

Leffler Defies His Own Expectations

By: *Richie Murray*

Although Long Beach, California's Jason Leffler was certainly no stranger to midget racing, he absolutely exploded into the public consciousness of race fans worldwide in 1997 as he annexed his first USAC National Midget driving championship.

Leffler combined his talents with the newly formed Pete Willoughby-owned racing stable, consisting of chief mechanics Keith and Rusty Kunz, to rack up six victories, while tallying 21 consecutive top-fives in the middle portion of the season.

Wielding a Stealth/Gaerte combination, Leffler won just once during the first 16 races, yet it was easy to see why his name soon found itself at the top. In the sixth race of 1997 at the brand-new 16th Street Speedway in Indianapolis, Ind., he was passed on the final lap by Donnie Beecher who then hit the wall and flipped at the start/finish line, giving the win to Leffler.

By the time Leffler established himself at the top of the points, he reeled off four wins in five starts during a late summer stretch at Eagle, Neb. followed by a Belleville (Kan.) Nationals sweep and another "W" at Kansas' Lakeside Speedway.

"I knew we would do well, but I had no idea we would do this well," Leffler admitted. "The season started off a little slow for us, but we started picking it up during May. Belleville was the place I really started thinking about the championship."

Leffler indeed picked it up, starting all 34 feature events while failing to finish outside the top-10 on only five occasions throughout the season. A major highlight for Leffler arrived in September at the Terre Haute (Ind.) Action Track where he became the third driver to win both the Hut 100 and the Belleville Midget Nationals in the same year, following Jeff Gordon (1990) and Kevin Doty (1994), a banner performance that even defied the 22 -year-old phenom's budding expectations.

While most championship exploits are relatively straightforward between driver and team, that wasn't the case for Leffler and Willoughby. With the championship well in hand, the pairing parted ways just prior to November's west coast swing where he then drove for both John Lawson and Steve Lewis to finish out his 126 -point margin of victory over Tracy Hines.

For the second straight year, Hines finished as the runner-up despite competing, and winning, for three different teams. Hines' six series wins were a career best with four scores for Steve Lewis at Indiana's Winchester Speedway, Salem Speedway, Anderson Speedway and Indianapolis Raceway Park. After he and Lewis split, Hines continued to win with the Michner team at Louisville (Ky.) Speedway in August and for Ralph Potter in September at Indiana's Lincoln Park Speedway.

Drake was named the series' Most Improved Driver after placing third in the standings with a trifecta of wins at Missouri's I-70 Speedway, Bakersfield (Calif.) Speedway and at Rossburg, Ohio's Eldora Speedway during the 17th annual 4 -Crown Nationals. Meanwhile, Nick Lundgreen took eighth in the standings and received Rookie of the Year honors after posting 19 feature starts with a best finish of sixth at 16th Street Speedway in August and sevenths at Salem and Lincoln Park.

While Willoughby earned the entrant title in his first try, it was Steve Lewis who was presented with the Jim Blunk Award for his many contributions to the sport of USAC Midget racing in a myriad of manners over the past two decades.

The longtime home of AAA baseball's Indianapolis Indians, Bush Stadium, was converted into 16th Street Speedway, a new quarter-mile dirt track, in time for the 1997 season. The venue, led by general manager, and longtime Indianapolis Motor Speedway employee Dave Cassidy, along with IMS President Tony George and lawyer Jim Voyles, had the grandest of openings in April when Brian Gerster bested a field of 49 to capture the win in front of a sold out crowd of 12,500 fans.

Ryan Newman reached USAC victory lane for the initial time during May's Night Before the 500 at IRP. Sleepy Tripp made his first Midwestern visit in 17 years during September at 16th Street Speedway. Billy Boat became the first driver to win the Turkey Night Grand Prix in three-straight years at three different tracks, this time at Ventura (Calif.) Raceway.

Boat was also one of two drivers to spin and win in 1997, returning from a lap three spinout to steal the win from Leffler with less than a couple of laps remaining during a June round at Terre Haute. Tony Stewart did the same in May at IRP

following an opening lap tangle before charging back to first by lap 17. Stewart won five of his ten starts, including the Copper World Classic at Phoenix, plus two each at IRP and Beaver Dam, Wis., one of which came on Tony Stewart Night!

Kevin Thomas appeared to win his first career USAC National Midget feature in October at Terre Haute but was DQ'd after his car failed post-race tech inspection for not meeting minimum weight requirements, which gave the win to Jack Hewitt.

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: January 18, 1997 – RCA Dome – Indianapolis, Indiana – Thunder in the Dome XIII – Non-Points Special Event

FIRST TEAM USA HEAT: (12 laps) 1. Brian Tyler (#51 Meyers), 2. Nick Fornoro Jr. (#19 Seymour), 3. Donnie Lehmann (#31 Lehmann), 4. Joe Gosek (#4 Seymour), 5. Kevin Besecker (#12 McClellan), 6. Jimmy McCune (#95 Covington), 7. Kevin Olson (#78 Hultgren), 8. Bentley Warren (#69 Seymour). NT

SECOND TEAM USA HEAT: (12 laps) 1. Lou Cicconi Jr. (#58 Cicconi), 2. Ryan Newman (#98 Newman), 3. Jay Drake (#18 P & E), 4. Jim Hettinger (#75 Bilby), 5. Bob Cicconi (#8 Roselli), 6. Bobby Seymour (#9 Hultgren). NT

THIRD TEAM USA HEAT: (12 laps) 1. Stevie Reeves (#6 Potter), 2. Ronnie Johncox (#67 Hayworth), 3. Davey Hamilton (#3 Potter), 4. Doug Kalitta (#21 Kalitta), 5. Andy Michner (#26 J.S.), 6. Joey Payne (#37 Miller), 7. Mike Seymour (#10 Seymour). NT

FIRST TEAM INDIANA HEAT: (12 laps) 1. Kevin Thomas (#1 Dahlke), 2. Tracy Hines (#30 Leary), 3. Jim Keeker (#41 Griffith), 4. Tony Elliott (#17 CED), 5. Russ Gamester (#46 Gamester), 6. Tyce Carlson (#7 CED), 7. Kenneth Nichols (#16 Nowicke), 8. David Bridges (#11 MB). NT

SECOND TEAM INDIANA HEAT: (12 laps) 1. Tony Stewart (#91 Lang), 2. Johnny Parsons (#50 Lehmann), 3. Michael Lewis (#15 Lewis), 4. Dan Drinan (#33 Drinan), 5. Mel Kenyon (#61 3K), 6. Mark Cassella (#27 Bymaster), 7. Brian Gerster (#29 Gerster), 8. Roy Caruthers (#5 Caruthers). NT

THIRD TEAM INDIANA HEAT: (12 laps) 1. Michael Lang (#97 Lang), 2. Bill Rose (#99 Burrow), 3. Brad Marvel (#2 Cross), 4. Dave Darland (#88 Miller), 5. Mark Dismore (#70 No Limit), 6. Johnny Parsons III (#68 Parsons), 7. Ted Hines (#28 Heil), 8. Steve Barth (#14 Barth). NT

ENTERED CARS WHICH DID NOT ARRIVE: Randy Koch (#22 Kittleson), Phil DiMario (#23 McCabe), Pat Bliss (#32 Fuhrman) & (#66 Lamers). NT

TEAM USA FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Stevie Reeves, 2. Ryan Newman, 3. Lou Cicconi Jr., 4. Ronnie Johncox, 5. Jay Drake, 6. Nick Fornoro Jr., 7. Donnie Lehmann, 8. Jim Hettinger, 9. Davey Hamilton, 10. Doug Kalitta, 11. Andy Michner, 12. Bob Cicconi, 13. Mike Seymour, 14. Kevin Besecker, 15. Jimmy McCune, 16. Joey Payne, 17. Brian Tyler, 18. Joe Gosek, 19. Bobby Seymour, 20. Bentley Warren. NT

TEAM INDIANA FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Tony Stewart, 2. Johnny Parsons, 3. Brian Gerster, 4. Mel Kenyon, 5. Ted Hines, 6. Kevin Thomas, 7. Mark Dismore, 8. Tony Elliott, 9. Roy Caruthers, 10. Russ Gamester, 11. Michael Lewis, 12. Tyce Carlson, 13. David Bridges, 14. Dan Drinan, 15. Brad Marvel, 16. Kenneth Nichols, 17. Johnny Parsons III, 18. Bill Rose, 19. Steve Barth, 20. Dave Darland, 21. Mark Cassella, 22. Tracy Hines, 23. Michael Lang, 24. Jim Keeker. NT

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Russ Gamester, 2. Ted Hines, 3. Tony Elliott, 4. Brian Gerster, 5. Nick Fornoro Jr., 6. Stevie Reeves, 7. Bob Cicconi, 8. Doug Kalitta, 9. Donnie Lehmann, 10. Davey Hamilton, 11. Ryan Newman, 12. Ronnie Johncox, 13. Andy

Michner, 14. Michael Lewis, 15. Jay Drake, 16. Kevin Thomas, 17. Tony Stewart, 18. Johnny Parsons, 19. Mark Dismore, 20. Tyce Carlson, 21. Jim Hettinger, 22. Mel Kenyon, 23. Lou Cicconi Jr., 24. Roy Caruthers. NT

TEAM USA FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-7 Lou Cicconi Jr., Laps 8-40 Stevie Reeves.

TEAM INDIANA FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-40 Tony Stewart.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-5 Stevie Reeves, Laps 6-26 Tony Stewart, Laps 27-57 Ted Hines, Laps 58-85 Ronnie Johncox, Laps 86-100 Russ Gamester.

FINAL TEAM POINTS: Team USA-160, Team Indiana-140.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: January 31-February 2, 1997 – Phoenix International Raceway – Avondale, Arizona – 20th Skoal Bandit Racing Copper World Classic

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USAC NATIONAL & WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE RESULTS: January 31-February 2, 1997 – Phoenix International Raceway – Avondale, Arizona – 20th Skoal Bandit Racing Copper World Classic

QUALIFYING: (Held on February 1) 1. Tony Stewart, 9x, Lewis-27.247; 2. Tracy Hines, 9, Lewis-27.460; 3. Dan Drinan, 33, Drinan-27.661; 4. Kenny Irwin Jr., 91, Lewis-27.823; 5. Steve Barth, 14, Barth-27.849; 6. Davey Hamilton, 7x, Shefchik-27.887; 7. Billy Boat, 15, Lawson-27.997; 8. Jason Leffler, 71, Willoughby-28.104; 9. Chris Shultz, 90, No Limit-28.142; 10. Ryan Newman, 26, J.S.-28.392; 11. Jeff Sands, 10, Sands-28.437; 12. Chad Nichols, 67, Zarounian-28.452; 13. Robby Flock, 24x, Hart-28.474; 14. Nate Law, 36, Arvin-28.476; 15. Doug Kalitta, 12, Porto-28.515; 16. Dick St. John, 41, Griffith-28.536; 17. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-28.550; 18. Wally Pankratz, 31, Croteau-28.564; 19. Todd Thomas, 7, Irwin-28.564; 20. Brian Gerster, 61, HotShooz-28.566; 21. Ronnie Johncox, 24, Jacobs-28.594; 22. Dave Steele, 2, J.S.-28.630; 23. Jeff Hunt, 6, Potter-28.641; 24. Kenneth Nichols, 16, Nowicke-28.676; 25. Sarah McCune, 88, McCune-28.772; 26. Donny Oliver, 41x, Oliver-28.773; 27. Rick Kraft, 3, Kraft-28.804; 28. Jack Hewitt, 121, Murphy-28.897; 29. Dave Strickland Jr., 62, Klatt-28.902; 30. John Starks, 50, Beal-28.914; 31. Tony Elliott, 17, CED-29.079; 32. Chuck Leary, 30, Leary-29.092; 33. Andy Michner, 40, Curry-29.093; 34. Jimmy McCune, 48, Streicher-29.176; 35. Ron Hazelton, 32, Hazelton-29.397; 36. Shane Scully, 56, Scully-29.418; 37. Steve Paden, 0, Farrier-29.484; 38. Ted Hines, 28, Heil-29.541; 39. Rick Moss, 98, Kieper-29.587; 40. Dale Evans, 33x, Evans-29.612; 41. Roger Corrigan, 65, Corrigan-29.803; 42. Chad Farmer, 30x, Cook-30.060; 43. Jon Capps, 10x, Capps-30.273; 44. Dave Stoltz, 77, Stoltz-30.572; 45. Pat Bliss, 4x, Rosen-30.966; 46. Nick Geranio, 25, Goularte-NT; 47. Doug Kalitta, 21, Kalitta-NT; 48. #04, Jacobs-NT. (Rick Hendrix also in car #12).

SEMI: (10 laps – held on February 1) 1. Andy Michner, 2. Rick Moss, 3. John Starks, 4. Chuck Leary, 5. Donny Oliver, 6. Jimmy McCune, 7. Sarah McCune, 8. Ted Hines, 9. Roger Corrigan, 10. Chad Farmer, 11. Tony Elliott, 12. Steve Paden, 13. Shane Scully, 14. Dale Evans, 15. Jon Capps, 16. Rick Kraft, 17. Jack Hewitt, 18. Dave Strickland Jr., 19. Dave Stoltz. NT

FEATURE: (25 laps – held on February 2) 1. Tony Stewart, 2. Kenny Irwin Jr., 3. Billy Boat, 4. Ryan Newman, 5. Todd Thomas, 6. Chris Shultz, 7. Jeff Sands, 8. Rick Moss, 9. Wally Pankratz, 10. Dave Steele, 11. Jay Drake, 12. Jason Leffler, 13. Steve Barth, 14. Kenneth Nichols, 15. Doug Kalitta (#12), 16. Nate Law, 17. John Starks, 18. Dick St. John, 19. Brian Gerster, 20. Donny Oliver, 21. Ted Hines, 22. Dan Drinan, 23. Tracy Hines, 24. Jeff Hunt, 25. Jimmy McCune, 26. Chad Nichols, 27. Andy Michner, 28. Ronnie Johncox, 29. Chuck Leary, 30. Robby Flock. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-5 Dan Drinan, Laps 6-25 Tony Stewart.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Tony Stewart-48, 2-Kenny Irwin Jr.-39, 3-Billy Boat-33, 4-Chris Shultz-27, 5-Jeff Sands-25, 6-Ryan Newman-21, 7-Dave Steele-20, 8-Todd Thomas-19, 9-Jay Drake-19, 10-Steve Barth-19.

USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Tony Stewart-48, 2-Billy Boat-33, 3-Kenny Irwin Jr.-29, 4-Chris Shultz-27, 5-Jeff Sands-25, 6-Ryan Newman-21, 7-Dave Steele-20, 8-Todd Thomas-19, 9-Jay Drake-19, 10-Steve Barth-19.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: April 6, 1997 – Winchester Speedway – Winchester, Indiana – 7th Pepsi-Cola Rich Vogler Classic

NEXT USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE: February 9, 1997 – The Bullring at Las Vegas Motor Speedway – Las Vegas, Nevada – Silver State Shootout

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: April 6, 1997 – Winchester Speedway – Winchester, Indiana – 7th Pepsi-Cola Rich Vogler Classic

QUALIFYING: 1. Chris Shultz, 90, No Limit-15.153; 2. Jason Leffler, 71, Willoughby-15.274; 3. Tracy Hines, 9, Lewis-15.328; 4. Steve Barth, 14, Barth-15.415; 5. Doug Kalitta, 21, Kalitta-15.433; 6. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-15.580; 7. Dave Steele, 2, J.S.-15.609; 8. Andy Michner, 26, J.S.-15.633; 9. Jeff Hunt, 6, Potter-15.636; 10. Jeff Sands, 10, Sands-15.660; 11. Ronnie Johncox, 24, Jacobs-15.741; 12. Gus Wasson, 54, Hoiles-15.938; 13. Nate Law, 36, Arvin-16.014; 14. Mark Boice, 4, Boice-16.179; 15. Tony Elliott, 17, CED-16.276; 16. David Bridges, 11, MB-16.354; 17. Pat Bliss, 661, Lamers-16.425; 18. Nick Lundgreen, 49, Lundgreen-17.045; 19. Dick St. John, 41, Griffith-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Ronnie Johncox, 2. Tracy Hines, 3. Dave Steele, 4. Chris Shultz, 5. Doug Kalitta, 6. Jeff Hunt, 7. Nate Law, 8. Pat Bliss, 9. Tony Elliott. 2:04.54

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Steve Barth, 2. Jason Leffler, 3. Jeff Sands, 4. Jay Drake, 5. Mark Boice, 6. David Bridges, 7. Nick Lundgreen, 8. Andy Michner, 9. Gus Wasson. 2:06.02

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Jeff Hunt, 2. Andy Michner, 3. Gus Wasson, 4. Mark Boice, 5. Nate Law, 6. David Bridges, 7. Tony Elliott, 8. Pat Bliss, 9. Nick Lundgreen. 2:39.22

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Tracy Hines, 2. Andy Michner, 3. Dave Steele, 4. Doug Kalitta, 5. Steve Barth, 6. Jeff Hunt, 7. Jay Drake, 8. Jason Leffler, 9. Ronnie Johncox, 10. David Bridges, 11. Tony Elliott, 12. Chris Shultz, 13. Nate Law, 14. Nick Lundgreen, 15. Jeff Sands, 16. Pat Bliss, 17. Mark Boice, 18. Gus Wasson. 7:57.59

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Dave Steele, Lap 2 Steve Barth, Laps 3-30 Tracy Hines.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Tracy Hines-65, 2-Dave Steele-55, 3-Steve Barth-55, 4-Chris Shultz-54, 5-Jason Leffler-50, 6-Andy Michner-48, 7-Doug Kalitta-48, 8-Tony Stewart-48, 9-Jay Drake-46, 10-Jeff Sands-42.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: April 13, 1997 - Salem Speedway – Salem, Indiana

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: April 13, 1997 - Salem Speedway – Salem, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Chris Shultz, 90, No Limit-16.445; 2. Steve Barth, 14, Barth-16.547; 3. Jason Leffler, 71, Willoughby-16.609; 4. Kenneth Nichols, 16, Nowicke/Beach-16.698; 5. Tracy Hines, 9, Lewis-16.700; 6. Doug Kalitta, 21, Kalitta-16.797; 7. Nate Law, 36, Arvin-16.846; 8. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-16.874; 9. Andy Michner, 26, J.S.-17.027; 10. Robby Parish, 7, Irwin-17.073; 11. Larry Gibson, 18, P & E-17.133; 12. Dave Steele, 2, J.S.-17.154; 13. Jeff Hunt, 6, Potter-17.389; 14. Tony Elliott, 17, CED-17.536; 15. David Bridges, 11, MB-17.587; 16. Sarah McCune, 88, McCune-17.679; 17. Nick Lundgreen, 49, Lundgreen-17.707; 18. Jeff Sands, 10, Sands-17.772; 19. Ted Hines, 3, Potter-18.294; 20. Mark Boice, 4, Boice-18.347; 21. Pat Bliss, 661, Lamers-19.467; 22. Ronnie Johncox, 24, Jacobs-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Kenneth Nichols, 2. Chris Shultz, 3. Nate Law, 4. Robby Parish, 5. Jeff Hunt, 6. Ted Hines, 7. Sarah McCune. 2:18.63

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Steve Barth, 2. Tracy Hines, 3. Jay Drake, 4. Larry Gibson, 5. Nick Lundgreen, 6. Tony Elliott, 7. Mark Boice. 2:16.06

