

New Wheels, Same Deal for Leffler

By: Richie Murray

There was a bit of extra motivation for Jason Leffler throughout the 1998 USAC National Midget season. After competing in the majority of 1997 for car owner Pete Willoughby, the team splintered just prior to season's end. Leffler ultimately joined the renowned Steve Lewis team while the upstart Willoughby team simply reloaded in an arms race for supremacy.

As it turned out, Californians Jay Drake, Ricky Shelton, Leffler – and Leffler's current and former teams – duked it out for the entirety of 1998, trading victories, trading point leads and even trading fists on occasion as Leffler became the third repeat series champ of the decade in a season that featured a new wave of talent eager to stamp their presence in USAC.

Leffler was anxious to win big in his new role with the Bob East-wrenched outfit. The title battle went down to the wire with Leffler, and entrant champ Lewis, prevailing by 11 points and racing in a way that wasn't exactly his preferred method.

"I'd much rather run away with a championship and be way out in front," said Leffler, who won by 126 points in 1997. "There are chances you can take if you're just going for a race win that you can't take if you're going for the championship."

Despite a rocky start, Leffler's 1998 season was prolific. He not only won the Silver Crown championship, but also notched four midget wins, which were spread throughout the year, in May at Louisville (Ky.) Motor Speedway, in July at Colorado's Pikes Peak Int'l Raceway, in August at Missouri's I-70 Speedway and in November at Arizona's Manzanita Speedway.

Leffler was the fastest qualifier on 10 occasions and racked up 14 top-five finishes and a total of 23 top-10 results while starting all 29 events. Like so many others, Leffler was in a constant tug of war to stay ahead of Willoughby's power team of Jay Drake and Ricky Shelton early on. Leffler was solid but wasn't having the kind of run he knew he needed to repeat.

"We weren't running that strong and we were back in the points," Leffler recalled. "Belleville was where we started getting the kind of results we wanted, and it started to happen. We didn't set the world on fire or anything, but the team just got down to business and we all decided we weren't going to stop until we got the championship."

Shelton led the standings from May to July in large part due to six victories in the first 15 races of the season. The second of the 1997 USAC Western States titlist's two 16th Street Speedway wins was unforgettable. Contact between Leffler and him sent Leffler flipping. Leffler greeted Shelton in victory lane and the two proceeded to wrestle in the mud, punctuated by Leffler throwing a mud ball right into Shelton's chest. Simultaneously, emergency crews worked to extricate flagman Billy Shipman from the flag stand after he was knocked off his feet by several sizable clods of the track surface mid-race.

Leffler and Drake waged a terrific clash in the late-season events, trading the point lead back-and-forth, but Leffler led from mid-September to the end. At one point, during August's Belleville (Kan.) Midget Nationals, won by Steve Knepper, Drake and Leffler were tied for the point lead. Drake won twice in the latter half of the season, first at Kansas' Lakeside Speedway, then once more in the Turkey Night Grand Prix at Bakersfield (Calif.) Speedway. However, a rain out in the scheduled season finale at The Dirt Track at Las Vegas Motor Speedway ended Drake's last chance just 11 points short.

Michael Lewis earned Rookie of the Year honors with his ninth-place point ranking while Travis Welpott was honored as the Most Improved Driver after finishing eighth in the points. Tommy Hunt, USAC's Vice President in charge of Western Operations, was named the recipient of the Jim Blunk Award for his contributions to the sport of USAC Midget racing.

Jason Smith, formerly of Indianapolis Raceway Park, was named the new series coordinator, taking over for Gary Sokola. In July at Charlotte Motor Speedway's 1/3-mile paved legends oval, Tony Stewart captured victory in the largest single day payout for a USAC Midget event at the time, which paid a \$51,000 total purse with Stewart pocketing \$9,000 of it.

Brian Gerster scored a courageous triumph in August at Indiana's Mount Lawn Speedway, just nine months after breaking his neck in a 1997 USAC Midget crash at Bakersfield. In September, Jack Hewitt became the first driver in 4-Crown Nationals

history to sweep all four feature events in one night at Ohio's Eldora Speedway, an evening which began with a victory in the 25-lap midget feature, the seventh and final series win of his USAC National Midget career.

Hewitt capped off the night with successive wins in the USAC National Sprint Car, UMP Modified and USAC Silver Crown features, ultimately exclaiming, "This has been a fairy tale night. Snow White and Cinderella have nothing on me!"

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: January 17, 1998 – RCA Dome – Indianapolis, Indiana – Thunder in the Dome XIV – Non-Points Special Event

FIRST TEAM USA HEAT: (12 laps) 1. Jim Sawyer (#59 Fastlane), 2. Nick Lundgreen (#49 Lundgreen), 3. Nick Fornoro Jr. (#72 McClellan), 4. Robby Parish (#7 Parish), 5. A.J. Fike (#69 Fike), 6. John Warren (#1 Warren), 7. Dave Baumgartner (#99 Hansen), 8. Lyn St. James (#54 Line). NT

SECOND TEAM USA HEAT: (12 laps) 1. Jerry Coons Jr. (#36 Wimberly), 2. Jimmy McCune (#2 J.S.), 3. Ronnie Johncox (#41 Hayworth), 4. Kevin Olson (#5 Myers), 5. Sarah McCune (#67 Nowicke), 6. Roger Bettenhausen (#32 Windstrup), 7. David Thompson (#47 Thompson). NT

THIRD TEAM USA HEAT: (12 laps) 1. Donnie Lehmann (#31 Lehmann), 2. Jerry Nemire (#18 Nemire-Yager), 3. Steve Knepper (#17 Brown), 4. Kevin Besecker (#3 McClellan), 5. Danny Pens (#38 Wever), 6. Mark Buonomo (#76 Buonomo) 7. Jim Hettinger (#71 Smith). NT

FIRST TEAM INDIANA HEAT: (12 laps) 1. Terry Goff (#21 JTV), 2. Ted Hines (#81 Goss), 3. Steve Barth (#14 Barth), 4. Mel Kenyon (#61 3K), 5. Roy Caruthers (#15 Caruthers), 6. Johnny Parsons (#131 Lehmann), 7. Kevin Newton (#44 Newton), 8. Brice Kenyon (#4 McClellan). NT

SECOND TEAM INDIANA HEAT: (12 laps) 1. Michael Lang (#97 Lang), 2. John Sluss (#12 Sluss), 3. Joe Gaerte (#10 Hurst), 4. John Lucas (#6 Isenhower), 5. Kent Christian (#29 Hair), 6. Mark Dismore (#9 Fedorcak), 7. Jason Lynch (#51 Lynch), 8. Jeff Hampton (#55 Line). NT

THIRD TEAM INDIANA HEAT: (12 laps) 1. Chris Shultz (#70 No Limit), 2. Tony Reed (#8 Reed), 3. Tony Elliott (#95 Covington), 4. Critter Malone (#77 Malone), 5. Wayne Smith (#92 Wildgoose), 6. David Bridges (#11 MB), 7. Johnny Parsons III (#25 Parsons), 8. Kenneth Nichols (#16 Nowicke). NT

CAR AND DRIVER ARRIVED BUT DID NOT COMPETE: Ricky Shelton (#78 Horn).

CARS WHICH DID NOT ARRIVE: Randy Koch (#22 Kittleson).

TEAM USA TEAM FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Jim Hettinger, 2. Nick Fornoro Jr., 3. Robby Parish, 4. Jerry Coons Jr., 5. Jimmy McCune, 6. Steve Knepper, 7. Donnie Lehmann, 8. Jerry Nemire, 9. Jim Sawyer, 10. Sarah McCune, 11. David Thompson, 12. Dave Baumgartner, 13. Kevin Besecker, 14. Roger Bettenhausen, 15. Kevin Olson, 16. Lyn St. James, 17. John Warren, 18. Mark Buonomo, 19. A.J. Fike, 20. Ronnie Johncox, 21. Nick Lundgreen. NT

TEAM INDIANA TEAM FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Michael Lang, 2. Ted Hines, 3. Steve Barth, 4. Joe Gaerte, 5. Tony Elliott, 6. John Lucas, 7. Mel Kenyon, 8. Critter Malone, 9. Tony Reed, 10. John Sluss, 11. Jason Lynch, 12. David Bridges, 13. Jeff Hampton, 14. Chris Shultz, 15. Roy Caruthers, 16. Johnny Parsons, 17. Kent Christian, 18. Johnny Parsons III, 19. Terry Goff, 20. Kevin Newton, 21. Mark Dismore, 22. Kenneth Nichols, 23. Wayne Smith, 24. Brice Kenyon. NT

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Jim Hettinger, 2. Michael Lang, 3. Nick Fornoro Jr., 4. Jimmy McCune, 5. Steve Barth, 6. Tony Stewart (#9 Fedorcak), 7. Kenny Irwin Jr. (#7), 8. Joe Gaerte, 9. Sarah McCune, 10. Tony Elliott, 11. Steve Knepper, 12. Mel Kenyon, 13. Kevin Besecker, 14. David Bridges, 15. John Lucas, 16. David Thompson, 17. Critter Malone, 18. Ted Hines, 19. Jerry Nemire, 20. Jim Sawyer, 21. Jason Lynch, 22. Donnie Lehmann, 23. Jerry Coons Jr., 24. John Sluss, 25. Dave Baumgartner, 26. Tony Reed. NT

**Kent Christian flipped during the second Team Indiana heat.

TEAM USA FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-27 Jerry Coons Jr., Laps 28-40 Jim Hettinger.

TEAM INDIANA FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-40 Michael Lang.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-100 Jim Hettinger.

FINAL TEAM POINTS: Team USA-178, Team Indiana-173.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: January 30-February 1, 1998 – Phoenix International Raceway – Avondale, Arizona – 21st Skoal Bandit Racing Copper World Classic

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USAC NATIONAL & WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE RESULTS: January 30-February 1, 1998 – Phoenix International Raceway – Avondale, Arizona – 21st Skoal Bandit Racing Copper World Classic

QUALIFYING: (Held on January 31) 1. Tony Stewart, 9x, Lewis-27.644; 2. Jason Leffler, 9, Lewis-27.709; 3. Dave Steele, 91, Lewis-27.762; 4. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-27.881; 5. Chris Shultz, 90, No Limit-27.888; 6. Ricky Shelton, 71, Willoughby-28.083; 7. Davey Hamilton, 7x, Shefchik-28.093; 8. Ronnie Johncox, 8, Johncox-28.126; 9. Dan Drinan, 33, Drinan-28.136; 10. Ryan Newman, 39, Lewis-28.148; 11. Kenny Irwin Jr., 15, Lawson-28.187; 12. John Heydenreich, 62, Klatt-28.217; 13. Jimmy McCune, 2, J.S.-28.551; 14. Tracy Hines, 6, Potter-28.552; 15. Roger Corrigan, 65, Corrigan-28.667; 16. Wally Pankratz, 8x, Pankratz-28.775; 17. Jerry Coons Jr., 24, Hart-28.817; 18. Tony Ave, 75, Frontier-28.838; 19. Andy Michner, 26, J.S.-28.890; 20. Brian Tyler, 124, Hart-28.910; 21. Ted Hines, 81, Goss-28.946; 22. Sarah McCune, 88, McCune-28.998; 23. Dick St. John, 12, Mullins-29.081; 24. Chuck Leary, 30, Leary-29.113; 25. Steve Barth, 7, CED-29.118; 26. Steve Paden, 0, Farrier-29.250; 27. Kenneth Nichols, 16, Nowicke-29.300; 28. Bryan Stanfill, 25, Stanfill-29.387; 29. Doug Wright, 79, Wright-29.398; 30. Clay Klepper, 69, Hartman-29.533; 31. Shane Scully, 56, Scully-29.563; 32. John Starks, 50, Beal-29.579; 33. Chris Hayes, 43, Steele-29.613; 34. Derek Davidson, 95, Covington-29.673; 35. Kevin Thomas, 17, CED-29.697; 36. Nick Fornoro Jr., 59, Hultgren-29.980; 37. Dave Baumgartner, 99, Baumgartner-30.264; 38. Jeff Sands, 10, Sands-30.329; 39. Donny Oliver, 41x, Oliver-30.502; 40. Darrell Marlin, 14, Marlin-30.722; 41. Scott Hansen, 98, Blondel-31.848; 42. Chad Farmer, 30x, Cook-32.014; 43. Jeff Bird, 29, Churchill-32.020; 44. Chad Nichols, 67, Zarounian-NT; 45. Rick Kraft, 3, Kraft-NT; 46. #19, Lewis-NT. (Mike Blondel also in car #98).

SEMI: (10 laps – held on January 31) 1. Bryan Stanfill, 2. Steve Barth, 3. Nick Fornoro Jr., 4. John Starks, 5. Kevin Thomas, 6. Jeff Sands, 7. Chris Hayes, 8. Clay Klepper, 9. Shane Scully, 10. Derek Davidson, 11. Doug Wright, 12. Dave Baumgartner, 13. Scott Hansen, 14. Jeff Bird, 15. Steve Paden, 16. Kenneth Nichols, 17. Darrell Marlin, 18. Donny Oliver, 19. Chad Farmer. NT

FEATURE: (25 laps – held on February 1) 1. Tony Stewart, 2. Dave Steele, 3. Ryan Newman, 4. Chris Shultz, 5. Andy Michner, 6. Kenny Irwin Jr., 7. Jimmy McCune, 8. Tony Ave, 9. Wally Pankratz, 10. Roger Corrigan, 11. Davey Hamilton, 12. Dick St. John, 13. Jeff Sands, 14. Jerry Coons Jr., 15. Dan Drinan, 16. Jason Leffler, 17. Kevin Thomas, 18. Jay Drake, 19. Nick Fornoro

Jr., 20. Bryan Stanfill, 21. Ronnie Johncox, 22. Chuck Leary, 23. Brian Tyler, 24. Ricky Shelton, 25. John Heydenreich, 26. Tracy Hines, 27. Steve Barth, 28. Ted Hines, 29. Sarah McCune, 30. John Starks. NT

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: April 5, 1998 – Winchester Speedway – Winchester, Indiana – Pepsi Rich Vogler Classic

NEXT USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE: February 7, 1998 – The Bullring at Las Vegas Motor Speedway – Las Vegas, Nevada

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: April 5, 1998 – Winchester Speedway – Winchester, Indiana – Pepsi Rich Vogler Classic

QUALIFYING: 1. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-14.890; 2. Ricky Shelton, 71, Willoughby-14.948; 3. Ryan Newman, 39, Lewis-15.031; 4. Chris Shultz, 90, No Limit-15.126; 5. Jimmy McCune, 26, J.S.-15.238; 6. Tracy Hines, 6, Potter-15.243; 7. Jason Leffler, 9, Lewis-15.305; 8. Dane Carter, 77, Carter-15.493; 9. Steve Barth, 7, CED-15.494; 10. Dave Steele, 91, Lewis-15.504; 11. Michael Lewis, 85, Lewis-15.539; 12. Ted Hines, 81, Goss-15.602; 13. Tony Ave, 75, Frontier-15.683; 14. Jason Lynch, 115, Lynch-15.762; 15. Kevin Thomas, 17, CED-15.778; 16. Michael Roselli Jr., 93, Roselli-16.041; 17. Nick Fornoro Jr., 22, McClellan-16.096; 18. Roger Corrigan, 65, Corrigan-16.192; 19. Travis Welpott, 18, P & E-16.197; 20. Chuck Leary, 30, Leary-16.327; 21. Jeff Hampton, 55, Line-16.781; 22. Dave Baumgartner, 98, Linne-17.115; 23. Ronnie Johncox, 8, Johncox-NT; 24. Dean Franklin, 42, Franklin-NT; 25. Joe Janowski, 41, Griffith-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Dave Steele, 2. Chris Shultz, 3. Jay Drake, 4. Jason Leffler, 5. Travis Welpott, 6. Tony Ave, 7. Dave Baumgartner, 8. Michael Roselli Jr. 2:07.00

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Michael Lewis, 2. Jimmy McCune, 3. Jason Lynch, 4. Ronnie Johncox, 5. Ricky Shelton, 6. Dane Carter, 7. Nick Fornoro Jr., 8. Chuck Leary. 2:07.19

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Tracy Hines, 2. Ryan Newman, 3. Ted Hines, 4. Kevin Thomas, 5. Steve Barth, 6. Roger Corrigan, 7. Jeff Hampton, 8. Dean Franklin. 2:05.29

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Ricky Shelton, 2. Steve Barth, 3. Dane Carter, 4. Tony Ave, 5. Roger Corrigan, 6. Travis Welpott, 7. Jeff Hampton, 8. Dave Baumgartner, 9. Michael Roselli Jr., 10. Dean Franklin. 2:34.40

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Ricky Shelton, 2. Jimmy McCune, 3. Jay Drake, 4. Tracy Hines, 5. Ronnie Johncox, 6. Chris Shultz, 7. Jason Leffler, 8. Kevin Thomas, 9. Ted Hines, 10. Jason Lynch, 11. Travis Welpott, 12. Michael Roselli Jr., 13. Roger Corrigan, 14. Dave Baumgartner, 15. Steve Barth, 16. Michael Lewis, 17. Jeff Hampton, 18. Ryan Newman, 19. Dane Carter, 20. Dave Steele, 21. Dean Franklin. NT

**Ryan Newman flipped on the backstretch on lap 17 of the feature.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-16 Tracy Hines, Laps 17-30 Ricky Shelton.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jimmy McCune-66, 2-Chris Shultz-66, 3-Ricky Shelton-59, 4-Jay Drake-58, 5-Dave Steele-56, 6-Ryan Newman-52, 7-Tracy Hines-48, 8-Tony Stewart-48, 9-Jason Leffler-46, 10-Ronnie Johncox-42.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: April 25, 1998 – 16th Street Speedway – Indianapolis, Indiana

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: April 25, 1998 – 16th Street Speedway – Indianapolis, Indiana

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NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: May 2, 1998 – 16th Street Speedway – Indianapolis, Indiana

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USAC NATIONAL & 16TH STREET SPEEDWAY MIDGET RACE RESULTS: May 2, 1998 – 16th Street Speedway – Indianapolis, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-12.742; 2. Tracy Hines, 6, Potter-12.751; 3. Andy Michner, 26, J.S.-12.785; 4. Donnie Beechler, 32, Martz-12.797; 5. Michael Lang, 94, Stebbins-12.815, 6. Jason Leffler, 9, Lewis-12.833; 7. John Heydenreich, 17, CED-12.858; 8. Travis Welpott, 18, P & E-12.859; 9. Johnny Parsons III, 25, Parsons-12.927; 10. Ted Hines, 81, Goss-12.952; 11. Ron Smoker, 24, Parker-12.957; 12. Roy Caruthers, 15, Caruthers-13.069; 13. Steve Knepper, 155, Knepper-13.080; 14. Jerry Coons Jr., 7, CED-13.156; 15. Andy Pierce, 3p, Tag Team-13.300; 16. Critter Malone, 7m, Malone-13.346; 17. Jason Lynch, 115, Lynch-13.359; 18. Dean Franklin, 42, Franklin-13.379; 19. Eric Gordon, 89, Ingram-13.426; 20. Ricky Shelton, 71, Willoughby-13.428; 21. Jimmy McCune, 2, J.S.-13.459; 22. Jerry Zike, 97x, Zike-13.467; 23. John Sluss, 28, Sluss-13.583; 24. Rick Treadway, 2x, Lawson-13.611; 25. David Bridges, 11, MB-13.618; 26. Tony Reed, 8R, Reed-13.738; 27. A.J. Felker, 5, Felker-13.745; 28. Mike Bymaster, 27, Bymaster-13.789; 29. Jeff Hampton, 55, Line-13.884; 30. Ed Carpenter, 3, TG-13.891; 31. Sarah McCune, 16, Nowicke-13.903; 32. Michael Lewis, 85, Lewis-13.936; 33. Barry Reed, 76, Reed-13.958; 34. Rick Ward, 53, Ward-14.091; 35. Dennis Mann, 17m, Mann-14.143; 36. Ralph Liguori, 6R, Liguori-14.166; 37. Jeff Titus, 40, Titus-14.446; 38. Steve Arnold, 31A, Arnold-14.481; 39. John Wolfe, 95, Morgan-14.735; 40. Kenny Brown, 17x, Brown-14.781; 41. Jeff Gass, 19, Gass-14.957; 42. Bryon Walters, 5w, Walters-16.693; 43. Tony Beaver, 66, Beaver-NT; 44. Bob Runner, 54, Line-NT.

