

## **Bigelow's New Focus Equals Championship**

***By: Richie Murray***

Tom Bigelow, known primarily for his sprint car racing exploits, concentrated his 1984 efforts on the USAC National Midget title and it paid off. Bigelow trailed until June's eastern swing and gained a lead he never relinquished. He wound up with a 52-point cushion over Mel Kenyon, who finished second for the seventh time despite skipping the entire month of June.

Rich Vogler opened with back-to-back wins at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne, Ind. to earn the indoor title and provide car owner Bob Lowe his first career series victories in the first two series races he ever entered, doing so in a former Sherman Armstrong car while Gene Gennetten took the outdoor opener at Springfield (Ill.) Speedway.

Gennetten then finished third behind Kevin Olson at Santa Fe Speedway in Hinsdale, Ill., and Gene moved to the top of the standings. Jeff Nuckles, who placed second to Steve Lotshaw in May at IRP, assumed the point lead until Kevin Olson's victory at Hales Corners (Wis.) Speedway in early June. There, Gennetten reassumed a one-point lead over both Nuckles and Kenneth Nichols with Bigelow now only three points out of first place in Carl Sandy's Starcraft Volkswagen.

Jeff Nuckles drove to victory in June at Slinger (Wis.) Super Speedway to move back into the lead, but a crash in the next race at Kokomo (Ind.) Speedway, while brother Jerry was taking the win, gave the lead back to Gennetten. Gene, however, skipped the Eastern swing, so Bigelow, now tied for second with Nuckles, went to work. Tom won twice in New York, first at Five Mile Point Speedway in Binghamton, N.Y., then again two races later at Airborne Park to pad his miniscule lead.

Nick Fornoro Jr. gave the easterners a victory in June at Fulton (N.Y.) Speedway, then Kenyon ended a two-year victory drought by notching his 101st career win in the series debut in the state of Vermont at Devil's Bowl Speedway. Bob Cicconi closed the eastern swing with his first USAC feature win at the Orange County Fairgrounds Speedway in Middletown, N.Y. Kevin Olson had climbed to within one of Bigelow's point lead following his victory at Ohio's Cloverleaf Speedway in July, but his season concluded when he tangled with another car in the next race at Hales Corners, which sent him flipping end-over-end and resulted in KO being diagnosed with a cracked neck, pelvis, two broken ribs and a banged up knee.

Bigelow, on the other hand, came from the back of the pack to score a victory at Hales Corners to assume a commanding lead in the series points. Bigelow continued to expand his lead as Ken Schrader posted back-to-back victories in Springfield races, the first at Little Springfield and the second in the Rex Easton Memorial at the Illinois State Fairgrounds.

Mel Kenyon scored his 102nd career victory at Wisconsin's Milwaukee Mile in late August and suddenly was second in points. USAC Sprint champ Rick Hood won his first career USAC Midget feature at Little Springfield, but Bigelow dazzled to beat Hood at Tri-City Speedway in Granite City, Ill., raising his lead back to 77, while Rich Vogler notched a 500-lapper at the Indianapolis (Ind.) Speedrome by two laps in a record time of 1:54:17.491 all while nursing a broken shoulder blade.

Vogler also became the first four-time Hut 100 winner at the Terre Haute (Ind.) Action Track as Bigelow came home third. That put the lead back up to 55 and it appeared Bigelow was going to win the title. Both drivers skipped the first of two races at Ascot Park, with Sleepy Tripp becoming the fifth driver ever to post a his 50th career USAC National Midget win.

In the final two west coast races, Bigelow clinched the title as Ron Shuman scored an incredible fifth Turkey Night victory and Vogler won the finale at Phoenix International Raceway for the Wilke Racers, which helped the Milwaukee, Wis. based team to the entrant title with their Pabst Blue Ribbon VW scoring eight wins utilizing Olson, Schrader, Hood and Vogler.

Jeff Nuckles wound up seventh in the final standings, right behind brother Jerry, but suffered paralyzing injuries in a non-USAC sanctioned event at Eldora in July. Jeff's accident and brother Jerry's subsequent departure left a void for the series.

Russ Gamester finished 12th in points to earn the Bob Stroud Rookie of the Year. Joe Corrigan, 16th in the standings, was named the Most Improved Driver. Springfield (Ill.) Speedway promoter Joe Shaheen received the Jim Blunk Award.

J.C. Agajanian, who promoted a record 204 USAC National Midget events, passed away at age 70. Car owner Hank Green died after suffering a heart attack in the pit area at Kokomo just after his car had won its heat race with driver Ken Schrader.

Following the competition meetings, after unanimous recommendations from the safety committee, wheel discs were disallowed in the USAC Midget division for 1984. Foam-type inserts, however, were permitted.

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### **Midget Champ Rich Vogler Wins Century 100 at Fort Wayne**

Defending USAC National Midget Champion Rich Vogler of Indianapolis, IN recovered from an early-race accident to win the January 8 Century 100 USAC Midget race at the Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne, IN. The race marked the 100th time the USAC Midgets have appeared indoors and the victory gave Vogler the early 1984 National Midget Point lead.

Vogler was one of seven drivers involved in a massive tangle on the seventh lap of Sunday's feature event and was forced to restart in eighth position. He worked his way through traffic to take second spot behind leader Mel Kenyon, then inherited the lead on the 81st lap when Kenyon was trapped by two tangled cars and stopped. Mel rejoined the race but eventually finished eighth.

The victory was Vogler's 50th in the USAC National Midget competition and his 75th USAC feature triumph. He led the final 20 laps of the race in the Bob Lowe VW to beat runner-up Kenneth Nichols of Indianapolis by 6-7 car lengths.

Trailing Vogler and Nichols in the 100 were Jim Hines, Jeff Nuckles, Jerry Nuckles, Mike Fedorcak, Tom Bigelow, Kenyon, Russ Gamester, Steve Lotshaw, Terry Wente and Ken Hopkins. Bigelow was the fastest qualifier at 7.966 seconds, with Ronnie McLean winning the 15-consolation event. Heat race winners included Bob Bennett, Warren Mockler, Ken Schrader and McLean and Terry Wente won the 20-lap semi-feature.

Vogler was one of several former USAC indoor feature winners and champions honored by race organizer Bill Lipkey in special ceremonies prior to Sunday's race. Others included Gene Hartley, winner of USAC's first race, at Fort Wayne on January 8, 1956, and Jack Bates, Fort Wayne's 1956 indoor champion.

### **USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: January 8, 1984 – Allen County War Memorial Coliseum – Fort Wayne, Indiana – Century 100**

QUALIFYING: 1. Tom Bigelow, 16, Sandy-7.966; 2. Rich Vogler, 74, Lowe-7.996; 3. Steve Lotshaw, 4, Helmling-8.046; 4. Russ Gamester, 46, Gamester-8.048; 5. Jim Hines, 11, Hines-8.096; 6. Jeff Nuckles, 57, Nuckles-8.208; 7. Ken Hopkins, 54A, Hopkins-8.300; 8. Mel Kenyon, 11EC, Wilke-8.330; 9. Jerry Nuckles, 59, Neidlinger-8.345; 10. Kenneth Nichols, 0, Nichols-8.352; 11. Mike Fedorcak, 54EC, Rencurrel-8.377; 12. Terry Wente, 33SB, Wente-8.380; 13. Paul Stoehr, 2EC, Czyzewski-8.384; 14. Alan Brown, 5EC, Saligoe-8.389; 15. Mack McClellan, 67, Schneider-8.430; 16. Sam Isenhower, 6, Sandy-8.434; 17. Steve Cannon, 48, Heerboth-8.437; 18. Warren Mockler, 7EC, Mockler-8.456; 19. Gene Gennetten, 9K, Smith-8.460; 20. Sherwin Armstrong, 44, Armstrong-8.485; 21. Bob Bennett, 15, Bennett-8.504; 22. Eric Moore, 79, Moore-8.550; 23. Ken Schrader, 10EC, Gojmeric-8.566; 24. Ronnie McLean, 22EC, McLean-8.578; 25. Dave Ray, 33EC, Ray-8.578; 26. Greg Nelson, 99, Komppa-8.612; 27. Barry Reed, 16EC, Reed-8.706; 28. J.R. Armstrong, 43, Armstrong-8.722; 29. Bill Hudson, 44A, Jones-8.797; 30. Dean Billings, 2x, Billings-8.832; 31. Chuck Kryder Jr., 50EC, Kryder-8.890; 32. Bobby Nichols, 51, VanKlombenburgh-9.044; 33. Gary Lesh, 11x, Lesh-9.095; 34. Bobby Allen, 53EC, Allen-9.116; 35. Jim Wolf, 41EC, Wolf-9.194;

36. Bob O'Lena, 24EC, O'Lena-9.865; 37. Tim Sosbe, 25wc, Sosbe-NT; 38. Dick Wilkins, 5x, Wilkins-NT; 39. Tom Corcoran, 34EC, Windstrup-NT.

NON-QUALIFIERS RACE: (15 laps) 1. Ronnie McLean, 2. Greg Nelson, 3. Ken Schrader, 4. Bill Hudson, 5. Dave Ray, 6. Dean Billings, 7. J.R. Armstrong, 8. Gary Lesh, 9. Bobby Nichols, 10. Chuck Kryder Jr., 11. Bobby Allen, 12. Barry Reed. NT

FIRST HEAT: (15 laps) 1. Bob Bennett, 2. Paul Stoehr, 3. Jim Hines, 4. Tom Bigelow, 5. Jerry Nuckles, 6. Steve Cannon. 2:06.66

SECOND HEAT: (15 laps) 1. Warren Mockler, 2. Eric Moore, 3. Rich Vogler, 4. Alan Brown, 5. Jeff Nuckles, 6. Kenneth Nichols. 2:07.13

THIRD HEAT: (15 laps) 1. Ken Schrader, 2. Gene Gennetten, 3. Mike Fedorcak, 4. Ken Hopkins, 5. Steve Lotshaw, 6. Mack McClellan. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (15 laps) 1. Ronnie McLean, 2. Sam Isenhower, 3. Mel Kenyon, 4. Russ Gamester, 5. Sherwin Armstrong, 6. Terry Wente. NT

SEMI: (20 laps) 1. Terry Wente, 2. Mike Fedorcak, 3. Paul Stoehr, 4. Steve Cannon, 5. Warren Mockler, 6. Gene Gennetten, 7. Sherwin Armstrong, 8. Ronnie McLean, 9. Alan Brown, 10. Eric Moore, 11. Sam Isenhower, 12. Bob Bennett, 13. Mack McClellan. NT

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Rich Vogler, 2. Kenneth Nichols, 3. Jim Hines, 4. Jeff Nuckles, 5. Jerry Nuckles, 6. Mike Fedorcak, 7. Tom Bigelow (#11ECB Wilke), 8. Mel Kenyon, 9. Russ Gamester, 10. Steve Lotshaw, 11. Terry Wente, 12. Ken Hopkins. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-15 Kenneth Nichols, Laps 16-80 Mel Kenyon, Laps 81-100 Rich Vogler.

USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Rich Vogler-32, 2-Jim Hines-23, 3-Kenneth Nichols-22, 4-Tom Bigelow-20, 5-Jeff Nuckles-19, 6-Jerry Nuckles-16, 7-Mike Fedorcak-15, 8-Russ Gamester & Steve Lotshaw-13, 10-Mel Kenyon-12.

NEXT USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: January 22, 1984 – Allen County War Memorial Coliseum – Fort Wayne, Indiana – Indoor Hoosier Hundred

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### **Indoor Hoosier Hundred Gives Vogler Fort Wayne Sweep**

Rich Vogler's victory in the January 22 Indoor Hoosier Hundred at Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne, IN earned him a special bonus from race organizer Bill Lipkey as the defending USAC National Midget Champ remained undefeated in 1984 competition.

Rich and the Bob Lowe VW grabbed the lead from Steve Lotshaw 28 laps into the 100-lap main event and led the rest of the way to complete a sweep of the two Fort Wayne indoor races and win the Fort Wayne indoor crown. The double was worth an added 8200 from Lipkey, in addition to his other prize money and trophies.

Rich started eighth in the January 22 race but moved to third in the opening laps. Lotshaw led the first 27 laps before Rich caught him in traffic, then Steve applied constant pressure the rest of the way, finishing right on Rich's rear bumper.

Six-time USAC National Midget Champ Mel Kenyon was knocked unconscious in a crash during the second heat race but recovered quickly and was a spectator for the 100-lappet Mel's car overturned in a tangle on the backstretch on the opening lap of the heat and struck the outside wall in turn three while still upside down.

The USAC National Midget Series now prepares for a return to the Prairie Capital Convention Center in Springfield, IL March 10. The first indoor Midget race ever at the Springfield facility was held last March and was won by Jerry Nuckles.

USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: January 22, 1984 – Allen County War Memorial Coliseum – Fort Wayne, Indiana – Indoor Hoosier Hundred

QUALIFYING: 1. Jeff Nuckles, 57, Nuckles-7.878; 2. Tom Bigelow, 16, Sandy-7.881; 3. Rich Vogler, 74, Lowe-7.915; 4. Ronnie McLean, 22EC, McLean-7.971; 5. Ken Schrader, 10EC, Gojmeric-7.984; 6. Mel Kenyon, 11EC, Wilke-7.986; 7. Russ Gamester, 46, Gamester-8.013; 8. Jerry Nuckles, 59, Neidlinger-8.043; 9. Steve Lotshaw, 4, Helmling-8.082; 10. Eric Moore, 79, Moore-8.112; 11. Don Carter Jr., 16x, Carter-8.122; 12. Gene Gennetten, 9K, Smith-8.153; 13. Terry Wente, 33SB, Wente-8.153; 14. Kenneth Nichols, 0, Nichols-8.168; 15. Alan Brown, 5EC, Saligoe-8.179; 16. Chuck Kryder Jr., 50EC, Kryder-8.180; 17. Greg Nelson, 99, Komppa-8.205; 18. Dave Wunrow, 54EC, Rencurrel-8.210; 19. Dave Ray, 33, Ray-8.211; 20. Tom Corcoran, 34EC, Windstrup-8.224; 21. Warren Mockler, 7EC, Mockler-8.244; 22. Klaus Wever, 38, Wever-8.277; 23. Bruce Field, 15, Bennett-8.297; 24. Jim Wolf, 41EC, Wolf-8.341; 25. Steve Cannon, 48, Heerboth-8.343; 26. Barry Reed, 16EC, Reed-8.390; 27. Bobby Allen, 53EC, Allen-8.435; 28. J.R. Armstrong, 43, Armstrong-8.460; 29. Tim Sosbe, 25wc, Sosbe-8.576; 30. Sherwin Armstrong, 44, Armstrong-8.718; 31. Dean Billings, 21EC, Billings-8.728; 32. Tom Hayworth, 61EC, Hayworth-8.752; 33. Gary Lesh, 11x, Lesh-8.785; 34. Ken Hopkins, 54A, Hopkins-8.824; 35. Troy Riley, 57EC, Riley-8.893; 36. Bob O'Lena, 24EC, O'Lena-8.915; 37. Jeff Wilson, 33x, Wilson-8.955; 38. Jerry Russell, 19, Kunz-9.075; 39. Jim Hines, 11, Hines-NT.

