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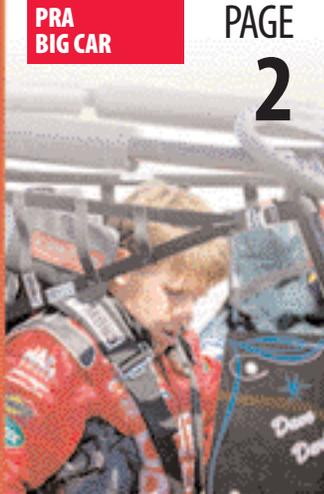
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HE CAN'T LOSE: A.J. Allmendinger shows off the winner's trophy after his victory in Sunday's Champ Car Grand Prix of Toronto. Allmendinger has won three-consecutive races since joining Forsythe Championship Racing.

So Long F-1, Hello NASCAR

*Colombian Pilot Will Steer Ganassi's
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JOINING FORCES: Team-owner Chip Ganassi (left) has reunited with driver Juan Pablo Montoya — the Formula One driver who'll pilot stock cars next season in the United States.

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Cowin Captures National Victory

Team Pulls Together For IHRA Win At Milan; Densham Tops Funny Car

MILAN, Mich. — Andrew Cowin collected his first national victory, winning Sunday's International

IHRA

Hot Rod Ass'n meet at Milan Dragway.

Cowin topped the Top Fuel category, driving past Bobby Lagana, Jr. in the final round. Cowin set a track record and was the top qualifier en route to the victory after disposing of Bruce Litton and Rick Cooper on his way to the final round.

"The same bullets we started the race with, we ended the race with," Cowin said. "That's what racing is all about. We had a tremendous amount of fun this weekend, and I really take my hat off to the crew. It is a team effort, and everyone took

care of their corner. I've always said if everyone got together and pulled in the same direction we would get there pretty quickly. In seven months we've done it."

Cowin had to drive by Lagana in the final. Lagana had a slight advantage at the tree and was out in front at half-track, but he pushed a couple of rods out of the engine and Cowin zipped by him. Cowin posted a 4.840 at 282.95 miles per hour to claim the victory over Lagana's 4.945/282.19.

Gary Densham found the winner's circle as well, claiming the Knoll Gas/Torco Racing Fuels Pro Nitro Funny Car Ironman by defeating Doug Kalitta in the final. Kalitta, currently second in NHRA Top Fuel points, borrowed his cousin Scott's Nitro Funny Car for the weekend.

"It was kind of intimidating," Densham said of competing against Kalitta in the final.

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DAVID SINK PHOTO

NASCAR STARS: Carl Edwards uses the outside lane to get past Ken Schrader on July 5 at O'Reilly Raceway Park.

Edwards Spends Free Time

INDIANAPOLIS — NASCAR Nextel Cup star Carl Edwards didn't decide to compete in the Premier

PRA BIG CAR

Racing Ass'n's Big Car race at O'Reilly Raceway Park until the afternoon of the July 5 Independence 100.

The decision paid off as Edwards, one of four NASCAR drivers in the race, claimed the victory in the second event for the series for the old-style Silver Crown cars.

"I had gotten everything done at

my computer this morning and happen to remember my car owner Bob Hoerner had said the car was ready for the race," Edwards said. "So, I got in my plane, got to the track just as practice began, and, well, I'm glad I made the trip."

Indy 500 veteran Chet Fillip finished second, ahead of Eric Gordon, Marc Jessup and Bud Kaeding.

A.J. Fike was the fast qualifier.

The finish:

Carl Edwards, Chet Fillip, Eric Gordon, Marc Jessup, Bud Kaeding, Tom Capie, Ron Gregory, Teddy Beach, Paul White, David Mirk, Tony Stewart, Brad Armstrong, Brian Tyler, Russ Gamester, A.J. Fike, Jimmy Kite, Ken Schrader, Mike Lichty, Derrick King, Jason Leffler.



TNT PHOTO

CONQUERING CANADA: A.J. Allmendinger drives his Forsythe Championship Racing entry to victory in Sunday's Champ Car race on the streets of Toronto. It was the American's third win in as many races.

TWO-MAN SHOW

Allmendinger Reels In Bourdais With Third Victory

BY JOHN OREOVICZ
NSSN CORRESPONDENT

TORONTO — Seven races into the 2006 Champ Car World Series, it's four victories for Sebastien Bourdais and three for A.J. Allmendinger.

The 24-year-old American's latest triumph came Sunday in the Molson Grand Prix of Toronto, where he led Paul Tracy in a Forsythe Championship Racing 1-2, with two-time defending series champion Bourdais third.

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Tracy left trailing his new teammate again in Toronto.

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Allmendinger, who is planning to take up residence in Toronto with his Canadian fiancée, won the hearts of his prospective neighbors despite taking the checkered flag 1.851 seconds ahead of local favorite Tracy. It was the first 1-2 for Gerald Forsythe's team since Tracy and Patrick Carpentier

managed the feat at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in 2003, and Allmendinger is the first American driver to win three-consecutive Champ Car races since Al Unser, Jr. did it twice during his 1994 championship season.

The Toronto GP was also by far the best Champ Car race of the season, with only three caution periods and five leaders. Allmendinger led a race-high 38 laps and averaged a race-record 92.386 miles per hour.

"If I pinch myself, I might wake up," Allmendinger said after his third-consecutive triumph. "The Forsythe team is absolutely beautiful, and Michael Cannon and the engineering staff seem to get the car perfect when it counts.

"I love the Champ Car World Series, and I'm starting to love winning."

Polesitter Justin Wilson led the first 10 laps before a tangle between four backmarkers brought out the pace car.

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AL MUNGER/ACM PHOTO

CELEBRATE: A.J. Allmendinger hoists the winner's trophy Sunday.

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The Week In Motorsports For July 12

Mears Has Breakthrough Day At Chicagoland

JOLIET, Ill. — Casey Mears stretched his fuel mileage and drove to victory in Saturday's USG Durock 300 at Chicagoland Speedway. It was the Nextel Cup regular's first NASCAR victory.

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"I'm really relieved," Mears said. "I've been in position to win, with cars that could have won, but we never came home with it."



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Santos III Takes Two Wins In Ohio USAC Action

The USAC National Sprint and Midget Car series swept through Ohio last weekend, with Bobby Santos III claiming victories at Columbus (midgets) and Toledo (sprints). Tracy Hines earned the sprint-car victory at Columbus, while youngster Kevin Swindell was the midget winner at Toledo.



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ON TO OVALS: Juan Pablo Montoya talks Sunday about his move from Formula One to NASCAR.

'Historic' Move

Montoya Bails On F-1, Sets Sights On NASCAR

By BRUCE MARTIN
NSSN CORRESPONDENT

JOLIET, Ill. — NASCAR already has conquered every other form of racing in the United States. Now it has stolen away one of Formula One's top drivers.

Juan Pablo Montoya stunned the racing world Sunday when the Colombian driver announced he'll be leaving the McLaren F-1 team for the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series in 2007.

Montoya, who won the Indianapolis 500 in 2000 and the CART championship in 1999, will replace Casey Mears in team-owner Chip Ganassi's three-car stable. Montoya drove for Ganassi

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Montoya's defection hits several levels far from Formula One.

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"Juan Pablo is one of the best race-car drivers in the world," Ganassi said. "He is a former CART champion, Indy 500 winner and Formula One driver that will bring a much-needed veteran presence to our team."

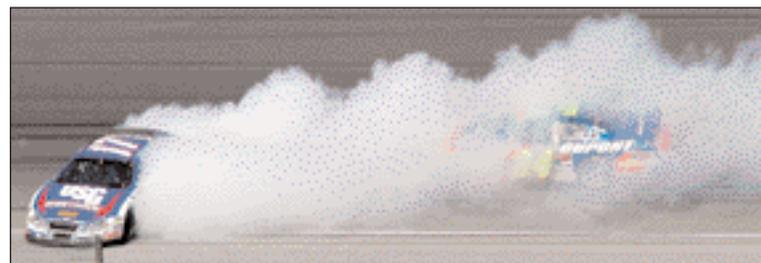
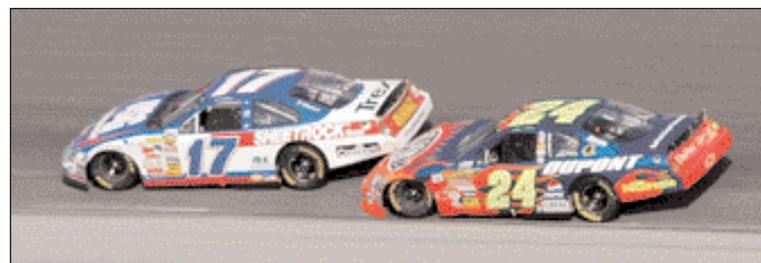
The 30-year-old Montoya has made 137 starts in the CART, Indy-car and F-1 ranks. He has a com-

binated 18 wins, 26 poles, 60 top-five and 79 top-10 finishes.

Over his five complete seasons in Formula One, Montoya has finished sixth or better in the standings. He captured the CART championship and rookie honors in 1999, becoming the youngest champion in the history of the series. The following year he visited victory lane three times for the Ganassi team, including a win in the Indianapolis 500.

His arrival is huge news for NASCAR, which will benefit tremendously with international television rights and a presence in South America.

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HHP/ERIK PEREL PHOTOS

COMING THROUGH: Jeff Gordon (24) lays the bumper to Matt Kenseth, sending Kenseth's Ford spinning Sunday at Chicagoland Speedway.

Gordon Dumps Kenseth For First Chicago Victory

Drivers Exchange Verbal Blows After Controversial Final Laps

By RON LEMASTERS, Sr.
NSSN CORRESPONDENT

JOLIET, Ill. — It wasn't easy or pretty, but Jeff Gordon finally won a Nextel Cup race at Chicagoland Speedway.

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UPS to follow Jarrett; Mayfield lashes out at owner Evernham.

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Gordon tapped Matt Kenseth on the rear bumper with four laps to go, sending Kenseth into the infield and giving Gordon the lead.

In a somewhat subdued TV interview after the race, Gordon hinted

that he thought Kenseth blocked him. "I got in there real hard, and he blocked me a couple times, and I got back in the gas," Gordon said.

Gordon denied that the on-track problem and subsequent shoving match between the two at Bristol, Tenn., precipitated the incident.

Kenseth, who made contact with rookie David Stremme and spun into the outside wall on the final lap, disagreed with Gordon's remark about the Bristol incident.