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Jason Leffler, 2. Andy Michner, 3. Doug Kalitta, 4. Dave Steele, 5. David Bridges, 6. Pat Bliss, 7. Jeff Sands. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Tracy Hines, 2. Chris Shultz, 3. Dave Steele, 4. Doug Kalitta, 5. Jay Drake, 6. Ted Hines, 7. Nick Lundgreen, 8. Sarah McCune, 9. Mark Boice, 10. Larry Gibson, 11. Robby Parish, 12. Jeff Sands, 13. Kenneth Nichols, 14. Tony Elliott, 15. Nate Law, 16. Pat Bliss, 17. Jeff Hunt, 18. Steve Barth, 19. Jason Leffler, 20. Andy Michner, 21. David Bridges. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-5 Doug Kalitta, Laps 6-30 Tracy Hines.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Tracy Hines-110, 2-Chris Shultz-101, 3-Dave Steele-89, 4-Doug Kalitta-82, 5-Jay Drake-77, 6-Steve Barth-77, 7-Jason Leffler-70, 8-Andy Michner-63, 9-Jeff Sands-60, 10-Jeff Hunt-52.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: April 26, 1997 – 16th Street Speedway – Indianapolis, Indiana

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USAC NATIONAL & 16TH STREET SPEEDWAY MIDGET RACE RESULTS: April 26, 1997 – 16th Street Speedway – Indianapolis, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-12.104; 2. Kevin Doty, 150, Doty-12.417; 3. Johnny Parsons III, 25, Parsons-12.535; 4. Dave Darland, 3, Potter-12.548; 5. Kenny Irwin Jr., 7, Irwin-12.560; 6. Brian Gerster, 61, HotShooz-12.624; 7. Donnie Beechler, 32, Martz-12.627; 8. Tracy Hines, 9, Lewis-12.639; 9. Andy Pierce, 83p, Tag Team-12.647; 10. Jason Leffler, 71, Willoughby-12.649; 11. Scott Hatton, 7H, Hatton-12.659; 12. Kevin Thomas, 3T, Laycock-12.734; 13. Nate Law, 36, Arvin-12.803; 14. Andy Michner, 26, J.S.-12.844; 15. Kevin Olson, 661, Lamers-12.960; 16. Nick Lundgreen, 49, Lundgreen-13.014; 17. Dan Boorse, 1ST, McKinnie-13.020; 18. John Heydenreich, 22, Givens-13.094; 19. Jeff Hampton, 1H, Hampton-13.119; 20. Tony Elliott, 17, CED-13.139; 21. Ted Hines, 81, Goss-13.147; 22. Donnie Branson, 72, Branson-13.218; 23. Dean Billings, 96, Faller-13.247; 24. Jerry Zike, 97x, Zike-13.259; 25. Chris Shultz, 90, No Limit-13.313; 26. Roy Caruthers, 15, Davis-13.357; 27. Critter Malone, 7m, Malone-13.386; 28. Chuck Tarr, 11T, Tarr-13.528; 29. Roger McCluskey Jr., 111, McCluskey-13.547; 30. Travis Welpott, 18, P & E-13.581; 31. David Bridges, 11, MB-13.592; 32. Tim Siner, 73, Holderfield-13.707; 33. Jeff Titus, 14T, Titus-13.733; 34. Steve Arnold, 31A, Arnold-13.753; 35. Bill Jorgensen, 2J, Jorgensen-13.824; 36. Eric Gordon, 69, Ingram-13.831; 37. Ralph Ligouri, 6RR, Sunshine Trailer-13.860; 38. Larry Fritz, 8, Fritz-13.904; 39. Barry Reed, 16x, Reed-13.961; 40. J.D. Turner, 53, Turner-14.046; 41. Jimmy Drinan, 99, Drinan-14.151; 42. Bill Eubank Jr., 37, Eubank-14.383; 43. Kevin Arnold, 3A, Arnold-14.419; 44. Bruce Adkins, 23B, Adkins-14.608; 45. Brian Bormet, 76, Bormet-14.756; 46. Chad

Davenport, 43, Davenport-14.962; 47. Dane Carter, 77, Carter-15.414; 48. Bill Baue, 44, Baue-NT; 49. Russ Gamester, 46, Gamester-NT.

NON-QUALIFIERS RACE: (5 laps) 1. Jeff Titus, 2. Steve Arnold, 3. Barry Reed, 4. J.D. Turner, 5. Bruce Adkins, 6. Chad Davenport, 7. Jimmy Drinan, 8. Larry Fritz, 9. Dane Carter, 10. Kevin Arnold, 11. Bill Eubank Jr., 12. Eric Gordon, 13. Bill Jorgensen, 14. Brian Bormet, 15. Ralph Liguori. NT

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Dan Boorse, 2. Nate Law, 3. Ted Hines, 4. Kenny Irwin Jr., 5. Chris Shultz, 6. Andy Pierce, 7. Roger McCluskey Jr., 8. Jay Drake. NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jason Leffler, 2. Roy Caruthers, 3. Kevin Doty, 4. Brian Gerster, 5. Andy Michner, 6. Travis Welpott, 7. Donnie Branson, 8. John Heydenreich. 2:22.09

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Donnie Beechler, 2. Critter Malone, 3. Dean Billings, 4. Johnny Parsons, 5. Scott Hatton, 6. David Bridges, 7. Kevin Olson, 8. Jeff Hampton. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Chuck Tarr, 2. Tony Elliott, 3. Kevin Thomas, 4. Tracy Hines, 5. Nick Lundgreen, 6. Tim Siner, 7. Dave Darland, 8. Jerry Zike. 2:23.01

KELLY'S PUB TOO LAST CALL SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Dave Darland, 2. Jay Drake, 3. Andy Pierce, 4. Andy Michner, 5. Nick Lundgreen, 6. Chris Shultz, 7. Jerry Zike, 8. Tim Siner, 9. Scott Hatton, 10. David Bridges, 11. Donnie Branson, 12. Jeff Titus, 13. Travis Welpott, 14. Kevin Olson, 15. John Heydenreich, 16. Steve Arnold. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Brian Gerster, 2. Dave Darland, 3. Jay Drake, 4. Tracy Hines, 5. Jason Leffler, 6. Kevin Thomas, 7. Donnie Beechler, 8. Dan Boorse, 9. Critter Malone, 10. Tony Elliott, 11. Andy Pierce, 12. Dean Billings, 13. Andy Michner, 14. Kenny Irwin Jr., 15. Johnny Parsons III, 16. Roy Caruthers, 17. Nate Law, 18. Ted Hines, 19. Kevin Doty, 20. Chuck Tarr. NT

**Jay Drake flipped during the first heat. Jeff Hampton flipped during the third heat. Kevin Doty flipped on lap 10 of the feature. Dean Billings flipped on lap 20 of the feature.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Brian Gerster.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Tracy Hines-142, 2-Jay Drake-118, 3-Chris Shultz-111, 4-Jason Leffler-103, 5-Dave Steele-89, 6-Doug Kalitta-82, 7-Andy Michner-80, 8-Steve Barth-77, 9-Tony Elliott-68, 10-Nate Law-64.

USAC 16TH STREET SPEEDWAY MIDGET POINTS: 1-Brian Gerster-32, 2-Jay Drake & Dave Darland-28, 4-Jason Leffler-23, 5-Tracy Hines-22, 6-Donnie Beechler & Kevin Thomas-19, 8-Dan Boorse-17, 9-Critter Malone-14, 10-Tony Elliott-13.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: May 1, 1997 – Shady Bowl Speedway – De Graff, Ohio

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: May 1, 1997 – Shady Bowl Speedway – De Graff, Ohio

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NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: May 10, 1997 – Indianapolis Raceway Park – Clermont, Indiana – Clark Racing Series

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: May 10, 1997 – Indianapolis Raceway Park – Clermont, Indiana – Clark Racing Series

QUALIFYING: 1. Chris Shultz, 90, No Limit-20.729; 2. Ryan Newman, 39, Lewis-20.791; 3. Jason Leffler, 71, Willoughby-20.976; 4. Jeff Hunt, 6, Potter-21.165; 5. Kenneth Nichols, 16, Nowicke/Beach-21.192; 6. Steve Barth, 14, Barth-21.198; 7. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-21.235; 8. Tracy Hines, 9, Lewis-21.355; 9. Nate Law, 36, Arvin-21.450; 10. Tony Stewart, 91, Lewis-21.459; 11. Carl Olsen, 7, Irwin-21.523; 12. Jimmy McCune, 48, Streicher-21.535; 13. David Ward, 88x, Ward-21.566; 14. Andy Michner, 26, J.S.-21.609; 15. Pat Bliss, 661, Lamers-21.672; 16. Jimmy Kite, 95, Covington-21.763; 17. Dave Steele, 2, J.S.-21.862; 18. Ronnie Johncox, 24, Jacobs-21.880; 19. Todd Domark, 5, Domark-21.985; 20. Robby Parish, 7K, Irwin-22.033; 21. Larry Gibson, 18, P & E-22.137; 22. David Bridges, 11, MB-22.187; 23. Todd Thomas, 51, Mullins-22.277; 24. Nick Lundgreen, 49, Lundgreen-22.327; 25. Chuck Leary, 30, Leary-22.367; 26. Brian Bormet, 76, Bormet-22.445; 27. Mark Boice, 4, Boice-22.813; 28. Sarah McCune, 88, McCune-22.943; 29. Gus Wasson, 54, Hoiles-22.965; 30. Jeff Sands, 10, Sands-23.068; 31. Ted Hines, 28, Sears-23.080; 32. Dale Ballinger, 12, Ballinger-NT; 33. Tony Elliott, 17, CED-NT; 34. #70, No Limit-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Nate Law, 2. Jimmy Kite, 3. Jimmy McCune, 4. Kenneth Nichols, 5. Chris Shultz, 6. Robby Parish, 7. Nick Lundgreen, 8. Sarah McCune. 2:54.24

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Tony Stewart, 2. Dave Steele, 3. Larry Gibson, 4. Ryan Newman, 5. Steve Barth, 6. Gus Wasson, 7. David Ward, 8. Chuck Leary. 2:52.78

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Jason Leffler, 2. Jay Drake, 3. David Bridges, 4. Ronnie Johncox, 5. Carl Olsen, 6. Brian Bormet, 7. Andy Michner. 2:51.86

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Tracy Hines, 2. Jeff Hunt, 3. Todd Domark, 4. Todd Thomas, 5. Ted Hines, 6. Pat Bliss, 7. Mark Boice. 2:53.30

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Chris Shultz, 2. Steve Barth, 3. Pat Bliss, 4. David Ward, 5. Chuck Leary, 6. Robby Parish, 7. Nick Lundgreen, 8. Mark Boice, 9. Ted Hines, 10. Sarah McCune, 11. Gus Wasson. 3:39.24

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Tony Stewart, 2. Jason Leffler, 3. Kenneth Nichols, 4. Steve Barth, 5. Jeff Hunt, 6. Chris Shultz, 7. Todd Thomas, 8. Dave Steele, 9. Larry Gibson, 10. Todd Domark, 11. Pat Bliss, 12. David Bridges, 13. Chuck Leary, 14. Jay Drake, 15. Jimmy Kite, 16. Robby Parish, 17. Nate Law, 18. Ronnie Johncox, 19. Ryan Newman, 20. Tracy Hines, 21. Jimmy McCune, 22. David Ward. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-16 Kenneth Nichols, Laps 17-30 Tony Stewart.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Tracy Hines-158, 2-Jason Leffler-147, 3-Chris Shultz-146, 4-Jay Drake-137, 5-Dave Steele-115, 6-Steve Barth-109, 7-Tony Stewart-92, 8-Andy Michner-90, 9-Jeff Hunt-87, 10-Doug Kalitta-82.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: May 22, 1997 – 16th Street Speedway – Indianapolis, Indiana

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USAC NATIONAL & 16TH STREET SPEEDWAY MIDGET RACE RESULTS: May 22, 1997 – 16th Street Speedway – Indianapolis, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-12.432; 2. Steve Knepper, 17x, Brown-12.441; 3. Tracy Hines, 9, Lewis-12.449; 4. Donnie Beechler, 32, Martz-12.486; 5. John Heydenreich, 36, Arvin-12.497; 6. Cory Kruseman, 13, Laycock-12.561; 7. Tony Elliott, 17, CED-12.566; 8. Jason Leffler, 71, Willoughby-12.617; 9. David Bridges, 11, MB-12.666; 10. Travis Welpott, 18, P & E-12.707; 11. Dave Darland, 3, Potter-12.714; 12. Jack Hewitt, 121, Murphy-12.749; 13. Roy Caruthers, 15, Davis-12.771; 14. Critter Malone, 7m, Malone-12.774; 15. Andy Pierce, 2, J.S.-12.779; 16. Mike Fell, 3F, Fillner-12.785; 17. Ted Hines, 81, Goss-12.846; 18. Jimmy Sills, 61x, HotShooz-12.865; 19. Bill Baue, 44, Baue-13.037; 20. Ronnie Burke, 47, Burke-13.042; 21. Dane Carter, 77, Carter-13.052; 22. Roger McCluskey Jr., 111, McCluskey-13.139; 23. Dean Erfurth, 81x, Koehler-13.144; 24. Nick Lundgreen, 49, Lundgreen-13.157; 25. Chuck Tarr, 11T, Tarr-13.181; 26. Johnny Parsons III, 25, Parsons-13.384; 27. Chris Shultz, 90, No Limit-13.568; 28. Jeff Hampton, 1H, Hampton-13.592; 29. J.D. Turner, 53, Turner-13.595; 30. Michael Cox, 46x, Cox-13.639; 31. Barry Reed, 16x, Reed-13.657; 32. Bill Jorgensen, 2J, Jorgensen-13.738; 33. Dave Camfield Jr., 86, Camfield-13.816; 34. Jeff Titus, 14T, Titus-13.971; 35. Dennis Miller, 88x, Miller-14.070; 36. George Wilkins, 37, Eubank-14.173; 37. Mike Bramblett, 40, Bramblett-14.240; 38. Chad Davenport, 43, Davenport-14.323; 39. Sonni Eden, 77x, Eden-14.327; 40. Bruce Adkins, 23B, Adkins-14.828; 41. Bill Benefiel, 16H, Benefiel-15.871; 42. John Lucas, 23, Owen-NT; 43. Ralph Liguori, 6RR, Sunshine Trailer-NT.

NON-QUALIFIERS RACE: (6 laps) 1. Jeff Titus, 2. Dave Camfield Jr., 3. Dennis Miller, 4. Chad Davenport, 5. Bruce Adkins, 6. Mike Bramblett, 7. Ron Eden, 8. George Wilkins, 9. Ralph Liguori (#16H). NT

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. John Heydenreich, 2. Jay Drake, 3. Ted Hines, 4. Dane Carter, 5. Roy Caruthers, 6. David Bridges, 7. Chuck Tarr, 8. J.D. Turner. 2:12.74

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jimmy Sills, 2. Steve Knepper, 3. Johnny Parsons, 4. Critter Malone, 5. Roger McCluskey Jr., 6. Cory Kruseman, 7. Michael Cox, 8. Travis Welpott. NT

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Dave Darland, 2. Tracy Hines, 3. Andy Pierce, 4. Tony Elliott, 5. Bill Baue, 6. Chris Shultz, 7. Barry Reed, 8. Dean Erfurth. 3:11.12

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jason Leffler, 2. Jack Hewitt, 3. Donnie Beechler, 4. Nick Lundgreen, 5. Bill Jorgensen, 6. Mike Fell, 7. Jeff Hampton, 8. Ronnie Burke. NT

KELLY'S PUB TOO SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Cory Kruseman, 2. Roy Caruthers, 3. Travis Welpott, 4. David Bridges, 5. Mike Fell, 6. Chuck Tarr, 7. Dean Erfurth, 8. Bill Baue, 9. Chris Shultz, 10. Barry Reed, 11. Jeff Hampton, 12. Dave Camfield Jr., 13. Jeff Titus, 14. Bill Jorgensen, 15. J.D. Turner, 16. Ronnie Burke, 17. Roger McCluskey Jr. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Jason Leffler, 2. Jay Drake, 3. John Heydenreich, 4. Tracy Hines, 5. Roy Caruthers, 6. Andy Pierce, 7. Steve Knepper, 8. Travis Welpott, 9. David Bridges, 10. Dave Darland, 11. Jack Hewitt, 12. Cory Kruseman, 13. Donnie Beechler, 14. Critter Malone, 15. Ted Hines, 16. Tony Elliott, 17. Jimmy Sills, 18. Nick Lundgreen, 19. Johnny Parsons III, 20. Dane Carter. NT

**Jeff Hampton flipped during the fourth heat. Roger McCluskey Jr. flipped during the semi. Dane Carter flipped on lap 3 of the feature. Donnie Beechler flipped on lap 29 of the feature.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-2 John Heydenreich, Laps 3-15 Cory Kruseman, Laps 16-30 Jason Leffler.

USAC 16TH STREET SPEEDWAY MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jason Leffler-109; 2-Jay Drake-93; 3-Dave Darland-86; 4-Brian Gerster-79; 5-Kevin Thomas-73; 6-Tracy Hines-53; 7-Jack Hewitt, Roy Caruthers & Tony Stewart-46; 10-Andy Pierce-43.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Tracy Hines-196, 2-Jason Leffler-191, 3-Jay Drake-184, 4-Chris Shultz-156, 5-Dave Steele-115, 6-Steve Barth-109, 7-Tony Elliott-93, 8-Tony Stewart-92, 9-Andy Michner-90, 10-Jeff Hunt-87.

NEXT USAC 16TH STREET SPEEDWAY MIDGET RACE: June 7, 1997 – 16th Street Speedway – Indianapolis, Indiana

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: May 24, 1997 – Indianapolis Raceway Park – Indianapolis, Indiana – 52nd Budweiser Night Before the 500

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: May 24, 1997 – Indianapolis Raceway Park – Indianapolis, Indiana – 52nd Budweiser Night Before the 500

QUALIFYING: 1. Chris Shultz, 90, No Limit-20.938; 2. Ryan Newman, 39, Lewis-21.023; 3. Jason Leffler, 71, Willoughby-21.120; 4. Tracy Hines, 9, Lewis-21.154; 5. John Heydenreich, 36, Arvin-21.158; 6. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-21.166; 7. Andy Michner, 2, J.S.-21.194; 8. Kenneth Nichols, 16, Nowicke-21.310; 9. Steve Barth, 14, Barth-21.347; 10. Brian Gerster, 116, Nowicke-21.352; 11. Jimmy McCune, 48, Streicher-21.357; 12. Dan Drinan, 33, Drinan-21.395; 13. Jeff Hunt, 6, Potter-21.402; 14. Pat Bliss, 661, Lamers-21.674; 15. David Bridges, 11, MB-21.697; 16. Chuck Leary, 30, Leary-21.773; 17. David Ward, 88, Ward-21.780; 18. Jimmy Kite, 95, Covington-21.798; 19. Todd Domark, 5, Domark-21.835; 20. Tony Elliott, 17, CED-21.941; 21. Jeff Sands, 10, Sands-22.035; 22. Todd Thomas, 151, Mullins-22.075; 23. Robby Parish, 7x, Irwin-22.085; 24. Shane Scully, 56, Scully-22.112; 25. Larry Gibson, 18, P & E-22.143; 26. Roger Corrigan, 65, Corrigan-22.244; 27. Nick Lundgreen, 49, Lundgreen-22.250; 28. Dick St. John, 41, Griffith-22.278; 29. Mark Boice, 4, Boice-22.360; 30. Dave Baumgartner, 38, AB-22.462; 31. Ronnie Johncox, 24, Jacobs-22.595; 32. Carl Olsen, 7K, Irwin-22.603; 33. Brian Bormet, 76, Bormet-22.630; 34. Michael Lewis, 91, Lewis-22.645; 35. Dale Ballinger, 12, Ballinger-24.140; 36. Dean Franklin, 42, Franklin-24.178; 37. Scott Hansen, 7, Irwin-NT; 38. Ron Sallman, 74, Sallman-NT; 39. #26, J.S.-NT.