NON-QUALIFIERS RACE: (15 laps) 1. Bruce Field, 2. Jim Wolf, 3. Bobby Allen, 4. Tim Sosbe, 5. Steve Cannon, 6. Dean Billings, 7. Bob O'Lena, 8. Jeff Wilson, 9. Gary Lesh, 10. Barry Reed, 11. Tom Hayworth. NT

FIRST HEAT: (15 laps) 1. Greg Nelson, 2. Warren Mockler, 3. Terry Wente, 4. Ken Schrader, 5. Steve Lotshaw, 6. Jeff Nuckles. 2:03.24

SECOND HEAT: (15 laps) 1. Kenneth Nichols, 2. Klaus Wever, 3. Eric Moore, 4. Tom Bigelow, 5. Dave Wunrow, 6. Mel Kenyon. NT

THIRD HEAT: (15 laps) 1. Bruce Field, 2. Alan Brown, 3. Russ Gamester, 4. Rich Vogler, 5. Don Carter Jr., 6. Dave Ray. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (15 laps) 1. Jim Wolf, 2. Gene Gennetten, 3. Jerry Nuckles, 4. Tom Corcoran, 5. Ronnie McLean, 6. Chuck Kryder Jr. 2:08.22

SEMI: (20 laps) 1. Gene Gennetten, 2. Don Carter Jr., 3. Kenneth Nichols, 4. Terry Wente, 5. Greg Nelson, 6. Alan Brown, 7. Warren Mockler, 8. Tom Corcoran, 9. Dave Wunrow, 10. Jim Wolf, 11. Bruce Field, 12. Dave Ray, 13. Klaus Wever. NT

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Rich Vogler, 2. Steve Lotshaw, 3. Ronnie McLean, 4. Gene Gennetten 5. Jeff Nuckles, 6. Jerry Nuckles, 7. Don Carter Jr., 8. Kenneth Nichols, 9. Russ Gamester, 10. Ken Schrader, 11. Tom Bigelow, 12. Eric Moore. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-27 Steve Lotshaw, Laps 28-100 Rich Vogler.

**\*\*Mel Kenyon flipped upside down on the backstretch and hit the wall in turn three on lap 1 of the second heat. Kenyon was knocked unconscious for a short time but recovered and was a spectator for the feature event.**

USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Rich Vogler-61, 2-Jeff Nuckles-43, 3-Kenneth Nichols-36, 4-Steve Lotshaw-35, 5-Tom Bigelow-34, 6-Jerry Nuckles-31, 7-Ronnie McLean-26, 8-Russ Gamester-24, 9-Jim Hines-23, 10-Gene Gennetten-22.

NEXT USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: March 10, 1984 – Prairie Capital Convention Center – Springfield, Illinois – Coca-Cola Center 100

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### **Brown Wins Coca-Cola Center 100, Vogler Still Point Leader**

Alan Brown of Brownsburg, IN scored his second career USAC National Midget Series feature victory March 10 in the Coca Cola Center 100 at the Prairie Capital Convention Center in Springfield, IL.

Starting from the pole position, Alan led all 100 laps to win the race in front of an excellent crowd. He drove the Saligoe Race Cars/Valvoline/S & S Systems VW.

Defending USAC National Midget Champ Rich Vogler finished sixth in the 100-lap main event and retained the series point lead, having previously won two indoor events at Fort Wayne, IN in January.

Brown, who won a 100-lapper at Fort Wayne in 1982, moved into ninth place in the standings with his triumph.

Indianapolis drivers Steve Lotshaw and Kenneth Nichols finished second and third respectively, while Ohio brothers Jeff and Jerry Nuckles were fourth and fifth.

Kevin Olson, the only Illinois driver in the feature field, was the fastest qualifier with a new track record of 7.368 seconds.

USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: March 10, 1984 – Prairie Capital Convention Center – Springfield, Illinois – Coca-Cola Center 100

QUALIFYING: 1. Kevin Olson, 11EC, Wilke-7.368; 2. Jeff Nuckles, 57, Nuckles-7.456; 3. Tim Sosbe, 25wc, Sosbe-7.517; 4. Rich Vogler, 74, Lowe-7.537; 5. Russ Gamester, 46, Gamester-7.562; 6. Jerry Nuckles, 59, Neidlinger-7.604; 7. Tom Bigelow, 16, Sandy-7.605; 8. Steve Lotshaw, 4, Helmling-7.614; 9. Kenneth Nichols, 0, Nichols-7.726; 10. Alan Brown, 5EC, Saligoe-7.727; 11. Tom Corcoran, 34EC, Windstrup-7.746; 12. Jim Hines, 11, Hines-7.768; 13. Jim Wolf, 41EC, Wolf-7.789; 14. Ronnie McLean, 22EC, McLean-7.789; 15. Gene Gennetten, 9K, Smith-7.900; 16. Steve Cannon, 48, Heerboth-7.903; 17. Eric Moore, 79, Moore-7.908; 18. Ken Schrader, 10EC, Gojmeric-7.962; 19. Sam Isenhower, 6, Sandy-8.031; 20. Mel Kenyon, 35x, Calvert-8.033; 21. Dave Ray, 33, Ray-8.087; 22. Dean Billings, 21EC, Billings-8.131; 23. Jerry Russell, 19, Kunz-8.146; 24. Roger Branson, 7x, Branson-8.171; 25. Bob Frazier, 17x, Fuqua-8.344; 26. Troy Riley, 57EC, Riley-8.370; 27. Dick Billings, 15EC, Smith-8.464; 28. Bill Hudson, 44A, 8.501; 29. Terry Wente, 33SB, Wente-8.614; 30. Mike Fedorcak, 54EC, Rencurrel-8.650; 31. Johnny Parsons, 69, Lockard-8.657; 32. Duke DeRosa, 34, Motz-8.669; 33. Andy Hurtubise, 53EC, Allen-NT; 34. Ron McFaddin, 29EC, Hartman-NT.

NON-QUALIFIERS RACE: (15 laps) 1. Jerry Russell, 2. Mike Fedorcak, 3. Terry Wente, 4. Roger Branson, 5. Dick Billings, 6. Troy Riley, 7. Johnny Parsons, 8. Bill Hudson. NT

FIRST HEAT: (15 laps) 1. Russ Gamester, 2. Dave Ray, 3. Jim Wolf, 4. Kevin Olson, 5. Eric Moore, 6. Kenneth Nichols. 1:55.17

SECOND HEAT: (15 laps) 1. Dean Billings, 2. Ken Schrader, 3. Alan Brown, 4. Jerry Nuckles, 5. Jeff Nuckles, 6. Ronnie McLean. 1:56.40

THIRD HEAT: (15 laps) 1. Jerry Russell, 2. Gene Gennetten, 3. Sam Isenhower, 4. Tom Bigelow, 5. Duke DeRosa, 6. Tim Sosbe. 1:57.34

FOURTH HEAT: (15 laps) 1. Steve Lotshaw, 2. Mel Kenyon, 3. Rich Vogler, 4. Jim Hines, 5. Roger Branson, 6. Steve Cannon. NT

SEMI: (20 laps) 1. Sam Isenhowe, 2. Gene Gennetten, 3. Dave Ray, 4. Jim Wolf, 5. Ronnie McLean, 6. Jim Hines, 7. Ken Schrader, 8. Tom Corcoran, 9. Jerry Russell, 10. Mel Kenyon, 11. Steve Cannon, 12. Eric Moore, 13. Dean Billings. NT

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Alan Brown, 2. Steve Lotshaw, 3. Kenneth Nichols, 4. Jeff Nuckles, 5. Jerry Nuckles, 6. Rich Vogler, 7. Tim Sosbe, 8. Sam Isenhowe, 9. Gene Gennetten, 10. Johnny Parsons, 11. Tom Bigelow, 12. Russ Gamester, 13. Kevin Olson. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-100 Alan Brown.

USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Rich Vogler-79, 2-Jeff Nuckles-67, 3-Steve Lotshaw-60, 4-Kenneth Nichols-56, 5-Jerry Nuckles-48, 6-Tom Bigelow-42, 7-Russ Gamester-36, 8-Gene Gennetten-34, 9-Alan Brown-28, 10-Ronnie McLean-26.

NEXT USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: April 28, 1984 – Springfield Speedway – Springfield, Illinois

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USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: April 28, 1984 – Springfield Speedway – Springfield, Illinois

QUALIFYING: 1. Kevin Olson, 11EC, Wilke-12.259; 2. Duke DeRosa, 34, Motz-12.620; 3. Gene Gennetten, 3EC, Gennetten-12.697; 4. Sherwin Armstrong, 44, Armstrong-12.794; 5. Steve Knepper, 55JR, Knepper-12.798; 6. Alan Brown, 5EC, Saligoe-12.870; 7. Don Tyler, 18wc, Tyler-12.935; 8. Russ Gamester, 46, Gamester-12.946; 9. Mack McClellan, 67, Schneider-12.995; 10. Sam Isenhowe, 6, Sandy-13.007; 11. Kenneth Nichols, 0, Nichols-13.018; 12. Dick Pole, 25, Downing-13.075; 13. J.R. Armstrong, 43, Armstrong-13.111; 14. Jerry Nuckles, 59, Neidlinger-13.118; 15. Bill Baue, 6x, Mueller-13.163; 16. Dave Ray, 33, Ray-13.270; 17. Bob Bennett, 15, Bennett-13.352; 18. Dean Billings, 66A, King-13.383; 19. Danny Frye Jr., 19, Kunz-13.414; 20. Art Knepper, 2x, Knepper-13.433; 21. Kevin Doty, 50, Doty-13.435; 22. Klaus Wever, 38, K & B-13.465; 23. Manny Rockhold, 71EC, Johnson, 13.506; 24. Tim Sosbe, 25wc, Sosbe-13.524; 25. Andy Hurtubise, 22, Patterson-13.596; 26. Chuck Lee, 2D, Detweiler-13.615; 27. Eric Moore, 79, Moore-13.695; 28. Bill Hudson, 44A, Hudson-13.762; 29. Dick Billings, 15EC, Billings-14.017; 30. Gene Beach, 56, Beach-14.286; 31. Mel Kenyon, 61, 3K-NT; 32. Steve Foster, 81, Foster-NT; 33. Tim Wood, 8x, Carter-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Kevin Olson, 2. Steve Knepper, 3. J.R. Armstrong, 4. Mack McClellan, 5. Bob Bennett, 6. Kevin Doty, 7. Andy Hurtubise. NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Sam Isenhowe, 2. Alan Brown, 3. Jerry Nuckles, 4. Dean Billings, 5. Klaus Wever, 6. Duke DeRosa, 7. Chuck Lee. 2:12.34

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Gene Gennetten, 2. Don Tyler, 3. Bill Baue, 4. Danny Frye Jr., 5. Eric Moore, 6. Manny Rockhold, 7. Kenneth Nichols. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Art Knepper, 2. Russ Gamester, 3. Dick Pole, 4. Bill Hudson, 5. Dave Ray, 6. Tim Sosbe, 7. Sherwin Armstrong. NT

SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Duke DeRosa, 2. Sherwin Armstrong, 3. Kenneth Nichols, 4. Bob Bennett, 5. Tim Sosbe, 6. Klaus Wever, 7. Chuck Lee, 8. Eric Moore, 9. Gene Beach, 10. Dick Billings, 11. Kevin Doty, 12. Manny Rockhold. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Gene Gennetten, 2. Kevin Olson, 3. Steve Knepper, 4. Alan Brown, 5. Jerry Nuckles, 6. Sherwin Armstrong, 7. Mack McClellan, 8. Dick Pole, 9. Kenneth Nichols, 10. J.R. Armstrong, 11. Dean Billings, 12. Tim Sosbe, 13.

Bob Bennett, 14. Bill Hudson, 15. Russ Gamester, 16. Don Tyler, 17. Sam Isenhower, 18. Danny Frye Jr., 19. Bill Baue, 20. Art Knepper. NT

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### **Olson Nearly Unbeatable in Santa Fe Score**

Kevin Olson won the 40-lapper USAC Jolly Rancher National Midget race at Santa Fe Park Speedway in Hinsdale, IL, nearly sweeping the program after posting fast qualifying time and running second in his heat race in the Pabst Blue Ribbon VW on May 11.

Gene Gennetten, who beat Olson in their heat race, held on to the USAC Jolly Rancher National Midget Series point lead as a result of a 3rd place finish after leading 19 laps, but couldn't hold off Olson's charge.

USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: May 11, 1984 – Santa Fe Speedway – Hinsdale, Illinois

QUALIFYING: 1. Kevin Olson, 11EC, Wilke-14.304; 2. Jeff Nuckles, 57, Nuckles-14.707; 3. Don Tyler, 18wc, Tyler-14.729; 4. Mack McClellan, 67, Schneider-14.304; 5. Gene Gennetten, 3EC, Gennetten-14.807; 6. Jerry Nuckles, 59, Neidlinger-14.861; 7. Ken Weiland, 84, Weiland-14.895; 8. Dave Ray, 33EC, Ray-14.903; 9. Pat Sholtis, 54wc, Sholtis-14.916; 10. Tom Corcoran, 69, Lockard-14.924; 11. Larry Hillerud, 51EC, Hillerud-14.925; 12. Alan Brown, 5EC, Saligoe-14.929; 13. Mel Kenyon, 61, 3K-14.960; 14. Sam Isenhower, 6, Sandy-14.972; 15. Tom Teaters, 70 Teaters-14.991; 16. Steve Cannon, 48, Heerboth-15.058; 17. Kenneth Nichols, 0, Nichols-15.094; 18. Tom Bigelow, 16, Sandy-15.118; 19. Tim Sosbe, 25wc, Sosbe-15.182; 20. Dick Pole, 25EC, Downing-15.250; 21. Bill Hudson, 44A, Hudson-15.312; 22. Joe Corrigan, 65, Corrigan-15.319; 23. Dean Billings, 66A, King-15.485; 24. Bob Bennett, 8, Cornell-15.524; 25. Klaus Wever, 38, Wever-15.693; 26. Steve Thinnies, 48x, Thinnies-16.205; 27. Ken Hopkins, 54, Hopkins-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Gene Gennetten, 2. Kevin Olson, 3. Mel Kenyon, 4. Bill Hudson, 5. Kenneth Nichols, 6. Klaus Wever, 7. Pat Sholtis. 2:30.95

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Joe Corrigan, 2. Sam Isenhower, 3. Tom Corcoran, 4. Jerry Nuckles, 5. Jeff Nuckles, 6. Tom Bigelow, 7. Steve Thinnies. 2:31.36

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Tim Sosbe, 2. Larry Hillerud, 3. Don Tyler, 4. Tom Teaters, 5. Ken Weiland, 6. Dean Billings. 2:33.63

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Steve Cannon, 2. Dick Pole, 3. Alan Brown, 4. Dave Ray, 5. Bob Bennett, 6. Mack McClellan. 2:33.29

SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Mack McClellan, 2. Tom Bigelow, 3. Kenneth Nichols, 4. Pat Sholtis, 5. Bob Bennett, 6. Klaus Wever, 7. Dean Billings, 8. Steve Thinnies. 3:03.84

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Kevin Olson, 2. Steve Cannon, 3. Gene Gennetten, 4. Mack McClellan, 5. Alan Brown, 6. Mel Kenyon, 7. Jerry Nuckles, 8. Larry Hillerud, 9. Kenneth Nichols, 10. Dick Pole, 11. Don Tyler, 12. Tom Bigelow, 13. Sam Isenhower, 14. Joe Corrigan, 15. Tom Teaters, 16. Bill Hudson, 17. Dave Ray, 18. Tom Corcoran, 19. Tim Sosbe, 20. Pat Sholtis. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-2 Jerry Nuckles, Laps 3-21 Gene Gennetten, Laps 22-40 Kevin Olson.

USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Gene Gennetten-91, 2-Kevin Olson-82, 3-Rich Vogler-79, 4-Jerry Nuckles-78, 5-Kenneth Nichols-76, 6-Jeff Nuckles-73, 7-Alan Brown-66, 8-Steve Lotshaw-60, 9-Tom Bigelow-49, 10-Russ Gamester-42.

