, Caruthers-17.806; 3. Larry Patton, 28x, Welch-17.943; 4. Rich Vogler, 48, Heerboth-17.956; 5. Jan Opperman, 28, Lithgow-18.155; 6. Steve Lotshaw, 62, Lotshaw-18.213; 7. Dave Gable, 10, Polak-18.423; 8. Sleepy Tripp, 9, Pool-18.439; 9. Clark Templeman, 11, Jones-18.651; 10. Bob Wente, 25, Wente-18.818; 11. Bruce Field, 7, Field-18.857; 12. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-18.989; 13. Tom Brosius, 93wc, Brosius-19.019; 14. Jeff Heywood, 95, Heywood-19.073; 15. Don Jones, 71, Jones-19.108; 16. Tom Steiner, 41, Berg-19.269; 17. Tom Mislich, 36, Mislich-19.426; 18. Jerry Nuckles, 57, Nuckles-19.615; 19. Bob Casto, 75, Casto-19.864; 20. Benny Rapp, 14, Rapp-19.999; 21. King Kramer, 61x, Kramer-20.126; 22. Jeff Nuckles, 59, Nuckles-20.391; 23. Bob Dempsey, 19, Arkow-20.434; 24. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 16, Bettenhausen-20.473; 25. Alan Brown, 53, Brown-20.986; 26. Chris Buttler, 77, Scholz-21.482; 27. Gary Irvin, 46, Gamester-NT; 28. Bruce Robey, 64, Horton-NT.

TROPHY DASH: (4 laps) 1. Rich Vogler, 2. Larry Patton, 3. Pancho Carter, 4. Dana Carter. 1:13.54

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Jan Opperman, 2. Dana Carter, 3. Tom Brosius, 4. Clark Templeman, 5. Tom Mislich, 6. King Kramer, 7. Alan Brown. NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Pancho Carter, 2. Steve Lotshaw, 3. Bob Wente, 4. Jeff Heywood, 5. Jerry Nuckles, 6. Jeff Nuckles, 7. Chris Buttler. 2:26.46

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Larry Patton, 2. Bruce Field, 3. Bob Dempsey, 4. Dave Gable, 5. Don Jones, 6. Bob Casto. 2:28.92

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Rich Vogler, 2. Sleepy Tripp, 3. Tom Steiner, 4. Billy Engelhart (#16), 5. Greg Staab, 6. Benny Rapp. 2:28.69

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Greg Staab, 2. Don Jones, 3. Jerry Nuckles, 4. Tom Mislich, 5. Bob Casto, 6. King Kramer, 7. Alan Brown, 8. Jeff Nuckles, 9. Chris Buttler. 3:09.94

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Jan Opperman, 2. Rich Vogler, 3. Larry Patton, 4. Dave Gable, 5. Sleepy Tripp, 6. Tom Brosius, 7. Pancho Carter, 8. Clark Templeman, 9. Greg Staab, 10. Dana Carter, 11. Jeff Heywood, 12. Bruce Field, 13. Don Jones, 14. Steve Lotshaw, 15. Bob Wente, 16. Tom Steiner, 17. Bob Dempsey, 18. Tom Mislich, 19. Billy Engelhart (#16), 20. Jerry Nuckles. NT

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 14-15, 1976 – Trenton Speedway – Trenton, New Jersey

QUALIFYING: 1. Johnny Parsons, 69, Lockard-39.366; 2. Billy Vukovich, 9, Pool-40.371; 3. Steve Lotshaw, 62, Lotshaw-40.762; 4. Dana Carter, 2, Shannon-40.907; 5. Billy Engelhart, 96, Linne-40.947; 6. James McElreath, 55, Hamilton-41.117; 7. Bruce Field, 7, Field-41.387; 8. Jan Opperman, 99, Linne-41.408; 9. Tom Steiner, 93, Linne-41.525; 10. Lee Kunzman, 97, Linne-41.553; 11. Palmer Crowell, 11x, Miller-41.718; 12. Johnny Coy, 22, Scrivani-41.781; 13. Leigh Earnshaw Jr., 12, Bench-41.803; 14. Doug Craig, 6, Craig-42.008; 15. Tom Mislich, 36, Mislich-42.426; 16. Dick Simon, 89, Soubirou-42.474; 17. Bobby Olivero, 35, Noutary-42.563; 18. Wally Dallenbach, 99x, Duffy-42.589; 19. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-42.598; 20. Dave Gable, 10, Polak-42.660; 21. John Hubbard, 17, Haller-42.810; 22. Bill Force, 20, Brink-43.065; 23. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 16, Bettenhausen-43.702; 24. Robin Miller, 40, Miller-44.048; 25. Rod Reppert, 18, Daley-44.374; 26. Chris Buttler, 77, Scholz-45.859; 27. George McBeath, 53, McBeath-47.536; 28. Wally White, 44x, White-NT; 29. Tom Bigelow, 50, Doty-NT.

FIRST FEATURE: (34 laps) 1. Johnny Parsons, 2. Billy Vukovich, 3. Steve Lotshaw, 4. Jan Opperman, 5. James McElreath, 6. Doug Craig, 7. Leigh Earnshaw Jr., 8. Lee Kunzman, 9. Bobby Olivero, 10. Tom Steiner, 11. Palmer Crowell, 12. Tom Mislich, 13. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 14. Rod Reppert, 15. Bill Force, 16. Greg Staab, 17. Dana Carter, 18. Chris Buttler, 19. George McBeath, 20. Dick Simon, 21. Johnny Coy, 22. Robin Miller, 23. Wally Dallenbach, 24. Billy Engelhart, 25. John Hubbard, 26. Dave Gable, 27. Bruce Field. 26:37.60