FIRST SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Andy Michner, 2. Jimmy McCune, 3. Steve Barth, 4. Jeff Hunt, 5. David Bridges, 6. Todd Domark, 7. Jeff Sands, 8. David Ward, 9. Larry Gibson, 10. Nick Lundgreen, 11. Robby Parish, 12. Mark Boice, 13. Ronnie Johncox, 14. Brian Bormet, 15. Dale Ballinger, 16. Ron Sallman. 4:18.64

SECOND SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Dan Drinan, 2. Kenneth Nichols, 3. Kenny Irwin Jr. (#91), 4. Brian Gerster, 5. Jimmy Kite, 6. Pat Bliss, 7. Todd Thomas, 8. Tony Elliott, 9. Dave Baumgartner, 10. Roger Corrigan, 11. Shane Scully, 12. Carl Olsen, 13. Dean Franklin, 14. Chuck Leary, 15. Dick St. John. NT

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Ryan Newman, 2. Jason Leffler, 3. Kenny Irwin Jr. (#91), 4. Chris Shultz, 5. Dan Drinan, 6. Jimmy McCune, 7. Tracy Hines, 8. Jay Drake, 9. Todd Domark, 10. Andy Michner, 11. Brian Gerster, 12. Larry Gibson, 13. David Ward, 14. Jeff Sands, 15. David Bridges, 16. Tony Elliott, 17. Jeff Hunt, 18. Todd Thomas, 19. Steve Barth, 20. Jimmy Kite, 21. John Heydenreich, 22. Pat Bliss, 23. Dave Baumgartner, 24. Kenneth Nichols. NT

**Roger Corrigan flipped during the second semi.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-5 Jay Drake, Laps 6-21 Tracy Hines, Laps 22-32 Jason Leffler, Laps 33-50 Ryan Newman.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jason Leffler-231, 2-Tracy Hines-224, 3-Jay Drake-208, 4-Chris Shultz-195, 5-Steve Barth-121, 6-Dave Steele-115, 7-Andy Michner-110, 8-Tony Elliott-107, 9-Jeff Hunt-100, 10-David Bridges-98.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: May 31, 1997 – Beaver Dam Raceway – Beaver Dam, Wisconsin – Badgerland Triple Crown

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: May 31, 1997 – Beaver Dam Raceway – Beaver Dam, Wisconsin – Badgerland Triple Crown

QUALIFYING: 1. Dan Boorse, 1ST, McKinnie-15.544; 2. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-15.581; 3. Jason Leffler, 71, Willoughby-15.612; 4. Tracy Hines, 9, Lewis-15.639; 5. John Heydenreich, 36, Arvin-15.642; 6. Kevin Doty, 11, Wilke-Pak-15.655; 7. Tony Elliott, 17, CED-15.664; 8. Boyd Calvert, 23, G & K-15.997; 9. Dean Billings, 96, Faller-16.060; 10. Dean Erfurth, v4, McNulty-16.086; 11. Greg Lueckert, 01, Lueckert-16.109; 12. Scott Hatton, 77, Hatton-16.216; 13. Randy Koch, 2K, Krueger-16.230; 14. Roger Corrigan, 65, Corrigan-16.256; 15. Andy Pierce, 2, J.S.-16.365; 16. Kevin Koch, 15, Huston-16.444; 17. Shane Scully, 56, Scully-16.547; 18. Kevin Olson, 661, Lamers-16.605; 19. Nick Lundgreen, 49, Lundgreen-16.714; 20. Brad Weber, 99, Dahlke-16.784; 21. Chad DeSelle, 78, Peachey-17.582; 22. Dale Ballinger, 12, Ballinger-18.087; 23. Rich Giertz, 31, Giertz-19.091; 24. Travis Welpott, 18, P & E-NT; 25. #91, Lewis-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Tracy Hines, 2. Randy Koch, 3. Kevin Koch, 4. Dean Erfurth, 5. Dan Boorse, 6. Tony Elliott, 7. Nick Lundgreen, 8. Dale Ballinger. 2:48.95

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jay Drake, 2. Boyd Calvert, 3. Roger Corrigan, 4. John Heydenreich, 5. Greg Lueckert, 6. Shane Scully, 7. Rich Giertz. 2:50.06

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Kevin Olson, 2. Jason Leffler, 3. Kevin Doty, 4. Dean Billings, 5. Andy Pierce, 6. Scott Hatton, 7. Chad DeSelle, 8. Travis Welpott. 2:56.52

SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Andy Pierce, 2. Greg Lueckert, 3. Dan Boorse, 4. Tony Elliott, 5. Nick Lundgreen, 6. Shane Scully, 7. Scott Hatton, 8. Chad DeSelle, 9. Travis Welpott, 10. Rich Giertz, 11. Dale Ballinger. 3:34.56

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Kevin Doty, 2. Jason Leffler, 3. Tony Elliott, 4. Jay Drake, 5. Andy Pierce, 6. Dan Boorse, 7. Dean Billings, 8. Dean Erfurth, 9. Scott Hatton, 10. Tracy Hines, 11. Boyd Calvert, 12. Randy Koch, 13. John Heydenreich, 14. Greg Lueckert, 15. Roger Corrigan, 16. Nick Lundgreen, 17. Shane Scully, 18. Kevin Koch, 19. Chad DeSelle, 20. Kevin Olson. 8:31.99

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Kevin Doty.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jason Leffler-274, 2-Tracy Hines-251, 3-Jay Drake-249, 4-Chris Shultz-195, 5-Tony Elliott-140, 6-Save Barth-121, 7-Dave Steele-115, 8-Andy Michner-110, 9-Jeff Hunt-100, 10-Nick Lundgreen-98.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: June 7-8, 1997 – Pikes Peak International Raceway – Fountain, Colorado – Rocky Mountain Classic

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USAC NATIONAL & WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 7-8, 1997 – Pikes Peak International Raceway – Fountain, Colorado – Rocky Mountain Classic

QUALIFYING: 1. Ryan Newman, 39, Lewis-25.850; 2. Dan Drinan, 33, Drinan-26.234; 3. Chris Shultz, 90, No Limit-26.426; 4. Tracy Hines, 9, Lewis-26.553; 5. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-26.613; 6. Jason Leffler, 71, Willoughby-26.678; 7. Donnie Beechler, 91, Lewis-26.828; 8. Ricky Shelton, 75, Shelton-26.983; 9. Jimmy Kite, 95, Covington-27.009; 10. Robby Flock, 24x, Hart-27.106; 11. Andy Michner, 2, J.S.-27.160; 12. Jeff Hunt, 6, Potter-27.175; 13. Steve Barth, 14, Barth-27.260; 14. Dave Strickland Jr., 62, Klatt-27.374; 15. Jeff Sands, 10, Sands-27.404; 16. Shane Scully, 56, Scully-27.437; 17. Kenneth Nichols, 16, Nowicke-27.505; 18. Wally Pankratz, 31, Croteau-27.615; 19. Jimmy McCune, 48, Streicher-27.635; 20. Scott Hansen, 33x, Hansen-27.734; 21. Tony Elliott, 17, CED-27.755; 22. Larry Gibson, 18, P & E-27.918; 23. Dick St. John, 41, Griffith-27.946; 24. Eric Edholm, 07, Edholm-28.005; 25. Pat Bliss, 661, Lamers-28.028; 26. Chad Farmer, 30, Cook-

28.114; 27. John Starks, 50, Beal-28.115; 28. Steve Paden, 0, Farrier-28.188; 29. Ron Sallman, 74, Sallman-28.266; 30. John Heydenreich, 36, Wimberly-28.617; 31. Clay Klepper, 69, Klepper-NT; 32. #26, J.S.-NT.

SEMI: (10 laps – held on June 7) 1. John Heydenreich, 2. Scott Hansen, 3. Pat Bliss, 4. Dick St. John, 5. Larry Gibson, 6. John Starks, 7. Tony Elliott, 8. Steve Paden, 9. Jimmy McCune, 10. Chad Farmer, 11. Ron Sallman, 12. Eric Edenholm, 13. Clay Klepper. NT

FEATURE: (25 laps – held on June 8) 1. Ryan Newman, 2. Dan Drinan, 3. Jay Drake, 4. Jason Leffler, 5. Chris Shultz, 6. Donnie Beechler, 7. Shane Scully, 8. Jeff Hunt, 9. Steve Barth, 10. Kenneth Nichols, 11. Jeff Sands, 12. Tracy Hines, 13. Larry Gibson, 14. Dick St. John, 15. John Heydenreich, 16. Scott Hansen, 17. Dave Strickland Jr., 18. Jimmy Kite, 19. Andy Michner, 20. Robby Flock, 21. Wally Pankratz, 22. Ricky Shelton, 23. Pat Bliss, 24. John Starks. NT

**Eric Edenholm flipped during the semi.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-9 Dan Drinan, Laps 10-25 Ryan Newman.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jason Leffler-306, 2-Jay Drake-284, 3-Tracy Hines-272, 4-Chris Shultz-228, 5-Tony Elliott-150, 6-Steve Barth-142, 7-Ryan Newman-134, 8-Jeff Hunt-123, 9-Andy Michner-122, 10-Dave Steele-115.

USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Ricky Shelton-335, 2-Rick Hendrix-329, 3-Wally Pankratz-325, 4-Scott Hansen-281, 5-Johnny Cofer-255, 6-Robby Flock-255, 7-Clay Klepper-234, 8-Billy Boat-233, 9-Shane Scully-217, 10-Jason Leffler-209.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: June 20, 1997 – Terre Haute Action Track – Terre Haute, Indiana – T.H.A.T. Classic

NEXT USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE: June 14, 1997 – Ventura Raceway – Ventura, California

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 20, 1997 – Terre Haute Action Track – Terre Haute, Indiana – T.H.A.T. Classic

QUALIFYING: 1. Tony Stewart, 91, Lewis-21.797; 2. Billy Boat, 115, Lawson-21.802; 3. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-21.896; 4. Jason Leffler, 71, Willoughby-22.018; 5. Andy Michner, 2, J.S.-22.035; 6. Kevin Doty, 13, Laycock-22.077; 7. Tracy Hines, 9, Lewis-22.079; 8. Brian Gerster, 61, HotShooz-22.120; 9. David Bridges, 11, MB-22.215; 10. Steve Knepper, 55, Knepper-22.262; 11. Robby Flock, 6, Potter-22.265; 12. Tony Elliott, 17, CED-22.358; 13. John Heydenreich, 36, Arvin-22.401; 14. Travis Welpott, 18, P & E-22.540; 15. Donnie Lehmann, 31, Lehmann-22.685; 16. Barry Walkup, 72, Hunt-22.866; 17. Chuck Tarr, 11T, Tarr-23.023; 18. Bill Baue, 44, Baue-23.112; 19. Eric Gordon, 69x, Ingram-23.422; 20. Ray Bull, 83, Gillespie-23.798; 21. Dean Franklin, 42, Franklin-24.224; 22. Kevin Newton, 67, Newton-24.519.

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Tony Stewart, 2. Steve Knepper, 3. Tracy Hines, 4. Chuck Tarr, 5. Ray Bull, 6. Jason Leffler, 7. John Heydenreich. NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Robby Flock, 2. Billy Boat, 3. Brian Gerster, 4. Andy Michner, 5. Travis Welpott, 6. Bill Baue, 7. Barry Walkup. 3:47.56

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jay Drake, 2. Tony Elliott, 3. David Bridges, 4. Donnie Lehmann, 5. Eric Gordon, 6. Dean Franklin, 7. Kevin Doty. 3:47.56

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Billy Boat, 2. Jason Leffler, 3. Tony Stewart, 4. Jay Drake, 5. Tony Elliott, 6. Tracy Hines, 7. Steve Knepper, 8. Andy Michner, 9. Brian Gerster, 10. Eric Gordon, 11. Ray Bull, 12. Donnie Lehmann, 13. Bill Baue, 14. David Bridges, 15. Travis Welpott, 16. Kevin Newton, 17. Dean Franklin, 18. Chuck Tarr, 19. Robby Flock. NT

**Chuck Tarr flipped on lap 11 of the feature. David Bridges flipped on lap 28 of the feature.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-28 Jason Leffler, Laps 29-30 Billy Boat.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jason Leffler-345, 2-Jay Drake-325, 3-Tracy Hines-301, 4-Chris Shultz-228, 5-Tony Elliott-182, 6-Andy Michner-148, 7-Steve Barth-142, 8-Ryan Newman-134, 9-Tony Stewart-127, 10-Jeff Hunt-123.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: June 21, 1997 – Winchester Speedway – Winchester, Indiana

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 21, 1997 – Winchester Speedway – Winchester, Indiana

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jason Leffler-355, 2-Jay Drake-333, 3-Tracy Hines-311, 4-Chris Shultz-238, 5-Tony Elliott-192, 6-Andy Michner-158, 7-Steve Barth-152, 8-Ryan Newman-144, 9-Tony Stewart-127, 10-David Bridges-126.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: June 28, 1997 – Anderson Speedway – Anderson, Indiana – Red Dog 40

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 28, 1997 – Anderson Speedway – Anderson, Indiana – Red Dog 40

QUALIFYING: 1. Tracy Hines, 9, Lewis-11.721; 2. Ryan Newman, 5m, Myers-11.723; 3. Jason Leffler, 71, Willoughby-11.733; 4. Ted Hines, 41, Griffith-11.792; 5. Michael Lewis, 85, Lewis-11.848; 6. Jimmy McCune, 95, Covington-11.881; 7. Daryl Campbell, 45, Campbell-11.919; 8. Jeff Hunt, 6, Potter-11.934; 9. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-11.939; 10. Steve Barth, 14, Barth-12.058; 11. Andy Michner, 2, J.S.-12.067; 12. Jeff Sands, 10, Sands-12.128; 13. Chuck Leary, 30, Leary-12.143; 14. Robby Flock, 124, Hart-12.187; 15. John Heydenreich, 36, Arvin-12.311; 16. Dane Carter, 77, Carter-12.369; 17. Nick Lundgreen, 49, Lundgreen-12.408; 18. Tony Elliott, 17, CED-12.512; 19. Larry Fritz, 8F, Fritz-12.689; 20. Bill Jorgensen, 2J, Jorgensen-12.779; 21. Ronnie Johncox, 61, Hayworth-NT; 22. Pat Bliss, 661, Lamers-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Tracy Hines, 2. Chuck Leary, 3. Ted Hines, 4. Steve Barth, 5. Larry Fritz, 6. Dane Carter, 7. Daryl Campbell. 2:00.39

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Robby Flock, 2. Jeff Hunt, 3. Ryan Newman, 4. Andy Michner, 5. Nick Lundgreen, 6. Michael Lewis, 7. Bill Jorgensen. 2:00.03

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jay Drake, 2. Jimmy McCune, 3. Jason Leffler, 4. Tony Elliott, 5. Jeff Sands, 6. John Heydenreich, 7. Ronnie Johncox. 2:01.27

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Tracy Hines, 2. Jimmy McCune, 3. Ted Hines, 4. Andy Michner, 5. Jason Leffler, 6. John Heydenreich, 7. Robby Flock, 8. Chuck Leary, 9. Nick Lundgreen, 10. Dane Carter, 11. Ryan Newman, 12. Michael Lewis, 13. Steve Barth,

14. Jay Drake, 15. Jeff Sands, 16. Jeff Hunt, 17. Daryl Campbell, 18. Larry Fritz, 19. Bill Jorgensen, 20. Tony Elliott, 21. Ronnie Johncox. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-8 Jimmy McCune, Laps 9-40 Tracy Hines.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jason Leffler-390, 2-Tracy Hines-363, 3-Jay Drake-353, 4-Chris Shultz-238, 5-Tony Elliott-205, 6-Andy Michner-190, 7-Steve Barth-170, 8-Ryan Newman-161, 9-Jeff Hunt-140, 10-Jeff Sands-130.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: June 29, 1997 – Mount Lawn Speedway – New Castle, Indiana

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 29, 1997 – Mount Lawn Speedway – New Castle, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Tracy Hines, 9, Lewis-14.619; 2. Andy Michner, 2, J.S.-14.953; 3. Robby Flock, 124, Hart-15.016; 4. Ted Hines, 41, Griffith-15.018; 5. Jason Leffler, 71, Willoughby-15.143; 6. Daryl Campbell, 45, Campbell-15.171; 7. Jeff Sands, 10, Sands-15.184; 8. Todd Sears, 26x, Sears-15.241; 9. Steve Barth, 14, Barth-15.279; 10. John Heydenreich, 36, Arvin-15.318; 11. Tony Elliott, 17, CED-15.361; 12. Kevin Besecker, 2B, McClellan-15.425; 13. Dane Carter, 77, Carter-15.575; 14. Larry Gibson, 18, P & E-15.681; 15. Bill Jorgensen, 2J, Jorgensen-16.644; 16. Jason Atkinson, 7A, Trent-17.121; 17. Nick Lundgreen, 49, Lundgreen-NT; 18. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-NT; 19. Ryan Newman, 5, Myers-NT.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Robby Flock, 2. Ted Hines, 3. Andy Michner, 4. Tracy Hines. NT

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Tony Elliott, 2. Robby Flock, 3. Jason Leffler, 4. Dane Carter, 5. Tracy Hines, 6. Jeff Sands, 7. Steve Barth, 8. Bill Jorgensen. NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Ted Hines, 2. Daryl Campbell, 3. Larry Gibson, 4. Andy Michner, 5. Todd Sears, 6. Jason Atkinson, 7. Kevin Besecker, 8. John Heydenreich. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Robby Flock, 2. Jason Leffler, 3. Ted Hines, 4. Dane Carter, 5. Jeff Sands, 6. Daryl Campbell, 7. Todd Sears, 8. Larry Gibson, 9. Tony Elliott, 10. Tracy Hines, 11. Andy Michner, 12. Bill Jorgensen, 13. John Heydenreich, 14. Nick Lundgreen. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-20 Jason Leffler, Lap 21 Daryl Campbell, Lap 22 Robby Flock, Laps 23-27 Ted Hines, Laps 28-40 Robby Flock.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jason Leffler-430, 2-Tracy Hines-391, 3-Jay Drake-363, 4-Chris Shultz-238, 5-Tony Elliott-230, 6-Andy Michner-216, 7-Steve Barth-180, 8-Ryan Newman-161, 9-Jeff Sands-159, 10-Ted Hines-148.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: July 5, 1997 – 16th Street Speedway – Indianapolis, Indiana

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USAC NATIONAL & 16TH STREET SPEEDWAY MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 5, 1997 – 16th Street Speedway – Indianapolis, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Tony Stewart, 32, Martz-12.614; 2. Steve Knepper, 17x, Brown-12.694; 3. Jason Leffler, 71, Willoughby-12.715; 4. Ted Hines, 41, Griffith-12.777; 5. Tracy Hines, 9, Lewis-12.836; 6. Travis Welpott, 18, P & E-12.858; 7. Critter