NON-QUALIFIERS RACE: (8 laps) 1. Ralph Liguori, 2. Michael Lewis, 3. Jeff Titus, 4. Steve Arnold, 5. Dennis Mann, 6. Kenny Brown, 7. John Wolfe, 8. Jeff Gass, 9. Rick Ward, 10. Bryon Walters. 1:46.78

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Johnny Parsons III, 2. Jay Drake, 3. Steve Knepper, 4. Michael Lang, 5. Rick Treadway, 6. Jason Lynch, 7. Jimmy McCune, 8. Mike Bymaster. 2:13.93

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. David Bridges, 2. Jeff Hampton, 3. Jerry Coons Jr., 4. Jason Leffler, 5. Tracy Hines, 6. Dean Franklin, 7. Jerry Zike, 8. Ted Hines. NT

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Ed Carpenter, 2. Andy Pierce, 3. Tony Reed, 4. John Heydenreich, 5. Ron Smoker, 6. Eric Gordon, 7. John Sluss, 8. Andy Michner. 2:12.29

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Ricky Shelton, 2. Sarah McCune, 3. Critter Malone, 4. Roy Caruthers, 5. Travis Welpott, 6. Donnie Beechler, 7. A.J. Felker, 8. Barry Reed. NT

KELLY's PUB TOO SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Donnie Beechler, 2. Tracy Hines, 3. Andy Michner, 4. Ron Smoker, 5. Travis Welpott, 6. Eric Gordon, 7. Jason Lynch, 8. Rick Treadway, 9. Michael Lewis, 10. John Sluss, 11. Mike Bymaster, 12. Ted Hines, 13. Ralph Liguori, 14. Barry Reed, 15. Jerry Zike, 16. Dean Franklin, 17. Jimmy McCune. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Donnie Beechler, 2. Andy Michner, 3. Tracy Hines, 4. Jerry Coons Jr., 5. Ricky Shelton, 6. Jay Drake, 7. Andy Pierce, 8. Jeff Hampton, 9. Critter Malone, 10. John Heydenreich, 11. David Bridges, 12. Johnny Parsons III, 13. Roy Caruthers, 14. Jason Leffler, 15. Michael Lang, 16. Sarah McCune, 17. Tony Reed, 18. Ed Carpenter, 19. Ron Smoker, 20. Steve Knepper. NT

**Jerry Zike flipped during the second heat. Sarah McCune flipped during the fourth heat. Critter Malone flipped on lap 29 of the feature. Johnny Parsons III flipped on lap 38 of the feature.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-22 Jason Leffler, Laps 23-40 Donnie Beechler.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jay Drake-96, 2-Ricky Shelton-92, 3-Tracy Hines-87, 4-Jimmy McCune-76, 5-Chris Shultz-66, 6-Jason Leffler-64, 7-Dave Steele-56, 8-Ryan Newman-52, 9-Andy Michner-49, 10-Tony Stewart-48.

USAC 16TH STREET SPEEDWAY MIDGET POINTS: 1-Donnie Beechler-32, 2-Andy Michner-29, 3-Tracy Hines-27, 4-Jay Drake-25, 5-Jerry Coons Jr. & Ricky Shelton-23, 7-Andy Pierce-18, 8-Jeff Hampton-16, 9-Critter Malone & David Bridges-13.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: May 9, 1998 – Louisville Motor Speedway – Louisville, Kentucky

NEXT USAC 16TH STREET SPEEDWAY MIDGET RACE: May 9, 1998 – 16th Street Speedway – Indianapolis, Indiana

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: May 9, 1998 – Louisville Motor Speedway – Louisville, Kentucky

QUALIFYING: 1. Ricky Shelton, 71, Willoughby-14.134; 2. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-14.249; 3. Tracy Hines, 6, Potter-14.283; 4. Ronnie Johncox, 8, Johncox-14.333; 5. Jason Leffler, 9, Lewis-14.362; 6. Sarah McCune, 16, Nowicke-14.681; 7. Ted Hines, 81, Goss-14.682; 8. Jimmy McCune, 26, J.S.-14.723; 9. Jerry Coons Jr., 7, CED-14.762; 10. Kevin Thomas, 17, CED-14.844; 11. Derek Davidson, 95, Covington-14.960; 12. Dane Carter, 77, Carter-14.985; 13. Travis Welpott, 18, P & E-15.037; 14. Jason Lynch, 115, Lynch-15.047; 15. Michael Roselli Jr., 93, Roselli-15.279; 16. Allen Gillis, 32, Riverside-15.391; 17. Joe Janowski, 41, Griffith-15.432; 18. Kenneth Nichols, 36, Wimberly-15.621; 19. Mark Boice, 4, Boice-15.810; 20. John Nervo, 21, Nervo-15.904; 21. Dean Franklin, 42, Franklin-16.462; 22. Chris Hayes, 43, Steele-16.631; 23. Dale Ballinger, 12, Ballinger-17.004; 24. Scooter Ellis, 73, Ellis-NT; 25. Michael Lewis, 85, Lewis-NT; 26. A.J. Felker, 5, Felker-NT; 27. Keith Butler, 112, Hurst-NT; 28. #91, Lewis-NT; 29. #2, J.S.-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Ted Hines, 2. Ronnie Johncox, 3. Mark Boice, 4. Allen Gillis, 5. Kevin Thomas, 6. Travis Welpott, 7. Ricky Shelton, 8. Scooter Ellis. NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Jason Lynch, 2. Jimmy McCune, 3. Jason Leffler, 4. Jay Drake, 5. Derek Davidson, 6. John Nervo, 7. Joe Janowski, 8. Dale Ballinger. 2:00.09

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Tracy Hines, 2. Kenneth Nichols, 3. Jerry Coons Jr., 4. Dane Carter, 5. Dean Franklin, 6. Sarah McCune, 7. A.J. Felker, 8. Michael Roselli Jr. NT

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Ricky Shelton, 2. Kevin Thomas, 3. Derek Davidson, 4. Sarah McCune, 5. Travis Welpott, 6. Michael Roselli Jr., 7. Joe Janowski, 8. John Nervo, 9. A.J. Felker, 10. Chris Hayes, 11. Dean Franklin, 12. Scooter Ellis. 2:31.03

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Jason Leffler, 2. Ronnie Johncox, 3. Tracy Hines, 4. Jimmy McCune, 5. Jerry Coons Jr., 6. Sarah McCune, 7. Kevin Thomas, 8. Ricky Shelton, 9. Ted Hines, 10. Derek Davidson, 11. Jason Lynch, 12. Travis Welpott, 13. Chris Hayes, 14. Mark Boice, 15. Kenneth Nichols, 16. Allen Gillis, 17. John Nervo, 18. Dane Carter, 19. Michael Roselli Jr., 20. A.J. Felker, 21. Joe Janowski, 22. Jay Drake. NT

****Keith Butler flipped during hot laps.**

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Jason Leffler.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Tracy Hines-128, 2-Ricky Shelton-123, 3-Jay Drake-115, 4-Jimmy McCune-110, 5-Jason Leffler-108, 6-Ronnie Johncox-84, 7-Ted Hines-70, 8-Chris Shultz-66, 9-Kevin Thomas-62, 10-Sarah McCune-57.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: May 21, 1998 – 16th Street Speedway – Indianapolis, Indiana

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USAC NATIONAL & 16TH STREET SPEEDWAY MIDGET RACE RESULTS: May 21, 1998 – 16th Street Speedway – Indianapolis, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Tracy Hines, 6, Potter-12.913; 2. Michael Lang, 94, Stebbins-12.977; 3. Ricky Shelton, 71, Willoughby-13.034; 4. Robby Flock, 61, HotShooz-13.110; 5. Andy Pierce, 3p, Tag Team-13.142; 6. Ed Carpenter, 3, TG-13.237; 7. Critter Malone, 7m, Malone-13.308; 8. Roger McCluskey Jr., 111, McCluskey-13.422; 9. Jimmy Sills, 15L, Lawson-13.463; 10. Tony Reed, 8R, Reed-13.488; 11. Johnny Parsons III, 25, Parsons-13.494; 12. David Bridges, 11, MB-13.543; 13. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-13.547; 14. Randy Koch, 2K, Kittleson-13.596; 15. Jack Hewitt, 26, J.S.-13.661; 16. Dave Darland, 32, Martz-13.671; 17. Jason Leffler, 9, Lewis-13.675; 18. Travis Welpott, 18, P & E-13.719; 19. Jimmy McCune, 2, J.S.-13.789; 20. Jerry Coons Jr., 7, CED-13.789; 21. Ted Hines, 81, Goff-13.819; 22. Tray House, 8L, Lambertson-13.823; 23. Michael Lewis, 85, Lewis-13.825; 24. Mike Bymaster, 27, Bymaster-13.829; 25. Ron Smoker, 24, Parker-13.904; 26. Donnie Beechler, 15x, Lawson-13.972; 27. Dean Franklin, 42, Franklin-13.974; 28. Roy Caruthers, 15, Caruthers-14.000; 29. Kevin Thomas, 17, CED-14.054; 30. Tony Beaber, 66, Beaber-14.083; 31. Jan Opperman Jr., 2J, Jorgensen-14.121; 32. John Nervo, 21, Nervo-14.161; 33. Marty Davis, 76x, Davis-14.253; 34. John Sluss, 28, Sluss-14.299; 35. Scooter Ellis, 73, Ellis-14.333; 36. A.J. Felker, 5, Felker-14.371; 37. Bruce Adkins, 37, Eubank-14.410; 38. Lou Cicconi Jr., 75, Cicconi-14.410; 39. Barry Reed, 76, Reed-14.469; 40. Jeff Hampton, 55, Line-14.527; 41. Rick Treadway, 2x, Lawson-14.535; 42. Dennis Miller, 88m, Miller-14.539; 43. John Wolfe, 95, Morgan-14.567; 44. A.J. Fike, 69, Fike-14.648; 45. Ralph Liguori, 6RR, Liguori-14.980; 46. Jeff Titus, 40, Titus-15.034; 47. A.J. Smith, 27x, AJS-15.176; 48. Ed Hair, 29, Hair-15.309; 49. Sarah McCune, 16, Nowicke-16.047; 50. Michael Roselli Jr., 93, Roselli-NT; 51. Jason Lynch, 115, Lynch-NT; 52. Dennis Mann, 16m, Mann-NT; 53. #91, Lewis-NT.

NON-QUALIFIERS RACE: (8 laps) 1. Jeff Hampton, 2. Lou Cicconi Jr., 3. Marty Davis, 4. Scooter Ellis, 5. John Sluss, 6. John Wolfe, 7. A.J. Felker, 8. Michael Roselli Jr., 9. Bruce Adkins, 10. A.J. Fike, 11. Sarah McCune, 12. Dennis Miller, 13. Barry Reed, 14. A.J. Smith, 15. Ed Hair, 16. Rick Treadway, 17. Jeff Titus. NT

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Kevin Thomas, 2. Jason Leffler, 3. Jimmy Sills, 4. Jay Drake, 5. Tracy Hines, 6. Andy Pierce, 7. Ted Hines, 8. Ron Smoker. 2:15.14

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Donnie Beechler, 2. Tray House, 3. Randy Koch, 4. Tony Beaber, 5. Tony Reed, 6. Ed Carpenter, 7. Travis Welpott, 8. Michael Lang. 2:14.40

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Ricky Shelton, 2. Michael Lewis, 3. Jack Hewitt, 4. Critter Malone, 5. Johnny Parsons III, 6. Jimmy McCune, 7. Dean Franklin, 8. Jan Opperman Jr. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Dave Darland, 2. Roy Caruthers, 3. Jerry Coons Jr., 4. Robby Flock, 5. David Bridges, 6. John Nervo, 7. Mike Bymaster, 8. Roger McCluskey Jr. NT

KELLY'S PUB TOO LAST CALL SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Tracy Hines, 2. Michael Lang, 3. Andy Pierce, 4. Johnny Parsons III, 5. Travis Welpott, 6. Tony Reed, 7. John Nervo, 8. Jimmy McCune, 9. Ted Hines, 10. David Bridges, 11. Lou Cicconi Jr., 12. Mike Bymaster, 13. Dean Franklin, 14. Ed Carpenter, 15. Jeff Hampton, 16. Jan Opperman Jr., 17. Ron Smoker. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Ricky Shelton, 2. Robby Flock, 3. Michael Lang, 4. Jimmy Sills, 5. Donnie Beechler, 6. Tray House, 7. Dave Darland, 8. Andy Pierce, 9. Johnny Parsons III, 10. Jerry Coons Jr., 11. Randy Koch, 12. Jay Drake, 13. Roy Caruthers, 14. Kevin Thomas, 15. Michael Lewis, 16. Critter Malone, 17. Jason Leffler, 18. Tony Beaber, 19. Jack Hewitt, 20. Tracy Hines. NT

****Michael Roselli Jr. & Mike Bymaster flipped during qualifying. Rick Treadway flipped during the non-qualifiers race. Michael Lang flipped during the second heat. Roger McCluskey Jr. flipped during the fourth heat and suffered a broken shoulder. Ed Carpenter & Mike Bymaster flipped during the semi. Tracy Hines flipped on lap 2 of the feature. Jack Hewitt flipped on lap 3 of the feature.**

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-12 Critter Malone, Laps 13-40 Ricky Shelton.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Ricky Shelton-171, 2-Tracy Hines-148, 3-Jay Drake-134, 4-Jason Leffler-124, 5-Jimmy McCune-120, 6-Jerry Coons Jr.-92, 7-Ronnie Johncox-84, 8-Kevin Thomas-82, 9-Ted Hines-80, 10-Sarah McCune-67.

USAC 16TH STREET SPEEDWAY MIDGET POINTS: 1-Ricky Shelton-60, 2-Donnie Beechler-55, 3-Critter Malone-54, 4-Andy Pierce-51, 5-Michael Lang-49, 6-Roy Caruthers-47, 7-Jeff Hampton-41, 8-Jerry Coons Jr.-35, 9-Jay Drake & Tracy Hines-34.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: May 23, 1998 – Indianapolis Raceway Park – Clermont, Indiana – 53rd Budweiser Night Before the 500

NEXT USAC 16TH STREET SPEEDWAY MIDGET RACE: May 30, 1998 – 16th Street Speedway – Indianapolis, Indiana

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: May 23, 1998 – Indianapolis Raceway Park – Clermont, Indiana – 53rd Budweiser Night Before the 500

RAINED OUT, RESCHEDULED FOR MAY 24.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: May 24, 1998 – Indianapolis Raceway Park – Clermont, Indiana – 53rd Budweiser Night Before the 500

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: May 24, 1998 – Indianapolis Raceway Park – Clermont, Indiana – 53rd Budweiser Night Before the 500

QUALIFYING: 1. Dave Steele, 91, Lewis-21.195; 2. Ryan Newman, 39, Lewis-21.313; 3. Jason Leffler, 9, Lewis-21.355; 4. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-21.360; 5. Ronnie Johncox, 8, Johncox-21.405; 6. Tracy Hines, 17, CED-21.450; 7. Ricky Shelton, 71, Willoughby-21.475; 8. Tony Ave, 75, Frontier-21.593; 9. Michael Lewis, 85, Lewis-21.640; 10. Chris Shultz, 90, No Limit-21.655; 11. John Heydenreich, 62, Klatt-21.742; 12. Jerry Coons Jr., 7, CED-21.745; 13. Dane Carter, 77, Carter-21.800; 14. Kenneth Nichols, 36, Wimberly-21.860; 15. Robby Flock, 61, HotShooz-21.993; 16. Jimmy McCune, 26, J.S.-21.995; 17. Ted

Hines, 81, Goss-22.045; 18. Steve Barth, 14, Barth-22.083; 19. Dick St. John, 12x, Mullins-22.139; 20. Jeff Snelling, 70, No Limit-22.228; 21. Ron Sallman, 74, Sallman-22.286; 22. Chris Hayes, 43, Steele-22.290; 23. John Nervo, 21, Nervo-22.405; 24. Mark Boice, 4, Boice-22.423; 25. David Bridges, 11, Bridges-22.478; 26. Clay Klepper, 69, Hartman-22.638; 27. Nick Fornoro Jr., 59, Hultgren-22.672; 28. Jason Lynch, 115, Lynch-22.707; 29. Keith Butler, 112, Hurst-22.840; 30. Travis Welpott, 18, P & E-22.957; 31. Scooter Ellis, 73, Ellis-22.980; 32. A.J. Davis, 128, Owen-23.280; 33. A.J. Felker, 5, Felker-23.328; 34. Norm Young, 80, Young-23.487; 35. Barry Reed, 76, Reed-23.544; 36. Dave Baumgartner, 98, Linne-23.632; 37. Joe Janowski, 41, Griffith-23.669; 38. Jim Cook, 30x, Cook-26.232; 39. Chad Davenport, 143, Davenport-36.466; 40. Stan Hansen, 99, Linne-39.707; 41. Jon Capps, 95, Covington-NT; 42. Doug Wright, 79, Wright-NT; 43. Kevin Blue, 51, K & R-NT; 44. Michael Roselli Jr., 93, Roselli-NT; 45. Sarah McCune, 16, Nowicke-NT; 46. Lou Cicconi Jr., 75x, Cicconi-NT; 47. #6, Potter-NT.