NEXT USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: May 12, 1984 – Indiana State Fairgrounds – Indianapolis, Indiana – Pole Night

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### **Schrader Dominates in Win at the Indy Mile**

Ken Schrader took the 20-mile Pole Night USAC Jolly Rancher National Midget feature at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis, leading all 20 miles en route to victory on May 12 aboard the Pabst Blue Ribbon VW.

Steve Lotshaw turned in a spectacular performance in the Indianapolis race, coming from last starting position (as an added starter to the field by the race organizers option) to finish in the runner-up spot behind Schrader.

Joe Corrigan escaped injury in a flip during warmups.

USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: May 12, 1984 – Indiana State Fairgrounds – Indianapolis, Indiana – Pole Night

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Ken Schrader (#11EC Wilke), 2. Mel Kenyon (#61 3K), 3. Sam Isenhower (#6 Sandy), 4. Jeff Nuckles (#59 Neidlinger), 5. Bob Bennett (#8 Cornell), 6. Sherwin Armstrong (#44 Armstrong), 7. Warren Mockler (#7 Mockler), 8. Dave Keith (#19 Keith), 9. Pepi Marchese (#31D Derrickson), 10. Gene Beach (#56 Beach), 11. Alan Brown (#5EC Saligoe), 12. Bill Baue (#6x Mueller), 13. John Batts Jr. (#41H Hunter), 14. Andy Hurtubise (#22 Patterson). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Larry Rice (#9EC Pool), 2. Tom Bigelow (#16 Sandy), 3. Gene Gennetten (#3EC Gennetten), 4. Bryan Holderfield (#73 Holderfield), 5. Ken Hopkins (#54 Hopkins), 6. Terry Wente (#33SB Wente), 7. Bill Hudson (#44A Hudson), 8. Roy Caruthers (#5EC Crucean), 9. Jimmy White (#11x White). 4:48.69

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Don Tyler (#18wc Tyler), 2. Manny Rockhold (#71 Johnson), 3. Jack Calabrese (#32 Calabrese), 4. Pat Sholtis (#54wc Sholtis), 5. Mike Gregg (#98 Hersh), 6. Larry Hillerud (#51EC Hillerud), 7. John Andretti (#4 Helmling), 8. Kenneth Nichols (#0 Nichols), 9. Russ Gamester (#46 Gamester), 10. Dave Ray (#33EC Ray), 11. Mike Edwards (#67A Edwards). 4:50.37

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. John Andretti, 2. Sherwin Armstrong, 3. Terry Wente, 4. Larry Hillerud, 5. Alan Brown, 6. Warren Mockler, 7. Bruce Field (#84 Weiland), 8. Russ Gamester, 9. Dean Billings (#66A King), 10. Dave Keith, 11. Kenneth Nichols, 12. Gene Beach, 13. Pepi Marchese, 14. Mike Edwards, 15. Bill Hudson, 16. Ray. 6:04.28

ALSO AT THE TRACK: Mike Gregg (#98x Hersh), Bobby Allen (#53EC Allen), Joe Corrigan (#65 Corrigan), Ron Eden (#77 Eden), Arnie Knepper (#31 Martinez), Jerry Russell (#19 Kunz) & Bill Compton (#55x North American Tool).

FEATURE: (20 laps) 1. Ken Schrader, 2. Steve Lotshaw (#2 Lotshaw), 3. Mike Gregg, 4. Tom Bigelow, 5. Larry Rice, 6. Mel Kenyon, 7. Sherwin Armstrong, 8. Pat Sholtis, 9. Jeff Nuckles, 10. Manny Rockhold, 11. Gene Gennetten, 12. John Andretti, 13. Sam Isenhower, 14. Larry Hillerud, 15. Ken Hopkins, 16. Bob Bennett, 17. Bryan Holderfield, 18. Terry Wente, 19. Jack Calabrese, 20. Don Tyler, 21. Alan Brown. 16:05.14

**\*\*Joe Corrigan flipped during practice and was taken to the hospital for a precautionary checkup.**

**FEATURE LAP LEADERS:** Laps 1-20 Ken Schrader.

**USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS:** 1-Gene Gennetten-102, 2-Jeff Nuckles-86, 3-Kevin Olson-82, 4-Rich Vogler-791, 5-Jerry Nuckles-78, 6-Kenneth Nichols-76, 7-Tom Bigelow-74, 8-Alan Brown-69, 9-Steve Lotshaw-601, 10-Ken Schrader-54.

**NEXT USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET RACE:** May 26, 1984 – Indianapolis Raceway Park – Clermont, Indiana – Budweiser 39th Annual Night Before the 500

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### **Lotshaw Wins Night Before**

Steve Lotshaw drove his father's Lotshaw Built Homes VW to victory in the May 26 Budweiser 39th Annual Night Before the 500 Classic at Indianapolis Raceway Park, with point leader Jeff Nuckles finishing in the runner-up spot.

Mel Kenyon suffered a punctured right wrist in a tangle on the 28th lap at IRP while running second.

**USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS:** May 26, 1984 – Indianapolis Raceway Park – Clermont, Indiana – Budweiser 39th Annual Night Before the 500

**QUALIFYING:** 1. Mel Kenyon, 61, 3K-23.169; 2. Jerry Nuckles, 59, Neidlinger-23.432; 3. John Andretti, 4, Helmling-23.489; 4. Steve Lotshaw, 2, Lotshaw-23.628; 5. Jim Hines, 11, Hines-23.648; 6. Don Jones, 51, DJ-23.658; 7. Tom Bigelow, 16, Sandy-23.751; 8. Jeff Nuckles, 57, Nuckles-23.843; 9. Kevin Olson, 11EC, Wilke-23.847; 10. Warren Mockler, 7, Mockler-23.904; 11. Kenneth Nichols, 0, Nichols-24.209; 12. Russ Gamester, 46, Gamester-24.225; 13. Mike Fedorcak, 54wc, Rencurrel-24.239; 14. Johnny Parsons, 76, Green-24.264; 15. Ken Hopkins, 54A, Hopkins-24.541; 16. Bob Bennett, 15, Bennett-24.585; 17. Gene Gennetten, 3wc, Gennetten-24.586; 18. Lonnie Caruthers, 78, Grubbs-24.624; 19. Alan Brown, 5EC, Saligoe-24.691; 20. Sherwin Armstrong, 44, Armstrong-24.737; 21. John Jenkins, 81, Rieder-24.802; 22. Rusty Rasmussen, 38, Rasmussen-25.033; 23. Barry Reed, 16EC, Reed-25.037; 24. Sam Isenhower, 6, Sandy-25.390; 25. Andy Hurtubise, 22, Patterson-25.523; 26. Steve Boissoneau, 75, Boissoneau-25.775; 27. Dean Billings, 66A, King-26.738; 28. Eddie Griffith, 41, Griffith-27.914; 29. Paul Jordan, 93, Jordan-NT; 30. Troy Riley, 57EC, Riley-NT.

**FIRST HEAT: (10 laps)** 1. Mike Fedorcak, 2. John Jenkins, 3. Gene Gennetten, 4. Jim Hines, 5. Andy Hurtubise, 6. Kevin Olson, 7. Mel Kenyon. NT

**SECOND HEAT: (10 laps)** 1. Rusty Rasmussen, 2. Don Jones, 3. Jerry Nuckles, 4. Warren Mockler, 5. Lonnie Caruthers, 6. Steve Boissoneau. 4:18.82

**SEMI: (10 laps)** 1. Mel Kenyon, 2. Alan Brown, 3. Kevin Olson, 4. Sam Isenhower, 5. Steve Boissoneau, 6. Eddie Griffith. 3:57.28

**FEATURE: (30 laps)** 1. Steve Lotshaw, 2. Jeff Nuckles, 3. Tom Bigelow, 4. Kenneth Nichols, 5. Alan Brown, 6. Rusty Rasmussen, 7. Warren Mockler, 8. John Andretti, 9. John Jenkins, 10. Bob Bennett, 11. Gene Gennetten, 12. Sam Isenhower, 13. Ken Hopkins, 14. Sherwin Armstrong, 15. Mel Kenyon, 16. Don Jones, 17. Jerry Nuckles, 18. Andy Hurtubise, 19. Mike Fedorcak, 20. Jim Hines, 21. Barry Reed, 22. Lonnie Caruthers, 23. Dean Billings, 24. Kevin Olson, 25. Russ Gamester. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Don Jones, Laps 2-30 Steve Lotshaw.

**\*\*Mel Kenyon suffered a punctured right wrist when he tangled with Jerry Nuckles on lap 28 of the feature.**

USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jeff Nuckles-114, 2-Gene Gennetten-112, 3-Tom Bigelow-100, 4-Kenneth Nichols-99, 5-Steve Lotshaw-96, 6-Jerry Nuckles & Alan Brown-88, 8-Kevin Olson-82, 9-Rich Vogler-79, 10-Mel Kenyon-64.

NEXT USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: June 1, 1984 – Hales Corners Speedway – Hales Corners, Wisconsin – Co-Sanctioned by BMRA

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### **Olson Has 'Em Covered at Hales Corners**

Kevin Olson and the Pabst Blue Ribbon VW captured the 40-lapper at Wisconsin's Hales Corners Speedway.

Sherwin Armstrong suffered a broken collar bone, crushed vertebrae, broken nose and broken finger in a wild flip during the second heat.

USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 1, 1984 – Hales Corners Speedway – Hales Corners, Wisconsin – Co-Sanctioned by BMRA

QUALIFYING: 1. C.L. Smith, 17, Wernick-17.313; 2. Tim Pangborn, 71, Lundgreen-17.367; 3. Greg Nelson, 99, Komppa-17.376; 4. Kevin Koch, 41, Koch-17.458; 5. Dave Ray, 33EC, Ray-17.460; 6. J.R. Armstrong, 43, Armstrong-17.461; 7. Chris Maxson, 5x, Maxson-17.466; 8. Kevin Olson, 11EC, Wilke-17.471; 9. Larry Hillerud, 51EC, Hillerud-17.474; 10. Dan Fredenberg, 26, Fredenberg-17.482; 11. Kenneth Nichols, 0, Nichols-17.514; 12. Don Tyler, 18wc, Tyler-17.533; 13. Jeff Nuckles, 57, Nuckles-17.536; 14. Tom Bigelow, 16, Sandy-17.537; 15. Alan Brown, 5EC, Saligoe-17.557; 16. Jim Jones, 45, Jones-17.590; 17. Marty Davis, 76, Davis-17.671; 18. Pat Sholtis, 54wc, Sholtis-17.712; 19. Charlie Ford, 48p, Ford-17.715; 20. Eddie Loomis, 49, Loomis-17.722; 21. Butch Dahlke, 6, Dahlke-17.727; 22. Sherwin Armstrong, 44, Armstrong-17.735; 23. Dan Boorse, 7, Fitchburg-17.738; 24. Steve Cannon, 48, Heerboth-17.745; 25. Tom Teaters, 70, Teaters-17.762; 26. Dean Erfurth, 5, Erfurth-17.775; 27. Ken Weiland, 84, Weiland-17.890; 28. Jim Lothe, 23, Lothe-17.897; 29. Bill Kojis, 77, Kater-17.924; 30. Gene Gennetten, 3EC, Gennetten-17.952; 31. Tim Sosbe, 25wc, Sosbe-18.001; 32. Rick Schmidt, 25, Schmidt-18.022; 33. Jerry Swan, 8, Wachal-18.133; 34. Dick Billings, 15EC, Smith-18.187; 35. Tim Crimmings, 19, Steffen-18.273; 36. Russ Gamester, 46, Gamester-18.278; 37. Al Cole, 44, Cole-18.308; 38. Bill Ripp, 9, Ripp-18.384; 39. Scott Crawford, 27, Crawford-18.654; 40. Jeff Lockwood, 3, Lockwood-18.674; 41. John Callahan, 11, Callahan-19.079; 42. Don Schilling, 21s, Schilling-19.139; 43. Tommy Crandall, 9x, Crandall-19.285; 44. Bruce Garczynski, 36, Garczynski-19.392; 45. Gary Benion, 21, Tarkington-21.749; 46. Ken Bacci, X, Bacci-22.327.

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Marty Davis, 2. Tom Teaters, 3. Larry Hillerud, 4. Jeff Nuckles, 5. Butch Dahlke, 6. Dave Ray, 7. Bill Kojis, 8. C.L. Smith. NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Gene Gennetten, 2. Dan Fredenberg, 3. Tom Bigelow, 4. Tim Pangborn, 5. J.R. Armstrong, 6. Dean Erfurth, 7. Sherwin Armstrong, 8. Pat Sholtis. NT

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Kenneth Nichols, 2. Greg Nelson, 3. Alan Brown, 4. Charlie Ford, 5. Dan Boorse, 6. Ken Weiland, 7. Tim Sosbe, 8. Chris Maxson. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Kevin Olson, 2. Don Tyler, 3. Steve Cannon, 4. Eddie Loomis, 5. Jim Jones, 6. Jim Lothe, 7. Kevin Koch, 8. Rick Schmidt. 3:02.75

SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Kevin Koch, 2. Chris Maxson, 3. Dan Boorse, 4. Jim Jones, 5. J.R. Armstrong, 6. Jim Lothe, 7. Pat Sholtis, 8. Russ Gamester, 9. Ken Weiland, 10. Tim Crimmings, 11. Dean Erfurth, 12. Dick Billings, 13. Butch Dahlke, 14. Tim Sosbe, 15. Rick Schmidt, 16. Jerry Swan. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Kevin Olson, 2. Larry Hillerud, 3. Kenneth Nichols, 4. Tom Bigelow, 5. Tim Pangborn, 6. Greg Nelson, 7. Steve Cannon, 8. Don Tyler, 9. Eddie Loomis, 10. Dan Fredenberg, 11. Gene Gennetten, 12. Jeff Nuckles, 13. Kevin Koch, 14. Tom Teaters, 15. Charlie Ford, 16. Chris Maxson, 17. Dan Boorse, 18. Marty Davis, 19. Alan Brown, 20. Jim Jones. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-40 Kevin Olson.

\*\*Sherwin Armstrong suffered a broken collar bone, broken finger, broken nose, and a crushed vertebra when his car flipped over the backstretch wall on lap 7 of the second heat.

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### **Nuckles Busts Through to Slinger Triumph, Takes Point Lead**

Jeff Nuckles' victory at Slinger, WI June 2 put him in the 1984 USAC-Jolly Rancher National Midget Series point lead, as he drove the CMS/TarpcO/Leister Hot Air Tools VW to victory in the 50-lap feature.

Nuckles' lead is now just nine points over Kenneth Nichols, with Gene Gennetten, Tom Bigelow and Kevin Olson close behind.

USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 2, 1984 – Slinger Super Speedway – Slinger, Wisconsin – Co-Sanctioned by BMRA

FIRST HEAT: (10 Laps) 1. Larry Hillerud (#51EC Hillerud), 2. Jeff Nuckles (#57 Nuckles), 3. Gene Gennetten (#3EC Gennetten), 4. Kevin Olson (#11EC Wilke), 5. Tommy Crandall (#9x Crandall), 6. Tom Bigelow (#16 Sandy). 2:00.92

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Dan Fredenberg (#26 Fredenberg), 2. Dan Boorse (#7 Fitchburg), 3. Tim Pangborn (#71 Lundgreen), 4. Rick Vohl (#11 Vohl), 5. Dick Billings (#15EC Smith). 2:02.83

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jim Wartenberg (#69 Wartenberg), 2. Kenneth Nichols (#0 Nichols), 3. J.R. Armstrong (#43 Armstrong), 4. Charlie Ford (#48p Ford), 5. Don Schilling (#21s Schilling). 2:02.89

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Russ Gamester (#46 Gamester), 2. Pat Sholtis (#54wc Sholtis), 3. Jim Lothe (#23 Lothe), 4. Bill Ripp (#9 Ripp). 2:03.67

SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Jerry Swan (#8 Wachal), 2. Dick Billings, 3. Tom Bigelow, 4. Tommy Crandall, 5. Don Schilling. 2:44.00

ALSO AT THE TRACK: Jim McClean (#96 McClean).

