

1977 USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR REVIEW

Sheldon Kinser, a life-long resident of Bloomington, Ind., who dominated super-modified racing on the dirt tracks of that area before joining USAC in 1973, beat out Tom Bigelow to win the Sprint car championship in only his fourth year with the division.

The dark haired, 6 foot 2 inch, 190 pound giant struggled with Bigelow for the whole year, taking the point lead for the last time with only three events remaining on the calendar. It wasn't until the final race started that Kinser knew the Championship was his.

Bigelow took the early point lead and compiled an amazing record in the first half of 1977. No driver had ever won more than 12 USAC Sprint car features in a single season but Bigelow had broken that mark before the '77 campaign was half over. His jet black Sherman Armstrong No. 43 Sprinter had won an incredible 14 times in 25 starts but Kinser in his red Genesee Beer No. 56 was never far behind. Actually Armstrong's Paul Leffler-prepared cars had won 16 races by that time since Johnny Parsons and Bubby Jones had each won a race as substitutes when Bigelow's Championship commitments had prevented him from competing. But from a record smashing first half, Bigelow and the No. 43 slumped to a completely winless second half as Kinser kept on coming.

Tom's final undoing was the point rich "twin 50" at Winchester, Ind. on a freezing cold October afternoon. Bigelow was eliminated with several others in the multi-car accident that took the life of young James McElreath, producing USAC Sprint car racing's first fatality in four years. Tom picked up another "ride" but placed far behind the strong third and fourth place finishes posted by Kinser. Two standard 40-lappers remained on Ascot's half-mile dirt track in Gardena, Cal. and Bigelow just about had to win them both with Kinser no worse than third to claim the title.

The situation became just about impossible after the first weekend when Tom could only manage sixth to Sheldon's third. Sheldon knew he was close but had to spend seven agonizing days waiting for the final race that would decide the outcome.

By the time the final feature started, the ordeal was over. Bigelow had placed sixth in the semi, failing to earn a feature starting position by only two spots. Rather than arrange to substitute for another driver in a futile attempt to outpoint Kinser (who had earned a good starting spot at the head of the pack), Tom sportingly walked over and congratulated Sheldon with a warm hand shake.

Kinser didn't even have to start the race let alone race hard but that was not his style. Four laps from the end of the 40-lapper, a relaxed and relieved Kinser took the lead from Bobby Olivero to score his seventh win of the year. It was his 37th top 10 finish in 50 starts and with seven wins, three runner-up spots and 15 third places Sheldon had averaged a top three finish in every other start!

Sheldon's long-time friend, Galen Fox was the wizard who kept the Chevrolet engines running while Dick Hammond, president of a Buffalo, New York based beer distributing company, Gohr, was both car owner and sponsor. Two cars were used in the spring of 1977 for races on paved tracks while an older "upright" was used on dirt tracks. Both were built by Grant King.

Finishing third in points behind Kinser and Bigelow was defending champion, Duane Carter, Jr., who appeared as if he might be able to defend his crown near the season's end. He was closing rapidly until a disappointing October day in the "twin 50's" at Rossburg, Ohio virtually eliminated him from contention. He started in 36 features and won 10. Consistent Billy Cassella, never a winner in '77 but five times a runner-up finished a close fourth while Bubby Jones had a fine year, winning seven races in 38 starts to place fifth. Only two other drivers won more than one race as Bruce Walkup and the late James McElreath won two each. Single winners who had won in previous years included George Snider, Johnny Parsons, Dana Carter, Chuck Gurney, Gary Bettenhausen and Greg Leffler while drivers winning for the first time in 1977 were Bill Englehart, Eddie Leavitt and Bobby Olivero.

Prize money for the 44 sanctioned events (51 features) leaped to an all-time record of \$473,439, an average of \$10,760 per program. Kinser's earnings reached \$36,232, which was slightly under Bigelow's \$38,559 and Pancho Carter's \$38,692. Carter's share was assisted by the organizers' guarantee of \$250 for every appearance made by the defending champion. On the owner's side, Sherman Armstrong took in a whopping \$44,829.

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USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: March 20, 1977 – Salem Speedway – Salem, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Pancho Carter, 1, Conger/Stapp-17.040; 2. Rollie Beale, 18, Kershner-17.151; 3. Bruce Walkup, 9, Siebert-17.285; 4. Greg Leffler, 69, Davis-17.349; 5. Bob Frey, 16, Frey-17.361; 6. James McElreath, 8, McElreath-17.388; 7. Sheldon Kinser, 56, Gohr-17.404; 8. Joe Saldana, 11, Weaver-17.441; 9. Jerry Weeks, 3, King-17.502; 10. Gary Irvin, 38, Hodson-17.524; 11. Chuck Gurney, 7, Niebel-17.549; 12. Billy Engelhart, 74, Leyba-17.563; 13. George Snider, 55, Knepper-17.578; 14. Mark Alderson, 66, Enslow-17.624; 15. Larry Rice, 98, Aviators-17.644; 16. Billy Cassella, 29, Seymour-17.665; 17. Roger Rager, 30, Trost-17.698; 18. Jim Hettinger, 90, Hettinger-17.855; 19. Steve Chassey, 35, Bowen-17.898; 20. Mack McClellan, 78, McClellan-18.094; 21. Larry Cannon, 59, Hoffman-18.163; 22. Ken Nichols, 79, Watson-18.215; 23. Roy Hicks, 31, Sparks-19.312; 24. Jan Opperman, 40, Longhorn-19.406; 25. Gary Bettenhausen, 12, BRE-NT; 26. Rich Vogler, 39, Vogler-NT; 27. Tom Bigelow, 43, Armstrong-NT; 28. Dana Carter, 44, Conger/Stapp-NT; 29. Mike Schiesel, 45, English-NT; 30. Hugh Steward, 60, Balistreri-NT; 31. Tom Crump, 87, Crump-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Roger Rager, 2. George Snider, 3. Bob Frey, 4. Jerry Weeks, 5. Larry Cannon, 6. Pancho Carter. 2:22.68

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Gary Irvin, 2. James McElreath, 3. Jim Hettinger, 4. Rollie Beale, 5. Mark Alderson, 6. Ken Nichols. 2:24.11

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Sheldon Kinser, 2. Steve Chassey, 3. Chuck Gurney, 4. Bruce Walkup, 5. Larry Rice, 6. Roy Hicks. 2:23.48

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Billy Engelhart, 2. Mack McClellan, 3. Greg Leffler, 4. Billy Cassella, 5. Joe Saldana, 6. Jan Opperman. NT

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Pancho Carter, 2. Joe Saldana, 3. Mark Alderson, 4. Larry Cannon, 5. Larry Rice, 6. Jan Opperman. 2:56.57

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. James McElreath, 2. Bob Frey, 3. Rollie Beale, 4. Gary Irvin, 5. Billy Cassella, 6. Bruce Walkup, 7. Joe Saldana, 8. Jerry Weeks, 9. Billy Engelhart, 10. Jim Hettinger, 11. George Snider, 12. Roger Rager, 13. Chuck Gurney, 14. Larry Cannon, 15. Mark Alderson, 16. Mack McClellan, 17. Steve Chassey, 18. Sheldon Kinser, 19. Greg Leffler, 20. Pancho Carter. 15:57.78

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USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: March 27 & April 17, 1977 – Eldora Speedway – Rossburg, Ohio

QUALIFYING: 1. Sheldon Kinser, 56, Gohr-17.659; 2. Bubby Jones, 40, Longhorn-17.886; 3. Bruce Walkup, 9, Siebert-17.995; 4. Joe Saldana, 11, Weaver-18.066; 5. Larry Cannon, 59, Hoffman-18.103; 6. Billy Engelhart, 74, Leyba-18.164; 7. Billy Cassella, 29, Seymour-18.180; 8. Rich Vogler, 39, Vogler-18.194; 9. Roy Hicks, 31, Sparks-18.229; 10. Roger Rager, 30, Trost-18.240; 11. Chuck Gurney, 7, Niebel-18.260; 12. Bob Frey, 16, Frey-18.273; 13. Lee Osborne, 81, Stauffer-18.319; 14. Mack

McClellan, 78, McClellan-18.372; 15. Jerry Weeks, 3, King-18.373; 16. Steve Chassey, 35, Bowen-18.512; 17. George Snider, 55, Knepper-18.581; 18. Dave Peperak, 77, Peperak-18.585; 19. Jim Hettinger, 90, Hettinger-18.604; 20. Mark Alderson, 66, Enslow-18.673; 21. Mike Schiesel, 45, English-18.770; 22. Karl Busson, 25, Easton-18.822; 23. Larry Rice, 98, Aviators-18.844; 24. Greg Leffler, 43, Armstrong-18.846; 25. Dana Carter, 1, Conger/Stapp-18.934; 26. Hugh Steward, 60, Balistreri-19.044; 27. Malcolm Lovelace, 80, Lovelace-19.215; 28. Steve Kinser, 49, Mayhew-19.478; 29. Steve Cannon, 17, Burton-19.651; 30. Jackie Howerton, 14, Smith-19.891; 31. Dick St. John, 73, Russell-21.678; 32. Ron Shuman, 85, Brown-NT; 33. Ed Lute, 53, Tetrault-NT; 34. Red Bledsoe, 99, Bledsoe-NT; 35. Duke Cook, 48, Cook-NT; 36. #27 Britton-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Sheldon Kinser, 2. Dana Carter, 3. Larry Cannon, 4. Mike Schiesel, 5. Lee Osborne, 6. George Snider, 7. Roy Hicks. 2:27.26

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Roger Rager, 2. Bubby Jones, 3. Mack McClellan, 4. Billy Engelhart, 5. Karl Busson, 6. Dave Peperak, 7. Hugh Steward. NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Chuck Gurney, 2. Bruce Walkup, 3. Billy Cassella, 4. Jerry Weeks, 5. Jim Hettinger, 6. Steve Cannon, 7. Malcolm Lovelace. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Greg Leffler, 2. Rich Vogler, 3. Mark Alderson, 4. Joe Saldana, 5. Steve Kinser, 6. Bob Frey, 7. Steve Chassey. 2:30.85

**Remainder of March 27 program rained out and rescheduled for April 17.

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Bob Frey, 2. Lee Osborne, 3. Roy Hicks, 4. George Snider, 5. Jim Hettinger, 6. Steve Kinser, 7. Steve Chassey, 8. Dave Peperak, 9. Gary Grissom (#60), 10. Steve Cannon, 11. Malcolm Lovelace, 12. Karl Busson. 3:11.99

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Bubby Jones, 2. Bruce Walkup, 3. George Snider, 4. Billy Cassella, 5. Pancho Carter (#1), 6. Tom Bigelow (#43), 7. Chuck Gurney, 8. Roy Hicks, 9. Joe Saldana, 10. Jerry Weeks, 11. Lee Osborne, 12. Mack McClellan, 13. Mike Schiesel, 14. Rich Vogler, 15. Bob Frey, 16. Larry Cannon, 17. Billy Engelhart, 18. Sheldon Kinser, 19. Roger Rager, 20. Mark Alderson. NT

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USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: April 3, 1977 – Winchester Speedway – Winchester, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Tom Bigelow, 43, Armstrong-15.856; 2. Pancho Carter, 1, Conger/Stapp-16.029; 3. George Snider, 55, Knepper-16.107; 4. Sheldon Kinser, 56, Gohr-16.120; 5. Rollie Beale, 18, Kershner-16.138; 6. Bob Frey, 16, Frey-16.168; 7. Billy Cassella, 29, Seymour-16.267; 8. Greg Leffler, 69, Davis-16.308; 9. Billy Engelhart, 74, Leyba-16.333; 10. Mike Schiesel, 45, English-16.353; 11. Joe Saldana, 11, Weaver-16.356; 12. Gary Irvin, 38, Hodson-16.365; 13. Chuck Gurney, 7, Niebel-16.377; 14. Bruce Walkup, 9, Siebert-16.441; 15. Roger Rager, 30, Trost-16.530; 16. Mark Alderson, 66, Enslow-16.575; 17. Jerry Weeks, 3, King-16.579; 18. Larry Rice, 98, Aviators-16.650; 19. Steve Chassey, 35, Bowen-16.650; 20. Dana Carter, 44, Conger/Stapp-16.744; 21. Mack McClellan, 78, McClellan-16.763; 22. Rich Vogler, 39, Vogler-16.769; 23. James McElreath, 17, Burton-16.772; 24. Gary Allbritain, 14, Smith-16.790; 25. Bubby Jones, 40, Longhorn-16.795; 26. Steve Kinser, 49, Mayhew-16.950; 27. Roy Hicks, 31, Hicks-16.983; 28. Gary Gray, 83, Gray-17.013; 29. Jim Hettinger, 90, Hettinger-17.036; 30. Danny Landis, 27, Britton-17.263; 31. Dick St. John, 60, Balistreri-17.547; 32. Tom Crump, 87, Crump-18.181; 33. Duke Cook, 48, Cook-NT; 34. Dick St. John, 73, Russell-NT; 35. James McElreath, 8, McElreath-NT; 36. Karl Busson, 25, Easton-NT; 37. Jeff Bloom, 79, Watson-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Tom Bigelow, 2. Billy Engelhart, 3. Jerry Weeks, 4. Rollie Beale, 5. Bubby Jones, 6. Chuck Gurney, 7. Mack McClellan. 2:12.76

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Pancho Carter, 2. Rich Vogler, 3. Bruce Walkup, 4. Larry Rice, 5. Steve Kinser, 6. Mike Schiesel, 7. Bob Frey. 2:10.51

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Joe Saldana, 2. Roger Rager, 3. James McElreath, 4. Steve Chassey, 5. George Snider, 6. Billy Cassella, 7. Roy Hicks. 2:12.01

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Sheldon Kinser, 2. Gary Allbritain, 3. Gary Irvin, 4. Dana Carter, 5. Greg Leffler, 6. Mark Alderson, 7. Gary Gray. 2:11.86

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Billy Cassella, 2. Greg Leffler, 3. George Snider, 4. Mark Alderson, 5. Chuck Gurney, 6. Mike Schiesel, 7. Bubby Jones, 8. Mack McClellan, 9. Steve Kinser, 10. Danny Landis, 11. Gary Gray, 12. Jim Hettinger. 2:45.88

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Tom Bigelow, 2. Pancho Carter, 3. Sheldon Kinser, 4. George Snider, 5. Billy Cassella, 6. Joe Saldana, 7. Jerry Weeks, 8. Greg Leffler, 9. Gary Irvin, 10. Billy Engelhart, 11. Mark Alderson, 12. Dana Carter, 13. Gary Allbritain, 14. Bruce Walkup, 15. Steve Chassey, 16. Roger Rager, 17. James McElreath, 18. Rich Vogler, 19. Rollie Beale, 20. Larry Rice. 11:14.16

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USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: April 10, 1977 – Eldora Speedway – Rossburg, Ohio

QUALIFYING: 1. Rich Vogler, 39, Vogler-18.540; 2. Tom Bigelow, 43, Armstrong-18.573; 3. Sheldon Kinser, 56, Gohr-18.575; 4. Chuck Gurney, 7, Niebel-18.695; 5. Karl Busson, 25, Easton-18.697; 6. George Snider, 55, Knepper-18.735; 7. Lee Osborne, 81, Stauffer-18.804; 8. Gary Grissom, 60, Balistreri-18.867; 9. Bubby Jones, 40, Longhorn-18.888; 10. Mark Alderson, 66, Enslow-18.947; 11. Steve Chassey, 35, Bowen-18.956; 12. Roger Rager, 30, Trost-19.026; 13. Joe Saldana, 11, Weaver-19.034; 14. Greg Leffler, 69, Davis-19.081; 15. Gary Irvin, 38, Hodson-19.113; 16. Billy Engelhart, 74, Leyba-19.154; 17. James McElreath, 8, McElreath-19.172; 18. Dana Carter, 75, Forberg-19.185; 19. Billy Cassella, 29, Seymour-19.249; 20. Jackie Howerton, 14, Smith-19.332; 21. Gary Dunkle, 34, Konyers-19.358; 22. Bruce Walkup, 9, Siebert-19.405; 23. Roy Hicks, 31, Sparks-19.425; 24. Pancho Carter, 1, Conger/Stapp-19.440; 25. Duke Cook, 48, Cook-19.490; 26. Dave Peperak, 77, Peperak-19.515; 27. Red Bledsoe, 99, Bledsoe-19.568; 28. Jerry Weeks, 3, King-19.583; 29. Larry Cannon, 59, Hoffman-19.623; 30. Mack McClellan, 78, McClellan-19.659; 31. Gary G. Howard, 21, Dorathy-19.716; 32. Rollie Beale, 18, Kershner-19.876; 33. Ron Shuman, 85, Brown-20.014; 34. Gary Gray, 83, Gray-20.070; 35. Larry Rice, 98, Aviators-20.164; 36. Bob Frey, 16, Frey-20.177; 37. Steve Kinser, 49, Mayhew-20.180; 38. Jim Hettinger, 90, Hettinger-20.189; 39. Ed Lute, 71, Null-20.251; 40. Malcolm Lovelace, 80, Lovelace-20.261; 41. Dick St. John, 73, Russell-20.654; 42. Bill Compton, 53, Tetrault-20.798; 43. Tom Crump, 87, Crump-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. James McElreath, 2. Bubby Jones, 3. Duke Cook, 4. Joe Saldana, 5. Gary Dunkle, 6. Rich Vogler, 7. Karl Busson. 2:33.82

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Bruce Walkup, 2. Dana Carter, 3. George Snider, 4. Greg Leffler, 5. Tom Bigelow, 6. Mark Alderson, 7. Dave Peperak. 2:30.65

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Sheldon Kinser, 2. Billy Cassella, 3. Red Bledsoe, 4. Lee Osborne, 5. Roy Hicks, 6. Steve Chassey, 7. Gary Irvin. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Pancho Carter, 2. Jerry Weeks, 3. Roger Rager, 4. Billy Engelhart, 5. Chuck Gurney, 6. Jackie Howerton, 7. Gary Grissom. NT

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Tom Bigelow, 2. Rich Vogler, 3. Chuck Gurney, 4. Karl Busson, 5. Roy Hicks, 6. Steve Chassey, 7. Dave Peperak, 8. Gary Dunkle, 9. Mark Alderson, 10. Gary Irvin, 11. Larry Cannon, 12. Jackie Howerton. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Tom Bigelow, 2. Pancho Carter, 3. George Snider, 4. Chuck Gurney, 5. Billy Cassella, 6. Sheldon Kinser, 7. Bruce Walkup, 8. Joe Saldana, 9. Bubby Jones, 10. Dana Carter, 11. Jerry Weeks, 12. Billy Engelhart, 13. Duke Cook, 14. Lee Osborne, 15. Roger Rager, 16. Red Bledsoe, 17. James McElreath, 18. Karl Busson, 19. Greg Leffler, 20. Rich Vogler. NT

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USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: April 16, 1977 – Indianapolis Raceway Park – Clermont, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Billy Cassella, 29, Seymour-22.395; 2. Larry Rice, 98, Aviators-22.499; 3. Bob Frey, 16, Frey-22.516; 4. Sheldon Kinser, 56, Gohr-22.534; 5. Chuck Gurney, 7, Niebel-22.586; 6. Jim Hettinger, 90, Shick-22.592; 7. Pancho Carter, 1, Conger/Stapp-22.596; 8. Jerry Weeks, 3, King-22.609; 9. Rollie Beale, 18, Kershner-22.625; 10. Gary Irvin, 38, Hodson-22.631; 11. George Snider, 55, Knepper-22.633; 12. Mike Schiesel, 45, English-22.641; 13. Joe Saldana, 11, Weaver-22.723; 14. Rich Vogler, 39, Vogler-22.755; 15. Gary Bettenhausen, 12, BRE-22.756; 16. Billy Engelhart, 74, Leyba-22.875; 17. Gary Allbritain, 14, Smith-22.891; 18. Sleepy Tripp, 5, Seymour-22.932; 19. James McElreath, 8, McElreath-22.936; 20. Bruce Walkup, 9, Siebert-22.989; 21. Dana Carter, 27, Britton-23.051; 22. Mark Alderson, 66, Enslow-23.068; 23. Tom Bigelow, 42, Moorman-23.068; 24. Greg Leffler, 69, Davis-23.070; 25. Steve Chassey, 35, Bowen-23.089; 26. Bubby Jones, 40, Longhorn-23.201; 27. Lee Osborne, 81, Stauffer-23.252; 28. Steve Kinser, 49, Mayhew-23.269; 29. Roy Hicks, 31, Sparks-23.316; 30. Ron Shuman, 85, Brown-23.352; 31. Gary Grissom, 60, Balistreri-23.516; 32. Mack McClellan, 78, McClellan-23.655; 33. Ken Nichols, 79, Watson-23.737; 34. Duke Cook, 48, Cook-23.931; 35. John Anderson, 57, Benovich-23.981; 36. Roger Rager, 30, Trost-24.451; 37. Tom Crump, 87, Crump-24.821; 38. Karl Busson, 25, Easton-NT; 39. Tom Bigelow, 43, Armstrong-NT; 40. Ed Lute, 71, Null-NT; 41. Fran Wewers, 72, Nau-NT; 42. Gary Gray, 83, Gray-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Dana Carter, 2. Billy Cassella, 3. Joe Saldana, 4. Steve Chassey, 5. Gary Allbritain, 6. Rollie Beale, 7. Chuck Gurney. 3:05.51