SECOND FEATURE: (34 laps – held on August 15) 1. Billy Vukovich, 2. Billy Engelhart, 3. Doug Craig, 4. Steve Lotshaw, 5. Greg Staab, 6. Tom Steiner, 7. James McElreath, 8. Bobby Olivero, 9. Lee Kunzman, 10. Dave Gable, 11. Tom Mislich, 12. Bill Force, 13. Rod Reppert, 14. Chris Buttler, 15. George McBeath, 16. Johnny Parsons, 17. Leigh Earnshaw Jr., 18. Johnny Coy, 19. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 20. Palmer Crowell, 21. Robin Miller. 25:53.62

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 18, 1976 – Indianapolis Raceway Park – Clermont, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Mel Kenyon, 61, 3K-23.516; 2. Jan Opperman, 28, Lithgow-23.538; 3. Jeff Heywood, 95, Heywood-23.682; 4. Bruce Robey, 64, Horton-23.684; 5. Pancho Carter, 5, Caruthers-23.702; 6. Steve Lotshaw, 62, Lotshaw-23.729; 7. Spike Gehlhausen, 93, Brosius-23.754; 8. Ken Schrader, 67x, Green-23.756; 9. Larry Patton, 28x, Welch-23.852; 10. Palmer Crowell, 11x, Miller-23.854; 11. Jerry Nuckles, 57, Nuckles-23.936; 12. Chuck Gurney, 9, Pool-23.938; 13. Kevin Olson, 51, Corrigan-23.939; 14. Tommy Astone, 46, Gamester-23.955; 15. Sleepy Tripp, 1, Tripp-23.972; 16. Bobby Olivero, 35, Noutary-23.977; 17. Steve Cannon, 67, Schneider-24.032; 18. Don Jones, 71, Jones-24.060; 19. Warren Mockler, 47, Mockler-24.104; 20. Tom Steiner, 93, Linne-24.110; 21. Johnny Parsons, 69, Lockard-24.126; 22. Bob Wente, 25, Wente-24.135; 23. Gary Bettenhausen, 99, Linne-24.306; 24. Dana Carter, 79, Kammerer-24.346; 25. Larry Rice, 11, Jones-24.474; 26. Steve Chassey, 27, Harris-24.493; 27. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-24.519; 28. John B. Anderson, 72, McNutt-24.579; 29. Mike Gehringer, 96, Gehringer-24.862; 30. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 16, Bettenhausen-24.879; 31. Joe Saldana, 80, Sohm-25.021; 32. Tom Mislich, 36, Mislich-25.091; 33. Tom Bigelow, 50, Doty-25.341; 34. Robin Miller, 40, Miller-25.722; 35. Dennis Cullick, 97, Linne-26.064; 36. Rick Duman, 37, Duman-26.162; 37. Bill Edwards, 42, Edwards-26.468; 38. Bob Harkey, 86, Ferland-28.855; 39. Rich Vogler, 48, Heerboth-NT; 40. James McElreath, 55, Hamilton-NT; 41. Ed Jeffrey, 51x, Jeffrey-NT.

TROPHY DASH: (4 laps) 1. Jeff Heywood, 2. Mel Kenyon, 3. Bruce Robey, 4. Pancho Carter. 1:36.21

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Mel Kenyon, 2. Pancho Carter, 3. Steve Cannon, 4. Larry Patton, 5. Sleepy Tripp, 6. Jerry Nuckles, 7. Kevin Olson, 8. Warren Mockler, 9. Jeff Heywood, 10. Spike Gehlhausen, 11. Johnny Parsons, 12. Gary Bettenhausen. 4:01.81

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Dana Carter, 2. Jan Opperman, 3. Bobby Olivero, 4. Tom Steiner, 5. Ken Schrader, 6. Bruce Robey, 7. Palmer Crowell, 8. Steve Lotshaw, 9. Tommy Astone, 10. Chuck Gurney, 11. Don Jones, 12. Bob Wente. 4:00.88

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Jan Opperman, 2. Mel Kenyon, 3. Larry Patton, 4. Ken Schrader, 5. Sleepy Tripp, 6. Steve Lotshaw, 7. Pancho Carter, 8. Jerry Nuckles, 9. Jeff Heywood, 10. Bruce Robey, 11. Bobby Olivero, 12. Spike Gehlhausen, 13. Kevin Olson, 14. Larry Rice, 15. Warren Mockler, 16. Palmer Crowell, 17. Tom Steiner, 18. Don Jones, 19. Steve Cannon, 20. Chuck Gurney (#99), 21. Dana Carter, 22. Greg Staab, 23. Steve Chassey, 24. Johnny Parsons. NT

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 20, 1976 – Springfield Speedway – Springfield, Illinois

QUALIFYING: 1. Rich Vogler, 48, Heerboth-12.863; 2. Bobby Olivero, 35, Noutary-13.092; 3. Larry Patton, 28wc, Welch-13.238; 4. Jan Opperman, 28, Lithgow-13.246; 5. Larry Rice, 11, Jones-13.253; 6. Steve Cannon, 67, Schneider-13.271; 7. Bob Dempsey, 19, Arkow-13.306; 8. Chris Cumberworth, 41wc, Cumberworth-13.307; 9. Sleepy Tripp, 1, Tripp-13.344; 10. Bob Wente, 25, Wente-13.359; 11. Duke DeRosa, 31, Kunz-13.382; 12. Tom Bigelow, 50, Doty-13.414; 13. Steve Lotshaw, 62, Lotshaw-13.426; 14. Tommy Astone, 46, Gamester-13.451; 15. Bobby Wente, 24, Wente-13.456; 16. Ed Jeffrey, 51x, Jeffrey-13.540; 17. Larry Fritz, 94, Fritz-13.673; 18. Palmer Crowell, 11wc, Miller-13.674; 19. Mike Stroud, 21, Stroud-13.898; 20. Mike Gehringer, 96, Gehringer-13.982; 21. Rick Duman, 37, Duman-14.214; 22. Bill Edwards, 42, Edwards-14.275; 23. Don Jones, 71, Jones-NT; 24. Robin Miller, 40, Miller-NT; 25. Ralph Liguori, 27, Hettinger-NT.