"It was intentional, yes," Kenseth said. "NASCAR brought him into the trailer (at Bristol), and he's too smart to do anything the next week or the week after that. I know it was intentional. It wasn't an accident. He just ran over me."

Kenseth accepted partial blame. "I was so tight in the middle I knew he would catch me," Kenseth said. "He was so much faster in two laps, and he could have passed me clean."

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Seven Races, Nine Nights: Indiana Sprint Week Offers The Best

The furious action begins at Twin Cities Raceway Park and ends at the Terre Haute Action Track, as Indiana Sprint Week provides one of the toughest tests in all of non-wing sprint-car racing.



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"NASCAR has had success with drivers from other racing backgrounds who have come to NASCAR and done well, but to have Juan Pablo say 'I want to compete here' is historic."

NASCAR PRESIDENT **MIKE HELTON**



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Toyota In NASCAR

Dave Despain's column in the June 28 issue of *NSSN* got me going again. Many people are fearful of what Toyota will bring to the table in NASCAR. Many are also in denial that they will likely be a force to be reckoned with. I don't believe either group is seeing the situation in its reality.

First, since NASCAR lets front-wheel-drive cars be rear drive, it is a short exercise in creative thinking to let a car with no compatible engines into the formula. Second, since the unisex body was established (and next year, the covered wagon of the future), there is no difference in style, excepting grille style and decals. So, you can't keep out some new manufacturer who wants to spend money.

Toyota can be a formidable competitor, and it has been freed from the Indy Racing League engine program due to low performance.

But to compare its performance in Formula One, which has the highest performance requirements in major auto racing, to NASCAR, which has about the lowest, is ludicrous. Witness the current standings in the pickup truck division, and how much difference is there with the taxis?

The two things that will keep Toyota from winning in the first year are the learning curve for a new division and the fact that it has only been able to attract second and third-tier drivers so far.

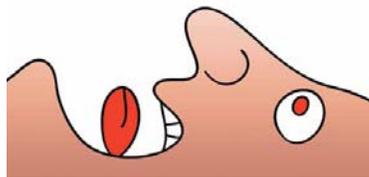
But that will change, as its potential improves and contracts come up. I would posit that it might take two to three years before Toyotas are well represented in The Chase for Media Attention.

So then, what will happen to the former "core group" of NASCAR?

Will the "Bubba Nation" still pour their working-class wages into a sport that has little resemblance to their Pappy's NASCAR? Stay tuned.

Larry De Cicco
Evergreen, Colo.

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Own racing teams in the IRL, Nextel Cup, Busch GN, ALMS and ARCA, choosing drivers and crew chiefs, hiring staff members, securing sponsors and creating and maintaining diverse racing facilities is a job **Roger Penske** tackles with relish. In addition to those myriad duties, he oversees, with partner General Electric, the 12,000-vehicle Penske Truck Leasing company, in addition to serving as chairman of United Auto Group, Inc., a consortium of 173 U.S. car dealerships and 123 non-U.S. stores. If all this isn't enough, RP has now taken on a gigantic new project. The 69-year-old former racing driver has contracted to become importer and U.S. sales chief for DaimlerChrysler's new two-seat Smart Car. This requires the establishment of an entirely new network of 30 to 50 dealers,

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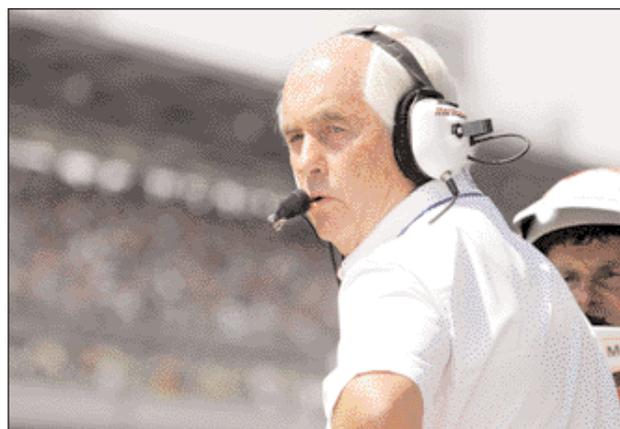


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plus seeing to it that the new ForTwo Smart Car is available nationwide by 2008. Aside from Mercedes-Benz and DaimlerChrysler stores that choose to offer the car, new stand-alone ForTwo dealerships will be required of all others. This, dear readers, is a colossal task Mr. Penske is undertaking.

But remember, he did step away from his routine last year to organize Detroit's 2006 Super Bowl hospitality effort, for which he got rave reviews. Following Roger many years, we forecast fans will see him at speedways here and there wherever and whenever his teams race.

Oh those TV interviews. The final 30 minutes of Sunday's CBS Champ Car World Series telecast from Toronto were watched with great interest. Why? Because the race was over and it was an "all-fill" half hour, a rare opportunity for unhurried and interesting dialogue with key people. But what was seen and heard were bland exchanges with whomever was nearby. Why did we not hear from team-owner **Carl Russo** about his firing of **A.J. Allmendinger**, who then embarked on a remarkable three-race winning streak? And why not a word from car-owner **Gerry Forsythe**, who might own a championship thanks to the recent arrival of the suddenly troublesome Allmendinger? Later Sunday afternoon the Chicagoland Nextel Cup race ended in furor over **Jeff Gordon** spinning out leader **Matt Kenseth** in the closing laps and going on to victory. The TNN interviewer was told by Kenseth the spin was payback for a similar incident at Bristol earlier this year. So, why wasn't Kenseth asked if he would get even? Opportunities lost and viewers suffer. Too many of today's TV reporters are more interested in becoming buddy-buddy with



CHRIS JONES/IRL PHOTO

NEW DUTIES: Noted team-owner Roger Penske has more than a few projects to keep him busy.

key players than in acting as competent reporters.

A pat on the back for CNN's new auto-racing TV episode "Dirt Track Warriors." A far cry from the NASCAR fare now dominating our airwaves, DTW deals with the oldest form of U.S. auto racing and does it quite well. Look for a re-air.

Should we TV fans be worrying? NBC-TV is dropping Arena Football after four seasons on OLN. The reason — a decrease to an 0.8 Nielsen rating, down from 1.1 in '03. Some of today's auto-race telecasts struggle to achieve an 0.8 rating.

After putting its name on huge spectator bowls in Illinois, Texas, California and Washington State, one might ask if Toyota is also planning greater penetration of U.S. motorsport. If one anonymous tipster is right, Toyota is interested in more than NASCAR. He (or she) advises in an unsigned missive that All-American Midget Series exec **Ed Adair** is promising Toyota 100 midget races a year if a deal they are discussing comes to fruition. What's the skinny, Ed?

It appears that **Dale Earnhardt, Jr.** and his stepmother, **Teresa Earnhardt**, are again friends. Why? Terms were recently agreed to between Dale, Jr. and DEI (owned by Teresa and which fields his Nextel Cup cars) granting him ownership rights to his name. Prior to the agreement, Dale, Jr. had to get permission from Teresa, president and CEO of DEI, to use his name in endorsements and licensing deals.

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Was It Payback, Or Just Hard Racing At Chicagoland?

JOLIET, ILL.

LAST WORD

In Matt Kenseth's mind, Jeff Gordon's bump and run in Sunday's NASCAR Nextel Cup USG Sheetrock 400 at Chicagoland Speedway was "no accident." Kenseth's Ford Fusion was the class of the field in Sunday's 400-miler, but in the closing laps, Gordon's Chevrolet was closing in. As Kenseth approached Casey Mears's lapped car, he had to slow slightly. Before he realized it, Gordon put his bumper into the rear quarter-panel of Kenseth's Ford, sending the leader spinning out of control.

It was the same move Kenseth used on Gordon at Bristol Motor Speedway in March, and resulted in Gordon pushing Kenseth after climbing out of the race car.

Either way, paybacks are never fun in this sport.

"That wasn't an accident," Kenseth said. "He just ran over me. On the restart, he was hanging back, and NASCAR has a rule you can't hang back two car lengths or one car length, but I've never seen it enforced."

Kenseth claimed Gordon was intentionally laying back to get a better run on him when the green flag waved. It's an old racing tactic that is used on restarts.



BRUCE MARTIN

"Apparently, he was mad because I blocked him on that restart when he got a run," Kenseth argued.

Kenseth had a right to be upset. For the second year in a row, he led the most laps the mile-and-a-half track only to fall short at the end. Last year, he led 176 laps and finished second to Dale Earnhardt, Jr.

Sunday he led four times for 112 laps before he was punted out of the way by Gordon.

"In Matt's mind, it was probably payback for Bristol, so if he came in and shoved me, it would have been a clean slate," Gordon

said. "I was definitely going to move him out of the way, he just spun out. I'm not going to give an inch, and I don't expect him to give me an inch."

"I certainly didn't mean to wreck him, but I didn't mind moving him out of the way, either."

To add insult to his day, Kenseth ran out of fuel under caution as NASCAR prepared for the green-white-checkered flag finish, which mired him in the back of the pack. When the extra three laps of the race were completed, with Gordon winning,

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Why Can't Racers And Promoters Work Together?

TRAVELERS REST, S.C.

It was with great anticipation we removed the shackles that seemingly keep us attached to a desk in the *National Speed Sport News* newsroom.

We grabbed a bundle of newspapers, a pen and a notepad and were quickly barreling down the highway headed for Riverside Speedway in the hills of upstate South Carolina.

This particular event, the North-South Shootout featuring the United Sprint Car Series and the United Racing Company sprint cars, held great promise and it looked to be a whiz-bang of a winged-360-sprint-car event.

The concept of bringing the best drivers from two of the country's top regional touring series together for two nights of racing (the second came Saturday at I-20 Speedway) at least on paper looked as if it would provide great racing, great car counts and the groundwork for future events, not only between

URC and USCS but possibly other 360 organizations as well.

What greeted us at Riverside Speedway was surprising and disappointing at the same time. It was just another race. Yes, URC brought 10 travelers, including the Michael Brothers, Kramer Williamson and Brooke Weibley, but

there were only 21 cars total. Most of the USCS regulars were on hand, but the race was without series kingpin Kenny Adams and his step-on, Bryn Gohn, as Gohn was racing – and finishing third – in the USAC Silver Crown race in Chicago.

Maybe most disappointing was the absence of most of the North and South Carolina-based sprint-car teams. Teams that mostly race with the American Sprint Car Series Southern region. There wasn't a race scheduled for that tour, and you'd think racers the likes of Johnny Bridges, Bruce Cline, Brian Smith and Scott Young would support a potentially big sprint-car event being held in their neck of the woods.