Malone, 7m, Malone-12.933; 8. David Bridges, 11, MB-13.102; 9. Tony Elliott, 17, CED-13.113; 10. John Heydenreich, 36, Arvin-13.140; 11. Michael Lang, 2x, Cross-13.205; 12. Roger McCluskey Jr., 111, McCluskey-13.242; 13. Eric Gordon, 69, Ingram-13.277; 14. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-13.300; 15. Mike Bymaster, 27, Bymaster-13.301; 16. Brian Gerster, 61x, HotShooz-13.335; 17. Andy Pierce, 83p, Tag Team-13.377; 18. Jimmy Kite, 13, Laycock-13.401; 19. Nick Lundgreen, 49, Lundgreen-13.448; 20. Bill Baue, 44, Baue-13.456; 21. Andy Michner, 2, J.S.-13.500; 22. Chad Davenport, 81, Goss-13.508; 23. Joe Devin, 3m, Devin-13.674; 24. J.D. Turner, 53, Turner-13.800; 25. Bill Jorgensen, 2J, Jorgensen-13.912; 26. Jeff Hampton, 55, Line-13.937; 27. Bill Eubank Jr., 37, Eubank-13.956; 28. Barry Reed, 16x, Reed-13.993; 29. Brian Figg, 26, FRP-14.030; 30. Johnny Parsons III, 25, Parsons-14.060; 31. Ralph Liguori, 6RR, Sunshine Trailer-14.071; 32. Bruce Adkins, 23B, Adkins-14.075; 33. Barry Walkup, 72, Hunt-14.094; 34. Michael Cox, 46x, Cox-14.160; 35. Mike Bramblett, 40, Bramblett-14.201; 36. Kevin Arnold, 3A, Arnold-14.444; 37. Roy Caruthers, 15, Caruthers-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Tracy Hines, 2. Andy Michner, 3. Eric Gordon, 4. Tony Stewart, 5. Tony Elliott, 6. Andy Pierce, 7. Roy Caruthers, 8. Bill Jorgensen, 9. Barry Walkup. 2:12.34

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jay Drake, 2. Steve Knepper, 3. Johnny Parsons, 4. Jimmy Kite, 5. John Heydenreich, 6. Jeff Hampton, 7. Chad Davenport, 8. Michael Cox, 9. Travis Welpott. NT

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Critter Malone, 2. Michael Lang, 3. Jason Leffler, 4. Ralph Liguori, 5. Nick Lundgreen, 6. Mike Bymaster, 7. Joe Devin, 8. Mike Bramblett, 9. Bill Eubank Jr. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Brian Gerster, 2. Bruce Adkins, 3. Barry Reed, 4. David Bridges, 5. Ted Hines, 6. Roger McCluskey Jr., 7. J.D. Turner, 8. Bill Baue, 9. Kevin Arnold. 2:18.07

KELLY'S PUB TOO LAST CALL SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Tony Elliott, 2. Mike Bymaster, 3. Roger McCluskey Jr., 4. Andy Pierce, 5. Roy Caruthers, 6. John Heydenreich, 7. Jeff Hampton, 8. Nick Lundgreen, 9. Bill Baue, 10. J.D. Turner, 11. Mike Bramblett, 12. Joe Devin, 13. Michael Cox, 14. Kevin Arnold, 15. Bill Eubank Jr., 16. Brian Figg, 17. Ted Hines, 18. Barry Walkup, 19. Bill Jorgensen, 20. Chad Davenport. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Tony Stewart, 2. Steve Knepper, 3. Brian Gerster, 4. Tracy Hines, 5. Jason Leffler, 6. Jimmy Kite, 7. Andy Michner, 8. Michael Lang, 9. Eric Gordon, 10. Roger McCluskey, 11. Andy Pierce, 12. Barry Reed, 13. Mike Bymaster, 14. David Bridges, 15. Tony Elliott, 16. Bruce Adkins, 17. Critter Malone, 18. Jay Drake, 19. Johnny Parsons III, 20. Ralph Liguori. NT

****Roy Caruthers flipped during qualifying. Travis Welpott flipped during the second heat. Critter Malone flipped on lap 18 of the feature.**

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-13 Tracy Hines, Laps 14-23 Steve Knepper, Laps 24-30 Tony Stewart.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jason Leffler-465, 2-Tracy Hines-428, 3-Jay Drake-379, 4-Tony Elliott-245, 5-Andy Michner-244, 6-Chris Shultz-238, 7-Steve Barth-180, 8-Tony Stewart-176, 9-Ted Hines-161, 10-Ryan Newman-161.

USAC 16TH STREET SPEEDWAY MIDGET POINTS: 1-Steve Knepper-174, 2-Jason Leffler-134, 3-Andy Pierce-133, 4-Tony Stewart-114, 5-Brian Gerster-113, 6-Roy Caruthers-110, 7-Jay Drake-99, 8-Dave Darland-86, 9-Critter Malone-81, 10-Tracy Hines-79.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: July 9, 1997 – Madison International Speedway – Oregon, Wisconsin

NEXT USAC 16TH STREET SPEEDWAY MIDGET RACE: July 12, 1997 – 16th Street Speedway – Indianapolis, Indiana

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 9, 1997 – Madison International Speedway – Oregon, Wisconsin

QUALIFYING: 1. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-17.350; 2. Jimmy McCune, 48, Streicher-17.357; 3. Tracy Hines, 9, Lewis-17.367; 4. Andy Michner, 2, J.S.-17.575; 5. Tony Elliott, 17, CED-17.582; 6. Roger Corrigan, 65, Corrigan-17.603; 7. Pat Bliss, 661, Lamers-17.641; 8. Sarah McCune, 88, McCune-17.667; 9. Doug Kalitta, 21, Kalitta-17.669; 10. Ted Hines, 41, Griffith-17.730; 11. Jason Leffler, 71, Willoughby-17.847; 12. Gus Wasson, 54, Hoiles-17.858; 13. Nick Lundgreen, 49, Lundgreen-18.214; 14. David Bridges, 11, MB-18.350; 15. Rick Kelsey, 8K, Fasteel-18.784; 16. Steve Barth, 14, Barth-20.927.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Doug Kalitta, 2. Jason Leffler, 3. Tracy Hines, 4. Jay Drake, 5. Tony Elliott, 6. Nick Lundgreen, 7. Pat Bliss, 8. Rick Kelsey. 2:20.06

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Jimmy McCune, 2. Andy Michner, 3. Ted Hines, 4. Roger Corrigan, 5. David Bridges, 6. Gus Wasson, 7. Sarah McCune. 2:20.58

SEMI: (8 laps) 1. Pat Bliss, 2. Tony Elliott, 3. Sarah McCune, 4. Gus Wasson, 5. Nick Lundgreen, 6. David Bridges, 7. Rick Kelsey. 2:22.81

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Jimmy McCune, 2. Tracy Hines, 3. Jason Leffler, 4. Jay Drake, 5. Andy Michner, 6. Ted Hines, 7. Pat Bliss, 8. Sarah McCune, 9. Gus Wasson, 10. Nick Lundgreen, 11. David Bridges, 12. Tony Elliott, 13. Doug Kalitta, 14. Roger Corrigan, 15. Rick Kelsey, 16. Steve Barth. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-6 Tony Elliott, Laps 7-28 Tracy Hines, Laps 29-30 Jimmy McCune.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jason Leffler-501, 2-Tracy Hines-470, 3-Jay Drake-419, 4-Andy Michner-279, 5-Tony Elliott-265, 6-Chris Shultz-238, 7-Steve Barth-194, 8-Ted Hines-190, 9-Tony Stewart-176, 10-Nick Lundgreen-175.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: July 19, 1997 – Beaver Dam Raceway – Beaver Dam, Wisconsin

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 19, 1997 – Beaver Dam Raceway – Beaver Dam, Wisconsin

QUALIFYING: 1. Tracy Hines, 9, Lewis-14.933; 2. Jason Leffler, 71, Willoughby-14.967; 3. Robby Flock, 2, J.S.-15.109; 4. Dan Boorse, 88, Boorse-15.147; 5. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-15.239; 6. Tony Stewart, 32, Martz-15.335; 7. Kevin Doty, 150, Doty-15.353; 8. Dean Erfurth, v4, McNulty-15.601; 9. John Heydenreich, 36, Arvin-15.623; 10. Boyd Calvert, 23, G & K-15.629; 11. Ted Hines, 41, Griffith-15.631; 12. Bryon Walters, 5, Walters-15.660; 13. Donnie Beechler, 91, Lewis-15.685; 14. Dean Billings, 96, Faller-15.715; 15. Randy Koch, 2K, Kittleson-15.730; 16. Kevin Olson, 661, Lamers-15.782; 17. Nick Lundgreen, 49, Lundgreen-15.800; 18. Brad Weber, 99, Dahlke-15.879; 19. Rich Giertz, 31, Giertz-17.194; 20. Vern Komppa, 18, Komppa-17.200; 21. Bill Jorgensen, 2J, Jorgensen-17.259.

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Tracy Hines, 2. Donnie Beechler, 3. Dan Boorse, 4. Boyd Calvert, 5. Kevin Olson, 6. Kevin Doty, 7. Rich Giertz. 2:35.39

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jay Drake, 2. Jason Leffler, 3. Ted Hines, 4. Nick Lundgreen, 5. Dean Billings, 6. Dean Erfurth, 7. Vern Komppa. 2:35.35

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Randy Koch, 2. Tony Stewart, 3. Robby Flock, 4. John Heydenreich, 5. Brad Weber, 6. Bryon Walters, 7. Bill Jorgensen. 2:38.28

SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Dean Erfurth, 2. Kevin Olson, 3. Dean Billings, 4. Bryon Walters, 5. Brad Weber, 6. Vern Komppa, 7. Rich Giertz, 8. Bill Jorgensen, 9. Kevin Doty. 3:14.76

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Tony Stewart, 2. Jay Drake, 3. Tracy Hines, 4. Jason Leffler, 5. Kevin Doty, 6. Robby Flock, 7. Donnie Beechler, 8. Randy Koch, 9. John Heydenreich, 10. Boyd Calvert, 11. Dean Erfurth, 12. Nick Lundgreen, 13. Dean Billings, 14. Brad Weber, 15. Kevin Olson, 16. Bryon Walters, 17. Vern Komppa, 18. Ted Hines, 19. Rich Giertz, 20. Bill Jorgensen, 21. Dan Boorse. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-8 Dan Boorse, Laps 9-30 Tony Stewart.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jason Leffler-541, 2-Tracy Hines-515, 3-Jay Drake-461, 4-Andy Michner-279, 5-Tony Elliott-265, 6-Chris Shultz-238, 7-Tony Stewart-220, 8-Ted Hines-204, 9-Nick Lundgreen-194, 10-Steve Barth-194.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: July 23, 1997 – Indianapolis Raceway Park – Clermont, Indiana – Clark Racing Series

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 23, 1997 – Indianapolis Raceway Park – Clermont, Indiana – Clark Racing Series

QUALIFYING: 1. Ryan Newman, 39, Lewis-20.862; 2. Chris Shultz, 90, No Limit-20.978; 3. Dan Drinan, 33, Drinan-21.025; 4. Jason Leffler, 71, Willoughby-21.062; 5. Andy Michner, 2, J.S.-21.126; 6. Tracy Hines, 9, Lewis-21.140; 7. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-21.156; 8. Kenneth Nichols, 16, Nowicke-21.265; 9. Doug Kalitta, 21, Kalitta-21.315; 10. Dave Steele, 91, Lewis-21.357; 11. Jimmy McCune, 48, Streicher-21.426; 12. Chuck Leary, 30, Leary-21.482; 13. Steve Barth, 14, Barth-21.502; 14. Ted Hines, 41, Griffith-21.603; 15. Robby Parish, 7, Irwin-21.630; 16. Clay Klepper, 69, Klepper-21.645; 17. Pat Bliss, 661, Lamers-21.652; 18. Robby Flock, 124, Hart-21.830; 19. Jeff Sands, 10, Sands-21.833; 20. Todd Domark, 5, Domark-21.851; 21. Ronnie Johncox, 8, Johncox-21.857; 22. Larry Gibson, 18, P & E-21.883; 23. Nick Lundgreen 49, Lundgreen-21.947; 24. Scott Hansen, 133, Hansen-22.013; 25. David Bridges, 11, MB-22.192; 26. Roger Corrigan, 65, Corrigan-22.197; 27. Ron Sallman, 74, Sallman-22.712; 28. Mark Boice, 4, Boice-22.823; 29. Brian Bormet, 76, Bormet-22.995.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Ronnie Johncox, 2. Andy Michner, 3. Pat Bliss, 4. Steve Barth, 5. Doug Kalitta, 6. Ryan Newman, 7. David Bridges, 8. Brian Bormet. 2:56.28

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Tracy Hines, 2. Ted Hines, 3. Dave Steele, 4. Roger Corrigan, 5. Larry Gibson, 6. Robby Flock, 7. Chris Shultz. 2:52.75

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Jay Drake, 2. Jeff Sands, 3. Nick Lundgreen, 4. Ron Sallman, 5. Jimmy McCune, 6. Dan Drinan, 7. Robby Parish. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Jason Leffler, 2. Kenneth Nichols, 3. Chuck Leary, 4. Mark Boice, 5. Scott Hansen, 6. Todd Domark, 7. Clay Klepper. 2:58.31

SEMI: (0 laps, shortened from 10 laps due to accident) 1. Ryan Newman, 2. Chris Shultz, 3. Doug Kalitta, 4. Jimmy McCune, 5. Clay Klepper, 6. Robby Flock, 7. Larry Gibson, 8. Robby Parish, 9. Scott Hansen, 10. David Bridges, 11. Brian Bormet. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Tracy Hines, 2. Ryan Newman, 3. Jason Leffler, 4. Andy Michner, 5. Jay Drake, 6. Kenneth Nichols, 7. Chris Shultz, 8. Steve Barth, 9. Pat Bliss, 10. Chuck Leary, 11. Ted Hines, 12. Jimmy McCune, 13. Nick Lundgreen, 14. Clay Klepper, 15. Larry Gibson, 16. Jeff Sands, 17. Ronnie Johncox, 18. Mark Boice, 19. Roger Corrigan, 20. Doug Kalitta, 21. Dave Steele, 22. Ron Sallman, 23. Robby Flock. 11:07.59

****Brian Bormet flipped over the turn two wall on lap 1 of the semi.**

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Tracy Hines.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jason Leffler-581, 2-Tracy Hines-560, 3-Jay Drake-494, 4-Andy Michner-315, 5-Chris Shultz-269, 6-Tony Elliott-265, 7-Ted Hines-226, 8-Tony Stewart-220, 9-Steve Barth-218, 10-Nick Lundgreen-213.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: July 29, 1997 – Eagle Raceway – Eagle, Nebraska – Pepsi Mid-Summer Midget Classic

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USAC NATIONAL & WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 29, 1997 – Eagle Raceway – Eagle, Nebraska – Pepsi Mid-Summer Midget Classic

QUALIFYING: 1. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-13.936; 2. Jason Leffler, 71, Willoughby-13.936; 3. Dave Strickland Jr., 62, Klatt-14.046; 4. Tracy Hines, 9, Lewis-14.128; 5. Clay Klepper, 69, Klepper-14.188; 6. Shane Scully, 56, Scully-14.225; 7. Steve Paden, 0, Farrier-14.260; 8. Stephen Lewis, 45x, Lewis-14.293; 9. Brian Gerster, 2, J.S.-14.297; 10. Greg Lueckert, 01, Lueckert-14.348; 11. Robby Flock, 24, Hart-14.389; 12. Jerry Coons Jr., 57, Esslinger-14.393; 13. Rick Hendrix, 12, Porto-14.431; 14. Wally Pankratz, 8, Pankratz-14.531; 15. Keith Rauch, 5x, Conklin-14.540; 16. Scott Hansen, 33, Hansen-14.556; 17. Donnie Lehmann, 31, Lehmann-14.614; 18. Nick Lundgreen, 49, Lundgreen-14.686; 19. Ricky Shelton, 75, Shelton-14.744; 20. Randy Roberts, 45, Hughes-14.852; 21. Tony Elliott, 17, CED-14.891; 22. Todd Ribick, 24x, Hatra-14.902; 23. Tim McVay, 7x, McVay-14.916; 24. Dean Erfurth, 78, Peachey-14.962; 25. Dennis Parker, 19, Parker-15.051; 26. Bill Jorgensen, 2x, Jorgensen-15.247; 27. Jeff Sands, 10, Sands-15.508; 28. Scott Hatton, 77, Hatton-NT; 29. Dave Darland, 3, Potter-NT; 30. John Heydenreich, 36, Arvin-NT; 31. #91, Lewis-NT.

PEPSI DASH: (6 laps) 1. Jay Drake, 2. Jason Leffler, 3. Tracy Hines, 4. Rick Hendrix, 5. Wally Pankratz, 6. Ricky Shelton. 1:24.24

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jay Drake, 2. Clay Klepper, 3. Rick Hendrix, 4. Brian Gerster, 5. Donnie Lehmann, 6. Bill Jorgensen, 7. Tony Elliott. 2:24.29

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jason Leffler, 2. Shane Scully, 3. Greg Lueckert, 4. Nick Lundgreen, 5. Jeff Sands, 6. Todd Ribick. 2:23.21

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Ricky Shelton, 2. Dave Strickland Jr., 3. Keith Rauch, 4. Robby Flock, 5. Scott Hatton, 6. Tim McVay, 7. Steve Paden. 2:25.11

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jerry Coons Jr., 2. Tracy Hines, 3. Randy Roberts, 4. Scott Hansen, 5. Dean Erfurth, 6. Stephen Lewis, 7. Dave Darland. NT

SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Steve Paden, 2. Donnie Lehmann, 3. Scott Hatton, 4. Tony Elliott, 5. Tim McVay, 6. Dean Erfurth, 7. Todd Ribick, 8. Bill Jorgensen, 9. Jeff Sands, 10. Stephen Lewis, 11. Dave Darland. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Jason Leffler, 2. Jay Drake, 3. Tracy Hines, 4. Jerry Coons Jr., 5. Ricky Shelton, 6. Shane Scully, 7. Steve Paden, 8. Dean Erfurth, 9. Keith Rauch, 10. Robby Flock, 11. Randy Roberts, 12. Scott Hansen, 13. Brian Gerster, 14. Tim McVay, 15. Tony Elliott, 16. Scott Hatton, 17. Donnie Lehmann, 18. Nick Lundgreen, 19. Rick Hendrix, 20. Greg Lueckert, 21. Clay Klepper, 22. Dave Strickland Jr. NT

****Clay Klepper & Greg Lueckert flipped on lap 1 of the feature. Donnie Lehmann flipped during the feature.**

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Shane Scully, Laps 2-36 Jay Drake, Laps 37-40 Jason Leffler.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jason Leffler-631, 2-Tracy Hines-599, 3-Jay Drake-542, 4-Andy Michner-315, 5-Tony Elliott-280, 6-Chris Shultz-269, 7-Nick Lundgreen-226, 8-Ted Hines-226, 9-Tony Stewart-220, 10-Save Barth-218.

USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Ricky Shelton-499, 2-Rick Hendrix-482, 3-Wally Pankratz-449, 4-Scott Hansen-401, 5-Clay Klepper-370, 6-Shane Scully-357, 7-Save Paden-319, 8-Johnny Cofer-300, 9-Robby Flock-276, 10-Billy Boat-265.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACES: July 31-August 2, 1997 – Belleville High Banks – Belleville, Kansas – 20th Miller Genuine Draft Belleville Midget Nationals

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USAC NATIONAL & WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 31, 1997 – Belleville High Banks – Belleville, Kansas – 20th Miller Genuine Draft Belleville Midget Nationals

QUALIFYING: 1. Jerry Coons Jr., 57, Esslinger-18.556; 2. Jason Leffler, 71, Willoughby-18.610; 3. Billy Boat, 15, Lawson-18.760; 4. Dave Strickland Jr., 62, Klatt-18.780; 5. Tracy Hines, 9, Lewis-18.934; 6. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-18.986; 7. Kevin Doty, 150, Doty-18.989; 8. Shane Scully, 56, Scully-19.002; 9. Dave Darland, 3, Potter-19.005; 10. Tommie Estes Jr., 1ST, McKinnie-19.043; 11. Ricky Shelton, 75, Shelton-19.059; 12. Robby Flock, 24, Hart-19.124; 13. Keith Rauch, 5x, Conklin-19.130; 14. Wally Pankratz, 8, Pankratz-19.135; 15. Kevin Thomas, 13, Laycock-19.192; 16. Randy Roberts, 41x, Thompson-19.196; 17. Ted Hines, 81, Goss-19.213; 18. Scott Hansen, 33, Hansen-19.225; 19. Nick Lundgreen, 49, Lundgreen-19.246; 20. Jeff Sands, 10, Sands-19.247; 21. Donnie Lehmann, 31, Lehmann-19.270; 22. Andy Michner, 2, J.S.-19.284; 23. Scott Hatton, 77, Hatton-19.316; 24. Rick Hendrix, 12, Porto-19.335; 25. John Heydenreich, 45, Hughes-19.359; 26. Steve Knepper, 55, Knepper-19.368; 27. Tony Elliott, 17, CED-19.442; 28. Aaron Fiscus, 11, Fiscus-19.631; 29. Dean Erfurth, 78, Peachey-19.830; 30. Stephen Lewis, 45x, Lewis-19.831; 31. Jack Hewitt, 121, Murphy-19.991; 32. Scott Fielder, 24x, Hatra-20.266; 33. Craig Dori, 38, Dori-20.607; 34. Phil Shapel, 84, Shapel-20.826; 35. Steve Paden, 0, Farrier-23.558; 36. Derrick Klima, 1p, Putnam-NT; 37. #91, Lewis-NT; 38. #41, Griffith-NT; 39. #9x, Lewis-NT; 40. #36, Arvin-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Jerry Coons Jr., 2. Tracy Hines, 3. John Heydenreich, 4. Dave Darland, 5. Ted Hines, 6. Donnie Lehmann, 7. Craig Dori, 8. Dean Erfurth, 9. Keith Rauch. 2:28.59

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Steve Knepper, 2. Jay Drake, 3. Tommie Estes Jr., 4. Jason Leffler, 5. Andy Michner, 6. Scott Hansen, 7. Wally Pankratz, 8. Stephen Lewis, 9. Phil Shapel. 2:30.60

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Jack Hewitt, 2. Billy Boat, 3. Scott Hatton, 4. Kevin Thomas, 5. Tony Elliott, 6. Ricky Shelton, 7. Nick Lundgreen, 8. Kevin Doty, 9. Steve Paden. 2:31.43

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Shane Scully, 2. Dave Strickland Jr., 3. Robby Flock, 4. Rick Hendrix, 5. Randy Roberts, 6. Jeff Sands, 7. Scott Fielder, 8. Aaron Fiscus. 2:34.30

DASH: (6 laps) 1. Billy Boat, 2. Jason Leffler, 3. Shane Scully, 4. Jerry Coons Jr., 5. Steve Knepper, 6. Jack Hewitt. 1:50.14

SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Ricky Shelton, 2. Wally Pankratz, 3. Ted Hines, 4. Scott Hansen, 5. Tony Elliott, 6. Donnie Lehmann, 7. Nick Lundgreen, 8. Dean Erfurth, 9. Scott Fielder, 10. Craig Dori, 11. Phil Shapel, 12. Stephen Lewis, 13. Randy Roberts, 14. Andy Michner, 15. Jeff Sands, 16. Steve Paden, 17. Aaron Fiscus. NT

FEATURE: (25 laps) 1. Billy Boat, 2. Jason Leffler, 3. Jerry Coons Jr., 4. Tracy Hines, 5. Jay Drake, 6. Robby Flock, 7. Shane Scully, 8. Steve Knepper, 9. Dave Darland, 10. Kevin Thomas, 11. Wally Pankratz, 12. Rick Hendrix, 13. Ted Hines, 14. Tommie

Estes Jr., 15. Donnie Lehmann, 16. Scott Hatton, 17. Ricky Shelton, 18. Scott Hansen, 19. Dave Strickland Jr., 20. John Heydenreich, 21. Nick Lundgreen, 22. Tony Elliott. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-25 Billy Boat.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jason Leffler-674, 2-Tracy Hines-635, 3-Jay Drake-575, 4-Andy Michner-325, 5-Tony Elliott-292, 6-Chris Shultz-269, 7-Ted Hines-243, 8-Nick Lundgreen-238, 9-Tony Stewart-220, 10-Steve Barth-218.

USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Ricky Shelton-512, 2-Rick Hendrix-501, 3-Wally Pankratz-468, 4-Scott Hansen-413, 5-Shane Scully-386, 6-Clay Klepper-370, 7-Steve Paden-329, 8-Robby Flock-305, 9-Billy Boat-302, 10-Jason Leffler-302.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL & WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACES: August 1-2, 1997 – Belleville High Banks – Belleville, Kansas – 20th Miller Genuine Draft Belleville Midget Nationals

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USAC NATIONAL & WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 1, 1997 – Belleville High Banks – Belleville, Kansas – 20th Miller Genuine Draft Belleville Midget Nationals

QUALIFYING: 1. Jason Leffler, 71, Willoughby-18.457; 2. Tommie Estes Jr., 1ST, McKinnie-18.463; 3. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-18.515; 4. Tracy Hines, 9, Lewis-18.641; 5. Dave Strickland Jr., 62, Klatt-18.728; 6. Ricky Shelton, 75, Shelton-18.800; 7. Ted Hines, 81, Goss-18.828; 8. John Heydenreich, 36, Arvin-18.841; 9. Dave Darland, 3, Potter-18.851; 10. Tony Elliott, 17, CED-18.851; 11. Kevin Thomas, 13, Laycock-18.871; 12. Wally Pankratz, 8, Pankratz-18.872; 13. Robby Flock, 24, Hart-18.874; 14. Steve Paden, 0, Farrier-18.877; 15. Andy Michner, 2, J.S.-18.897; 16. Dan Drinan, 17x, CED-18.923; 17. Jeff Sands, 10, Sands-18.930; 18. Rick Hendrix, 12, Porto-18.930; 19. Randy Roberts, 41x, Thompson-18.949; 20. Steve Knepper, 55, Knepper-18.968; 21. Scott Hansen, 33, Hansen-19.066; 22. Keith Rauch, 5x, Conklin-19.102; 23. Nick Lundgreen, 49, Lundgreen-19.148; 24. Shane Scully, 56, Scully-19.169; 25. Donnie Lehmann, 31, Lehmann-19.318; 26. Stephen Lewis, 45x, Lewis-19.355; 27. Dean Erfurth, 78, Peachey-19.509; 28. Aaron Fiscus, 16, Fiscus-19.827; 29. Jack Hewitt, 121, Murphy-19.949; 30. Scott Fielder, 24x, Hatra-20.255; 31. Craig Dori, 38, Dori-20.470; 32. Phil Shapel, 84, Shapel-20.737; 33. Eddie Griffith, 41, Griffith-21.361; 34. Jerry Coons Jr., 57, Esslinger-NT; 35. #91, Lewis-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Wally Pankratz, 2. Jason Leffler, 3. Dave Strickland Jr., 4. Jack Hewitt, 5. Donnie Lehmann, 6. Dave Darland, 7. Rick Hendrix, 8. Phil Shapel. 2:31.54

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Dan Drinan, 2. Keith Rauch, 3. Tony Elliott, 4. Ricky Shelton, 5. Steve Paden, 6. Tommie Estes Jr., 7. Stephen Lewis, 8. Scott Fielder, 9. Jerry Coons Jr. 2:30.21

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Jay Drake, 2. Nick Lundgreen, 3. Dean Erfurth, 4. Randy Roberts, 5. Andy Michner, 6. Ted Hines. 2:31.25

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Shane Scully, 2. Robby Flock, 3. Steve Knepper, 4. John Heydenreich, 5. Tracy Hines, 6. Aaron Fiscus, 7. Jeff Sands, 8. Craig Dori. 2:30.67

DASH: (6 laps) 1. Shane Scully, 2. Jay Drake, 3. Jason Leffler, 4. Wally Pankratz, 5. Dan Drinan, 6. Tommie Estes Jr. 1:51.78

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Tracy Hines, 2. Kevin Thomas, 3. Steve Paden, 4. Ted Hines, 5. Andy Michner, 6. Jeff Sands, 7. Scott Hansen, 8. Donnie Lehmann, 9. Aaron Fiscus, 10. Rick Hendrix, 11. Craig Dori, 12. Phil Shapel, 13. Stephen Lewis, 14. Jerry Coons Jr., 15. Dave Darland. 3:00.05

FEATURE: (25 laps) 1. Jason Leffler, 2. Tracy Hines, 3. Tommie Estes Jr., 4. John Heydenreich, 5. Robby Flock, 6. Dan Drinan, 7. Tony Elliott, 8. Dave Strickland Jr., 9. Andy Michner, 10. Ted Hines, 11. Steve Paden, 12. Nick Lundgreen, 13. Dean Erfurth, 14. Keith Rauch, 15. Wally Pankratz, 16. Ricky Shelton, 17. Shane Scully, 18. Jay Drake, 19. Jack Hewitt, 20. Randy Roberts, 21. Kevin Thomas, 22. Steve Knepper. NT

**Scott Fielder flipped over the backstretch guardrail during the first heat. Shane Scully & Jay Drake flipped on lap 11 of the feature. Scully suffered a concussion and was treated at Republic County Hospital and released on August 2.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-10 Shane Scully, Laps 11-25 Jason Leffler.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jason Leffler-715, 2-Tracy Hines-664, 3-Jay Drake-585, 4-Andy Michner-336, 5-Tony Elliott-309, 6-Chris Shultz-269, 7-Ted Hines-253, 8-Nick Lundgreen-249, 9-Robby Flock-233, 10-Tony Stewart-220.

USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Ricky Shelton-518, 2-Rick Hendrix-501, 3-Wally Pankratz-477, 4-Scott Hansen-413, 5-Shane Scully-393, 6-Clay Klepper-370, 7-Jason Leffler-343, 8-Steve Paden-338, 9-Robby Flock-327, 10-Johnny Cofer-300.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL & WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE: August 2, 1997 – Belleville High Banks – Belleville, Kansas – 20th Miller Genuine Draft Belleville Midget Nationals

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USAC NATIONAL & WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 2, 1997 – Belleville High Banks – Belleville, Kansas – 20th Miller Genuine Draft Belleville Midget Nationals

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Steve Paden, (#0 Farrier), 2. Steve Knepper (#55 Knepper), 3. Randy Roberts (#41x Thompson), 4. Dave Darland (#3 Potter), 5. Nick Lundgreen (#49 Lundgreen), 6. Wally Pankratz (#8 Pankratz), 7. Scott Hansen (#33 Hansen), 8. Ricky Shelton (#75 Shelton). 2:32.96

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Andy Michner (#2 J.S.), 2. Jeff Sands (#10 Sands), 3. Tony Elliott (#17 CED), 4. Donnie Lehmann (#31x Lehmann), 5. Stephen Lewis (#45x Lewis), 6. Craig Dori (#38 Dori), 7. Keith Rauch (#5x Conklin), 8. Dave Strickland Jr. (#62 Klatt). 2:33.34

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Jay Drake (#97 Willoughby), 2. Tony Stewart (#91 Lewis), 3. Rick Hendrix (#12 Porto), 4. Ted Hines (#81 Goss), 5. Dean Erfurth (#78 Peachey), 6. Aaron Fiscus (#11 Fiscus), 7. Kevin Thomas (#13 Laycock), 8. Phil Shapel (#84 Shapel). 2:30.09

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jason Leffler (#71 Willoughby), 2. Billy Boat (#15 Lawson), 3. Tommie Estes Jr. (#1ST McKinnie), 4. Tracy Hines (#9 Lewis), 5. Dan Drinan (#17x CED), 6. Robby Flock (#24 Hart), 7. John Heydenreich (#36 Arvin), 8. Jerry Coons Jr. (#57 Esslinger). 3:06.81

SEMI: (15 laps) 1. Wally Pankratz, 2. Scott Hansen, 3. Dave Strickland Jr., 4. Ricky Shelton, 5. Stephen Lewis, 6. Craig Dori, 7. Nick Lundgreen, 8. Aaron Fiscus, 9. Dean Erfurth, 10. Phil Shapel. NT

ALSO AT THE TRACK: (#5D Conklin), (#16 Fiscus), (#31 Lehmann), (#41 Griffith) & (#71x Willoughby).

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Jason Leffler, 2. Tony Stewart, 3. Dave Strickland Jr., 4. Jay Drake, 5. Tommie Estes Jr., 6. Tony Elliott, 7. Billy Boat, 8. Donnie Lehmann, 9. Rick Hendrix, 10. Ricky Shelton, 11. Robby Flock, 12. Randy Roberts, 13. Dave Darland, 14. Jerry Coons Jr. (#45x), 15. Jeff Sands, 16. Dan Drinan, 17. Tracy Hines, 18. Scott Hansen, 19. Wally Pankratz, 20. Steve Knepper, 21. Andy Michner, 22. Steve Paden, 23. Ted Hines, 24. John Heydenreich. NT

****Steve Paden flipped on lap 6 of the feature and was transported to Republic County Hospital.**

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-28 Jason Leffler, Lap 29 Billy Boat, Laps 30-40 Jason Leffler.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jason Leffler-749, 2-Tracy Hines-668, 3-Jay Drake-610, 4-Andy Michner-342, 5-Tony Elliott-328, 6-Chris Shultz-269, 7-Ted Hines-256, 8-Tony Stewart-249, 9-Nick Lundgreen-249, 10-Robby Flock-242.

USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Ricky Shelton-528, 2-Rick Hendrix-514, 3-Wally Pankratz-479, 4-Scott Hansen-415, 5-Shane Scully-393, 6-Jason Leffler-377, 7-Clay Klepper-370, 8-Steve Paden-344, 9-Robby Flock-336, 10-Billy Boat-320.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: August 8, 1997 – Lakeside Speedway – Kansas City, Kansas

NEXT USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE: August 31, 1997 – Bakersfield Speedway – Bakersfield, California

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 8, 1997 – Lakeside Speedway – Kansas City, Kansas

QUALIFYING: 1. Dave Steele, 91, Lewis-17.033; 2. Jason Leffler, 71, Willoughby-17.095; 3. Tony Elliott, 17, CED-17.151; 4. Andy Michner, 2, J.S.-17.251; 5. Dave Strickland Jr., 62, Klatt-17.323; 6. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-17.358; 7. Mark Boice, 4, Boice-17.372; 8. Steve Barth, 14, Barth-17.405; 9. Ted Hines, 41, Griffith-17.445; 10. Robby Flock, 24, Hart-17.485; 11. Scott Hansen, 33, Hansen-17.873; 12. Ron Sallman, 74, Sallman-18.137; 13. Bill Jorgensen, 2J, Jorgensen-18.547; 14. Tracy Hines, 9, Lewis-NT; 15. Shane Scully, 56, Scully-NT; 16. Troy Backlund, 81, Goss-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Scott Hansen, 2. Ted Hines, 3. Dave Steele, 4. Tony Elliott, 5. Dave Strickland Jr., 6. Mark Boice, 7. Bill Jorgensen. 2:22.88

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Robby Flock, 2. Jay Drake, 3. Steve Barth, 4. Jason Leffler, 5. Andy Michner, 6. Ron Sallman, 7. Tracy Hines. 2:18.20

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Robby Flock, 2. Steve Barth, 3. Jay Drake, 4. Ted Hines. 1:09.98

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Jason Leffler, 2. Andy Michner, 3. Tony Elliott, 4. Dave Strickland Jr., 5. Mark Boice, 6. Ron Sallman, 7. Bill Jorgensen. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Jason Leffler, 2. Jay Drake, 3. Andy Michner, 4. Dave Strickland Jr., 5. Ted Hines, 6. Robby Flock, 7. Tracy Hines, 8. Dave Steele, 9. Tony Elliott, 10. Mark Boice, 11. Steve Barth, 12. Scott Hansen, 13. Ron Sallman, 14. Bill Jorgensen, 15. Shane Scully. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-27 Jay Drake, Laps 28-30 Jason Leffler.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jason Leffler-796, 2-Tracy Hines-693, 3-Jay Drake-650, 4-Andy Michner-378, 5-Tony Elliott-354, 6-Ted Hines-288, 7-Robby Flock-275, 8-Chris Shultz-269, 9-Tony Stewart-249, 10-Nick Lundgreen-249.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: August 9, 1997 – I-70 Speedway – Odessa, Missouri

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 9, 1997 – I-70 Speedway – Odessa, Missouri

QUALIFYING: 1. Tracy Hines, 9, Lewis-16.047; 2. Jason Leffler, 71, Willoughby-16.268; 3. John Heydenreich, 36, Arvin-16.331; 4. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-16.470; 5. Jeff Sands, 10, Sands-16.537; 6. Andy Michner, 2, J.S.-16.580; 7. Robby Flock, 24, Hart-16.628; 8. Ted Hines, 41, Griffith-16.663; 9. Tony Elliott, 17, CED-16.813; 10. Dave Strickland Jr., 62, Klatt-17.073; 11. Ron Sallman, 74, Sallman-17.400; 12. Mark Boice, 4, Boice-17.420; 13. Bill Jorgensen, 2J, Jorgensen-19.310; 14. Scott Hansen, 33, Hansen-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Tracy Hines, 2. John Heydenreich, 3. Tony Elliott, 4. Jeff Sands, 5. Robby Flock, 6. Ron Sallman, 7. Bill Jorgensen. 2:13.01

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Ted Hines, 2. Jason Leffler, 3. Jay Drake, 4. Andy Michner, 5. Dave Strickland Jr., 6. Mark Boice. 2:16.06

C-MAIN: (6 laps) 1. Jay Drake, 2. Robby Flock, 3. Andy Michner, 4. Dave Strickland Jr., 5. Tony Elliott, 6. Mark Boice, 7. Ron Sallman, 8. Bill Jorgensen, 9. Jeff Sands. 1:38.90

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Andy Michner, 2. Tony Elliott, 3. Dave Strickland Jr., 4. Mark Boice, 5. Ron Sallman, 6. Bill Jorgensen. 2:49.38

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Jay Drake, 2. Jason Leffler, 3. Andy Michner, 4. Robby Flock, 5. Ted Hines, 6. Tony Elliott, 7. Mark Boice, 8. Ron Sallman, 9. Jeff Sands, 10. John Heydenreich, 11. Tracy Hines, 12. Dave Strickland Jr., 13. Bill Jorgensen, 14. Scott Hansen. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-2 Robby Flock, Laps 3-7 Jay Drake, Laps 8-19 Tracy Hines, Laps 20-30 Jay Drake.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jason Leffler-841, 2-Tracy Hines-724, 3-Jay Drake-695, 4-Andy Michner-413, 5-Tony Elliott-383, 6-Ted Hines-321, 7-Robby Flock-304, 8-Chris Shultz-269, 9-Tony Stewart-249, 10-Nick Lundgreen-249.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: August 13, 1997 – Indianapolis Raceway Park – Clermont, Indiana – 5th Clark Mel Kenyon Classic

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 13, 1997 – Indianapolis Raceway Park – Clermont, Indiana – 5th Clark Mel Kenyon Classic

QUALIFYING: 1. Chris Shultz, 90, No Limit-20.373; 2. Dan Drinan, 33, Drinan-20.656; 3. Ryan Newman, 39, Lewis-20.665; 4. Doug Kalitta, 21, Kalitta-20.849; 5. Jason Leffler, 71, Willoughby-20.858; 6. Kenneth Nichols, 16, Nowicke-20.876; 7. Tracy Hines, 3, Potter-20.952; 8. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-20.997; 9. Andy Michner, 2, J.S.-21.023; 10. Tony Stewart, 9, Lewis-21.030; 11. Steve Barth, 14, Barth-21.035; 12. Ronnie Johncox, 8, Johncox-21.067; 13. Dave Steele, 62, Klatt-21.069; 14. Jimmy McCune, 48, Streicher-21.122; 15. Jimmy Kite, 95, Covington-21.235; 16. John Heydenreich, 36, Arvin-21.288; 17. Tony Elliott, 17, CED-21.385; 18. Chuck Leary, 30, Leary-21.420; 19. Robby Flock, 124, Hart-21.442; 20. Todd Domark, 5, Domark-21.465; 21. Ted Hines, 41, Griffith-21.474; 22. Michael Lewis, 85, Lewis-21.581; 23. Mark Boice, 4, Boice-21.659; 24. Mel Kenyon, 61, 3K-21.710; 25. Nick Fornoro Jr., 9s, Hultgren-21.880; 26. Jeff Sands, 10, Sands-22.093; 27. Larry Gibson, 18, P & E-22.142; 28. Roger Corrigan, 65, Corrigan-22.145; 29. Jon Capps, 70, No Limit-22.291; 30. Kevin Blue, 51, Blue-25.067; 31. David Bridges, 11, MB-NT; 32. Ron Sallman, 74, Sallman-NT; 33. Pat Bliss, 661, Lamers-NT; 34. #26, J.S.-NT.