FIRST SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Ricky Shelton, 2. Michael Lewis, 3. John Heydenreich, 4. Dane Carter, 5. Robby Flock, 6. Nick Fornoro Jr., 7. Ted Hines, 8. John Nervo, 9. Keith Butler, 10. Ron Sallman, 11. Dick St. John, 12. Scooter Ellis, 13. A.J. Felker, 14. Joe Janowski, 15. Chad Davenport, 16. Barry Reed, 17. David Bridges. NT

SECOND SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Chris Shultz, 2. Kenneth Nichols, 3. Tony Ave, 4. Jerry Coons Jr., 5. Jimmy McCune, 6. Steve Barth, 7. Jeff Snelling, 8. Chris Hayes, 9. Mark Boice, 10. Clay Klepper, 11. Jason Lynch, 12. A.J. Davis, 13. Travis Welpott. 4:15.94

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Dave Steele, 2. Jason Leffler, 3. Jay Drake, 4. Ronnie Johncox, 5. Ricky Shelton, 6. Michael Lewis, 7. Jerry Coons Jr., 8. Tony Ave, 9. Tracy Hines, 10. John Heydenreich, 11. Chris Hayes, 12. Jimmy McCune, 13. Keith Butler, 14. Chris Shultz, 15. John Nervo, 16. Nick Fornoro Jr., 17. Robby Flock, 18. Steve Barth, 19. Ted Hines, 20. Ryan Newman, 21. Jeff Snelling, 22. Dane Carter, 23. Kenneth Nichols, 24. Mark Boice. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-14 Jason Leffler, Laps 15-50 Dave Steele.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Ricky Shelton-200, 2-Tracy Hines-170, 3-Jay Drake-170, 4-Jason Leffler-164, 5-Jimmy McCune-138, 6-Ronnie Johncox-117, 7-Jerry Coons Jr.-117, 8-Dave Steele-104, 9-Ted Hines-92, 10-Chris Shultz-82.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: June 13, 1998 – 16th Street Speedway – Indianapolis, Indiana

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USAC NATIONAL & 16TH STREET SPEEDWAY MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 13, 1998 – 16th Street Speedway – Indianapolis, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Jason Leffler, 9, Lewis-12.720; 2. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-12.798; 3. Kevin Doty, 32, Martz-12.874; 4. Ron Smoker, 24, Parker-12.902; 5. Tray House, 8L, Lambertson-12.988; 6. Johnny Parsons III, 25, Parsons-13.003; 7. Donnie Beechler, 15x, Lawson-13.094; 8. Michael Lang, 94, Stebbins-13.182; 9. Tracy Hines, 6, Potter-13.225; 10. Brian Gerster, 26, J.S.-13.264; 11. David Bridges, 11, MB-13.342; 12. Steve Knepper, 155, Knepper-13.355; 13. Jeff Flesher, 72, Flesher-13.389; 14. Ray Bull, 1, Gillespie-13.392; 15. Bryon Walters, 5w, Walters-13.394; 16. Rick Treadway, 2x, Lawson-13.434; 17. Ricky Shelton, 71, Willoughby-13.450; 18. Steven Graham, 14, Graham-13.480; 19. Critter Malone, 7m, Malone-13.489; 20. Tony Reed, 8R, Reed-13.490; 21. Robby Flock, 61, HotShooz-13.506; 22. Adam Clarke, 76x, Clarke-13.542; 23. Roger McCluskey Jr., 111, McCluskey-13.575; 24. John Nervo, 21, Nervo-13.599; 25. Jerry Coons Jr., 7, CED-13.612; 26. Jimmy Drinan, 99, Drinan-13.639; 27. John Sluss, 28, Sluss-13.701; 28. Travis Welpott, 18, P & E-13.737; 29. Jan Opperman Jr., 2J, Jorgensen-13.764; 30. Jimmy McCune, 2, J.S.-13.772; 31. Scooter Ellis, 73, Ellis-13.777; 32. Jeff Hampton, 55, Line-13.813; 33. A.J. Felker, 5, Felker-13.817; 34. Eric Gordon, 89, Ingram-13.823; 35. Michael Lewis, 85, Lewis-13.878; 36. Andy Pierce, 3p, Tag Team-13.887; 37. Kevin Thomas, 17, CED-13.985; 38. Tony Beaber, 66, Beaber-13.998; 39. Dean Franklin, 42, Franklin-

14.017; 40. Roy Caruthers, 15, Caruthers-14.058; 41. Jason Lynch, 115, Lynch-14.204; 42. John Wolfe, 95, Morgan-14.213; 43. Sarah McCune, 16, Nowicke-14.255; 44. Barry Reed, 76, Reed-14.358; 45. Dennis Miller, 88m, Miller-14.664; 46. Dennis Mann, 44, Mann-14.713; 47. Rick Ward, 53, Ward-14.915; 48. A.J. Smith, 27x, AJS-14.955; 49. Bill Eubank Jr., 37, Eubank-14.971; 50. Tim McLoughlin, 27, B & K-15.872; 51. #91, Lewis-NT.

NON-QUALIFIERS RACE: (8 laps) 1. Eric Gordon, 2. Kevin Thomas, 3. Michael Lewis, 4. Bryon Walters, 5. Tony Beaber, 6. Dean Franklin, 7. John Wolfe, 8. Andy Pierce, 9. Roy Caruthers, 10. Dennis Mann, 11. Sarah McCune, 12. Rick Ward, 13. Bill Eubank Jr., 14. A.J. Smith, 15. Barry Reed, 16. Tim McLoughlin, 17. Jason Lynch. 1:48.24

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jerry Coons Jr., 2. Robby Flock, 3. Ricky Shelton, 4. Jason Leffler, 5. Steve Knepper, 6. Tray House, 7. Tracy Hines, 8. Jan Opperman Jr. NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Adam Clarke, 2. Steven Graham, 3. Jay Drake, 4. Jimmy McCune, 5. Jeff Flesher, 6. Brian Gerster, 7. Johnny Parsons III, 8. Jimmy Drinan. NT

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Scooter Ellis, 2. Roger McCluskey Jr., 3. John Sluss, 4. Donnie Beechler, 5. Ray Bull, 6. Kevin Doty, 7. Bryon Walters, 8. Critter Malone. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. John Nervo, 2. Jeff Hampton, 3. Travis Welpott, 4. Rick Treadway, 5. Tony Reed, 6. David Bridges, 7. Michael Lang, 8. Ron Smoker. NT

KELLY's PUB TOO LAST CALL SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Kevin Doty, 2. Johnny Parsons III, 3. Tray House, 4. Tracy Hines, 5. Michael Lang, 6. Brian Gerster, 7. Jeff Flesher, 8. Tony Reed, 9. Steve Knepper, 10. Kevin Thomas, 11. Jimmy Drinan, 12. Critter Malone, 13. Ray Bull, 14. Bryon Walters, 15. Michael Lewis, 16. Jan Opperman Jr., 17. Eric Gordon, 18. A.J. Felker. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Ricky Shelton, 2. Kevin Doty, 3. Jay Drake, 4. Donnie Beechler, 5. Tray House, 6. Johnny Parsons III, 7. Rick Treadway, 8. Jerry Coons Jr., 9. Jason Leffler, 10. Jimmy McCune, 11. Roger McCluskey, 12. Jeff Hampton, 13. Tracy Hines, 14. Robby Flock, 15. Travis Welpott, 16. Scooter Ellis, 17. John Sluss, 18. Adam Clarke, 19. John Nervo, 20. Steven Graham. NT

**Steven Graham flipped during hot laps. Scooter Ellis flipped during qualifying. Critter Malone flipped during the third heat. Ron Smoker, David Bridges & Michael Lang flipped during the fourth heat. Eric Gordon & Michael Lewis flipped during the semi. Jason Leffler & Tracy Hines flipped during the feature.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Donnie Beechler, Laps 2-12 Johnny Parsons III, Laps 13-35 Donnie Beechler, Lap 36 Kevin Doty, Laps 37-40 Ricky Shelton.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Ricky Shelton-242, 2-Jay Drake-211, 3-Jason Leffler-194, 4-Tracy Hines-187, 5-Jimmy McCune-159, 6-Jerry Coons Jr.-144, 7-Ronnie Johncox-117, 8-Dave Steele-104, 9-Ted Hines-92, 10-Kevin Thomas-92.

USAC 16TH STREET SPEEDWAY MIDGET POINTS: 1-Critter Malone-97, 2-Andy Pierce-95, 3-Ricky Shelton-92, 4-Michael Lang-83, 5-Roy Caruthers-81, 6-Donnie Beechler-77, 7-Jeff Hampton-76, 8-Ron Smoker-70, 9-Johnny Parsons III-66, 10-Rick Treadway-64.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: June 17, 1998 – Anderson Speedway – Anderson, Indiana – Robust 40

NEXT USAC 16TH STREET SPEEDWAY MIDGET RACE: June 20, 1998 – 16th Street Speedway – Indianapolis, Indiana

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 17, 1998 – Anderson Speedway – Anderson, Indiana – Robust 40

QUALIFYING: 1. Jason Leffler, 9, Lewis-11.499; 2. Dane Carter, 77, Carter-11.577; 3. Dave Steele, 91, Lewis-11.655; 4. John Heydenreich, 62, Klatt-11.734; 5. Davey Hamilton, 15x, Lawson-11.740; 6. Ricky Shelton, 71, Willoughby-11.778; 7. Brian Tyler, 95, Covington-11.785; 8. Tracy Hines, 6, Potter-11.813; 9. Jimmy McCune, 26, J.S.-11.821; 10. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-11.827; 11. Jerry Coons Jr., 7, CED-11.843; 12. Barry Walkup, 29, B & B-11.885; 13. Mel Kenyon, 161, 3K-11.891; 14. Matt Westfall, 54, Hammons-11.903; 15. Steve Barth, 14, Barth-11.905; 16. Michael Lewis, 85, Lewis-11.926; 17. Tony Ave, 75, Frontier-11.950; 18. Jim Hettinger, 71x, Smith-11.961; 19. A.J. Fike, 68, Fike-11.978; 20. Sarah McCune, 16, Nowicke-11.984; 21. Travis Welpott, 18, P & E-11.985; 22. Clay Klepper, 69x, Hartman-11.988; 23. Dave Baumgartner, 98, Linne-11.988; 24. Robby Parish, 3p, Parish-11.993; 25. Gene Lee Gibson, 0, Gibson-11.997; 26. Nick Fornoro Jr., 59, Hultgren-12.040; 27. Kenneth Nichols, 36, Wimberly-12.040; 28. Ronnie Johncox, 8, Johncox-12.049; 29. Joe Janowski, 41, Griffith-12.064; 30. Jason Lynch, 115, Lynch-12.070; 31. Mark Boice, 4, Boice-12.103; 32. Mark Dismore Jr., 30T, Leary-12.122; 33. Rick Treadway, 2x, Lawson-12.136; 34. John Sluss, 28, Sluss-12.166; 35. John Nervo, 21, Nervo-12.180; 36. Todd Sears, 26x, Sears-12.224; 37. Kevin Besecker, 22, McClellan-12.252; 38. Kevin Thomas, 17, CED-12.267; 39. Chad Davenport, 143, Davenport-12.272; 40. Chris Hayes, 43, Steele-12.302; 41. A.J. Felker, 5, Felker-12.359; 42. Michael Roselli Jr., 93, Roselli-12.396; 43. Jeff Snelling, 70, No Limit-12.469; 44. Scooter Ellis, 73, Ellis-12.524; 45. Marc Longworth, 34, Longworth-12.611; 46. Jim Sawyer, 59x, Fastlane-12.837; 47. Wayne Chinn, 171, Chinn-13.021; 48. Dean Franklin, 42, Franklin-13.030; 49. Jay Mason, 4m, Mason-13.271; 50. Dave Darland, 30, Leary-NT; 51. David Ward, 88, Ward-NT; 52. Keith Butler, 112, Hurst-NT.

NON-QUALIFIERS RACE: (8 laps) 1. Rick Treadway, 2. John Nervo, 3. Todd Sears, 4. Kevin Besecker, 5. John Sluss, 6. Chris Hayes, 7. Brian Gerster (#17), 8. Chad Davenport, 9. A.J. Felker, 10. Michael Roselli Jr. 1:35.27

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Gene Lee Gibson, 2. Joe Janowski, 3. Jimmy McCune, 4. Davey Hamilton, 5. Tony Ave, 6. Jason Leffler, 7. Mel Kenyon, 8. Travis Welpott. 1:59.59

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Nick Fornoro Jr., 2. Jim Hettinger, 3. Ricky Shelton, 4. Jay Drake, 5. Matt Westfall, 6. Dane Carter, 7. Jason Lynch, 8. Clay Klepper. NT

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Mark Boice, 2. A.J. Fike, 3. Jerry Coons Jr., 4. Dave Baumgartner, 5. Brian Tyler, 6. Steve Barth, 7. Kenneth Nichols, 8. Dave Steele. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Ronnie Johncox, 2. Robby Parish, 3. Michael Lewis, 4. Tracy Hines, 5. Mark Dismore Jr., 6. John Heydenreich, 7. Barry Walkup, 8. Sarah McCune. 1:55.83

SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Jason Leffler, 2. Dane Carter, 3. John Heydenreich, 4. Brian Tyler, 5. Barry Walkup, 6. Mel Kenyon, 7. Matt Westfall, 8. Clay Klepper, 9. Steve Barth, 10. Travis Welpott, 11. Tony Ave, 12. Sarah McCune, 13. Mark Dismore Jr., 14. Ted Hines (#26x), 15. Jason Lynch, 16. Rick Treadway, 17. John Nervo, 18. Dave Steele. 2:40.20

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Ricky Shelton, 2. Davey Hamilton, 3. Jay Drake, 4. Jimmy McCune, 5. John Heydenreich, 6. Jason Leffler, 7. A.J. Fike, 8. Jim Hettinger, 9. Tracy Hines, 10. Robby Parish, 11. Brian Tyler, 12. Joe Janowski, 13. Mel Kenyon, 14. Mark Boice, 15. Dave Baumgartner, 16. Nick Fornoro Jr., 17. Jerry Coons Jr., 18. Michael Lewis, 19. Ronnie Johncox, 20. Dane Carter, 21. Barry Walkup, 22. Gene Lee Gibson. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-2 Brian Tyler, Laps 3-40 Ricky Shelton.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Ricky Shelton-285, 2-Jay Drake-245, 3-Jason Leffler-229, 4-Tracy Hines-209, 5-Jimmy McCune-192, 6-Jerry Coons Jr.-159, 7-Ronnie Johncox-133, 8-Dave Steele-118, 9-Kevin Thomas-102, 10-Sarah McCune-97.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: June 21, 1998 – Salem Speedway – Salem, Indiana

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 21, 1998 – Salem Speedway – Salem, Indiana

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NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: June 26, 1998 – Anderson Speedway – Anderson, Indiana

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: June 26, 1998 – Anderson Speedway – Anderson, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Jason Leffler, 9, Lewis-11.669; 2. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-11.673; 3. Jimmy McCune, 26, J.S.-11.693; 4. Ricky Shelton, 71, Willoughby-11.704; 5. Chris Hayes, 43, Steele-11.787; 6. Dave Steele, 91, Lewis-11.801; 7. Dane Carter, 77, Carter-11.831; 8. Tony Ave, 75, Frontier-11.874; 9. Tracy Hines, 17, CED-11.922; 10. Mark Boice, 4, Boice-11.943; 11. Russ Gamester, 6, Potter-11.946; 12. Brian Gerster, 16, Nowicke-11.981; 13. John Nervo, 21, Nervo-12.034; 14. Jerry Coons Jr., 7, CED-12.053; 15. Clay Klepper, 69x, Hartman-12.058; 16. A.J. Davis, 128, Owen-12.069; 17. Michael Lewis, 85, Lewis-12.073; 18. Kenneth Nichols, 95, Covington-12.073; 19. Barry Walkup, 29, B & B-12.102; 20. Roger Corrigan, 65, Corrigan-12.156; 21. Ronnie Johncox, 8, Johncox-12.214; 22. A.J. Felker, 5, Felker-12.219; 23. Barry Reed, 76, Reed-12.231; 24. Michael Roselli Jr., 93, Roselli-12.246; 25. Mel Kenyon, 161, 3K-12.257; 26. Travis Welpott, 18, P & E-12.276; 27. Scooter Ellis, 73, Ellis-12.320; 28. Jeff Hilbert, 16x, Nowicke-12.343; 29. Sarah McCune, 58, McCune-12.388; 30. Jeff Titus, 40, Titus-12.471; 31. Dean Franklin, 42, Franklin-13.203; 32. Kevin Blue, 51, K & R-13.728; 33. Joe Janowski, 41, Griffith-NT; 34. Keith Butler, 112, Hurst-NT; 35. Jay Mason, 4m, Mason-NT; 36. Jason Lynch, 115, Lynch-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Michael Lewis, 2. Mel Kenyon, 3. Sarah McCune, 4. Chris Hayes, 5. Ronnie Johncox, 6. John Nervo, 7. Tracy Hines, 8. Jason Leffler. NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jay Drake, 2. Travis Welpott, 3. Dave Steele, 4. Mark Boice, 5. Jerry Coons Jr., 6. Kenneth Nichols, 7. A.J. Felker, 8. Jeff Titus. NT

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jimmy McCune, 2. Clay Klepper, 3. Barry Walkup, 4. Dane Carter, 5. Scooter Ellis, 6. Russ Gamester, 7. Barry Reed, 8. Dean Franklin. 2:01.86

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Ricky Shelton, 2. Tony Ave, 3. Michael Roselli Jr., 4. A.J. Davis, 5. Brian Gerster, 6. Roger Corrigan, 7. Jeff Hilbert, 8. Kevin Blue. NT

SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Jason Leffler, 2. Tracy Hines, 3. Russ Gamester, 4. Brian Gerster, 5. John Nervo, 6. Ronnie Johncox, 7. Kenneth Nichols, 8. Roger Corrigan, 9. A.J. Felker, 10. Barry Reed, 11. Scooter Ellis, 12. Jerry Coons Jr., 13. Dean Franklin, 14. Jeff Titus, 15. Kevin Blue, 16. Joe Janowski. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Jimmy McCune, 2. Jason Leffler, 3. Dane Carter, 4. Russ Gamester, 5. Clay Klepper, 6. Tony Ave, 7. Ronnie Johncox, 8. Travis Welpott, 9. Brian Gerster, 10. Chris Hayes, 11. Michael Lewis, 12. Dave Steele, 13. John Nervo, 14. Ricky Shelton, 15. A.J. Davis, 16. Jay Drake, 17. Mark Boice, 18. Sarah McCune, 19. Michael Roselli Jr., 20. Barry Walkup, 21. Mel Kenyon, 22. Tracy Hines. NT

**Jason Leffler flipped during hot laps.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-22 Dave Steele, Laps 23-40 Jimmy McCune.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Ricky Shelton-308, 2-Jason Leffler-273, 3-Jay Drake-269, 4-Jimmy McCune-240, 5-Tracy Hines-221, 6-Jerry Coons Jr.-169, 7-Ronnie Johncox-158, 8-Dave Steele-129, 9-Travis Welpott-120, 10-Michael Lewis-110.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: July 4, 1998 – 16th Street Speedway – Indianapolis, Indiana

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USAC NATIONAL & 16TH STREET SPEEDWAY MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 4, 1998 – 16th Street Speedway – Indianapolis, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Donnie Beechler, 15x, Lawson-12.976; 2. Jerry Coons Jr., 7, CED-12.988; 3. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-13.025; 4. Tracy Hines, 17, CED-13.039; 5. Steve Knepper, 17x, Brown-13.056; 6. Andy Michner, 26, J.S.-13.059; 7. Robby Flock, 61, HotShooz-13.124; 8. Tony Stewart, 91, Lewis-13.162; 9. Jason Leffler, 9, Lewis-13.186; 10. Adam Clarke, 76x, Clarke-13.241; 11. Ricky Shelton, 71, Willoughby-13.264; 12. Critter Malone, 7m, Malone-13.265; 13. Johnny Parsons III, 25, Parsons-13.281; 14. Roy Caruthers, 15, Caruthers-13.295; 15. Greg Lueckert, 01, Lueckert-13.324; 16. Andy Pierce, 3p, Tag Team-13.369; 17. John Nervo, 21, Nervo-13.413; 18. Scooter Ellis, 73, Ellis-13.420; 19. Travis Welpott, 18, P & E-13.422; 20. David Bridges, 11, MB-13.429; 21. Michael Lang, 94, Stebbins-13.467; 22. Kevin Doty, 32, Martz-13.476; 23. Tony Reed, 8R, Reed-13.546; 24. Ed Carpenter, 3, TG-13.600; 25. Jeff Hampton, 55, Line-13.602; 26. John Sluss, 28, Sluss-13.636; 27. Russ Gamester, 6, Potter-13.682; 28. Jeff Flesher, 72, Flesher-13.686; 29. Rick Treadway, 2x, Lawson-13.713; 30. Jimmy McCune, 2, J.S.-13.747; 31. Clay Klepper, 69x, Hartman-13.811; 32. A.J. Smith, 27x, AJS-13.811; 33. Tony Beaber, 66, Beaber-13.853; 34. Dean Franklin, 42, Franklin-13.940; 35. Barry Reed, 76, Reed-13.990; 36. Sarah McCune, 58, McCune-14.002; 37. Dennis Mann, 44, Mann-14.133; 38. Chad Davenport, 143, Davenport-14.444; 39. Jason Lynch, 115, Lynch-NT; 40. Roger McCluskey Jr., 111, McCluskey-NT; 41. Michael Lewis, 85, Lewis-NT; 42. John Wolfe, 95, Morgan-NT; 43. Mike Bymaster, 27, B & K-NT.