TROPHY DASH: (4 laps) 1. Bobby Olivero, 2. Jan Opperman, 3. Larry Patton, 4. Larry Rice. 52.77

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Larry Rice, 2. Sleepy Tripp, 3. Steve Lotshaw, 4. Larry Fritz, 5. Rick Duman, 6. Rich Vogler. NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Bobby Olivero, 2. Tommy Astone, 3. Steve Cannon, 4. Palmer Crowell, 5. Bill Edwards. NT

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Larry Patton, 2. Duke DeRosa, 3. Bob Dempsey, 4. Bobby Wente, 5. Mike Stroud, 6. Robin Miller. 2:13.28

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Tom Bigelow, 2. Jan Opperman, 3. Chris Cumberworth, 4. Bob Wente, 5. Mike Gehringer, 6. Don Jones, 7. Ed Jeffrey. NT

SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Larry Patton, 2. Mike Stroud, 3. Bob Wente, 4. Bobby Wente, 5. Rick Duman, 6. Don Jones, 7. Bill Edwards, 8. Robin Miller, 9. Palmer Crowell, 10. Mike Gehringer, 11. Ed Jeffrey, 12. Rich Vogler. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Jan Opperman, 2. Steve Cannon, 3. Bobby Olivero, 4. Sleepy Tripp, 5. Bob Wente, 6. Larry Rice, 7. Tom Bigelow, 8. Bob Dempsey, 9. Steve Lotshaw, 10. Chris Cumberworth, 11. Mike Stroud, 12. Bobby Wente, 13. Palmer Crowell, 14. Bill Edwards, 15. Don Jones, 16. Larry Patton, 17. Duke DeRosa, 18. Rick Duman, 19. Larry Fritz, 20. Tommy Astone. NT

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 23, 1976 – Colorado National Speedway – Erie, Colorado

QUALIFYING: 1. Buddy Taylor, 10x, Shaver-19.036; 2. Larry Patton, 28wc, Welch-19.337; 3. Sleepy Tripp, 1, Tripp-19.403; 4. Jim Beckley, 3, Schweitzer-19.404; 5. Bill Renshaw, 98, Roberts-19.413; 6. Dave Strickland, 11wc, Mauro-19.451; 7. Mel

Kenyon, 61, 3K-19.527; 8. Steve Troxell, 95x, Marcello-19.532; 9. Eddie Jackson, 5x, Conklin-19.539; 10. Bud Whitfield, 6x, Whitfield-19.627; 11. Steve Lotshaw, 5, Caruthers-19.629; 12. Mike Gehringer, 96, Gehringer-19.648; 13. Mike Gregg, 31, Tapply-19.742; 14. Palmer Crowell, 11x, Miller-19.750; 15. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 16, Bettenhausen-19.764; 16. Jeff Heywood, 95, Heywood-19.767; 17. Kevin Olson, 51, Corrigan-19.790; 18. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-19.796; 19. Ross Leslie, 27, Leslie-19.869; 20. Chris Cumberworth, 76, Olds-19.928; 21. Ray Stringer, 63, Stringer-19.945; 22. Bobby Olivero, 35, Noutary-19.987; 23. Billy Yeros, 66, Mack-20.091; 24. Tracy Potter, 71, Jones-20.212; 25. Robin Miller, 40, Miller-20.252; 26. Danny McKnight, 26, Miller-21.931; 27. Steve Cannon, 77, Olds-NT.

TROPHY DASH: (4 laps) 1. Buddy Taylor, 2. Sleepy Tripp, 3. Larry Patton, 4. Jim Beckley. 1:18.47

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Bobby Olivero, 2. Mel Kenyon, 3. Buddy Taylor, 4. Jeff Heywood, 5. Bud Whitfield, 6. Ross Leslie, 7. Jim Beckley, 8. Mike Gregg, 9. Robin Miller. 2:41.57

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Danny McKnight, 2. Larry Patton, 3. Steve Lotshaw, 4. Palmer Crowell, 5. Bill Renshaw, 6. Steve Troxell, 7. Kevin Olson, 8. Billy Yeros, 9. Chris Cumberworth. NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Ray Stringer, 2. Greg Staab, 3. Dave Strickland, 4. Sleepy Tripp, 5. Eddie Jackson, 6. Mike Gehringer, 7. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 8. Tracy Potter, 9. Steve Cannon. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Jim Beckley, 2. Steve Troxell, 3. Bill Renshaw, 4. Eddie Jackson, 5. Mike Gehringer, 6. Bud Whitfield, 7. Ross Leslie, 8. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 9. Kevin Olson. 2:45.28

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Bud Whitfield, 2. Mike Gregg, 3. Mike Gehringer, 4. Chris Cumberworth, 5. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 6. Ross Leslie, 7. Tracy Potter, 8. Robin Miller, 9. Kevin Olson, 10. Billy Yeros. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Buddy Taylor, 2. Dave Strickland, 3. Mel Kenyon, 4. Eddie Jackson, 5. Steve Troxell, 6. Bobby Olivero, 7. Mike Gregg, 8. Sleepy Tripp, 9. Larry Patton, 10. Mike Gehringer, 11. Palmer Crowell, 12. Bud Whitfield, 13. Ray Stringer, 14. Chris Cumberworth, 15. Jeff Heywood, 16. Greg Staab, 17. Bill Renshaw, 18. Steve Lotshaw, 19. Danny McKnight, 20. Jim Beckley. NT

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 25, 1976 – Meridian Speedway – Meridian, Idaho

QUALIFYING: 1. Sleepy Tripp, 1, Tripp-14.132; 2. Mel Kenyon, 61, 3K-14.270; 3. Danny McKnight, 26, Miller-14.278; 4. Jeff Heywood, 95, Heywood-14.364; 5. Ed Shefchik, 99, Shefchik-14.461; 6. Buddy Taylor, 10, Shaver-14.465; 7. Palmer Crowell, 11wc, Miller-14.636; 8. Mike Munce, 76wc, Munce-14.669; 9. Bobby Olivero, 35, Noutary-14.671; 10. Mike Gehringer, 96, Gehringer-14.703; 11. Steve Lotshaw, 5, Caruthers-14.711; 12. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 16, Bettenhausen-14.803; 13. Larry Patton, 28wc, Welch-14.804; 14. Buck Rossow, 36, Clark-14.832; 15. Dennis Russell, 51, Russell-14.889; 16. Eldon Rasmussen, 68, Smith-14.934; 17. Chris Cumberworth, 3, Lynch-14.948; 18. Mike Gregg, 19, Cottner-15.092; 19. Tracy Potter, 71, Jones-15.205; 20. Robin Miller, 40, Miller-15.428.

