2004 USAC SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR SEASON REVIEW

Beau Binder of El Paso, Texas won the 2004 USAC Southwest Sprint Car championship, which comprised of two early point paying events but ended prematurely following construction delays at a new venue in Tucson, Arizona.

The 22-year-old Texan scored 130 points to runner-up Dave Burns' 111 point total, giving Binder the title in the series' third year. Leighton Crouch, Rick Williams and defending series champion Rick Ziehl rounded out the series' top-five.

The series was abbreviated to two points paying events – Imperial, California and Fernley, Nevada. Binder led all 30 laps at Imperial Valley Speedway, besting Ziehl and Mike Martin.

Williams won a Ren0-Fernley Raceway, the series' first stop at the 3/8-mile clay oval. Binder finished third to claim the title.

The division also made its second trip to the 50th state in November for the running of the Hawaii Sprint Car Challenge II for two special event races at Hawaii Motor Speedway near Honolulu. USAC CRA regular Charles Davis Jr. won the opening night's 30-lapper, while Hawaiian Dennis Krob captured the 40-lap feature.

The series had intended to compete several times at the new 3/8-mile United Sports Arizona (USA) Race Park in Tucson.

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USAC SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: March 20, 2004 – Imperial Valley Speedway – Imperial, California

QUALIFYING: 1. Rick Ziehl, 18, Ziehl-16.56; 2. Mike Boat, 74, Boat-16.75; 3. Josh Pelkey, 17, Pelkey-16.92; 4. Mark Deskovick, 7, Deskovick-17.39; 5. Mike Martin, 57, Martin-17.59; 6. Beau Binder, 25, Binder-17.75; 7. Kaylene Verville, 01, Verville-17.85; 8. A.J. Reyer, 2, Reyer-17.90; 9. Brandon Lane, 97, Lane-17.91; 10. Mike Rux Jr., 22, Rux-18.14; 11. Dave Burns, 52, Burns-18.35; 12. Jim Pless, 56, Pless-18.89; 13. R.C. Whitwell, 8T, Whitwell-NT; 14. Rick Sipes, 99, Sipes-NT; 15. Leighton Crouch, 0c, Crouch-NT.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Mark Deskovick, 2. Josh Pelkey, 3. Mike Boat, 4. Rick Ziehl. NT

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Brandon Lane, 2. Josh Pelkey, 3. Dave Burns, 4. Kaylene Verville, 5. Mike Martin, 6. Rick Ziehl, 7. Leighton Crouch. NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Mike Boat, 2. Mark Deskovick, 3. A.J. Reyer, 4. Beau Binder, 5. Jim Pless, 6. Mike Rux Jr. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Beau Binder, 2. Rick Ziehl, 3. Mike Martin, 4. Josh Pelkey, 5. Mike Boat, 6. Kaylene Verville, 7. Dave Burns, 8. Mark Deskovick, 9. Jim Pless, 10. Brandon Lane, 11. A.J. Reyer, 12. Leighton Crouch. NT

**R.C. Whitwell flipped during qualifying. Rick Sipes flipped during qualifying. A.J. Reyer flipped during the feature.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Beau Binder.

USAC SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Beau Binder-66, 2-Rick Ziehl-66, 3-Josh Pelkey-62, 4-Mike Boat-61, 5-Mike Martin-60, 6-Kaylene Verville-50, 7-Mark Deskovick-49, 8-Dave Burns-48, 9-Brandon Lane-41, 10-Jim Pless-40.

NEXT USAC SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR RACE: May 29, 2004 – Reno-Fernley Raceway – Fernley, Nevada

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USAC SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: May 29, 2004 – Reno-Fernley Raceway – Fernley, Nevada

QUALIFYING: 1. Danny Olmstead, 11D, Olmstead-17.84; 2. Rick Williams, 6, Williams-18.08; 3. Leighton Crouch, 0c, Crouch-18.19; 4. Jim Richardson, 8, Richardson-18.35; 5. Beau Binder, 25, Binder-18.47; 6. Dave Burns, 52, Burns-18.69; 7. Mark Beck, 4x, Beck-19.86; 8. Matt Fontaine, 4, Fontaine-20.61.