NON-QUALIFIERS RACE: (8 laps) 1. Tony Beaber, 2. Dean Franklin, 3. Sarah McCune, 4. Barry Reed, 5. John Wolfe, 6. Dennis Mann, 7. Chad Davenport, 8. Michael Lewis. 1:49.17

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jeff Hampton, 2. Steve Knepper, 3. Rick Treadway, 4. Michael Lang, 5. Donnie Beechler, 6. Jason Leffler, 7. John Nervo, 8. Johnny Parsons III. NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jerry Coons Jr., 2. John Sluss, 3. Roy Caruthers, 4. Jimmy McCune, 5. Adam Clarke, 6. Kevin Doty, 7. Andy Michner, 8. Scooter Ellis. NT

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Russ Gamester, 2. Clay Klepper, 3. Jay Drake, 4. Ricky Shelton, 5. Greg Lueckert, 6. Tony Reed, 7. Robby Flock, 8. Travis Welpott. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Tony Stewart, 2. Jeff Flesher, 3. Tracy Hines, 4. Critter Malone, 5. Andy Pierce, 6. David Bridges, 7. A.J. Smith, 8. Ed Carpenter. 2:15.89

KELLY's PUB TOO LAST CALL SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Donnie Beechler, 2. Andy Michner, 3. Jason Leffler, 4. Robby Flock, 5. Adam Clarke, 6. Johnny Parsons III, 7. Greg Lueckert, 8. Andy Pierce, 9. David Bridges, 10. Tony Reed, 11. Kevin Doty, 12. Travis Welpott, 13. Ed Carpenter, 14. Dean Franklin, 15. Mike Bymaster, 16. Tony Beaber, 17. John Nervo. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Andy Michner, 2. Donnie Beechler, 3. Jay Drake, 4. Steve Knepper, 5. Ricky Shelton, 6. Tony Stewart, 7. Jimmy McCune, 8. Michael Lang, 9. Russ Gamester, 10. Jeff Hampton, 11. Rick Treadway, 12. John Sluss, 13. Clay Klepper, 14. Robby Flock, 15. Jerry Coons Jr., 16. Jason Leffler, 17. Roy Caruthers, 18. Jeff Flesher, 19. Tracy Hines, 20. Critter Malone. NT

**Jason Lynch flipped during hot laps. Michael Lewis flipped during the non-qualifiers race. John Nervo flipped during the semi.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-40 Andy Michner.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Ricky Shelton-338, 2-Jay Drake-308, 3-Jason Leffler-287, 4-Jimmy McCune-266, 5-Tracy Hines-238, 6-Jerry Coons Jr.-194, 7-Ronnie Johncox-158, 8-Travis Welpott-130, 9-Dave Steele-129, 10-Michael Lewis-120.

USAC 16TH STREET SPEEDWAY MIDGET POINTS: 1-Critter Malone-159, 2-Michael Lang-150, 3-Jeff Hampton-120, 4-Andy Pierce-115, 5-Ricky Shelton-112, 6-Roy Caruthers-112, 7-Donnie Beechler-108, 8-Johnny Parsons III-99, 9-Jerry Coons Jr.-97, 10-Jay Drake-96.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: July 11-12, 1998 – Pikes Peak International Raceway – Fountain, Colorado – Rocky Mountain Classic

NEXT USAC 16TH STREET SPEEDWAY MIDGET RACE: July 11, 1998 – 16th Street Speedway – Indianapolis, Indiana

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USAC NATIONAL & WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 11-12, 1998 – Pikes Peak International Raceway – Fountain, Colorado – Rocky Mountain Classic

QUALIFYING: (Held on July 11) 1. Jason Leffler, 9, Lewis-26.176; 2. Dave Steele, 91, Lewis-26.185; 3. Ryan Newman, 39, Lewis-26.411; 4. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-26.448; 5. Ricky Shelton, 71, Willoughby-26.643; 6. Davey Hamilton, 15, Lawson-26.662; 7. John Heydenreich, 62, Klatt-26.683; 8. Dan Drinan, 33, Drinan-26.767; 9. Andy Michner, 2, J.S.-26.860; 10. Tony Ave, 75, Frontier-26.989; 11. Bryan Stanfill, 25, Stanfill-27.144; 12. Tracy Hines, 17, CED-27.170; 13. Travis Welpott, 18, P & E-27.233; 14. Jimmy Kite, 95, Covington-27.307; 15. Jason Lynch, 115, Lynch-27.318; 16. Jeff Snelling, 70, No Limit-27.323; 17. Steve Barth, 14, Barth-27.400; 18. Rick Hendrix, 12, Hendrix/Porto-27.405; 19. Jerry Coons Jr., 7, CED-27.451; 20. Ronnie Johncox, 8, Johncox-27.678; 21. Robby Flock, 61, HotShooz-27.693; 22. John Nervo, 21, Nervo-27.854; 23. Wally Pankratz, 8x, Pankratz-27.879; 24. Joe Janowski, 41, Griffith-27.887; 25. Jimmy McCune, 26, J.S.-27.997; 26. Michael Lewis, 85, Lewis-28.239; 27. Marc DeBeaumont, 11x, Sewell/DeBeaumont-28.303; 28. Ron Sallman, 74, Sallman-28.429; 29. Shane Scully, 56, Scully-28.489; 30. Chad Farmer, 30x, Cook-28.686; 31. Brian Tyler, 6, Potter-30.985; 32. Steve Paden, 0, Farrier-NT; 33. Chris Shultz, 90, No Limit-NT; 34. Jon Herb, 16, Nowicke-NT.

SEMI: (10 laps – held on July 11) 1. Jimmy McCune, 2. Wally Pankratz, 3. Robby Flock, 4. John Nervo, 5. Jerry Coons Jr., 6. Shane Scully, 7. Ron Sallman, 8. Joe Janowski, 9. Marc DeBeaumont, 10. Ronnie Johncox. 4:33.74

FEATURE: (25 laps – held on July 12) 1. Jason Leffler, 2. Dave Steele, 3. Davey Hamilton, 4. Jay Drake, 5. John Heydenreich, 6. Dan Drinan, 7. Jimmy McCune, 8. Travis Welpott, 9. Steve Barth, 10. Wally Pankratz, 11. Rick Hendrix, 12. Jerry Coons Jr., 13. John Nervo, 14. Shane Scully, 15. Tracy Hines, 16. Bryan Stanfill, 17. Andy Michner, 18. Ricky Shelton, 19. Tony Ave, 20. Robby Flock, 21. Jeff Snelling, 22. Jason Lynch, 23. Ryan Newman, 24. Jimmy Kite. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-2 Jason Leffler, Laps 3-6 Ryan Newman, Laps 7-25 Jason Leffler.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Ricky Shelton-352, 2-Jay Drake-342, 3-Jason Leffler-335, 4-Jimmy McCune-291, 5-Tracy Hines-253, 6-Jerry Coons Jr.-212, 7-Dave Steele-171, 8-Ronnie Johncox-168, 9-Travis Welpott-153, 10-Michael Lewis-130.

USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Rick Hendrix-310, 2-Wally Pankratz-275, 3-Bryan Stanfill-265, 4-Shane Scully-226, 5-Bobby Boone-209, 6-Steve Paden-176, 7-Dwayne Marcum-164, 8-Clay Klepper-161, 9-Sleepy Tripp-154, 10-Marc DeBeaumont-153.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: July 18, 1998 – 16th Street Speedway – Indianapolis, Indiana

NEXT WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE: July 28, 1998 – Eagle Raceway – Eagle, Nebraska

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USAC NATIONAL & 16TH STREET SPEEDWAY MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 18, 1998 – 16th Street Speedway – Indianapolis, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-11.971; 2. Jason Leffler, 9, Lewis-11.977; 3. Jerry Coons Jr., 7, CED-12.020; 4. Critter Malone, 7m, Malone-12.179; 5. Andy Michner, 26, J.S.-12.238; 6. Ricky Shelton, 71, Willoughby-12.261; 7. Michael Lang, 94, Stebbins-12.395; 8. Steve Knepper, 17x, Brown-12.460; 9. Ron Smoker, 24, Parker-12.513; 10. Brian Gerster, 6, Potter-12.530; 11. John Nervo, 21, Nervo-12.542; 12. Clay Klepper, 69x, Hartman-12.546; 13. David Bridges, 11, MB-12.552; 14. Bill Baue, 84, VanSteenwyk-12.602; 15. Rick Treadway, 2x, Lawson-12.674; 16. Roger McCluskey Jr., 111, McCluskey-12.678; 17. Andy Pierce, 3p, Tag Team-12.684; 18. Travis Welpott, 18, P & E-12.756; 19. Jan Opperman Jr., 2J, Jorgensen-12.757; 20. Tony Beaber, 66, Beaber-12.758; 21. Jeff Hampton, 55, Line-12.779; 22. Roy Caruthers, 15, Caruthers-12.805; 23. Sarah McCune, 58, McCune-12.826; 24. John Sluss, 28, Sluss-12.842; 25. Tony Reed, 8R, Reed-12.902; 26. Johnny Parsons III, 25, Parsons-12.915; 27. John Wolfe, 95, Morgan-12.975; 28. Dean Franklin, 42, Franklin-13.021; 29. Michael Roselli Jr., 93, Roselli-13.022; 30. Jimmy McCune, 2, J.S.-13.076; 31. Jimmy Drinan, 99, Drinan-13.199; 32. A.J. Smith, 27x, AJS-13.242; 33. Ralph Liguori, 6RR, Liguori-13.280; 34. Dennis Mann, 44, Mann-13.281; 35. Mark Freeland, 4, McKeegan-13.561; 36. Rick Vaughn, 31, JTV-13.626; 37. #91, Lewis-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Tony Reed, 2. Andy Pierce, 3. Jay Drake, 4. Jeff Hampton, 5. Ron Smoker, 6. Andy Michner, 7. David Bridges, 8. Michael Roselli Jr. NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Roy Caruthers, 2. Jason Leffler, 3. Johnny Parsons III, 4. Travis Welpott, 5. Bill Baue, 6. Brian Gerster, 7. Ricky Shelton, 8. Jimmy McCune. NT

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Michael Lang, 2. John Wolfe, 3. Rick Treadway, 4. Jerry Coons Jr., 5. Jimmy Drinan, 6. Jan Opperman Jr., 7. Sarah McCune, 8. John Nervo. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Dean Franklin, 2. Steve Knepper, 3. Clay Klepper, 4. Roger McCluskey Jr., 5. A.J. Smith, 6. Tony Beaber, 7. Critter Malone, 8. John Sluss. NT

KELLY's PUB TOO LAST CALL SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Critter Malone, 2. Ron Smoker, 3. David Bridges, 4. Brian Gerster, 5. A.J. Smith, 6. Bill Baue, 7. Jan Opperman Jr., 8. Dennis Mann, 9. Andy Michner, 10. Sarah McCune, 11. Jimmy McCune, 12. Mark Freeland, 13. John Nervo, 14. Michael Roselli Jr., 15. Jimmy Drinan, 16. Ralph Liguori, 17. Rick Vaughn. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Steve Knepper, 2. Jason Leffler, 3. Jerry Coons Jr., 4. Jay Drake, 5. Brian Gerster, 6. Roger McCluskey Jr., 7. Ron Smoker, 8. Michael Lang, 9. Roy Caruthers, 10. Rick Treadway, 11. Andy Pierce, 12. Clay Klepper, 13. David Bridges, 14. Dean Franklin, 15. Travis Welpott, 16. John Wolfe, 17. Johnny Parsons III, 18. Critter Malone, 19. Jeff Hampton, 20. Tony Reed. NT

****Mark Freeland flipped during qualifying. Ricky Shelton & Jimmy McCune flipped during the second heat. Ricky Shelton flipped again later in the second heat and was transported to Methodist Hospital for a precautionary checkup. John Sluss flipped during the fourth heat. Michael Roselli Jr. & Andy Michner flipped during the semi.**

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-40 Steve Knepper.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jay Drake-383, 2-Jason Leffler-380, 3-Ricky Shelton-363, 4-Jimmy McCune-301, 5-Tracy Hines-253, 6-Jerry Coons Jr.-250, 7-Dave Steele-171, 8-Travis Welpott-169, 9-Ronnie Johncox-168, 10-Michael Lewis-130.

USAC 16TH STREET SPEEDWAY MIDGET POINTS: 1-Michael Lang-179, 2-Critter Malone-163, 3-Jeff Hampton-141, 4-Andy Pierce-138, 5-Roy Caruthers-134, 6-Jay Drake-124, 7-Jerry Coons Jr.-124, 8-Steve Knepper-122, 9-Ron Smoker-120, 10-Ricky Shelton-113.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: July 24, 1998 – Charlotte Motor Speedway – Charlotte, North Carolina

NEXT USAC 16TH STREET SPEEDWAY MIDGET RACE: August 1, 1998 – 16th Street Speedway – Indianapolis, Indiana

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 24, 1998 – Charlotte Motor Speedway – Charlotte, North Carolina

QUALIFYING: 1. Jason Leffler, 9, Lewis-14.867; 2. Tony Stewart, 9x, Lewis-14.879; 3. Jim Hettinger, 71H, Smith-15.067; 4. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-15.080; 5. Dane Carer, 77, Carter-15.130; 6. Brian Gerster, 16, Nowicke-15.135; 7. Michael Lang, 97x, Lang-15.160; 8. Jimmy McCune, 26, J.S.-15.183; 9. Ryan Newman, 3, Pierson-15.185; 10. Rick Treadway, 2x, Lawson-15.211; 11. A.J. Davis, 128, Owen-15.246; 12. Barry Reed, 76, Reed-15.300; 13. John Sluss, 28, Sluss-15.306; 14. Dave Steele, 91, Lewis-15.357; 15. Steve Barth, 14, Barth-15.385; 16. Brian Tyler, 6, Potter-15.438; 17. Michael Roselli Jr., 93, Roselli-15.447; 18. Ricky Shelton, 71, Willoughby-15.459; 19. Sarah McCune, 58, McCune-15.462; 20. Jerry Coons Jr., 7, CED-15.473; 21. Travis Welpott, 18, P & E-15.487; 22. Chris Hayes, 43, Steele-15.498; 23. Scooter Ellis, 73, Ellis-15.500; 24. Keith Butler, 112, Hurst-15.536; 25. David Bridges, 11, MB-15.578; 26. Ed Carpenter, 3x, TG-15.589; 27. Jimmy Kite, 95, Covington-15.601; 28. Ronnie Johncox, 8, Johncox-15.663; 29. Jon Herb, 16T, Nowicke-15.685; 30. Robby Flock, 61, HotShooz-15.815; 31. Robbie Ott, 57, RAO-15.826; 32. Bryan Stanfill, 10, Walker-15.865; 33. Brandon Hartsell, 111, Hartsell-15.954; 34. Mark Boice, 4, Boice-16.065; 35. Jeff Snelling, 70, No Limit-16.232; 36. Jerry Kobza, 16x, Walker-16.535; 37. Frank Fiore Jr., 1x, Fiore-17.457; 38. John Nervo, 21, Nervo-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jerry Coons Jr., 2. Jimmy McCune, 3. David Bridges, 4. Jason Leffler, 5. Brian Tyler, 6. Dane Carter, 7. Barry Reed, 8. Jon Herb. 2:33.02

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Tony Stewart, 2. Jeff Snelling, 3. Ed Carpenter, 4. Brian Gerster, 5. Ryan Newman, 6. John Sluss, 7. Michael Roselli Jr., 8. Travis Welpott. NT

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Robby Flock, 2. Ricky Shelton, 3. Dave Steele, 4. Rick Treadway, 5. Jim Hettinger, 6. Michael Lang, 7. Jimmy Kite, 8. Chris Hayes. 2:33.18

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. A.J. Davis, 2. Ronnie Johncox, 3. Jay Drake, 4. Sarah McCune, 5. Scooter Ellis, 6. Robbie Ott, 7. Steve Barth, 8. Keith Butler. 2:31.93

SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Jim Hettinger, 2. Dane Carter, 3. Michael Lang, 4. Ryan Newman, 5. Scooter Ellis, 6. Brian Tyler, 7. Steve Barth, 8. Mark Boice, 9. Jimmy Kite, 10. Brandon Hartsell, 11. Robbie Ott, 12. Michael Roselli Jr., 13. Travis Welpott, 14.

Keith Butler, 15. Bryan Stanfill, 16. Chris Hayes, 17. Barry Reed, 18. Jerry Kobza, 19. John Sluss, 20. John Nervo, 21. Frank Fiore Jr., 22. Jon Herb. NT

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Tony Stewart, 2. Ryan Newman, 3. Jimmy McCune, 4. Dave Steele, 5. A.J. Davis, 6. Dane Carter, 7. Jerry Coons Jr., 8. Scooter Ellis, 9. Michael Lang, 10. Jay Drake, 11. Ronnie Johncox, 12. David Bridges, 13. Steve Barth, 14. Ricky Shelton, 15. Ed Carpenter, 16. Brian Gerster, 17. Jason Leffler, 18. Sarah McCune, 19. Mark Boice, 20. Rick Treadway, 21. Jeff Snelling, 22. Brian Tyler, 23. Jim Hettinger, 24. Robby Flock. NT

**Jon Herb flipped at the start of the semi.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-50 Tony Stewart.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jay Drake-408, 2-Jason Leffler-402, 3-Ricky Shelton-382, 4-Jimmy McCune-337, 5-Jerry Coons Jr.-279, 6-Tracy Hines-253, 7-Dave Steele-204, 8-Ronnie Johncox-190, 9-Travis Welpott-179, 10-Michael Lewis-140.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: July 28, 1998 – Eagle Raceway – Eagle, Nebraska

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USAC NATIONAL & WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 28, 1998 – Eagle Raceway – Eagle, Nebraska

QUALIFYING: 1. Shane Scully, 56, Scully-14.334; 2. Jason Leffler, 9, Lewis-14.442; 3. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-14.492; 4. Ricky Shelton, 71, Willoughby-14.595; 5. Jerry Coons Jr., 7, CED-14.654; 6. Dave Darland, 91, Lewis-14.664; 7. Clay Klepper, 69, Hartman-14.732; 8. Dave Strickland Jr., 62, Klatt-14.789; 9. Kevin Doty, 26, J.S.-14.790; 10. Steve Paden, 0, Farrier-14.797; 11. Keith Rauch, 33, Hanley-14.821; 12. Bryan Stanfill, 25, Stanfill-14.851; 13. Greg Lueckert, 01, Lueckert-14.861; 14. Brian Tyler, 6, Potter-14.915; 15. Dennis Parker, 19, Barger-14.937; 16. Marc DeBeaumont, 11, DeBeaumont/Sewell-14.941; 17. Dean Billings, 96x, Billings-14.991; 18. Rick Hendrix, 12, Hendrix/Porto-14.992; 19. Wally Pankratz, 8, Pankratz-15.040; 20. Robert Dolacki, 63, Pinkston-15.046; 21. Travis Welpott, 18, P & E-15.078; 22. Rory Price, 45AZ, Young-15.133; 23. Donnie Lehmann, 53, Minarik-15.238; 24. Bobby Boone, 96, Boone-15.411; 25. Danny Ebberts, 14x, Ebberts-15.500; 26. Paul Turner, 28, Turner-15.505; 27. Ron Love, 4, Hatra-15.763; 28. Robby Johnson, 24, Hatra-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Shane Scully, 2. Travis Welpott, 3. Jerry Coons Jr., 4. Kevin Doty, 5. Greg Lueckert, 6. Danny Ebberts, 7. Dean Billings. 2:30.38

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Rick Hendrix, 2. Steve Paden, 3. Dave Darland, 4. Jason Leffler, 5. Brian Tyler, 6. Rory Price, 7. Kevin Doty. 2:29.13

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jay Drake, 2. Donnie Lehmann, 3. Clay Klepper, 4. Dennis Parker, 5. Wally Pankratz, 6. Ron Love, 7. Keith Rauch. 2:29.46

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Robert Dolacki, 2. Bryan Stanfill, 3. Ricky Shelton, 4. Dave Strickland Jr., 5. Marc DeBeaumont, 6. Bobby Boone, 7. Robby Johnson. 2:27.19

SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Greg Lueckert, 2. Brian Tyler, 3. Wally Pankratz, 4. Bobby Boone, 5. Dean Billings, 6. Danny Ebberts, 7. Rory Price, 8. Ron Love, 9. Marc DeBeaumont, 10. Paul Turner, 11. Robby Johnson. 2:57.88

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Ricky Shelton, 2. Dave Strickland Jr., 3. Jay Drake, 4. Greg Lueckert, 5. Brian Tyler, 6. Dave Darland, 7. Bryan Stanfill, 8. Jason Leffler, 9. Shane Scully, 10. Kevin Doty, 11. Robert Dolacki, 12. Travis Welpott, 13. Wally Pankratz, 14. Steve Paden, 15. Donnie Lehmann, 16. Rick Hendrix, 17. Jerry Coons Jr., 18. Clay Klepper, 19. Dean Billings, 20. Dennis Parker, 21. Bobby Boone, 22. Danny Ebberts. NT

****Ricky Shelton & Clay Klepper flipped during qualifying.**

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-32 Dave Darland, Laps 33-40 Ricky Shelton.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jay Drake-449, 2-Jason Leffler-432, 3-Ricky Shelton-427, 4-Jimmy McCune-337, 5-Jerry Coons Jr.-296, 6-Tracy Hines-253, 7-Dave Steele-204, 8-Travis Welpott-200, 9-Ronnie Johncox-190, 10-Michael Lewis-140.

USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Rick Hendrix-328, 2-Bryan Stanfill-293, 3-Wally Pankratz-292, 4-Shane Scully-259, 5-Bobby Boone-221, 6-Steve Paden-195, 7-Jason Leffler-170, 8-Clay Klepper-165, 9-Dwayne Marcum-164, 10-Marc DeBeaumont-163.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL & WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACES: July 30-August 1, 1998 – Belleville High Banks – Belleville, Kansas – Miller Genuine Draft Belleville Midget Nationals

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USAC NATIONAL & WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 30, 1998 – Belleville High Banks – Belleville, Kansas – Miller Genuine Draft Belleville Midget Nationals

QUALIFYING: 1. Jason Leffler, 9, Lewis-17.504; 2. Jerry Coons Jr., 7, CED-17.725; 3. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-17.799; 4. Dave Strickland Jr., 62, Klatt-17.851; 5. Ronnie Day, 15L, Lawson-17.860; 6. Ricky Shelton, 71, Willoughby-17.901; 7. Bryan Stanfill, 25, Stanfill-17.985; 8. Steve Knepper, 15, Lawson-18.045; 9. Steve Paden, 0, Farrier-18.065; 10. Tony Elliott, 66, Lamers-18.086; 11. Clay Klepper, 69x, Hartman-18.192; 12. Adam Clarke, 76, Clarke-18.227; 13. Brian Tyler, 6, Potter-18.252; 14. Wally Pankratz, 8, Pankratz-18.255; 15. Rick Hendrix, 12, Hendrix/Porto-18.264; 16. Robert Dolacki, 63, Pinkston-18.278; 17. Marc DeBeaumont, 11, Sewell/DeBeaumont-18.331; 18. Bobby Boone, 96, Boone-18.335; 19. Bryon Walters, 5w, Walters-18.340; 20. Shane Scully, 56, Scully-18.362; 21. Kevin Doty, 26, J.S.-18.374; 22. Donnie Lehmann, 53, Minarik-18.448; 23. Jeremy Farmer, 36, Farmer-18.670; 24. Rory Price, 45AZ, Young-18.679; 25. Travis Welpott, 18, P & E-18.693; 26. Casey Slocum, 97x, Slocum-18.919; 27. Danny Ebberts, 14x, Ebberts-19.083; 28. Dean Billings, 96x, Lothe/Billings-19.403; 29. Phil Shapel, 84, Shapel-19.508; 30. Jeff Lowery, 24, Hatra-20.002; 31. Paul Turner, 28, Turner-20.087; 32. Al Murie, 14, Murie-20.893; 33. Robby Flock, 61, HotShooz-NT; 34. Ron Sallman, 1p, Putnam-NT; 35. Scott Hatton, 57, Hatton-NT; 36. Jeff Lowery, 4, Hatra-NT; 37. #91, Lewis-NT; 38. #9x, Lewis-NT; 39. #17, CED-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Steve Paden, 2. Jason Leffler, 3. Brian Tyler, 4. Ronnie Day, 5. Marc DeBeaumont, 6. Kevin Doty, 7. Travis Welpott, 8. Phil Shapel. NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Ricky Shelton, 2. Jerry Coons Jr., 3. Donnie Lehmann, 4. Tony Elliott, 5. Wally Pankratz, 6. Bobby Boone, 7. Jeff Lowery (#24), 8. Casey Slocum. 2:23.75

THIRD HEAT: (8 Laps) 1. Jay Drake, 2. Clay Klepper, 3. Rick Hendrix, 4. Bryan Stanfill, 5. Bryon Walters, 6. Jeremy Farmer, 7. Paul Turner, 8. Danny Ebberts. 2:26.16

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Dave Strickland Jr., 2. Adam Clarke, 3. Robby Flock, 4. Steve Knepper, 5. Shane Scully, 6. Robert Dolacki, 7. Dean Billings, 8. Rory Price. 2:26.16

DASH: (6 laps) 1. Ricky Shelton, 2. Jay Drake, 3. Steve Paden, 4. Jason Leffler, 5. Jerry Coons Jr., 6. Dave Strickland Jr. 1:46.34

SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Robert Dolacki, 2. Wally Pankratz, 3. Marc DeBeaumont, 4. Bobby Boone, 5. Bryon Walters, 6. Rory Price, 7. Jeremy Farmer, 8. Danny Ebberts, 9. Paul Turner, 10. Shane Scully, 11. Travis Welpott, 12. Casey Slocum, 13. Kevin Doty, 14. Dean Billings. 3:43.44

FEATURE: (25 laps) 1. Ricky Shelton, 2. Jay Drake, 3. Jason Leffler, 4. Steve Knepper, 5. Robby Flock, 6. Brian Tyler, 7. Adam Clarke, 8. Rick Hendrix, 9. Bobby Boone, 10. Marc DeBeaumont, 11. Wally Pankratz, 12. Donnie Lehmann, 13. Clay Klepper, 14. Robert Dolacki, 15. Rory Price, 16. Jeremy Farmer, 17. Bryan Stanfill, 18. Tony Elliott, 19. Steve Paden, 20. Ronnie Day, 21. Bryon Walters, 22. Jerry Coons Jr. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-25 Ricky Shelton.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jay Drake-493; 2-Jason Leffler-476; 3-Ricky Shelton-472; 4-Jimmy McCune-337; 5-Jerry Coons Jr.-317; 6-Tracy Hines-253; 7-Travis Welpott-210; 8-Dave Steele-204; 9-Ronnie Johncox-190; 10-Michael Lewis-140.

USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Rick Hendrix-353; 2-Wally Pankratz-311; 3-Bryan Stanfill-307; 4-Shane Scully-269; 5-Bobby Boone-242; 6-Jason Leffler-214; 7-Steve Paden-211; 8-Clay Klepper-185; 9-Marc DeBeaumont-183; 10-Robert Dolacki-178.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL & WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACES: July 31-August 1, 1998 – Belleville High Banks – Belleville, Kansas – Miller Genuine Draft Belleville Midget Nationals

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USAC NATIONAL & WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE RESULTS: July 31, 1998 – Belleville High Banks – Belleville, Kansas – Miller Genuine Draft Belleville Midget Nationals

QUALIFYING: 1. Jerry Coons Jr., 7, CED-18.151; 2. Ricky Shelton, 71, Willoughby-18.238; 3. Jason Leffler, 9, Lewis-18.294; 4. Dave Darland, 91, Lewis-18.343; 5. Ronnie Day, 15L, Lawson-18.383; 6. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-18.399; 7. Dave Strickland Jr., 62, Klatt-18.545; 8. Adam Clarke, 76, Clarke-18.578; 9. Kevin Doty, 26, J.S.-18.638; 10. Brian Tyler, 6, Potter-18.654; 11. Robby Flock, 61, HotShooz-18.666; 12. Bobby Boone, 96, Boone-18.730; 13. Bryan Stanfill, 25, Stanfill-18.922; 14. Clay Klepper, 69x, Hartman-18.956; 15. Shane Scully, 56, Scully-18.961; 16. Bryon Walters, 5w, Walters-19.051; 17. Wally Pankratz, 8, Pankratz-19.061; 18. Robert Dolacki, 63x, Pinkston-19.086; 19. Scott Hatton, 57, Hatton-19.113; 20. Casey Slocum, 97x, Slocum-19.128; 21. Marc DeBeaumont, 11, DeBeaumont/Sewell-19.140; 22. Tony Elliott, 66, Lamers-19.141; 23. Travis Welpott, 18, P & E-19.300; 24. Donnie Lehmann, 53, Minarik-19.322; 25. Jeremy Farmer, 36, Farmer-19.366; 26. Steve Paden, 0, Farrier-19.429; 27. Jeff Lowery, 24, Hatra-19.649; 28. Scooter Ellis, 17, CED-19.851; 29. Phil Shapel, 84, Shapel-19.914; 30. Dean Franklin, 1p, Putnam-19.925; 31. Danny Ebberts, 14x, Ebberts-20.351; 32. Kevin Ames, 4, Hatra-20.855; 33. Paul Turner, 28, Turner-21.341; 34. Al Murie, 14, Murie-21.534; 35. Rick Hendrix, 12, Hendrix/Porto-NT; 36. Rory Price, 45AZ, Young-NT; 37. A.J. Felker, 5, Felker-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Bryan Stanfill, 2. Ronnie Day, 3. Jerry Coons Jr., 4. Marc DeBeaumont, 5. Kevin Doty, 6. Wally Pankratz, 7. Jeremy Farmer, 8. Phil Shapel, 9. Paul Turner. 2:34.03

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Brian Tyler, 2. Jay Drake, 3. Tony Elliott, 4. Ricky Shelton, 5. Steve Paden, 6. Robert Dolacki, 7. Clay Klepper, 8. Dean Franklin. 2:34.75

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Robby Flock, 2. Jason Leffler, 3. Scott Hatton, 4. Travis Welpott, 5. Shane Scully, 6. Danny Ebberts, 7. Jeff Lowery, 8. Dave Strickland Jr. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Dave Darland, 2. Bobby Boone, 3. Adam Clarke, 4. Bryon Walters, 5. Donnie Lehmann, 6. A.J. Felker, 7. Kevin Ames, 8. Casey Slocum. 2:32.38

DASH: (6 laps) 1. Dave Darland, 2. Jerry Coons Jr., 3. Brian Tyler, 4. Robby Flock, 5. Ricky Shelton, 6. Bryan Stanfill. 2:14.56

SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Kevin Doty, 2. Wally Pankratz, 3. Dave Strickland Jr., 4. Clay Klepper, 5. Steve Paden, 6. Shane Scully, 7. Donnie Lehmann, 8. Kevin Ames, 9. Phil Shapel, 10. Jeremy Farmer, 11. Danny Ebberts, 12. A.J. Felker, 13. Dean Franklin.
NT

FEATURE: (25 laps) 1. Jerry Coons Jr., 2. Robby Flock, 3. Jay Drake, 4. Ronnie Day, 5. Dave Darland, 6. Brian Tyler, 7. Jason Leffler, 8. Ricky Shelton, 9. Kevin Doty, 10. Tony Elliott, 11. Dave Strickland Jr., 12. Bryon Walters, 13. Scott Hatton, 14. Wally Pankratz, 15. Bobby Boone, 16. Bryan Stanfill, 17. Adam Clarke, 18. Marc DeBeaumont, 19. Clay Klepper, 20. Travis Welpott, 21. Shane Scully, 22. Steve Paden. 8:05.28

**Jeff Lowery flipped during the third heat.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-25 Jerry Coons Jr.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jay Drake-520, 2-Jason Leffler-498, 3-Ricky Shelton-492, 4-Jerry Coons Jr.-357, 5-Jimmy McCune-337, 6-Tracy Hines-253, 7-Travis Welpott-213, 8-Dave Steele-204, 9-Ronnie Johncox-190, 10-Michael Lewis-140.

USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Rick Hendrix-353, 2-Wally Pankratz-317, 3-Bryan Stanfill-315, 4-Shane Scully-271, 5-Bobby Boone-250, 6-Jason Leffler-236, 7-Steve Paden-213, 8-Clay Klepper-187, 9-Marc DeBeaumont-186, 10-Ricky Shelton-178.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL & WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE: August 1, 1998 – Belleville High Banks – Belleville, Kansas – Miller Genuine Draft Belleville Midget Nationals

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USAC NATIONAL & WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 1, 1998 – Belleville High Banks – Belleville, Kansas – Miller Genuine Draft Belleville Midget Nationals

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Tony Stewart (#9x Lewis), 2. Marc DeBeaumont (#11 DeBeaumont-Sewell), 3. Brian Tyler (#6 Potter), 4. Scott Hatton (#57 Hatton), 5. Travis Welpott (#18 P & E), 6. Wally Pankratz (#8 Pankratz), 7. Kevin Ames (#24 Hatra), 8. Tony Elliott (#66 Lamers). 2:32.84

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Bryan Stanfill (#25 Stanfill), 2. Rick Hendrix (#12 Hendrix-Porto), 3. Robert Dolacki (#63x Pinkston), 4. Jeremy Farmer (#36 Farmer), 5. A.J. Felker (#5 Felker), 6. Phil Shapel (#84 Shapel), 7. Bryon Walters (#5w Walters). 2:34.13

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Steve Paden (#0 Farrier), 2. Adam Clarke (#76 Clarke), 3. Danny Ebberts (#14x Ebberts), 4. Mike Minarik (#53 Minarik), 5. Al Murie (#14 Murie), 6. Shane Scully (#56 Scully). 2:31.66

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Dave Strickland Jr. (#62 Klatt), 2. Kevin Doty (#26 J.S.), 3. Clay Klepper (#69x Hartman), 4. Tony Elliott (#66x Lamers), 5. Bobby Boone (#96 Boone), 6. Paul Turner (#28 Turner), 7. Rory Price (#45AZ Young). 2:32.34

FIFTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jason Leffler (#9 Lewis), 2. Steve Knepper (#15 Lawson), 3. Dave Darland (#91 Lewis), 4. Ronnie Day (#15L Lawson), 5. Jerry Coons Jr. (#7 CED), 6. Ricky Shelton (#71 Willoughby), 7. Robby Flock (#61 HotShooz), 8. Jay Drake (#97 Willoughby). 3:04.22

SEMI: (15 laps) 1. Scott Hatton, 2. Tony Elliott (#66x), 3. Jeremy Farmer, 4. Bobby Boone, 5. Travis Welpott, 6. Wally Pankratz, 7. Bryon Walters, 8. Mike Minarik, 9. Phil Shapel, 10. Al Murie, 11. Kevin Ames. 4:44.84

ALSO AT THE TRACK: Dean Billings (#96x Lothe-Billings) & Kevin Olson (#66x Lamers).

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Steve Knepper, 2. Jason Leffler, 3. Jerry Coons Jr., 4. Tony Stewart, 5. Ricky Shelton, 6. Brian Tyler, 7. Steve Paden, 8. Robby Flock, 9. Tony Elliott, 10. Scott Hatton, 11. Kevin Doty, 12. Jay Drake, 13. Adam Clarke, 14. Marc DeBeaumont, 15. Bryan Stanfill, 16. Clay Klepper, 17. Rick Hendrix, 18. Robert Dolacki, 19. Dave Strickland Jr., 20. Dave Darland, 21. Bobby Boone, 22. Danny Ebberts, 23. Jeremy Farmer, 24. Ronnie Day. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-40 Steve Knepper.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jason Leffler-528, 2-Jay Drake-528, 3-Ricky Shelton-511, 4-Jerry Coons Jr.-380, 5-Jimmy McCune-337, 6-Tracy Hines-253, 7-Travis Welpott-213, 8-Dave Steele-204, 9-Ronnie Johncox-190, 10-Robby Flock-180.

USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Rick Hendrix-359, 2-Bryan Stanfill-324, 3-Wally Pankratz-317, 4-Shane Scully-271, 5-Jason Leffler-266, 6-Bobby Boone-252, 7-Steve Paden-232, 8-Ricky Shelton-197, 9-Marc DeBeaumont-195, 10-Clay Klepper-193.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: August 7, 1998 – Lakeside Speedway – Kansas City, Kansas

NEXT WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE: August 29, 1998 – Tucson Raceway – Tucson, Arizona

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 7, 1998 – Lakeside Speedway – Kansas City, Kansas

QUALIFYING: 1. Tracy Hines, 30, Leary-17.378; 2. Jimmy McCune, 26, J.S.-17.414; 3. Ronnie Johncox, 8, Johncox-17.440; 4. Dane Carter, 77, Carter-17.609; 5. Jerry Coons Jr., 7, CED-17.648; 6. Clay Klepper, 69, Hartman-17.654; 7. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-17.656; 8. John Heydenreich, 62, Klatt-17.663; 9. Ricky Shelton, 71, Willoughby-17.685; 10. Brian Gerster, 16, Nowicke-17.700; 11. Jason Leffler, 9, Lewis-17.809; 12. Sarah McCune, 58, McCune-17.870; 13. Dick St. John, 41, Griffith-17.998; 14. Michael Lewis, 85, Lewis-18.080; 15. Mark Boice, 4, Boice-18.206; 16. Ron Sallman, 74, Sallman-18.588; 17. Dean Franklin, 42, Franklin-18.861; 18. David Bridges, 11, MB-18.874; 19. Jason Lynch, 115, Lynch-18.980; 20. Travis Welpott, 18, P & E-NT; 21. #91, Lewis-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Jay Drake, 2. Brian Gerster, 3. Ron Sallman, 4. Dane Carter, 5. Jason Lynch, 6. Dick St. John, 7. Tracy Hines. NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Michael Lewis, 2. Jerry Coons Jr., 3. Jimmy McCune, 4. Jason Leffler, 5. Dean Franklin, 6. John Heydenreich. 2:22.34

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Ricky Shelton, 2. Mark Boice, 3. Clay Klepper, 4. Sarah McCune, 5. Ronnie Johncox, 6. David Bridges. 2:22.06

SEMI: (8 laps) 1. John Heydenreich, 2. Ronnie Johncox, 3. Jason Leffler, 4. Jason Lynch, 5. Sarah McCune, 6. David Bridges, 7. Dane Carter, 8. Tracy Hines, 9. Dean Franklin, 10. Dick St. John. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Jay Drake, 2. Brian Gerster, 3. Jerry Coons Jr., 4. Jason Leffler, 5. Ronnie Johncox, 6. Jimmy McCune, 7. John Heydenreich, 8. Ricky Shelton, 9. Tracy Hines, 10. Mark Boice, 11. Michael Lewis, 12. Dane Carter, 13. Sarah McCune, 14. Jason Lynch, 15. Ron Sallman, 16. David Bridges, 17. Clay Klepper, 18. Dean Franklin, 19. Dick St. John, 20. Travis Welpott. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Jerry Coons Jr., Laps 2-30 Jay Drake.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jay Drake-572, 2-Jason Leffler-560, 3-Ricky Shelton-538, 4-Jerry Coons Jr.-418, 5-Jimmy McCune-372, 6-Tracy Hines-282, 7-Travis Welpott-225, 8-Ronnie Johncox-223, 9-Dave Steele-204, 10-Robby Flock-180.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: August 8, 1998 – I-70 Speedway – Odessa, Missouri

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 8, 1998 – I-70 Speedway – Odessa, Missouri