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Mark Alderson, 2. Bubby Jones, 3. Sleepy Tripp, 4. Rich Vogler, 5. Jim Hettinger, 6. Larry Rice, 7. Gary Irvin. NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Pancho Carter, 2. Lee Osborne, 3. James McElreath, 4. Tom Bigelow, 5. Bob Frey, 6. George Snider, 7. Gary Bettenhausen. 3:01.30

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Greg Leffler, 2. Billy Engelhart, 3. Steve Kinser, 4. Jerry Weeks, 5. Bruce Walkup, 6. Sheldon Kinser, 7. Mike Schiesel. 3:02.03

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Bob Frey, 2. Larry Rice, 3. Sheldon Kinser, 4. Rollie Beale, 5. George Snider, 6. Chuck Gurney, 7. Jim Hettinger, 8. Gary Irvin, 9. Bruce Walkup, 10. Gary Allbritain, 11. Mike Schiesel, 12. Gary Bettenhausen. 3:47.63

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Sheldon Kinser, 2. Bob Frey, 3. Bubby Jones, 4. Jerry Weeks, 5. Billy Engelhart, 6. Larry Rice, 7. Pancho Carter, 8. Dana Carter, 9. Rich Vogler, 10. Sleepy Tripp, 11. Billy Cassella, 12. Tom Bigelow, 13. Steve Chassey, 14. Steve Kinser, 15. Mark Alderson, 16. Greg Leffler, 17. Lee Osborne, 18. Rollie Beale, 19. Joe Saldana, 20. James McElreath. 28:35.43

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USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: April 17, 1977 – Eldora Speedway – Rossburg, Ohio

QUALIFYING: 1. Bubby Jones, 40, Longhorn-19.595; 2. Bruce Walkup, 9, Siebert-19.825; 3. Pancho Carter, 1, Conger/Stapp-19.846; 4. Billy Engelhart, 74, Leyba-19.853; 5. George Snider, 55, Knepper-20.051; 6. Steve Chassey, 35, Bowen-20.209; 7. James McElreath, 8, McElreath-20.241; 8. Ron Shuman, 85, Brown-20.249; 9. Joe Saldana, 11, Weaver-20.352; 10. Lee Osborne, 81, Stauffer-20.359; 11. Greg Leffler, 69, Davis-20.367; 12. Roy Hicks, 31, Sparks-20.388; 13. Billy Cassella, 29, Seymour-20.390; 14. Sheldon Kinser, 49, Mayhew-20.455; 15. Roger Rager, 30, Trost-20.485; 16. Karl Busson, 25, Easton-20.498; 17. Chuck Gurney, 7, Niebel-20.528; 18. Jerry Weeks, 3, King-20.560; 19. Gary Grissom, 60, Balistreri-20.658; 20. Rollie Beale, 18, Kershner-20.677; 21. Gary Dunkle, 34, Conyers-20.755; 22. Duke Cook, 48, Cook-20.796; 23. Dave Peperak, 77, Peperak-20.831; 24. Mark Alderson, 27, Britton-20.930; 25. Larry Rice, 98, Aviators-20.944; 26. Gary G. Howard, 21, Dorathy-20.971; 27. Jim Hettinger, 90, Shick-21.058; 28. Ed Lute, 71, Null-21.067; 29. Tom Bigelow, 43, Armstrong-21.145; 30. Jim McElreath, 14, Smith-21.198; 31. Mike Schiesel, 45, English-21.248; 32. Malcolm Lovelace, 80, Lovelace-21.357; 33. Junior Parkinson, 65, Parkinson-21.396; 34. Steve Cannon, 17, CBS-21.399; 35. Red Bledsoe, 99, Bledsoe-21.459; 36. Mack McClellan, 78, McClellan-21.711; 37. Bill Compton, 53, Tetrault-NT; 38. Rich Vogler, 39, Vogler- NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Billy Cassella, 2. Chuck Gurney, 3. Bubby Jones, 4. Joe Saldana, 5. Gary Dunkle, 6. George Snider, 7. Larry Rice. NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Bruce Walkup, 2. Duke Cook, 3. Sheldon Kinser, 4. Steve Chassey, 5. Gary G. Howard, 6. Lee Osborne, 7. Jerry Weeks. 2:43.61

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Pancho Carter, 2. Jim Hettinger, 3. James McElreath, 4. Dave Peperak, 5. Greg Leffler, 6. Gary Grissom, 7. Roger Rager. 2:45.00

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Mark Alderson, 2. Karl Busson, 3. Billy Engelhart, 4. Ron Shuman, 5. Roy Hicks, 6. Ed Lute, 7. Rollie Beale. NT

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Lee Osborne, 2. George Snider, 3. Tom Bigelow, 4. Greg Leffler, 5. Roger Rager, 6. Roy Hicks, 7. Gary Dunkle, 8. Rollie Beale, 9. Jerry Weeks, 10. Larry Rice, 11. Ed Lute, 12. Gary G. Howard. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. George Snider, 2. Lee Osborne, 3. Bubby Jones, 4. Billy Cassella, 5. Steve Chassey, 6. Tom Bigelow, 7. James McElreath, 8. Ron Shuman, 9. Duke Cook, 10. Karl Busson, 11. Chuck Gurney, 12. Jim Hettinger, 13. Greg Leffler, 14. Dave Peperak, 15. Billy Engelhart, 16. Bruce Walkup, 17. Joe Saldana, 18. Pancho Carter, 19. Sheldon Kinser, 20. Mark Alderson. NT

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USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: April 24, 1977 – Champaign Motor Speedway – Champaign, Illinois

QUALIFYING: 1. Billy Engelhart, 74, Leyba-24.708; 2. Ron Shuman, 85, Brown-24.799; 3. Dana Carter, 1, Conger/Stapp-24.858; 4. George Snider, 55, Knepper-24.967; 5. Greg Leffler, 69, Davis-25.054; 6. Junior Parkinson, 65, Parkinson-25.149; 7. Rich Vogler, 39, Vogler-25.317; 8. Johnny Parsons, 43, Armstrong-25.530; 9. Sheldon Kinser, 56, Gohr-25.621; 10. Gary Gray, 83, Gray-25.665; 11. Larry Rice, 98, Aviators-25.727; 12. Clark Templeman, 41, Coulter-25.887; 13. Jerry Weeks, 3, King-25.926; 14. Chuck Gurney, 7, Niebel-26.086; 15. Gary Grissom, 60, Balistreri-26.122; 16. Steve Chassey, 35, Bowen-26.154; 17. Mike Schiesel, 45, English-26.281; 18. Bruce Walkup, 9, Siebert-26.281; 19. Mack McClellan, 78, McClellan-

26.316; 20. Joe Saldana, 11, Weaver-26.358; 21. Gary Dunkle, 34, Conyers-26.446; 22. Duke Cook, 48, Cook-26.534; 23. Malcolm Lovelace, 80, Lovelace-26.699; 24. Steve Kinser, 49, Mayhew-26.711; 25. Billy Cassella, 29, Seymour-26.727; 26. Eddie Leavitt, 109, Siebert-26.779; 27. Roy Hicks, 31, Sparks-26.800; 28. Gary G. Howard, 21, Dorothy-27.134; 29. Mark Alderson, 66, Enslow-27.213; 30. Jim Hettinger, 90, Shick-27.215; 31. Steve Cannon, 17, CBS-27.257; 32. Roger Rager, 30, Trost-27.390; 33. Bubby Jones, 40, Longhorn-27.543; 34. Lee Osborne, 81, Stauffer-27.629; 35. Tom Crump, 87, Crump-27.642; 36. Dave Peperak, 77, Peperak-27.663; 37. Karl Busson, 25, Easton-27.989; 38. Red Bledsoe, 99, Bledsoe-28.276; 39. Bob Frey, 16, Frey-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Billy Cassella, 2. Gary Dunkle, 3. Jerry Weeks, 4. Sheldon Kinser, 5. Greg Leffler, 6. Mike Schiesel, 7. Billy Engelhart. 3:40.66

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Eddie Leavitt, 2. Bruce Walkup, 3. Chuck Gurney, 4. Ron Shuman, 5. Junior Parkinson, 6. Gary Gray, 7. Duke Cook. 3:40.93

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Malcolm Lovelace, 2. Roy Hicks, 3. Mack McClellan, 4. Larry Rice, 5. Dana Carter, 6. Rich Vogler, 7. Gary Grissom. 3:42.85

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Joe Saldana, 2. Steve Kinser, 3. Steve Chassey, 4. Clark Templeman, 5. Johnny Parsons, 6. Gary G. Howard, 7. George Snider. 3:46.25

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Dana Carter, 2. Greg Leffler, 3. Johnny Parsons, 4. Rich Vogler, 5. George Snider, 6. Junior Parkinson, 7. Gary Grissom, 8. Billy Englehart, 9. Gary Gray, 10. Duke Cook, 11. Mike Schiesel, 12. Gary G. Howard. 4:25.70

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Johnny Parsons, 2. Sheldon Kinser, 3. Rich Vogler, 4. Larry Rice, 5. Eddie Leavitt, 6. Steve Chassey, 7. Chuck Gurney, 8. Joe Saldana, 9. Billy Cassella, 10. Greg Leffler, 11. Clark Templeman, 12. Ron Shuman, 13. Dana Carter, 14. Malcolm Lovelace, 15. Mack McClellan, 16. Steve Kinser, 17. Bubby Jones (#31), 18. Jerry Weeks, 19. Gary Dunkle, 20. Bruce Walkup. NT

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USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: April 30, 1977 – Queen City Speedway – Cincinnati, Ohio

QUALIFYING: 1. Sheldon Kinser, 56, Gohr-17.214; 2. Johnny Parsons, 43, Armstrong-17.220; 3. Greg Leffler, 69, Davis-17.317; 4. Johnny B. Anderson, 57, Benovich-17.385; 5. Billy Cassella, 29, Seymour-17.423; 6. Billy Engelhart, 74, Leyba-17.444; 7. Bob Frey, 16, Frey-17.500; 8. Larry Rice, 98, Aviators-17.501; 9. Bruce Walkup, 9, Siebert-17.515; 10. Clark Templeman, 41, Coulter-17.582; 11. Ken Nichols, 79, Watson-17.607; 12. Steve Chassey, 35, Bowen-17.611; 13. Marvin Carman, 38, Hodson-17.625; 14. George Snider, 55, Knepper-17.631; 15. Jim Hettinger, 90, Shick-17.636; 16. Sleepy Tripp, 5, Seymour-17.646; 17. Dana Carter, 1, Conger/Stapp-17.675; 18. Roger Rager, 30, Trost-17.680; 19. Mack McClellan, 78, McClellan-17.706; 20. Jerry Weeks, 3, King-17.713; 21. Rollie Beale, 18, Kershner-17.758; 22. Mark Alderson, 66, Enslow-17.768; 23. Bubby Jones, 40, Longhorn-17.776; 24. Mike Schiesel, 45, English-17.798; 25. Gary Gray, 83, Gray-17.814; 26. Gary Allbritain, 42, Moorman-17.856; 27. Lee Osborne, 81, Stauffer-17.862; 28. Rodney Combs, 14, Smith-17.872; 29. Joe Saldana, 11, Weaver-17.901; 30. Chuck Gurney, 7, Niebel-17.930; 31. Eddie Leavitt, 109, Siebert-17.954; 32. Fran Wewers, 72, Nau-18.095; 33. Gary Grissom, 60, Balistreri-18.081; 34. Rick Montgomery, 84, Brand-18.086; 35. Steve Kinser, 49, Mayhew-18.172; 36. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 12, BRE-18.212; 37. Duke Cook, 48, Cook-18.415; 38. Tom Crump, 87, Crump-NT; 39. Ed Lute, 71, Lute-NT; 40. Karl Busson, 25, Easton-NT; 41. Ron Shuman, 85, Brown-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Rollie Beale, 2. Sheldon Kinser, 3. Marvin Carman, 4. Billy Cassella, 5. Dana Carter, 6. Gary Gray, 7. Bruce Walkup. 2:28.43

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Johnny Parsons, 2. Clark Templeman, 3. Gary Allbritain, 4. George Snider, 5. Roger Rager, 6. Billy Engelhart, 7. Mark Alderson. 2:21.91

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Bubby Jones, 2. Jim Hettinger, 3. Bob Frey, 4. Lee Osborne, 5. Greg Leffler, 6. Ken Nichols, 7. Mack McClellan. 2:21.64

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Jerry Weeks, 2. Steve Chassey, 3. Rodney Combs, 4. Mike Schiesel, 5. Sleepy Tripp, 6. Larry Rice, 7. Johnny B. Anderson. NT

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Billy Engelhart, 2. Greg Leffler, 3. Dana Carter, 4. Sleepy Tripp, 5. Bruce Walkup, 6. Larry Rice, 7. Ken Nichols, 8. Roger Rager, 9. Mark Alderson, 10. Joe Saldana, 11. Mack McClellan, 12. Gray. 2:57.23

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Sheldon Kinser, 2. Bob Frey, 3. Johnny Parsons, 4. Billy Cassella, 5. Bubby Jones, 6. Dana Carter, 7. Jim Hettinger, 8. George Snider, 9. Marvin Carman, 10. Rollie Beale, 11. Sleepy Tripp, 12. Lee Osborne, 13. Clark Templeman, 14. Jerry Weeks, 15. Steve Chassey, 16. Greg Leffler, 17. Billy Engelhart, 18. Mike Schiesel, 19. Gary Allbritain, 20. Ron Combs. NT

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USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: May 1, 1977 – Sandusky Speedway – Sandusky, Ohio

QUALIFYING: 1. Tom Bigelow, 43, Armstrong-18.565; 2. Rollie Beale, 18, Kershner-18.884; 3. Mark Alderson, 66, Enslow-19.004; 4. Steve Chassey, 35, Bowen-19.042; 5. Duke Cook, 48, Cook-19.199; 6. Greg Leffler, 69, Davis-19.224; 7. Bruce Walkup, 9, Siebert-19.226; 8. Mack McClellan, 78, McClellan-19.237; 9. Bubby Jones, 40, Longhorn-19.327; 10. James McElreath, 8, McElreath-19.329; 11. Pancho Carter, 1, Conger/Stapp-19.369; 12. Joe Saldana, 11, Weaver-19.370; 13. Bob Frey, 16, Frey-19.374; 14. Roger Rager, 30, Trost-19.414; 15. Larry Rice, 98, Aviators-19.415; 16. Billy Cassella, 29, Seymour-19.475; 17. Chuck Gurney, 7, Niebel-19.487; 18. Steve Kinser, 49, Mayhew-19.498; 19. Lee Osborne, 81, Stauffer-19.514; 20. Jim Hettinger, 90, Shick-19.605; 21. Jerry Weeks, 3, King-19.611; 22. Eddie Leavitt, 109, Siebert-19.615; 23. Clark Templeman, 41, Coulter-19.640; 24. Sheldon Kinser, 56, Gohr-19.720; 25. Gary Irvin, 38, Hodson-19.760; 26. Rick Montgomery, 84, Brand-20.064; 27. Karl Busson, 25, Easton-20.121; 28. Fran Wewers, 72, Nau-20.276; 29. Mike Schiesel, 45, English-20.329; 30. Malcolm Lovelace, 80, Lovelace-20.375; 31. Gary Gray, 83, Gray-20.598.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Gary Irvin, 2. Jerry Weeks, 3. Tom Bigelow, 4. Chuck Gurney, 5. Bob Frey, 6. Duke Cook, 7. Bubby Jones. 2:38.12

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Eddie Leavitt, 2. Rollie Beale, 3. Roger Rager, 4. James McElreath, 5. Steve Kinser, 6. Greg Leffler, 7. Rick Montgomery. NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Pancho Carter, 2. Clark Templeman, 3. Lee Osborne, 4. Bruce Walkup, 5. Mark Alderson, 6. Larry Rice, 7. Karl Busson. 2:34.62

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Sheldon Kinser, 2. Jim Hettinger, 3. Joe Saldana, 4. Steve Chassey, 5. Mack McClellan, 6. Billy Cassella, 7. Fran Wewers. 2:33.23

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Mark Alderson, 2. Greg Leffler, 3. Bubby Jones, 4. Duke Cook, 5. Billy Cassella, 6. Mack McClellan, 7. Bob Frey, 8. Steve Kinser, 9. Gary Gray, 10. Larry Rice, 11. Malcolm Lovelace, 12. Karl Busson. 3:10.15

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Bruce Walkup, 2. Rollie Beale, 3. Greg Leffler, 4. Bubby Jones, 5. Tom Bigelow, 6. Pancho Carter, 7. Joe Saldana, 8. Sheldon Kinser, 9. Jim Hettinger, 10. Chuck Gurney, 11. James McElreath, 12. Eddie Leavitt, 13. Roger Rager,

14. Jerry Weeks, 15. Lee Osborne, 16. Billy Cassella, 17. Clark Templeman, 18. Mark Alderson, 19. Steve Chassey, 20. Duke Cook. NT

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JAMES McELREATH WINS \$50,000 TONY HULMAN CLASSIC

James McElreath won the richest Sprint race ever held May 7 at Terre Haute, Ind. Driving the Amax Coal Chevy owned by his father, Jim, he led the final 23 laps of the 40-lap "Tony Hulman Classic," which offered over \$50,000 to the participants.

The victory moved James back into the top 10 in the points (ninth) and was his second of the season. Jerry Weeks led the first 17 laps of the feature before James got by. The winner was never headed after passing Weeks.

Clark Templeman, son of the three time USAC Midget Champion Shorty Templeman, finished second in the Coulter Chevy and pressured McElreath in the closing laps. Roger Rager was third followed by Billy Cassella and Weeks.

The feature was red flagged twice due to accidents. Joe Saldana sailed end-over-end out of the ballpark in turn three on the first lap in the Weaver Excavating Chevy. He fortunately escaped injury.

Then Steve Chassey tried the same thing two laps later in the Bowen Olds but stayed in the park. Steve's flipping mount was struck by Bob Frey, who was treated at a nearby hospital for a lacerated arm and released. The accidents were probably due to the sun which was setting in the west and hampering the view of drivers going into turn three.

Fourth-place finisher Cassella closed to within 18 points of division leader Sheldon Kinser. Kinser was the fastest of 59 cars on hand to attempt QUALIFYING, but he spun out of the 40-lap feature at lap 15 and ended up 17th.

Former Hulman Classic winners Pancho Carter, Bruce Walkup and George Snider all missed the feature event at Terre Haute. Gary Bettenhausen was the highest finishing former winner, placing 14th.

Clark Templeman earned "Rookie of the Race" honors for his second-place finish.

Interested spectators at the race included Billy Carter, brother of the President of the United States and TV celebrities Kent McCord, Dan Haggerty, Art Linkletter and Alvey Moore.

USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: May 7, 1977 – Terre Haute Action Track – Terre Haute, Indiana – Tony Hulman Classic

QUALIFYING: 1. Sheldon Kinser, 56, Gohr-24.736; 2. Rich Vogler, 39, Vogler-25.121; 3. Rollie Beale, 18, Kershner-25.142; 4. James McElreath, 8, McElreath-25.204; 5. Mark Alderson, 66, Enslow-25.242; 6. Jerry Weeks, 3, King-25.296; 7. George Snider, 55, Knepper-25.355; 8. Eddie Leavitt, 109, Siebert-25.387; 9. Clark Templeman, 41, Coulter-25.407; 10. Roger Rager, 30, Trost-25.482; 11. Joe Saldana, 11, Weaver-25.538; 12. Pancho Carter, 1, Conger/Stapp-25.560; 13. Steve Chassey, 35, Bowen-25.599; 14. Greg Leffler, 69, Davis-25.754; 15. Dana Carter, 185, Brown-25.770; 16. Ron Shuman, 85, Brown-25.799; 17. Chuck Gurney, 7, Siebert-25.883; 18. Tom Bigelow, 43, Armstrong-25.936; 19. Bubby Jones, 40, Longhorn-25.943; 20. Larry Rice, 98, Aviators-25.964; 21. Bob Frey, 16, Frey-26.034; 22. Billy Engelhart, 74, Leyba- 26.049; 23. Johnny Parsons, 32, Marcello- 26.100; 24. Jim Hettinger, 90, Shick-26.109; 25. Rich Leavell, 6, Weaver-26.124; 26. Gary Bettenhausen, 42, Moorman-26.180; 27. Mack McClellan, 78, McClellan-26.188; 28. Jackie Howerton, 20, Rhoades-26.304; 29. Junior Parkinson, 65, Parkinson-26.329; 30. Roy Hicks, 31, Sparks-26.348; 31. Billy Cassella, 29, Seymour-26.349; 32. Red Bledsoe, 99, Bledsoe-26.355; 33. Bruce Walkup, 9, Siebert-26.439; 34. Bob East, 14, Smith-26.459; 35. Bruce Walkup, 44,

Conger/Stapp-26.499; 36. Lee Osborne, 81, Stauffer-26.526; 37. Gary Gray, 83, Gray-26.638; 38. Mike Schiesel, 45, English-26.739; 39. Steve Kinser, 49, Mayhew-26.751; 40. Gary G. Howard, 21, Dorathy-26.872; 41. Dave Peperak, 77, Peperak-26.937; 42. Gary Dunkle, 34, Conyers-26.964; 43. Billy Cassella, 5, Seymour-27.038; 44. Gary Irvin, 38, Hodson-27.087; 45. Malcolm Lovelace, 80, Lovelace-27.102; 46. Duke Cook, 48, Cook-27.148; 47. Gary Grissom, 60, Balistreri-27.166; 48. John Lucas, 53, Tetrault-27.299; 49. Ed Lute, 72, Nau-27.666; 50. Tom Steiner, 82, Jackson-27.746; 51. Tom Crump, 87, Crump-27.760; 52. Rick Montgomery, 84, Brand-27.833; 53. Steve Cannon, 17, CBS-27.856; 54. Ed Lute, 71, Lute-27.963; 55. David Fair, 96c, Allen-28.020; 56. Ken Nichols, 79, Watson-28.020; 57. Karl Busson, 25, Easton-NT; 58. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 12, BRE-NT; 59. Gary G. Howard, 27, Britton-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Sheldon Kinser, 2. Steve Chassey, 3. Bob Frey, 4. Clark Templeman, 5. Mark Alderson, 6. Chuck Gurney, 7. Billy Cassella (#6). 3:18.69

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Roger Rager, 2. Jerry Weeks, 3. Billy Engelhart, 4. Greg Leffler, 5. Rich Vogler, 6. Gary Bettenhausen, 7. Tom Bigelow. NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Dana Carter, 2. Joe Saldana, 3. Johnny Parsons, 4. Bubby Jones, 5. Rollie Beale, 6. George Snider, 7. Mack McClellan. 3:20.65

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Jackie Howerton, 2. Ron Shuman, 3. Larry Rice, 4. James McElreath, 5. Eddie Leavitt, 6. Jim Hettinger, 7. Pancho Carter. NT

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Rich Vogler, 2. Mark Alderson, 3. Billy Cassella (#6), 4. Gary Bettenhausen, 5. Rollie Beale, 6. George Snider, 7. Tom Bigelow, 8. Pancho Carter, 9. Mack McClellan, 10. Jim Hettinger, 11. Eddie Leavitt, 12. Chuck Gurney. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. James McElreath, 2. Clark Templeman, 3. Roger Rager, 4. Billy Cassella, 5. Jerry Weeks, 6. Bubby Jones, 7. Jackie Howerton, 8. Larry Rice, 9. Rich Vogler, 10. Dana Carter, 11. Greg Leffler, 12. Johnny Parsons, 13. Mark Alderson, 14. Gary Bettenhausen, 15. Tom Bigelow, 16. Ron Shuman, 17. Sheldon Kinser, 18. Steve Chassey, 19. Bob Frey, 20. Joe Saldana. NT

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USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: May 14, 1977 – Indianapolis Raceway Park – Clermont, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Tom Bigelow, 43, Armstrong-22.153; 2. Steve Kinser, 49, Mayhew-22.407; 3. Billy Cassella, 29, Seymour-22.415; 4. Tom Steiner, 82, Jackson-22.471; 5. Larry Rice, 98, Aviators-22.551; 6. Sleepy Tripp, 5, Seymour-22.574; 7. Marvin Carman, 61, Welch-22.586; 8. Sheldon Kinser, 56, Gohr-22.601; 9. Bubby Jones, 40, Longhorn-22.621; 10. Bob Frey, 16, Frey-22.652; 11. Rollie Beale, 18, Kershner-22.659; 12. Jim Hettinger, 90, Shick-22.702; 13. Pancho Carter, 1, Conger/Stapp-22.724; 14. Mark Alderson, 66, Enslow-22.744; 15. Gary Irvin, 38, Hodson-22.757; 16. Jerry Weeks, 3, King-22.770; 17. Rich Vogler, 21, Dorathy-22.791; 18. Bruce Walkup, 9, Siebert-22.798; 19. Chuck Gurney, 7, Niebel-22.815; 20. Joe Saldana, 11, Weaver-22.823; 21. Greg Leffler, 69, Davis-22.829; 22. Johnny Parsons, 55, Knepper-22.832; 23. Larry Moore, 74, Leyba-22.854; 24. Billy Engelhart, 42, Moorman-22.888; 25. Eddie Leavitt, 109, Siebert-22.899; 26. Mack McClellan, 78, McClellan-22.907; 27. Roger Rager, 30, Trost-22.969; 28. Steve Chassey, 35, Bowen-22.981; 29. Gary Gray, 83, Gray-22.986; 30. Clark Templeman, 41, Coulter-23.053; 31. Ron Shuman, 85, Brown-23.061; 32. Dana Carter, 32, Marcello-23.280; 33. Gary Allbritain, 14, Smith-23.363; 34. Mike Schiesel, 45, English-23.437; 35. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 12, BRE-23.456; 36. Steve Cannon, 17, CBS-23.535; 37. Tom Crump, 87, Crump-23.777; 38. Malcolm Lovelace, 80, Lovelace-23.934; 39. David Fair, 96c, Allen-24.073; 40. Gary Grissom, 60, Balistreri-24.108; 41. Dick St. John, 73, Russell-24.122; 42. Ron Rea, 27,

Britton-24.125; 43. Rick Montgomery, 84, Brand-24.257; 44. John Lucas, 53, Tetrault-24.520; 45. Johnny B. Anderson, 72, Nau-24.285; 46. Ken Nichols, 79, Watson-NT.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Billy Cassella, 2. Tom Steiner, 3. Steve Kinser, 4. Tom Bigelow. NT

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Pancho Carter, 2. Greg Leffler, 3. Larry Rice, 4. Eddie Leavitt, 5. Bubby Jones, 6. Tom Bigelow, 7. Rich Vogler. 3:01.53

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Johnny Parsons, 2. Bruce Walkup, 3. Mack McClellan, 4. Bob Frey, 5. Mark Alderson, 6. Steve Kinser, 7. Sleepy Tripp. 3:02.54

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Larry Moore, 2. Rollie Beale, 3. Roger Rager, 4. Gary Irvin, 5. Marvin Carman, 6. Billy Cassella, 7. Chuck Gurney. 3:04.93

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Joe Saldana, 2. Sheldon Kinser, 3. Jim Hettinger, 4. Billy Engelhart, 5. Jerry Weeks, 6. Tom Steiner, 7. Steve Chassey. 3:01.89

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Tom Bigelow, 2. Steve Kinser, 3. Sleepy Tripp, 4. Billy Cassella, 5. Marvin Carman, 6. Jerry Weeks, 7. Mark Alderson, 8. Gary Gray, 9. Clark Templeman, 10. Chuck Gurney, 11. Bubby Jones, 12. Rich Vogler. 3:47.86

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Tom Bigelow, 2. Pancho Carter, 3. Sheldon Kinser, 4. Larry Rice, 5. Rollie Beale, 6. Billy Cassella, 7. Joe Saldana, 8. Bruce Walkup, 9. Bob Frey, 10. Larry Moore, 11. Greg Leffler, 12. Gary Irvin, 13. Johnny Parsons, 14. Sleepy Tripp, 15. Steve Kinser, 16. Billy Engelhart, 17. Mack McClellan, 18. Jim Hettinger, 19. Eddie Leavitt, 20. Roger Rager. NT

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USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: May 15, 1977 – Winchester Speedway – Winchester, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Pancho Carter, 1, Conger/Stapp-15.938; 2. George Snider, 43, Armstrong-16.112; 3. Larry Moore, 74, Leyba-16.239; 4. Rollie Beale, 18, Kershner-16.384; 5. Bubby Jones, 40, Longhorn-16.385; 6. Joe Saldana, 11, Weaver-16.431; 7. Clark Templeman, 41, Coulter-16.437; 8. Sheldon Kinser, 56, Gohr-16.459; 9. Jerry Weeks, 3, King-16.467; 10. Steve Kinser, 49, Mayhew-16.502; 11. Greg Leffler, 69, Davis-16.526; 12. Larry Rice, 98, Aviators-16.548; 13. Chuck Gurney, 55, Knepper-16.600; 14. Bob Frey, 16, Frey-16.619; 15. Billy Cassella, 29, Seymour-16.620; 16. Rich Vogler, 21, Dorathy-16.681; 17. Billy Engelhart, 38, Hodson-16.694; 18. Bruce Walkup, 9, Siebert-16.748; 19. Mike Schiesel, 45, English-16.759; 20. Dick St. John, 73, Russell-16.783; 21. Marvin Carman, 61, Welch-16.854; 22. Roger Rager, 30, Trost-17.127; 23. Ron Rea, 27, Britton-17.193; 24. Steve Cannon, 17, CBS-17.582; 25. Malcolm Lovelace, 80, Lovelace-17.789; 26. Fran Wewers, 72, Nau-18.004; 27. Bob East, 14, Smith-18.350; 28. John Lucas, 53, Tetrault-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Pancho Carter, 2. Chuck Gurney, 3. Jerry Weeks, 4. Marvin Carman, 5. Billy Engelhart, 6. Bubby Jones, 7. Malcolm Lovelace. 2:14.77

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. George Snider, 2. Bruce Walkup, 3. Steve Kinser, 4. Joe Saldana, 5. Bob Frey, 6. Roger Rager, 7. Fran Wewers. 2:12.07

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Mike Schiesel, 2. Billy Cassella, 3. Larry Moore, 4. Greg Leffler, 5. Bob East, 6. Ron Rea, 7. Clark Templeman. 2:14.71

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Dick St. John, 2. Rollie Beale, 3. Rich Vogler, 4. Sheldon Kinser, 5. Steve Cannon, 6. Larry Rice. 2:16.33

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Bubby Jones, 2. Bob Frey, 3. Billy Engelhart, 4. Roger Rager, 5. Steve Cannon, 6. Ron Rea, 7. Fran Wewers, 8. Malcolm Lovelace, 9. Bob East, 10. Larry Rice, 11. Clark Templeman, 12. John Lucas. 2:46.59

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Pancho Carter, 2. George Snider, 3. Sheldon Kinser, 4. Joe Saldana, 5. Billy Cassella, 6. Rollie Beale, 7. Bob Frey, 8. Chuck Gurney, 9. Marvin Carman, 10. Steve Kinser, 11. Roger Rager, 12. Mike Schiesel, 13. Bubby Jones, 14. Billy Engelhart, 15. Larry Moore, 16. Greg Leffler, 17. Steve Cannon, 18. Jerry Weeks, 19. Rich Vogler, 20. Dick St. John. NT

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USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: May 22, 1977 – Millstream Motor Speedway – Findlay, Ohio

QUALIFYING: 1. Billy Cassella, 29, Seymour-20.114; 2. Sheldon Kinser, 56, Gohr-20.359; 3. Steve Kinser, 49, Mayhew-20.378; 4. Eddie Leavitt, 109, Siebert-20.423; 5. Steve Chassey, 35, Bowen-20.455; 6. Ron Shuman, 85, Brown-20.479; 7. Rich Leavell, 7, Niebel-20.544; 8. Larry Rice, 98, Aviators-20.563; 9. Bruce Walkup, 9, Siebert-20.605; 10. Tom Bigelow, 43, Armstrong-20.627; 11. Duke Cook, 48, Cook-20.705; 12. Rich Vogler, 31, Dorathy-20.752; 13. Greg Leffler, 69, Davis-20.756; 14. Rollie Beale, 11, Weaver-20.763; 15. Mark Alderson, 66, Enslow-20.810; 16. Mike Schiesel, 45, English-20.893; 17. Jerry Weeks, 3, King-20.907; 18. Clark Templeman, 30, Trost-20.951; 19. Bob Frey, 16, Frey-20.969; 20. Bob East, 31, Sparks-21.005; 21. Dave Peperak, 77, Peperak-21.127; 22. Gary G. Howard, 14, Smith-21.137; 23. Ed Lute, 71, Lute-21.171; 24. Karl Busson, 25, Easton-21.201; 25. Lee Osborne, 81, Stauffer-21.222; 26. Malcolm Lovelace, 80, Lovelace-21.280; 27. Chuck Gurney, 41, Coulter-21.317; 28. Red Bledsoe, 99, Bledsoe-21.338; 29. Mack McClellan, 78, McClellan-21.345; 30. Jim Hettinger, 90, Shick-21.849; 31. Rick Montgomery, 84, Brand-22.442; 32. Gary Grissom, 60, Balistreri-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Lee Osborne, 2. Greg Leffler, 3. Steve Chassey, 4. Jerry Weeks, 5. Bruce Walkup, 6. Billy Cassella, 7. Dave Peperak. NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Rollie Beale, 2. Tom Bigelow, 3. Gary G. Howard, 4. Clark Templeman, 5. Sheldon Kinser, 6. Ron Shuman, 7. Malcolm Lovelace. 2:49.98

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Mark Alderson, 2. Steve Kinser, 3. Rich Leavell, 4. Chuck Gurney, 5. Ed Lute, 6. Duke Cook, 7. Bob Frey. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Karl Busson, 2. Larry Rice, 3. Bob East, 4. Eddie Leavitt, 5. Red Bledsoe, 6. Mike Schiesel, 7. Rich Vogler. 2:59.05

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Billy Cassella, 2. Bruce Walkup, 3. Ron Shuman, 4. Duke Cook, 5. Jim Hettinger, 6. Rich Vogler, 7. Dave Peperak, 8. Malcolm Lovelace, 9. Red Bledsoe, 10. Sheldon Kinser, 11. Mike Schiesel, 12. Mack McClellan. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Tom Bigelow, 2. Steve Chassey, 3. Sheldon Kinser (#81), 4. Eddie Leavitt, 5. Duke Cook, 6. Clark Templeman, 7. Mark Alderson, 8. Billy Cassella, 9. Bruce Walkup, 10. Rich Leavell, 11. Larry Rice, 12. Bob East, 13. Jerry Weeks, 14. Rollie Beale, 15. Steve Kinser, 16. Chuck Gurney, 17. Greg Leffler, 18. Ron Shuman, 19. Karl Busson, 20. Gary G. Howard. NT

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BIGELOW SWEEPS HOOSIER SPRINTS

Tom Bigelow drove the Armstrong Mould Chevy to victory in the twin 50-mile races which comprised the Hoosier Sprints at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis, Ind. on May 27.

Roger Rager thrilled the fans at the Indiana State Fairgrounds by dueling with Bigelow for many laps in the second 50, trading the lead with Tom for five consecutive laps before dropping to fourth. Rager's brakes failed causing him to slow at the finish.

The Hoosier Sprints purse topped the \$21,000 figure.

USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: May 27, 1977 – Indiana State Fairgrounds – Indianapolis, Indiana – Hoosier Sprints

QUALIFYING: 1. Eddie Leavitt, 109, Siebert-36.974; 2. Sheldon Kinser, 56, Gohr-37.056; 3. George Snider, 20, Rhoades-37.120; 4. Tom Bigelow, 43, Armstrong-37.138; 5. Gary Bettenhausen, 42, Moorman-37.186; 6. Billy Cassella, 29, Seymour-37.208; 7. Chuck Gurney, 41, Coulter-37.313; 8. Greg Leffler, 69, Davis-37.347; 9. Bubby Jones, 40, Longhorn-37.358; 10. Joe Saldana, 11, Weaver-37.384; 11. Steve Chassey, 35, Bowen-37.388; 12. Lee Osborne, 81, Stauffer-37.462; 13. Gary G. Howard, 14, Smith-37.488; 14. Jerry Weeks, 3, King-37.501; 15. Rich Leavell, 7, Niebel-37.508; 16. Rollie Beale, 18, Kershner-37.622; 17. Bruce Walkup, 9, Siebert-37.626; 18. Clark Templeman, 55, Knepper-37.714; 19. Mark Alderson, 66, Enslow-37.736; 20. Roy Hicks, 61, Welch-37.749; 21. Bob Frey, 16, Frey-37.754; 22. Roger Rager, 30, Trost-37.760; 23. Ron Shuman, 85, Brown-37.774; 24. Steve Kinser, 49, Mayhew-37.800; 25. Duke Cook, 48, Cook-37.801; 26. Mike Schiesel, 45, English-37.812; 27. Larry Rice, 98, Aviators-37.818; 28. Dave Peperak, 77, Peperak-37.949; 29. James McElreath, 1, Conger/Stapp-37.957; 30. Larry Moore, 74, Leyba-38.048; 31. Junior Parkinson, 65, Parkinson-38.055; 32. Rich Vogler, 59, Hoffman-38.101; 33. Steve Cannon, 17, CBS-38.128; 34. Bob East, 31, Sparks-38.149; 35. Karl Busson, 25, Easton-38.188; 36. Malcolm Lovelace, 80, Lovelace-38.252; 37. Mack McClellan, 78, McClellan-38.431; 38. Danny Landis, 27, Britton-38.719; 39. John Lucas, 53, Tetrault-38.789; 40. Ed Lute, 71, Lute-38.835; 41. Rick Montgomery, 84, Brand-38.956; 42. Jim Hettinger, 90, Shick-39.193.

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Roger Rager, 2. Bob Frey, 3. Ron Shuman, 4. Steve Kinser, 5. Mike Schiesel, 6. Larry Rice, 7. Bob East, 8. James McElreath, 9. Duke Cook, 10. Larry Moore, 11. Rick Montgomery, 12. Junior Parkinson, 13. Malcolm Lovelace, 14. Karl Busson, 15. Danny Landis, 16. John Lucas, 17. Ed Lute, 18. Rich Vogler, 19. Dave Peperak, 20. Steve Cannon. NT

FIRST FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Tom Bigelow, 2. Steve Chassey, 3. Bubby Jones, 4. Roy Hicks, 5. Mark Alderson, 6. Lee Osborne, 7. Clark Templeman, 8. Eddie Leavitt, 9. Chuck Gurney, 10. Greg Leffler, 11. Rich Leavell, 12. Larry Rice, 13. Gary Bettenhausen, 14. Jerry Weeks, 15. Bruce Walkup, 16. Roger Rager, 17. George Snider, 18. Joe Saldana, 19. Ron Shuman, 20. Bob East, 21. Rollie Beale, 22. Gary G. Howard, 23. Mike Schiesel, 24. Sheldon Kinser, 25. Steve Kinser, 26. Bob Frey, 27. Billy Cassella, 28. James McElreath. NT

SECOND FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Tom Bigelow, 2. Joe Saldana, 3. Billy Cassella, 4. Roger Rager, 5. Eddie Leavitt, 6. Roy Hicks, 7. Clark Templeman, 8. Duke Cook, 9. Sheldon Kinser (#85), 10. Malcolm Lovelace, 11. Karl Busson, 12. Bruce Walkup, 13. Mark Alderson, 14. Larry Moore, 15. James McElreath, 16. Larry Rice, 17. Junior Parkinson, 18. Greg Leffler, 19. Mike Schiesel, 20. George Snider, 21. Bob Frey, 22. Rick Montgomery, 23. Gary G. Howard, 24. Lee Osborne, 25. Steve Chassey, 26. Rich Leavell, 27. Gary Bettenhausen, 28. Chuck Gurney. 29:52.60

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A large crowd turned out also for the Memorial Day race at Salem in which Tom Bigelow ended Pancho Carter's three- race victory string during the Memorial Day 200 on May 30 at Salem (Ind.) Speedway.

Bigelow finished third as Carter won the first of two 50-lappers at Salem, then turned the tables on the defending Sprint champ in the finale. The win was car owner Sherman Armstrong's first at Salem since purchasing the track.

The triumphs gave Bigelow five wins in his last six Sprint starts and Armstrong's car has now won eight Sprint features this year!

Larry Moore of Dayton, Ohio suffered a broken left hip in a five-car crash on lap three of the final Sprint feature at Salem. His car was struck by one driven by Jim Hettinger. Hettinger was treated for cuts on both knees. Larry Rice also flipped during the tangle but escaped injury.

USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: May 30, 1977 – Salem Speedway – Salem, Indiana – Memorial Day 200

QUALIFYING: 1. Pancho Carter, 1, Conger/Stapp-16.583; 2. Tom Bigelow, 43, Armstrong-16.766; 3. Sheldon Kinser, 56, Gohr-17.037; 4. Billy Cassella, 29, Seymour-17.140; 5. Roger Rager, 30, Trost-17.178; 6. James McElreath, 8, McElreath-17.197; 7. Greg Leffler, 69, Davis-17.212; 8. Bruce Walkup, 9, Siebert-17.242; 9. Larry Rice, 98, Aviators-17.272; 10. Jerry Weeks, 3, King-17.310; 11. Bubby Jones, 40, Longhorn-17.322; 12. Rollie Beale, 18, Kershner-17.343; 13. Bob Frey, 16, Frey-17.348; 14. Larry Moore, 74, Leyba-17.365; 15. Joe Saldana, 11, Weaver-17.395; 16. Chuck Gurney, 41, Coulter-17.526; 17. Steve Kinser, 49, Mayhew-17.563; 18. Jim Hettinger, 90, Shick-17.563; 19. Mack McClellan, 78, McClellan-17.660; 20. Gary Irvin, 38, Hodson-17.705; 21. Mike Schiesel, 45, English-17.708; 22. Steve Cannon, 17, CBS-17.836; 23. Rich Leavell, 7, Niebel-17.927; 24. Steve Chassey, 35, Bowen-18.027; 25. Rick Montgomery, 84, Brand-18.067; 26. Roy Hicks, 61, Welch-18.114; 27. Eddie Leavitt, 109, Siebert-18.154; 28. Gary Bettenhausen, 12, BRE-18.398; 29. Malcolm Lovelace, 80, Lovelace-19.062.

CONSOLATION RACE: (15 laps) 1. Eddie Leavitt, 2. Roy Hicks, 3. Rich Leavell, 4. Steve Chassey, 5. Steve Cannon, 6. Malcolm Lovelace, 7. Mike Schiesel, 8. Rick Montgomery, 9. Gary Bettenhausen. 4:25.52

FIRST FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Pancho Carter, 2. Billy Cassella, 3. Tom Bigelow, 4. Rollie Beale, 5. Larry Moore, 6. Joe Saldana, 7. Jerry Weeks, 8. Bubby Jones, 9. Gary Irvin, 10. Steve Kinser, 11. Larry Rice, 12. James McElreath, 13. Mack McClellan, 14. Roger Rager, 15. Bruce Walkup, 16. Sheldon Kinser, 17. Chuck Gurney, 18. Jim Hettinger, 19. Bob Frey, 20. Greg Leffler. 14:34.90

SECOND FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Tom Bigelow, 2. Pancho Carter, 3. Sheldon Kinser, 4. Bruce Walkup, 5. Rollie Beale, 6. Chuck Gurney, 7. Joe Saldana, 8. Jerry Weeks, 9. Steve Kinser, 10. Bob Frey, 11. James McElreath, 12. Greg Leffler, 13. Billy Cassella, 14. Gary Irvin, 15. Larry Moore, 16. Bubby Jones, 17. Larry Rice, 18. Roger Rager, 19. Jim Hettinger, 20. Mack McClellan. NT

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USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: June 5, 1977 – Terre Haute Action Track – Terre Haute, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. James McElreath, 8, McElreath-23.737; 2. Sheldon Kinser, 56, Gohr-24.323; 3. Bubby Jones, 40, Longhorn-24.364; 4. Chuck Gurney, 41, Coulter-24.368; 5. Tom Bigelow, 43, Armstrong-24.406; 6. Clark Templeman, 55, Knepper-24.464; 7. Pancho Carter, 1, Conger/Stapp-24.520; 8. Steve Chassey, 35, Bowen-24.542; 9. George Snider, 20, Rhoades-24.567; 10. Eddie Leavitt, 109, Siebert-24.568; 11. Steve Kinser, 49, Mayhew-24.651; 12. Roger Rager, 30, Trost-24.745; 13. Mark Alderson, 66, Enslow-24.877; 14. Ron Shuman, 85, Brown-24.935; 15. Roy Hicks, 61, Welch-24.951; 16. Rich Leavell, 7, Niebel-24.960; 17. Greg Leffler, 69, Davis-25.074; 18. Bob East, 31, Sparks-25.124; 19. Karl Busson, 25, Easton-25.139;

20. Jerry Weeks, 3, King-25.145; 21. Larry Rice, 178, Baldwin-25.352; 22. Rich Vogler, 39, Vogler-25.376; 23. Tom Steiner, 82, Steiner-25.381; 24. Joe Saldana, 11, Weaver-25.425; 25. Gary Bettenhausen, 42, Moorman-25.453; 26. Bruce Walkup, 9, Siebert-25.493; 27. Billy Cassella, 29, Seymour-25.519; 28. Rick Montgomery, 84, Brand-25.577; 29. Dave Peperak, 77, Peperak-25.693; 30. Mike Schiesel, 45, English-25.863; 31. Duke Cook, 48, Cook-25.939; 32. Red Bledsoe, 99, Bledsoe-26.046; 33. Mack McClellan, 78, McClellan-26.088; 34. Steve Cannon, 17, CBS-26.136; 35. Gary Grissom, 53, Tetrault-26.245; 36. Tom Crump, 87, Crump-26.324; 37. Gary G. Howard, 14, Smith-26.377.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Tom Bigelow, 2. James McElreath, 3. George Snider, 4. Gary Bettenhausen, 5. Larry Rice, 6. Greg Leffler, 7. Mark Alderson. 3:22.53

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Sheldon Kinser, 2. Rich Vogler, 3. Bob East, 4. Ron Shuman, 5. Eddie Leavitt, 6. Clark Templeman, 7. Bruce Walkup. NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Billy Cassella, 2. Steve Kinser, 3. Bubby Jones, 4. Karl Busson, 5. Tom Steiner, 6. Pancho Carter, 7. Roy Hicks. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Joe Saldana, 2. Roger Rager, 3. Chuck Gurney, 4. Steve Chassey, 5. Jerry Weeks, 6. Rick Montgomery, 7. Rich Leavell. NT

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Eddie Leavitt, 2. Mark Alderson, 3. Bruce Walkup, 4. Greg Leffler, 5. Dave Peperak, 6. Rick Montgomery, 7. Mike Schiesel, 8. Larry Rice, 9. Clark Templeman, 10. Duke Cook, 11. Red Bledsoe, 12. Jerry Weeks. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Sheldon Kinser, 2. James McElreath, 3. Greg Leffler, 4. Gary Bettenhausen, 5. Steve Chassey, 6. Chuck Gurney, 7. Roger Rager, 8. Eddie Leavitt, 9. Billy Cassella, 10. Bubby Jones, 11. Bruce Walkup, 12. Mark Alderson, 13. Joe Saldana, 14. Karl Busson, 15. George Snider, 16. Bob East, 17. Steve Kinser, 18. Tom Bigelow, 19. Rich Vogler, 20. Ron Shuman. NT

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USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: June 11, 1977 – Winchester Speedway – Winchester, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Tom Bigelow, 43, Armstrong-15.689; 2. Sheldon Kinser, 56, Gohr-15.713; 3. Dana Carter, 1, Conger/Stapp-16.003; 4. James McElreath, 8, McElreath-16.036; 5. Joe Saldana, 11, Weaver-16.051; 6. Billy Cassella, 29, Seymour-16.148; 7. Chuck Gurney, 41, Coulter-16.192; 8. Billy Engelhart, 51, Graham-16.208; 9. Greg Leffler, 69, Davis-16.218; 10. Bruce Walkup, 9, Siebert-16.291; 11. Rollie Beale, 18, Kershner-16.315; 12. Gary Irvin, 38, Hodson-16.383; 13. Bob Frey, 16, Frey-16.450; 14. Steve Kinser, 49, Mayhew-16.479; 15. Larry Rice, 98, Aviators-16.521; 16. Jeff Bloom, 55, Knepper-16.533; 17. Roger Rager, 30, Trost-16.660; 18. Rich Leavell, 7, Niebel-16.692; 19. Mike Schiesel, 45, English-16.707; 20. Malcolm Lovelace, 80, Lovelace-16.746; 21. Steve Chassey, 35, Bowen-16.804; 22. Mark Alderson, 66, Enslow-16.826; 23. Mack McClellan, 78, McClellan-16.926; 24. Bob East, 31, Sparks-17.078; 25. Eddie Leavitt, 109, Siebert-17.078; 26. Dick St John, 73, Russell-17.181; 27. Rick Montgomery, 84, Brand-17.202; 28. Roy Hicks, 61, Welch-17.206; 29. Bubby Jones, 40, Longhorn-17.338; 30. Tom Crump, 87, Crump-NT; 31. Duke Cook, 48, Cook-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Bob Frey, 2. Tom Bigelow, 3. Steve Chassey, 4. Joe Saldana, 5. Roger Rager, 6. Dick St John, 7. Greg Leffler. 2:10.47

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Sheldon Kinser, 2. Billy Cassella, 3. Mark Alderson, 4. Steve Kinser, 5. Bruce Walkup, 6. Rick Montgomery, 7. Rich Leavell. 2:11.71

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Larry Rice, 2. Dana Carter, 3. Chuck Gurney, 4. Roy Hicks, 5. Mike Schiesel, 6. Rollie Beale, 7. Mack McClellan. 2:15.05

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Jeff Bloom, 2. Gary Irvin, 3. James McElreath, 4. Bubby Jones, 5. Bob East, 6. Malcolm Lovelace, 7. Billy Engelhart. 2:15.08

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Greg Leffler, 2. Bruce Walkup, 3. Rollie Beale, 4. Roger Rager, 5. Mike Schiesel, 6. Rick Montgomery, 7. Rich Leavell, 8. Bob East, 9. Malcolm Lovelace, 10. Marvin Carman (#73), 11. Duke Cook. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Tom Bigelow, 2. Billy Cassella, 3. Sheldon Kinser, 4. James McElreath, 5. Dana Carter, 6. Joe Saldana, 7. Bob Frey, 8. Rollie Beale, 9. Greg Leffler, 10. Bruce Walkup, 11. Chuck Gurney, 12. Larry Rice, 13. Mark Alderson, 14. Roy Hicks, 15. Steve Chassey, 16. Jeff Bloom, 17. Roger Rager, 18. Steve Kinser, 19. George Snider (#40), 20. Gary Irvin. NT

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USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: June 18, 1977 – Eldora Speedway – Rossburg, Ohio

QUALIFYING: 1. Pancho Carter, 1, Conger/Stapp-17.770; 2. James McElreath, 8, McElreath-17.775; 3. Tom Bigelow, 43, Armstrong-17.809; 4. Mark Alderson, 66, Enslow-17.949; 5. Steve Chassey, 35, Bowen-17.996; 6. Bob East, 31, Sparks-18.007; 7. Billy Engelhart, 11, Weaver-18.020; 8. Bruce Walkup, 9, Siebert-18.079; 9. Larry Rice, 98, Aviators-18.138; 10. Bubby Jones, 40, Longhorn-18.143; 11. Billy Cassella, 29, Seymour-18.175; 12. Joe Saldana, 85, Brown-18.198; 13. Steve Kinser, 49, Mayhew-18.225; 14. Bob Frey, 16, Frey-18.282; 15. Johnny Parsons, 55, Knepper-18.358; 16. Karl Busson, 25, Easton-18.375; 17. Ron Shuman, 97, Baldwin-18.378; 18. Chuck Gurney, 41, Coulter-18.397; 19. Eddie Leavitt, 109, Siebert-18.400; 20. Mack McClellan, 78, McClellan-18.427; 21. Steve Cannon, 37, Babb-18.450; 22. Greg Leffler, 69, Davis-18.517; 23. Red Bledsoe, 99, Bledsoe-18.611; 24. Sheldon Kinser, 56, Gohr-18.621; 25. Dana Carter, 75, Forberg-18.636; 26. George Snider, 20, Rhoades-18.639; 27. Malcolm Lovelace, 80, Lovelace-18.646; 28. Roy Hicks, 61, Welch-18.665; 29. Rich Leavell, 7, Niebel-18.714; 30. Ralph Liguori, 27, Britton-18.726; 31. Roger Rager, 30, Trost-18.726; 32. Dave Peperak, 77, Peperak-18.874; 33. Mike Schiesel, 45, English-18.921; 34. Rollie Beale, 18, Kershner-18.950; 35. Junior Parkinson, 65, Parkinson-18.950; 36. Clark Templeman, 53, Tetrault-19.166; 37. Gary Gray, 83, Gray-19.333; 38. Rick Montgomery, 84, Brand-19.376; 39. Rich Vogler, 39, Vogler-19.584; 40. Tom Crump, 87, Crump-19.657; 41. Gary G. Howard, 14, Smith-19.781; 42. Ed Lute, 71, Lute-19.867; 43. Jerry Weeks, 17, CBS-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Dana Carter, 2. Steve Cannon, 3. Steve Kinser, 4. Steve Chassey, 5. Ron Shuman, 6. Pancho Carter, 7. Larry Rice. 2:29.82

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Greg Leffler, 2. Bob East, 3. George Snider, 4. Bubby Jones, 5. James McElreath, 6. Bob Frey, 7. Chuck Gurney. 2:29.61

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Johnny Parsons, 2. Eddie Leavitt, 3. Billy Engelhart, 4. Billy Cassella, 5. Red Bledsoe, 6. Malcolm Lovelace, 7. Tom Bigelow. 2:30.62

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Sheldon Kinser, 2. Bruce Walkup, 3. Karl Busson, 4. Joe Saldana, 5. Roy Hicks, 6. Mark Alderson, 7. Mack McClellan. 2:30.68

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Pancho Carter, 2. Tom Bigelow, 3. James McElreath, 4. Mark Alderson, 5. Ron Shuman, 6. Roy Hicks, 7. Rich Leavell, 8. Bob Frey, 9. Red Bledsoe, 10. Larry Rice, 11. Malcolm Lovelace, 12. Mack McClellan. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Tom Bigelow, 2. Steve Chassey, 3. Pancho Carter, 4. Billy Engelhart, 5. James McElreath, 6. Bruce

Walkup, 7. Johnny Parsons, 8. Karl Busson, 9. Steve Kinser, 10. Sheldon Kinser, 11. Steve Cannon, 12. Greg Leffler, 13. Dana Carter, 14. Mark Alderson, 15. Billy Cassella, 16. Bubby Jones, 17. Eddie Leavitt, 18. Joe Saldana, 19. Bob East, 20. George Snider. NT

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USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: June 19, 1977 – Eldora Speedway – Rossburg, Ohio

QUALIFYING: 1. Ron Shuman, 97, Baldwin-20.438; 2. George Snider, 20, Rhoades-20.475; 3. Pancho Carter, 1, Conger/Stapp-20.633; 4. Billy Engelhart, 11, Weaver-20.856; 5. Billy Cassella, 29, Seymour-20.862; 6. Bruce Walkup, 9, Siebert-20.961; 7. Rich Vogler, 39, Vogler-20.983; 8. Steve Chassey, 35, Bowen-20.987; 9. Tom Bigelow, 43, Armstrong-21.067; 10. Eddie Leavitt, 109, Siebert-21.118; 11. Roy Hicks, 61, Welch-21.173; 12. Gary Bettenhausen, 42, Moorman-21.175; 13. Steve Kinser, 49, Mayhew-21.188; 14. Ken Nichols, 79, Watson-21.218; 15. James McElreath, 8, McElreath-21.233; 16. Sheldon Kinser, 56, Gohr-21.258; 17. Red Bledsoe, 99, Bledsoe-21.267; 18. Bubby Jones, 40, Longhorn-21.303; 19. Larry Rice, 98, Aviators-21.345; 20. Johnny Parsons, 55, Knepper-21.394; 21. Bob East, 31, Sparks-21.425; 22. Bob Frey, 16, Frey-21.492; 23. Gary Gray, 83, Gray-21.548; 24. Chuck Gurney, 41, Coulter-21.554; 25. Rollie Beale, 18, Kershner-21.581; 26. Steve Cannon, 37, Babb-21.591; 27. Danny Landis, 53, Tetrault-21.652; 28. Joe Saldana, 85, Brown-21.674; 29. Ralph Liguori, 27, Britton-21.754; 30. Gary G. Howard, 14, Smith-21.756; 31. Roger Rager, 30, Trost-21.776; 32. Mack McClellan, 78, McClellan-21.836; 33. Duke Cook, 48, Cook-21.842; 34. Karl Busson, 25, Easton-21.913; 35. Jim Hettinger, 6, Weaver-22.145; 36. Clark Templeman, 7, Niebel-22.175; 37. Malcolm Lovelace, 80, Lovelace-22.228; 38. Tom Crump, 87, Crump-22.231; 39. Junior Parkinson, 65, Parkinson-22.329; 40. Dave Peperak, 77, Peperak-22.388; 41. Mike Schiesel, 45, English-22.491.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Rollie Beale, 2. Bob East, 3. Billy Cassella, 4. Tom Bigelow, 5. Red Bledsoe, 6. Steve Kinser, 7. Ron Shuman. 2:45.90

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. George Snider, 2. Bruce Walkup, 3. Steve Cannon, 4. Bob Frey, 5. Ken Nichols, 6. Bubby Jones, 7. Eddie Leavitt. 2:46.45

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Larry Rice, 2. James McElreath, 3. Pancho Carter, 4. Roy Hicks, 5. Rich Vogler, 6. Gary Gray, 7. Danny Landis. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Johnny Parsons, 2. Gary Bettenhausen, 3. Billy Engelhart, 4. Sheldon Kinser, 5. Steve Chassey, 6. Chuck Gurney, 7. Joe Saldana. 2:51.71

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Steve Chassey, 2. Rich Vogler, 3. Ken Nichols, 4. Bubby Jones, 5. Ralph Liguori, 6. Joe Saldana, 7. Gary G. Howard, 8. Steve Kinser, 9. Roger Rager, 10. Red Bledsoe, 11. Gary Gray, 12. Chuck Gurney. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Bruce Walkup, 2. George Snider, 3. Billy Engelhart, 4. Tom Bigelow, 5. Larry Rice, 6. Pancho Carter, 7. Billy Cassella, 8. Sheldon Kinser, 9. Ken Nichols, 10. Rollie Beale, 11. James McElreath, 12. Steve Chassey, 13. Bob Frey, 14. Steve Cannon, 15. Bubby Jones, 16. Johnny Parsons, 17. Roy Hicks, 18. Bob East, 19. Rich Vogler, 20. Gary Bettenhausen. NT

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USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: June 25, 1977 – Indianapolis Raceway Park – Clermont, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Billy Cassella, 29, Seymour-22.330; 2. Rollie Beale, 18, Kershner-22.374; 3. Sheldon Kinser, 56, Gohr-22.407; 4. Dana Carter, 1, Conger/Stapp-22.498; 5. Steve Chassey, 35, Bowen-22.544; 6. Bubby Jones, 43, Armstrong-22.567; 7. Billy Engelhart, 11, Weaver-22.588; 8. Greg Leffler, 69, Davis-22.604; 9. Bob Frey, 16, Frey-22.637; 10. Sleepy Tripp, 5, Seymour-22.697; 11. Jerry Weeks, 3, King-22.703; 12. Mike Schiesel, 45, English-22.709; 13. Bruce Walkup, 9, Siebert-22.774; 14. Mark Alderson, 66, Enslow-22.866; 15. Steve Kinser, 49, Mayhew-22.880; 16. Mack McClellan, 78, McClellan-22.989; 17. Gary Gray, 83, Gray-22.995; 18. Rich Vogler, 14, Smith-22.998; 19. Steve Cannon, 37, Babb-23.029; 20. Bob East, 31, Sparks-23.056; 21. Johnny B. Anderson, 57, Benovich-23.067; 22. Eddie Leavitt, 109, Siebert-23.084; 23. Roger Rager, 30, Trost-23.116; 24. Duke Cook, 48, Cook-23.119; 25. Ken Nichols, 79, Watson-23.162; 26. Larry Rice, 98, Aviators-23.205; 27. Clark Templeman, 7, Niebel-23.344; 28. Roy Hicks, 61, Welch-23.367; 29. Dick St. John, 73, Russell-23.636; 30. Malcolm Lovelace, 80, Lovelace-23.893; 31. Ed Lute, 72, Nau-23.916.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Ken Nichols, 2. Johnny B. Anderson, 3. Bruce Walkup, 4. Bob Frey, 5. Gary Gray, 6. Billy Cassella, 7. Steve Chassey. 3:06.79