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Jeff Nuckles, 2. Jim Wartenberg, 3. Larry Hillerud, 4. Dan Fredenberg, 5. Kenneth Nichols, 6. Russ Gamester, 7. Gene Gennetten, 8. Tim Pangborn, 9. Tom Bigelow, 10. Charlie Ford, 11. Pat Sholtis, 12. Jim Lothe, 13. Dan Boorse, 14. Kevin Olson, 15. Rick Vohl, 16. J.R. Armstrong, 17. Jerry Swan, 18. Dick Billings. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-50 Jeff Nuckles.

USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jeff Nuckles-149, 2-Kenneth Nichols-140, 3-Gene Gennetten-136, 4-Tom Bigelow-130, 5-Kevin Olson-117, 6-Steve Lotshaw-96, 7-Alan Brown-90, 8-Jerry Nuckles-88, 9-Rich Vogler-79, 10-Mel Kenyon-65.

NEXT USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: June 6, 1984 – Kokomo Speedway – Kokomo, Indiana

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### **Jerry Nuckles 1st in Kokomo 40**

Jerry Nuckles drove the Leister Hot Air Tools/Columbus Motor Speedway VW to victory in the June 6 USAC-Jolly Rancher National Midget Series feature event at the Kokomo, IN Speedway. He took over the lead on the 24th lap when Ken Schrader and Rich Vogler tangled in turn three and then led the final 17 laps to post his first win of the 1984 campaign.

The win also boosted him into a challenging position for the 1984 series crown.

Don Tyler finished second to Nuckles, with Alan Brown third.

USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 6, 1984 – Kokomo Speedway – Kokomo, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Kevin Olson, 11EC, Wilke-16.574; 2. Don Tyler, 18wc, Tyler-16.696; 3. Rich Vogler, 74, Lowe-16.824; 4. Jerry Nuckles, 59, Neidlinger-16.888; 5. Ken Schrader, 76, Green-16.905; 6. Alan Brown, 5EC, Saligoe-16.934; 7. Warren Mockler, 7EC, Mockler-16.990; 8. Kenneth Nichols, 0, Nichols-17.053; 9. Tom Bigelow, 16, Sandy-17.070; 10. Jeff Nuckles, 57, Nuckles-17.198; 11. Russ Gamester, 46, Gamester-17.206; 12. Gene Gennetten, 3EC, Gennetten 17.211; 13. Roy Caruthers, 5c, Crucean-17.286; 14. J.R. Armstrong, 43, Armstrong-17.403; 15. Tim Sosbe, 25wc, Sosbe-17.532; 16. Steve Cannon, 48, Heerboth-17.659; 17. Bobby Allen, 53, Allen-17.729; 18. Andy Hurtubise, 22, Patterson-17.760; 19. Bill Hudson, 44A, Hudson-17.814; 20. Barry Reed, 16EC, Reed-17.816; 21. Dave Keith, 19EC, Keith-17.951; 22. Jimmy White, 111, White-18.013; 23. Merrill Calvert, 35EC, Calvert-18.100; 24. Rick Laughlin, 42, Laughlin-20.513; 25. Eric Moore, 79, Moore-NT; 26. Bob Bennett, 15, Bennett-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Ken Schrader, 2. Kevin Olson, 3. Tom Bigelow, 4. Roy Caruthers, 5. Bobby Allen, 6. Dave Keith. 2:54.51

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jimmy White, 2. J.R. Armstrong, 3. Andy Hurtubise, 4. Alan Brown, 5. Jeff Nuckles, 6. Don Tyler. NT

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Bill Hudson, 2. Steve Cannon, 3. Kenneth Nichols, 4. Jerry Nuckles, 5. Barry Reed, 6. Rick Laughlin. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Rich Vogler, 2. Gene Gennetten, 3. Warren Mockler, 4. Tim Sosbe, 5. Russ Gamester, 6. Merrill Calvert. NT

SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Bobby Allen, 2. Don Tyler, 3. Barry Reed, 4. Russ Gamester, 5. Dave Keith, 6. Rick Laughlin, 7. Bill Hudson. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Jerry Nuckles, 2. Don Tyler, 3. Alan Brown, 4. Tom Bigelow, 5. Russ Gamester, 6. Warren Mockler, 7. Steve Cannon, 8. Gene Gennetten, 9. J.R. Armstrong, 10. Bobby Allen, 11. Barry Reed, 12. Rich Vogler, 13. Merrill Calvert,

14. Kenneth Nichols, 15. Roy Caruthers, 16. Andy Hurtubise, 17. Jimmy White, 18. Tim Sosbe, 19. Ken Schrader, 20. Kevin Olson. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-23 Ken Schrader, Laps 24-40 Jerry Nuckles.

USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Gene Gennetten-150, 2-Jeff Nuckles & Tom Bigelow-149, 4-Kenneth Nichols-146, 5-Kevin Olson-128, 6-Jerry Nuckles-116, 7-Alan Brown-111, 8-Steve Lotshaw-96, 9-Rich Vogler-93, 10-Russ Gamester-77.

NEXT USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: June 22, 1984 – Five Mile Point Speedway – Binghamton, New York – Co-Sanctioned by ARDC & NEMA

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### **Bigelow Reaches the Summit at Five Mile Point**

Tom Bigelow drove the Sandy Racing Starcraft VW to a 30-lap triumph at the Five Mile Point Speedway in Binghamton, N.Y. to open the 6-race USAC/ARDC/NEMA Eastern swing.

USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 22, 1984 – Five Mile Point Speedway – Binghamton, New York – Co-Sanctioned by ARDC & NEMA

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Mel Kenyon (#61 3K), 2. Kevin Olson (#11EC Wilke), 3. Russ Gamester (#46 Gamester), 4. Drew Fornoro (#45N Angelillo), 5. Alan Brown (#5EC Saligoe), 6. Kenneth Nichols (#0 Nichols), 7. Bob Pick (#5R Pick). NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Tom Bigelow (#16 Sandy), 2. Jerry Nuckles (#59 Neidlinger), 3. Nick Fornoro Jr. (#22A Scrivani), 4. Bob Cicconi (#59EC Cicconi), 5. John Buzzard (#14 Buzzard), 6. J.R. Armstrong (#43 Armstrong), 7. Paul Stoehr (#3N Czyzewski), 8. Mike Favulli Jr. (#80N Favulli), 9. Fremont Dickerman III (#70 Dickerman). NT

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jeff Nuckles (#57 Nuckles), 2. John Heydenreich (#80 Bollinger), 3. Sam Isenhower (#6 Sandy), 4. Andy Hurtubise (#22 Patterson), 5. John Jenkins (#81 Rieder), 6. Bruce Buffington (#9 Buffington), 7. Terry Smith (#17 Smith), 8. Bill Sargent (#47 Plakstis), 9. Jim Fearick (#29 Percival), 10. Harry Benjamin (#0x Benjamin). NT

SEMI: (4 laps) 1. Harry Benjamin, 2. Bill Sargent, 3. Fremont Dickerman III, 4. Mike Favulli Jr. NT

ALSO AT THE TRACK: Frank Yantorno (#51N Yantorno).

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Tom Bigelow, 2. Jeff Nuckles, 3. Jerry Nuckles, 4. Sam Isenhower, 5. Drew Fornoro, 6. Mel Kenyon, 7. Russ Gamester, 8. Bob Cicconi, 9. Kenneth Nichols, 10. Alan Brown, 11. Bob Pick, 12. Nick Fornoro Jr., 13. J.R. Armstrong, 14. Fremont Dickerman III, 15. Kevin Olson, 16. John Heydenreich, 17. Terry Smith, 18. John Buzzard, 19. John Jenkins, 20. Bruce Buffington, 21. Andy Hurtubise, 22. Harry Benjamin, 23. Paul Stoehr, 24. Bill Sargent. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-22 Mel Kenyon, Laps 23-30 Tom Bigelow.

NEXT USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: June 23, 1984 – Fulton Speedway – Fulton, New York – Co-Sanctioned by ARDC & NEMA

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### **Fornoro Wins One for the Easterners at Fulton**

ARDC Champion Nick Fornoro Jr. captured the 30-lap feature at the Fulton, NY Speedway on June 23, driving the Mikes Truck Stop/Scrivani VW.

USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 23, 1984 – Fulton Speedway – Fulton, New York – Co-Sanctioned by ARDC & NEMA

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Nick Fornoro Jr. (#22A Scrivani), 2. John Buzzard (#14 Buzzard), 3. Bruce Buffington (#9 Buffington), 4. Kenneth Nichols (#0 Nichols), 5. Fremont Dickerman III (#70 Dickerman), 6. Bob Pick (#5R Pick), 7. J.R. Armstrong (#43 Armstrong). NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jerry Nuckles (#59 Neidlinger), 2. Mel Kenyon (#61 3K), 3. Bob Cicconi (#59EC Cicconi), 4. Russ Gamester (#46 Gamester), 5. John Jenkins (#81 Rieder), 6. Drew Fornoro (#45N Angelillo), 7. Sam Isenhower (#6 Sandy), 8. Andy Hurtubise (#22 Patterson). NT

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Kevin Olson (#11EC Wilke), 2. Tom Bigelow (#16 Sandy), 3. John Heydenreich (#80 Bollinger), 4. Mike Favulli Jr. (#80N Favulli), 5. Alan Brown (#5EC Saligoe), 6. Jeff Nuckles (#57 Nuckles), 7. Terry Smith (#17 Smith). NT

ALSO AT THE TRACK: Paul Stoehr (#3N Czyzewski).

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Nick Fornoro Jr., 2. Mel Kenyon, 3. Bob Cicconi, 4. Drew Fornoro, 5. Jerry Nuckles, 6. John Buzzard, 7. Kevin Olson, 8. Tom Bigelow, 9. Jeff Nuckles, 10. Kenneth Nichols, 11. Alan Brown, 12. Bruce Buffington, 13. Russ Gamester, 14. J.R. Armstrong, 15. John Jenkins, 16. Mike Favulli Jr., 17. Fremont Dickerman III, 18. Andy Hurtubise, 19. Bob Pick, 20. Terry Smith, 21. Sam Isenhower, 22. John Heydenreich. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Nick Fornoro Jr.

USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Tom Bigelow-190, 2-Jeff Nuckles-184, 3-Kenneth Nichols-165, 4-Jerry Nuckles-157, 5-Gene Gennetten-150, 6-Kevin Olson-149, 7-Alan Brown-128, 8-Mel Kenyon-106, 9-Russ Gamester & Steve Lotshaw-96.

NEXT USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: June 27, 1984 – Airborne Park Speedway – Plattsburgh, New York – Co-Sanctioned by ARDC & NEMA

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### **Bigelow Takes Over Point Lead with Airborne Score**

Tom Bigelow was boosted into the USAC Jolly Rancher National Midget Series point lead after winning the 30-lapper at the Airborne Park Speedway in Plattsburgh on June 27.

USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 27, 1984 – Airborne Park Speedway – Plattsburgh, New York – Co-Sanctioned by ARDC & NEMA

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Kevin Olson (#11EC Wilke), 2. J.R. Armstrong (#43 Armstrong), 3. Jerry Nuckles (#59 Neidlinger), 4. Bob Pick (#5R Pick), 5. Terry Smith (#17 Smith). NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Tom Bigelow (#16 Sandy), 2. Jim Fearick (#29 Percival), 3. Russ Gamester (#46 Gamester), 4. Paul Stoehr (#2EC Czyzewski), 5. Drew Fornoro (#45N Angelillo). NT

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Mel Kenyon (#61 3K), 2. Nick Fornoro Jr. (#22A Scrivani), 3. Kenneth Nichols (#0 Nichols), 4. Alan Brown (#5EC Saligoe), 5. Sam Isenhowe (#6 Sandy), 6. Jeff Nuckles (#57 Nuckles). NT

ALSO AT THE TRACK: Bruce Buffington (#9 Buffington) & Fremont Dickerman III (#70 Dickerman)

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Tom Bigelow, 2. Kevin Olson, 3. Mel Kenyon, 4. Jerry Nuckles, 5. J.R. Armstrong, 6. Alan Brown, 7. Nick Fornoro Jr., 8. Kenneth Nichols, 9. Russ Gamester, 10. Sam Isenhowe, 11. Paul Stoehr, 12. Drew Fornoro, 13. Jim Fearick, 14. Bob Pick, 15. Terry Smith. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Tom Bigelow.

USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Tom Bigelow-218, 2-Jeff Nuckles-184, 3-Kenneth Nichols-177, 4-Jerry Nuckles-176, 5-Kevin Olson-174, 6-Gene Gennetten-150, 7-Alan Brown-142, 8-Mel Kenyon-129, 9-Russ Gamester-107, 10-Sam Isenhowe-96.

NEXT USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: June 28, 1984 – Devil's Bowl Speedway – West Haven, Vermont – Co-Sanctioned by ARDC & NEMA

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### **Kenyon Gets #101 Vermont's Devil's Bowl**

Six-time USAC Midget Champion Mel Kenyon recorded his 101st career USAC Midget feature win on June 28 at the Devil's Bowl Speedway in West Haven, VT in a race which had been rained out on its original date, June 24. Mel led all 30 laps in the Rose Brothers Trucking VW.

USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 28, 1984 – Devil's Bowl Speedway – West Haven, Vermont – Co-Sanctioned by ARDC & NEMA

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Mel Kenyon (#61 3K), 2. Drew Fornoro (#45N Angelillo), 3. Tom Bigelow (#16 Sandy), 4. Paul Stoehr (#2EC Czyzewski), 5. Terry Smith (#17 Smith), 6. Bob Pick (#5R Pick). NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Kenneth Nichols (#0 Nichols), 2. Kevin Olson (#11EC Wilke), 3. Jim Fearick (#29 Percival), 4. Alan Brown (#5EC Saligoe), 5. Bruce Buffington (#9 Buffington), 6. Sam Isenhowe (#6 Sandy). NT

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Russ Gamester (#46 Gamester), 2. Jerry Nuckles (#59 Neidlinger), 3. Jeff Nuckles (#57 Nuckles), 4. Nick Fornoro Jr. (#22A Scrivani), 5. J.R. Armstrong (#43 Armstrong). NT

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Mel Kenyon, 2. Jerry Nuckles, 3. Kevin Olson, 4. Drew Fornoro, 5. Jim Fearick, 6. Nick Fornoro Jr., 7. Russ Gamester, 8. Jeff Nuckles, 9. Sam Isenhowe, 10. Bruce Buffington, 11. Paul Stoehr, 12. Bob Pick, 13. Terry Smith, 14. Kenneth Nichols, 15. Tom Bigelow, 16. Alan Brown. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Mel Kenyon.

**\*\*Kenneth Nichols flipped on lap 13 of the feature.**

USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Tom Bigelow-223, 2-Jerry Nuckles-200, 3-Jeff Nuckles & Kevin Olson-196, 5-Kenneth Nichols-185, 6-Mel Kenyon-157, 7-Gene Gennetten-150, 8-Alan Brown-145, 9-Russ Gamester-122, 10-Steve Lotshaw-96.

NEXT USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: June 30, 1984 – Middletown, New York – Orange County Fair Speedway – Co-Sanctioned by ARDC & NEMA

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### **Cicconi Wins Middletown Eastern Finale**

Bob Cicconi was victorious in the 25-lap feature in the June 30 finale of the recent USAC/ARDC/NEMA Eastern Swing at the Orange County Fair Speedway in Middletown, NY.