TROPHY DASH: (4 laps) 1. Danny McKnight, 2. Sleepy Tripp, 3. Mel Kenyon, 4. Jeff Heywood. NT

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Larry Patton, 2. Steve Lotshaw, 3. Bobby Olivero, 4. Sleepy Tripp, 5. Danny McKnight, 6. Palmer Crowell, 7. Ed Shefchik, 8. Dennis Russell, 9. Chris Cumberworth, 10. Tracy Potter. NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Mel Kenyon, 2. Mike Gregg, 3. Buddy Taylor, 4. Mike Gehringer, 5. Jeff Heywood, 6. Mike Munce, 7. Eldon Rasmussen, 8. Robin Miller, 9. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 10. Buck Rossow. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Mel Kenyon, 2. Jeff Heywood, 3. Larry Patton, 4. Sleepy Tripp, 5. Danny McKnight, 6. Buddy Taylor, 7. Ed Shefchik, 8. Mike Gehringer, 9. Palmer Crowell, 10. Mike Gregg, 11. Mike Munce, 12. Steve Lotshaw, 13. Dennis Russell, 14. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 15. Eldon Rasmussen, 16. Robin Miller, 17. Tracy Potter, 18. Chris Cumberworth, 19. Bobby Olivero. NT

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 27, 1976 – Salt Palace – Salt Lake City, Utah

QUALIFYING: 1. Mel Kenyon, 61, 3K-9.472; 2. Eldon Rasmussen, 68, Smith-10.031; 3. Danny McKnight, 26, Miller-10.246; 4. Steve Lotshaw, 5, Caruthers-10.281; 5. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 16, Bettenhausen-10.286; 6. Buddy Taylor, 10x, Shaver-10.369; 7. Sleepy Tripp, 1, Tripp-10.422; 8. Palmer Crowell, 11wc, Miller-10.762; 9. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-11.030; 10. Tracy Potter, 71, Jones-10.079; 11. Robin Miller, 40, Miller-11.148; 12. Mike Gregg, 19, Cottner-11.290; 13. Larry Patton, 28wc, Welch-11.371; 14. Jeff Heywood, 95, Heywood-11.453; 15. Mike Gehringer, 96, Gehringer-11.670; 16. Steve Cannon, 76, Olds-11.877; 17. Chris Cumberworth, 3, Lynch-11.906; 18. Bud Whitfield, 6x, Whitfield-14.483; 19. #77, Olds-NT.

TROPHY DASH: (4 laps) 1. Danny McKnight, 2. Eldon Rasmussen, 3. Steve Lotshaw, 4. Mel Kenyon. NT

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Mel Kenyon, 2. Larry Patton, 3. Greg Staab, 4. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 5. Chris Cumberworth. 1:42.66

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Eldon Rasmussen, 2. Jeff Heywood, 3. Buddy Taylor, 4. Tracy Potter, 5. Bud Whitfield. 1:39.17

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Robin Miller, 3. Chris Cumberworth, 4. Mike Gehringer, 5. Danny McKnight. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Steve Lotshaw, 2. Steve Cannon, 3. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 4. Mike Gregg, 5. Palmer Crowell. NT

SEMI: (15 laps) 1. Larry Patton, 2. Steve Cannon, 3. Jeff Heywood, 4. Chris Cumberworth, 5. Robin Miller, 6. Mike Gehringer, 7. Mike Gregg, 8. Bud Whitfield. NT

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Steve Lotshaw, 3. Danny McKnight, 4. Mel Kenyon, 5. Eldon Rasmussen, 6. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 7. Larry Patton, 8. Palmer Crowell, 9. Greg Staab, 10. Buddy Taylor, 11. Steve Cannon, 12. Tracy Potter. NT

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 28, 1976 – Salt Palace – Salt Lake City, Utah

QUALIFYING: 1. Mel Kenyon, 61, 3K-8.570; 2. Steve Lotshaw, 5, Caruthers-8.706; 3. Danny McKnight, 26, Miller-8.714; 4. Jeff Heywood, 95, Heywood-8.814; 5. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-8.910; 6. Eldon Rasmussen, 68, Smith-8.911; 7. Larry Patton, 28wc, Welch-9.056; 8. Ken Nichols, 1, Tripp-9.060; 9. Mike Gregg, 19, Cottner-9.088; 10. Robin Miller, 40, Miller-9.107; 11. Chris Cumberworth, 3, Lynch-9.211; 12. Buddy Taylor, 10x, Shaver-9.222; 13. Tracy Potter, 71, Jones-9.233; 14. Palmer Crowell, 11wc, Miller-9.247; 15. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 16, Bettenhausen-9.254; 16. Bud Whitfield, 6x, Whitfield-9.363; 17. Mike Gehringer, 96, Gehringer-9.854.