But it didn't happen. It seems unlikely the ASCS racers were under instructions from the home office in Tulsa to stay away because of the absurd turf battle between ASCS leader Emmett Hahn and USCS headman Pete Walton, and it doesn't really matter. What does matter is that racers continue to hurt their own sport by promoting partisanship among sanctioning bodies.

The number of talented 360-sprint-car teams and drivers in this country grows every day, and the potential for mini-series like this to help these drivers showcase their wares is definitely there.

All the time, promoters and racers of series like URC and USCS, ask how do we get to race at Lowe's Motor Speedway or how do we get in at this track. The answer is to support events like the North-South Shootout. If you were a promoter of a

major track and were pitched the idea of a challenge race among sanctioning organizations, but knew it had been tried at smaller tracks without much success, it certainly wouldn't give great incentive to take the financial risk of holding such an event.

The crowd at Riverside was above average, especially for an area where sprint-car racing makes only a couple annual appearances. The racing was single-file and follow-the-leader.

Both Walton and URC President Jeff Zimmerman were satisfied with the event and acknowledged they were testing the waters for future events.

Let's hope they try it, and let's hope they can get some of the other 360-sprint-car organizations involved as well.

It can do nothing but help sprint-car racing.

FROM THE DESK



MIKE KERCHNER

The number of talented 360 sprint-car teams and drivers in this country grows every day ...

Perrotte Gets A New Perspective As A Promoter

BALLSTON SPA, N.Y.

Most drivers, not to mention a substantial number of owners and mechanics, are convinced they know more about promoting a short track than the promoters themselves.

A notable exception is Mike Perrotte, who drives a 358 modified at Albany-Saratoga Speedway on Fridays and Vermont's Devil's Bowl Speedway on Sundays. Saturday night his cars sit idle, as he operates the paved Airborne Speedway in Plattsburgh with his car owners, George and Julie Huttig.

"I have to admit I like racing better," says Perrotte, the leading winner at nearby Frogtown Speedway. "I've been set on driving since I was a little kid, but I know I can't race forever, and this is something I can do for the next 15 or 20 years.

Actually, promoting is a lot like racing. When you have a good night, there's a lot of satisfaction. When guys use their heads and race side by side without taking each other out, the racers

and the fans all leave happy."

What is it that he dislikes about being the promoter?

"You have to listen to a lot of drivers who are never wrong," he says with a laugh. "I just wish they would race instead of complaining and running into each other. I complain too, but I at least

THE LONG LOOK



RON HEDGER

try to be reasonable. I suppose I was as bad as the others until 1988, when we ran the track for one year. Since then I know both sides."

What's his advice for a driver with a grievance?

"They need to calm down first, then call the promoter on Monday. If they have a legitimate gripe, we'll fix it. But not on race night and not when he's ranting and raving. All drivers have huge egos, so there's seldom a night without some problem, but we work hard to prevent repeat incidents.

"The drivers in the lower classes need an explanation of what they did wrong, because most of them are still learning to race. The top classes are harder, because you can't convince them they did something wrong," Perrotte says. "In the end, we try to treat everyone equally, and over time, the teams have come to understand and appreciate that. We had a case recently where the tech guys felt sorry for a guy and let him slide when he was light by a few pounds. I ended up disqualifying him because that wasn't right for the guys behind him."

Perrotte is a major advocate of his "A" division, DIRT-style small-block modifieds on asphalt, a class that he won a number of special events in before taking over the speedway from Tom Curley. He tells anyone who will listen that the "on the edge" cars are more exciting to drive and to watch than the more sophisticated asphalt modifieds.

"Right now, we're all pointing to upcoming shows at Sanair in Canada and the Oswego Speedway in central New York. It will give our type of racing more exposure, and some low-buck racers can experience two great tracks that they would never get to race on. Sanair, which is being promoted by Don Forte and Curley, is almost a mile, and it'll be a race for our guys like Syracuse is for the DIRT teams."

Compared to the other promoters he's dealt with, driver George Foley appreciates Perrotte.

"He's a lot more understanding when you need something," says Foley. "He listens and tries to make things right. Things aren't all black and white, because he realizes that in racing, strange things happen."

Perrotte says he'll be racing for a few more years, but he also has another major goal. "I'm trying to develop a spec big-block engine to make racing more affordable," he says. "I'm hoping a spec big block will be cheaper than the small blocks we use now but will have enough extra power to be competitive."

Mike Perrotte is a winner — helmet on or off.

Ramblings From A Dangerous Mind

VALLEY STREAM, N.Y.

With the year half over, the biggest story of the year has to be David Gilliland, with his mom-and-pop race team slaying the million-dollar Cup-owned Busch Series teams at Kentucky Speedway. It wasn't a fluke. He outdrove everybody.

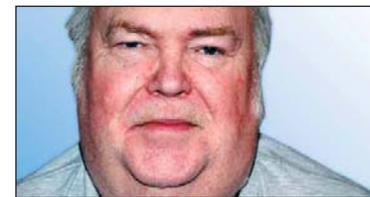
■ Dave Despain's brilliant interview with editor Chris Economaki was a gem. I would have loved to see what wound up on the cutting-room floor: We would like to see more work like this from Despain and fewer NASCAR fluff shows.

■ The BOO of the year goes to *Car and Driver* magazine, which summarily cashiered Brock Yates after 40 years of service. No one has the combined knowledge of the auto industry and racing Yates has. Nobody has written about it better. They didn't even let him write a final column. I won't renew my subscription.

■ NASCAR's latest worry is that it's only mid-season and it is running out of obscure country performers to sing the National Anthem.

■ If the haughty folks of Formula One think their series is far superior to any other in racing, why can't they ever run a race without a first-lap

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crash?

■ The recent television broadcast of the Truck race in Milwaukee featured Hermie Sadler and Hank Parker, Jr. as commentators. What language is it they speak? Apparently Gomer, Barney and Goober weren't available. Next to pro Rick Allen, they seemed especially bad.

■ By the way, what exactly is so hilarious about Jeff Hammond? All he does is answer Chris Myers's dopey questions. When the two were sitting with Vice President Dick Cheney, Myers still was the less informed about racing of the three. By the way, Jeff, who is "Kenseths?"

■ Want to feel older? Stevie Smith recently turned 40; Jimmy Horton is 50 years old. Both were beating the best in the business when they were children, and they're still doing it.

■ The insistence by ARCA TV shills that seven-time ARCA champion Frank Kimmel is in the same league as seven-time NASCAR titlists Dale Earnhardt and Richard Petty is ridiculous.

■ Why does Speed announcer Ray Dunlap get so excited? After all, it's only the Truck Series!

■ Things are so bad for Jeff Gordon that Derrike Cope may replace him on the "Kelly and Regis" show.

■ The Long Island reunion will take place at Riverhead Raceway Aug. 27. Marty Himes will fire up the famed Frankie Cal sprint car for the first time in three years that day.

■ Here is a glaring fact for those who think racing isn't safe. Of the 33 starters in the 1955 Indy 500, 17 of them died in a race car. Thirty years later, with the speeds 80 miles per hour faster, only one of the 1985 starters, Rich Vogler, was killed racing.

■ I think Jeff Burton is just a tick of the watch away from his first Cup victory in years.

■ Many of you have expressed interest in "my" Cup point system. Here's how they stood after Daytona: 1. Johnson, 2,349; 2. Kenseth, 2,320; 3. Stewart, 1,970; 4. Kahne, 1,914; 5. Earnhardt, Jr., 1,575; 6. Harvick, 1,513; 7. Biffle, 1,516; 8. Gordon, 1,493; 9. Kyle Busch, 1,436; 10. Burton, 1,409; 11. Edwards, 1,406; 12. Martin, 1,405.

■ Sorry to report the passing of Bob Barkheimer, an important man in northern California racing. Over the years we exchanged many ideas. Likewise, it's sad to report the death of Tom Skinner, a car owner who dared to be different. Skinner's 659 GMC was a welcome sight and sound over conventional V-8's. Parker Bohn won lots of races in that car.

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Rare Racing Oddities: Examining IndyCar Labels

CHARLOTTE, N.C.

This week's paper will be filled with info on Juan Pablo Montoya's jump to Chip Ganassi's NASCAR team, so I will sum up succinctly what we learned on "Wind Tunnel" (Sunday night, 9 p.m. EDT on Speed TV).

Ganassi needed a driver and likes Juan. Montoya, lacking offers from decent F-1 teams, needed a job. He likes Chip, likes America and likes hard racing. And NASCAR must love the deal, its drive for diversity now featuring the second-best Spanish-speaking driver in the world, with a commensurate bump in international TV rights fees to follow.

Thus, everybody wins, especially the fans, who will get to watch a very talented driver attempt a very difficult career transition.

And with that, a few more words on a subject I'm confident nobody else will write about. When I get bored with racing politics, I amuse myself with racing oddities ... like the new name for last weekend's big Toronto street race. Born 20 years ago, the race featured "Indy cars" — cars that raced at Indy — so Molson beer, both the sponsor and promoter, named it "Molson Indy." The name stuck through one of my favorite racing oddities.

When the Indy Racing League was born, comprised of cars that really did race at Indy, they could not be called "Indy cars." That name was leased to CART, which the IRL booted out of Indy. Thus cars that did not race at Indy were legally defined as Indy cars, while the cars that did race at Indy were not allowed to be called Indy cars. Now, that's odd!

After a bitter legal battle, CART gave up the "Indy car" name while the IRL agreed not to use it for six years. As a result, from 1997-2002, there were no Indy Cars, no matter where they raced. Then the IRL restored that name to the cars that actually race at Indy.

CART, meanwhile, had to come up with a new name and chose "Champ Car," evocative of machines that had no connection to CART but a glorious history with USAC, the organization CART effectively kicked out of the IndyCar business before there was any question whether or not Indy cars raced at Indy.

And up north, none of that prevented Molson, suddenly the promoter of a "champ car" race, from perpetuating the name "Molson Indy" ... until last weekend, when the race became known as the Molson Grand Prix of Toronto. Why? Because Molson, though still the sponsor, sold the promotion to the owners of "The Champ Car World Series," who promptly removed "Indy" from the title.

Bear in mind, these are the same guys who are now trying to make peace with the IRL and create a single series, one I'll bet my A.J. Foyt collectibles will be called "Indy Car" something-or-other and will feature cars that actually race at Indy.

Thus, the final oddity will come if, after all those years hosting an IndyCar race with no Indy cars, Toronto actually does have an IndyCar race ... and doesn't call it that.