Cicconi and the Lou Cicconi VW caught J.R. Armstrong on the third lap at the 5/8-mile dirt track and led the rest of the way. Olson also finished second, John Heydenreich third and Bigelow fourth in the 25-lapper.

USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 30, 1984 – Middletown, New York – Orange County Fair Speedway – Co-Sanctioned by ARDC & NEMA

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Mel Kenyon (#61 3K), 2. Kevin Olson (#11EC Wilke), 3. Don Tyler (#18wc Tyler), 4. John Buzzard (#14 Buzzard), 5. Billy Hughes (#6A Hughes), 6. Kenneth Nichols (#0 Nichols), 7. Mike Favulli Jr. (#80N Favulli), 8. Hank Rogers Jr. (#20A Brink), 9. Fremont Dickerman III (#70 Dickerman), 10. Ron Lauer (#12x McCabe). NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. J.R. Armstrong (#43 Armstrong), 2. Tom Bigelow (#16 Sandy), 3. Jerry Nuckles (#59 Neidlinger), 4. Drew Fornoro (#45N Angelillo), 5. Frank Fiore Jr. (#1F Fiore), 6. Sam Isenhower (#6 Sandy), 7. Guy Cicconi (#7T Tough), 8. Harry Benjamin (#96 Townsend), 9. Terry Smith (#17 Smith), 10. Bob Krollage (#63 Krollage). NT

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Bob Cicconi (#59EC Cicconi), 2. John Heydenreich (#80 Bollinger), 3. Nick Fornoro Jr. (#22A Scrivani), 4. Bruce Buffington (#9x Buffington), 5. Jeff Nuckles (#57 Nuckles), 6. Paul Stoehr (#2EC Czyzewski), 7. Russ Gamester (#46 Gamester), 8. Jim Fearick (#29 Percival), 9. Tom Cochrane (#55x Cochrane), 10. Bill Sargent (#47 Plakstis). NT

FEATURE: (25 laps) 1. Bob Cicconi, 2. Kevin Olson, 3. John Heydenreich, 4. Tom Bigelow, 5. Drew Fornoro, 6. Jeff Nuckles, 7. Jerry Nuckles, 8. Sam Isenhower, 9. John Buzzard, 10. Nick Fornoro Jr., 11. Kenneth Nichols, 12. Mike Favulli Jr., 13. Don Tyler, 14. Fremont Dickerman III, 15. Terry Smith, 16. Frank Fiore Jr., 17. Billy Hughes, 18. Bruce Buffington, 19. Guy Cicconi, 20. Jim Fearick, 21. Mel Kenyon, 22. J.R. Armstrong, 23. Ron Lauer, 24. Hank Rogers Jr. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-2 J.R. Armstrong, Laps 3-25 Bob Cicconi.

**\*\*Jerry Nuckles wins the USAC/ARDC/NEMA 5-race series championship by virtue of earning the most points throughout the Eastern swing.**

USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Tom Bigelow-246, 2-Kevin Olson-224, 3-Jerry Nuckles-216, 4-Jeff Nuckles-213, 5-Kenneth Nichols-194, 6-Mel Kenyon-162, 7-Alan Brown-145, 8-Russ Gamester-122, 9-Steve Lotshaw & Sam Isenhower-96.

NEXT USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: July 7, 1984 – Cloverleaf Speedway – Valley View, Ohio

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### **Olson Wins Cloverleaf, Closes on Bigelow**

Kevin Olson and the Wilke Racers Pabst Blue Ribbon VW led all 30 laps to win the July 7 USAC Jolly Rancher National Midget race at the Cloverleaf Speedway in Cleveland, OH. The victory elevated Kevin to within just three points of series leader Tom Bigelow, who finished ninth.

The Cleveland event was the first for USAC at the 1/4-mile paved oval since 1965 and was hotly contested, with Mel Kenyon and Armstrong Jr. challenging Olson all the way to the checkered flag.

USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 7, 1984 – Cloverleaf Speedway – Valley View, Ohio

QUALIFYING: 1. Jerry Nuckles, 41, Griffith-14.034; 2. J.R. Armstrong, 43, Armstrong-14.350; 3. Rick Harrell, 7H, Harrell-14.411; 4. Russ Gamester, 46, Gamester-14.434; 5. Mel Kenyon, 61, 3K-14.452; 6. Kevin Olson, 11EC, Wilke-14.490; 7. Tom Bigelow, 16, Sandy-14.643; 8. Jeff Nuckles, 57, Nuckles-14.645; 9. Tim Allen, 48x, Billett-14.757; 10. Bob Dawson, 83, Schmidlin-14.942; 11. Bill Baue, 36, Baue-15.105; 12. Denny Lott, 2x, Lott-15.490; 13. John Burton, 8x, Burton-15.752; 14. Larry Pappano, 98, Pappano-15.855; 15. Sam Isenhower, 6, Sandy-NT; 16. Kenneth Nichols, 0, Nichols-NT; 17. Jerry Nuckles, 59, Neidlinger-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Russ Gamester, 2. Jerry Nuckles, 3. Bob Dawson, 4. John Burton, 5. Tom Bigelow. NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. J.R. Armstrong, 2. Mel Kenyon, 3. Jeff Nuckles, 4. Bill Baue, 5. Larry Pappano. 2:22.95

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Kevin Olson, 2. Rick Harrell, 3. Sam Isenhower, 4. Tim Allen, 5. Denny Lott. 2:21.60

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Kevin Olson, 2. Mel Kenyon, 3. J.R. Armstrong, 4. Rick Harrell, 5. Russ Gamester, 6. Jeff Nuckles, 7. Tim Allen, 8. Sam Isenhower, 9. Tom Bigelow, 10. Bill Baue, 11. Bob Dawson, 12. Larry Pappano, 13. Denny Lott, 14. Jerry Nuckles, 15. Kenneth Nichols. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Kevin Olson.

USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Tom Bigelow-256, 2-Kevin Olson-253, 3-Jerry Nuckles-231, 4-Jeff Nuckles-228, 5-Kenneth Nichols-198, 6-Mel Kenyon-188, 7-Gene Gennetten-150, 8-Alan Brown-145, 9-Russ Gamester-144, 10-Sam Isenhower-108.

NEXT USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: July 20, 1984 – Hales Corners Speedway – Hales Corners, Wisconsin – Co-Sanctioned by BMARA

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### **Bigelow Wins Hales Corners 40-Lapper, Olson Injured in Accident**

Tom Bigelow scored a sensational victory in the 40-lap USAC-Jolly Rancher National Midget Series race at the Hales Corners, WI Speedway July 20, extending his point lead over series runner-up Kevin Olson in the process.

Olson's prospects for the 1984 series championship were dealt a severe blow at Hales Corners as he suffered a cracked neck and cracked pelvis and two broken ribs in a grinding crash in turn three on the 20th lap of the main event. He had spun early in the race and was working his way through the field en route to what would have been a third straight victory at the track. He was battling Bigelow for position when he touched the wheels of another car and flipped. He was released from intensive care after a short stay and is now recuperating at home.

Bigelow and the Starcraft VW caught leader Kenneth Nichols on the 29th lap as Nichols went to the pits with tire problems.

Tom then led the rest of the way to heat J.R. Armstrong and Mel Kenyon in the event co-sanctioned by the BMARA (Badger Midget Racing Association).

Tim Pangborn, Jeff Nuckles and Brad Weber also flipped during the nights program but all escaped injury.

USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 20, 1984 – Hales Corners Speedway – Hales Corners, Wisconsin – Co-Sanctioned by BMARA

QUALIFYING: 1. Kevin Olson, 11EC, Wilke-16.921; 2. Don Tyler, 18wc, Tyler-17.184; 3. Kevin Koch, 41, Koch-17.259; 4. Joe Corrigan, 65, Corrigan-17.271; 5. Jerry Nuckles, 59, Neidlinger-17.328; 6. Kenneth Nichols, 0, Nichols-17.346; 7. Tim Pangborn, 71, Lundgreen-17.359; 8. J.R. Armstrong, 43, Armstrong-17.408; 9. Eddie Loomis, 49, Loomis-17.418; 10. Mel Kenyon, 61, Kenyon-17.437; 11. Greg Nelson, 99, Komppa-17.438; 12. Dave Ray, 33EC, Ray-17.439; 13. Larry Hillerud, 51EC, Hillerud-17.463; 14. Ken Weiland, 84, Weiland-17.492; 15. Marty Davis, 76, Davis-17.500; 16. Tom Bigelow, 16, Sandy-17.526; 17. Dan Boorse, 7x, Fitchburg-17.563; 18. Dan Fredenberg, 26, Fredenberg-17.577; 19. Alan Brown, 5EC, Saligoe-17.577; 20. Jeff Lockwood, 3x, Lockwood-17.614; 21. Jim Lothe, 23, Lothe-17.633; 22. Russ Gamester, 46, Gamester-17.679; 23. Gary Billings, 37, Billings-17.684; 24. Dean Billings, 10, Billings-17.685; 25. Sam Isenhower, 6, Sandy-17.712; 26. Bill Ripp, 9, Ripp-17.760; 27. C.L. Smith, 88, Smith-17.817; 28. Jerry Swan, 8, Wachal-17.842; 29. Butch Turnquist, 38, Turnquist-17.977; 30. Dick Billings, 15EC, Smith-17.998; 31. Charlie Ford, 48p, Ford-18.066; 32. Pat Sholtis, 54wc, Sholtis-18.128; 33. Tim Crimmings, 19, Steffan-18.237; 34. Bill Hudson, 44A, Hudson-18.275; 35. Scott Crawford, 27, Crawford-18.476; 36. Brad Weber, 4x, Weber-18.627; 37. Tommy Crandall, 9x, Crandall-19.515; 38. Jeff Nuckles, 57, Nuckles-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Kevin Olson, 2. Mel Kenyon, 3. Jerry Nuckles, 4. Russ Gamester, 5. Ken Weiland, 6. Dick Billings, 7. Dan Fredenberg, 8. Bill Ripp. NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Charlie Ford, 2. Alan Brown, 3. Don Tyler, 4. Gary Billings, 5. Kenneth Nichols, 6. C.L. Smith, 7. Greg Nelson, 8. Marty Davis. NT

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Tom Bigelow, 2. Kevin Koch, 3. Dave Ray, 4. Pat Sholtis, 5. J.R. Armstrong, 6. Jerry Swan, 7. Jeff Lockwood, 8. Dean Billings. 2:58.83

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Dan Boorse, 2. Butch Turnquist, 3. Larry Hillerud, 4. Eddie Loomis, 5. Joe Corrigan, 6. Sam Isenhower, 7. Jim Lothe, 8. Tim Crimmings. 3:01.72

SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Greg Nelson, 2. Kenneth Nichols, 3. Joe Corrigan, 4. J.R. Armstrong, 5. Jeff Lockwood, 6. Jim Lothe, 7. Sam Isenhower, 8. Ken Weiland, 9. Jerry Swan, 10. Bill Ripp, 11. C.L. Smith, 12. Tim Crimmings, 13. Scott Crawford, 14. Bill Hudson, 15. Dean Billings, 16. Dick Billings, 17. Dan Fredenberg, 18. Brad Weber, 19. Bill Ripp. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Tom Bigelow, 2. J.R. Armstrong, 3. Mel Kenyon, 4. Greg Nelson, 5. Kevin Koch, 6. Dave Ray, 7. Joe Corrigan, 8. Jerry Nuckles, 9. Kenneth Nichols, 10. Don Tyler, 11. Eddie Loomis, 12. Charlie Ford, 13. Pat Sholtis, 14. Butch Turnquist, 15. Gary Billings, 16. Alan Brown, 17. Larry Hillerud, 18. Dan Boorse, 19. Kevin Olson, 20. Russ Gamester. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Kenneth Nichols, Lap 2 Jerry Nuckles, Laps 3-28 Kenneth Nichols, Laps 29-40 Tom Bigelow.

**\*\*Tim Pangborn flipped in turn one during qualifying. Jeff Nuckles flipped in turn one during qualifying. Brad Weber flipped in turn three during the semi. Kevin Olson flipped end-over-end down the back straightaway and into the third turn fencing on lap 20 of the feature. Olson sustained a cracked neck and two broken ribs but had been released from intensive care by the morning of July 23.**

USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Tom Bigelow-284, 2-Kevin Olson-265, 3-Jerry Nuckles-245, 4-Jeff Nuckles-228, 5-Mel Kenyon-210, 6-Kenneth Nichols-209, 7-Gene Gennetten & Alan Brown-150, 9-Russ Gamester-145, 10-J.R. Armstrong-112.

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### **Schrader Scores on the Bullring at Springfield**

Ken Schrader drove the Nicks S.O.S. Garage VW to victory in the August 18 40-lapper at the Springfield (Ill.) Speedway, leading all 40 laps to beat Rich Vogler and Bigelow to the flag.

USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 18, 1984 – Springfield Speedway – Springfield, Illinois

QUALIFYING: 1. Rich Vogler, 11EC, Wilke-12.507; 2. Joe Corrigan, 65, Corrigan-12.562; 3. John Andretti, 4, Helmling-12.705; 4. Danny Frye Jr., 20EC, Schroeder-12.867; 5. Ken Schrader, 10EC, Gojmeric-12.948; 6. Kenneth Nichols, 0, Nichols-13.009; 7. Mel Kenyon, 61, 3K-13.068; 8. Steve Cannon, 48, Heerboth-13.068; 9. Tim Sosbe, 25wc, Sosbe-13.072; 10. J.R. Armstrong, 43, Armstrong-13.106; 11. Scott Hatton, 5H, Hatton-13.139; 12. Alan Brown, 5EC, Saligoe-13.156; 13. Bobby Wente, 68x, Canaday-13.171; 14. Tom Bigelow, 16, Sandy-13.172; 15. Terry Wente, 33SB, Wente-13.175; 16. Steve Knepper, 55JR, Knepper-13.182; 17. Don Tyler, 18wc, Tyler-13.208; 18. Russ Gamester, 46, Gamester-13.236; 19. Dave Ray, 33EC, Ray-13.308; 20. Gene Beach, 56B, Beach-13.319; 21. Barry Reed, 16EC, Reed-13.353; 22. Tim Pangborn, 71x, Lundgreen-13.398; 23. Ted Hines, 53EC, Allen-13.445; 24. Bryan Holderfield, 73, Holderfield-13.470; 25. Sam Isenhower, 6, Sandy-13.510; 26. Scott Weyant, 99, Weyant-13.575; 27. Wes Hardin, 18, Hardin-13.592; 28. Bill Hudson, 44A, Hudson-13.611; 29. Bobby Schneider, 00, Schneider-13.674; 30. Chuck Kunz, 68, Kunz-13.824; 31. Chuck Lee, 2D, Detwiler-14.387; 32. Frank Johnson, 47, Johnson-15.344; 33. Tom Bland, 27, Gard-16.776.