TROPHY DASH: (4 laps) 1. Danny McKnight, 2. Mel Kenyon, 3. Jeff Heywood, 4. Steve Lotshaw. 34.578

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Mel Kenyon, 2. Bud Whitfield, 3. Larry Patton, 4. Robin Miller, 5. Jeff Heywood, 6. Tracy Potter. 1:29.34

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Ken Nichols, 2. Steve Lotshaw, 3. Greg Staab, 4. Chris Cumberworth, 5. Palmer Crowell, 6. Mike Gehringer. 1:28.39

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 2. Buddy Taylor, 3. Mike Gregg, 4. Danny McKnight, 5. Eldon Rasmussen. 1:26.42

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jeff Heywood, 2. Danny McKnight, 3. Eldon Rasmussen, 4. Palmer Crowell, 5. Mike Gehringer, 6. Tracy Potter. NT

SEMI: (15 laps) 1. Mike Gehringer, 2. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 3. Buddy Taylor, 4. Bud Whitfield, 5. Palmer Crowell, 6. Chris Cumberworth, 7. Tracy Potter. 2:14.64

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Larry Patton, 2. Greg Staab, 3. Jeff Heywood, 4. Steve Lotshaw, 5. Mel Kenyon, 6. Mike Gregg, 7. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 8. Robin Miller, 9. Ken Nichols, 10. Mike Gehringer, 11. Danny McKnight, 12. Eldon Rasmussen. NT

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 29, 1976 – Pikes Peak Speedway – Colorado Springs, Colorado

QUALIFYING: 1. Jeff Heywood, 95, Heywood-12.288; 2. Eddie Jackson, 5x, Conklin-12.298; 3. Ken Nichols, 1, Tripp-12.322; 4. Dave Strickland, 11, Mauro-12.373; 5. Steve Cannon, 77, Olds-12.420; 6. Larry Patton, 28wc, Welch-12.452; 7. Bud Whitfield, 6x, Whitfield-12.546; 8. Danny McKnight, 26, Miller-12.555; 9. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 16, Bettenhausen-12.562; 10. Buddy Taylor, 10x, Shaver-12.574; 11. Steve Troxell, 98, Roberts-12.610; 12. Buz Tapply, 31, Tapply-12.645; 13. Palmer Crowell, 11wc, Miller-12.652; 14. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-12.707; 15. Dave Gable, 15, Young-12.832; 16. Ray Stringer, 63, Stringer-12.135; 17. Tracy Potter, 71, Jones-NT; 18. Ross Leslie, 27, Leslie-NT.

TROPHY DASH: (4 laps) 1. Dave Strickland, 2. Eddie Jackson, 3. Ken Nichols, 4. Jeff Heywood. 49.602

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Palmer Crowell, 2. Bud Whitfield, 3. Jeff Heywood, 4. Buddy Taylor, 5. Ray Stringer, 6. Dave Strickland. NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Eddie Jackson, 2. Steve Troxell, 3. Steve Cannon, 4. Greg Staab, 5. Tracy Potter, 6. Danny McKnight. NT

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Larry Patton, 2. Ken Nichols, 3. Dave Gable, 4. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 5. Buz Tapply. 2:07.66

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Danny McKnight, 2. Buddy Taylor, 3. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 4. Ray Stringer, 5. Buz Tapply. 2:05.47

SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Larry Patton, 2. Buz Tapply, 3. Dave Gable, 4. Palmer Crowell, 5. Ray Stringer, 6. Bud Whitfield, 7. Steve Cannon. 2:33.40

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Danny McKnight, 2. Steve Troxell, 3. Larry Patton, 4. Jeff Heywood, 5. Ken Nichols, 6. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 7. Steve Cannon, 8. Palmer Crowell, 9. Buz Tapply, 10. Dave Gable, 11. Bud Whitfield, 12. Ray Stringer, 13. Eddie Jackson, 14. Greg Staab, 15. Tracy Potter, 16. Buddy Taylor, 17. Dave Strickland, 18. Ross Leslie. NT

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Tripp's 9th Win Arrives at Santa Fe

Sleepy Tripp notched his ninth 1976 USAC National Midget victory in the 40-lapper at Hinsdale, Illinois' Santa Fe Speedway on September 3.

Tripp's victory at Santa Fe Speedway, his second there this year, extended his point lead to an almost insurmountable total over point runner-up Steve Lotshaw. Lotshaw finished third behind Steve Cannon.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: September 3, 1976 – Santa Fe Speedway – Hinsdale, Illinois

QUALIFYING: 1. Steve Cannon, 67, Schneider-14.900; 2. Steve Lotshaw, 5, Caruthers-14.990; 3. Sleepy Tripp, 1, Tripp-15.010; 4. Ken Weiland, 41, Berg-15.080; 5. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-15.220; 6. Jeff Heywood, 46, Gamester-15.250; 7. Gary Lynch, 54, Lynch-15.320; 8. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 16, Bettenhausen-15.380; 9. Alan Brown, 53x, Brown-15.610; 10. Clark Templeman, 9, Pool-15.660; 11. Larry Fritz, 94, Miller-15.820; 12. Bruce Robey, 64, Horton-15.970; 13. George McBeath, 53, McBeath-15.990; 14. Warren Mockler, 47, Mockler-16.000; 15. Bob Schumacher, 57, Schumacher-16.330; 16. Curt Cornell, 8, Cornell-NT; 17. Frank Filskov, 84, Weiland-NT; 18. Danny Frye Jr., 27, Harris-NT; 19. Paul Clark, 22, Braga-NT.

TROPHY DASH: (4 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Steve Cannon, 3. Steve Lotshaw, 4. Ken Weiland. 1:00.42

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Steve Cannon, 2. Ken Weiland, 3. Gary Lynch, 4. George McBeath, 5. Clark Templeman, 6. Curt Cornell, 7. Danny Frye Jr. NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Steve Lotshaw, 2. Greg Staab, 3. Warren Mockler, 4. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 5. Larry Fritz, 6. Paul Clark. 2:31.16

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Jeff Heywood, 3. Bruce Robey, 4. Alan Brown, 5. Bob Schumacher, 6. Frank Filskov. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Ken Weiland, 3. Larry Fritz, 4. Clark Templeman, 5. Alan Brown, 6. Bob Schumacher. NT