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Eddie Leavitt, 2. Rich Vogler, 3. Larry Rice, 4. Sleepy Tripp, 5. Mark Alderson, 6. Bubby Jones, 7. Rollie Beale. 3:05.84

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Roger Rager, 2. Sheldon Kinser, 3. Steve Kinser, 4. Jerry Weeks, 5. Billy Engelhart, 6. Clark Templeman, 7. Steve Cannon. 3:05.18

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Duke Cook, 2. Roy Hicks, 3. Greg Leffler, 4. Dana Carter, 5. Mike Schiesel, 6. Mack McClellan, 7. Bob East. 3:06.19

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Rollie Beale, 2. Steve Chassey, 3. Bubby Jones, 4. Billy Engelhart, 5. Mark Alderson, 6. Mike Schiesel, 7. Bob East, 8. Gary Gray, 9. Mack McClellan, 10. Steve Cannon, 11. Dick St. John, 12. Clark Templeman. 3:48.77

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Bubby Jones, 2. Dana Carter, 3. Sheldon Kinser, 4. Steve Chassey, 5. Jerry Weeks, 6. Rollie Beale, 7. Greg Leffler, 8. Bruce Walkup, 9. Rich Vogler, 10. Larry Rice, 11. Duke Cook, 12. Steve Kinser, 13. Johnny B. Anderson, 14. Ken Nichols, 15. Roger Rager, 16. Bob Frey, 17. Billy Cassella (#5), 18. Roy Hicks, 19. Billy Engelhart, 20. Eddie Leavitt. 15:41.50

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USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: July 2, 1977 – Indiana State Fairgrounds – Indianapolis, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Joe Saldana, 85, Brown-35.015; 2. Jim McElreath, 23, McElreath-35.123; 3. Billy Cassella, 29, Seymour-35.138; 4. Pancho Carter, 1, Conger/Stapp-35.171; 5. Bubby Jones, 40, Longhorn-35.268; 6. James McElreath, 8, McElreath-35.373; 7. Steve Chassey, 35, Bowen-35.417; 8. Dana Carter, 75, Forberg-35.469; 9. Tom Bigelow, 43, Armstrong-35.487; 10. Bruce Walkup, 9, Siebert-35.500; 11. Mark Alderson, 66, Enslow-35.509; 12. Johnny Parsons, 55, Knepper-35.573; 13. Billy Engelhart, 11, Weaver-35.694; 14. Larry Rice, 98, Aviators-35.722; 15. Ron Shuman, 14, Smith-35.820; 16. Greg Leffler, 69, Davis-35.851; 17. Bob Frey, 16, Frey-35.880; 18. Rollie Beale, 18, Kershner-35.943; 19. Eddie Leavitt, 109, Siebert-36.026; 20. Chuck Gurney, 41, Coulter-36.071; 21. Junior Parkinson, 65, Parkinson-36.120; 22. Clark Templeman, 42, Moorman-36.128; 23. Mike Schiesel, 45, English-36.155; 24. Sheldon Kinser, 56, Gohr-36.203; 25. Roger Rager, 30, Trost-36.404; 26. Jerry Weeks, 3, King-36.448; 27. Mack McClellan, 78, McClellan-36.462; 28. Ralph Liguori, 27, Britton-36.554; 29. Ken Nichols, 79, Watson-36.610; 30. Roy Hicks, 7, Niebel-36.641; 31. Tom Crump, 87, Crump-36.671; 32. Bob East, 31, Sparks-36.715; 33. Dave Peperak, 77, Peperak-36.889; 34. Ed Lute, 72, Nau-36.889; 35. Rich Leavell, 61, Welch-36.912; 36.

Gary Gray, 83, Gray-36.938; 37. Karl Busson, 25, Easton-36.962; 38. Larry Cannon, 37, Babb-37.130; 39. Rick Montgomery, 84, Brand-37.227; 40. Dick St. John, 73, Russell-37.330; 41. Duke Cook, 48, Cook-37.445; 42. George Snider, 20, Rhoades-NT; 43. Steve Kinser, 49, Mayhew-NT; 44. Steve Cannon, 17, CBS-NT; 45. Malcolm Lovelace, 80, Lovelace-NT; 46. Phil Miller, 58, Miller-NT.

FIRST FEATURE: (33 laps) 1. Tom Bigelow, 2. Eddie Leavitt, 3. Steve Chassey, 4. Joe Saldana, 5. Billy Engelhart, 6. Roger Rager, 7. Mike Schiesel, 8. Bob Frey, 9. Junior Parkinson, 10. Roy Hicks, 11. Mark Alderson, 12. Bob East, 13. Ed Lute, 14. Mack McClellan, 15. Ron Shuman, 16. Billy Cassella, 17. Dick St. John, 18. Bubby Jones, 19. Larry Cannon, 20. Gary Gray. NT

SECOND FEATURE: (33 laps) 1. Pancho Carter, 2. Bruce Walkup, 3. Dana Carter, 4. Sheldon Kinser, 5. Jerry Weeks, 6. Jim McElreath, 7. Greg Leffler, 8. Rollie Beale, 9. Rich Leavell, 10. Karl Busson, 11. Ralph Liguori, 12. Duke Cook, 13. Johnny Parsons, 14. Clark Templeman, 15. Dave Peperak, 16. James McElreath, 17. Larry Rice, 18. Chuck Gurney, 19. Tom Crump, 20. Rick Montgomery. NT

THIRD FEATURE: (34 laps) 1. Tom Bigelow, 2. Pancho Carter, 3. Dana Carter, 4. Steve Chassey, 5. Sheldon Kinser, 6. Jim McElreath, 7. Eddie Leavitt, 8. Joe Saldana, 9. Greg Leffler, 10. Johnny Parsons, 11. Jerry Weeks, 12. Rollie Beale, 13. Bob East, 14. Roy Hicks, 15. Bob Frey, 16. Mack McClellan, 17. Mark Alderson, 18. Ron Shuman, 19. Mike Schiesel, 20. Rich Leavell, 21. Ed Lute, 22. Billy Engelhart, 23. Bruce Walkup, 24. Duke Cook, 25. Junior Parkinson, 26. Karl Busson, 27. Roger Rager, 28. Ralph Liguori. NT

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USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: July 4, 1977 – Salem Speedway – Salem, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Pancho Carter, 1, Conger/Stapp-16.389; 2. Sheldon Kinser, 56, Gohr-16.410; 3. Tom Bigelow, 43, Armstrong-16.418; 4. Greg Leffler, 69, Davis-16.729; 5. Billy Engelhart, 11, Weaver-16.828; 6. James McElreath, 8, McElreath-16.839; 7. Bruce Walkup, 9, Siebert-16.936; 8. Jerry Weeks, 3, King-16.941; 9. Rollie Beale, 18, Kershner-17.017; 10. Dana Carter, 55, Knepper-17.034; 11. Billy Cassella, 29, Seymour-17.041; 12. Mack McClellan, 78, McClellan-17.046; 13. Bob Frey, 16, Frey-17.160; 14. Joe Saldana, 85, Brown-17.283; 15. Larry Rice, 98, Aviators-17.302; 16. Gary Irvin, 38, Hodson-17.377; 17. Chuck Gurney, 41, Coulter-17.407; 18. Eddie Leavitt, 109, Siebert-17.477; 19. Bob East, 31, Sparks-17.640; 20. Mike Schiesel, 45, English-17.705; 21. Steve Chassey, 35, Bowen-17.786; 22. Duke Cook, 48, Cook-17.816; 23. Karl Busson, 25, Easton-17.970; 24. Roy Hicks, 7, Niebel-17.974; 25. Dick St. John, 73, Russell-18.272; 26. Phil Miller, 58, Miller-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Gary Irvin, 2. Dana Carter, 3. Bob Frey, 4. Duke Cook, 5. Bob East, 6. Bruce Walkup, 7. Dick St. John. 2:19.83

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Billy Cassella, 2. Joe Saldana, 3. Jerry Weeks, 4. Chuck Gurney, 5. Karl Busson, 6. Mike Schiesel. 2:21.51

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Larry Rice, 2. Rollie Beale, 3. Eddie Leavitt, 4. Roy Hicks, 5. Mack McClellan, 6. Steve Chassey. NT

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Mack McClellan, 2. Bruce Walkup, 3. Bob East, 4. Mike Schiesel, 5. Steve Chassey, 6. Roy Hicks, 7. Dick St. John, 8. Karl Busson, 9. Chuck Gurney, 10. Duke Cook. 2:54.66

FIRST FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Tom Bigelow, 2. Pancho Carter, 3. Sheldon Kinser, 4. Greg Leffler, 5. Bob Frey, 6. Bruce Walkup, 7. Dana Carter, 8. James McElreath, 9. Jerry Weeks, 10. Bob East, 11. Mike Schiesel, 12. Larry Rice, 13. Billy Engelhart, 14. Rollie Beale, 15. Steve Chassey, 16. Mack McClellan, 17. Billy Cassella, 18. Gary Irvin, 19. Eddie Leavitt, 20. Joe Saldana. 14:25.60

SECOND FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Dana Carter, 2. Bruce Walkup, 3. Sheldon Kinser, 4. Greg Leffler, 5. Larry Rice, 6. Bob Frey, 7. Rollie Beale, 8. Gary Irvin, 9. James McElreath, 10. Roy Hicks, 11. Bob East, 12. Mike Schiesel, 13. Tom Bigelow, 14. Pancho Carter, 15. Eddie Leavitt, 16. Duke Cook, 17. Mack McClellan, 18. Steve Chassey, 19. Dick St. John, 20. Billy Engelhart. 15:34.70

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USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: July 6, 1977 – Illiana Motor Speedway – Schererville, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Pancho Carter, 1, Conger/Stapp-20.090; 2. Billy Cassella, 29, Seymour-20.138; 3. Tom Bigelow, 43, Armstrong-20.162; 4. Mack McClellan, 78, McClellan-20.221; 5. Billy Engelhart, 11, Weaver-20.240; 6. Chuck Gurney, 41, Coulter-20.276; 7. Gary Irvin, 38, Hodson-20.308; 8. Sheldon Kinser, 56, Gohr-20.316; 9. Bubby Jones, 40, Longhorn-20.464; 10. Greg Leffler, 69, Davis-20.464; 11. Bruce Walkup, 9, Siebert-20.485; 12. James McElreath, 8, McElreath-20.634; 13. Steve Chassey, 35, Bowen-20.660; 14. Mike Schiesel, 45, English-20.681; 15. Dick St. John, 73, Russell-20.725; 16. Duke Cook, 48, Cook-20.757; 17. Roy Hicks, 7, Niebel-20.774; 18. Jackie Howerton, 51, Graham-20.807; 19. Roger Rager, 30, Trost-20.813; 20. Dave Peperak, 77, Peperak-21.279; 21. Bob Frey, 16, Frey-NT; 22. Jerry Weeks, 3, King-NT.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Tom Bigelow, 2. Mack McClellan, 3. Billy Engelhart, 4. Pancho Carter. 1:21.68

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Greg Leffler, 2. Pancho Carter, 3. Duke Cook, 4. Mack McClellan, 5. Steve Chassey, 6. Roger Rager. 2:43.64

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Billy Engelhart, 2. Sheldon Kinser, 3. Roy Hicks, 4. Bruce Walkup, 5. Billy Cassella, 6. Mike Schiesel, 7. Dave Peperak. 2:45.97

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Jackie Howerton, 2. James McElreath, 3. Chuck Gurney, 4. Bubby Jones, 5. Tom Bigelow, 6. Dick St. John. 2:44.90

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Billy Cassella, 2. Tom Bigelow, 3. Steve Chassey, 4. Mike Schiesel, 5. Roger Rager, 6. Gary Irvin, 7. Dave Peperak. 3:25.49

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Tom Bigelow, 2. Chuck Gurney, 3. Billy Engelhart, 4. Pancho Carter, 5. Mack McClellan, 6. Bubby Jones, 7. Greg Leffler, 8. Gary Irvin, 9. James McElreath, 10. Steve Chassey, 11. Jackie Howerton, 12. Mike Schiesel, 13. Roger Rager, 14. Bruce Walkup, 15. Dick St. John, 16. Dave Peperak, 17. Billy Cassella, 18. Sheldon Kinser, 19. Roy Hicks, 20. Duke Cook. NT

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USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: July 9, 1977 – Eldora Speedway – Rossburg, Ohio

QUALIFYING: 1. George Snider, 20, Rhoades-17.499; 2. Tom Bigelow, 43, Armstrong-17.501; 3. James McElreath, 8, McElreath-17.560; 4. Bubby Jones, 40, Longhorn-17.614; 5. Eddie Leavitt, 109, Siebert-17.696; 6. Pancho Carter, 1, Conger/Stapp-17.729; 7. Sheldon Kinser, 56, Gohr-17.739; 8. Chuck Gurney, 41, Coulter-17.741; 9. Billy Engelhart, 11, Weaver-17.807; 10. Bruce Walkup, 9, Siebert-17.923; 11. Roger Rager, 30, Trost-17.998; 12. Duke Cook, 48, Cook-18.041; 13. Dana Carter, 61, Welch-18.096; 14. Steve Chassey, 35, Bowen-18.102; 15. Joe Saldana, 85, Brown-18.120; 16. Greg Leffler, 69, Davis-18.194; 17. Larry Rice, 98, Aviators-18.223; 18. Mark Alderson, 14, Smith-18.238; 19. Rollie Beale, 18,

Kershner-18.408; 20. Roy Hicks, 7, Niebel-18.427; 21. Mack McClellan, 78, McClellan-18.462; 22. Larry Cannon, 37, Babb-18.490; 23. Ron Shuman, 97, Baldwin-18.554; 24. Clark Templeman, 75, Forberg-18.721; 25. Red Bledsoe, 99, Bledsoe-18.796; 26. Dave Peperak, 77, Peperak-18.818; 27. Malcolm Lovelace, 80, Lovelace-18.835; 28. Mike Schiesel, 45, English-18.852; 29. Billy Cassella, 29, Seymour-18.879; 30. Karl Busson, 25, Easton-18.953; 31. Rick Montgomery, 84, Brand-18.964; 32. Ken Nichols, 79, Watson-19.320; 33. Junior Parkinson, 65, Parkinson-19.330; 34. Phil Miller, 58, Miller-19.933; 35. Jerry Weeks, 3, King-NT; 36. Bob East, 31, Sparks-NT; 37. Jerry Miller, 21, Dorathy-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. George Snider, 2. Dana Carter, 3. Eddie Leavitt, 4. Billy Engelhart, 5. Mack McClellan, 6. Larry Rice, 7. Red Bledsoe. NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Pancho Carter, 2. Steve Chassey, 3. Bruce Walkup, 4. Tom Bigelow, 5. Larry Cannon, 6. Dave Peperak, 7. Mark Alderson. 2:27.13

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Ron Shuman, 2. James McElreath, 3. Joe Saldana, 4. Sheldon Kinser, 5. Roger Rager, 6. Malcolm Lovelace, 7. Rollie Beale. 2:28.27

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Clark Templeman, 2. Chuck Gurney, 3. Greg Leffler, 4. Bubby Jones, 5. Duke Cook, 6. Mike Schiesel, 7. Roy Hicks. 2:30.96

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Roger Rager, 2. Duke Cook, 3. Mark Alderson, 4. Rollie Beale, 5. Mack McClellan, 6. Roy Hicks, 7. Dave Peperak, 8. Billy Cassella, 9. Larry Cannon, 10. Mike Schiesel, 11. Malcolm Lovelace, 12. Karl Busson. 3:06.77

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Pancho Carter, 2. Tom Bigelow, 3. Sheldon Kinser, 4. George Snider, 5. Roger Rager, 6. Eddie Leavitt, 7. Chuck Gurney, 8. James McElreath, 9. Bruce Walkup, 10. Clark Templeman, 11. Billy Engelhart, 12. Steve Chassey, 13. Dana Carter, 14. Greg Leffler, 15. Joe Saldana, 16. Mark Alderson, 17. Bubby Jones, 18. Rollie Beale, 19. Duke Cook, 20. Ron Shuman. NT

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USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: July 10, 1977 – New Bremen Speedway – New Bremen, Ohio

QUALIFYING: 1. Bubby Jones, 40, Longhorn-17.306; 2. Tom Bigelow, 43, Armstrong-17.327; 3. Chuck Gurney, 41, Coulter-17.430; 4. Johnny B. Anderson, 57, Benovich-17.502; 5. Gary Irvin, 38, Hodson-17.518; 6. Sheldon Kinser, 56, Gohr-17.521; 7. Pancho Carter, 1, Conger/Stapp-17.523; 8. Greg Leffler, 69, Davis-17.579; 9. Mack McClellan, 78, McClellan-17.594; 10. Billy Cassella, 29, Seymour-17.630; 11. Ken Nichols, 79, Watson-17.637; 12. Dana Carter, 61, Welch-17.665; 13. Billy Engelhart, 11, Weaver-17.679; 14. Roger Rager, 30, Trost-17.698; 15. Bruce Walkup, 9, Siebert-17.701; 16. Bob Frey, 16, Frey-17.702; 17. Rollie Beale, 6, Weaver-17.745; 18. Steve Chassey, 35, Bowen-17.769; 19. Gary Bettenhausen, 42, Moorman-17.775; 20. Mark Alderson, 14, Smith-17.784; 21. Joe Saldana, 85, Brown-17.790; 22. Duke Cook, 48, Cook-17.826; 23. Eddie Leavitt, 109, Siebert-17.854; 24. James McElreath, 8, McElreath-17.864; 25. Mike Schiesel, 45, English-17.889; 26. Larry Cannon, 37, Babb-17.908; 27. Malcolm Lovelace, 80, Lovelace-17.964; 28. Karl Busson, 25, Easton-18.013; 29. Rick Montgomery, 84, Brand-18.043; 30. Roy Hicks, 7, Niebel-18.126.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Rollie Beale, 2. Mike Schiesel, 3. Billy Engelhart, 4. Bubby Jones, 5. Gary Irvin, 6. Mack McClellan, 7. Joe Saldana. 2:22.82

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Larry Cannon, 2. Duke Cook, 3. Steve Chassey, 4. Tom Bigelow, 5. Roger Rager, 6. Billy Cassella, 7. Sheldon Kinser. 2:24.56

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Pancho Carter, 2. Gary Bettenhausen, 3. Bruce Walkup, 4. Chuck Gurney, 5. Eddie Leavitt, 6. Ken Nichols, 7. Malcolm Lovelace. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Bob Frey, 2. Karl Busson, 3. Dana Carter, 4. Mark Alderson, 5. James McElreath, 6. Greg Leffler, 7. Johnny B. Anderson. 2:24.19

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Gary Irvin, 2. Sheldon Kinser, 3. Johnny B. Anderson, 4. Billy Cassella, 5. Greg Leffler, 6. Mack McClellan, 7. Ken Nichols, 8. Eddie Leavitt, 9. James McElreath, 10. Roy Hicks, 11. Rick Montgomery, 12. Roger Rager. 2:57.10

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Sheldon Kinser, 2. Pancho Carter, 3. Bubby Jones, 4. Gary Bettenhausen, 5. Gary Irvin, 6. Billy Engelhart, 7. Chuck Gurney, 8. Bruce Walkup, 9. Dana Carter, 10. Rollie Beale, 11. Johnny B. Anderson, 12. Billy Cassella, 13. Mark Alderson, 14. Tom Bigelow, 15. Mike Schiesel, 16. Duke Cook, 17. Larry Cannon, 18. Steve Chassey, 19. Bob Frey, 20. Karl Busson. 14:56.50

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USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: July 16, 1977 – Toledo Speedway – Toledo, Ohio

QUALIFYING: 1. Pancho Carter, 1, Conger/Stapp-16.173; 2. Gary Bettenhausen, 42, Moorman-16.226; 3. James McElreath, 8, McElreath-16.272; 4. Tom Bigelow, 43, Armstrong-16.368; 5. Billy Cassella, 29, Seymour-16.381; 6. Johnny B. Anderson, 57, Benovich-16.404; 7. Mack McClellan, 78, McClellan-16.414; 8. Bobby Jones, 40, Longhorn-16.415; 9. Bob Frey, 16, Frey-16.423; 10. Marvin Carman, 36, Stone-16.435; 11. Rollie Beale, 18, Kershner-16.477; 12. Sheldon Kinser, 56, Gohr-16.531; 13. Karl Busson, 95, Cedoz-16.544; 14. Dana Carter, 61, Welch-16.549; 15. Billy Engelhart, 11, Weaver-16.608; 16. Johnny Parsons, 55, Knepper-16.686; 17. Greg Leffler, 69, Davis-16.699; 18. Joe Saldana, 85, Brown-16.723; 19. Eddie Leavitt, 9, Siebert-16.755; 20. Duke Cook, 48, Cook-16.781; 21. Chuck Gurney, 41, Coulter-16.821; 22. Rick Montgomery, 84, Brand-16.834; 23. Mike Schiesel, 45, English-16.877; 24. Malcolm Lovelace-16.931; 25. Rich Vogler, 14, Smith-16.972; 26. Roy Hicks, 7, Niebel-17.052; 27. Roger Rager, 30, Trost-17.115.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Chuck Gurney, 2. Rich Vogler, 3. Karl Busson, 4. Billy Cassella, 5. Bob Frey, 6. Greg Leffler, 7. Pancho Carter. 2:13.35