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Rich Vogler, 2. Sam Isenhower, 3. Don Tyler, 4. Tim Sosbe, 5. Ken Schrader, 6. Bobby Wente, 7. Barry Reed. 2:12.71

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Tom Bigelow, 2. Joe Corrigan, 3. Kenneth Nichols, 4. Tim Pangborn, 5. J.R. Armstrong, 6. Scott Weyant, 7. Russ Gamester. 2:11.63

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. John Andretti, 2. Mel Kenyon, 3. Terry Wente, 4. Dave Ray, 5. Jim Hines, 6. Scott Hatton, 7. Wes Hardin. 2:12.13

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Steve Knepper, 2. Steve Cannon, 3. Danny Frye Jr., 4. Alan Brown, 5. Bill Hudson, 6. Gene Beach, 7. Bryan Holderfield. 2:11.34

SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Ken Schrader, 2. J.R. Armstrong, 3. Bobby Wente, 4. Russ Gamester, 5. Ted Hines, 6. Bill Hudson, 7. Gene Beach, 8. Scott Weyant, 9. Scott Hatton, 10. Barry Reed, 11. Bryan Holderfield. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Ken Schrader, 2. Rich Vogler, 3. Tom Bigelow, 4. John Andretti, 5. Danny Frye Jr., 6. Joe Corrigan, 7. Dave Ray, 8. Don Tyler, 9. Kenneth Nichols, 10. Alan Brown, 11. J.R. Armstrong, 12. Sam Isenhower, 13. Russ Gamester, 14. Tim Pangborn, 15. Bobby Wente, 16. Steve Knepper, 17. Steve Cannon, 18. Terry Wente, 19. Mel Kenyon, 20. Tim Sosbe. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-40 Ken Schrader.

NEXT USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: August 19, 1984 – Illinois State Fairgrounds – Springfield, Illinois – Rex Easton Memorial

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### **Schrader Does it Again in Springfield, This Time on the Mile**

After winning on the Springfield, Ill. bullring just hours earlier, Ken Schrader came right back on August 19 to win the 25-mile Rex Easton Memorial at the Illinois State Fairgrounds 1-mile dirt track, taking the lead on the 7th mile when Mike Gregg dropped out of the lead with engine problems. Larry Rice finished second and Rich Vogler third.

Tom Bigelow remains atop the 1984 USAC-Jolly Rancher National Midget standings

USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 19, 1984 – Illinois State Fairgrounds – Springfield, Illinois – Rex Easton Memorial

FIRST QUALIFYING RACE: (15 laps) 1. Mel Kenyon (#61 3K), 2. Larry Rice (#9 Pool), 3. Tom Bigelow (#16 Sandy), 4. Rich Vogler (#11EC Wilke), 5. Sam Isenhower (#6 Sandy), 6. Greg Nelson (#99 Komppa), 7. Steve Lotshaw (#2 Lotshaw), 8. Kenneth Nichols (#0 Nichols), 9. Russ Gamester (#46 Gamester), 10. Chuck Kunz (#68 Kunz), 11. J.R. Armstrong (#43 Armstrong), 12. Bruce Field (#75 Kaelin), 13. Bill Hudson (#44A Hudson), 14. Scott Weyant (#99x Weyant), 15. John Andretti (#4 Helmling), 16. Bobby Allen (#53EC Allen), 17. Joe Corrigan (#65 Corrigan), 18. Steve Cannon (#48 Heerboth). NT

SECOND QUALIFYING RACE: (15 laps) 1. Mike Gregg (#98x Hersh), 2. Ken Schrader (#10EC Gojmeric), 3. Arnie Knepper (#31 Martinez), 4. Danny Frye Jr. (#20EC Schroeder), 5. Steve Knepper (#55JR Knepper), 6. Gary Byers (#1B Range), 7. Tim Sosbe (#25wc Sosbe), 8. Don Tyler (#18wc Tyler), 9. Ron Roberts (#17x Finley), 10. Ken Hopkins (#54A Hopkins), 11. Alan Brown (#5EC Saligoe), 12. Manny Rockhold (#71 Johnson), 13. Gene Beach (#56B Beach), 14. Allen Yagle (#3B Yagle), 15. Art Knepper (#2x Knepper), 16. Pepi Marchese (#5m Marchese), 17. Bryan Holderfield (#73 Holderfield), 18. Tim Pangborn (#71x Lundgreen), 19. Wes Hardin (#18 Hardin). NT

ALSO AT THE TRACK: Roger Branson (#7 Branson) & Wayne Webb Jr. (#51 Hatton).

FEATURE: (25 laps) 1. Ken Schrader, 2. Larry Rice, 3. Rich Vogler, 4. Mel Kenyon, 5. Steve Lotshaw, 6. Steve Knepper, 7. Danny Frye Jr., 8. Tom Bigelow, 9. Gary Byers, 10. J.R. Armstrong, 11. Kenneth Nichols, 12. Tim Sosbe, 13. Greg Nelson, 14. Don Tyler, 15. Chuck Kunz, 16. Alan Brown, 17. Manny Rockhold, 18. Arnie Knepper, 19. Ron Roberts, 20. Ken Hopkins, 21. Russ Gamester, 22. Mike Gregg, 23. Bruce Field, 24. Sam Isenhower. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-6 Mike Gregg, Laps 7-25 Ken Schrader.

USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Tom Bigelow-323, 2-Kevin Olson-265, 3-Jerry Nuckles-245, 4-Mel Kenyon-239, 5-Kenneth Nichols-231, 6-Jeff Nuckles-228, 7-Alan Brown-164, 8-Russ Gamester-154, 9-Rich Vogler-152, 10-Gene Gennetten-150.

NEXT USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: August 25, 1984 – Wisconsin State Fair Park – West Allis, Wisconsin

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### **Kenyon Gets #102 at Milwaukee Mile**

Mel Kenyon scored his 102nd career USAC National Midget win at Wisconsin's Milwaukee Mile on August 25.

Mel Kenyon and the Rose Brothers Trucking VW held on for a narrow victory over determined Joe Corrigan at the Wisconsin State Fair Park Speedway in Milwaukee August 25. Corrigan led a couple of laps during the race but Kenyon was able to get to the checkered flag first. Schrader rounded out the top-three. Bob Cicconi came from dead last in the 22-car feature field to finish fourth in one of the best drives of the day.

Kenyon's Milwaukee victory boosted him into second place in the standings in search of a record 7th series title.

USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 25, 1984 – Wisconsin State Fair Park – West Allis, Wisconsin

FIRST QUALIFIER: (10 laps) 1. Mel Kenyon (#61 3K), 2. Joe Corrigan (#65 Corrigan), 3. Larry Hillerud (#51EC Hillerud), 4. Greg Nelson (#99 Komppa), 5. Mike Gregg (#98 Hersh), 6. Larry Rice (#9EC Pool), 7. Bob Teauseau (#18 Teauseau), 8. Brad Weber (#4x Weber), 9. Pat Sholtis (#54wc Sholtis), 10. Bill Hudson (#44A Hudson). 5:19.68

SECOND QUALIFIER: (10 laps) 1. Marty Davis (#76 Davis), 2. Ken Schrader (#11EC Wilke), 3. Bruce Field (#3x S & H), 4. Kenneth Nichols (#0 Nichols), 5. Sam Isenhower (#6 Sandy), 6. Bill Ripp (#93 Ripp), 7. Dick Billings (#15EC Smith), 8. Gary Benion (#21 Tarkington-Lacy), 9. Tom Bigelow (#16 Sandy), 10. Butch Dahlke (#6v Dahlke), 11. Bob Cicconi (#59EC Cicconi). 5:24.75

ALSO AT THE TRACK: Pepi Marchese (#5m Marchese).

FEATURE: (31 laps) 1. Mel Kenyon, 2. Joe Corrigan, 3. Ken Schrader, 4. Bob Cicconi, 5. Greg Nelson, 6. Tom Bigelow, 7. Bruce Field, 8. Kenneth Nichols, 9. Sam Isenhower, 10. Brad Weber, 11. Bob Teauseau, 12. Bill Ripp, 13. Mike Gregg, 14. Larry Hillerud, 15. Larry Rice, 16. Bill Hudson, 17. Marty Davis, 18. Gary Benion, 19. Pat Sholtis, 20. Butch Dahlke, 21. Dick Billings. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-10 Mel Kenyon, Laps 11-12 Joe Corrigan, Laps 13-31 Mel Kenyon.

USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Tom Bigelow-344, 2-Mel Kenyon-278, 3-Kevin Olson-265, 4-Kenneth Nichols-247, 5-Jerry Nuckles-245, 6-Jeff Nuckles-228, 7-Alan Brown-164, 8-Russ Gamester-154, 9-Rich Vogler & Ken Schrader-153.

NEXT USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: August 31, 1984 – Springfield Speedway – Springfield, Illinois

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## **Hood's Spectacular Season Debut Nets Win at Lil Springfield**

Rick Hood drove the Wilke Racers Pabst Blue Ribbon VW to an impressive win in the 40-lap USAC Jolly Rancher National Midget race at the Springfield, IL Speedway on August 31 in his first USAC Midget outing this season.

USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 31, 1984 – Springfield Speedway – Springfield, Illinois

QUALIFYING: 1. Rick Hood, 11EC, Wilke-12.703; 2. Danny Frye Jr., 20EC, Schroeder-12.771; 3. Alan Brown, 5EC, Saligoe-12.850; 4. Gene Gennetten, 3EC, Gennetten-12.958; 5. Ken Schrader, 10EC, Gojmeric-12.973; 6. Kenneth Nichols, 0, Nichols-13.105; 7. Don Tyler, 18wc, Tyler-13.146; 8. Russ Gamester, 46, Gamester-13.185; 9. Gene Beach, 56B, Beach-13.188; 10. Mel Kenyon, 61, 3K-13.241; 11. Ken Cahill, 7x, Cahill-13.245; 12. Duke DeRosa, 34, Motz-13.311; 13. Bill Baue, 36, Baue-13.322; 14. Tom Bigelow, 16, Sandy-13.334; 15. Steve Knepper, 55JR, Knepper-13.340; 16. Sam Isenhower, 6, Sandy-13.425; 17. Larry Cahill, 3x, Cahill-13.484; 18. Scott Weyant, 99x, Weyant-13.622; 19. Chuck Kunz, 68, Kunz-13.858; 20. Frank Johnson, 47, Johnson-14.715; 21. Steve Foster, 81, Foster-16.161.

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Gene Gennetten, 2. Mel Kenyon, 3. Rick Hood, 4. Don Tyler, 5. Sam Isenhower, 6. Chuck Kunz. 2:11.57

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Russ Gamester, 2. Ken Schrader, 3. Tom Bigelow, 4. Danny Frye Jr., 5. Larry Cahill, 6. Ken Cahill, 7. Frank Johnson. 2:12.39

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Duke DeRosa, 2. Alan Brown, 3. Steve Knepper, 4. Kenneth Nichols, 5. Scott Weyant, 6. Gene Beach. 2:14.95

SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Ken Cahill, 2. Sam Isenhower, 3. Larry Cahill, 4. Gene Beach, 5. Scott Weyant, 6. Chuck Kunz, 7. Bill Baue, 8. Frank Johnson. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Rick Hood, 2. Ken Schrader, 3. Gene Gennetten, 4. Danny Frye Jr., 5. Duke DeRosa, 6. Russ Gamester, 7. Mel Kenyon, 8. Alan Brown, 9. Tom Bigelow, 10. Kenneth Nichols, 11. Sam Isenhower, 12. Larry Cahill, 13. Scott Weyant, 14. Chuck Kunz, 15. Gene Beach, 16. Bill Baue, 17. Don Tyler, 18. Steve Knepper, 19. Frank Johnson, 20. Ken Cahill. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-6 Ken Schrader, Laps 7-40 Rick Hood.

NEXT USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: September 1, 1984 – Tri-City Speedway – Granite City, Illinois

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## **Bigelow Reels in Hood to Win at Tri-City**

Point leader Tom Bigelow and the Starcraft VW reeled in racelong leader Rick Hood in the 50-lapper at the Tri-City Speedway in Granite City, IL.

Hood led most of the Granite City race before Bigelow passed him with five laps remaining and ended up with the victory. Hood was second and John Andretti third.

USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: September 1, 1984 – Tri-City Speedway – Granite City, Illinois

QUALIFYING: 1. Duke DeRosa, 34, Motz-24.170; 2. Rick Hood, 11EC, Wilke-24.454; 3. Tom Bigelow, 16, Sandy-24.669; 4. Ken Schrader, 63, Dooling-24.808; 5. Mel Kenyon, 61, 3K-24.975; 6. Jon Backlund, 1B, Range-24.975; 7. Kenneth Nichols, 0, Nichols-25.099; 8. John Andretti, 4, Helmling-25.144; 9. Johnny Parsons, 68, Kunz-25.225; 10. Larry Cahill, 3x, Cahill-25.253; 11. Russ Gamester, 46, Gamester-25.277; 12. Bill Baue, 36, Baue-25.419; 13. Ron Roberts, 17x, Finley-25.527; 14. Bobby Schneider, 00, Whiteway-25.546; 15. Jerry Nemire, 83, Sohm-25.615; 16. Ken Cahill, 7x, Cahill-25.742; 17. Manny Rockhold, 71, Johnson-25.822; 18. Bob Willig, 53, Willig-25.839; 19. Eddie Griffith, 41, Griffith-25.911; 20. Alan Brown, 5EC, Saligoe-25.928; 21. Vic Frey, 49, Frey-26.076; 22. Sam Isenhower, 6, Sandy-26.987; 23. Billy Molkenbur, 14x, Molkenbur-27.252; 24. Shannon Finley, 71x, Finley-NT; 25. Rich Sodergren, 5s, Sodergren-NT; 26. Ken Schrader, 10EC, Gojmeric-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Russ Gamester, 2. Tom Bigelow, 3. Mel Kenyon, 4. Duke DeRosa, 5. Manny Rockhold, 6. Kenneth Nichols, 7. Ron Roberts, 8. Sam Isenhower, 9. Johnny Parsons, 10. Billy Molkenbur, 11. Jerry Nemire, 12. Eddie Griffith. 3:26.08

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Alan Brown, 2. Ken Schrader, 3. Rick Hood, 4. John Andretti, 5. Jon Backlund, 6. Bill Baue, 7. Larry Cahill, 8. Bob Willig, 9. Vic Frey, 10. Ken Cahill, 11. Bobby Schneider. 3:25.18

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Sam Isenhower, 2. Larry Cahill, 3. Johnny Parsons, 4. Bob Willig, 5. Bobby Schneider, 6. Ken Cahill, 7. Billy Molkenbur, 8. Vic Frey, 9. Ron Roberts, 10. Jerry Nemire. 4:30.80

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Tom Bigelow, 2. Rick Hood, 3. John Andretti, 4. Johnny Parsons, 5. Mel Kenyon, 6. Alan Brown, 7. Kenneth Nichols, 8. Sam Isenhower, 9. Ken Cahill, 10. Larry Cahill, 11. Bob Willig, 12. Ron Roberts, 13. Billy Molkenbur, 14. Vic Frey, 15. Russ Gamester, 16. Bobby Schneider, 17. Manny Rockhold, 18. Bill Baue, 19. Ken Schrader, 20. Duke DeRosa, 21. Jon Backlund, 22. Jerry Nemire. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-3 Mel Kenyon, Laps 4-45 Rick Hood, Laps 46-50 Tom Bigelow.

USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Tom Bigelow-391, 2-Mel Kenyon-314, 3-Kenneth Nichols-272, 4-Kevin Olson-265, 5-Jerry Nuckles-245, 6-Jeff Nuckles-228, 7-Alan Brown-201, 8-Ken Schrader-186, 9-Russ Gamester-179, 10-Gene Gennetten-176.

NEXT USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: September 15, 1984 – Indianapolis Speedrome – Indianapolis, Indiana – Yellow Cab-Regency Indy Midget 500

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### **Yellow Cab Regency 500 to Vogler**

Rich Vogler smashed two track records en route to victory in the September 15 Yellow Cab-Regency Indy Midget 500 at the Indianapolis Speedrome.

Vogler and the Bob Lowe VW set a new 1-lap track mark in QUALIFYING of 11.930 seconds, then completed the 500-lap grind in 1:54:17.491 to break Mack McClellan's 3-year-old race record.