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Gary Lynch, 2. Bruce Robey, 3. Larry Fritz, 4. Alan Brown, 5. Bob Schumacher, 6. Warren Mockler, 7. Tony Bettenhausen Jr. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Steve Cannon, 3. Steve Lotshaw, 4. Ken Weiland, 5. Bruce Robey, 6. Gary Lynch, 7. Greg Staab, 8. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 9. George McBeath, 10. Bob Schumacher, 11. Alan Brown, 12. Clark Templeman, 13. Jeff Heywood, 14. Warren Mockler, 15. Larry Fritz, 16. Danny Frye Jr., 17. Paul Clark, 18. Frank Filskov, 19. Curt Cornell. 10:06.08

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: September 6, 1976 – Ascot Park – Gardena, California

QUALIFYING: 1. Gary Kanawyer, 48, Kanawyer-22.802; 2. Danny McKnight, 26, Miller-22.926; 3. Rick Goudy, 66, Lee-22.977; 4. Jan Opperman, 99, Shefchik-23.023; 5. Mel Kenyon, 61, 3K-23.044; 6. Larry Patton, 28wc, Welch-23.076; 7. Ed Losinski, 69, Losinski-23.103; 8. Tony Simon, 36, Baiza-23.208; 9. Billy Rogers, 8, Rogers-23.230; 10. Lee James, 88, Sullivan-23.259; 11. Stevi Cederstrom, 55, Cederstrom-23.322; 12. Jeff Heywood, 33, Winisk-23.391; 13. John Redican, 82, Noffsinger-23.400; 14. Billy Felts, 15, Felts-23.449; 15. Roy Cook Jr., 80x, Wright-23.500; 16. Davey Pombo, 47x, Shanoian-23.527; 17. Chris Cumberworth, 3, Lynch-23.614; 18. Tom Bigelow, 80, Hucke-23.660; 19. Chunky Koster, 97, Koster-23.789; 20. Mike Gehringer, 96, Gehringer-23.807; 21. Johnny C. Anderson, 10, Anderson-23.810; 22. Butch Haisman, 47, Haisman-23.832;

23. Ron Butler, 62, Butler-23.953; 24. Burt Foland, 11, Miller-24.032; 25. Mike Ryan, 20NZ, Yates-24.113; 26. Dave Ellis, 43, Ellis-24.301; 27. Max Sweeney, 72, Alexander-24.431; 28. Bill Lagoni, 20x, Lagoni-24.697; 29. Buddy Irwin, 50, Irwin-24.811; 30. Butch Kelly, 31x, Kelly-26.675; 31. Bobby Olivero, 78, Caruthers-NT.

TROPHY DASH: (4 laps) 1. Rick Goudy, 2. Jan Opperman, 3. Gary Kanawyer, 4. Danny McKnight. 1:31.65

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Chris Cumberworth, 2. Mel Kenyon, 3. Buddy Irwin, 4. Gary Kanawyer, 5. Johnny C. Anderson, 6. Billy Rogers, 7. Mike Ryan, 8. John Redican. 3:14.55

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Tom Bigelow, 2. Danny McKnight, 3. Billy Felts, 4. Larry Patton, 5. Lee James, 6. Dave Ellis, 7. Butch Kelly, 8. Butch Haisman. NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Rick Goudy, 2. Ron Butler, 3. Roy Cook Jr., 4. Bobby Olivero, 5. Stevi Cederstrom, 6. Chunky Koster, 7. Max Sweeney, 8. Ed Losinski. 3:06.85

FOURTH HEAT: (4 laps) 1. Jan Opperman, 2. Tony Simon, 3. Burt Foland, 4. Bill Lagoni, 5. Mike Gehringer, 6. Jeff Heywood, 7. Davey Pombo. 1:30.86

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Lee James, 2. Billy Rogers, 3. Stevi Cederstrom, 4. Johnny C. Anderson, 5. Chunky Koster, 6. Max Sweeney, 7. Dave Ellis, 8. Butch Kelly, 9. Mike Ryan. NT

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Jan Opperman, 2. Rick Goudy, 3. Larry Patton, 4. Bobby Olivero, 5. Chris Cumberworth, 6. Danny McKnight, 7. Roy Cook Jr., 8. Tom Bigelow, 9. Billy Rogers, 10. Gary Kanawyer, 11. Burt Foland, 12. Johnny C. Anderson, 13. Stevi Cederstrom, 14. Ron Butler, 15. Bill Lagoni, 16. Buddy Irwin, 17. Tony Simon, 18. Billy Felts, 19. Mel Kenyon, 20. Lee James. NT

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: September 12, 1976 – Terre Haute Action Track – Terre Haute, Indiana – Hut 100

QUALIFYING: 1. Dana Carter, 2, Shannon-23.739; 2. Tom Steiner, 93, Linne-23.832; 3. Chuck Gurney, 9, Pool-23.908; 4. Tommy Astone, 8, Cornell-23.956; 5. Mel Kenyon, 61, 3K-23.957; 6. Rich Vogler, 90, Thornburg-24.032; 7. Jeff Heywood, 95, Heywood-24.057; 8. Mike Schiesel, 45, English-24.103; 9. Steve Cannon, 67, Schneider-24.105; 10. Steve Lotshaw, 62, Lotshaw-24.152; 11. Stan Fox, 7x, Fox-24.170; 12. Dennis Cullick, 97, Cullick-24.208; 13. Gary Bettenhausen, 99, Linne-24.209; 14. Bruce Robey, 64, Horton-24.233; 15. Bob Wente, 25, Wente-24.247; 16. Sleepy Tripp, 1, Tripp-24.248; 17. Steve Chassey, 127, Harris-24.304; 18. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-24.318; 19. Bubby Jones, 80, Sohm-24.334; 20. Kevin Olson, 51, Corrigan-24.359; 21. Bobby Olivero, 41, Berg-24.383; 22. James McElreath, 55, Hamilton-24.407; 23. Bob Lithgow, 28, Lithgow-24.456; 24. Jerry Weeks, 88, Hampson-24.456; 25. Tom Bigelow, 50, Doty-24.532; 26. Larry Rice, 11, Jones-24.561; 27. Joe Saldana, 46, Gamester-24.565; 28. Bobby Wente, 24, Wente-24.565; 29. Bob Dempsey, 19, Arkow-24.599; 30. Larry Fritz, 94, Fritz-24.629; 31. Wes Stafford, 39, Fortune-24.658; 32. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 16, Bettenhausen-24.666; 33. Dave Ray, 33, Ray-24.727; 34. Ron Eden, 77, Eden-24.731; 35. Ken Weiland, 84, Weiland-24.742; 36. Richard Powell, 132, Holestine-24.754; 37. Larry Patton, 28wc, Welch-24.759; 38. Mike Stroud, 21, Stroud-24.791; 39. Duke DeRosa, 31, Kunz-24.896; 40. Tom Mislich, 36, Mislich-24.961; 41. Gary Lynch, 54, Lynch-24.984; 42. Ronnie Burke, 91, Burke-25.040; 43. John Lucas, 49, Ammerman-25.105; 44. Alan Brown, 53EC, Brown-25.205; 45. Tim Pangborn, 4, Pangborn-25.488; 46. John B. Anderson, 72, Anderson-25.528; 47. Robin Miller, 40, Miller-25.679; 48. Warren Mockler, 47, Mockler-25.925; 49. Curt Dinsmoor, 10x, Dinsmoor-26.456; 50. Rick Duman, 37, Duman-27.150; 51. Pancho Carter, 5, Caruthers-NT; 52. Roger Branson, 72, Branson-NT; 53. Jackie Howerton, 22, Braga-NT; 54. Billy Engelhart, 96, Linne-NT; 55. Chris Cumberworth,