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Dana Carter, 2. Johnny B. Anderson, 3. Gary Bettenhausen, 4. Marvin Carman, 5. Rick Montgomery, 6. Roy Hicks, 7. Joe Saldana. 2:14.56

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Eddie Leavitt, 2. Rollie Beale, 3. James McElreath, 4. Roger Rager, 5. Mack McClellan, 6. Mike Schiesel, 7. Billy Engelhart. 2:13.71

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Tom Bigelow, 2. Bubby Jones, 3. Johnny Parsons, 4. Sheldon Kinser, 5. Duke Cook, 6. Malcolm Lovelace. 2:13.12

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Pancho Carter, 2. Mack McClellan, 3. Bob Frey, 4. Billy Engelhart, 5. Joe Saldana, 6. Mike Schiesel, 7. Rick Montgomery, 8. Roy Hicks, 9. Malcolm Lovelace, 10. Greg Leffler, 11. Duke Cook, 2:44.39

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Tom Bigelow, 2. Billy Cassella, 3. Pancho Carter, 4. James McElreath, 5. Gary Bettenhausen, 6. Bubby Jones, 7. Bob Frey, 8. Chuck Gurney, 9. Sheldon Kinser, 10. Marvin Carman, 11. Rollie Beale, 12. Eddie Leavitt, 13. Dana Carter, 14. Johnny B. Anderson, 15. Mack McClellan, 16. Johnny Parsons, 17. Billy Engelhart, 18. Rich Vogler, 19. Roger Rager, 20. Karl Busson. 11:07.78

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USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: July 23, 1977 – Winchester Speedway – Winchester, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. James McElreath, 8, McElreath-16.060; 2. Jackie Howerton, 51, Graham-16.119; 3. Pancho Carter, 1, Conger/Stapp-16.151; 4. Bubby Jones, 40, Longhorn-16.178; 5. Tom Bigelow, 43, Armstrong-16.180; 6. Billy Engelhart, 11, Weaver-16.183; 7. Gary Irvin, 38, Hodson-16.319; 8. Mack McClellan, 78, McClellan-16.320; 9. Chuck Gurney, 41, Coulter-16.360; 10. Eddie Leavitt, 109, Siebert-16.417; 11. Dana Carter, 61, Welch-16.432; 12. Sheldon Kinser, 56, Gohr-16.452; 13. Karl Busson, 95, Cedoz-16.484; 14. Johnny Parsons, 55, Knepper-16.486; 15. Billy Cassella, 29, Seymour-16.488; 16. Gary Bettenhausen, 42, Moorman-16.491; 17. Greg Leffler, 69, Davis-16.492; 18. Larry Rice, 98, Aviators-16.500; 19. Jerry Weeks, 3, King-16.510; 20. Steve Chassey, 35, Bowen-16.549; 21. Roger Rager, 30, Trost-16.560; 22. Bob Frey, 16, Frey-16.562; 23. Marvin Carman, 36, Stone-16.563; 24. Bruce Walkup, 9, Siebert-16.586; 25. George Snider, 20, Rhoades-16.627; 26. Clark Templeman, 79, Watson-16.651; 27. Rich Vogler, 14, Smith-16.710; 28. Joe Saldana, 85, Brown-16.782; 29. Mike Schiesel, 45, English-17.153; 30. Duke Cook, 48, Cook-17.185; 31. Rich Leavell, 18, Kershner-17.216; 32. Rick Montgomery, 84, Brand-17.320; 33. Malcolm Lovelace, 80, Lovelace-17.332; 34. Roy Hicks, 7, Nlebel-17.348; 35. Dick St. John, 73, Russell-17.529; 36. Steve Cannon, 17, CBS-NT; 37. Larry Cannon, 37, Babb-NT; 38. Rollie Beale, 6, Weaver-NT; 39. Gary Gray, 83, Gray-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Roger Rager, 2. George Snider, 3. Tom Bigelow, 4. Greg Leffler, 5. James McElreath, 6. Chuck Gurney, 7. Karl Busson. 2:12.58

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Bob Frey, 2. Larry Rice, 3. Clark Templeman, 4. Johnny Parsons, 5. Eddie Leavitt, 6. Jackie Howerton, 7. Billy Engelhart. 2:13.30

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Pancho Carter, 2. Rich Vogler, 3. Jerry Weeks, 4. Dana Carter, 5. Billy Cassella, 6. Gary Irvin, 7. Marvin Carman. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Bruce Walkup, 2. Sheldon Kinser, 3. Joe Saldana, 4. Steve Chassey, 5. Mack McClellan, 6. Gary Bettenhausen, 7. Bubby Jones. 2:14.45

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. James McElreath, 2. Jackie Howerton, 3. Bubby Jones, 4. Billy Engelhart, 5. Chuck Gurney, 6. Karl Busson, 7. Eddie Leavitt, 8. Billy Cassella, 9. Marvin Carman, 10. Mack McClellan, 11. Gary Irvin, 12. Gary Bettenhausen. 2:44.52

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Bubby Jones, 2. Dana Carter, 3. Sheldon Kinser, 4. Larry Rice, 5. Greg Leffler, 6. Steve Chassey, 7. Jackie Howerton, 8. Bob Frey, 9. Bruce Walkup, 10. James McElreath, 11. Jerry Weeks, 12. George Snider, 13. Pancho Carter, 14. Billy Engelhart, 15. Johnny Parsons, 16. Roger Rager, 17. Rich Vogler, 18. Clark Templeman, 19. Tom Bigelow, 20. Joe Saldana. NT

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USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: July 24, 1977 – Winchester Speedway – Winchester, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Tom Bigelow, 43, Armstrong-15.879; 2. Pancho Carter, 1, Conger/Stapp-15.993; 3. Gary Bettenhausen, 42, Moorman-16.037; 4. James McElreath, 8, McElreath-16.124; 5. Sheldon Kinser, 56, Gohr-16.150; 6. Bubby Jones, 40, Longhorn-16.239; 7. Billy Engelhart, 11, Weaver-16.256; 8. Billy Cassella, 29, Seymour-16.257; 9. Dana Carter, 61, Welch-16.265; 10. Eddie Leavitt, 109, Siebert-16.281; 11. Greg Leffler, 69, Davis-16.290; 12. Gary Irvin, 38, Hodson-16.294; 13. Bruce Walkup, 9, Siebert-16.318; 14. Jerry Weeks, 3, King-16.375; 15. Rollie Beale, 18, Kershner-16.392; 16. Larry Rice, 98,

Aviators-16.401; 17. Bob Frey, 16, Frey-16.410; 18. Chuck Gurney, 41, Coulter-16.417; 19. Johnny Parsons, 55, Knepper-16.453; 20. Steve Chassey, 35, Bowen-16.472; 21. Roger Rager, 30, Trost-16.544; 22. Mack McClellan, 78, McClellan-16.554; 23. Jackie Howerton, 51, Graham-16.637; 24. Karl Busson, 95, Cedoz-16.729; 25. George Snider, 20, Rhoades-16.739; 26. Rich Vogler, 14, Smith-16.790; 27. Joe Saldana, 85, Brown-16.840; 28. Malcolm Lovelace, 80, Lovelace-16.927; 29. Roy Hicks, 7, Niebel-16.937; 30. Rick Montgomery, 84, Brand-17.097; 31. Mike Schiesel, 45, English-17.403; 32. Dick St. John, 73, Russell-17.605; 33. Marvin Carman, 36, Stone-NT; 34. Steve Cannon, 17, CBS-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Sheldon Kinser, 2. Bruce Walkup, 3. Dana Carter, 4. Bob Frey, 5. Tom Bigelow, 6. Roger Rager, 7. George Snider. 2:11.24

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Mack McClellan, 2. Bubby Jones, 3. Chuck Gurney, 4. Rich Vogler, 5. Pancho Carter, 6. Jerry Weeks, 7. Eddie Leavitt. 2:11.35

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Jackie Howerton, 2. Rollie Beale, 3. Johnny Parsons, 4. Greg Leffler, 5. Gary Bettenhausen, 6. Joe Saldana, 7. Billy Engelhart. 2:11.81

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Larry Rice, 2. Billy Cassella, 3. Steve Chassey, 4. Gary Irvin, 5. James McElreath, 6. Malcolm Lovelace, 7. Karl Busson. 2:12.32

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Tom Bigelow, 2. Pancho Carter, 3. James McElreath, 4. Eddie Leavitt, 5. Jerry Weeks, 6. Gary Bettenhausen, 7. Rick Montgomery, 8. Roy Hicks, 9. Malcolm Lovelace, 10. Karl Busson, 11. Billy Engelhart, 12. Roger Rager. 2:41.79

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Bubby Jones, 2. Pancho Carter, 3. Sheldon Kinser, 4. Billy Cassella, 5. Tom Bigelow, 6. Dana Carter, 7. Eddie Leavitt, 8. Bruce Walkup, 9. Greg Leffler, 10. Chuck Gurney, 11. Jackie Howerton, 12. Rollie Beale, 13. Steve Chassey, 14. Mack McClellan, 15. Larry Rice, 16. Johnny Parsons, 17. James McElreath, 18. Bob Frey, 19. Rich Vogler, 20. Gary Irvin. 11:00.13

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USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: July 30, 1977 – Toledo Speedway – Toledo, Ohio

QUALIFYING: 1. Tom Bigelow, 43, Armstrong-16.197; 2. Billy Cassella, 29, Seymour-16.224; 3. Bob Frey, 16, Frey-16.260; 4. Dana Carter, 61, Welch-16.290; 5. Chuck Gurney, 41, Coulter-16.324; 6. Marvin Carman, 36, Stone-16.349; 7. Rollie Beale, 18, Kershner-16.371; 8. Eddie Leavitt, 9, Siebert-16.399; 9. Sheldon Kinser, 56, Gohr-16.445; 10. Bubby Jones, 40, Longhorn-16.450; 11. Billy Engelhart, 11, Weaver-16.458; 12. Greg Leffler, 69, Davis-16.467; 13. Gary Bettenhausen, 42, Moorman-16.481; 14. Karl Busson, 95, Cedoz-16.548; 15. Mack McClellan, 78, McClellan-16.575; 16. Roy Hicks, 7, Niebel-16.594; 17. Steve Chassey, 35, Bowen-16.646; 18. Johnny B. Anderson, 57, Benovich-16.654; 19. Duke Cook, 48, Cook-16.698; 20. Malcolm Lovelace, 80, Lovelace-16.773; 21. Gary Irvin, 38, Hodson-16.787; 22. Larry Moore, 74, Leyba-16.834; 23. Rick Montgomery, 84, Brand-16.877; 24. Dave Beverly, 67, Beverly-16.963; 25. Mike Schiesel, 45, English-17.061; 26. Ralph Liguori, 27, Britton-17.225.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Gary Irvin, 2. Gary Bettenhausen, 3. Sheldon Kinser, 4. Chuck Gurney, 5. Tom Bigelow, 6. Mike Schiesel, 7. Steve Chassey. 2:13.36

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Larry Moore, 2. Bubby Jones, 3. Karl Busson, 4. Billy Cassella, 5. Marvin Carman, 6. Johnny B. Anderson, 7. Ralph Liguori. 2:13.21

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Billy Engelhart, 2. Duke Cook, 3. Rollie Beale, 4. Mack McClellan, 5. Rick Montgomery, 6. Bob Frey. 2:13.23

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Dana Carter, 2. Eddie Leavitt, 3. Dave Beverly, 4. Roy Hicks, 5. Greg Leffler, 6. Malcolm Lovelace, 2:15.84

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Tom Bigelow, 2. Marvin Carman, 3. Greg Leffler, 4. Steve Chassey, 5. Rick Montgomery, 6. Johnny B. Anderson, 7. Mike Schiesel, 8. Malcolm Lovelace, 9. Bob Frey. 2:45.15

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Chuck Gurney, 2. Tom Bigelow, 3. Billy Cassella, 4. Sheldon Kinser, 5. Rollie Beale, 6. Marvin Carman, 7. Billy Engelhart, 8. Gary Bettenhausen, 9. Steve Chassey, 10. Karl Busson, 11. Gary Irvin, 12. Mack McClellan, 13. Dana Carter, 14. Eddie Leavitt, 15. Roy Hicks, 16. Dave Beverly, 17. Bubby Jones, 18. Larry Moore, 19. Greg Leffler, 20. Duke Cook. NT

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USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: July 31, 1977 – Terre Haute Action Track – Terre Haute, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Eddie Leavitt, 109, Siebert-24.010; 2. Bruce Walkup, 9, Siebert-24.076; 3. Chuck Gurney, 41, Coulter-24.121; 4. Bubby Jones, 40, Longhorn-24.175; 5. Jackie Howerton, 55, Knepper-24.357; 6. Sheldon Kinser, 56, Gohr-24.386; 7. Roger Rager, 43, Armstrong-24.403; 8. Billy Cassella, 29, Seymour-24.423; 9. Larry Cannon, 37, Babb-24.453; 10. Gary Bettenhausen, 42, Moorman-24.581; 11. Greg Leffler, 69, Davis-24.648; 12. Ron Shuman, 75, Forberg-24.682; 13. Dana Carter, 61, Welch-24.753; 14. Deve Peperak, 77, Peperak-24.851; 15. Roy Hicks, 7, Niebel-24.853; 16. Mack McClellan, 78, McClellan-24.863; 17. Junior Parkinson, 65, Parkinson-25.094; 18. Steve Chassey, 35, Bowen-25.123; 19. Mike Schiesel, 45, English-25.160; 20. Billy Engelhart, 11, Weaver-25.232; 21. Clark Templeman, 79, Watson-25.380; 22. Jerry Weeks, 3, King-25.453; 23. Red Bledsoe, 99, Bledsoe-25.465; 24. Rich Vogler, 14, Smith-25.611; 25. Tom Crump, 87, Crump-25.614; 26. Gary Gray, 83, Gray-25.906; 27. Karl Busson, 25, Easton-25.930; 28. Malcolm Lovelace, 80, Lovelace-25.951; 29. Steve Cannon, 17, CBS-26.055; 30. Phil Miller, 58, Miller-26.986; 31. Rick Montgomery, 84, Brand-27.126; 32. Duke Cook, 48, Cook-NT; 33. Larry Rice, 98, Aviators-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Junior Parkinson, 2. Eddie Leavitt, 3. Dana Carter, 4. Jackie Howerton, 5. Larry Cannon, 6. Clark Templeman, 7. Tom Crump. 3:20.54

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Steve Chassey, 2. Gary Bettenhausen, 3. Bruce Walkup, 4. Sheldon Kinser, 5. Jerry Weeks, 6. Gary Gray, 7. Dave Peperak. 3:19.38

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Roger Rager, 2. Greg Leffler, 3. Karl Busson, 4. Chuck Gurney, 5. Roy Hicks, 6. Mike Schiesel, 7. Red Bledsoe. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Ron Shuman, 2. Bubby Jones, 3. Billy Cassella, 4. Billy Engelhart, 5. Mack McClellan, 6. Malcolm Lovelace, 7. Rich Vogler. NT

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Mike Schiesel, 2. Rich Vogler, 3. Mack McClellan, 4. Roy Hicks, 5. Gary Gray, 6. Malcolm Lovelace, 7. Larry Cannon, 8. Tom Crump, 9. Red Bledsoe, 10. Clark Templeman, 11. Jerry Weeks, 12. Dave Peperak. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Bubby Jones, 2. Roger Rager, 3. Gary Bettenhausen, 4. Bruce Walkup, 5. Billy Cassella, 6. Eddie Leavitt, 7. Junior Parkinson, 8. Greg Leffler, 9. Steve Chassey, 10. Rich Vogler, 11. Jackie Howerton, 12. Roy Hicks, 13. Mike Schiesel, 14. Karl Busson, 15. Mack McClellan, 16. Dana Carter, 17. Ron Shuman, 18. Chuck Gurney, 19. Billy Engelhart, 20. Sheldon Kinser. NT

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USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: August 3, 1977 – Illiana Motor Speedway – Schererville, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Tom Bigelow, 43, Armstrong-19.977; 2. Bob Frey, 16, Frey-19.997; 3. Pancho Carter, 1, Conger/Stapp-20.087; 4. Gary Bettenhausen, 42, Moorman-20.106; 5. Billy Cassella, 29, Seymour-20.175; 6. Sheldon Kinser, 56, Gohr-20.199; 7. Dana Carter, 61, Welch-20.203; 8. Greg Leffler, 69, Davis-20.212; 9. Mack McClellan, 78, McClellan-20.228; 10. Steve Chassey, 35, Bowen-20.230; 11. Joe Saldana, 85, Brown-20.248; 12. Chuck Gurney, 41, Coulter-20.251; 13. Larry Moore, 74, Leyba-20.325; 14. Duke Cook, 48, Cook -20.402; 15. Bubby Jones, 40, Longhorn-20.577; 16. Rick Montgomery, 84, Brand-20.701; 17. Clark Templeman, 79, Watson-20.705; 18. Mike Schiesel, 45, English-20.737; 19. Billy Engelhart, 11, Weaver-20.749; 20. Roy Hicks, 7, Niebel-20.750; 21. Steve Cannon, 37, Babb-20.754; 22. Gary Gray, 83, Gray-20.782; 23. Dave Beverly, 67, Beverly-21.043; 24. Gary Irvin, 38, Hodson-21.080.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Steve Cannon, 2. Larry Moore, 3. Billy Cassella, 4. Tom Bigelow, 5. Mack McClellan, 6. Clark Templeman. 2:46.89

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Sheldon Kinser, 2. Duke Cook, 3. Steve Chassey, 4. Mike Schiesel, 5. Gary Gray, 6. Bob Frey. 2:44.72

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Billy Engelhart, 2. Joe Saldana, 3. Pancho Carter, 4. Dana Carter, 5. Dave Beverly, 6. Bubby Jones. 2:43.15

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Chuck Gurney, 2. Gary Irvin, 3. Gary Bettenhausen, 4. Greg Leffler, 5. Roy Hicks, 6. Rick Montgomery. 2:45.10

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Tom Bigelow, 2. Dana Carter, 3. Bob Frey, 4. Greg Leffler, 5. Bubby Jones, 6. Mack McClellan, 7. Rick Montgomery, 8. Clark Templeman, 9. Mike Schiesel, 10. Roy Hicks, 11. Dave Beverly, 12. Gary Gray. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Sheldon Kinser, 2. Gary Bettenhausen, 3. Pancho Carter, 4. Billy Cassella, 5. Tom Bigelow, 6. Billy Engelhart, 7. Bob Frey, 8. Greg Leffler, 9. Steve Cannon, 10. Duke Cook, 11. Clark Templeman, 12. Gary Irvin, 13. Chuck Gurney, 14. Mack McClellan, 15. Rick Montgomery, 16. Steve Chassey, 17. Dana Carter, 18. Larry Moore, 19. Joe Saldana, 20. Bubby Jones. NT

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USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: August 7, 1977 – Sandusky Speedway – Sandusky, Ohio

QUALIFYING: 1. Pancho Carter, 1, Conger/Stapp-18.139; 2. Sheldon Kinser, 56, Gohr-18.189; 3. Greg Leffler, 69, Davis-18.248; 4. Gary Bettenhausen, 42, Moorman-18.331; 5. Bubby Jones, 40, Longhorn-18.335; 6. Chuck Gurney, 41, Coulter-18.438; 7. Marvin Carman, 36, Stone-18.446; 8. Larry Moore, 74, Leyba-18.529; 9. Billy Engelhart, 11, Weaver-18.562; 10. Larry Rice, 98, Aviators-18.600; 11. Joe Saldana, 85, Brown-18.628; 12. Jim Hettinger, 90, Shick-18.668; 13. Duke Cook, 48, Cook-18.689; 14. Bob Frey, 16, Frey-18.740; 15. Steve Chassey, 35, Bowen-18.764; 16. Mack McClellan, 78, McClellan-18.768; 17. Tom Bigelow, 43, Armstrong-18.773; 18. Billy Cassella, 29, Seymour-18.797; 19. James McElreath, 8, McElreath-18.963; 20. Gary Irvin, 38, Hodson-19.026; 21. Dave Beverly, 67, Beverly-19.118; 22. Malcolm Lovelace, 80, Lovelace-19.236; 23. Clark Templeman, 79, Watson-19.355; 24. Rick Montgomery, 84, Brand-19.363; 25. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 12, BRE-19.546.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Duke Cook, 2. Tom Bigelow, 3. Pancho Carter, 4. Bubby Jones, 5. Billy Engelhart, 6. Tony Bettenhausen Jr. NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Billy Cassella, 2. Larry Rice, 3. Sheldon Kinser, 4. Chuck Gurney, 5. Bob Frey, 6. Malcolm Lovelace. 2:29.21