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Beau Binder, 2. Dave Burns, 3. Jim Richardson, 4. Danny Olmstead, 5. Rick Williams, 6. Matt Fontaine, 7. Mark Beck, 8. Leighton Crouch. NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. Rick Williams, 2. Leighton Crouch, 3. Jim Richardson, 4. Danny Olmstead, 5. Dave Burns, 6. Matt Fontaine, 7. Mark Beck, 8. Beau Binder. NT

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Rick Williams, 2. Leighton Crouch, 3. Beau Binder, 4. Dave Burns, 5. Matt Fontaine, 6. Danny Olmstead, 7. Mark Beck, 8. Jim Richardson.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Rick Williams.

USAC SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR POINTS: 1-Beau Binder-130, 2-Dave Burns-111, 3-Leighton Crouch-99, 4-Rick Williams-77, 5-Rick Ziehl-66, 6-Josh Pelkey-62, 7-Mike Boat-61, 8-Danny Olmstead-61, 9-Mike Martin-60, 10-Matt Fontaine-54.

NEXT USAC SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR RACES: November 12-13, 2004 – Hawaii Motor Speedway – Kapolei, Hawaii – Hawaiian Sprint Challenge II – Non-Points Special Event

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USAC SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: November 12, 2004 – Hawaii Motor Speedway – Kapolei, Hawaii – Hawaiian Sprint Challenge II – Non-Points Special Event

QUALIFYING: 1. Dean Freitas, 9, Freitas-13.95; 2. Charles Davis Jr., 94, Morales-14.01; 3. Rick Ziehl, 20z, Ziehl-14.14; 4. Adam Ahsing, 4, Ahsing-14.41; 5. John Carney Jr., X, Minks-14.48; 6. Leighton Crouch, 0c, Crouch-14.49; 7. Don Grable, 0, Minks-14.55; 8. Brandon Ternora, 17, Ternora-14.56; 9. Jimmy Pontin, 24, Pontin-14.66; 10. Mike Martin, 17A, Martin-14.90; 11. James Chinen, 20, Chinen-15.15; 12. Ikaika O'Brien, 11, O'Brien-15.21; 13. Albert Ternora Jr., 2, Ternora-15.29; 14. Rodney Capello, 88, Capello-15.38; 15. Shaun Ternora, 17x, Ternora-15.23; 16. Jeff Villacorte, 51, Villacorte-15.65; 17. Shannon Souza, 33, Souza-15.77; 18. Clement Conceicao, 15, Corceicao-15.86; 19. Gary Costa, 01, Costa-16.02; 20. Dave Burns, 52, Burns-16.23; 21. Mike Kiyama, 59, Kiyama-16.56; 22. Ben Apuna, 55, Apuna-16.66; 23. John Ziehl, 2nm, Ziehl-17.53; 24. Rocky Silva, 05, Silva-NT; 25. Dennis Krob, 5, Krob-NT.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Rick Ziehl, 2. Charles Davis Jr., 3. Dean Freitas, 4. Adam Ahsing. NT

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jeff Villacorte, 2. Don Grable, 3. Mike Martin, 4. Ikaika O'Brien, 5. Dean Freitas, 6. Adam Ahsing, 7. Gary Costa, 8. Ben Apuna. NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Shannon Souza, 2. Dave Burns, 3. Brandon Ternora, 4. Albert Ternora Jr., 5. John Ziehl, 6. Rodney Capello, 7. Charles Davis Jr., 8. Dennis Krob, 9. John Carney Jr. NT

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. James Chinen, 2. Rocky Silva, 3. Rick Ziehl, 4. Clement Conceicao, 5. Jimmy Pontin, 6. Mike Kiyama, 7. Leighton Crouch, 8. Shaun Ternora. NT

SEMI: (12 laps) Aborted after first lap accident.