JACK'S TOOL RENTAL RACE OF CHAMPIONS: (10 laps) 1. Tony Stewart, 2. Jimmy McCune, 3. Jason Leffler, 4. Ryan Newman, 5. Tracy Hines, 6. Dan Drinan, 7. Andy Michner, 8. Chris Shultz, 9. Jay Drake, 10. Tony Elliott. 3:30.63

FIRST SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Andy Michner, 2. Steve Barth, 3. Dave Steele, 4. Jimmy Kite, 5. Robby Flock, 6. Ted Hines, 7. Nick Fornoro Jr., 8. Tony Elliott, 9. Mark Boice, 10. Larry Gibson, 11. Jon Capps, 12. David Bridges. 3:35.84

SECOND SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Jimmy McCune, 2. Tony Stewart, 3. Chuck Leary, 4. Ronnie Johncox, 5. John Heydenreich, 6. Michael Lewis, 7. Todd Domark, 8. Jeff Sands, 9. Pat Bliss, 10. Roger Corrigan, 11. Mel Kenyon, 12. Kevin Blue. 3:33.70

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Ryan Newman, 2. Chris Shultz, 3. Jason Leffler, 4. Kenneth Nichols, 5. Jay Drake, 6. Steve Barth, 7. Tracy Hines, 8. Doug Kalitta, 9. Dan Drinan, 10. Andy Michner, 11. Jimmy McCune, 12. Dave Steele, 13. Chuck Leary, 14. Jimmy Kite, 15. Michael Lewis, 16. Tony Elliott, 17. Robby Flock, 18. Ted Hines, 19. John Heydenreich, 20. Todd Domark, 21. Ronnie Johncox, 22. Nick Fornoro Jr. NT

**Andy Michner flipped on lap 40 of the feature.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-32 Chris Shultz, Laps 33-40 Ryan Newman.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jason Leffler-876; 2-Tracy Hines-749; 3-Jay Drake-724; 4-Andy Michner-433; 5-Tony Elliott-397; 6-Ted Hines-333; 7-Robby Flock-317; 8-Chris Shultz-313; 9-Steve Barth-266; 10-Ryan Newman-249.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: August 15, 1997 – Shady Bowl Speedway – De Graff, Ohio

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 15, 1997 – Shady Bowl Speedway – De Graff, Ohio

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NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: August 16, 1997 – Louisville Motor Speedway – Louisville, Kentucky

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 16, 1997 – Louisville Motor Speedway – Louisville, Kentucky

QUALIFYING: 1. Ted Hines, 41, Griffith-14.719; 2. Dave Steele, 9, Lewis-14.817; 3. Jason Leffler, 71, Willoughby-14.845; 4. Tracy Hines, 2, J.S.-14.894; 5. Ronnie Johncox, 8, Johncox-14.932; 6. Doug Kalitta, 21, Kalitta-15.001; 7. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-15.075; 8. Steve Barth, 17, CED-15.156; 9. Kenneth Nichols, 116, Nowicke-15.174; 10. John Heydenreich, 36, Arvin-15.306; 11. Jeff Sands, 10, Sands-15.391; 12. Ron Sallman, 74, Sallman-15.505; 13. Joe Devin, 3m, Devin-15.611; 14. Mark Boice, 4, Boice-15.613; 15. Bill Jorgensen, 2J, Jorgensen-NT; 16. Andy Michner, 16, Nowicke-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Kenneth Nichols, 2. Ted Hines, 3. Ronnie Johncox, 4. Jeff Sands, 5. Jay Drake, 6. Jason Leffler, 7. Joe Devin. 2:01.13

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Steve Barth, 2. Tracy Hines, 3. John Heydenreich, 4. Ron Sallman, 5. Mark Boice, 6. Doug Kalitta, 7. Dave Steele. NT

C-MAIN: (8 laps) 1. Ronnie Johncox, 2. Jason Leffler, 3. Jay Drake, 4. John Heydenreich, 5. Jeff Sands, 6. Ron Sallman, 7. Joe Devin. 1:51.99

SEMI: (8 laps) 1. Jay Drake, 2. Jeff Sands, 3. Ron Sallman, 4. Joe Devin, 5. John Heydenreich. 2:02.34

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Tracy Hines, 2. Jay Drake, 3. Jason Leffler, 4. Steve Barth, 5. Ronnie Johncox, 6. Dave Steele, 7. Mark Boice, 8. Ted Hines, 9. Joe Devin, 10. Kenneth Nichols, 11. Ron Sallman, 12. John Heydenreich, 13. Jeff Sands, 14. Bill Jorgensen. NT

****Doug Kalitta flipped during the second heat.**

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-10 Steve Barth, Laps 11-23 Tracy Hines, Laps 24-26 Ted Hines, Laps 27-30 Tracy Hines.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jason Leffler-913; 2-Tracy Hines-795; 3-Jay Drake-760; 4-Andy Michner-443; 5-Tony Elliott-397; 6-Ted Hines-367; 7-Robby Flock-317; 8-Chris Shultz-313; 9-Steve Barth-301; 10-John Heydenreich-261.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: August 23, 1997 – 16th Street Speedway – Indianapolis, Indiana

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USAC NATIONAL & 16TH STREET SPEEDWAY MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 23, 1997 – 16th Street Speedway – Indianapolis, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Donnie Beechler, 9, Lewis-12.429; 2. Steve Knepper, 155, Knepper-12.613; 3. Brian Gerster, 1ST, McKinnie-12.620; 4. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-12.676; 5. Michael Lang, 2x, Cross-12.704; 6. Tracy Hines, 3, Potter-12.730; 7. Robby Flock, 13, Laycock-12.760; 8. Ted Hines, 81, Goss-12.798; 9. Andy Michner, 2, J.S.-12.818; 10. Critter Malone, 7m, Malone-12.837; 11. Andy Pierce, 61, HotShooz-12.858; 12. Doug Kalitta, 21, Kalitta-12.917; 13. Nick Lundgreen, 49, Lundgreen-12.986; 14. Mike Bymaster, 27, Bymaster-12.995; 15. Jason Leffler, 71, Willoughby-13.026; 16. Eric Gordon, 69, Ingram-13.029; 17. Roy Caruthers, 15, Caruthers-13.123; 18. Travis Welpott, 18, P & E-13.135; 19. Jeff Sands, 10, Sands-13.137; 20. Roger McCluskey Jr., 111, McCluskey-13.237; 21. Jimmy Drinan, 99, Drinan-13.272; 22. Tony Elliott, 17, CED-13.318; 23. Bill Eubank Jr., 37, Eubank-13.324; 24. Ralph Liguori, 6RR, Sunshine Trailer-13.437; 25. Jeff Titus, 14T, Titus-13.525; 26. Bill Jorgensen, 2J, Jorgensen-13.600; 27. Barry Reed, 16x, Reed-13.801; 28. Bruce Adkins, 23B, Adkins-13.893; 29. Norm Young, 51, Schurick-14.281; 30. Johnny Parsons III, 25, Parsons-14.369; 31. Tony Stewart, 32, Martz-NT; 32. Jeff Hampton, 55, Line-NT; 33. John Heydenreich, 36, Arvin-NT; 34. #71x, Willoughby-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Johnny Parsons, 2. Tracy Hines, 3. Travis Welpott, 4. Critter Malone, 5. Mike Bymaster, 6. Barry Reed, 7. Tony Elliott, 8. Donnie Beechler. 2:15.07

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jason Leffler, 2. Andy Pierce, 3. Steve Knepper, 4. Tony Stewart, 5. Robby Flock, 6. Jeff Sands, 7. Bruce Adkins, 8. Ralph Liguori. NT

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Ted Hines, 2. Eric Gordon, 3. Doug Kalitta, 4. Roger McCluskey Jr., 5. Jeff Titus, 6. Bill Eubank Jr., 7. Brian Gerster. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jay Drake, 2. Andy Michner, 3. Roy Caruthers, 4. Nick Lundgreen, 5. Jimmy Drinan, 6. Norm Young, 7. Bill Jorgensen. NT

KELLY'S PUB TOO LAST CALL SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Brian Gerster, 2. Donnie Beechler, 3. Tony Elliott, 4. Robby Flock, 5. Bruce Adkins, 6. Barry Reed, 7. Jimmy Drinan, 8. Norm Young, 9. Bill Eubank Jr., 10. Mike Bymaster, 11. Jeff Sands, 12. Jeff Titus. 2:46.41

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Steve Knepper, 2. Robby Flock, 3. Tony Elliott, 4. Andy Michner, 5. Travis Welpott, 6. Nick Lundgreen, 7. Tracy Hines, 8. Jay Drake, 9. Critter Malone, 10. Jason Leffler, 11. Andy Pierce, 12. Roy Caruthers, 13. Ted Hines, 14. Doug

Kalitta, 15. Donnie Beechler, 16. Roger McCluskey Jr., 17. Johnny Parsons III, 18. Brian Gerster, 19. Eric Gordon, 20. Tony Stewart. NT

****Michael Lang flipped during qualifying. John Heydenreich flipped during qualifying and was transported to Methodist Hospital with a concussion and shoulder injury. Bill Jorgensen flipped during the fourth heat. Jeff Sands, Mike Bymaster & Jeff Titus flipped during the semi. Johnny Parsons flipped on lap 1 of the feature. Jason Leffler flipped on lap 28 of the feature. Andy Pierce & Doug Kalitta flipped on lap 29 of the feature.**

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-2 Robby Flock, Laps 3-6 Tracy Hines, Laps 7-30 Steve Knepper.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jason Leffler-937; 2-Tracy Hines-824; 3-Jay Drake-790; 4-Andy Michner-477; 5-Tony Elliott-430; 6-Ted Hines-388; 7-Robby Flock-343; 8-Chris Shultz-313; 9-Steve Barth-301; 10-Nick Lundgreen-277.

USAC 16TH STREET SPEEDWAY MIDGET POINTS: 1-Steve Knepper-304; 2-Andy Pierce-258; 3-Brian Gerster-217; 4-Roy Caruthers-210; 5-Jason Leffler-175; 6-Critter Malone-156; 7-Tony Stewart-152; 8-Travis Welpott-149; 9-Michael Lang-145; 10-Johnny Parsons III-133.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: August 30, 1997 – Beaver Dam Raceway – Beaver Dam, Wisconsin

NEXT USAC 16TH STREET SPEEDWAY MIDGET RACE: September 6, 1997 – 16th Street Speedway – Indianapolis, Indiana

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 30, 1997 – Beaver Dam Raceway – Beaver Dam, Wisconsin

QUALIFYING: 1. Jason Leffler, 71, Willoughby-15.006; 2. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-15.117; 3. Tony Stewart, 9, Lewis-15.159; 4. Tracy Hines, 3, Potter-15.181; 5. Steve Barth, 14, Barth-15.306; 6. Ted Hines, 81, Goss-15.325; 7. Randy Koch, 2K, Kittleson-15.370; 8. Kevin Doty, 211, Wilke-Pak-15.423; 9. Andy Michner, 2, J.S.-15.439; 10. Donnie Beechler, 91, Lewis-15.452; 11. Andy Pierce, 83p, Tag Team-15.459; 12. Roger Corrigan, 65, Corrigan-15.475; 13. Tony Elliott, 17, CED-15.521; 14. Boyd Calvert, 23, Warnke-15.568; 15. Kevin Olson, 661, Lamers-15.589; 16. Jeff Sands, 10, Sands-15.700; 17. Dean Erfurth, v4, McNulty-15.704; 18. Randy Fiscus, 6x, Fiscus-15.850; 19. Rick Mueller, 10x, Mueller-15.960; 20. Nick Lundgreen, 49, Lundgreen-16.016; 21. Chad DeSelle, 81x, Koehler-16.056; 22. Aaron Fiscus, 16x, Fiscus-16.125; 23. Dean Billings, 96, Faller-16.290; 24. Bob Shreffler, 28, Shreffler-16.439; 25. Rich Camfield, 87, Camfield-16.501; 26. Travis Welpott, 18, P & E-16.531; 27. Dave Camfield, 86, Camfield-16.659; 28. Jimmy Drinan, 99, Drinan-17.019; 29. Dennis Miller, 88x, Miller-17.066; 30. Brad Weber, 99x, Dahlke-17.183; 31. Rich Giertz, 31, Giertz-17.237; 32. Allen Gillis, 34, Windstrup-NT; 33. Bill Jorgensen, 2J, Jorgensen-NT; 34. #11x, Wilke-Pak-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jason Leffler, 2. Andy Michner, 3. Steve Barth, 4. Dean Erfurth, 5. Rich Camfield, 6. Chad DeSelle, 7. Tony Elliott, 8. Dennis Miller. NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Donnie Beechler, 2. Jay Drake, 3. Ted Hines, 4. Randy Fiscus, 5. Travis Welpott, 6. Boyd Calvert, 7. Aaron Fiscus, 8. Brad Weber. 2:34.47

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Tony Stewart, 2. Randy Koch, 3. Andy Pierce, 4. Kevin Olson, 5. Dean Billings, 6. Rick Mueller, 7. Dave Camfield, 8. Rich Giertz. 2:35.12

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Roger Corrigan, 2. Jeff Sands, 3. Nick Lundgreen, 4. Jimmy Drinan, 5. Kevin Doty, 6. Bob Shreffler, 7. Tracy Hines. NT

KELLY'S PUB TOO LAST CALL SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Tracy Hines, 2. Tony Elliott, 3. Boyd Calvert, 4. Aaron Fiscus, 5. Kevin Doty (#11x), 6. Dean Billings, 7. Rick Mueller, 8. Rich Camfield, 9. Chad DeSelle, 10. Dave Camfield, 11. Rich Giertz, 12. Bob Shreffler. 3:03.71

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Tony Stewart, 2. Tracy Hines, 3. Jay Drake, 4. Ted Hines, 5. Donnie Beechler, 6. Steve Barth, 7. Randy Koch, 8. Dean Erfurth, 9. Roger Corrigan, 10. Andy Michner, 11. Tony Elliott, 12. Aaron Fiscus, 13. Nick Lundgreen, 14. Boyd Calvert, 15. Jason Leffler, 16. Jeff Sands, 17. Kevin Olson, 18. Andy Pierce, 19. Dean Billings, 20. Kevin Doty, 21. Randy Fiscus, 22. Jimmy Drinan. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Ted Hines, Laps 2-4 Tony Stewart, Laps 5-8 Tracy Hines, Laps 9-30 Tony Stewart.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jason Leffler-964, 2-Tracy Hines-863, 3-Jay Drake-832, 4-Andy Michner-500, 5-Tony Elliott-449, 6-Ted Hines-422, 7-Robby Flock-343, 8-Steve Barth-332, 9-Chris Shultz-313, 10-Tony Stewart-300.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: September 3, 1997 – Terre Haute Action Track – Terre Haute, Indiana – 45th Hoosier Lottery Hut 100

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: September 3, 1997 – Terre Haute Action Track – Terre Haute, Indiana – 45th Hoosier Lottery Hut 100

QUALIFYING: 1. Kevin Olson, 661, Lamers-22.292; 2. Roger Corrigan, 65, Corrigan-22.453; 3. Dan Boorse, 88, Boorse-22.477; 4. Kevin Doty, 150, Doty-22.579; 5. Tracy Hines, 6, Potter-22.595; 6. Tony Elliott, 17, CED-22.621; 7. Jason Leffler, 71, Willoughby-22.659; 8. Scott Hatton, 7H, Hatton-22.674; 9. J.J. Yeley, 69, McKinnie-22.726; 10. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-22.726; 11. Richard Griffin, 115, Lawson-22.769; 12. Jimmy Sills, 4, Calderwood-22.785; 13. Donnie Beechler, 9, Lewis-22.787; 14. Kevin Thomas, 13, Laycock-22.840; 15. Randy Koch, 2K, Kittleson-22.846; 16. Aaron Fiscus, 11x, Fiscus-22.883; 17. Travis Welpott, 18, P & E-22.950; 18. Russ Gamester, 46, Gamester-22.971; 19. Jeff Sands, 10, Sands-23.051; 20. David Bridges, 11, MB-23.121; 21. Dave Darland, 3, Potter-23.153; 22. Robby Flock, 61, HotShooz-23.162; 23. Brian Gerster, 32, Martz-23.194; 24. Steve Barth, 14, Barth-23.249; 25. Donnie Lehmann, 31, Lehmann-23.269; 26. Dan Drinan, 40, Calderwood-23.277; 27. Jim Davies, 94, Davies-23.290; 28. Boyd Calvert, 23, G & K-23.339; 29. Ted Hines, 81, Goss-23.346; 30. Andy Pierce, 83x, Tag Team-23.355; 31. Doug Kalitta, 21, Kalitta-23.394; 32. Trevor Utt, 86, Gross-23.416; 33. Kenneth Nichols, 36, Arvin-23.419; 34. Roger McCluskey Jr., 111, McCluskey-23.487; 35. Eric Gordon, 69x, Ingram-23.498; 36. Steve Knepper, 155, Knepper-23.505; 37. Bruce Donaldson Jr., 4D, Donaldson-23.508; 38. Larry Brown, 36x, Brown-23.509; 39. Dean Billings, 96, Faller-23.523; 40. Jerry Nemire, 16, Nemire-23.590; 41. Nick Lundgreen, 49, Lundgreen-23.634; 42. Johnny Parsons III, 25, Parsons-23.741; 43. Bobby Smith, 11F, Felker-23.811; 44. Critter Malone, 7m, Malone-23.965; 45. Ralph Liguori, 6RR, Sunshine Trailer-23.983; 46. Kevin Newton, 67, Newton-24.086; 47. Walt Stearly, 42, Stearly-24.121; 48. Tony Beaber, 66, Beaber-24.156; 49. Craig Dori, 38, Dori-24.212; 50. Mike Schiesel, 98, Linne-24.490; 51. Ray Bull, 83, Gillespie-24.686; 52. Bill Jorgensen, 2J, Jorgensen-24.853; 53. Bill Eubank Jr., 37, Eubank-25.759; 54. Jack Hewitt, 121, Murphy-NT; 55. Andy Michner, 2, J.S.-NT; 56. Jason Lynch, 15x, Lynch-NT; 57. Allen Gillis, 34, Windstrup-NT; 58. Barry Walkup, 72, Hunt-NT; 59. #91, Lewis-NT; 60. #97x, Willoughby-NT.