Rich, who was returning to racing after recovering from a broken shoulder blade suffered a couple of weeks before, led 276 of the 500 laps and finished the race with a 2-lap cushion over runner-up Mel Kenyon.

Lonnie Caruthers, 1982 winner of the race, originally was listed as the second-place finisher but was penalized for violation of the pit procedures and officially placed seventh in the posting.

Ken Schrader, Kenneth Nichols and Steve Lotshaw rounded out the top-five.

USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: September 15, 1984 – Indianapolis Speedrome – Indianapolis, Indiana – Yellow Cab-Regency Indy Midget 500

QUALIFYING: (Held on September 14) 1. Rich Vogler, 74, Lowe-11.930; 2. John Andretti, 4, Helmling-12.139; 3. Bobby Seymour, 4s, Seymour-12.164; 4. Bob Bennett, 38, Wever-12.187; 5. Ken Schrader, 11EC, Wilke-12.194; 6. Roy Caruthers, 5c, Crucean-12.219; 7. J.R. Armstrong, 43, Armstrong-12.280; 8. Eric Moore, 79, Moore-12.285; 9. Mel Kenyon, 61, 3K-12.334; 10. Sam Isenhower, 6, Sandy-12.346; 11. Don Carter Jr., 16x, Carter-12.390; 12. Jim Hines, 11, Hines-12.406; 13. Tom Hayworth, 61EC, Hayworth-12.408; 14. Bob Cicconi, 45EC, Angelillo-12.431; 15. Wayne Arnold, 12, Milam-12.437; 16. Russ Gamester, 46, Gamester-12.446; 17. Lonnie Caruthers, 78, Grubbs-12.456; 18. Mack McClellan, 20, Schnelle-12.459; 19. Mike Schuyler, 56x, Schuyler-12.468; 20. Bobby Allen, 53EC, Allen-12.474; 21. Joe Roush, 1R, Roush-12.480; 22. Dink Glidden, 17G, Glidden-12.487; 23. Bob O'Lena, 24EC, O'Lena-12.518; 24. Steve Lotshaw, 2, Piascik-12.525; 25. Kenneth Nichols, 0, Nichols-12.536; 26. Kevin Potter, 58, Potter-12.555; 27. Ric Burdine, 48A, Burdine-12.575; 28. Ken Hopkins, 54A, Hopkins-12.635; 29. Alan Brown, 5EC, Saligoe-12.641; 30. Jim Mahoney, 3x, Mahoney-12.666; 31. Eddie Griffith, 41, Griffith-12.691; 32. Bill Baue, 36, Baue-12.700; 33. Blake Hollingsworth, 93, Hollingsworth-12.749; 34. Pat Sholtis, 54wc, Sholtis-12.770; 35. Duane Sandy, 17, Sandy-12.793; 36. Barry Reed, 16EC, Reed-12.795; 37. Ronnie McLean, 22EC, McLean-12.797; 38. Warren Mockler, 7, Mockler-12.832; 39. Tom Bigelow, 16, Sandy-12.970; 40. Bob Hayden, 77, Hayden-13.334; 41. John Warren, 14x, Warren-13.349; 42. Terry Smith, 17x, Smith-13.468; 43. Bev Griffis, 5x, Wilkins-13.669; 44. Jon Golliher, 73, Golliher-13.695; 45. Dale Bell, 9x, Bell-14.768; 46. Bev Griffis, 15x, Wilkins-NT; 47. Rick Laughlin, 42, Laughlin-NT; 48. Bart Montgomery, 47, Montgomery-NT; 49. Bill Hudson, 44A, Hudson-NT; 50. Bruce Field, 48x, Wartenberg-NT; 51. Mike Hurst, 91, Hurst-NT; 52. Michael Lang, 99, Autosports-NT.

REMAINDER OF PROGRAM HELD ON SEPTEMBER 15.

SEMI: (25 laps) 1. Bill Baue, 2. Tom Bigelow, 3. Eddie Griffith, 4. Barry Reed, 5. John Warren, 6. Ronnie McLean, 7. Duane Sandy, 8. Warren Mockler, 9. Bob Hayden, 10. Dale Bell, 11. Jon Golliher, 12. Bev Griffis, 13. Blake Hollingsworth, 14. Bart Montgomery, 15. Terry Smith. NT

FEATURE: (500 laps) 1. Rich Vogler, 2. Mel Kenyon, 3. Ken Schrader, 4. Kenneth Nichols, 5. Steve Lotshaw, 6. Jim Hines, 7. Lonnie Caruthers, 8. J.R. Armstrong/John Andretti, 9. Wayne Arnold, 10. Don Carter Jr., 11. Sam Isenhower, 12. Ken Hopkins, 13. Dink Glidden, 14. Bob O'Lena, 15. Kevin Potter/David Potter, 16. Mike Schuyler, 17. Bob Bennett, 18. Bobby Allen/Bill Baue, 19. Russ Gamester, 20. Bobby Seymour, 21. Eric Moore/Mack McClellan, 22. Roy Caruthers, 23. Tom Bigelow, 24. Jim Mahoney, 25. John Andretti, 26. Bob Cicconi, 27. Alan Brown/Bruce Field, 28. Barry Reed, 29. Tom Hayworth, 30. Ric Burdine, 31. Eddie Griffith, 32. Joe Roush, 33. Bill Baue. 1:54:17.491

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-16 Rich Vogler, Laps 17-64 J.R. Armstrong, Laps 65-240 Rich Vogler, Laps 241-300 Mel Kenyon, Laps 301-389 Kenneth Nichols, Laps 390-412 Lonnie Caruthers, Laps 413-431 Rich Vogler, Laps 432-435 Lonnie Caruthers, Laps 436-500 Rich Vogler.

USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Tom Bigelow-393, 2-Mel Kenyon-358, 3-Kenneth Nichols-308, 4-Kevin Olson-265, 5-Jerry Nuckles-245, 6-Ken Schrader & Jeff Nuckles-228, 8-Rich Vogler-211, 9-Alan Brown-203, 10-Russ Gamester-181.

NEXT USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: October 6, 1984 – Terre Haute Action Track – Terre Haute, Indiana – 32nd Annual Hut 100

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#### **4th Hut Hundred Midget Victory for Rich Vogler**

Rich Vogler led 63 of the 100 laps to win the October 6 Hut Hundred and become the first 4-time winner of the prestigious USAC Jolly Rancher National Midget Series race.

Rich captured the pole position for the 32nd Annual event but lost the early lead to Larry Rice, the only other driver to lead the race. Rich finally took over for good on the 45th lap and led the rest of the way, driving the Bob Lowe VW. Rice and the Pool's Bargain Center Cosworth eventually dropped back to fifth at the finish due to a broken shock.

Rick Hood and the Wilke Racers' Pabst Blue Ribbon VW were second, ahead of series point leader Tom Bigelow and the Starcraft VW. Steve Lotshaw and the Lotshaw Builders VW were fourth.

Bigelow's finish, coupled with Mel Kenyon's 15th-place, left Tom with a 55-point lead in the series standings. Mel was running second until he burned a valve and was forced out of the race just past the mid-way point.

#### **USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: October 6, 1984 – Terre Haute Action Track – Terre Haute, Indiana – 32nd Annual Hut 100**

QUALIFYING: 1. Rich Vogler, 74, Lowe-24.362; 2. Steve Lotshaw, 2, Lotshaw-24.456; 3. Larry Rice, 9EC, Pool-24.616; 4. Steve Cannon, 48, Heerboth-24.692; 5. Mel Kenyon, 61, 3K-24.726; 6. Steve Knepper, 55JR, Knepper-24.744; 7. Rick Hood, 11EC, Wilke-24.794; 8. John Andretti, 4, Helmling-24.798; 9. Russ Gamester, 46, Gamester-24.957; 10. Johnny Parsons, 84, Weiland-25.010; 11. Jerry Russell, 19, Kunz-25.016; 12. Sam Isenhower, 6, Sandy-25.029; 13. Joe Corrigan, 65, Corrigan-25.098; 14. Duke DeRosa, 34, Motz-25.171; 15. Pat Sholtis, 54wc, Sholtis-25.248; 16. Roy Caruthers, 5c, Crucean-25.254; 17. Tim Sosbe, 25wc, Sosbe-25.282; 18. Tom Bigelow, 16, Sandy-2f5.303; 19. Steve Thinnies, 48T, Thinnies-25.372; 20. Larry Hillerud, 51EC, Hillerud-25.372; 21. Alan Brown, 5EC, Saligoe-25.435; 22. Arnie Knepper, 45, Knepper-25.488; 23. Dave Ray, 33EC, Ray-25.585; 24. Don Tyler, 83, Sohm-25.586; 25. Manny Rockhold, 71, Johnson-25.663; 26. Bob Cicconi, 59EC, Cicconi-25.746; 27. Bobby Allen, 53EC, Allen-25.913; 28. Blake Hollingsworth, 93x, Hollingsworth-25.935; 29. Kenneth Nichols, 41, Griffith-26.075; 30. Gary Byers, 63, Dooling-26.261; 31. Dink Glidden, 17x, Glidden-26.329; 32. Rick Laughlin, 42, Laughlin-26.363; 33. Doug Wingert, 56x, Wingert-26.400; 34. Bill Baue, 36, Baue-26.412; 35. Chuck Kunz, 68, Kunz-26.456; 36. Pepi Marchese, 5m, Marchese-26.550; 37. Tom Bland, 75x, Gard-26.614; 38. Kurt Mayhew, 3p, Phillips-26.636; 39. Ron Eden, 47, Montgomery-26.722; 40. Bobby Schneider, 00, Whiteway-26.753; 41. Andy Hurtubise, 22, Patterson-26.835; 42. Duane Sandy, 17, Sandy-26.862; 43. Gene Beach, 56B, Beach-27.064; 44. Jack Shipman, 54x, G & J-27.301; 45. Ric Burdine, 48x, Burdine-27.552; 46. Troy Riley, 57EC, Riley-27.737; 47. Bob O'Lena, 24, O'Lena-27.951; 48. Rich Mueller, 80, Mueller-NT; 49. Kenneth Nichols, 0, Nichols-NT; 50. Don Tyler, 18wc, Tyler-NT (time of 26.203 withdrawn).

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Doug Wingert, 2. Bill Baue, 3. Chuck Kunz, 4. Tom Bland, 5. Rick Laughlin, 6. Dink Glidden, 7. Bobby Schneider, 8. Ron Eden, 9. Pepi Marchese, 10. Kurt Mayhew, 11. Andy Hurtubise, 12. Gene Beach. NT

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Rich Vogler, 2. Rick Hood, 3. Tom Bigelow, 4. Steve Lotshaw, 5. Larry Rice, 6. Pat Sholtis, 7. Steve Thinnies, 8. Sam Isenhower, 9. Bob Cicconi, 10. Steve Cannon, 11. Manny Rockhold, 12. Blake Hollingsworth, 13. Gary Byers, 14. John Andretti, 15. Mel Kenyon, 16. Duke DeRosa, 17. Chuck Kunz, 18. Larry Hillerud, 19. Don Tyler (#18wc), 20. Dave Ray, 21. Kenneth Nichols, 22. Russ Gamester, 23. Jerry Russell, 24. Alan Brown, 25. Arnie Knepper, 26. Johnny Parsons, 27. Joe Corrigan, 28. Tim Sosbe, 29. Steve Knepper, 30. Bobby Allen, 31. Doug Wingert, 32. Roy Caruthers, 33. Bill Baue. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-23 Larry Rice, Laps 24-30 Rich Vogler, Laps 31-44 Larry Rice, Laps 45-100 Rich Vogler.

USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Tom Bigelow-416, 2-Mel Kenyon-361, 3-Kenneth Nichols-306, 4-Kevin Olson-265, 5-Rich Vogler-249, 6-Jerry Nuckles-245, 7-Jeff Nuckles-228, 8-Ken Schrader-224, 9-Alan Brown-205, 10-Sam Isenhower-184.

NEXT USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: October 13, 1984 – Eldora Speedway – Rossburg, Ohio – 4-Crown Nationals

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### **Rains Force Double Postponement of 4-Crown Nationals Feature**

Preliminary events were completed on October 13 but the 4th Annual 4-Crown Nationals feature events were rained out on October 14 and 21 and were rescheduled for Sunday, October 28.

Mel Kenyon and Bruce Field won the 10-lap Jolly Rancher Midget qualifying heats.

Kenyon the Rose Brothers Trucking VW and Field the Kaelin Racing VW.

Tom Bigelow earned automatic starting berths in all three open-cockpit feature events, posting third fast qualifying time in the Midgets. Tom is one of three drivers to have earned starting positions in three different feature races, the others being Rich Vogler and Rick Hood.

Nick Fornoro Jr. was number one in the Jolly Rancher Midget time trials.

USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: October 13, 1984 – Eldora Speedway – Rossburg, Ohio – 4-Crown Nationals

QUALIFYING: 1. Nick Fornoro Jr., 81, Rieder-18.363; 2. Larry Rice, 9EC, Pool-18.412; 3. Tom Bigelow, 16, Sandy-18.493; 4. Rich Vogler, 74, Lowe-18.564; 5. Rick Hood, 11EC, Wilke-18.567; 6. Jerry Russell, 19, Kunz-18.696; 7. Steve Cannon, 48, Heerboth-18.709; 8. Bruce Field, 75, Kaelin-18.754; 9. Bob Cicconi, 59EC, Cicconi-18.782; 10. Alan Brown, 5EC, Saligoe-18.900; 11. Mel Kenyon, 61, 3K-19.000; 12. Roy Caruthers, 5c, Crucean-19.038; 13. Tim Sosbe, 25wc, Sosbe-19.081; 14. Kenneth Nichols, 0, Nichols-19.092; 15. Ric Burdine, 48EC, Burdine-19.166; 16. Sam Isenhower, 6, Sandy-19.178; 17. Steve Knepper, 55JR, Knepper-19.204; 18. Bill Baue, 36, Baue-19.332; 19. Bobby Allen, 53EC, Allen-19.513; 20. Bill Allen, 29, Allen-19.568; 21. Steve Thinnies, 48T, Thinnies-19.646; 22. Kurt Mayhew, 21, Mayhew-19.649; 23. John Heydenreich, 1p, McCoy-19.789; 24. Dave Keith, 19EC, Keith-19.803; 25. Bob O'Lena, 24EC, O'Lena-19.805; 26. Gary Mullen, 4x, Mullen-20.634; 27. Bob Wilkins, 5x, Wilkins-21.400; 28. Pepi Marchese, 5m, Marchese-NT; 29. Ron Mullen, 14x, Briggs-NT; 30. J.R. Armstrong, 43, Armstrong-NT.

FIRST QUALIFIER: (10 laps) 1. Mel Kenyon, 2. Bob Cicconi, 3. Steve Knepper, 4. Steve Cannon, 5. John Heydenreich, 6. Steve Thinnies, 7. Ric Burdine, 8. Bobby Allen, 9. Bob O'Lena, 10. Bob Wilkins. 3:09.44

SECOND QUALIFIER: (10 laps) 1. Bruce Field, 2. Kenneth Nichols, 3. Roy Caruthers, 4. Sam Isenhower, 5. Bill Allen, 6. Kurt Mayhew, 7. Gary Mullen, 8. Bill Baue, 9. Dave Keith, 10. Alan Brown, 11. Ron Mullen. 3:16.25

REMAINDER OF PROGRAM RAINED OUT.

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## **Tripp Scores National Win #50 at Ascot**

Sleepy Tripp became only the fifth driver in history to record 50 USAC National Midget race feature victories when he grabbed the 50-lap Jolly Rancher event at the Ascot Park Speedway in Gardena, CA on October 20.