We invite our NISSAN readers and "Wind Tunnel" viewers to e-mail their opinions to WindTunnel@SpeedTV.com.

Young Pecorari Secures First Victory

TORONTO — It was the kind of opening lap that Robbie Pecorari was dreaming of, and, to his credit, the young American took advantage of the opportunity that was presented to him, securing his first victory in the Yokohama Presents the Champ Car Atlantic Championship Powered by Mazda.

The 21-car field roared into turn one on the 1.755-mile Exhibition Place street circuit with polesitter Graham Rahal leading the way. As several cars got together in the first turn of the race, it appeared that Rahal and the front-runners would make it through unscathed. But entering turn three, Raphael Matos made contact with Rahal's car, spinning the 17-year-old son of former Champ

Car champion Bobby Rahal. Matos was penalized, and both drivers dropped to the rear of the field.

After starting fifth in his Toronto racing debut, Pecorari thought his car may have been damaged, as Steve Ott made contact with him in the first-turn fracas, but Pecorari soldiered on. Assured by his team that his car was OK, Pecorari drove on in pursuit of his first victory.

After producing the best qualifying performance of his two-year Atlantic career Saturday with a second-place result, Jonathon Bomarito finished 2.566 seconds behind Pecorari for his best-career finish.

The finish:
Robbie Pecorari, Jonathon Bomarito, Ryan Lewis, Simon Pagenaud, Alex Barron, James Hinchcliffe, Joe D'Agostino, David Martinez, Raphael Matos, Leonardo Maia, Alex Sperafico, James Davison, Justin Sofio, Danilo Dirani, Graham Rahal, Andreas Wirth, Alan Sciuto, Richard Philippe, Tim Bridgman, Carlos Mastretta, Steve Ott.



USAR PHOTO

SURVIVAL: Shane Huffman (88) and Clay Rogers battle for the lead Saturday at Hickory (N.C.) Motor Speedway. Rogers got by Huffman and claimed the victory.

Rogers Routs Field At Hickory

HICKORY, N.C. — After being upstaged by Shane Huffman at Concord Motorsports Park earlier this year, Clay Rogers wanted to return the favor at Huffman's home track.

HOOTERS PRO CUP

Foods 250 Saturday night at Hickory Motor Speedway.

Rogers, driver of the No. 44 Automotive Development Group Ford, took the lead on the final round of pit stops and led all but one lap over the final 121 circuits en route to his fourth victory of the season.

"Our car was a little bit off in the first half, but we made some swings at

it on the pit stop that worked out," said Rogers, who beat Huffman to the checkered flag by 0.380 second. "I went up [to the high groove] in the second half of the race. And once I got up there, I wasn't coming down."

Huffman opted for a different line in the second half of the event, and it nearly paid off.

With his left-side tires hugging the familiar apron, Huffman blasted from 12th to second at the finish.

"I don't think anybody passed anymore cars than we did tonight," said Huffman, who led 49 of the first 105 laps. "We lost some spots on pit road, and then I got in the marbles and lost a few more spots."

"It's a shame. I think we had the best

in the second half of the race. I just wish we would have given ourselves a better shot."

Michael Ritch, Shane Wallace and Caleb Holman filled the top five.

The finish:

Showing driver, car, laps completed and money won: 1. Clay Rogers, Ford, 255, \$11,500; 2. Shane Huffman, Chevrolet, 255, \$8,000; 3. Michael Ritch, Ford, 255, \$7,300; 4. Shane Wallace, Ford, 255, \$5,900; 5. Caleb Holman, Chevrolet, 255, \$4,500; 6. Joey Logano, Chevrolet, 255, \$3,000; 7. Justin Hobgood, Ford, 255, \$3,000; 8. Jody Lavender, Ford, 255, \$3,400; 9. Jeff Fultz, Pontiac, 255, \$2,400; 10. Justin Wakefield, Ford, 255, \$2,300; 11. Billy Bigley, Jr., Ford, 255, \$2,700; 12. Ricky Turner, Chevrolet, 255, \$2,100; 13. Daniel Johnson, Pontiac, 255, \$2,200; 14. Trevor Bayne, Ford, 255, \$1,900; 15. Dange Hanniford, 254, \$2,400; 16. A.J. Fike, Ford, 254, \$1,600; 17. Bobby Gill, Ford, 254, \$2,500; 18. Allen Purkhiser, Ford, 254, \$1,600; 19. Kirk Leone, Ford, 254, \$1,600; 20. George Brunnhoelzl III, 253, \$1,600; 21. Wayne Willard, Ford, 253, \$1,600; 22. John Gibson, Ford, 253, \$1,400; 23. Don Satterfield, Pontiac, 252, \$1,400; 24. Michelle Therault, Pontiac, 252, \$1,400; 25. Andrew Rogers, Pontiac, 252, \$1,400; 26. Jay Fogleman, Ford, 252, \$1,250; 27. Mike Herman, Jr., Chevrolet, 251, \$1,250; 28. Ben Stancil, Dodge, 246, \$1,250; 29. Mike Mason, Ford, 157, \$1,250; 30. Mart Nesbitt, Ford, 128, \$1,250; 31. Matt Carter, Ford, 64, \$1,250; 32. Randy Gentry, Ford, 255, \$1,950.

Alan Johnson Christens Brockville; Planck Wins

Tuesday

By TOM SKIBINSKI

BROCKVILLE, Ontario — Alan Johnson has been writing chapters in the DIRT MotorSports NorthEast history book for the past three decades, and July 4 he added another page by capturing the first Advance Auto Parts Super DIRT Series event at Brockville Ontario Speedway.

Johnson's second-straight tour victory was worth \$6,000 and vaulted him from fifth to second in the standings through eight races.

"The guys have given me probably the best car out there, and all their work is paying off with some good finishes," said Johnson, 48. The Phelps, N.Y., phenom is the only driver that has posted at least one victory every year since DIRT was established in 1976. Brockville became the 43rd track to host an AAP Super DIRT Series event, and it was the 15th speedway where Johnson has made his way into the winner's circle.

His 41st series victory in the Jeff Rudalavage-owned No. 14j improved his DIRT victory total to 336 in big-block competition.

Canadian favorite Pat O'Brien placed

second in his first tour appearance of the year. Tim Fuller, Billy Decker and Frank Cozze rounded out the top five.

The finish:

Alan Johnson, Pat O'Brien, Tim Fuller, Billy Decker, Frank Cozze, Danny Johnson, Danny O'Brien, Gary Tomkins, Jimmy Phelps, Pat Ward, Matt Sheppard, Mike Adderley, Steve Paine, Frankie Caprara, Kyle Dingwall, Kyle Jacobs, Tom Sears, Jr., Stewart Friesen, Dale Planck, Brett Hearn, Todd Stewart, Martin Roy, Lance Willix II, John Mulder, Brian McDonald, Kevin Bates, Carey Terrance, Chris Jones, Justin Haers, Mark Hitchcock.

Sunday

CORNWALL, Ontario — Dale Planck scored his first Advance Auto Parts Super DIRT Series victory Sunday at Cornwall Motor Speedway.

"I've been racing a while now, won a lot of races and some championships, but this is by far the sweetest victory ever," Planck said.

His triumph in the 12th Annual Akwesasne Mohawk Casino International 100 was worth \$6,000.

Kyle Jacobs paced the first lap, but Matt Sheppard assumed the lead one circuit later. Planck moved up to challenge Sheppard on lap 18 and led the rest of the distance.

Alan Johnson finished second ahead of Pat O'Brien, Tim Fuller, Jacobs and Sheppard.

The finish:

Dale Planck, Alan Johnson, Pat O'Brien, Tim Fuller, Kyle Jacobs, Matt Sheppard, Jimmy Phelps, Danny Johnson, Chris Jones, Brett Hearn, Kyle Dingwall, Pat Ward, Martin Roy, Billy Decker, Stewart Friesen, Frank Cozze, Gary Tomkins, Yan Bussiere, Ryan Jacobs, Steve Paine, Brian McDonald, Laurent Ladouceur, Tom Sears, Jr., Bill Mullin, Mark Hitchcock, Dan Jalbert, Stephane LaFrance, Alex Fortier, Mario Clair, Alain Boisvert.

Shaver's Sharp

ZANESVILLE, Ohio — "Showtime" Steve Shaver blasted past three other drivers on a lap-34 restart and

went on to claim the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series event July 3 at Muskingum County Speedway.

Shaver became the 11th different winner on the tour, as he notched his second-career Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series victory before a packed house, earning \$10,000 at the wheel of the Sean Cosgrove Racing entry.

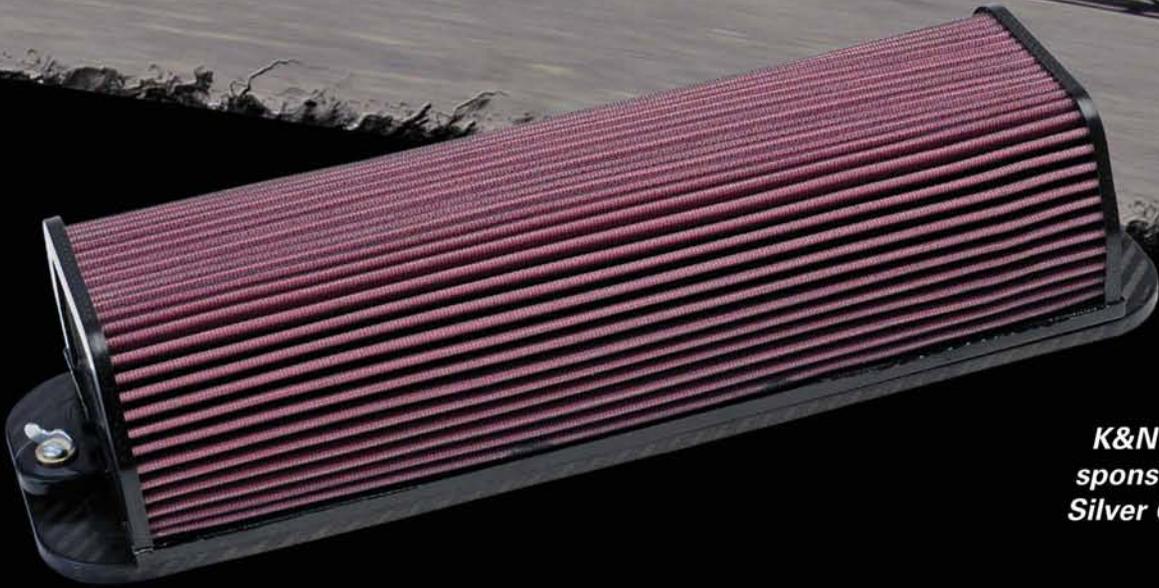
Don O'Neal romped from 11th on the grid to finish second, with Earl Pearson, Jr., Davey Johnson and Donnie Moran rounding out the top five.