FIRST SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Robby Flock, 2. Ted Hines, 3. Doug Kalitta, 4. David Bridges, 5. Dan Drinan, 6. Aaron Fiscus, 7. Russ Gamester, 8. Boyd Calvert, 9. Critter Malone, 10. Jerry Nemire, 11. Kenneth Nichols, 12. Bruce Donaldson Jr., 13. Tony Beaber, 14. Eric Gordon, 15. Kevin Newton, 16. Steve Barth, 17. Johnny Parsons, 18. Mike Schiesel, 19. Barry Walkup. NT

SECOND SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Brian Gerster, 2. Travis Welpott, 3. Dave Darland, 4. Donnie Lehmann, 5. Dean Billings, 6. Steve Knepper, 7. Jim Davies, 8. Walt Stearly, 9. Nick Lundgreen, 10. Trevor Utt, 11. Ralph Liguori, 12. Craig Dori, 13. Ray Bull, 14. Larry Brown, 15. Bill Eubank Jr., 16. Jeff Sands, 17. Roger McCluskey Jr., 18. Bobby Smith, 19. Andy Pierce. NT

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Jason Leffler, 2. Tracy Hines, 3. Kevin Doty, 4. Robby Flock, 5. Jimmy Sills, 6. Randy Koch, 7. Dan Drinan, 8. Richard Griffin, 9. Kevin Olson, 10. Kevin Thomas, 11. Nick Lundgreen, 12. Dean Billings, 13. Travis Welpott, 14. Roger Corrigan, 15. Critter Malone, 16. David Bridges, 17. Steve Knepper, 18. Tony Elliott, 19. Boyd Calvert, 20. Jay Drake, 21. Dan Boorse, 22. Donnie Lehmann, 23. Donnie Beechler, 24. Doug Kalitta, 25. Jim Davies, 26. Scott Hatton, 27. Dave Darland, 28. Ted Hines, 29. Russ Gamester, 30. Walt Stearly, 31. J.J. Yeley, 32. Brian Gerster, 33. Aaron Fiscus. NT

****Steve Barth flipped during the first semi. Aaron Fiscus flipped on lap 10 of the feature.**

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-9 Kevin Olson, Laps 10-15 Dan Boorse, Laps 16-54 Jason Leffler, Laps 55-58 Jay Drake, Laps 59-100 Jason Leffler.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jason Leffler-1004, 2-Tracy Hines-901, 3-Jay Drake-844, 4-Andy Michner-510, 5-Tony Elliott-462, 6-Ted Hines-434, 7-Robby Flock-364, 8-Steve Barth-342, 9-Nick Lundgreen-315, 10-Chris Shultz-313.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: September 6, 1997 – Lincoln Park Speedway – Putnamville, Indiana – Put 40

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: September 6, 1997 – Lincoln Park Speedway – Putnamville, Indiana – Put 40

QUALIFYING: 1. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-12.975; 2. Tracy Hines, 6, Potter-13.145; 3. Donnie Beechler, 9, Lewis-13.175; 4. Larry Brown, 36x, Brown-13.243; 5. Tony Elliott, 136, Brown-13.283; 6. Derek Davidson, 17, CED-13.330; 7. Jason Leffler, 71, Willoughby-13.361; 8. Ted Hines, 81, Goss-13.397; 9. Steve Barth, 14, Barth-13.457; 10. Doug Kalitta, 21, Kalitta-13.569; 11. Andy Michner, 2, J.S.-13.638; 12. Dave Darland, 3, Potter-13.642; 13. Kevin Thomas, 13, Laycock-13.651; 14. Travis Welpott, 18, P & E-13.669; 15. Dean Billings, 96, Faller-13.721; 16. Kevin Newton, 67, Newton-13.729; 17. Kenneth Nichols, 36, Arvin-13.740; 18. Jeff Sands, 10, Sands-13.808; 19. Jimmy Kite, 95, Covington-13.864; 20. Ray Bull, 83, Gillespie-13.911; 21. David Bridges, 11, MB-14.122; 22. Donnie Lehmann, 31, Lehmann-14.136; 23. Nick Lundgreen, 49, Lundgreen-14.156; 24. Barry Walkup, 72, Hunt-14.185; 25. Bill Jorgensen, 2J, Jorgensen-14.497; 26. Bill Eubank Jr., 37, Eubank-14.637; 27. Sarah McCune, 88, McCune-14.963; 28. Jerry McPherson, 11x, McPherson-15.065; 29. Craig Dori, 38, Dori-NT; 30. Jeff McCloud, 91x, McCloud-NT; 31. #97x, Willoughby-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jason Leffler, 2. Jimmy Kite, 3. Kevin Thomas, 4. Jay Drake, 5. Donnie Lehmann, 6. Larry Brown, 7. Kevin Newton, 8. Doug Kalitta, 9. Jerry McPherson. NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Tony Elliott, 2. Tracy Hines, 3. Ted Hines, 4. Andy Michner, 5. Travis Welpott, 6. Kenneth Nichols, 7. Nick Lundgreen, 8. Bill Eubank Jr., 9. Ray Bull. 2:20.10

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Dave Darland, 2. Jeff Sands, 3. Steve Barth, 4. Donnie Beechler, 5. David Bridges, 6. Barry Walkup, 7. Sarah McCune, 8. Derek Davidson, 9. Dean Billings. NT

SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Derek Davidson, 2. Nick Lundgreen, 3. Travis Welpott, 4. Larry Brown, 5. Donnie Lehmann, 6. Doug Kalitta, 7. Kenneth Nichols, 8. Dean Billings, 9. Sarah McCune, 10. Bill Jorgensen, 11. Kevin Newton, 12. Ray Bull, 13. Jerry McPherson, 14. David Bridges, 15. Barry Walkup, 16. Bill Eubank Jr., 17. Jeff McCloud. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Tracy Hines, 2. Andy Michner, 3. Kevin Thomas, 4. Donnie Lehmann, 5. Donnie Beechler, 6. Jason Leffler, 7. Nick Lundgreen, 8. Doug Kalitta, 9. Kenneth Nichols, 10. Bill Jorgensen, 11. Travis Welpott, 12. Sarah McCune, 13. Dave Darland, 14. Jay Drake, 15. Derek Davidson, 16. Ted Hines, 17. Jimmy Kite, 18. Larry Brown, 19. Dean Billings, 20. Tony Elliott, 21. Steve Barth, 22. Jeff Sands. NT

**Steve Barth flipped during the third heat. Larry Brown & Jay Drake flipped during the feature.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-10 Derek Davidson, Laps 11-12 Andy Michner, Laps 13-15 Derek Davidson, Laps 16-23 Andy Michner, Laps 24-30 Tracy Hines, Laps 31-35 Andy Michner, Laps 36-40 Tracy Hines.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jason Leffler-1035, 2-Tracy Hines-950, 3-Jay Drake-869, 4-Andy Michner-547, 5-Tony Elliott-480, 6-Ted Hines-450, 7-Robby Flock-364, 8-Steve Barth-356, 9-Nick Lundgreen-340, 10-Chris Shultz-313.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: September 13, 1997 – 16th Street Speedway – Indianapolis, Indiana

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USAC NATIONAL & 16TH STREET SPEEDWAY MIDGET RACE RESULTS: September 13, 1997 – 16th Street Speedway – Indianapolis, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Jason Leffler, 71, Willoughby-12.159; 2. Travis Welpott, 18, P & E-12.301; 3. Kevin Olson, 661, Lamers-12.352; 4. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-12.354; 5. Mike Bymaster, 27, Bymaster-12.363; 6. Billy Boat, 115, Lawson-12.379; 7. Tony Elliott, 2, J.S.-12.397; 8. Tracy Hines, 3, Potter-12.404; 9. Brain Gerster, 29, Gerster-12.437; 10. Derek Davidson, 17, CED-12.525; 11. Nick Lundgreen, 49, Lundgreen-12.544; 12. Johnny Parsons III, 25, Parsons-12.549; 13. Randy Koch, 9, Lewis-12.550; 14. Andy Pierce, 36, Arvin-12.645; 15. Jimmy Drinan, 99, Drinan-12.662; 16. Ted Hines, 81, Goss-12.672; 17. Roger McCluskey Jr., 111, McCluskey-12.691; 18. Steve Knepper, 155, Knepper-12.693; 19. Critter Malone, 7m, Malone-12.711; 20. Bryon Walters, 32, Martz-12.714; 21. Sleepy Tripp, 13, Laycock-12.789; 22. Roy Caruthers, 15, Caruthers-12.835; 23. Steve Barth, 14, Barth-12.909; 24. Michael Lang, 2x, Cross-12.937; 25. Trevor Utt, 86, Gross-13.196; 26. Jeff Titus, 14T, Titus-13.230; 27. Barry Reed, 16x, Reed-13.316; 28. Bill Eubank Jr., 37, Eubank-13.453; 29. Dennis Miller, 88x, Miller-13.627; 30. Mark Oholorogg, 66x, Cody-13.735; 31. Ralph Liguori, 6RR, Sunshine Trailer-13.755; 32. Rick Ward, 53, Ward-13.760; 33. Bruce Adkins, 23B, Adkins-13.869; 34. Jeff Hampton, 55, Line-13.960; 35. Jeff McCloud, 91, McCloud-14.666; 36. Bill Jorgensen, 2J, Jorgensen-NT; 37. David Bridges, 11, MB-NT; 38. #97x, Willoughby-NT; 39. #66L, Lamers-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jason Leffler, 2. Brian Gerster, 3. Dennis Miller, 4. Mike Bymaster, 5. Sleepy Tripp, 6. Trevor Utt, 7. Bruce Adkins, 8. Roger McCluskey Jr., 9. Randy Koch. NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Billy Boat, 2. Roy Caruthers, 3. Travis Welpott, 4. Derek Davidson, 5. Jeff Titus, 6. Andy Pierce, 7. Steve Knepper, 8. Jeff Hampton. NT

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Critter Malone, 2. Tony Elliott, 3. Barry Reed, 4. Steve Barth, 5. Jimmy Drinan, 6. Ralph Liguori, 7. Nick Lundgreen, 8. Kevin Olson, 9. Jeff McCloud. 2:11.42

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Tracy Hines, 2. Tony Stewart (#32), 3. Jay Drake, 4. Ted Hines, 5. David Bridges, 6. Bill Eubank Jr., 7. David Ward, 8. Michael Lang, 9. Johnny Parsons III. 2:10.43

KELLY'S PUB TOO LAST CALL SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Randy Koch, 2. Kevin Olson, 3. Andy Pierce, 4. Steve Knepper (#66L), 5. Sleepy Tripp, 6. David Bridges, 7. Trevor Utt, 8. Ralph Liguori, 9. Bruce Adkins, 10. David Ward, 11. Jeff Titus, 12. Johnny Parsons III, 13. Jimmy Drinan, 14. Michael Lang, 15. Bill Eubank Jr., 16. Jeff McCloud. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Billy Boat, 2. Jason Leffler, 3. Tracy Hines, 4. Kevin Olson, 5. Tony Elliott, 6. Jay Drake, 7. Steve Knepper (#66L), 8. Randy Koch, 9. Ted Hines, 10. Roy Caruthers, 11. Andy Pierce, 12. Brian Gerster, 13. Critter Malone, 14. Travis Welpott, 15. Mike Bymaster, 16. Derek Davidson, 17. Steve Barth, 18. Barry Reed, 19. Dennis Miller, 20. Tony Stewart (#32).
NT

****Brian Gerster flipped during qualifying. Roger McCluskey Jr. flipped during the first heat. Andy Pierce flipped during the second heat. Jimmy Drinan flipped during the semi.**

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Mike Bymaster, Laps 2-30 Billy Boat.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jason Leffler-1083, 2-Tracy Hines-987, 3-Jay Drake-901, 4-Andy Michner-547, 5-Tony Elliott-512, 6-Ted Hines-472, 7-Steve Barth-370, 8-Robby Flock-364, 9-Nick Lundgreen-350, 10-Tony Stewart-315.

USAC 16TH STREET SPEEDWAY MIDGET POINTS: 1-Steve Knepper-354, 2-Andy Pierce-300, 3-Roy Caruthers-245, 4-Brian Gerster-228, 5-Jason Leffler-216, 6-Critter Malone-191, 7-Tony Stewart-180, 8-Michael Lang-166, 9-Travis Welpott-161, 10-Johnny Parsons III-160.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: September 19-20, 1997 – Eldora Speedway – Rossburg, Ohio – 17th 4-Crown Nationals

NEXT USAC 16TH STREET SPEEDWAY MIDGET RACE: September 27, 1997 – 16th Street Speedway – Indianapolis, Indiana

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: September 19-20, 1997 – Eldora Speedway – Rossburg, Ohio – 17th 4-Crown Nationals

QUALIFYING: 1. Tony Stewart, 9, Lewis-16.338; 2. Donnie Beechler, 91, Lewis-16.470; 3. Jason Leffler, 71, Willoughby-16.529; 4. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-16.551; 5. Jerry Coons Jr., 32, Martz-16.609; 6. Dave Darland, 97x, Willoughby-16.637; 7. Tony Elliott, 4, Calderwood-16.760; 8. Derek Davidson, 17x, CED-16.775; 9. Robby Flock, 61x, HotShooz-16.781; 10. Tracy Hines, 6, Potter-16.798; 11. J.J. Yeley, 69, McKinnie-16.801; 12. Ted Hines, 81, Goss-16.809; 13. Jimmy Sills, 40, Calderwood-16.819; 14. John Heydenreich, 36, Arvin-16.833; 15. Nick Lundgreen, 49, Lundgreen-16.930; 16. Steve Barth, 14, Barth-16.961; 17. Andy Michner, 2, J.S.-16.963; 18. Dan Drinan, 17, CED-16.984; 19. Kevin Doty, 150, Doty-17.033; 20. Brian Gerster, 29, Gerster-17.036; 21. Ed Stimely Jr., 6x, Yetter-17.046; 22. Kevin Thomas, 13, Laycock-17.047; 23. Jack Hewitt, 121, Murphy-17.071; 24. Jimmy Kite, 95, Covington-17.083; 25. Jeff Sands, 10, Sands-17.136; 26. Tim Dietz, 86x, Dietz-17.313; 27. Travis Welpott, 18, P & E-17.334; 28. David Bridges, 11, MB-17.375; 29. Donnie Lehmann, 31, Lehmann-17.416; 30. Mark Freeland, 4F, McKeenan-17.441; 31. Duane Mausteller, 25, Mausteller-17.465; 32. Dean Billings, 96, Faller-17.521; 33. Trevor Utt, 86, Gross-17.669; 34. Eric Gordon, 69x, Ingram-17.671; 35. J.D. Turner, 53, Turner-17.714; 36. Doug Borger, 74, Borger-17.864; 37. Don Moore, 55, Moore-18.095; 38. Doug Kalitta, 21, Kalitta-NT; 39. Jim Sawyer, 59, Sawyer-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Jerry Coons Jr., 2. Robby Flock, 3. Andy Michner, 4. Donnie Lehmann, 5. Jimmy Sills, 6. Jeff Sands, 7. Ed Stimely Jr., 8. Trevor Utt, 9. Don Moore, 10. Tony Stewart. 2:19.90

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Dave Darland, 2. Tracy Hines, 3. Kevin Thomas, 4. Mark Freeland, 5. Eric Gordon, 6. Tim Dietz, 7. John Heydenreich, 8. Dan Drinan, 9. Donnie Beechler. NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Kevin Doty, 2. Jack Hewitt, 3. J.J. Yeley, 4. Tony Elliott, 5. Jason Leffler, 6. Travis Welpott, 7. Nick Lundgreen, 8. J.D. Turner, 9. Duane Mausteller. 2:21.92

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Jay Drake, 2. David Bridges, 3. Brian Gerster, 4. Ted Hines, 5. Derek Davidson, 6. Steve Barth, 7. Dean Billings, 8. Doug Borger, 9. Jimmy Kite. 2:19.78

SEMI: (12 laps – held on September 20) 1. Tony Stewart, 2. Jason Leffler, 3. Derek Davidson, 4. Dan Drinan, 5. Jeff Sands, 6. Tim Dietz, 7. Jimmy Kite, 8. Ed Stimely Jr., 9. Eric Gordon, 10. Duane Mausteller, 11. Doug Borger, 12. Travis Welpott, 13. Doug Kalitta, 14. J.D. Turner, 15. Trevor Utt, 16. Jimmy Sills, 17. Steve Barth, 18. Dean Billings, 19. Nick Lundgreen, 20. Don Moore. 3:33.91

FEATURE: (25 laps – held on September 20) 1. Jay Drake, 2. Tony Stewart, 3. Jason Leffler, 4. Jack Hewitt, 5. Robby Flock, 6. Tony Elliott, 7. Derek Davidson, 8. Ted Hines, 9. Jerry Coons Jr., 10. Jeff Sands, 11. Kevin Thomas, 12. Andy Michner, 13. Donnie Lehmann, 14. David Bridges, 15. Mark Freeland, 16. Brian Gerster, 17. Dan Drinan, 18. Tim Dietz, 19. J.J. Yeley, 20. Tracy Hines, 21. Kevin Doty, 22. Dave Darland. NT

****Donnie Beechler flipped during the first heat. Dan Drinan flipped during the second heat. Dan Drinan flipped on lap 19 of the feature and was airlifted to Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton with undisclosed injuries.**

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-10 Tony Elliott, Laps 11-25 Jay Drake.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jason Leffler-1120, 2-Tracy Hines-1002, 3-Jay Drake-948, 4-Andy Michner-567, 5-Tony Elliott-540, 6-Ted Hines-496, 7-Robby Flock-396, 8-Steve Barth-380, 9-Nick Lundgreen-360, 10-Tony Stewart-359.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: October 3-4, 1997 – Terre Haute Action Track – Terre Haute, Indiana – Terre Haute Nationals

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: October 3-4, 1997 – Terre Haute Action Track – Terre Haute, Indiana – Terre Haute Nationals

QUALIFYING: 1. Jason Leffler, 71, Willoughby-22.319; 2. Dave Darland, 9, Lewis-22.629; 3. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-22.755; 4. Andy Michner, 2, J.S.-22.955; 5. Ted Hines, 81, Goss-22.969; 6. Kevin Doty, 150, Doty-22.993; 7. Tracy Hines, 6, Potter-23.104; 8. Travis Welpott, 18, P & E-23.132; 9. Kevin Thomas, 71x, Willoughby-23.133; 10. Randy Koch, 2K, Kittleson-23.207; 11. Jimmy Drinan, 99, Drinan-23.238; 12. Steve Barth, 14, Barth-23.338; 13. Donnie Lehmann, 31, Lehmann-23.529; 14. Jerry Coons Jr., 32, Martz-23.580; 15. Nick Lundgreen, 49, Lundgreen-23.670; 16. John Callahan, 55, Callahan-23.691; 17. Jeff Sands, 10, Sands-23.712; 18. Tony Elliott, 3, Potter-23.781; 19. Brian Gerster, 36, Arvin-23.855; 20. Shane Cottle, 86, Gross-23.938; 21. Jack Hewitt, 121, Murphy-24.006; 22. Greg Lueckert, 01, Lueckert-24.015; 23. Brian Tyler, 69x, Ingram-24.276; 24. Lou Cicconi Jr., 17, CED-24.434; 25. Kevin Newton, 67, Newton-24.438; 26. Bill Jorgensen, 2J, Jorgensen-24.731; 27. Tony Beaber, 66, Beaber-25.767; 28. Donnie Beechler, 91, Lewis-29.799; 29. Jason Lynch, 15x, Lynch-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Donnie Beechler, 2. Randy Koch, 3. Jason Leffler, 4. Tracy Hines, 5. Donnie Lehmann, 6. Greg Lueckert, 7. Andy Michner, 8. Brian Gerster, 9. John Callahan, 10. Kevin Newton. NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Jerry Coons Jr., 2. Ted Hines, 3. Dave Darland, 4. Shane Cottle, 5. Jeff Sands, 6. Brian Tyler, 7. Jimmy Drinan, 8. Travis Welpott, 9. Bill Jorgensen. 3:08.60