Tripp and the Zarounian Classy Cars VW took the lead on the 11th lap around the 1/2-mile dirt oval and led the rest of the way to win the race.

Bill Bower led the first 10 laps before dropping out Tommy White, 1984 Champion of the USAC Jolly Rancher Western States Midget Series at Ascot Park, finished second in the 50-tapper, with Rick Bussell third.

The victory was Tripp's first USAC National Midget win at Ascot, although he has recorded 11 feature wins in the Western States competition at Ascot the past two seasons.

Jim Berg escaped injury in a flip in turn one on the 30th lap of the feature.

Ascot Park will host the 44th Annual Valvoline Turkey Night Grand Prix for USAC Jolly Rancher National Midgets on Thanksgiving Night, November 22. The feature event will be 100 laps.

### **USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: October 20, 1984 – Ascot Park – Gardena, California**

QUALIFYING: 1. Sleepy Tripp, 1wc, Zarounian-20.861; 2. Tommy Astone, 12, Bonillas-20.925; 3. Tommy White, 12wc, Binter-21.131; 4. Harlan Willis, 72wc, Schuck-21.157; 5. Bill Bower, 7G, Schwerter-21.209; 6. Rusty Rasmussen, 38wc, Rasmussen-21.229; 7. Rick Bussell, 1N, Bussell-21.244; 8. Wally Pankratz, 53x, Beauchamp-21.316; 9. Jim Berg, 80wc, Wright-21.325; 10. Jeff Heywood, 84wc, White-21.405; 11. Ian Lewis, 93wc, Jordan-21.536; 12. Bill Badger, 75wc, Badger-21.561; 13. Bobby Olivero, 99wc, Shefchik-21.621; 14. Mike Gehringer, 2c, Stutchman-21.676; 15. Johnny Parsons, 32wc, McAlister-21.676; 16. Jet Davison, 59wc, Davison-21.681; 17. Bob Ellis, 53wc, Mullaney-21.744; 18. Alan Brown, 5EC, Saligoe-22.012; 19. Chuck West, 36c, West-22.084; 20. Russell Wright, 50wc, Irwin-22.195; 21. Dave Stoltz, 8wc, Schwerter-22.276; 22. Dan Hillberg, 17wc, Hillberg-22.478; 23. Bob Crisp, 10wc, Crisp-22.582; 24. Gordy Edwards, 19wc, Hayes-22.639; 25. Robert Dolacki, 5x, Dolacki-22.810; 26. Jim Gentile, 39wc, Parker-NT; 27. Gary Howard, 42, Greer-NT; 28. Glenn Carson, 84N, Carson-NT; 29. Dave Berg, 3c, Bogan-NT.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Harlan Willis, 2. Tommy White, 3. Tommy Astone, 4. Sleepy Tripp. 1:24.229

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Bobby Olivero, 2. Sleepy Tripp, 3. Jim Berg, 4. Bob Ellis, 5. Bill Bower, 6. Dave Stoltz, 7. Robert Dolacki. 2:54.39

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Jeff Heywood, 2. Tommy Astone, 3. Mike Gehringer, 4. Alan Brown, 5. Rusty Rasmussen, 6. Dan Hillberg. NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Tommy White, 2. Ian Lewis, 3. Johnny Parsons, 4. Rick Bussell, 5. Chuck West, 6. Bob Crisp, 7. Gary Howard. 2:54.26

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Harlan Willis, 2. Wally Pankratz, 3. Bill Badger, 4. Jet Davison, 5. Gordy Edwards, 6. Russell Wright. 2:50.01

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Bill Bower, 2. Rusty Rasmussen, 3. Bob Crisp, 4. Chuck West, 5. Robert Dolacki, 6. Jim Gentile, 7. Gordy Edwards, 8. Dan Hillberg, 9. Russell Wright. NT

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Sleepy Tripp, 2. Tommy White, 3. Rick Bussell, 4. Tommy Astone, 5. Wally Pankratz, 6. Bob Ellis, 7. Rusty Rasmussen, 8. Alan Brown, 9. Ian Lewis, 10. Chuck West, 11. Bob Crisp, 12. Harlan Willis, 13. Jet Davison, 14. Jim Berg, 15. Jeff Heywood, 16. Bill Badger, 17. Johnny Parsons, 18. Bobby Olivero, 19. Mike Gehringer, 20. Bill Bower. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-10 Bill Bower, Laps 11-50 Sleepy Tripp.

**\*\*Jim Berg flipped on lap 30 of the feature.**

USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Tom Bigelow-420, 2-Mel Kenyon-364, 3-Kenneth Nichols-308, 4-Kevin Olson-265, 5-Rich Vogler-252, 6-Jerry Nuckles-245, 7-Jeff Nuckles-228, 8-Ken Schrader-224, 9-Alan Brown-218, 10-Sam Isenhower-184.

NEXT USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: November 22, 1984 – Ascot Park – Gardena, California – Turkey Night Grand Prix

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### **Turkey #5 For Shuman**

Ron Shuman led all 100 laps to win the Valvoline Turkey Night classic on Nov. 22 at Ascot Park, claiming an incredible fifth victory in the last six 'Turkey Night' races, Shuman drove the Larry Howard Hoosier Tire Cosworth to victory over Vogler and Sleepy Tripp.

Joe Corrigan set a new 1-lap qualifying record at Ascot of 20.189 seconds, leading a field of 72 cars.

Bigelow won a consolation race at Ascot after qualifying poorly, then came from 17th to fifth in the semi-feature, one spot short of transferring into the 100-lap feature. He then jumped into Bobby Olivero's machine for the feature but was forced out after 45 laps. Kenyon finished 10th, but the points he earned were not enough to keep him in contention for the title.

USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: November 22, 1984 – Ascot Park – Gardena, California – Turkey Night Grand Prix

QUALIFYING: 1. Joe Corrigan, 65, Corrigan-20.189 (New Track Record); 2. Ron Shuman, 71, Weeks-20.298; 3. Harlan Willis, 72wc, Schuck-20.600; 4. Mike Smith, 95, Smith-20.608; 5. Tommy White, 12wc, Binter-20.637; 6. Rich Vogler, 11EC, Wilke-20.673; 7. Tommy Astone, 12, Astone-20.701; 8. Jeff Heywood, 84wc, White-20.761; 9. Sleepy Tripp, 1wc, Zarounian-20.766; 10. Mike Gehringer, 2c, Stutchman-20.775; 11. DeWayne Woodward, 16G, Gerhardt-20.778; 12. Mike Gregg, 98, Hersh-20.794; 13. Bobby Olivero, 99wc, Shefchik-20.801; 14. Johnny Parsons, 93, Jordan-20.822; 15. Dennis Beat, 16wc, Mayhew-20.863; 16. Steve Lotshaw, 98H, Hersh-20.884; 17. Bill Badger, 75wc, Badger-20.889; 18. Gary W. Howard, 42wc, Greer-20.893; 19. Dave Stoltz, 8wc, Schwerter-20.896; 20. Gene Gennetten, 9K, Smith-20.928; 21. Wally Pankratz, 53x, Beauchamp-20.977; 22. Jimmy Sills, 05, Werke-21.025; 23. Bob Davison, 14, Wahl-21.104; 24. Mel Kenyon, 61, 3K-21.134; 25. Rick Bussell, 1N, Bussell-21.145; 26. Jim Berg, 80, Wright-21.165; 27. Bob Ellis, 53wc, Mullaney-21.175; 28. Jet Davison, 59wc, Davison-21.180; 29. Duane Feduska, 32wc, McAlister-21.215; 30. Danny Frye Jr., 20EC, Schroeder-21.244; 31. Dennis Welsh, 99x, Welsh-21.267; 32. Dan Hillberg, 17wc, Hillberg-21.298; 33. Alan Brown, 5EC, Saligoe-21.314; 34. Rusty Rasmussen, 38wc, Rasmussen-21.370; 35. Tom Tarlton, 21T, Tarlton-21.399; 36. Jack Hawley, 15wc, Robertson-21.411; 37. Floyd Alvis, 8N, Alvis-21.415; 38. John Starks, 54, Starks-21.462; 39. Ron Ransom, 45A, Ransom-21.477; 40. Smokey Alleman, 14x, Alleman-21.503; 41. Tom Bigelow, 16, Sandy-21.551; 42. Joe Winters, 09, Winters-21.557; 43. Mike Botelho, 96, Botelho-21.569; 44. Kevin Doty, 50, Doty-21.576; 45. Chuck West, 36w, West-21.633; 46. Glenn Carson, 84N, Carson-

21.642; 47. Bob Crisp, 10wc, Crisp-21.656; 48. Andy Hurtubise, 22, Patterson-21.672; 49. Bob Diaz, 88, Gomes-21.675; 50. Rick Maul, 9N, Maul-21.694; 51. Ken Schrader, 11ECB, Wilke-21.748; 52. Robert Dolacki, 5x, Dolacki-21.754; 53. Wheeler Gresham, 14N, Owen-21.758; 54. Butch Kelly, 31wc, Kelly-21.759; 55. Dave Berg, 27wc, Lynch-21.762; 56. Don Sperry, 6wc, Sperry-21.798; 57. Roy Prather, 21, Prather-21.916; 58. Brent Kaeding, 69JR, Miller-21.998; 59. Marty Rosler, 6WA, Rosler-22.032; 60. Gordy Edwards, 19wc, Hayes-22.380; 61. Bill Lindsey, 61N, Lindsey-22.395; 62. Russell Wright, 50wc, Irwin-22.445; 63. Bill Bower, 7wc, Bower-22.568; 64. Rusty Lomier, 32N, Halvorson-22.579; 65. Jim Gentile, 39wc, Parker-22.994; 66. Lynn Carter, 31x, LTC Research-24.444; 67. Pete Shuklian, 64, Shuklian-25.132; 68. Rick Haugh, 5H, Haugh-NT; 69. Mike Keller, 47wc, Dunham-NT; 70. Bobby Collins, 60wc, Keane-NT; 71. Brad Noffsinger, 92, Frasher-NT; 72. Rick Reif, 44, Reif-NT.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Mike Smith, 2. Joe Corrigan, 3. Harlan Willis, 4. Ron Shuman. 1:22.288 (New Track Record)

NON-QUALIFIERS RACE: (8 laps) 1. Tom Bigelow, 2. Mike Botelho, 3. Kevin Doty, 4. Joe Winters, 5. Glenn Carson, 6. Bob Crisp, 7. Andy Hurtubise, 8. Chuck West. 2:52.03

SEMI: (15 laps) 1. Rick Bussell, 2. Jim Berg, 3. Jet Davison, 4. Jack Hawley, 5. Tom Bigelow, 6. Tom Tarlton, 7. Rusty Rasmussen, 8. Duane Feduska, 9. Mike Botelho, 10. Alan Brown, 11. Dennis Welsh, 12. Ron Ransom, 13. Smokey Alleman, 14. Floyd Alvis, 15. John Starks, 16. Bob Ellis, 17. Dan Hillberg, 18. Danny Frye Jr. NT

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Ron Shuman, 2. Rich Vogler, 3. Sleepy Tripp, 4. Tommy White, 5. Mike Gregg, 6. Tommy Astone, 7. Joe Corrigan, 8. Jeff Heywood, 9. Brad Noffsinger (#72wc), 10. Mel Kenyon, 11. Johnny Parsons, 12. Steve Lotshaw, 13. Gary W. Howard, 14. Wally Pankratz, 15. Jet Davison, 16. Bill Badger, 17. Dennis Beat, 18. Jimmy Sills, 19. Tom Bigelow (#99wc), 20. Mike Gehringer, 21. Mike Smith, 22. Jack Hawley, 23. DeWayne Woodward, 24. Dave Stoltz, 25. Gene Gennetten, 26. Jim Berg, 27. Bob Davison, 28. Rick Bussell 42:28.80

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-100 Ron Shuman.

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### **Vogler 1st at Phoenix, Bigelow Wins USAC Midget Title**

Rich Vogler's victory in the Nov. 25 'Sands Chevrolet' 25-miler at Phoenix International Raceway in Wilke Racers Pabst Blue Ribbon VW gave the Wilke team the series' car owner championship.

Vogler was hounded by Bob Cicconi, who finished right behind him, and Corrigan, who ran out of fuel late in the race.

Vogler's teammate at Phoenix, Ken Schrader, finished a close third.

Tom Bigelow is the 1984 USAC Jolly Rancher National Midget Series Champion. He dropped out of the feature and finished 13th but still finished 52 points ahead of runner-up Mel Kenyon.

Danny Frye Jr. suffered a broken shoulder blade when he hit the wall during warmups at Phoenix. He was treated at a local hospital and released.

USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: November 25, 1984 – Phoenix International Raceway – Avondale, Arizona – Sands Chevrolet 25-Miler

QUALIFYING: 1. Rich Vogler, 11EC, Wilke-30.500; 2. Ken Schrader, 11ECB, Wilke-30.771; 3. Steve Lotshaw, 98H, Hersh-30.809; 4. Joe Corrigan, 65, Corrigan-30.843; 5. Bob Cicconi, 59EC, Cicconi-30.991; 6. Mike Gregg, 98, Hersh-31.039; 7. Tommy Astone, 12, Astone-31.107; 8. Robby Flock, 3c, Faust-31.166; 9. Tommy White, 21T, Tarlton-31.172; 10. Mike Gehringer, 7wc, Bower-31.231; 11. Mel Kenyon, 61, 3K-31.376; 12. Randy Roberts, 7, Wiencek-31.589; 13. Tom Bigelow, 16, Sandy-31.661; 14. Marty Rosler, 6WA, Rosler-31.846; 15. Stan Fox, 9, Lewis-32.212; 16. Rick Smith, 10, Smith-32.296; 17. Jimmy Screeton, 17, Shanoian-33.029; 18. Andy Hurtubise, 22, Patterson-33.080; 19. Alan Brown, 5EC, Saligoe-33.356; 20. Gordy Edwards, 19wc, Hayes-35.666; 21. Dave Stoltz, 11, Jones-37.314; 22. Rick Gerhardt, 16G, Gerhardt-45.553; 23. Kevin Turner, 91, Turner-48.826; 24. John Starks, 54, Starks-NT; 25. Jeff Sperry, 13, Sperry-NT; 26. Dan McLeod, 41, McLeod-NT; 27. Rusty Lomier, 49, Shanoian-NT; 28. Danny Frye Jr., 20EC, Schroeder-NT; 29. Tom Bigelow, 16x, Sandy-NT.

FEATURE: (25 laps) 1. Rich Vogler, 2. Bob Cicconi, 3. Ken Schrader, 4. Tommy White, 5. Tommy Astone, 6. Stan Fox, 7. Rick Smith, 8. Jimmy Screeton, 9. Randy Roberts, 10. Gordy Edwards, 11. Joe Corrigan, 12. Robby Flock, 13. Tom Bigelow, 14. Steve Lotshaw, 15. Bill Bower (#7wc), 16. Rick Gerhardt, 17. Mel Kenyon, 18. Mike Gregg, 19. Andy Hurtubise, 20. Alan Brown, 21. John Starks, 22. Marty Rosler. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-5 Rich Vogler, Laps 6-7 Joe Corrigan, Laps 8-25 Rich Vogler.

\*\*Danny Frye Jr. hit the turn two wall during the final hot lap session on Saturday and suffered a broken shoulder blade.

FINAL USAC JOLLY RANCHER NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Tom Bigelow-430, 2-Mel Kenyon-378, 3-Rich Vogler-322, 4-Kenneth Nichols-308, 5-Kevin Olson-265, 6-Ken Schrader-256, 7-Jerry Nuckles-245, 8-Jeff Nuckles-228, 9-Alan Brown-221, 10-Steve Lotshaw-192.