"We tried and tried to get to that top groove because I knew we would be good there," said Shaver. "On that last restart I jumped up to the cushion, and the car just got hooked up there, and I drove around those guys, I mean you dream of moves like that, and to do that against those guys (Pearson and O'Neal) is tough to do."

The finish:

Steve Shaver, Don O'Neal, Earl Pearson, Jr., Davey Johnson, Donnie Moran, Scott James, Doug Dodd, Corey Conley, Josh Richards, Steve Casebolt, George Lee, Keith Barbara, Eric Jacobsen, Larry Moran, Butch McGill, Freddy Smith, Matt Miller, Bart Hartman, Norm Aronholt, Eric Myers, Rick Aukland, Billy Moyer, Sonny Conley, D.J. Cline, Michael England, Mark Banal.

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TIGHT SQUEEZE: Tracy Hines and Ryan Newman (67) battle for the top spot Wednesday at Columbus Motor Speedway. Hines took home the checkered flag, and Newman placed third.

Hines Wins Another For Hoffman Family

Wednesday

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Tracy Hines added another triumph to all-time USAC National Sprint Car Series car-owner victory leader Hoffman Auto Racing's total July 5 at Columbus Motor Speedway.

Hines took the lead from Bryan Clauson on lap 21 of the third-mile asphalt oval and held off Clauson the remainder of the way.

NASCAR driver Ryan Newman, making a rare USAC start, finished third in a Keith Kunz-owned entry,

while point-leader Josh Wise, who led the first 11 laps, was fourth. Michael Lewis rounded out the top five.

The summary:

Qualifications: 1. Brady Short, Short 36, 13.531; 2. Tracy Hines, Dynamics 69, 13.543; 3. Ryan Newman, Kunz 67K, 13.543; 4. Bobby Santos III, Santos 98s, 13.668; 5. Bryan Clauson, Kunz 67, 13.694; 6. Josh Wise, Stewart 20, 13.703; 7. Michael Lewis, 2B Racing 2b, 13.709; 8. Rex Norris III, Norris 63, 13.732; 9. Dave Steele, Walker/Guiducci 11, 13.750; 10. Tom Hessert, Hessert 5h, 13.754; 11. Kyle Nicholas, Stewart 29, 13.792; 12. Darren Hagen, Hagen 71, 13.853; 13. Cody Veenstra, Veenstra 07, 13.866; 14. Lee Boss, Boss 8b, 13.867; 15. Dave Darland, Walker/Guiducci 11d, 13.888; 16. Levi Jones, Stewart 21, 13.895; 17. Brian Gerster, Davis/Gerster 27, 13.987; 18. Mat Neely, Neely 6, 14.046; 19. Scotty Weir, Weir 22w, 14.067.

First Heat (8 laps): Weir, Jones, Hessert, Lewis, Veenstra, Santos, Short.

Second Heat (8 laps): Gerster, Clauson, Hines, Boss, Norris, Nicholas.

Third Heat (8 laps): Neely, Darland, Steele, Newman, Wise, Hagen.

Feature (30 laps): Hines, Clauson, Newman, Wise, Lewis, Hagen, Short, Jones, Norris, Steele, Neely, Darland, Hessert, Boss, Veenstra, Weir, Gerster, Santos, Nicholas.

Last-Lap Victories Becoming A Habit For Bobby Santos III

Wednesday

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Bobby Santos III won the 30-lap Salute to the Red, White and Blue Kroger Sprint/Midget Classic in USAC National Midget Car Series action at Columbus Motor Speedway July 5.

Santos claimed the lead when Josh Wise's engine expired on the final lap. It was Santos's second-straight last-lap USAC victory after taking Saturday's National Sprint Car Series race at O'Reilly Raceway Park at Indianapolis.

Santos, who has won three of the season's first eight races, trailed Wise before Wise slowed on the backstretch.

Trailing Santos and the No. 4 Ford Racing/Clorox Beast/Esslinger at the checkered flag were Brad Kuhn, Ryan Newman, Todd Beach and Kevin

Swindell.

Darren Hagen led the first 25 laps before spinning.

The summary:

Qualifications: 1. Josh Wise, Stewart 20, 13.895; 2. Jay Drake, Kunz 97, 14.023; 3. Bryan Clauson, Kunz 67, 14.023; 4. Stephanie Mockler, East 6, 14.051; 5. Darren Hagen, Kunz 71, 14.038; 6. Brad Kuhn, James 74, 14.064; 7. Ryan Newman, Tucker 39, 14.080; 8. Todd Beach, Beach 15, 14.089; 9. Nick Bohanon, Bohanon 33, 14.091; 10. Dave Steele, Nine Racing 91, 14.098; 11. Jerry Coons, Jr., Wilke-Pak 11, 14.102; 12. Brad Loyer, Loyer 05, 14.108; 13. Kyle Nicholas, Stewart 29, 14.116; 14. Tom Hessert III, Hessert 5, 14.126; 15. Bobby Santos III, Klatt 4, 14.127; 16. Levi Jones, Stewart 21, 14.136; 17. Dustin Morgan, M & M 17, 14.150; 18. Kevin Swindell, Venture 25, 14.164; 19. Brian Olson, Olson 71x, 14.176; 20. Dave Darland, Nine Racing 9, 14.220; 21. Michael Lewis, Wagner 93, 14.284; 22. Billy Wease, Western Speed 80, 14.295; 23. Richey Jacobs, Speed Chasers 114, 14.336; 24. Alex Pruett, Pruett 56, 14.396; 25. Isaiah Boss, Boss 4t, 14.521; 26. Cole Carter, Carter 7, 14.555; 27. Joe Liguori, Owen 28, 14.562.

First Heat (8 laps): Lewis, Morgan, Bohanon, Wise, Hagen, Nicholas, Boss.

Second Heat (8 laps): Carter, Wease, Swindell, Steele, Hessert, Drake, Kuhn.

Third Heat (8 laps): Liguori, Olson, Clauson, Jacobs, Santos, Newman, Coons.

Fourth Heat (8 laps): Pruett, Darland, Jones, Mockler, Beach, Loyer.

Semi (12 laps): Hagen, Drake, Newman, Kuhn, Beach, Santos, Hessert, Coons, Nicholas, Boss, Loyer.

Feature (30 laps): Santos, Kuhn, Newman, Beach, Swindell, Steele, Bohanon, Clauson, Darland, Morgan, Wease, Jones, Coons, Mockler, Drake, Jacobs, Wise, Olson, Liguori, Hessert, Hagen, Pruett, Carter, Lewis.

Swindell Triumphs Like A Veteran

Saturday

TOLEDO, Ohio — Kevin Swindell hasn't spent much time running in the USAC National Midget Car Series, but the teenager and son of open-wheel standout Sammy Swindell looked like a veteran Friday at Toledo Speedway.

Swindell led wire to wire to earn his first USAC victory during the Hemelgarn/Super Fitness Open Wheel Doubleheader 30-lap feature.

Earning the pole after the six-car inversion, Swindell jumped ahead of the 22-car field and fought off numerous pass attempts by fellow teenager;

Bryan Clauson for the victory.

Swindell made it look easy over the opening 11 laps, getting a sizable advantage over the field.

Swindell seemed to rid his worries when Clauson lost momentum trying to make a pass on lap. But, within a couple of laps, Clauson was back, trying the lower groove once again.

It didn't happen, though. Swindell made sure he didn't give any room on the bottom, and when the pair crossed the stripe under the checkered flags, he held a 0.126-second advantage.

Trailing were Dave Steele, Levi Jones and Tom Hessert III.

Josh Wise broke the track record, setting the new mark at 15.154 seconds.

The summary:

Qualifications: 1. Josh Wise, Wise 20, 15.154; 2. Dave Steele, Nine 91, 15.286; 3. Levi Jones, Stewart 21, 15.333; 4. Bobby Santos III, Klatt 4, 15.345; 5. Bryan Clauson, Kunz 67, 15.358; 6. Kevin Swindell, Venture 25, 15.418; 7. Darren Hagen, Kunz 71, 15.461; 8. Jerry Coons, Jr., Wilke-Pak 11, 15.473; 9. Kyle Nicholas, Stewart 29, 15.535; 10. Michael Lewis, Wagner 93, 15.544; 11. Dave Darland, Nine 9, 15.547; 12. Ron Gregory, Irvin 22, 15.551; 13. Billy Wease, Western Speed 80, 15.555; 14. Tom Hessert III, Hessert 5, 15.570; 15. Stephanie Mockler, East 6, 15.584; 16. Cole Carter, Carter 7, 15.590; 17. David Gough, A&G 82, 15.664; 18. Brian Olson, Olson 71x, 15.695; 19. Mario Marietta, Marietta 37, 15.700; 20. Brad Loyer, Loyer 05, 15.736; 21. Jay Drake, Kunz 97, 15.751; 22. Joe Liguori, Owen 28, 16.006; 23. Nick Bohanon, Bohanon 33, 16.140; 24. Alex Pruett, Mafra 56, 16.262; 25. Kent McCloskey, McCloskey 12, 16.702.

First Heat (8 laps): Liguori, Carter, Santos, Wise, Marietta, Wease, McCloskey, Lewis, Hagen.

Second Heat (8 laps): Loyer, Hessert, Gough, Coons, Clauson, Steele, Darland, Bohanon.

Third Heat (8 laps): Drake, Swindell, Mockler, Nicholas, Jones, Olson, Pruett, Gregory.

Semi (10 laps): Steele, Hagen, Lewis, Wease, Darland, Olson, Bohanon, Pruett, McCloskey.

Feature (30 laps): Swindell, Clauson, Steele, Jones, Hessert, Gough, Loyer, Drake, Wease, Santos, Olson, Bohanon, Lewis, Hagen, Darland, Liguori, Wise, Coons, Nicholas, Marietta, Mockler, Carter.

Streaking Santos Rules Toledo Sprints

Saturday

TOLEDO, Ohio — Bobby Santos III, who entered the season on the verge of his first USAC National feature victory, won his fifth in Saturday's

USAC SPRINTS

USAC National Sprint Car Series feature at Toledo Speedway.

Santos passed Dave Steele in traffic with just two laps remaining on the half-mile asphalt oval.