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Jay Drake, 2. Kevin Thomas, 3. Kevin Doty, 4. Tony Elliott, 5. Lou Cicconi Jr., 6. Steve Barth, 7. Nick Lundgreen, 8. Jack Hewitt, 9. Tony Beaber. NT

BOWEN OLDS DASH FOR CASH: (6 laps) 1. Dave Darland, 2. Jay Drake, 3. Jason Leffler, 4. Ted Hines, 5. Andy Michner. 2:16.97

SEMI: (12 laps – held on October 4) 1. Steve Barth, 2. Jack Hewitt, 3. Greg Lueckert, 4. Lou Cicconi Jr., 5. Nick Lundgreen, 6. Donnie Lehmann, 7. Tony Beaber, 8. Jeff Sands, 9. Travis Welpott, 10. Jimmy Drinan, 11. Brian Tyler, 12. John Callahan, 13. Andy Michner. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps – held on October 4) 1. Jack Hewitt, 2. Dave Darland, 3. Jeff Sands, 4. Jerry Coons Jr., 5. Greg Lueckert, 6. Ted Hines, 7. Jason Leffler, 8. Donnie Beechler, 9. Tony Elliott, 10. Lou Cicconi Jr., 11. Shane Cottle, 12. Nick Lundgreen, 13. John Callahan, 14. Donnie Lehmann, 15. Brian Tyler, 16. Jay Drake, 17. Tracy Hines, 18. Kevin Doty, 19. Travis Welpott, 20. Tony Beaber, 21. Steve Barth, 22. Randy Koch, DQ. Kevin Thomas (disqualified after winning due to infraction of the weight rules). NT

****Kevin Newton** flipped during the first heat and was transported to Terre Haute Regional Hospital. Jimmy Drinan flipped during the semi.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-7 Tracy Hines, Laps 8-15 Jay Drake, Laps 16-28 Jason Leffler, Laps 29-38 Jerry Coons Jr., Laps 39-40 Jack Hewitt.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jason Leffler-1155, 2-Tracy Hines-1016, 3-Jay Drake-970, 4-Andy Michner-580, 5-Tony Elliott-552, 6-Ted Hines-528, 7-Robby Flock-396, 8-Steve Barth-392, 9-Nick Lundgreen-378, 10-Jeff Sands-361.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: October 26, 1997 – Winchester Speedway – Winchester, Indiana – PayLess Super Markets Sammy Sessions Memorial

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: October 26, 1997 – Winchester Speedway – Winchester, Indiana – PayLess Super Markets Sammy Sessions Memorial

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NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: November 22, 1997 – Bakersfield Speedway – Bakersfield, California

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USAC NATIONAL & WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE RESULTS: November 22, 1997 – Bakersfield Speedway – Bakersfield, California

QUALIFYING: 1. Jason Leffler, 15, Lawson-12.463; 2. Ricky Shelton, 75, Shelton-12.465; 3. Ted Hines, 81, Goss-12.536; 4. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-12.548; 5. John Heydenreich, 91, Lewis-12.590; 6. Rick Hendrix, 12, Porto-12.614; 7. Danny Lasoski, 71, Willoughby-12.619; 8. Dave Darland, 9, Lewis-12.636; 9. Craig Brady, 57, Esslinger-12.637; 10. Jimmy Sills, 4, Calderwood-12.663; 11. Bryan Stanfill, 25, Keene-12.674; 12. Tony Elliott, 36x, Brown-12.687; 13. Jordan Hermansader, 91x, Hermansader-12.699; 14. Brian Gerster, 2, J.S.-12.737; 15. Larry Brown, 36, Brown-12.743; 16. Kevin Thomas, 1, Drake-12.798; 17. Clay Klepper, 69, Klepper-12.819; 18. Robert Dolacki, 63, Pinkston-12.833; 19. Wally Pankratz, 8, Pankratz-12.838; 20. Steve Barth, 14, Barth-12.869; 21. Marc DeBeaumont, 11, DeBeaumont-12.872; 22. Ron Hazelton, 82, Hazelton-12.875; 23. J.J. Yeley, 17, CED-12.880; 24. Shane Scully, 56, Scully-12.905; 25. Tracy Hines, 6, Potter-12.909; 26. Steve Paden, 0, Farrier-13.034; 27. Nick Lundgreen, 49, Lundgreen-13.186; 28. Tom DuPont Jr., 3, DuPont-13.208; 29. Nick Mitchell, 37, Mitchell-13.267; 30. Bobby Boone, 96, Boone-13.305; 31. Joey Tynan, 01, Tynan-13.317; 32. Doug Ingraham,

27, Lynch-13.342; 33. Floyd Alvis, 18, Alvis-13.361; 34. J.J. Ercse, 92, Rueter-13.522; 35. Tommy White, 2x, Walker-13.756; 36. John Giffin, 3x, Giffin-14.018; 37. Danny Ebberts, 14x, Ebberts-14.559; 38. Billy Sipe Jr., 42, Sipe-14.769.

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jimmy Sills, 2. Steve Paden, 3. Ricky Shelton, 4. Robert Dolacki, 5. Rick Hendrix, 6. Brian Gerster, 7. Bobby Boone, 8. J.J. Ercse, 9. Billy Sipe Jr. 2:08.22

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Tracy Hines, 2. Clay Klepper, 3. Craig Brady, 4. Nick Mitchell, 5. Marc DeBeaumont, 6. Jordan Hermansader, 7. Jason Leffler, 8. John Heydenreich, 9. Floyd Alvis, 10. Danny Ebberts. 2:09.40

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Wally Pankratz, 2. Ted Hines, 3. J.J. Yeley, 4. Nick Lundgreen, 5. Larry Brown, 6. Bryan Stanfill, 7. Joey Tynan, 8. Tommy White, 9. Danny Lasoski. 2:10.86

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Shane Scully, 2. Tony Elliott, 3. Jay Drake, 4. Dave Darland, 5. Steve Barth, 6. Tom DuPont Jr., 7. Doug Ingraham, 8. John Giffin, 9. Kevin Thomas. 2:07.82

SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Jason Leffler, 2. Jordan Hermansader, 3. Rick Hendrix, 4. John Heydenreich, 5. Bryan Stanfill, 6. Brian Gerster, 7. Larry Brown, 8. Steve Barth, 9. Bobby Boone, 10. Floyd Alvis, 11. Doug Ingraham, 12. Tommy White, 13. Marc DeBeaumont, 14. Danny Lasoski, 15. Joey Tynan, 16. John Giffin, 17. J.J. Ercse, 18. Danny Ebberts. NT

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Jay Drake, 2. Tony Elliott, 3. Dave Darland, 4. Jimmy Sills, 5. Ricky Shelton, 6. Craig Brady, 7. John Heydenreich, 8. Jordan Hermansader, 9. Shane Scully, 10. Ted Hines, 11. Clay Klepper, 12. Wally Pankratz, 13. Bryan Stanfill, 14. Steve Paden, 15. J.J. Yeley, 16. Rick Hendrix, 17. Larry Brown, 18. Brian Gerster, 19. Tracy Hines, 20. Nick Lundgreen, 21. Nick Mitchell, 22. Jason Leffler. NT

**John Giffin flipped during the semi. Rick Hendrix, Brian Gerster & Tracy Hines flipped during the feature. Gerster was hospitalized with a neck injury.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-15 Rick Hendrix, Laps 16-50 Jay Drake.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jason Leffler-1175, 2-Tracy Hines-1032, 3-Jay Drake-1015, 4-Tony Elliott-581, 5-Andy Michner-580, 6-Ted Hines-555, 7-Steve Barth-402, 8-Robby Flock-396, 9-Nick Lundgreen-391, 10-Jeff Sands-361.

USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Ricky Shelton-702, 2-Rick Hendrix-639, 3-Wally Pankratz-582, 4-Shane Scully-513, 5-Clay Klepper-485, 6-Scott Hansen-447, 7-Steve Paden-427, 8-Jason Leffler-414, 9-Robby Flock-404, 10-Johnny Cofer-393.

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QUALIFYING: 1. Tracy Hines, 6, Potter-11.846; 2. Billy Boat, 15, Lawson-11.907; 3. Steve Barth, 14, Barth-11.908; 4. Cory Kruseman, 47, Bondio-11.938; 5. Craig Brady, 57, Esslinger-11.982; 6. Jimmy Sills, 4, Calderwood-12.033; 7. Danny Lasoski, 71, Willoughby-12.054; 8. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-12.055; 9. Jason Leffler, 15x, Lawson-12.072; 10. Marc DeBeaumont, 11, DeBeaumont-12.134; 11. Nick Lundgreen, 49, Lundgreen-12.161; 12. Kevin Thomas, 71x, Willoughby-12.163; 13. Shane Scully, 56, Scully-12.174; 14. John Heydenreich, 91, Lewis-12.185; 15. Ted Hines, 81, Goss-12.204; 16. Ricky Shelton, 75, Shelton-12.251; 17. Rick Hendrix, 12, Porto-12.267; 18. Dave Darland, 9, Lewis-12.270; 19. Ron Shuman, 72, Schuck-

12.281; 20. Ronnie Day, 61, HotShooz-12.295; 21. Robert Dolacki, 63, Pinkston-12.303; 22. Larry Brown, 36, Brown-12.330; 23. Jerry Coons Jr., 17, CED-12.359; 24. Jim Keene, 25, Keene-12.386; 25. Tony Elliott, 36x, Brown-12.394; 26. Dwayne Marcum, 79, Marcus-12.413; 27. Clay Klepper, 69, Klepper-12.416; 28. Steve Paden, 0, Farrier-12.438; 29. Wally Pankratz, 31, Croteau-12.440; 30. Jeremy Sherman, 03, Ito/Ellis-12.446; 31. Jordan Hermansader, 91x, Hermansader-12.470; 32. Nick Mitchell, 37, Mitchell-12.477; 33. Richard McCormick, 21, McCormick-12.484; 34. Jimmy Voitel, 43, Ellis-12.564; 35. Sleepy Tripp, 3x, Tripp-12.566; 36. Bobby Boone, 96, Boone-12.576; 37. J.J. Yeley, 17x, CED-12.622; 38. Billy Felts Jr., 18, Felts-12.663; 39. Sterling Pratz, 114, Streeter-12.723; 40. Tommy White, 2x, Walker-12.736; 41. Billy Sipe Jr., 42, Sipe-12.782; 42. Kevin Olson, 45, Hughes-12.800; 43. Floyd Alvis, 18x, Alvis-12.815; 44. Terry Tarditi, 14x, Streeter-12.896; 45. Tom DuPont Jr., 3D, DuPont-12.996; 46. Eddie Patterson, 19, Patterson-13.092; 47. Scooter Ellis, 73, Ellis-13.334; 48. Joey Tynan, 01, Tynan-13.342; 49. Casey Slocum, 97x, Slocum-13.414; 50. Bob Meli, 7, Drollinger-13.455; 51. Robby Johnson, 24x, Hatra-13.491; 52. Ken Molica, 4x, Molica-13.492; 53. Chris George, 90, George-14.074; 54. Cliff Servetti, 83, Custom Engines-14.319; 55. Wally Pankratz, 8, Pankratz-NT; 56. Scott Fielder, 24, Hatra-NT; 57. Jon Capps, 10, Capps-NT; 58. Mike O'Hare, 60, O'Hare-NT; 59. #9x, Lewis-NT; 60. #115, Lawson-NT; 61. #3, Potter-NT. (Rip Williams also in Croteau #31).

NON-QUALIFIERS RACE: (8 laps) 1. Floyd Alvis, 2. Terry Tarditi, 3. Scooter Ellis, 4. Kevin Olson, 5. Joey Tynan, 6. Robby Johnson, 7. Bob Meli, 8. Tom DuPont Jr., 9. Billy Sipe Jr., 10. Ken Molica, 11. Eddie Patterson, 12. Casey Slocum. NT

FIRST SEMI: (15 laps) 1. Robert Dolacki, 2. Rick Hendrix, 3. Jerry Coons Jr., 4. Wally Pankratz, 5. Clay Klepper, 6. Jordan Hermansader, 7. J.J. Yeley, 8. Tony Elliott, 9. Ron Shuman, 10. Richard McCormick, 11. Floyd Alvis, 12. Sterling Pratz, 13. Sleepy Tripp, 14. Ted Hines. NT

SECOND SEMI: (15 laps) 1. Dave Darland, 2. Ricky Shelton, 3. Dwayne Marcum, 4. Larry Brown, 5. Steve Paden, 6. Bobby Boone, 7. Jimmy Voitel, 8. Billy Felts Jr., 9. Tommy White, 10. Nick Mitchell, 11. Ronnie Day, 12. Terry Tarditi, 13. Jim Keene, 14. Jeremy Sherman. NT

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Billy Boat, 2. Jay Drake, 3. Jimmy Sills, 4. Wally Pankratz, 5. Tracy Hines, 6. Ricky Shelton, 7. Jerry Coons Jr., 8. Clay Klepper, 9. Craig Brady, 10. Dwayne Marcum, 11. Rick Hendrix, 12. Shane Scully, 13. Steve Paden, 14. Cory Kruseman, 15. Larry Brown, 16. Jason Leffler, 17. Nick Lundgreen, 18. Steve Barth, 19. John Heydenreich, 20. Danny Lasoski, 21. Dave Darland, 22. Kevin Thomas, 23. Robert Dolacki, 24. Marc DeBeaumont. NT

**Steve Barth flipped during hot laps. Tracy Hines & Mike O'Hare flipped during qualifying. Ted Hines flipped during the first semi. Jim Keene flipped during the second semi. Marc DeBeaumont flipped on lap 1 of the feature. Dave Darland & Kevin Thomas flipped on lap 4 of the feature. Jerry Coons Jr. flipped on lap 83 of the feature.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-12 Jimmy Sills, Laps 13-19 Billy Boat, Laps 20-27 Jimmy Sills, Laps 28-100 Billy Boat.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jason Leffler-1189, 2-Tracy Hines-1069, 3-Jay Drake-1051, 4-Tony Elliott-581, 5-Andy Michner-580, 6-Ted Hines-565, 7-Steve Barth-418, 8-Nick Lundgreen-404, 9-Robby Flock-396, 10-Jeff Sands-361.

USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Ricky Shelton-729, 2-Rick Hendrix-658, 3-Wally Pankratz-613, 4-Shane Scully-531, 5-Clay Klepper-508, 6-Scott Hansen-447, 7-Steve Paden-444, 8-Jason Leffler-428, 9-Robby Flock-404, 10-Johnny Cofer-393.

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USAC NATIONAL & WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE RESULTS: November 29, 1997 – Las Vegas Motor Speedway Dirt Track
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QUALIFYING: 1. Kevin Thomas, 71, Willoughby-19.043; 2. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-19.141; 3. Rick Hendrix, 12, Porto-19.184; 4. Jason Leffler, 9, Lewis-19.223; 5. Steve Barth, 14, Barth-19.296; 6. Dave Darland, 91, Lewis-19.359; 7. J.J. Yeley, 17x, CED-19.374; 8. Jordan Hermansader, 91x, Hermansader-19.396; 9. Bryan Stanfill, 25, Keene-19.410; 10. Jerry Coons Jr., 17, CED-19.451; 11. Tracy Hines, 6, Potter-19.477; 12. Craig Brady, 57, Esslinger-19.498; 13. Billy Felts Jr., 18, Felts-19.532; 14. Ricky Shelton, 75, Shelton-19.554; 15. John Heydenreich, 45, Hughes-19.610; 16. Ted Hines, 81, Goss-19.677; 17. Shane Scully, 56, Scully-19.688; 18. Scooter Ellis, 73, Ellis-19.712; 19. Clay Klepper, 69, Klepper-19.715; 20. Wally Pankratz, 31, Croteau-19.825; 21. Ronnie Day, 61, HotShooz-19.943; 22. Nick Mitchell, 37, Mitchell-19.943; 23. Steve Paden, 0, Farrier-19.983; 24. Bobby Boone, 96, Boone-20.125; 25. Nick Lundgreen, 49, Lundgreen-20.222; 26. Jimmy McCune, 2, J.S.-20.241; 27. J.J. Ercse, 92, Rueter-20.485; 28. Scott Fielder, 24, Hatra-20.901; 29. Casey Slocum, 97x, Slocum-20.939; 30. Robby Johnson, 24x, Hatra-21.531.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Kevin Thomas, 2. Shane Scully, 3. Craig Brady, 4. Bryan Stanfill, 5. Steve Barth, 6. Nick Lundgreen, 7. Casey Slocum, 8. Ronnie Day. 2:40.23

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Jerry Coons Jr., 2. Jay Drake, 3. Dave Darland, 4. Billy Felts Jr., 5. Jimmy McCune, 6. Nick Mitchell, 7. Robby Johnson, 8. Scooter Ellis. 2:38.03

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. J.J. Yeley, 2. Tracy Hines, 3. Steve Paden, 4. Rick Hendrix, 5. Clay Klepper, 6. J.J. Ercse, 7. Ricky Shelton. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Wally Pankratz, 2. Ted Hines, 3. John Heydenreich, 4. Jason Leffler, 5. Jordan Hermansader, 6. Bobby Boone, 7. Scott Fielder. 2:42.21

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Jordan Hermansader, 2. Steve Barth, 3. Ronnie Day, 4. Clay Klepper, 5. Nick Mitchell, 6. Jimmy McCune, 7. Nick Lundgreen, 8. Bobby Boone, 9. J.J. Ercse, 10. Scott Fielder. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Dave Darland, 2. Jason Leffler, 3. Kevin Thomas, 4. Tracy Hines, 5. Jerry Coons Jr., 6. J.J. Yeley, 7. Bryan Stanfill, 8. Jay Drake, 9. Ted Hines, 10. Steve Barth, 11. Billy Felts Jr., 12. Wally Pankratz, 13. John Heydenreich, 14. Craig Brady, 15. Shane Scully, 16. Jordan Hermansader, 17. Jimmy McCune, 18. Clay Klepper, 19. Nick Mitchell, 20. Steve Paden, 21. Ronnie Day, 22. Rick Hendrix. 13:59.06

**Jimmy McCune flipped during hot laps.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-10 Dave Darland, Lap 11 Jason Leffler, Laps 12-15 Dave Darland, Lap 16 Jason Leffler, Lap 17 Dave Darland, Lap 18 Jason Leffler, Laps 19-40 Dave Darland.

FINAL USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jason Leffler-1229, 2-Tracy Hines-1103, 3-Jay Drake-1083, 4-Ted Hines-589, 5-Tony Elliott-581, 6-Andy Michner-580, 7-Steve Barth-440, 8-Nick Lundgreen-414, 9-Robby Flock-396, 10-Jeff Sands-361.

FINAL USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Ricky Shelton-739, 2-Rick Hendrix-675, 3-Wally Pankratz-635, 4-Shane Scully-549, 5-Clay Klepper-520, 6-Jason Leffler-468, 7-Steve Paden-458, 8-Scott Hansen-447, 9-Robby Flock-404, 10-Johnny Cofer-393.