QUALIFYING: 1. Ricky Shelton, 71, Willoughby-15.987; 2. Ronnie Johncox, 8, Johncox-16.238; 3. Jason Leffler, 9, Lewis-16.242; 4. Jerry Coons Jr., 7, CED-16.300; 5. Tracy Hines, 30, Leary-16.388; 6. Michael Lewis, 85, Lewis-16.413; 7. Sarah McCune, 58, McCune-16.415; 8. Brian Gerster, 16, Nowicke-16.480; 9. John Heydenreich, 62, Klatt-16.482; 10. Dane Carter, 77, Carter-16.528; 11. David Bridges, 11, MB-16.590; 12. Jimmy McCune, 26, J.S.-16.615; 13. Ron Sallman, 74, Sallman-16.886; 14. Jason Lynch, 115, Lynch-16.963; 15. Dick St. John, 41, Griffith-19.370; 16. Al Murie, 14, Murie-20.430; 17. Mark Boice, 4, Boice-NT; 18. Dean Franklin, 42, Franklin-NT; 19. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-NT; 20. #91, Lewis-NT; 21. #2, J.S.-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Jason Leffler, 2. John Heydenreich, 3. David Bridges, 4. Tracy Hines, 5. Ricky Shelton, 6. Ron Sallman, 7. Sarah McCune, 8. Dick St. John, 9. Mark Boice. NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Jimmy McCune, 2. Jay Drake, 3. Jerry Coons Jr., 4. Michael Lewis, 5. Brian Gerster, 6. Dane Carter, 7. Ronnie Johncox, 8. Jason Lynch, 9. Al Murie. 2:12.61

FIRST SEMI: (8 laps) 1. Ricky Shelton, 2. Ronnie Johncox, 3. Tracy Hines, 4. Michael Lewis, 5. Brian Gerster, 6. Ron Sallman, 7. Sarah McCune, 8. Dick St. John, 9. Dean Franklin, 10. Dane Carter. 2:10.91

SECOND SEMI: (8 laps) 1. Brian Gerster, 2. Sarah McCune, 3. Dick St. John, 4. Ron Sallman, 5. Michael Lewis, 6. Dean Franklin, 7. Dane Carter. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Jason Leffler, 2. Jay Drake, 3. Ronnie Johncox, 4. Tracy Hines, 5. Jerry Coons Jr., 6. Ricky Shelton, 7. Sarah McCune, 8. Dane Carter, 9. John Heydenreich, 10. Jimmy McCune, 11. David Bridges, 12. Ron Sallman, 13. Brian Gerster, 14. Dick St. John, 15. Dean Franklin, 16. Al Murie, 17. Jason Lynch. 8:18.95

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Sarah McCune, Laps 2-6 Tracy Hines, Laps 7-10 Jerry Coons Jr., laps 11-30 Jason Leffler.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jay Drake-611, 2-Jason Leffler-608, 3-Ricky Shelton-573, 4-Jerry Coons Jr.-452, 5-Jimmy McCune-396, 6-Tracy Hines-316, 7-Ronnie Johncox-262, 8-Travis Welpott-225, 9-Dave Steele-204, 10-Robby Flock-180.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: August 12, 1998 – Indianapolis Raceway Park – Clermont, Indiana – CVS Mel Kenyon Classic

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 12, 1998 – Indianapolis Raceway Park – Clermont, Indiana – CVS Mel Kenyon Classic

QUALIFYING: 1. Jason Leffler, 9, Lewis-21.241; 2. Tracy Hines, 30, Leary-21.341; 3. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-21.360; 4. Ryan Newman, 39, Lewis-21.365; 5. Dave Steele, 91, Lewis-21.410; 6. Dan Drinan, 33, Drinan-21.467; 7. Brian Gerster, 16,

Nowicke-21.573; 8. Ricky Shelton, 71, Willoughby-21.582; 9. Jerry Coons Jr., 7, CED-21.594; 10. Robby Flock, 61, HotShooz-21.637; 11. Jimmy McCune, 26, J.S.-21.791; 12. Michael Lewis, 85, Lewis-21.803; 13. Dane Carter, 77, Carter-21.833; 14. John Nervo, 21, Nervo-22.060; 15. Jimmy Kite, 95, Covington-22.064; 16. Chris Shultz, 90, No Limit-22.068; 17. Jeff Snelling, 70, No Limit-22.079; 18. Clay Klepper, 69, Hartman-22.083; 19. Todd Domark, 5x, Domark-22.090; 20. Roger Corrigan, 65, Corrigan-22.142; 21. David Bridges, 11, MB-22.217; 22. Jim Hettinger, 59, Hultgren-22.259; 23. Tony Ave, 75, Frontier-22.264; 24. Brian Tyler, 6, Potter-22.286; 25. Sarah McCune, 58, McCune-22.321; 26. Matt Westfall, 54, Hammons-22.337; 27. Doug Wright, 79, Wright-22.375; 28. A.J. Davis, 128, Owen-22.413; 29. Kevin Blue, 51, K & R-22.455; 30. Travis Welpott, 18, P & E-22.465; 31. Joe Janowski, 41, Griffith-22.540; 32. Nick Fornoro Jr., 3x, Mullins-22.612; 33. A.J. Felker, 5, Felker-22.643; 34. Michael Roselli Jr., 93, Roselli-22.754; 35. Rick Treadway, 2x, Lawson-22.967; 36. Ronnie Johncox, 8, Johncox-23.421; 37. Norm Young, 80, Young-23.587; 38. Chad Davenport, 143, Davenport-23.591; 39. Brice Kenyon, 27, Greentree-24.018; 40. Dean Franklin, 42, Franklin-24.065; 41. Dave Baumgartner, 98, Linne-26.957; 42. Joey Payne, 175, Cicconi-NT; 43. Ted McKibben, 24, Crowe-NT; 44. Chris Hayes, 43, Steele-NT.

NON-QUALIFIERS RACE: (6 laps) 1. Ronnie Johncox, 2. Michael Roselli Jr., 3. Rick Treadway, 4. A.J. Felker, 5. Chad Davenport, 6. Dean Franklin, 7. Brice Kenyon, 8. Norm Young. 2:11.35

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Dave Steele, 2. Jerry Coons Jr., 3. Jason Leffler, 4. David Bridges, 5. Jeff Snelling, 6. Dane Carter, 7. Sarah McCune, 8. Kevin Blue. 2:54.97

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Dan Drinan, 2. Robby Flock, 3. Tracy Hines, 4. Clay Klepper, 5. Matt Westfall, 6. Travis Welpott, 7. John Nervo, 8. Jim Hettinger. 2:56.76

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Jay Drake, 2. Tony Ave, 3. Todd Domark, 4. Brian Gerster, 5. Jimmy McCune, 6. Doug Wright, 7. Joe Janowski, 8. Jimmy Kite. 2:55.31

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Brian Tyler, 2. Roger Corrigan, 3. Ricky Shelton, 4. Chris Shultz, 5. Ryan Newman, 6. Michael Lewis, 7. Nick Fornoro Jr., 8. A.J. Davis. 2:58.07

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Ryan Newman, 2. Michael Lewis, 3. Jimmy McCune, 4. Jeff Snelling, 5. Matt Westfall, 6. Ronnie Johncox, 7. A.J. Davis, 8. Nick Fornoro Jr., 9. Travis Welpott, 10. Doug Wright, 11. Sarah McCune, 12. Kevin Blue, 13. Joe Janowski, 14. Rick Treadway, 15. Chad Davenport, 16. A.J. Felker, 17. Jim Hettinger, 18. Dane Carter. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Tracy Hines, 2. Jason Leffler, 3. Dave Steele, 4. Ryan Newman, 5. Dan Drinan, 6. Jay Drake, 7. Jimmy McCune, 8. Michael Lewis, 9. Jerry Coons Jr., 10. Ricky Shelton, 11. Jeff Snelling, 12. Todd Domark, 13. Tony Ave, 14. Brian Gerster, 15. Roger Corrigan, 16. Clay Klepper, 17. Matt Westfall, 18. David Bridges, 19. Chris Shultz, 20. Ronnie Johncox, 21. Robby Flock, 22. Brian Tyler. 14:32.75

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-24 Dave Steele, Laps 25-33 Jason Leffler, Laps 34-40 Tracy Hines.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jason Leffler-654, 2-Jay Drake-646, 3-Ricky Shelton-595, 4-Jerry Coons Jr.-476, 5-Jimmy McCune-421, 6-Tracy Hines-364, 7-Ronnie Johncox-274, 8-Dave Steele-243, 9-Travis Welpott-235, 10-Michael Lewis-198.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: August 16, 1998 – Mount Lawn Speedway – New Castle, Indiana

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 16, 1998 – Mount Lawn Speedway – New Castle, Indiana

RAINED OUT, RESCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 30.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jason Leffler-664, 2-Jay Drake-656, 3-Ricky Shelton-605, 4-Jerry Coons Jr.-486, 5-Jimmy McCune-431, 6-Tracy Hines-374, 7-Ronnie Johncox-284, 8-Travis Welpott-245, 9-Dave Steele-243, 10-Michael Lewis-208.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: August 30, 1998 – Mount Lawn Speedway – New Castle, Indiana

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: August 30, 1998 – Mount Lawn Speedway – New Castle, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Jimmy McCune, 26, J.S.-15.001; 2. Brian Gerster, 16, Nowicke-15.017; 3. Jason Leffler, 9, Lewis-15.034; 4. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-15.056; 5. Michael Lewis, 85, Lewis-15.070; 6. Ted Hines, 30T, Leary-15.095; 7. Ricky Shelton, 71, Willoughby-15.123; 8. Tracy Hines, 30, Leary-15.128; 9. Gene Lee Gibson, 99, Hansen-15.199; 10. Jerry Coons Jr., 7, CED-15.206; 11. Dane Carter, 77, Carter-15.225; 12. Ronnie Johncox, 8, Johncox-15.261; 13. Jeff Titus, 40, Titus-15.410; 14. Barry Reed, 76, Reed-15.504; 15. Sarah McCune, 58, McCune-15.574; 16. John Nervo, 21, Nervo-15.575; 17. Travis Welpott, 18, P & E-15.656; 18. Dave Baumgartner, 98, Linne-15.682; 19. Joe Janowski, 41, Griffith-15.746; 20. Mike Hurst, 43, Steele-15.747; 21. Wayne Chinn, 71x, Chinn-15.761; 22. Todd Sears, 26x, Sears-15.829; 23. Dean Franklin, 42, Franklin-16.282; 24. Michael Roselli Jr., 93, Roselli-16.284; 25. J.D. Turner, 53, Turner-16.323; 26. Ted McKibben, 24, Crowe-16.885; 27. Jeff Hilbert, 16x, Hilbert-17.399; 28. Jason Lynch, 115, Lynch-NT; 29. #91, Lewis-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. John Nervo, 2. Todd Sears, 3. Jay Drake, 4. Ricky Shelton, 5. J.D. Turner, 6. Jerry Coons Jr., 7. Joe Janowski, 8. Jeff Titus. NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Brian Gerster, 2. Dane Carter, 3. Dean Franklin, 4. Tracy Hines, 5. Mike Hurst, 6. Barry Reed, 7. Ted McKibben, 8. Travis Welpott, 9. Michael Lewis. 2:36.16

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Gene Lee Gibson, 2. Ronnie Johncox, 3. Jason Leffler, 4. Ted Hines, 5. Dave Baumgartner, 6. Michael Roselli Jr., 7. Sarah McCune, 8. Jeff Hilbert, 9. Wayne Chinn. NT

SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Jerry Coons Jr., 2. Michael Lewis, 3. Barry Reed, 4. Travis Welpott, 5. Sarah McCune, 6. Wayne Chinn, 7. Joe Janowski, 8. Jeff Titus, 9. Michael Roselli Jr., 10. Jeff Hilbert, 11. Ted McKibben, 12. Jimmy McCune. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Brian Gerster, 2. Jason Leffler, 3. Dane Carter, 4. Gene Lee Gibson, 5. Tracy Hines, 6. Wayne Chinn, 7. Jay Drake, 8. Ricky Shelton, 9. Mike Hurst, 10. Barry Reed, 11. Michael Lewis, 12. Dave Baumgartner, 13. Sarah McCune, 14. Joe Janowski, 15. Jerry Coons Jr., 16. Travis Welpott, 17. John Nervo, 18. J.D. Turner, 19. Ronnie Johncox, 20. Todd Sears, 21. Ted Hines, 22. Dean Franklin. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-8 Ricky Shelton, Laps 9-34 Jason Leffler, Laps 35-40 Brian Gerster.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jason Leffler-696, 2-Jay Drake-676, 3-Ricky Shelton-619, 4-Jerry Coons Jr.-491, 5-Jimmy McCune-439, 6-Tracy Hines-394, 7-Ronnie Johncox-289, 8-Travis Welpott-249, 9-Dave Steele-243, 10-Michael Lewis-219.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: September 2, 1998 – Terre Haute Action Track – Terre Haute, Indiana – 46th Hoosier Lottery Hut 100

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: September 2, 1998 – Terre Haute Action Track – Terre Haute, Indiana – 46th Hoosier Lottery Hut 100

QUALIFYING: 1. Jason Leffler, 9, Lewis-20.856; 2. Dave Darland, 91, Lewis-21.294; 3. Jerry Coons Jr., 7, CED-21.306; 4. Ricky Shelton, 71, Willoughby-21.518; 5. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-21.538; 6. Clay Klepper, 69x, Hartman-21.604; 7. Andy Michner, 26, J.S.-21.685; 8. Tracy Hines, 71x, Willoughby-21.710; 9. Tony Elliott, 66x, Lamers-21.719; 10. Donnie Beechler, 15, Lawson-21.792; 11. Steve Knepper, 155, Knepper-21.829; 12. Jeff Flesher, 72, Flesher-21.862; 13. J.J. Yeley, 97x, Willoughby-21.876; 14. Randy Koch, 82, Kittleson-21.889; 15. Dan Boorse, 88, Boorse-21.915; 16. Tony Reed, 8R, Reed-21.954; 17. Keith Rauch, 53, Minarik-22.004; 18. Kevin Thomas, 69, McKinnie-22.005; 19. Kevin Doty, 32, Martz-22.015; 20. Kevin Olson, 1L, Lamers-22.019; 21. Bill Baue, 84, VanSteenwyk-22.033; 22. Robby Flock, 61, HotShooz-22.058; 23. Donnie Lehmann, 31, Lehmann-22.189; 24. Brian Tyler, 6, Potter-22.256; 25. Critter Malone, 7m, Malone-22.270; 26. Rick Treadway, 2x, Lawson-22.321; 27. Kevin Koch, 15x, Huston-22.391; 28. David Bridges, 11, MB-22.416; 29. Ray Bull, 1, Gillespie-22.428; 30. Kevin Newton, 14x, Newco-22.454; 31. Ed Carpenter, 3, TG-22.466; 32. Matt Westfall, 54, Hammons-22.498; 33. Barry Walkup, 29, B & B-22.504; 34. Steve Barth, 14, Barth-22.524; 35. Jimmy Drinan, 99, Drinan-22.556; 36. Tray House, 8L, Lambertson-22.617; 37. John Lucas, 5x, Sears-22.775; 38. Roger McCluskey Jr., 111, McCluskey-22.802; 39. Mike Hess, 51, Hess-22.817; 40. Ron Smoker, 24x, Parker-22.839; 41. Roger Corrigan, 65, Corrigan-22.877; 42. John Nervo, 21, Nervo-22.944; 43. Jimmy McCune, 2, J.S.-22.946; 44. Johnny Parsons III, 25, Parsons-22.955; 45. Ted Hines, 41, Griffith-22.969; 46. John Heydenreich, 95, Covington-22.975; 47. Jason Lynch, 115, Lynch-23.064; 48. Tyce Carlson, 20, Carlson-23.070; 49. Travis Welpott, 18, P & E-23.133; 50. Sarah McCune, 58, McCune-23.164; 51. Carl Olsen, 21x, Olsen-23.253; 52. Michael Roselli Jr., 93, Roselli-23.288; 53. Allen Gillis, 34, Riverside-23.406; 54. Tony Beaber, 66, Beaber-23.606; 55. Jerry Nemire, 16, Nemire/Yager-23.816; 56. Tony Beaber, 66B, Beaber-23.841; 57. Dean Franklin, 42, Franklin-23.924; 58. Ralph Liguori, 6RR, Liguori-23.925; 59. Michael Lewis, 85, Lewis-24.161; 60. Ted McKibben, 24, Crowe-25.529; 61. Bill Eubank Jr., 37, Eubank-NT; 62. A.J. Felker, 5, Felker-NT; 63. Ryan Newman, 18N, P & E-NT; 64. Randy Koch, 2K, Kittleson-NT; 65. #9x, Lewis-NT.

FIRST SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Robby Flock, 2. Kevin Thomas, 3. Donnie Lehmann, 4. Matt Westfall, 5. David Bridges, 6. Steve Barth, 7. Ron Smoker, 8. Tony Reed, 9. Kevin Newton, 10. Johnny Parsons, 11. Tray House, 12. Tony Beaber, 13. Roger McCluskey Jr., 14. Sarah McCune, 15. Dean Franklin, 16. Michael Roselli Jr., 17. Tyce Carlson, 18. Ted McKibben, 19. John Heydenreich, 20. Rick Treadway, 21. Kevin Olson, 22. John Nervo. NT

SECOND SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Kevin Doty, 2. Brian Tyler, 3. Keith Rauch, 4. Ed Carpenter, 5. Kevin Koch, 6. Critter Malone, 7. Bill Baue, 8. Ray Bull, 9. Jimmy McCune, 10. John Lucas, 11. Ted Hines, 12. Ryan Newman, 13. Jerry Nemire, 14. Jason Lynch, 15. Roger Corrigan, 16. Travis Welpott, 17. Carl Olsen, 18. Ralph Liguori, 19. Barry Walkup, 20. Jimmy Drinan, 21. Mike Hess. 3:48.00

FEATURE: (100 laps) 1. Donnie Beechler, 2. Tony Elliott, 3. Tracy Hines, 4. Kevin Doty, 5. Dan Boorse, 6. Andy Michner, 7. Donnie Lehmann, 8. Critter Malone, 9. Jeff Flesher, 10. Matt Westfall, 11. Kevin Koch, 12. Jimmy McCune, 13. Kevin Newton, 14. Ron Smoker, 15. Tony Reed, 16. Steve Barth, 17. Brian Tyler, 18. Ray Bull, 19. Bill Baue, 20. Jason Leffler, 21. Clay Klepper, 22. Ed Carpenter, 23. Dave Darland, 24. David Bridges, 25. Ricky Shelton, 26. Jerry Coons Jr., 27. Kevin Thomas, 28. Steve Knepper, 29. J.J. Yeley, 30. Jay Drake, 31. Keith Rauch, 32. Robby Flock, 33. Randy Koch. NT

**Jimmy Drinan flipped over the turn one guardrail during the second semi.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-68 Dave Darland, Laps 69-82 Jason Leffler, Laps 83-100 Donnie Beechler.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jason Leffler-716, 2-Jay Drake-690, 3-Ricky Shelton-634, 4-Jerry Coons Jr.-507, 5-Jimmy McCune-457, 6-Tracy Hines-427, 7-Ronnie Johncox-289, 8-Travis Welpott-259, 9-Dave Steele-243, 10-Michael Lewis-229.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: September 5, 1998 – Lincoln Park Speedway – Putnamville, Indiana – Put 40

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: September 5, 1998 – Lincoln Park Speedway – Putnamville, Indiana – Put 40

QUALIFYING: 1. Dave Darland, 91, Lewis-13.094; 2. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-13.121; 3. Jerry Coons Jr., 7, CED-13.143; 4. Ricky Shelton, 71, Willoughby-13.167; 5. Bill Baue, 84, VanSteenwyk-13.256; 6. Tracy Hines, 26, J.S.-13.283; 7. Travis Welpott, 18, P & E-13.323; 8. Tony Elliott, 17x, Brown-13.365; 9. John Heydenreich, 95, Covington-13.405; 10. Brian Tyler, 6, Potter-13.422; 11. Jimmy McCune, 2, J.S.-13.441; 12. Clay Klepper, 69x, Hartman-13.486; 13. Michael Lang, 94, Stebbins-13.495; 14. Steve Barth, 14, Barth-13.511; 15. Ron Smoker, 24, Parker-13.525; 16. Critter Malone, 7m, Malone-13.533; 17. Jason Leffler, 9, Lewis-13.534; 18. Steve Knepper, 155, Knepper-13.575; 19. Jason Lynch, 115, Lynch-13.592; 20. Ted Hines, 41, Griffith-13.628; 21. Matt Westfall, 54, Hammons-13.725; 22. Tony Reed, 8R, Reed-13.754; 23. Sarah McCune, 58, McCune-13.759; 24. Michael Lewis, 85, Lewis-13.804; 25. John Sluss, 28, Sluss-13.816; 26. Jeff Flesher, 72, Flesher-13.833; 27. John Lucas, 5, Sears-13.844; 28. Tim Siner, 45, Muehlfarth-13.904; 29. Roy Caruthers, 15, Caruthers-13.914; 30. Roger McCluskey Jr., 111, McCluskey-13.922; 31. David Bridges, 11, MB-13.934; 32. Johnny Parsons III, 25, Parsons-13.961; 33. Carl Olsen, 21x, Olsen-14.034; 34. Andy Pierce, 3p, Tag Team-14.057; 35. John Wolfe, 95x, Morgan-14.224; 36. Bruce Adkins, 2J, Jorgensen-14.254; 37. Barry Reed, 76, Reed-14.277; 38. Barry Walkup, 29, B & B-14.336; 39. Jeff Gass, 19, Gass-14.386; 40. Joe Devin, 57, Devin-14.407; 41. Jerry McPherson, 11v, McPherson-14.475; 42. Chad Davenport, 143, Davenport-14.518; 43. Rick Vaughn, 31, JTV-14.714; 44. Dennis Mann, 44, Mann-15.026; 45. A.J. Smith, 27x, AJS-15.053; 46. Jeff McCloud, 92x, McCloud-15.395; 47. A.J. Fike, 69, RFMS-NT; 48. #9x, Lewis-NT.