Santos used the outside groove to move from fourth to second in a hand-

ful of laps during the final two-thirds of the event, and he then used a slower car as a pick to pass Steele for his second National Sprint victory of his career and the second in three races.

Santos acknowledged traffic played a major role in the race's outcome. Steele finished second. Ron Gregory, Bryan Clauson, who set a track record during qualifying, and Levi Jones rounded out the top five.

The summary:

Qualifications: 1. Bryan Clauson, Kunz 67, 14.776; 2. Levi Jones, Stewart 21, 14.851; 3. Josh Wise, Stewart 20, 14.888; 4. Bobby Santos III, Santos 98s, 14.902; 5. Ron Gregory, Gregory 23, 15.026; 6. Dave Steele,

Walker-Guiducci 11, 15.051; 7. Ryan Pace, Pace 44, 15.063; 8. Darren Hagen, Hagen 71, 15.099; 9. Marc Jessup, Dynamics 69, 15.107; 10. Dave Darland, Walker-Guiducci 11d, 15.115; 11. Brady Short, Short 36, 15.149; 12. Jay Drake, BWB 62, 15.219; 13. Daron Clayton, Clayton 92, 15.248; 14. Scotty Weir, Weir 22w, 15.273; 15. Michael Lewis, 2B Racing 2b, 15.290; 16. Eric Gordon, Bowman 2e, 15.292; 17. Cameron Dodson, Ram 50m, 15.390; 18. John Scott, Scott 83, 15.392; 19. Mat Neely, Neely 6, 15.457; 20. Rex Norris III, Norris 63, 15.511; 21. Cody Veenstra, Veenstra 07, 15.544; 22. Lee Boss, Boss 8b, 15.585; 23. Tom Fedorczyk, Fedorczyk 61f, 15.664.

First Heat (8 laps): Gordon, Darland, Boss, Santos, Clauson, Clayton, Neely, Pace.

Second Heat (8 laps): Dodson, Jones, Norris, Hagen, Weir, Gregory, Fedorczyk, Short.

Third Heat (8 laps): Scott, Veenstra, Drake, Steele, Wise, Lewis, Jessup.

Semi (10 laps): Jessup, Gregory, Clayton, Lewis, Neely, Fedorczyk.

Feature (30 laps): Santos, Steele, Gregory, Clauson, Jones, Wise, Hagen, Darland, Jessup, Clayton, Weir, Drake, Gordon, Dodson, Lewis, Scott, Veenstra, Boss, Norris, Neely, Fedorczyk.



MATT SUBLETT PHOTO

'HUNT'ING SEASON: Saturday night Tony Hunt (4) trails Mike Murgoitio at Stockton 99 Speedway in California. This was Hunt's second victory at Stockton over the weekend.

Hunt Sweeps Up On The West Coast

Midgets

By Floyd Busby

STOCKTON, Calif. — Tony Hunt climaxed an exceptional evening of racing with a controversial victory in the 30-lap midget feature, co-sanctioned by the Bay Cities Racing Ass'n and United States Auto Club, in the final midget race to ever be held at Stockton 99 Speedway.

The controversy arose with three laps remaining. Shannon McQueen was leading Hunt when the green flag came out following a caution period. As McQueen, seeking her first

midget feature victory, entered the first turn, she was struck from the rear by Hunt, sending her spinning.

Hunt led the rest of the way for the victory, with John Sarale, Jerome Rodela, Chase Barber and Tyler Brown following.

The finish:

Tony Hunt, John Sarale, Jerome Rodela, Chase Barber, Tyler Brown, Glenn Carson, David Prickett, Floyd Alvis, Eddie Abrew, Dan Parker, Dan Gundo, Travis Berryhill, Scott Nail, Bradley Galedridge, Shannon McQueen, Ben Petter, Garratt Boyden, Justin Grant, Terry Tarditi, Bobby Grewohl, Alfred Galedridge, Scott Pierovich, Ryan Kaplan, Evan Margeson, Dallen McKenney.

Sprints

STOCKTON, Calif. — Tony Hunt continued his stellar West Coast sprint-car racing season with a victo-

ry Saturday night at Stockton 99 Speedway.

The event was co-sanctioned by the USAC Western Sprint Car Series and the California Asphalt Sprint Ass'n.

Hunt, who was the fast qualifier, started sixth and took the lead from Shauna Hogg on lap 23. He led the remainder of the 50-lap distance on the quarter-mile asphalt oval.

Hogg finished second, with Mike Murgoitio, Brian McClish and Glenn Hopper following.

The finish:

Tony Hunt, Shauna Hogg, Mike Murgoitio, Brian McClish, Glenn Hopper, Joe Helberg, Tony Iacobitti, Bradley Galedridge, Ryan Baumgartner, Jim Kaiser, Allen Harney, Scott Clough, Nick Rescino, Jr., Greg Anderson, Kody Swanson, Marvin Mithell.



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Galedrige Eagerly Proves Himself In Sprint Cars

By Rocky Entriken

Bradley Galedrige and his 16-year-old kid brother, Alfred, were on their way to a USAC weekend at Stockton, Calif., like a couple of kids whose mother let them go off to play by themselves for the first time. Excited and effervescent, they were all set to get into trouble, nothing serious mind you, and have a grand time doing it.

"Hey, ma, can I go drive a 750-horsepower sprint car around a quarter-mile race track for 50 laps?"

All the bubbly eagerness aside, Galedrige is proving to be the real deal in his first acquaintance with sprint cars. Through the first five races he has been top 10 every time, top five three times and posted his first victory at Altamont Motorsports Park in Tracy, Calif.

"That was kind of cool. Pretty exciting," he said, still awash in the emotion of it several weeks later. "I didn't lead anything until the last 10 laps. We had three red flags from crashes. My teammate (Mike Murgoitio) was leading it and got run over going into turn three and brought out a red flag. I restarted third. On the restart, Tony Hunt and some other guy started first and second, then went to the bottom, and I bombed it up to the top, stood on it and drove away down the backstretch. I just took advantage of the moment!"

"I still have my rookie mistakes. I drive into corners pretty deep, but I'm getting pretty good at it, I think," he added with a nervous laugh that punctuates several of his statements, still a little self-conscious talking about himself.

When Davey Hamilton, wanting to put a two-car team on the track, paired Galedrige with Murgoitio, he probably wasn't taking that big a leap of faith. Galedrige had come from the Ford Focus Midgets, where he had been California North champion in 2004 and second in the South series that same year. That was also the year the Belleville Nationals in Kansas cut its annual midget show from three days to two to give the third night to the Focus cars. Galedrige won that inaugural Belleville Focus race.

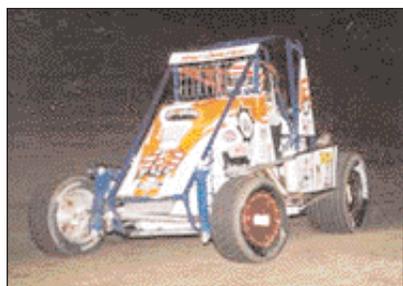


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SPRINTS AND MIDGETS: Bradley Galedrige is making a name for himself on the West Coast.

"We were pretty excited for the next week or so," he said. "I got more publicity than I was expecting for that one."

Last year, he stepped up to full-power midgets in USAC's western series with a family-owned car and was rookie of the year. This year he leads for rookie honors in the Western Sprints, currently third in points behind Hunt and Murgoitio.

A rainout gave the new adventure a major kick-start.

"I kinda got lucky. We went to Meridian (Speedway, Boise, Idaho) for the first race of the season, and it got rained out," Galedrige exclaimed. "So we stayed after everyone left. I drove about 300 laps in testing just to get used to the sprint car."

"My first 20 laps in the car I put it in the fence! We had a little bit of brake issues. That was kind of an awkward situation at the time — I didn't want to get fired. But they fixed the car and we went out and practiced some more," he said, no stranger to working hard.

"I've always been brought up to earn what you get."



BRADLEY GALEDRIGE FILE

Age: 19, Single
Series: USAC Western Sprints, Western Midgets
Hometown: Mountain View, Calif.

Kaeding & Lasoski Share Laurels

Friday

By CRAIG MURPHY

GRAND FORKS, N.D. — Tim Kaeding won Friday's opening event of a two-race weekend for the

NST SPRINTS

National Sprint Tour at River Cities Speedway.

Kaeding and Jason Solwold battled throughout the 30-lap event, which was delayed 45 minutes by rain.

Solwold took the lead at the start by getting around polesitter Dean Jacobs, despite a three-wide effort by Kaeding.

Kaeding took the lead for the first time on lap eight, with Steve Kinser moving into third a lap later. The rest of the race, the top three battled.

On lap 20, Kinser moved into second. A circuit later, he was in the lead.

On lap 24, Kinser fell back to third as Solwold got by low and Kaeding got past both of them on the outside.

"I couldn't even tell you," Kaeding said when asked how he snatched the lead. "I went up high and it stuck. I went in around the outside, it stuck and I let it go."

"I got messed up out of turn two, all the way down the backstretch," Kinser said. "I had a little bit of trouble keeping up earlier. Then they started racing each other and I snuck by. I should have stayed high in (turns) one and two and just hammered it. I just messed up."

"I got underneath (Kinser), and Tim got by both of us," Solwold explained. From there, Kaeding held on to beat Solwold, Kinser, Danny Lasoski and Jason Meyers.

"Unbelievable," Kaeding said. "It was a feat in itself being able to win this race. It took a lot out of me. I held my breath for half the race. It was great racing. It turned out to be a great race track. There were two grooves, and you could pull a move on the outside."

The summary:

Fast time: Kerry Madsen, 10.304 seconds (37 cars).
First Heat: Steve Kinser, Jason Sides, Lou Kennedy, Madsen, Tim Mulvaney, Scott McDonald, Richard Rogers, Dave Glennon, John Cressman, Brendon Wilde.

Second Heat: Dean Jacobs, Mark Dobmeier, Paul McMahan, Jason Meyers, Brian Paulus, Shane Roemeling, Kyle Fedyk, Jade Fredrickson, Scott Butz.

Third Heat: Wade Nygaard, Bill Balog, Jason Solwold, Casey Mack,



CRAIG MURPHY PHOTO

ROUNDING THE BEND: Danny Lasoski and Jason Meyers battle to place in the top five Friday night at River Cities Speedway in Grand Forks, N.D.

Shane Stewart, Austin Monson, Nick Shirek, Dave Sobczak, Ryan Wilson.