FEATURE: (30 laps) 1. Charles Davis Jr., 2. Don Grable, 3. Brandon Ternora, 4. Shaun Ternora, 5. Rick Ziehl, 6. Albert Ternora, 7. Rocky Silva, 8. Dean Freitas, 9. Mike Martin, 10. Dave Burns, 11. Clement Conceicao, 12. James Chinen, 13. Mike Kiyama,

14. Jimmy Pontin, 15. Ben Apuna, 16. Jeff Villacorte, 17. Ikaika O'Brien, 18. Rodney Capello, 19. John Ziehl, 20. Shannon Souza, 21. John Carney Jr. NT

**John Carney Jr. flipped during the second heat. Leighton Crouch flipped at the start of the semi.

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-16 Jimmy Pontin, Laps 17-30 Charles Davis Jr.

NEXT USAC SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR RACE: November 13, 2004 – Hawaii Motor Speedway – Kapolei, Hawaii – Hawaiian Sprint Challenge II – Non-Points Special Event

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USAC SOUTHWEST SPRINT CAR RACE RESULTS: November 13, 2004 – Hawaii Motor Speedway – Kapolei, Hawaii – Hawaiian Sprint Challenge II – Non-Points Special Event

QUALIFYING: 1. Rick Ziehl, 20z, Ziehl-13.69; 2. Charles Davis Jr., 94, Morales-13.77; 3. John Carney Jr., X, Minks-13.84; 4. Dennis Krob, 5, Krob-14.12; 5. Mike Martin, 17A, Martin-14.26; 6. Don Grable, 0, Minks-14.31; 7. Dean Freitas, 9, Freitas-14.50; 8. James Chinen, 20, Chinen-14.56; 9. Rodney Capello, 88, Capello-14.56; 10. Brandon Ternora, 17, Ternora-14.59; 11. Jeff Villacorte, 51, Villacorte-14.76; 12. Jimmy Pontin, 24, Pontin-15.13; 13. Rocky Silva, 05, Silva-15.14; 14. Ikaika O'Brien, 11, O'Brien-15.26; 15. Ben Apuna, 55, Apuna-15.32; 16. Clement Conceicao, 15, Corceicao-15.35; 17. Shaun Ternora, 17x, Ternora-15.42; 18. Shannon Souza, 33, Souza-15.70; 19. Mike Kiyama, 59, Kiyama-15.77; 20. Albert Ternora Jr., 2, Ternora-16.07; 21. Dave Burns, 52, Burns-16.09; 22. John Ziehl, 2nm, Ziehl-NT; 23. John McArdle, 25, McArdle-NT.

DASH: (4 laps) 1. Charles Davis Jr., 2. Rick Ziehl, 3. John Carney Jr., 4. Dennis Krob. NT

FIRST HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Dean Freitas, 2. Rick Ziehl, 3. Rocky Silva, 4. Dennis Krob, 5. Clement Conceicao, 6. Brandon Ternora. NT

SECOND HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Shaun Ternora, 2. Ikaika O'Brien, 3. James Chinen, 4. Mike Martin, 5. Charles Davis Jr., 6. Albert Ternora Jr., 7. Jeff Villacorte. NT

THIRD HEAT: (10 laps) 1. Jimmy Pontin, 2. Shannon Souza, 3. Don Grable, 4. John Carney Jr., 5. John Ziehl, 6. Rodney Capello, 7. Ben Apuna, 8. Dave Burns. NT

SEMI: (12 laps) 1. Charles Davis Jr., 2. Rodney Capello, 3. Jeff Villacorte, 4. Clement Conceicao, 5. Albert Ternora Jr., 6. Dave Burns, 7. Brandon Ternora, 8. John Ziehl, 9. Ben Apuna. NT

FEATURE: (40 laps) 1. Dennis Krob, 2. Rodney Capello, 3. Ikaika O'Brien, 4. Charles Davis Jr., 5. Jimmy Pontin, 6. Rocky Silva, 7. Rick Ziehl, 8. Dave Burns, 9. Albert Ternora, 10. Clement Conceicao, 11. Brandon Ternora, 12. Jeff Villacorte, 13. Shaun Ternora, 14. James Chinen, 15. Shannon Souza, 16. John Carney Jr., 17. Don Grable, 18. Dean Freitas, 19. Mike Martin (#55), 20. John Ziehl. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-2 Don Grable, Laps 3-21 John Carney Jr., Laps 22-40 Dennis Krob.