NON-QUALIFIERS RACE: (8 laps) 1. Carl Olsen, 2. John Wolfe, 3. A.J. Fike, 4. Jeff Gass, 5. Barry Walkup, 6. Jerry McPherson, 7. Dennis Mann, 8. Rick Vaughn, 9. Barry Reed, 10. Jeff McCloud, 11. Joe Devin, 12. Bruce Adkins, 13. A.J. Smith, 14. Chad Davenport. NT

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jason Leffler, 2. Dave Darland, 3. Roy Caruthers, 4. Michael Lang, 5. Bill Baue, 6. Matt Westfall, 7. John Heydenreich, 8. John Sluss. 2:17.34

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Brian Tyler, 2. Tracy Hines, 3. Steve Knepper, 4. Jay Drake, 5. Steve Barth, 6. Roger McCluskey Jr., 7. Jeff Flesher, 8. Tony Reed. NT

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jerry Coons Jr., 2. Jason Lynch, 3. Travis Welpott, 4. Ron Smoker, 5. Sarah McCune, 6. Jimmy McCune, 7. David Bridges, 8. John Lucas. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Tony Elliott, 2. Ricky Shelton, 3. Johnny Parsons III, 4. Critter Malone, 5. Clay Klepper, 6. Michael Lewis, 7. Tim Siner, 8. Ted Hines. NT

SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Jimmy McCune, 2. Clay Klepper, 3. Bill Baue, 4. Matt Westfall, 5. John Wolfe, 6. Sarah McCune, 7. Carl Olsen, 8. Roger McCluskey Jr., 9. Steve Barth, 10. Ted Hines, 11. Michael Lewis, 12. Siner, 13. John Lucas, 14. John Heydenreich. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Tony Elliott, 2. Tracy Hines, 3. Jay Drake, 4. Brian Tyler, 5. Ricky Shelton, 6. Ron Smoker, 7. Steve Knepper, 8. Jerry Coons Jr., 9. Critter Malone, 10. Jason Leffler, 11. Roy Caruthers, 12. Jimmy McCune, 13. Clay Klepper, 14. Matt Westfall, 15. Johnny Parsons III, 16. Bill Baue, 17. John Wolfe, 18. Michael Lang, 19. Jason Lynch, 20. Dave Darland, 21. Sarah McCune, 22. Travis Welpott. NT

**David Bridges & Ron Smoker flipped during the third heat.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-10 Tracy Hines, Laps 11-19 Dave Darland, Laps 20-40 Tony Elliott.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jason Leffler-740, 2-Jay Drake-730, 3-Ricky Shelton-669, 4-Jerry Coons Jr.-538, 5-Jimmy McCune-475, 6-Tracy Hines-467, 7-Ronnie Johncox-289, 8-Travis Welpott-273, 9-Dave Steele-243, 10-Michael Lewis-239.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: September 12, 1998 – 16th Street Speedway – Indianapolis, Indiana – Tony Stewart Night Presented by Coca-Cola

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USAC NATIONAL & 16TH STREET SPEEDWAY MIDGET RACE RESULTS: September 12, 1998 – 16th Street Speedway – Indianapolis, Indiana – Tony Stewart Night Presented by Coca-Cola

QUALIFYING: 1. Ricky Shelton, 71, Willoughby-12.510; 2. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-12.569; 3. John Wolfe, 95, Morgan-12.893; 4. Andy Pierce, 3p, Tag Team-12.912; 5. Michael Lang, 94, Stebbins-12.925; 6. Roger McCluskey Jr., 111, McCluskey-12.926; 7. Tony Reed, 8R, Reed-12.945; 8. Rick Treadway, 2x, Lawson-12.965; 9. Donnie Beechler, 15x, Lawson-12.966; 10. Critter Malone, 7m, Malone-12.990; 11. Travis Welpott, 18, P & E-12.997; 12. Johnny Parsons III, 25, Parsons-13.038; 13. Jimmy McCune, 2, J.S.-13.071; 14. Jerry Coons Jr., 7, CED-13.079; 15. Jason Leffler, 9, Lewis-13.118; 16. Ron Smoker, 24, Parker-13.125; 17. Tony Elliott, 6, Potter-13.152; 18. Tim Mehner, 65, Mehner-13.167; 19. Jason Lynch, 115, Lynch-13.191; 20. Tracy Hines, 26, J.S.-13.192; 21. J.R. Armstrong, 95A, Morgan-13.243; 22. Michael Lewis, 85, Lewis-13.255; 23. Michael Roselli Jr., 93, Roselli-13.258; 24. Roy Caruthers, 15, Caruthers-13.274; 25. Barry Reed, 76, Reed-13.283; 26. Ted Hines, 41, Griffith-13.284; 27. Steven Graham, 14, Graham-13.303; 28. Bill Baue, 84, VanSteenwyk-13.350; 29. David Bridges, 11, MB-13.402; 30. Jeff Dickerson, 20, Carlson-13.477; 31. Tony Stewart, 32, Martz-13.564; 32. Brad Kuhn, 24x, Crowe-13.598; 33. Steve Knepper, 17, Brown-13.603; 34. Rick Ward, 53, Ward-13.667; 35. Joe Devin, 57, Devin-13.746; 36. Bruce Adkins, 23B, Adkins-13.770; 37. John Sluss, 28, Sluss-13.834; 38. Sarah McCune, 58, McCune-13.858; 39. Jeff Hampton, 55, Line-13.881; 40. Jeff Titus, 40, Titus-13.889; 41. Ralph Liguori, 6RR, Liguori-14.167; 42. #91, Lewis-NT. (Ed Carpenter also in car #6).

NON-QUALIFIERS RACE: (8 laps) 1. Steve Knepper, 2. Jeff Titus, 3. John Sluss, 4. Joe Devin, 5. Sarah McCune, 6. Ralph Liguori, 7. Rick Ward, 8. Jeff Hampton, 9. Bruce Adkins. NT

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Tony Elliott, 2. Michael Lang, 3. Ricky Shelton, 4. Donnie Beechler, 5. David Bridges, 6. Barry Reed, 7. Jimmy McCune, 8. J.R. Armstrong. 2:14.27

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jerry Coons Jr., 2. Jay Drake, 3. Ted Hines, 4. Jeff Dickerson, 5. Critter Malone, 6. Tim Mehner, 7. Roger McCluskey Jr. NT

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Tony Stewart, 2. Tony Reed, 3. Jason Lynch, 4. Travis Welpott, 5. John Wolfe, 6. Michael Roselli Jr., 7. Steven Graham, 8. Jason Leffler. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Tracy Hines, 2. Ron Smoker, 3. Roy Caruthers, 4. Brad Kuhn, 5. Rick Treadway, 6. Bill Baue, 7. Johnny Parsons, 8. Andy Pierce. NT

SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Jason Leffler, 2. Andy Pierce, 3. Rick Treadway, 4. Roger McCluskey Jr., 5. Steve Knepper, 6. Critter Malone, 7. Tim Mehner, 8. Michael Roselli Jr., 9. David Bridges, 10. Michael Lewis, 11. Barry Reed, 12. John Wolfe, 13. Steven Graham, 14. Jeff Titus, 15. Joe Devin, 16. Jimmy McCune, 17. J.R. Armstrong. 2:48.30

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Donnie Beechler, 2. Andy Pierce, 3. Ron Smoker, 4. Jay Drake, 5. Tracy Hines, 6. Rick Treadway, 7. Jason Leffler, 8. Roy Caruthers, 9. Ricky Shelton, 10. Michael Lang, 11. Tony Reed, 12. Brad Kuhn, 13. Travis Welpott, 14. Jeff Dickerson, 15. Jerry Coons Jr., 16. Tony Elliott, 17. Tony Stewart, 18. Roger McCluskey Jr., 19. Jason Lynch, 20. Ted Hines. NT

****Critter Malone flipped during the second heat. Jason Leffler flipped during the third heat. Johnny Parsons III, Andy Pierce & Bill Baue flipped during the fourth heat. Jerry Coons Jr. flipped on lap 37 of the feature.**

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-2 Tony Reed, Laps 3-9 Jay Drake, Laps 10-11 Andy Pierce, Lap 12 Jay Drake, Laps 13-17 Andy Pierce, Laps 18-40 Donnie Beechler.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jay Drake-770, 2-Jason Leffler-765, 3-Ricky Shelton-700, 4-Jerry Coons Jr.-557, 5-Tracy Hines-500, 6-Jimmy McCune-485, 7-Travis Welpott-291, 8-Ronnie Johncox-289, 9-Michael Lewis-249, 10-Dave Steele-243.

FINAL USAC 16TH STREET SPEEDWAY MIDGET POINTS: 1-Michael Lang-272, 2-Andy Pierce-258, 3-Ron Smoker-218, 4-Critter Malone-202, 5-Roy Caruthers-197, 6-Rick Treadway-196, 7-Steve Knepper-183, 8-Tony Reed-156, 9-David Bridges-155, 10-Jay Drake-152.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: September 19, 1998 – Indianapolis Raceway Park – Clermont, Indiana – Arby's Racing Series Season Finale

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: September 19, 1998 – Indianapolis Raceway Park – Clermont, Indiana – Arby's Racing Series Season Finale

QUALIFYING: 1. Dane Carter, 77, Carter-21.283; 2. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-21.293; 3. Jason Leffler, 9, Lewis-21.312; 4. Dan Drinan, 33, Drinan-21.339; 5. Michael Lewis, 85, Lewis-21.466; 6. Ricky Shelton, 71, Willoughby-21.479; 7. Tony Ave, 75, Frontier-21.482; 8. Ryan Newman, 39, Lewis-21.491; 9. Chris Shultz, 19, No Limit-21.521; 10. Ronnie Johncox, 8 Johncox-21.550; 11. Rick Treadway, 2x, Lawson-21.584; 12. Brian Gerster, 16, Nowicke-21.660; 13. Tracy Hines, 30T, Leary-21.662; 14. Jerry Coons Jr., 7, CED-21.718; 15. Roger Corrigan, 65, Corrigan-21.767; 16. Jimmy McCune, 26, J.S.-21.822; 17. Steve Barth, 6, Potter-21.933; 18. A.J. Davis, 128, Owen-22.026; 19. Travis Welpott, 18, P & E-22.225; 20. Michael Roselli Jr., 93, Roselli-22.306; 21. Doug Wright, 79, Wright-22.312; 22. David Bridges, 11, MB-22.328; 23. John Nervo, 21, Nervo-22.361; 24. Mark Boice, 4, Boice-22.379; 25. Chris Hayes, 43, Steele-22.385; 26. Dick St. John, 3, Mullins-22.461; 27. Kevin Blue, 51, K & R-22.549; 28. Sarah McCune, 58, McCune-22.818; 29. Norm Young, 80, Young-22.930; 30. Kenneth Nichols, 95, Covington-22.944; 31. Keith Butler, 112, Hurst-22.963; 32. Jason Lynch, 115, Lynch-23.122; 33. Phil Rutledge, 97x, Rutledge-23.549; 34. Tracy Hines, 30, Leary-NT; 35. #91, Lewis-NT. (Chuck Leary also in #30T).

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Tracy Hines, 2. Chris Shultz, 3. Steve Barth, 4. Michael Lewis, 5. Dane Carter, 6. Doug Wright, 7. Chris Hayes, 8. Norm Young, 9. Phil Rutledge. NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Jerry Coons Jr., 2. Ronnie Johncox, 3. Jay Drake, 4. Ricky Shelton, 5. Dick St. John, 6. A.J. Davis, 7. David Bridges, 8. Kenneth Nichols. 2:55.47

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Jason Leffler, 2. John Nervo, 3. Roger Corrigan, 4. Rick Treadway, 5. Tony Ave, 6. Travis Welpott, 7. Keith Butler, 8. Kevin Blue. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Brian Gerster, 2. Ryan Newman, 3. Jimmy McCune, 4. Dan Drinan, 5. Mark Boice, 6. Michael Roselli Jr., 7. Sarah McCune, 8. Jason Lynch. 2:56.71

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Tony Ave, 2. Dane Carter, 3. A.J. Davis, 4. Doug Wright, 5. Travis Welpott, 6. Michael Roselli Jr., 7. Kenneth Nichols, 8. Jason Lynch, 9. Keith Butler, 10. Kevin Blue, 11. Norm Young, 12. Phil Rutledge, 13. David Bridges, 14. Dick St. John, 15. Mark Boice, 16. Chris Hayes, 17. Sarah McCune. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Ryan Newman, 2. Jason Leffler, 3. Dan Drinan, 4. Ricky Shelton, 5. Ronnie Johncox, 6. Dane Carter, 7. Tony Ave, 8. Chris Shultz, 9. Brian Gerster, 10. Jimmy McCune, 11. Steve Barth, 12. A.J. Davis, 13. Rick Treadway, 14. Roger Corrigan, 15. Michael Roselli Jr., 16. Travis Welpott, 17. John Nervo, 18. Doug Wright, 19. Michael Lewis, 20. Tracy Hines, 21. Jerry Coons Jr., 22. Jay Drake. NT

**Jason Lynch flipped during the semi.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-3 Ricky Shelton, Laps 4-18 Jason Leffler, Laps 19-30 Ryan Newman.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jason Leffler-809, 2-Jay Drake-790, 3-Ricky Shelton-733, 4-Jerry Coons Jr.-573, 5-Jimmy McCune-507, 6-Tracy Hines-506, 7-Ronnie Johncox-321, 8-Travis Welpott-305, 9-Michael Lewis-264, 10-Dave Steele-243.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: September 25-26, 1998 – Eldora Speedway – Rossburg, Ohio – 18th 4-Crown Nationals

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: September 25-26, 1998 – Eldora Speedway – Rossburg, Ohio – 18th 4-Crown Nationals

QUALIFYING: (Held on September 25) 1. Jason Leffler, 9, Lewis-16.231; 2. Tracy Hines, 97x, Willoughby-16.451; 3. Dave Darland, 91, Lewis-16.513; 4. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-16.634; 5. Robby Flock, 61, HotShooz-16.645; 6. Ricky Shelton, 71, Willoughby-16.652; 7. Derek Davidson, 17, CED-16.702; 8. Jerry Coons Jr, 7, CED-16.749; 9. Kevin Doty, 32, Martz-16.894; 10. John Heydenreich, 94, Courtwright-16.934; 11. Brian Tyler, 6, Potter-16.967; 12. Jack Hewitt, 24, Parker-16.973; 13. Tony Elliott, 1L, Lamers-16.975; 14. Jimmy Sills, 26, J.S.-17.008; 15. Ted Hines, 41, Griffith-17.053; 16. Bill Baue, 84, VanSteenwyk-17.058; 17. Jason Lynch, 115, Lynch-17.102; 18. Chuck Leary, 30, Leary-17.177; 19. John Nervo, 21, Nervo-17.198; 20. A.J. Davis, 128, Owen-17.313; 21. Clay Klepper, 69x, Hartman-17.321; 22. Kevin Newton, 14, Newton-17.352; 23. Mark Freeland, 4, McKeenan-17.413; 24. Michael Roselli Jr., 93, Roselli-17.473; 25. Jerry Nemire, 16, Nemire/Yager-17.478; 26. David Bridges, 11, MB-17.522; 27. Matt Westfall, 54, Hammons-17.551; 28. Kevin Myers, 45, Myers-17.590; 29. Kenneth Nichols, 95, Covington-17.648; 30. Doug Borger, 74, Borger-17.794; 31. Jimmy McCune, 2, J.S.-17.859; 32. Dean Franklin, 42, Franklin-17.875; 33. Johnny Beaber, 66B, Beaber-17.923; 34. Ed Stimely Jr., 6x, Yetter-17.959; 35. Tony Beaber, 66, Beaber-18.215; 36. Toby Alfrey, 82, Alfrey-18.385; 37. Sarah McCune, 58, McCune-NT; 38. Travis Welpott, 18, P & E-NT; 39. Ray Bull, #9x, Lewis-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Tony Elliott, 2. Jason Leffler, 3. Robby Flock, 4. Jerry Nemire, 5. Kenneth Nichols, 6. Clay Klepper, 7. Jason Lynch, 8. Sarah McCune, 9. Johnny Beaber. 2:21.48

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Tracy Hines, 2. John Heydenreich, 3. Ricky Shelton, 4. Jimmy Sills, 5. David Bridges, 6. Chuck Leary, 7. Kevin Newton, 8. Ed Stimely Jr., 9. Doug Borger, 10. Travis Welpott. 2:20.95

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Dave Darland, 2. Brian Tyler, 3. Derek Davidson, 4. Matt Westfall, 5. John Nervo, 6. Mark Freeland, 7. Jimmy McCune, 8. Ted Hines, 9. Tony Beaber. 2:19.41

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Jack Hewitt, 2. Jerry Coons Jr., 3. Jay Drake, 4. Kevin Myers, 5. Dean Franklin, 6. Bill Baue, 7. Michael Roselli Jr., 8. A.J. Davis, 9. Toby Alfrey. 2:21.35

SEMI: (12 laps – held on September 26) 1. Ted Hines, 2. Bill Baue, 3. J.J. Yeley (#32 Martz), 4. Chuck Leary, 5. Clay Klepper, 6. Mark Freeland, 7. A.J. Davis, 8. Kevin Newton, 9. Jimmy McCune, 10. Michael Roselli Jr., 11. Ed Stimely Jr., 12. Dean

Franklin, 13. Kenneth Nichols, 14. John Nervo, 15. Doug Borger, 16. Travis Welpott, 17. Tony Beaber, 18. Johnny Beaber, 19. Jason Lynch, 20. David Bridges, 21. Toby Alfrey, 22. Ray Bull. NT