Fourth Heat: Tim Kaeding, Danny Lasoski, Chris Shirek, Chris Burke, Bob Martin, Greg Nititenko, Tom Egeland, Stan Mayer, Jeff Vonasek.

First Dash: Solwold, Kinser, Stewart, Madsen, Kennedy, Mack.

Second Dash: Jacobs, Kaeding, Meyers, Lasoski, Dobmeier, Shirek.

B Main: Sobczak, Glennon, Nititenko, Cressman, Monson, Butz, Rogers, Fredrickson, N. Shirek, Wilde, Fedyk, Roemeling, Wilson, Mayer, Vonasek, McDonald.

Feature: Kaeding, Solwold, Kinser, Lasoski, Meyers, Jacobs, Paulus, Dobmeier, Sobczak, Madsen, Stewart, McMahan, Sides, Mack, Nititenko, Martin, Nygaard, Mulvaney, Glennon, C. Shirek, Cressman, Kennedy, Balog, Burke.

Saturday

By CRAIG MURPHY

GRAND FORKS, N.D. — Danny Lasoski was just fast enough to win Saturday night's 40-lap National Sprint Tour event at River Cities Speedway.

First Lasoski had to hold off repeated challenges from local favorite Mark Dobmeier. Then Lasoski had to defend against a banzai last-lap charge from Tim Kaeding, who won here Friday.

As soon as Lasoski pulled into the winner's circle — nearly getting hit by an ambulance in the process — rain began falling.

"Leading was probably the wrong thing to do tonight," Lasoski said. "I was picking the wrong way to go in traffic. But tonight was our night. Tim was real tough, like he has been."

While Lasoski led from flag to flag, it

was no easy drive. Dobmeier kept trying to get by on the low side without success. On lap 31, Kaeding edged Dobmeier and immediately went after Lasoski.

Kaeding briefly passed Lasoski before a yellow for Brian Paulus on lap 35 negated the move.

On the final lap, Lasoski was in traffic entering turn one. Kaeding saw a brief opening on the bottom and went for it, but was unable to get by.

"I said, 'This is going to be a big wreck. I ain't lifting,'" Lasoski explained. "A lapped car spun in front of me, and Tim went low."

Jason Solwold, Dobmeier and Shane Stewart filled the top five.

The summary:

Fast time: Jason Solwold, 10.018 seconds (36 cars).
First Heat: Solwold, Shane Stewart, Bill Balog, Lou Kennedy, Jason Sides, Tim Mulvaney, John Cressman, Austin Monson, Bob Martin.

Second Heat: Steve Kinser, Paul McMahan, Kerry Madsen, Dean Jacobs, Casey Mack, Scott McDonald, Ryan Wilson, Jeff Vonasek, Nick Shirek.

Third Heat: Dave Sobczak, Jason Meyers, Danny Lasoski, Tom Egeland, Scott Butz, Dave Glennon, Chris Burke, Brendon Wilde, Kyle Fedyk.

Fourth Heat: Mark Dobmeier, Tim Kaeding, Brian Paulus, Greg Nititenko, Jade Fredrickson, Shane Roemeling, Chris Shirek, Richard Rogers, Stan Mayer.

First Dash: Lasoski, Dobmeier, Kinser, Solwold, Meyers, Sides.
Second Dash: Jacobs, Stewart, Kaeding, Madsen, Paulus, Butz.

B Main: Mulvaney, Martin, McDonald, Cressman, Glennon, Rogers, Burke, Wilson, Monson, Wilde, Fedyk, Mayer, Roemeling, N. Shirek, Vonasek.

Feature: Lasoski, Kaeding, Solwold, Dobmeier, Stewart, Meyers, Kinser, Jacobs, McMahan, Sides, Paulus, Madsen, Balog, Nititenko, Mack, Mulvaney, Egeland, Kennedy, Fredrickson, Butz, Cressman, Sobczak, McDonald, Martin.

Mike Reinke Bests Steve Meyer At Wilmot Speedway

WILMOT, Wis. — Mike Reinke never quit, and after chasing leader Steve Meyer the entire

IRA SPRINTS

race, Reinke rim rode to the lead coming out of the race's final corner to capture the Bumper to Bumper / United Trailers Interstate Racing Ass'n King of

Wisconsin sprint-car feature Saturday night at Wilmot Speedway.

With a hefty field of 49 cars on hand, Meyer grabbed the lead from the pole, while Reinke stalked him from behind. Reinke pulled Scott Cowman's Maxim even with Meyer on lap 28 and finally made the pass stick on the 30th and final circuit of

the third-mile oval.

Meyer finished second, ahead of Todd Hepfner, K.J. Skelton and Donny Goeden.

The finish:

Mike Reinke, Steve Meyer, Todd Hepfner, K.J. Skelton, Donny Goeden, Dave Moulis, Scott Young, Mike Stefla, Scott Bierter, Scott Uttech, John Haeni, Kevin Hinich, Ty Bartz, Todd King, Troy Hepfner, Brian Kristan, Rick Kelsey, Travis Whitney, Tim Vandevere, Tommy Sexton, Bill Warren, Kurt Winker.

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Michael Doubles Up

Friday

By **MIKE KERCHNER**
SENIOR EDITOR

TRAVELERS REST, S.C. — Curt Michael had made the trip south to race with the United Sprint Car Series at Riverside Speedway in past years, and his experience showed Friday night.

Michael passed Josh Weller on lap 11 and led the rest of the way en route to winning round one of the URC-USCS North-South Shootout at the four-tenths-mile dirt track.

Michael banked \$2,000 for the triumph.

Weller finished second, with Marshall Skinner, Matt Tiffany and Brook Weibley rounding out the top five.

USCS point-leader Terry Gray raced from last to seventh after changing an engine following his heat race.

The finish:

Curt Michael, Josh Weller, Marshall Skinner, Matt Tiffany, Brook Weibley, Sean Michael, Terry Gray, Dave Betts, Danny Martin, Jr., Tom Winegardner, Jr., Robbie Stillwagon, Mares Stellfox, Matt Linder, Tom Winegardner, Steve

Darvalles, Doug Day, Brooke Bowman, Billy Thomas, Kramer Williamson, Dave Thorman, Scott Pursell.

Saturday

BATESBURG, S.C. — Curt Michael made a clean sweep of the URC/USCS North-South Shootout by winning the 30-lap sprint-car event Saturday night at I-20 Speedway.

The victory was worth \$2,700 (including a \$200 cash bonus posted by CnB Mushrooms) and pairs up nicely with his Friday night victory at the Riverside Speedway.

Although Michael started on the pole, Brook Weibley made for an interesting finish, taking the lead from Michael on lap 20. However, Michael battled back and regained the top spot on lap 28 for his 29th URC triumph.

Weibley finished second, with Marshall Skinner, Sean Michael and Stephen Darvalics filling the top five.

The finish:

Curt Michael, Brook Weibley, Marshall Skinner, Sean Michael, Stephen Darvalics, Robbie Stillwagon, Terry Gray, Scott Pursell, T.J. Winegardner, Mares Stellfox, Dave Betts, R.J. Johnson, Danny Martin, Jr., Brooke Bowman, Doug Day, Matt Tiffany, Josh Weller, Matt Linder, Tom Winegardner, Sr.



JEFF ARNS PHOTO

MOVING ON: Michael Pickens and Rik Forbes battle Sunday night at Angell Park Speedway.

Michael Pickens Claims Badger Win

SUN PRAIRIE, Wis. — New Zealand's Michael Pickens made his first American start of the season a successful one by capturing the 25-lap Badger Midget Series feature at Angell Park Speedway Sunday night.

Rik Forbes jumped into the lead, followed by Pickens. After a lap-three restart, it took Pickens one lap to take the lead. Pickens was trapped behind slower cars, allowing

Forbes and Scott Hatton to close. Forbes passed Pickens on the 15th lap, but he was repassed by Pickens on the next lap. Pickens prevailed over Forbes, Scott Hatton, Jimi Quin and Chad DeSelle.

The finish:

Michael Pickens, Rik Forbes, Scott Hatton, Jimi Quin, Chad DeSelle, Dean Erfurth, Doug Schenck, Davey Ray, Joe Wipperfurth, Aaron Fiscus, Brandon Waelti, Brian Ramstak, Nick Lundgreen, Rob Keelan, David Gough, Adam Clarke, Bob Schreffler, Danny Stratton, Harley Slotten, Jeff Flesher, Brad Kuhn, Brad Loyet.

Phillips Returns Victorious

BRIGHTON, Ontario — Tim Phillips missed the 2005 racing season while battling cancer.

He completed his comeback Saturday night, winning the Southern Ontario Sprints feature at Brighton Speedway.

"This seems to have been a long time coming," exclaimed Phillips, "but I am really happy to finally be standing here. There are so many people

to thank, especially my wife, Jim Porter, and my crew chief, Chris Rhynold, for making this happen."

Phillips led from the outset, holding off Rick Wilson for the victory. Joe Middlemiss, Ken Swan and John Watson followed.

The finish:

Tim Phillips, Rick Wilson, Joe Middlemiss, Ken Swan, John Watson, Glenn Styres, Warren Mahoney, Craig Downie, Kevin Job, Garry Evans, Dean Hoffman, Daryl Turford, Robert Middlemiss, Gary Evans, James Whittaker, April Wilson, Brad Malloy, Jim Davies, John Burbridge, Bob Crawford, Bob McDonald, Kyle Wilson, Dick Mahoney, Fred Pigeon.

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Johnson Dominates Races

Friday

BOLIVAR, Mo. — Making the most of his 30th birthday celebration, Jason Johnson captured the opening round of the 14th Annual O'Reilly American Sprint Cars on Tour COMP Cams Sizzlin' Summer Speedweek Friday at Bolivar USA Speedway.

ASCOT

It was Johnson's fourth national triumph of the season. He took the lead when leader Travis Rilal changed a tire under a lap-18 red flag. Johnson nursed a bald right-rear tire to the checkered flag ahead of fast-closing Nick Smith.

"What an awesome way to celebrate a birthday. This is great," Johnson said. "Under that last red flag, some of the fans sitting off turn two gave us some ice to cool down the right-rear tire. I knew someone was coming at the end. I just kept hoping that checkered flag would fly."

Jerrold Hull claimed third, with early leader Jesse Hockett fourth and Tony Bruce, Jr. fifth.

The finish:

Jason Johnson, Nick Smith, Jerrold Hull, Jesse Hockett, Tony Bruce, Jr., Travis Rilal, Roger Crockett, Darren Stewart, Gavin Punch, Trey Robb, Sam Hafertepe, Jr., Zach Chappell, Jan Howard, Curtis Boyer, Foster Landon, Cody Branchcomb, Sean McClelland, Toby Brown, Gary Wright, Faron Crank, Frank Brown, Natalie Sather, Andy Korte, Randy Martin, Forrest Sutherland.