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Clark Templeman, 2. Greg Leffler, 3. James McElreath, 4. Marvin Carman, 5. Joe Saldana, 6. Steve Chassey. 2:31.63

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Gary Irvin, 2. Gary Bettenhausen, 3. Mack McClellan, 4. Larry Moore, 5. Jim Hettinger, 6. Rick Montgomery. 2:29.16

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Billy Engelhart, 2. Bob Frey, 3. Dave Beverly, 4. Joe Saldana, 5. Malcolm Lovelace, 6. Tony Bettenhausen Jr., 7. Jim Hettinger, 8. Steve Chassey, 9. Rick Montgomery. 3:09.67

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Pancho Carter, 2. Chuck Gurney, 3. Bubby Jones, 4. Gary Bettenhausen, 5. Sheldon Kinser, 6. Greg Leffler, 7. Bob Frey, 8. Billy Engelhart, 9. Larry Rice, 10. Tom Bigelow, 11. Billy Cassella, 12. Larry Moore, 13. James McElreath, 14. Duke Cook, 15. Mack McClellan, 16. Gary Irvin, 17. Joe Saldana, 18. Clark Templeman, 19. Dave Beverly, 20. Marvin Carman. NT

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USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: August 14, 1977 – Salem Speedway – Salem, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Tom Bigelow, 4, Armstrong-16.381; 2. Pancho Carter, 1, Conger/Stapp-16.480; 3. Larry Moore, 74, Leyba-16.636; 4. Chuck Gurney, 41, Coulter-16.773; 5. Billy Cassella, 29, Seymour-16.807; 6. Sheldon Kinser, 56, Gohr-16.876; 7. Dana Carter, 55, Knepper-16.898; 8. Greg Leffler, 69, Davis-16.927; 9. Gary Bettenhausen, 42, Moorman-16.941; 10. Billy Engelhart, 11, Weaver-16.984; 11. Jerry Weeks, 3, King-16.988; 12. James McElreath, 8, McElreath-17.026; 13. Johnny B. Anderson, 57, Benovich-17.083; 14. Bubby Jones, 40, Longhorn-17.098; 15. Mack McClellan, 78, McClellan-17.104; 16. Gary Irvin, 38, Hodson-17.111; 17. Larry Rice, 98, Aviators-17.167; 18. Bob Frey, 18, Kershner-17.225; 19. Marvin Carman, 36, Stone-17.274; 20. Roy Hicks, 7, Niebel-17.305; 21. Steve Chassey, 35, Bowen-17.396; 22. Rich Leavell, 61, Welch-17.449; 23. Gary Gray, 83, Gray-17.459; 24. Karl Busson, 95, Cedoz-17.476; 25. Steve Cannon, 37, Babb-18.005; 26. Malcolm Lovelace, 80, Lovelace-18.141.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Steve Chassey, 2. Billy Cassella, 3. Larry Rice, 4. Johnny B. Anderson, 5. Gary Bettenhausen, 6. Steve Cannon, 7. Tom Bigelow. 2:20.33

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Rich Leavell, 2. Sheldon Kinser, 3. Bubby Jones, 4. Billy Engelhart, 5. Pancho Carter, 6. Malcolm Lovelace, 7. Bob Frey. NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Dana Carter, 2. Marvin Carman, 3. Gary Gray, 4. Jerry Weeks, 5. Larry Moore, 6. Mack McClellan. 2:18.67

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Roy Hicks, 2. James McElreath, 3. Chuck Gurney, 4. Karl Busson, 5. Greg Leffler, 6. Gary Irvin. 2:19.52

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Tom Bigelow, 2. Larry Moore, 3. Pancho Carter, 4. Gary Bettenhausen, 5. Greg Leffler, 6. Bob Frey, 7. Steve Cannon, 8. Malcolm Lovelace, 9. Gary Irvin. 2:48.21

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Sheldon Kinser, 2. Billy Cassella, 3. Chuck Gurney, 4. Pancho Carter, 5. Billy Engelhart, 6. Bubby Jones, 7. Larry Rice, 8. Johnny B. Anderson, 9. Dana Carter, 10. Tom Bigelow, 11. Marvin Carman, 12. Roy Hicks, 13. James McElreath, 14. Steve Chassey, 15. Jerry Weeks, 16. Gary Bettenhausen, 17. Karl Busson, 18. Gary Gray, 19. Larry Moore, 20. Rich Leavell. NT

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USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: August 26, 1977 – Erie County Fairgrounds – Hamburg, New York

QUALIFYING: 1. Billy Cassella, 29, Seymour-24.163; 2. Bubby Jones, 40, Longhorn-24.277; 3. Tom Bigelow, 43, Armstrong-24.394; 4. Sheldon Kinser, 56, Gohr-24.495; 5. Gary Bettenhausen, 42, Moorman-24.648; 6. Bob Frey, 16, Frey-24.716; 7. Greg Leffler, 69, Davis-24.742; 8. Billy Engelhart, 11, Weaver-24.809; 9. Steve Chassey, 35, Bowen-24.934; 10. James McElreath, 8, McElreath-24.943; 11. Dave Peperak, 77, Peperak-25.073; 12. Duke Cook, 48, Cook-25.212; 13. Mack McClellan, 78, McClellan-25.228; 14. Jim Hettinger, 90, Shick-25.241; 15. Chuck Gurney, 41, Coulter-25.403; 16. Red Bledsoe, 99, Bledsoe-25.570; 17. Dave Beverly, 67, Beverly-25.949.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Sheldon Kinser, 2. Tom Bigelow, 3. Bubby Jones, 4. Billy Cassella. 1:39.02

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Mack McClellan, 2. James McElreath, 3. Billy Cassella, 4. Greg Leffler, 5. Sheldon Kinser, 6. Red Bledsoe. NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Bubby Jones, 2. Jim Hettinger, 3. Dave Peperak, 4. Dave Beverly, 5. Billy Engelhart, 6. Gary Bettenhausen. NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Steve Chassey, 2. Tom Bigelow, 3. Chuck Gurney, 4. Bob Frey, 5. Duke Cook. 3:25.20

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Gary Bettenhausen, 2. Sheldon Kinser, 3. Bob Frey, 4. Duke Cook, 5. Red Bledsoe, 6. Greg Leffler, 7. Billy Engelhart, 8. Dave Beverly. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Gary Bettenhausen, 2. Sheldon Kinser, 3. Tom Bigelow, 4. Steve Chassey, 5. Billy Engelhart, 6. Bubby Jones, 7. Billy Cassella, 8. Chuck Gurney, 9. Bob Frey, 10. James McElreath, 11. Mack McClellan, 12. Dave Beverly, 13. Red Bledsoe, 14. Greg Leffler, 15. Jim Hettinger, 16. Dave Peperak, 17. Duke Cook. NT

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USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: August 31, 1977 – Illiana Motor Speedway – Schererville, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Billy Cassella, 29, Seymour-20.110; 2. Sheldon Kinser, 56, Gohr-20.168; 3. Mack McClellan, 78, McClellan-20.252; 4. Tom Bigelow, 43, Armstrong-20.269; 5. Greg Leffler, 69, Davis-20.302; 6. Mark Alderson, 28, Hill-20.333; 7. Larry Rice, 98, Aviators-20.359; 8. Jackie Howerton, 51, Graham-20.441; 9. Steve Chassey, 35, Bowen-20.442; 10. Billy Engelhart, 11, Weaver-20.458; 11. Gary Irvin, 38, Hodson-20.544; 12. Bob Frey, 16, Frey-20.614; 13. Dave Beverly, 67, Beverly-20.697; 14. Eddie Leavitt, 9, Siebert-20.753; 15. Dana Carter, 41, Coulter-20.756.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Tom Bigelow, 2. Sheldon Kinser, 3. Mack McClellan, 4. Billy Cassella. 1:21.60

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Billy Engelhart, 2. Tom Bigelow, 3. Dave Beverly, 4. Billy Cassella, 5. Larry Rice. 2:44.55

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Greg Leffler, 2. Gary Irvin, 3. Sheldon Kinser, 4. Eddie Leavitt, 5. Jackie Howerton. 2:45.27

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Dana Carter, 2. Bob Frey, 3. Steve Chassey, 4. Mack McClellan, 5. Mark Alderson. 2:45.49

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Sheldon Kinser, 2. Billy Cassella, 3. Mack McClellan, 4. Mark Alderson, 5. Steve Chassey, 6. Larry Rice, 7. Jackie Howerton, 8. Dave Beverly, 9. Eddie Leavitt. 3:23.67

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Greg Leffler, 2. Sheldon Kinser, 3. Tom Bigelow, 4. Billy Engelhart, 5. Billy Cassella, 6. Eddie Leavitt, 7. Bob Frey, 8. Steve Chassey, 9. Dave Beverly, 10. Larry Rice, 11. Dana Carter, 12. Gary Irvin, 13. Mark Alderson, 14. Jackie Howerton, 15. Mack McClellan. NT

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USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: September 3, 1977 – Winchester Speedway – Winchester, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Larry Moore, 74, Leyba-15.705; 2. Billy Cassella, 29, Seymour-16.186; 3. Jerry Weeks, 3, King-16.186; 4. Dana Carter, 55, Knepper-16.191; 5. Billy Engelhart, 11, Weaver-16.210; 6. Greg Leffler, 69, Davis-16.223; 7. Bubby Jones, 40, Longhorn-16.262; 8. Karl Busson, 95, Cedoz-16.302; 9. Bob Frey, 18, Kershner-16.349; 10. Chuck Gurney, 41, Coulter-16.424; 11. Johnny B. Anderson, 57, Benovich-16.461; 12. Mack McClellan, 78, McClellan-16.484; 13. Roy Hicks, 7, Niebel-16.510; 14. Chuck Booth, 121, Booth-16.550; 15. Rich Leavell, 61, Welch-16.561; 16. Marvin Carman, 36, Stone-16.570; 17. Gary Gray, 83, Gray-16.580; 18. Eddie Leavitt, 9, Siebert-16.603; 19. Sheldon Kinser, 56, Gohr-16.635; 20. Joe Saldana, 59, Hoffman-16.736; 21. Larry Rice, 98, Aviators-16.737; 22. Malcolm Lovelace, 80, Lovelace-16.789; 23. Clark Templeman, 30, Trost-16.873; 24. Steve Chassey, 35, Bowen-16.896; 25. Mike Schiesel, 45, English-16.940; 26. Mark Alderson, 28, Hill-17.011; 27. Tom Bigelow, 43, Armstrong-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Larry Rice, 2. Bob Frey, 3. Billy Engelhart, 4. Roy Hicks, 5. Mike Schiesel, 6. Gary Gray, 7. Larry Moore. 2:14.37

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Eddie Leavitt, 2. Billy Cassella, 3. Greg Leffler, 4. Mark Alderson, 5. Malcolm Lovelace, 6. Chuck Booth, 7. Chuck Gurney. NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Sheldon Kinser, 2. Bubby Jones, 3. Johnny B. Anderson, 4. Rich Leavell, 5. Jerry Weeks, 6. Clark Templeman. 2:13.56

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Karl Busson, 2. Dana Carter, 3. Joe Saldana, 4. Marvin Carman, 5. Mack McClellan, 6. Steve Chassey. 2:13.12

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Jerry Weeks, 2. Larry Moore (#43), 3. Malcolm Lovelace, 4. Clark Templeman, 5. Gary Gray, 6. Steve Chassey, 7. Mike Schiesel, 8. Mack McClellan. 2:47.06

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Billy Engelhart, 2. Bubby Jones, 3. Greg Leffler, 4. Billy Cassella, 5. Marvin Carman, 6. Larry Rice, 7. Jerry Weeks, 8. Clark Templeman, 9. Bob Frey, 10. Rich Leavell, 11. Dana Carter, 12. Karl Busson, 13. Roy Hicks, 14. Larry Moore (#43), 15. Johnny B. Anderson, 16. Mark Alderson, 17. Eddie Leavitt, 18. Joe Saldana, 19. Malcolm Lovelace, 20. Sheldon Kinser. NT

**Tom Bigelow not permitted to run due to 24 hour rule.

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USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: September 5, 1977 – Salem Speedway – Salem, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Larry Moore, 74, Leyba-16.415; 2. Tom Bigelow, 43, Armstrong-16.622; 3. Pancho Carter, 1, Conger/Stapp-16.736; 4. Chuck Gurney, 41, Coulter-16.754; 5. Joe Saldana, 59, Hoffman-16.767; 6. Billy Cassella, 29, Seymour-16.848; 7. Sheldon Kinser, 56, Gohr-16.850; 8. Greg Leffler, 69, Davis-16.907; 9. Eddie Leavitt, 9, Slebert-16.938; 10. Gary Bettenhausen, 42, Moorman-17.000; 11. Bubby Jones, 40, Longhorn-17.006; 12. Bob Frey, 18, Kershner-17.017; 13. Billy Engelhart, 11, Weaver-17.049; 14. Mack McClellan, 78, McClellan-17.110; 15. Jerry Weeks, 3, King-17.181; 16. Larry Rice, 98, Aviators-17.346; 17. Bruce Walkup, 35, Bowen-17.377; 18. Rich Leavell, 61, Welch-17.524; 19. Gary Gray, 83, Gray-17.531; 20. Clark Templeman, 30, Trost-17.602; 21. Mike Schiesel, 45, English-17.867; 22. Malcolm Lovelace, 80, Lovelace-17.961; 23. Rick Montgomery, 84, Brand-NT.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Pancho Carter, 2. Larry Moore, 3. Chuck Gurney, 4. Tom Bigelow. 1:09.26

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Sheldon Kinser, 2. Billy Engelhart, 3. Gary Bettenhausen, 4. Chuck Gurney, 5. Larry Rice, 6. Gary Gray, 7. Malcolm Lovelace, 8. Larry Moore. 2:17.14

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Tom Bigelow, 2. Clark Templeman, 3. Mack McClellan, 4. Bubby Jones, 5. Bruce Walkup, 6. Greg Leffler, 7. Joe Saldana. 2:18.88

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Rich Leavell, 2. Jerry Weeks, 3. Billy Cassella, 4. Bob Frey, 5. Pancho Carter, 6. Eddie Leavitt, 7. Mike Schiesel. 2:19.86

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Pancho Carter, 2. Larry Moore, 3. Larry Rice, 4. Greg Leffler, 5. Joe Saldana, 6. Gary Gray, 7. Bruce Walkup, 8. Mike Schiesel, 9. Eddie Leavitt. 2:47.17

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Pancho Carter, 2. Billy Cassella, 3. Bubby Jones, 4. Billy Engelhart, 5. Chuck Gurney, 6. Sheldon Kinser, 7. Joe Saldana, 8. Greg Leffler, 9. Bob Frey, 10. Bruce Walkup, 11. Larry Rice, 12. Jerry Weeks, 13. Rich Leavell, 14. Mike Schiesel, 15. Clark Templeman, 16. Larry Moore, 17. Tom Bigelow, 18. Gary Bettenhausen, 19. Gary Gray, 20. Mack McClellan. 16:12.42

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USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: September 18, 1977 – Eldora Speedway – Rossburg, Ohio

QUALIFYING: 1. James McElreath, 8, McElreath-17.469; 2. Tom Bigelow, 43, Armstrong-17.614; 3. Billy Engelhart, 11, Weaver-17.715; 4. Bruce Walkup, 9, Siebert-17.818; 5. Jerry Weeks, 3, King-17.844; 6. Duke Cook, 48, Cook-17.876; 7. Bubby Jones, 40, Longhorn-17.933; 8. Sheldon Kinser, 56, Gohr-17.967; 9. Ron Shuman, 75, Forberg-18.050; 10. Clark Templeman, 30, Trost-18.151; 11. Pancho Carter, 1 Conger/Stapp-18.155; 12. Roger Rager, 28, Hill-18.155; 13. Billy Cassella, 29, Seymour-18.157; 14. Gary Bettenhausen, 42, Moorman-18.206; 15. Karl Busson, 25, Easton-18.220; 16. Steve Chassey, 35, Bowen-18.228; 17. Johnny Parsons, 59, Hoffman-18.228; 18. Rich Vogler, 49, Mayhew-18.287; 19. Mike Schiesel, 45, English-18.315; 20. Dave Peperak, 77, Peperak-18.403; 21. Rich Leavell, 61, Welch-18.437; 22. Larry Rice, 98, Aviators-18.464; 23. Greg Leffler, 69, Davis-18.482; 24. Joe Saldana, 24, Davis-18.485; 25. Bob Frey, 16, Frey-18.487; 26. Dana Carter, 14, Smith-18.510; 27. Junior Parkinson, 65, Parkinson-18.588; 28. Jerry Miller, 21, Dorathy-18.670; 29. Red Bledsoe, 99, Bledsoe-18.713; 30. Jim Hettinger, 90, Shlck-18.720; 31. Malcolm Lovelace, 80, Lovelace-18.757; 32. Mack McClellan, 78, McClellan-18.789; 33. Rick Montgomery, 84, Brand-18.850; 34. Junior Smalley, 97, Baldwin-18.881; 35. Chuck Gurney, 41, Coulter-18.921; 36. Gary Gray, 83, Gray-19.010; 37. Phil Howe, 64, Stewart-19.445.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Rich Leavell, 2. Billy Cassella, 3. Jerry Weeks, 4. Johnny Parsons, 5. Bob Frey, 6. James McElreath, 7. Ron Shuman, 2:31.93

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Larry Rice, 2. Tom Bigelow, 3. Dana Carter, 4. Rich Vogler, 5. Clark Templeman, 6. Duke Cook, 7. Gary Bettenhausen. 2:32.65

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Pancho Carter, 2. Junior Parkinson, 3. Bubby Jones, 4. Karl Busson, 5. Greg Leffler, 6. Billy Engelhart, 7. Mike Schiesel. 2:28.38

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Roger Rager, 2. Sheldon Kinser, 3. Bruce Walkup, 4. Joe Saldana, 5. Steve Chassey, 6. Jerry Miller, 7. Dave Peperak. 2:28.94

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Billy Engelhart, 2. Clark Templeman, 3. Greg Leffler, 4. Ron Shuman, 5. Steve Chassey, 6. Jerry Miller, 7. Bob Frey, 8. Mike Schiesel, 9. Duke Cook, 10. Gary Bettenhausen, 11. James McElreath, 12. Dave Peperak. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Bubby Jones, 2. Roger Rager, 3. Sheldon Kinser, 4. Tom Bigelow, 5. Billy Engelhart, 6. Clark Templeman, 7. Rich Leavell, 8. Jerry Weeks, 9. Johnny Parsons, 10. Karl Busson, 11. Ron Shuman, 12. Steve Chassey, 13. Pancho Carter, 14. Bruce Walkup, 15. Billy Cassella, 16. Dana Carter, 17. Greg Leffler, 18. Junior Parkinson, 19. Larry Rice, 20. Joe Saldana. NT

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USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: September 25, 1977 – Terre Haute Action Track – Terre Haute, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Sheldon Kinser, 56, Gohr-23.532; 2. Pancho Carter, 1, Conger/Stapp-23.586; 3. Tom Bigelow, 43, Armstrong-23.696; 4. Jerry Weeks, 3, King-23.737; 5. Rich Vogler, 49, Mayhew-23.850; 6. Roger Rager, 28, Hill-23.958; 7. Eddie Leavitt, 9, Siebert-24.020; 8. Bubby Jones, 40, Longhorn-24.045; 9. Larry Rice, 98, Aviators-24.076; 10. Rich Leavell, 61, Welch-24.206; 11. Chuck Gurney, 41, Coulter-24.217; 12. Dana Carter, 55, Knepper-24.310; 13. Clark Templeman, 30, Trost-24.313; 14. Mack McClellan, 78, McClellan-24.327; 15. Dave Peperak, 77, Peperak-24.396; 16. Billy Cassella, 29, Seymour-24.449; 17. Steve Chassey, 35, Bowen-24.512; 18. Junior Parkinson, 65, Parkinson-24.531; 19. Bob Frey, 16, Frey-24.548; 20. Jerry Miller, 21, Dorothy-24.584; 21. Duke Cook, 48, Cook-24.672; 22. Mark Alderson, 14, Smith-24.759; 23. Greg Leffler, 69, Davls-24.900; 24. Karl Busson, 25, Easton-24.917; 25. Phil Howe, 64, Stewart-24.951; 26. Red Bledsoe, 99, Bledsoe-24.999; 27. Gary Gray, 83, Gray-25.002; 28. Mike Schiesel, 45, English-25.014; 29. Billy Engelhart, 11, Weaver-25.058; 30. Steve Cannon, 37, Babb-25.517; 31. Phil Miller, 58, Miller-26.498; 32. Ron Shuman, 75, Forberg-NT; 33. Bruce Walkup, 109, Siebert-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Sheldon Kinser, 2. Rich Vogler, 3. Duke Cook, 4. Steve Chassey, 5. Clark Templeman, 6. Larry Rice, 7. Phil Howe. 3:18.85