FEATURE: (25 laps – held on September 26) 1. Jack Hewitt, 2. Tracy Hines, 3. Dave Darland, 4. Tony Elliott, 5. Jay Drake, 6. Jimmy Sills, 7. Brian Tyler, 8. Jason Leffler, 9. Jerry Coons Jr., 10. Matt Westfall, 11. John Heydenreich, 12. Bill Baue, 13. Robby Flock, 14. Clay Klepper, 15. Chuck Leary, 16. Mark Freeland, 17. Jerry Nemire, 18. Kevin Myers, 19. Derek Davidson, 20. Ted Hines, 21. Ricky Shelton, 22. J.J. Yeley (#32). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Robby Flock, Laps 2-17 Tracy Hines, Laps 18-25 Jack Hewitt.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jason Leffler-843, 2-Jay Drake-824, 3-Ricky Shelton-748, 4-Jerry Coons Jr.-597, 5-Tracy Hines-552, 6-Jimmy McCune-517, 7-Ronnie Johncox-321, 8-Travis Welpott-315, 9-Michael Lewis-264, 10-Sarah McCune-246.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: October 25, 1998 – Winchester Speedway – Winchester, Indiana – 25th Sammy Sessions Memorial

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USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE RESULTS: October 25, 1998 – Winchester Speedway – Winchester, Indiana – 25th Sammy Sessions Memorial

QUALIFYING: 1. Ronnie Johncox, 8, Johncox-14.825; 2. Ryan Newman, 39, Lewis-14.883; 3. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-15.109; 4. Chris Shultz, 90, No Limit-15.144; 5. Ricky Shelton, 71, Willoughby-15.231; 6. Tony Ave, 75, Frontier-15.247; 7. Steve Barth, 6, Potter-15.262; 8. Jason Leffler, 9, Lewis-15.385; 9. Tracy Hines, 30, Leary-15.416; 10. Michael Roselli Jr., 93, Roselli-15.459; 11. Dane Carter, 77, Carter-15.511; 12. Dan Drinan, 33, Drinan-15.591; 13. Jimmy McCune, 26, J.S.-15.651; 14. Michael Lewis, 85, Lewis-15.750; 15. Jerry Coons Jr., 7, CED-15.787; 16. John Nervo, 21, Nervo-15.917; 17. Robbie Ott, 57, RAO-15.931; 18. David Bridges, 11, MB-15.997; 19. Jason Lynch, 115, Lynch-16.020; 20. Sarah McCune, 58, McCune-16.061; 21. Kenneth Nichols, 95, Covington-16.096; 22. Travis Welpott, 18, P & E-16.373; 23. Jeff Titus, 40, Titus-16.489; 24. Kevin Blue, 51, K & R-16.653; 25. Dean Franklin, 42, Franklin-18.583; 26. #91, Lewis-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Ronnie Johncox, 2. Jimmy McCune, 3. Steve Barth, 4. John Nervo, 5. Chris Shultz, 6. Travis Welpott, 7. Jason Lynch, 8. Michael Roselli Jr., 9. Dean Franklin. NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Jason Leffler, 2. Ricky Shelton, 3. Ryan Newman, 4. Sarah McCune, 5. Michael Lewis, 6. Robbie Ott, 7. Dane Carter, 8. Jeff Titus. 2:15.58

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Tony Ave, 2. Dan Drinan, 3. Jay Drake, 4. Tracy Hines, 5. Kenneth Nichols, 6. Jerry Coons Jr., 7. Kevin Blue, 8. David Bridges. NT

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Chris Shultz, 2. Michael Roselli Jr., 3. Dane Carter, 4. Michael Lewis, 5. Jason Lynch, 6. Jerry Coons Jr., 7. Robbie Ott, 8. Travis Welpott, 9. Kenneth Nichols, 10. David Bridges, 11. Kevin Blue, 12. Jeff Titus, 13. Dean Franklin. NT

FEATURE: (33 laps) 1. Ryan Newman, 2. Ricky Shelton, 3. Ronnie Johncox, 4. Tony Ave, 5. Jimmy McCune, 6. Jay Drake, 7. Dane Carter, 8. Dan Drinan, 9. Robbie Ott, 10. Jason Leffler, 11. Michael Lewis, 12. Jason Lynch, 13. Kenneth Nichols, 14. Chris Shultz, 15. Tracy Hines, 16. Steve Barth, 17. David Bridges, 18. Jerry Coons Jr., 19. Michael Roselli Jr., 20. Travis Welpott, 21. Sarah McCune, 22. John Nervo. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-3 Ricky Shelton, Laps 4-9 Tony Ave, Laps 10-33 Ryan Newman.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jason Leffler-867, 2-Jay Drake-857, 3-Ricky Shelton-789, 4-Jerry Coons Jr.-609, 5-Tracy Hines-568, 6-Jimmy McCune-539, 7-Ronnie Johncox-356, 8-Travis Welpott-327, 9-Michael Lewis-283, 10-Dane Carter-259.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL MIDGET RACE: November 21, 1998 – Manzanita Speedway – Phoenix, Arizona – REMAX Duel in the Desert

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USAC NATIONAL & WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE RESULTS: November 21, 1998 – Manzanita Speedway – Phoenix, Arizona – REMAX Duel in the Desert

QUALIFYING: 1. Jason Leffler, 9, Lewis-19.242; 2. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-19.401; 3. Dave Darland, 91, Lewis-19.472; 4. Jerry Coons Jr., 7, CED-19.510; 5. Dave Strickland Jr., 62, Klatt-19.668; 6. J.J. Yeley, 76, Fontana-19.800; 7. Rick Hendrix, 12, Hendrix/Porto-19.849; 8. Kevin Doty, 3, Ellis-19.897; 9. Ricky Shelton, 71, Willoughby-19.976; 10. Rick Treadway, 2x, Lawson-20.000; 11. Wally Pankratz, 8, Pankratz-20.042; 12. Bryan Stanfill, 25, Stanfill-20.113; 13. Dane Carter, 77, Carter-20.134; 14. Kenny Lewis, 6x, Lewis-20.214; 15. Jack Walker, 25x, Walker-20.232; 16. Kasey Kahne, 7x, Shefchik-20.248; 17. Eric Wilkins, 34AZ, Whitemore-20.254; 18. Randi Pankratz, 79, Marcus-20.301; 19. Jeremy Sherman, 43, Ellis-20.304; 20. Travis Welpott, 18, P & E-20.332; 21. Michael Lewis, 85, Lewis-20.372; 22. Dan Boorse, 6, Fiscus-20.384; 23. Nick Mitchell, 37, Mitchell-20.397; 24. Scott Hansen, 33, Hansen-20.451; 25. Sarah McCune, 58, McCune-20.561; 26. Luke Icke, 12x, Icke-20.565; 27. Shane Scully, 56, Scully-20.567; 28. Danny Ebberts, 14, Ebberts-20.608; 29. Jason Lynch, 15x, Lynch-20.630; 30. Bob Ellis, 45, Young-20.654; 31. Matt Streeter, 14E, Streeter-20.753; 32. Ricky Johnson, 51, Martin-20.817; 33. Nick Lundgreen, 49, Lundgreen-20.820; 34. Marc DeBeaumont, 11, DeBeaumont/Sewell-20.826; 35. Kevin Ames, 24K, Hatra-20.953; 36. Dave Birmingham Jr., 4x, Birmingham-20.985; 37. Keith Rauch, 33x, Hanley-21.095; 38. Bobby Boone, 96, Boone-21.207; 39. Dave Stoltz, 77x, Stoltz-21.232; 40. Donnie Lehmann, 53, Minarik-21.443; 41. Michael Burkhart, 22A, Burkhart-21.675; 42. Scott Jadeke, 24, Jadeke-21.913; 43. Ryan Reed, 22, Reed-22.322; 44. Phil Rossi, 74, Victory Lane-22.865; 45. Mike Parker, 7A, Day-23.683; 46. Steve Paden, 0, Farrier-NT; 47. Jason Lynch, 115, Lynch-NT; 48. Nick Geranio, 39, Bulfinch-NT; 49. #9x, Lewis-NT; 50. #18T, P & E-NT; 51. #97x, Willoughby-NT.

NON-QUALIFIERS RACE: (6 laps) 1. Bobby Boone, 2. Marc DeBeaumont, 3. Keith Rauch, 4. Dave Birmingham Jr., 5. Donnie Lehmann, 6. Michael Burkhart, 7. Dave Stoltz, 8. Scott Jadeke, 9. Ryan Reed, 10. Phil Rossi, 11. Mike Parker. 2:05.66

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Jason Leffler, 2. Michael Lewis, 3. Dave Strickland Jr., 4. Jason Lynch (#15x), 5. Sarah McCune, 6. Eric Wilkins, 7. Dane Carter, 8. Bobby Boone, 9. Ricky Shelton. NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Jay Drake, 2. Luke Icke, 3. Scooter Ellis, 4. Dan Boorse, 5. Rick Treadway, 6. Marc DeBeaumont, 7. Kenny Lewis, 8. Randi Pankratz, 9. J.J. Yeley. NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Dave Darland, 2. Rick Hendrix, 3. Shane Scully, 4. Matt Streeter, 5. Jeremy Sherman, 6. Keith Rauch, 7. Nick Mitchell, 8. Jack Walker. 2:42.16

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Danny Ebberts, 2. Kevin Doty, 3. Jerry Coons Jr., 4. Kasey Kahne, 5. Bryan Stanfill, 6. Scott Hansen, 7. Ricky Johnson, 8. Dave Birmingham Jr., 9. Travis Welpott. 2:44.38

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Ricky Shelton, 2. J.J. Yeley, 3. Rick Treadway, 4. Bryan Stanfill, 5. Scott Hansen, 6. Jeremy Sherman, 7. Wally Pankratz (#17x), 8. Eric Wilkins, 9. Keith Rauch, 10. Sarah McCune, 11. Marc DeBeaumont, 12. Dave Birmingham Jr., 13. Ricky Johnson, 14. Kenny Lewis, 15. Dane Carter, 16. Nick Mitchell. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Jason Leffler, 2. J.J. Yeley, 3. Jay Drake, 4. Jerry Coons Jr., 5. Dave Strickland Jr., 6. Eric Wilkins, 7. Jeremy Sherman, 8. Shane Scully, 9. Luke Icke, 10. Matt Streeter, 11. Wally Pankratz (#17x), 12. Michael Lewis, 13. Jason Lynch, 14. Scott Hansen, 15. Kevin Doty, 16. Ricky Shelton, 17. Dan Boorse, 18. Danny Ebberts, 19. Rick Hendrix, 20. Bob Ellis, 21. Bryan Stanfill, 22. Dave Darland, 23. Kasey Kahne, 24. Rick Treadway. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-5 J.J. Yeley, Laps 6-30 Jason Leffler.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jason Leffler-919, 2-Jay Drake-900, 3-Ricky Shelton-803, 4-Jerry Coons Jr.-645, 5-Tracy Hines-568, 6-Jimmy McCune-539, 7-Ronnie Johncox-356, 8-Travis Welpott-337, 9-Michael Lewis-304, 10-Dane Carter-269.

USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Rick Hendrix-556, 2-Bryan Stanfill-511, 3-Wally Pankratz-484, 4-Shane Scully-442, 5-Jason Leffler-431, 6-Steve Paden-372, 7-Bobby Boone-350, 8-Marc DeBeaumont-304, 9-Clay Klepper-290, 10-Dwayne Marcum-285.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL & WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE: November 25-26, 1998 – Bakersfield Speedway – Bakersfield, California – 58th Turkey Night Grand Prix

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USAC NATIONAL & WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE RESULTS: November 25-26, 1998 – Bakersfield Speedway – Bakersfield, California – 58th Turkey Night Grand Prix

QUALIFYING: (Top 8 locked into the feature – held on November 25) 1. Jay Drake, 97, Willoughby-13.074; 2. Kasey Kahne, 7x, Shefchik-13.167; 3. Jason Leffler, 9, Lewis-13.271; 4. Donnie Beechler, 15x Lawson-13.312; 5. Ricky Shelton, 71, Willoughby-13.320; 6. John Starks, 50, Beal-13.372; 7. Dan Boorse, 6, Fiscus-13.416; 8. Ronnie Day, 15L, Lawson-13.417; 9. Dave Darland, 91, Lewis-12.653; 10. Shane Scully, 56, Scully-12.750; 11. Steve Paden, 0, Farrier-12.777; 12. Michael Lewis, 85, Lewis-12.861; 13. Robby Flock, 24, Hart-12.875; 14. Dane Carter, 77, Carter-12.895; 15. Scott Hansen, 33, Hansen-12.897; 16. Jordan Hermansader, 91x, Hermansader-12.907; 17. Jerry Coons Jr., 7, CED-12.914; 18. Rex Calderwood, 40, Calderwood-12.918; 19. Keith Rauch, 33x, Hanley-12.925; 20. Jimmy Sills, 4, Calderwood-12.943; 21. Bobby Boone, 96, Boone-12.944; 22. Kevin Doty, 3A, Ellis-13.005; 23. Robert Dolacki, 63, Pinkston-13.026; 24. Dwayne Marcum, 31, Hogan-13.030; 25. Brian Tyler, 97x, Willoughby-13.054; 26. Aaron Fiscus, 1F, Fiscus-13.055; 27. Matt Streeter, 14E, Streeter-13.066; 28. Nick Lundgreen, 49, Lundgreen-13.077; 29. Scott Nail, 2c, Caves-13.080; 30. Rick Hendrix, 12, Hendrix/Porto-13.119; 31. Ryan Reed, 22, Reed-13.125; 32. Marc DeBeaumont, 11, DeBeaumont/Sewell-13.131; 33. Clay Klepper, 69, Hartman-13.131; 34. Sleepy Tripp, 3, Tripp-13.136; 35. Bryan Stanfill, 25, Stanfill-13.181; 36. Wally Pankratz, 8, Pankratz-13.204; 37. Greg Nelson, 17, Thurston-13.233; 38. Floyd Alvis, 5, Servetti-13.239; 39. J.J. Ercse, 92, Rueter-13.266; 40. Rick Treadway, 2x, Lawson-13.267; 41. John Sarale, 3x, DuPont-13.272; 42. Tony Elliott, 18x, Felts-13.285; 43. Kenny Lewis, 6x, Lewis-13.295; 44. J.J. Yeley, 76, Fontana-13.357; 45. Donnie Lehmann, 53, Minarik-13.384; 46. Jason Lynch, 115, Lynch-13.434; 47. Terry Tarditi, 64, T & T-13.454; 48. Stan Yockey, 47x, Tomassi-13.526; 49. Todd Carroll, 01, Carroll-13.533; 50. Jeremy Sherman, 43, Ellis-13.533; 51. Donnie VanDyke, 8x, Lee-13.543; 52. Larry Brown, 36, Brown-13.556; 53. Bob Ellis, 45, Young-13.574; 54. Robbie Rice, 7H, Haynes-13.675; 55. Nick Geranio, 39, Bulfinch-13.716; 56. Cory Kruseman, 47, Bondio-13.724; 57. Randi Pankratz, 79, Marcus-13.769; 58. Luke Icke, 12x, Icke-13.781; 59. Jack Walker, 25x, Walker-13.785; 60. Darren Hillberg, 33H, Hillberg-13.787; 61. Dave Stoltz, 77x, Stoltz-13.871; 62. Kevin Ames, 24K, Hatra-14.490; 63. Tommy Spencer, 15T, Spencer-14.658; 64. Dave Strickland Jr., 62, Klatt-20.155; 65. Travis Welpott, 18, P & E-NT; 66. Al Murie, 14, Murie-NT; 67. Danny Ebberts, 14, Ebberts-NT; 68. #9x, Lewis-NT; 69. #15, Lawson-NT. (Brian Harris also in #14).

NON-QUALIFIERS RACE: (8 laps – held on November 26) 1. Tony Elliott, 2. J.J. Yeley, 3. Jason Lynch, 4. Donnie Lehmann, 5. Jeremy Sherman, 6. Kenny Brown, 7. Scooter Ellis, 8. Robbie Rice, 9. Terry Tarditi, 10. Donnie VanDyke, 11. John Sarale, 12. Todd Carroll, 13. Kenny Lewis. NT

FIRST SEMI: (12 laps – held on November 26) 1. Jerry Coons Jr., 2. Scott Hansen, 3. Brian Tyler, 4. Keith Rauch, 5. Bryan Stanfill, 6. Scott Nail, 7. Bobby Boone, 8. Greg Nelson, 9. Ryan Reed, 10. Matt Streeter, 11. Clay Klepper, 12. J.J. Erce, 13. Tony Elliott, 14. Robert Dolacki. NT

SECOND SEMI: (12 laps – held on November 26) 1. Kevin Doty, 2. Jordan Hermansader, 3. Jimmy Sills, 4. Rick Hendrix, 5. Aaron Fiscus, 6. Dwayne Marcum, 7. Sleepy Tripp, 8. Nick Lundgreen, 9. Floyd Alvis, 10. Wally Pankratz, 11. Rex Calderwood, 12. Marc DeBeaumont, 13. Rick Treadway, 14. J.J. Yeley. 2:52.19

FEATURE: (100 laps – held on November 26) 1. Jay Drake, 2. Jason Leffler, 3. Jerry Coons Jr., 4. Dave Darland, 5. Kasey Kahne, 6. Dan Boorse, 7. Jimmy Sills, 8. Ricky Shelton, 9. Keith Rauch, 10. Brian Tyler, 11. Robby Flock, 12. Michael Lewis, 13. Ronnie Day, 14. Rick Hendrix, 15. Aaron Fiscus, 16. Dane Carter, 17. Kevin Doty, 18. Scott Hansen, 19. Steve Paden, 20. Bryan Stanfill, 21. Shane Scully, 22. Jordan Hermansader, 23. John Starks, 24. Donnie Beechler. NT

****Dane Carter & Jason Lynch flipped during hot laps. Bobby Boone, Todd Carroll, Stan Yockey & Kevin Ames flipped during qualifying. Kenny Lewis flipped during the non-qualifiers race. Clay Klepper flipped during the first semi. J.J. Yeley flipped during the second semi. John Starks flipped on lap 40 of the feature. Robby Flock flipped on lap 97 of the feature.**

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-10 Ricky Shelton, Laps 11-22 Jay Drake, Laps 23-47 Jason Leffler, Laps 48-100 Jay Drake.

USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jason Leffler-959, 2-Jay Drake-948, 3-Ricky Shelton-828, 4-Jerry Coons Jr.-678, 5-Tracy Hines-568, 6-Jimmy McCune-539, 7-Ronnie Johncox-356, 8-Travis Welpott-347, 9-Michael Lewis-322, 10-Dane Carter-283.

USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Rick Hendrix-572, 2-Bryan Stanfill-523, 3-Wally Pankratz-494, 4-Jason Leffler-471, 5-Shane Scully-454, 6-Steve Paden-384, 7-Bobby Boone-360, 8-Marc DeBeaumont-314, 9-Clay Klepper-300, 10-Dwayne Marcum-295.

NEXT USAC NATIONAL & WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE: November 28, 1998 – Las Vegas Motor Speedway Dirt Track – Las Vegas, Nevada

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USAC NATIONAL & WESTERN STATES MIDGET RACE RESULTS: November 28, 1998 – Las Vegas Motor Speedway Dirt Track – Las Vegas, Nevada

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FINAL USAC NATIONAL MIDGET POINTS: 1-Jason Leffler-959, 2-Jay Drake-948, 3-Ricky Shelton-828, 4-Jerry Coons Jr.-678, 5-Tracy Hines-568, 6-Jimmy McCune-539, 7-Ronnie Johncox-356, 8-Travis Welpott-347, 9-Michael Lewis-322, 10-Dane Carter-283.

FINAL USAC WESTERN STATES MIDGET POINTS: 1-Rick Hendrix-572, 2-Bryan Stanfill-523, 3-Wally Pankratz-494, 4-Jason Leffler-471, 5-Shane Scully-454, 6-Steve Paden-384, 7-Bobby Boone-360, 8-Marc DeBeaumont-314, 9-Clay Klepper-300, 10-Dwayne Marcum-295.