41wc, Cumberworth-NT; 56. Don Jones, 71, Jones-NT; 57. George McBeath, 53, McBeath-NT; 58. King Kramer, 61x, Kramer-NT.

TROPHY DASH: (4 laps) 1. Chuck Gurney, 2. Dana Carter, 3. Tom Steiner, 4. Tommy Astone. 1:37.16

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Gary Bettenhausen, 2. Steve Cannon, 3. Bobby Olivero, 4. Tommy Astone, 5. Jeff Heywood, 6. Tom Steiner, 7. Mel Kenyon, 8. Stan Fox, 9. Bob Dempsey, 10. Steve Lotshaw, 11. Larry Rice, 12. Dennis Cullick, 13. Jerry Weeks, 14. Bubby Jones, 15. Chuck Gurney, 16. James McElreath, 17. Dana Carter, 18. Wes Stafford, 19. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 20. Larry Fritz, 21. Mike Schiesel, 22. Kevin Olson, 23. Greg Staab, 24. Dave Ray, 25. Sleepy Tripp, 26. Joe Saldana, 27. Bruce Robey, 28. Steve Chassey, 29. Rich Vogler, 30. Bob Lithgow, 31. Bob Wente, 32. Tom Bigelow, 33. Ken Weiland. NT

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: September 17, 1976 – Lakeside Speedway – Kansas City, Kansas

QUALIFYING: 1. Tom Steiner, 93, Linne-23.088; 2. Rich Vogler, 90, Armstrong-23.110; 3. Stan Fox, 7x, Fox-23.190; 4. Dana Carter, 2, Shannon-23.192; 5. Mel Kenyon, 61, 3K-23.223; 6. James McElreath, 55, Hamilton-23.263; 7. Bob Lithgow, 28, Lithgow-23.294; 8. Kevin Olson, 51, Corrigan-23.414; 9. Ken Nichols, 41, Berg-23.504; 10. Sleepy Tripp, 1, Tripp-23.590; 11. Mike Schiesel, 45, English-23.608; 12. Larry Patton, 28wc, Welch-23.636; 13. Gene Gennetten, 33, Gennetten-23.643; 14. Steve Cannon, 67, Schneider-23.671; 15. Larry Rice, 9, Pool-23.680; 16. Jeff Heywood, 95, Heywood-23.727; 17. Tim Pangborn, 4, Pangborn-23.749; 18. Jon Backlund, 14, Darnell-23.866; 19. Greg Staab, 44, Staab-23.871; 20. Warren Mockler, 47, Mockler-23.952; 21. Steve Lotshaw, 62, Lotshaw-23.996; 22. Dennis Cullick, 97, Linne-24.152; 23. Dave Gable, 15, David-24.159; 24. Jim McVay, 18, Gardiner-24.297; 25. Richard Powell, 132, Holestine-24.625; 26. Don Jones, 71, Jones-26.071; 27. Jerry Stone, 23, Westerhaus-29.085; 28. Thad Doshier, 48, Hill-NT.

TROPHY DASH: (4 laps) 1. Dana Carter, 2. Rich Vogler, 3. Tom Steiner, 4. Stan Fox. 1:33.505

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Gene Gennetten, 2. Tom Steiner, 3. Mel Kenyon, 4. Steve Lotshaw, 5. Tim Pangborn, 6. Richard Powell. 3:08.44

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. James McElreath, 2. Rich Vogler, 3. Sleepy Tripp, 4. Steve Cannon, 5. Don Jones, 6. Dennis Cullick, 7. Jon Backlund. NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Stan Fox, 2. Bob Lithgow, 3. Greg Staab, 4. Mike Schiesel, 5. Larry Rice, 6. Dave Gable, 7. Jerry Stone. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Dana Carter, 2. Jeff Heywood, 3. Kevin Olson, 4. Jim McVay, 5. Warren Mockler, 6. Larry Patton. NT

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Jon Backlund, 2. Larry Rice, 3. Tim Pangborn, 4. Dave Gable, 5. Dennis Cullick, 6. Ken Nichols, 7. Richard Powell, 8. Warren Mockler, 9. Jerry Stone, 10. Don Jones, 11. Steve Cannon, 12. Larry Patton. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Gene Gennetten, 3. Dana Carter, 4. James McElreath, 5. Rich Vogler, 6. Tom Steiner, 7. Stan Fox, 8. Bob Lithgow, 9. Jeff Heywood, 10. Steve Lotshaw, 11. Greg Staab, 12. Jim McVay, 13. Dave Gable, 14. Larry Rice, 15. Mike Schiesel, 16. Steve Cannon, 17. Jon Backlund, 18. Tim Pangborn, 19. Mel Kenyon, 20. Kevin Olson. NT