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Junior Parkinson, 2. Rich Leavell, 3. Roger Rager, 4. Mark Alderson, 5. Mack McClellan, 6. Red Bledsoe, 7. Pancho Carter. 3:21.14

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Tom Bigelow, 2. Greg Leffler, 3. Chuck Gurney, 4. Eddie Leavitt, 5. Dave Peperak, 6. Gary Gray, 7. Bob Frey. 3:22.89

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Bubby Jones, 2. Jerry Weeks, 3. Billy Engelhart, 4. Karl Busson, 5. Billy Cassella, 6. Dana Carter, 7. Jerry Miller. 3:22.82

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Pancho Carter, 2. Billy Cassella, 3. Clark Templeman, 4. Larry Rice, 5. Dana Carter, 6. Mack McClellan, 7. Jerry Miller, 8. Steve Cannon, 9. Red Bledsoe, 10. Phil Miller, 11. Phil Howe, 12. Dave Peperak. 4:09.67

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Pancho Carter, 2. Tom Bigelow, 3. Junior Parkinson, 4. Chuck Gurney, 5. Billy Cassella, 6. Larry Rice, 7. Steve Chassey, 8. Roger Rager, 9. Billy Engelhart, 10. Rich Leavell, 11. Sheldon Kinser, 12. Greg Leffler, 13. Karl Busson, 14. Mark Alderson, 15. Duke Cook, 16. Clark Templeman, 17. Jerry Weeks, 18. Rich Vogler, 19. Bubby Jones, 20. Eddie Leavitt. NT

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USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: October 2, 1977 – Salem Speedway – Salem, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Pancho Carter, 1, Conger/Stapp-16.452; 2. Tom Bigelow, 43, Armstrong-16.581; 3. Larry Moore, 74, Leyba-16.698; 4. Larry Rice, 98, Aviators-16.743; 5. Bob Frey, 18, Kershner-16.760; 6. Greg Leffler, 69, Davis-16.764; 7. Steve Chassey, 35, Bowen-16.828; 8. Billy Engelhart, 11, Weaver-16.865; 9. Chuck Gurney, 41, Coulter-16.918; 10. Mack McClellan, 78, McClellan-16.995; 11. Bubby Jones, 40, Longhorn-17.036; 12. Jim Hettinger, 90, Shick-17.061; 13. James McElreath, 8, McElreath-17.073; 14. Billy Cassella, 29, Seymour-17.081; 15. Marvin Carman, 36, Stone-17.158; 16. Sheldon Kinser, 56, Gohr-17.275; 17. Rich Leavell, 61, Welch-17.298; 18. Rich Vogler, 49, Mayhew-17.311; 19. Roger Rager, 28, Hill-17.329; 20. Gary Gray, 83, Gray-17.525; 21. Malcolm Lovelace, 80, Lovelace-17.690; 22. Karl Busson, 95, Cedoz-17.779; 23. Jerry Weeks, 79, Watson-17.898; 24. Duke Cook, 48, Cook-NT; 25. Joe Saldana, 59, Hoffman-NT; 26. Jerry Weeks, 3, King-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Chuck Gurney, 2. Bob Frey, 3. Pancho Carter, 4. James McElreath, 5. Rich Leavell, 6. Malcolm Lovelace. 2:16.09

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Karl Busson, 2. Mack McClellan, 3. Tom Bigelow, 4. Billy Cassella, 5. Greg Leffler, 6. Rich Vogler. 2:20.55

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Marvin Carman, 2. Bubby Jones, 3. Larry Moore, 4. Steve Chassey, 5. Jerry Weeks, 6. Roger Rager. 2:19.10

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Sheldon Kinser, 2. Larry Rice, 3. Jim Hettinger, 4. Billy Engelhart, 5. Gary Gray. 2:19.10

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Greg Leffler, 2. Rich Vogler, 3. Rich Leavell, 4. Roger Rager, 5. Malcolm Lovelace, 6. Gary Gray. NT

FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Pancho Carter, 2. Larry Moore, 3. Chuck Gurney, 4. Billy Engelhart, 5. Bubby Jones, 6. Larry Rice, 7. Steve Chassey, 8. Greg Leffler, 9. Bob Frey, 10. Billy Cassella, 11. Jim Hettinger, 12. Tom Bigelow, 13. Rich Leavell, 14. Mack McClellan, 15. Roger Rager, 16. Sheldon Kinser, 17. Marvin Carman, 18. James McElreath, 19. Rich Vogler, 20. Karl Busson. NT

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USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: October 9, 1977 – Eldora Speedway – Rossburg, Ohio

QUALIFYING: 1. Sheldon Kinser, 56, Gohr-17.638; 2. James McElreath, 8, McElreath-17.743; 3. Bubby Jones, 40, Longhorn-17.858; 4. Billy Cassella, 29, Seymour-17.927; 5. Rich Leavell, 61, Welch-18.016; 6. Eddie Leavitt, 9, Siebert-18.020; 7.

George Snider, 20, Rhoades-18.078; 8. Tom Bigelow, 43, Armstrong-18.092; 9. Bruce Walkup, 109, Siebert-18.095; 10. Johnny Parsons, 59, Hoffman-18.145; 11. Chuck Gurney, 41, Coulter-18.147; 12. Duke Cook, 48, Cook-18.165; 13. Steve Chassey, 35, Bowen-18.167; 14. Rich Vogler, 49, Mayhew-18.176; 15. Clark Templeman, 30, Trost-18.199; 16. Larry Rice, 98, Aviators-18.220; 17. Jerry Weeks, 3, King-18.281; 18. Roger Rager, 28, Hill-18.284; 19. Pancho Carter, 1, Conger/Stapp-18.338; 20. Jim Hettinger, 90, Shick-18.396; 21. Junior Smalley, 97, Baldwin-18.496; 22. Jerry Miller, 21, Dorathy-18.599; 23. Billy Engelhart, 11, Weaver-18.620; 24. Dave Peperak, 77, Peperak-18.668; 25. Gary Gray, 83, Gray-18.729; 26. Mack McClellan, 78, McClellan-18.875; 27. Larry Moore, 74, Leyba-19.051; 28. Junior Parkinson, 65, Parkinson-19.054; 29. Karl Busson, 25, Easton-19.173; 30. Mark Alderson, 14, Smith-19.175; 31. Malcolm Lovelace, 80, Lovelace-19.186; 32. Red Bledsoe, 99, Bledsoe-19.557; 33. Phil Miller, 58, Miller-20.058; 34. Phil Howe, 64, Stewart-20.132.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Pancho Carter, 2. George Snider, 3. Billy Engelhart, 4. Steve Chassey, 5. Johnny Parsons, 6. Larry Rice, 7. Mack McClellan. NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Chuck Gurney, 2. Jerry Weeks, 3. Tom Bigelow, 4. Jim Hettinger, 5. Dave Peperak, 6. Rich Vogler, 7. Larry Moore. 2:27.29

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Roger Rager, 2. Bruce Walkup, 3. Junior Parkinson, 4. Junior Smalley, 5. Clark Templeman, 6. Duke Cook, 7. Gary Gray. 2:28.35

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Johnny Parsons, 2. Steve Chassey, 3. Duke Cook, 4. Rich Vogler, 5. Junior Smalley, 6. Clark Templeman, 7. Jim Hettinger, 8. Larry Rice, 9. Dave Peperak, 10. Karl Busson, 11. Gary Gray, 12. Greg Leffler (#78). 3:03.70

FIRST FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Eddie Leavitt, 2. Chuck Gurney, 3. Bubby Jones, 4. Tom Bigelow, 5. Billy Cassella, 6. George Snider, 7. Sheldon Kinser, 8. Rich Leavell, 9. James McElreath, 10. Roger Rager, 11. Billy Engelhart, 12. Jerry Weeks, 13. Steve Chassey, 14. Duke Cook, 15. Rich Vogler, 16. Junior Smalley, 17. Junior Parkinson, 18. Bruce Walkup, 19. Pancho Carter, 20. Johnny Parsons. 17:49.98

SECOND FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Bubby Jones, 2. Tom Bigelow, 3. Eddie Leavitt, 4. Sheldon Kinser, 5. George Snider, 6. Roger Rager, 7. Johnny Parsons, 8. Steve Chassey, 9. Junior Smalley, 10. Billy Cassella, 11. Junior Parkinson, 12. Rich Leavell, 13. Duke Cook, 14. Pancho Carter, 15. James McElreath, 16. Rich Vogler, 17. Billy Engelhart, 18. Jerry Weeks, 19. Bruce Walkup, 20. Chuck Gurney. NT

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USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: October 16, 1977 – Winchester Speedway – Winchester, Indiana

QUALIFYING: 1. Larry Moore, 74, Leyba-15.889; 2. Tom Bigelow, 43, Armstrong-15.977; 3. Pancho Carter, 1, Conger/Stapp-15.991; 4. Billy Engelhart, 11, Weaver-16.141; 5. Chuck Gurney, 41, Coulter-16.151 6. Greg Leffler, 69, Davis-16.183; 7. Bruce Walkup, 9, Siebert-16.225; 8. Bob Frey, 18, Kershner-16.253; 9. Larry Rice, 98, Aviators-16.332; 10. James McElreath, 8, McElreath-16.374; 11. Mack McClellan, 78, McClellan-16.386; 12. Sheldon Kinser, 56, Gohr-16.449; 13. Billy Cassella, 29, Seymour-16.494; 14. Marvin Carman, 36, Stone-16.496; 15. Steve Chassey, 35, Bowen-16.569; 16. Rich Leavell, 61, Welch-16.655; 17. George Snider, 55, Knepper-16.789; 18. Jerry Weeks, 54, Fortney-16.791; 19. Gary Gray, 83, Gray-16.907; 20. Malcolm Lovelace, 80, Lovelace-17.018; 21. Joe Saldana, 59, Hoffman-17.044; 22. Mark Alderson, 30, Trost-17.048; 23. Rick Montgomery, 84, Brand-17.076; 24. Roger Rager, 28, Hill-17.450; 25. Karl Busson, 95, Cedoz-17.481; 26. Jim Hettinger, 90, Shick-17.548; 27. Mark Alderson, 79, Watson-17.688; 28. Bubby Jones, 40, Longhorn-NT.; 29. Gary Bettenhausen, 12, BRE-NT.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Billy Cassella, 2. Bruce Walkup, 3. James McElreath, 4. Mark Alderson, 5. Rich Leavell, 6. Gary Gray, 7. Karl Busson. 2:15.13

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Marvin Carman, 2. Mack McClellan, 3. Bob Frey, 4. Malcolm Lovelace, 5. George Snider, 6. Jim Hettinger, 7. Rick Montgomery. NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Joe Saldana, 2. Steve Chassey, 3. Sheldon Kinser, 4. Jerry Weeks, 5. Larry Rice, 6. Roger Rager. 2:13.96

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Larry Rice, 2. Gary Bettenhausen (#55), 3. Jim Hettinger, 4. Roger Rager, 5. Rich Leavell, 6. Malcolm Lovelace, 7. Jerry Weeks, 8. Gary Gray, 9. Mark Alderson, 10. Karl Busson, 11. Rick Montgomery. NT

FIRST FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Pancho Carter, 2. Chuck Gurney, 3. Billy Engelhart, 4. Sheldon Kinser, 5. Steve Chassey, 6. Gary Bettenhausen/Tom Bigelow, 7. Mack McClellan, 8. Marvin Carman, 9. Larry Rice, 10. Bruce Walkup, 11. Jim Hettinger, 12. Billy Cassella, 13. Roger Rager, 14. Larry Moore, 15. Tom Bigelow, 16. Bob Frey, 17. James McElreath, 18. Joe Saldana, 19. Rich Leavell (#79), 20. Malcolm Lovelace. NT (Tom Bigelow relieved Gary Bettenhausen after two laps)

SECOND FEATURE: (50 laps) 1. Pancho Carter, 2. Billy Engelhart, 3. Sheldon Kinser, 4. Bruce Walkup, 5. Chuck Gurney, 6. Billy Cassella, 7. Steve Chassey, 8. Marvin Carman, 9. Tom Bigelow (#55), 10. Larry Rice, 11. Mack McClellan, 12. Rick Montgomery, 13. Roger Rager, 14. Mark Alderson (#79), 15. Joe Saldana, 16. Jim Hettinger. NT

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USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: November 5, 1977 – Ascot Park – Gardena, California

QUALIFYING: 1. Tommy Astone, 98, Agajanian-21.072; 2. Steve Howard, 94, Howard-21.081; 3. Clark Templeman, 20, Cunningham-21.133; 4. Jimmy Oskie, 1c, Kindoll-21.201; 5. Dean Thompson, 25, Kastenber-21.205; 6. Chuck Gurney, 41, Coulter-21.230; 7. Bobby Olivero, 86, Morales-21.280; 8. Bob Meli, 78, Hauser-21.381; 9. Ron Horton, 76, Horton-21.446; 10. Max Sweeney, 51, Watson-21.465; 11. Tommy Hunt, 95, Hunt-21.476; 12. Tom Bigelow, 43, Armstrong-21.542; 13. George Snider, 9, Siebert-21.633; 14. Pancho Carter, 1, Conger/Stapp-21.658; 15. Roger Rager, 28, Hill-21.673; 16. Sheldon Kinser, 56, Gohr-21.678; 17. John Ryals, 66, Ryals-21.698; 18. Johnny W. Anderson, 88, Snow-21.708; 19. Rick Goudy, 4, Morales-21.721; 20. Ron Shuman, 96, Allen-21.733; 21. Mike Shaw, 1x, Kindoll-21.788; 22. Billy Cassella, 29, Seymour-21.866; 23. Bubby Jones, 40, Longhorn-22.032; 24. Greg Leffler, 69, Davis-22.177; 25. Gary Bettenhausen, 12, BRE-22.219; 26. Duke Cook, 48, Cook -22.300; 27. Billy Vukovich, 4x, Consani-22.388; 28. Ron Rea, 06, Rea-22.547; 29. Steve Chassey, 5, Pratt-23.260.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Gary Bettenhausen, 2. Mike Shaw, 3. John Ryals, 4. Ron Horton, 5. George Snider, 6. Dean Thompson, 7. Tommy Astone. 2:55.81

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Billy Cassella, 2. Pancho Carter, 3. Max Sweeney, 4. Chuck Gurney, 5. Johnny W. Anderson, 6. Dule Cook, 7. Steve Howard. NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Rick Goudy, 2. Bubby Jones, 3. Roger Rager, 4. Bobby Olivero, 5. Clark Templeman, 6. Billy Vukovich, 7. Tommy Hunt. NT

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Greg Leffler, 2. Sheldon Kinser, 3. Jimmy Oskie, 4. Ron Rea, 5. Tom Bigelow, 6. Bob Meli, 7. Ron Shuman. 3:01.20

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Steve Howard, 2. Tom Bigelow, 3. Ron Shuman, 4. Duke Cook, 5. Clark Templeman, 6. Steve Chassey, 7. Tommy Astone, 8. Bob Meli, 9. George Snider, 10. Johnny W. Anderson. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Bobby Olivero, 2. Chuck Gurney, 3. Sheldon Kinser, 4. Rick Goudy, 5. Mike Shaw, 6. Tom Bigelow, 7. Gary Bettenhausen, 8. Ron Shuman, 9. Billy Cassella, 10. Ron Rea, 11. John Ryals, 12. Bubby Jones, 13. Ron Horton, 14. Greg Leffler, 15. Pancho Carter, 16. Duke Cook, 17. Roger Rager, 18. Max Sweeney, 19. Jimmy Oskie, 20. Steve Howard. NT

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SHELDON KINSER WINS ASCOT & USAC SPRINT TITLE

Sheldon Kinser is the 1977 USAC National Sprint Car Champion.

He won the title in grand style, capturing the final race of the season November 12 at Ascot Park in Gardena, Cal., finishing the season 75 points ahead of Tom Bigelow.

He had finished third in the previous week's race at Ascot behind winner Bobby Olivero but caught Olivero with four laps remaining on November 12 and stopped Bobby's attempt to win both the Valvoline/Ascot Sprint series events.

Bigelow, winner of a record 14 features this season, encountered problems with the Armstrong Mould Chevy and was forced to watch the final feature of the year after placing sixth in the semi. Tom congratulated Kinser prior to the start of the final 40-lapper on capturing his first USAC crown.

Bubby Jones returned from a flip in the first Ascot race to place sixth in the finale and Clark Templeman suffered a broken tooth in a flip during the November 12 race.

Bigelow ended the season as the point runner-up, with Pancho Carter earning the number three ranking.

USAC NATIONAL SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: November 12, 1977 – Ascot Park – Gardena, California

QUALIFYING: 1. Billy Cassella, 29, Seymour-21.005; 2. Johnny W. Anderson, 88, Snow-21.063; 3. Sheldon Kinser, 56, Gohr-21.206; 4. Rick Goudy, 4, Morales-21.206; 5. Clark Templeman, 20c, Cunningham-21.227; 6. Bubby Jones, 40, Longhorn-21.294; 7. Bobby Olivero, 86, Morales-21.319; 8. Dean Thompson, 25, Kastenber-21.327; 9. Chuck Gurney, 41, Coulter-21.431; 10. Ron Rea, 06, Rea-21.434; 11. Steve Howard, 94, Howard-21.503; 12. Ron Shuman, 27, Faas-21.542; 13. John Ryals, 66, Ryals-21.543; 14. Bruce Walkup, 9, Siebert-21.544; 15. Duke Cook, 48, Cook-21.628; 16. Jimmy Oskie, 1c, Kindoll-21.655; 17. David Fair, 96, Allen-21.693; 18. Pancho Carter, 1, Conger/Stapp-21.717; 19. Bob Meli, 78, Hauser-21.752; 20. Tommy Astone, 98, Agajanian-21.879; 21. Ron Horton, 76, Horton-21.922; 22. Mike Shaw, 1x, Kindoll-21.929; 23. Max Sweeney, 51c, Watson-21.947; 24. Tommy Hunt, 95, Hunt-22.015; 25. Roger Rager, 28, Hill-22.119; 26. Tom Bigelow, 43, Armstrong-21.129; 27. Greg Leffler, 69, Davis-21.152; 28. Gary Bettenhausen, 12, BRE-22.159; 29. Billy Vukovich, 4x, Consani-22.544; 30. Steve Chassey, 5c, Pratt-23.319.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Jimmy Horton, 2. John Ryals, 3. Clark Templeman, 4. Billy Cassella, 5. Chuck Gurney, 6. David Fair, 7. Roger Rager. 2:53.25

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Mike Shaw, 2. Bruce Walkup, 3. Bubby Jones, 4. Pancho Carter, 5. Tom Bigelow, 6. Ron Rea, 7. Anderson. 2:52.89

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Max Sweeney, 2. Bob Meli, 3. Steve Howard, 4. Greg Leffler, 5. Sheldon Kinser, 6. Bobby Olivero, 7. Duke Cook. 2:52.46

FOURTH HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Tommy Hunt, 2. Jimmy Oskie, 3. Tommy Astone, 4. Ron Shuman, 5. Dean Thompson, 6. Gary Bettenhausen, 7. Rick Goudy. 2:51.15

SEMI: (10 laps) 1. Rick Goudy, 2. Sheldon Kinser, 3. Dean Thompson, 4. Bobby Olivero, 5. Chuck Gurney, 6. Tom Bigelow, 7. Roger Rager, 8. Ron Rea, 9. Duke Cook, 10. David Fair, 11. Johnny W. Anderson, 12. Gary Bettenhausen. 3:31.71

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Sheldon Kinser, 2. Bobby Olivero, 3. Rick Goudy, 4. Billy Cassella, 5. Jimmy Oskie, 6. Bubby Jones, 7. Bruce Walkup, 8. Tommy Astone, 9. Max Sweeney, 10. Ron Horton, 11. Greg Leffler, 12. Clark Templeman, 13. John Ryals, 14. Pancho Carter, 15. Bob Meli, 16. Dean Thompson, 17. Steve Howard, 18. Tommy Hunt, 19. Mike Shaw, 20. Ron Shuman.
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