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: November 25, 1976 – Ascot Park – Gardena, California – Turkey Night Grand Prix

QUALIFYING: 1. Rich Vogler, 90, Armstrong-21.618; 2. Mel Kenyon, 61, 3K-21.806; 3. Chris Cumberworth, 27x, Lynch-21.873; 4. Bubby Jones, 5, Caruthers-21.877; 5. Mike Shaw, 41, Cumberworth-21.924; 6. Tommy Astone, 11, Miller-21.936; 7. George Snider, 84, Kanawyer-21.997; 8. Roy Cook Jr., 98x, Riggle-22.066; 9. Gary Patterson, 52, Valencia-22.097; 10. Jeff Heywood, 95, Heywood-22.128; 11. Lealand McSpadden, 11A, Grigsby-22.145; 12. Steve Troxell, 95x, Marcello-22.169; 13. Chunky Koster, 97x, Koster-22.202; 14. Tony Simon, 36, Baiza-22.209; 15. Danny McKnight, 26, Miller-22.283; 16. Ron Rea, 15, Felts-22.307; 17. Danny O'Neill, 2w, Bussell-22.316; 18. Eddie Jackson, 29, Conklin-22.319; 19. Tom Bigelow, 99x, Shefchik-22.344; 20. Wheeler Gresham, 38, Wilton-22.347; 21. Pancho Carter, 93, Linne-22.364; 22. Duke Cook, 60, Schweitzer-22.381; 23. Gary Bettenhausen, 99, Linne-22.396; 24. Johnny C. Anderson, 110, Anderson-22.398; 25. Larry Rice, 35, Noutary-22.405; 26. James McElreath, 55, Hamilton-22.460; 27. Lonnie Caruthers, 78, Caruthers-22.495; 28. Mike Stroud, 21, Stroud-22.496; 29. Gary Kanawyer, 48, Kanawyer-22.523; 30. Chuck Gurney, 80, Hucke-22.575; 31. Dave Manes, 16A, Weiler-22.576; 32. Johnny Parsons, 9, Pool-22.578; 33. Billy Rogers, 8, Rogers-22.615; 34. Butch Haisman, 47, Haisman-22.621; 35. Larry Patton, 28x, Welch-22.640; 36. Gary Howard, 65, Baker-22.668; 37. Dana Carter, 2, Shannon-22.681; 38. Kevin Olson, 51, Corrigan-22.695; 39. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 16, Bettenhausen-22.695; 40. Danny Frye Jr., 27, Harris-22.713; 41. Davey Pombo, 47x, Shanoian-22.757; 42. Mike Gehringer, 96, Gehringer-22.788; 43. Steve Cannon, 67, Schnelder-22.800; 44. Stan Fox, 19, Cottner-22.803; 45. Jim Edwards, 2x, Edwards-22.803; 46. Mike Botelho, 66x, Miller-22.831; 47. Rick Goudy, 66, Lee-22.833; 48. Buddy Irwin, 50, Irwin-22.964; 49. Stevi Cederstrom, 55x, Cederstrom-23.025; 50. Billy Felts, 35, Winick-23.050; 51. Scott Dennison, 56, Zindars-23.166; 52. Dave Culp, 33x, Nelson-23.216; 53. Johnny W. Anderson, 3, Gonsalves-23.226; 54. Tim Pangborn, 4x, Pangborn-23.344; 55. Rich Knapton, 77JR, Ruszkiewicz-23.364; 56. Ron Shuman, 15A, Wells-23.470; 57. Brian Yates, 20NZ, Yates-23.561; 58. Ray Stringer, 63, Stringer-23.641; 59. Bud Whitfield, 6, Whltfield-23.752; 60. Jimmy Blanton, 35A, Blanton-23.878; 61. Arlen Stebbins, 72, Alexander-24.127; 62. Clark Templeman, 77, Smith-24.440; 63. Spyder Anderson, 41x, Anderson-24.891; 64. Bob East, 88x, Sullivan-NT; 65. Dennis Cullick, 97, Linne-NT; 66. Bobby Wente, 7, Fox-NT; 67. Sleepy Tripp, 1, Tripp-NT; 68. Hank Butcher, 4, DuPont-NT; 69. Jim Beckley, 3x, Schweitzer-NT; 70. Ken Molica, 18, Dyson-NT; 71. Butch Kelly, 31, Kelly-NT.

TROPHY DASH: (4 laps) 1. Bubby Jones, 2. Chris Cumberworth, 3. Mel Kenyon, 4. Rich Vogler. 1:28.47

SEMI: (15 laps) 1. Chuck Gurney, 2. Larry Rice, 3. Johnny Parsons, 4. Lonnie Caruthers, 5. Larry Patton, 6. Gary Kanawyer, 7. Billy Rogers, 8. Gary Howard, 9. Davey Pombo, 10. Danny Frye Jr., 11. Mike Stroud, 12. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 13. Dave Manes, 14. James McElreath, 15. Butch Haisman, 16. Kevin Olson. 5:36.21

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Bubby Jones, 2. Mike Shaw, 3. Lealand McSpadden, 4. Tom Bigelow, 5. Steve Troxell, 6. Roy Cook Jr., 7. Jeff Heywood, 8. Larry Rice, 9. Danny McKnight, 10. Tommy Astone, 11. Lonnie Caruthers, 12. Eddie Jackson, 13. Tony Simon, 14. Johnny C. Anderson, 15. Duke Cook, 16. Mel Kenyon, 17. Chunky Koster, 18. Wheeler Gresham, 19. Chuck Gurney, 20. Pancho Carter, 21. Gary Bettenhausen, 22. Gary Patterson, 23. Johnny Parsons, 24. Danny O'Neill, 25. Rich Vogler, 26. Chris Cumberworth, 27. Larry Patton, 28. George Snider. NT