Saturday

SOUTH COFFEYVILLE, Okla. — Jason Johnson charged around Jerrold Hull on the ninth round and never looked back as he streaked to his second triumph in as many legs of the 14th Annual O'Reilly American Sprint Cars on Tour COMP Cams Sizzlin' Summer Speedweek Saturday night at Mid-America Speedway.

The victory aboard Lanny Row's Wesmar-powered The Shop Diesel Service No. 41 Eagle marked Johnson's fifth in O'Reilly ASCoT action this season, and it was his 11th overall ASCS victory of the



KEN SIMON PHOTO

DOMINATING: Jason Johnson (41) battles three wide with Andy Korte (28) and Travis Rilal at Bolivar USA Speedway.

year.

Hull started on the pole, while Johnson was second and followed Hull until the pair began working lapped traffic. Once in the lead, he was never headed.

Hull finished second, with Gavin Punch, B.J. Fay and Nick Smith following.

The finish:

Jason Johnson, Jerrold Hull, Gavin Punch, B.J. Fay, Nick Smith, Jamie Passmore, Jesse Hockett, Darren Stewart, Gary Wright, Travis Rilal, Sean McClelland, Jan Howard, Sherman Davis, Brad Best, Sam Hafertepe, Jr., Brian McClelland, Trey Robb, Tony Bruce, Jr., Rafe Essary, Zach Chappell, Roger Crockett, Brian Roberts, Danny Smith.

Sunday

SAPULPA, Okla. — Louisiana's Jason Johnson only led about 10 feet of Sunday night's 30-lap O'Reilly American Sprint Cars on Tour feature at Creek County Speedway, but it was the 10 feet that mattered the most as he nipped race-long leader Darren Stewart at the checkered flag to snare his third victory in as many rounds of the 14th Annual COMP Cams ASCS

Sizzlin' Summer Speedweek.

Johnson survived a mid-race scrape with Travis Rilal, and then following a late restart took quick advantage when Stewart's balky motor finally gave way in the final few feet after smoking heavily over the last half of the event.

"Darren pretty well had us covered tonight until his motor started going bad," Johnson said after becoming the first driver in ASCS Speedweek history to record three consecutive wins. "I about lost the race in three and four on the white flag lap, but I was in 'win it or wear it' mode by that time and we were able to get the win."

Stewart, who led the first 29 laps, finished second. Roger Crockett, Gary Wright and Cody Branchcomb rounded out the top five.

The finish:

Jason Johnson, Darren Stewart, Roger Crockett, Gary Wright, Cody Branchcomb, Zach Chappell, Skip Wilson, Sean McClelland, Travis Rilal, Trey Robb, Jesse Hockett, Sherman Davis, Tony Bruce, Jr., Nick Smith, Gavin Punch, Jerrold Hull, Rafe Essary, J.P. Bailey, Jan Howard, Dex Eaton, Sam Hafertepe, Jr., Danny Smith, Cody Wampler, Jamie Passmore.

Brian Brown's Front-Row Start Secures A Triumph

SEDALIA, Mo. — Brian Brown took full advantage of his front-row starting position to avoid a 10-car melee on the initial start and

ASCOT

win his first O'Reilly American Sprint Cars on Tour feature July 3 at State Fair Speedway.

After six cars were eliminated in the crash, Brown outgunned Randy

Martin for the point on the restart and held off Tony Bruce, Jr. for his second-career ASCS National victory aboard the Doogs-owned, Ostrich-powered No. 21 Maxim.

"I think ole George (Lasoski) just keeps getting sharper the older he gets. He showed me where the rubber was, and once I moved down there nobody was gonna get by," Brown said.

Bruce finished second, with Jon Corbin, Jason Johnson and Randy Martin filling out the top five.

The event, which drew 48 cars, was co-sanctioned by the Winged Outlaw Warriors.

The finish:

Brian Brown, Tony Bruce, Jr., Jon Corbin, Jason Johnson, Randy Martin, Darren Stewart, Jesse Hockett, Jan Howard, Travis Rilal, Chris Morgan, Garry Lee Maier, Matthew Fox, Sam Hafertepe, Jr., Tracy Nichols, Tim Newman, Terry Hinck, Ed Wagner, Gary Wright, Toby Brown, Curtis Boyer, Nick Smith, Sean McClelland, Eric Schrock, Trey Robb.

Many ASCS Regional Victors

ASCs MIDWEST/NORTHERN PLAINS

Peters Powers

July 3, I-80 Speedway, Greenwood, Neb.

Jake Peters earned his second American Sprint Car Series Regional victory of the season in the Lawrence Ideus Memorial.

Peters had to work for it though, battling past 16-year-old Jack Dover on the eighth round en route to victory. Mike Chadd finished second, with Dover, Rick Ideus and Chuck Swenson following.

The finish:

Jake Peters, Mike Chadd, Jack Dover, Rick Ideus, Chuck Swenson, Jason Danley, Don Droul, Jr., Luke Cranston, Ryan Roberts, Toby Chapman, Dusty Ballenger, Chad Humston, Lee Grosz, Eric Lutz, Mike Boston, Ryan Anderson, Seth Brahmer, Ken Klabunde, John Klabunde, Brent Vonk.

ASCs ROCKY

Miller Scores

July 7, Black Hills Speedway, Rapid City, S.D.

Randi Miller notched his second series victory of the season after taking the lead from Clint Anderson on the sixth lap.

Point-leader Patrick Bourke challenged Miller in the closing stages but couldn't deny Miller's 38th-career victory. Bourke, Anderson, Ryan Parks and Nick Haygood followed.

The finish:

Randi Miller, Patrick Bourke, Clint Anderson, Ryan Parks, Nick Haygood, Darrell Brink, John Jacob, Gary Taylor, Ricky Montgomery, Todd Plemons, Josh Fellows, Scott Milan, Jesse Beckett, Chad Corken, Brandon Mills, Julee Jamison, Russ Kosten, Kass Cornella, Mark Sweet, Matt Heinzlering, Mike Pennell, Jeff Heffer.

ASCs SPRINTS ON DIRT

Irwin Charges

July 8, Owendale Speedway, Owendale, Mich.

Steve Irwin made a valiant charge through the field during the last half of the feature event to make a dramatic last-lap pass of Scott Cramer and claim the victory at his home track.

"My crew chief (Don Whitney) and I tried some really funky stuff on the car, and it really backfired on us early on when it was dusty and stuff. We

had no forward grip," said Irwin. "Once the rubber was laid down it was actually the perfect setup."

Kyle Patrick, Scott Cramer, Dain Naida and Ken Mackey rounded out the top five.

The finish:

Steve Irwin, Kyle Patrick, Scott Cramer, Dain Naida, Ken Mackey, Bill Johnson, Kevin Atkins, Ben Rutan, Mike Galajda, Dustin Daggett, Ryan Grubaugh, Gary Fast, Gregg Dalman, J.R. Stewart, Adam West, Jim Goetzeluck, Ernie Kuehneman, Jr., Davey Brown, Gary Hayward, Louie Carufel.

ASCs PATRIOT SPRINTS

Shuttleworth Travels

July 8, McKean County Raceway, Smethport, Pa.

Chris Shuttleworth made the most of his pole starting position by racing to his first victory in the regional sprint-car series.

"This is a dream come true," noted Shuttleworth. "I know this track real well, and the motor was running good."

Shuttleworth held off point-leader Chuck Hebing, with Mike Stelter, Jared Zimbardi and Dave Wickham following.

The finish:

Chris Shuttleworth, Chuck Hebing, Mike Stelter, Jared Zimbardi, Dave Wickham, Ray Preston, John Schuyler, Don Adamczyk, Rich Swarthout, Mike Lauterborn, Gary Troutman, Geoff Quackenbush, Chris Muhleisen, Blasé Regina, Keth Dempster, Rob Pietz, Jamie Collard, Stan Zanchin, Brad Knab, Jeremy Barnard, Derek Jonathan, Nick Bashford, Kyle Drum.

ASCs NORTHERN PLAINS

Winters Time

July 9, Steele County Speedway, Owatonna, Minn.

Scott Winters blasted past Chuck Swenson on the 14th round en route to capturing his first-career American Sprint Car Series victory.

Winters started on the pole but followed Swenson through the first half of the race before taking the lead. Swenson, the series point leader, finished second, with Curt Lund, Lee Grosz and Ryan Bickett following.

The finish:

Scott Winters, Chuck Swenson, Curt Lund, Lee Grosz, Ryan Bickett, Dusty Ballenger, John Nelson, Mike Sitzmann, Jr., Eric Lutz, Casey Hesel, Jerry Richert, Jr., Leigh Thomas, Brett Geldner, Joseph Kouba, Johnny Parsons III, Joe Kouba, Spike Lempelius, Roger Rager, Bob Holdreth, Marty

Buckwalter Picks Up Second Susky Victory

NEWBERRYTOWN, Pa. — Steve Buckwalter began his Independence

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Day celebration a few hours early, winning the 20-lap American Racing Drivers Club main event at Susquehanna Speedway Park July 3. The victory was Buckwalter's second in a row at SSP, as the Royersford Rocket also triumphed at the four-tenths-mile oval May 5, the last time the mighty midgets raced there.

Buckwalter started ninth in the 27-car field but quickly threaded his way toward the front, barreling into third as they completed lap two.

With Michele Miller fighting off the

advances of Tracy Readinger, Buckwalter joined the party and the trio ran three-wide in one and two in a ferocious battle for the top spot. Buckwalter zipped under Readinger for second and then blasted to the low side of Miller off turn four to snatch the lead at the completion of lap four.

Buckwalter led the rest of the way, surviving five restarts for the victory. Readinger was second, followed by Dave Ely, Ray Bull and Andy Martin.

The finish:

Steve Buckwalter, Tracy Readinger, Dave Ely, Ray Bull, Andy Martin, Ed Stimely, Jr., Steve Lenig, Doug Rose, Donnie Trent, Steve Craig, Eric Heydenreich, Dave Shirk, Scott Zipp, Carey Becker, Sammy Hemmhauser, Lew Blair, Kathy Kurtz, Chris Zrinski, Jeff Schell, Michele Miller, Bobby Goerner, A.J. Ernesto, Bill Case, Ted Schmid, P.J. Gargiulo, Mike Miller, Frank Polimeda.

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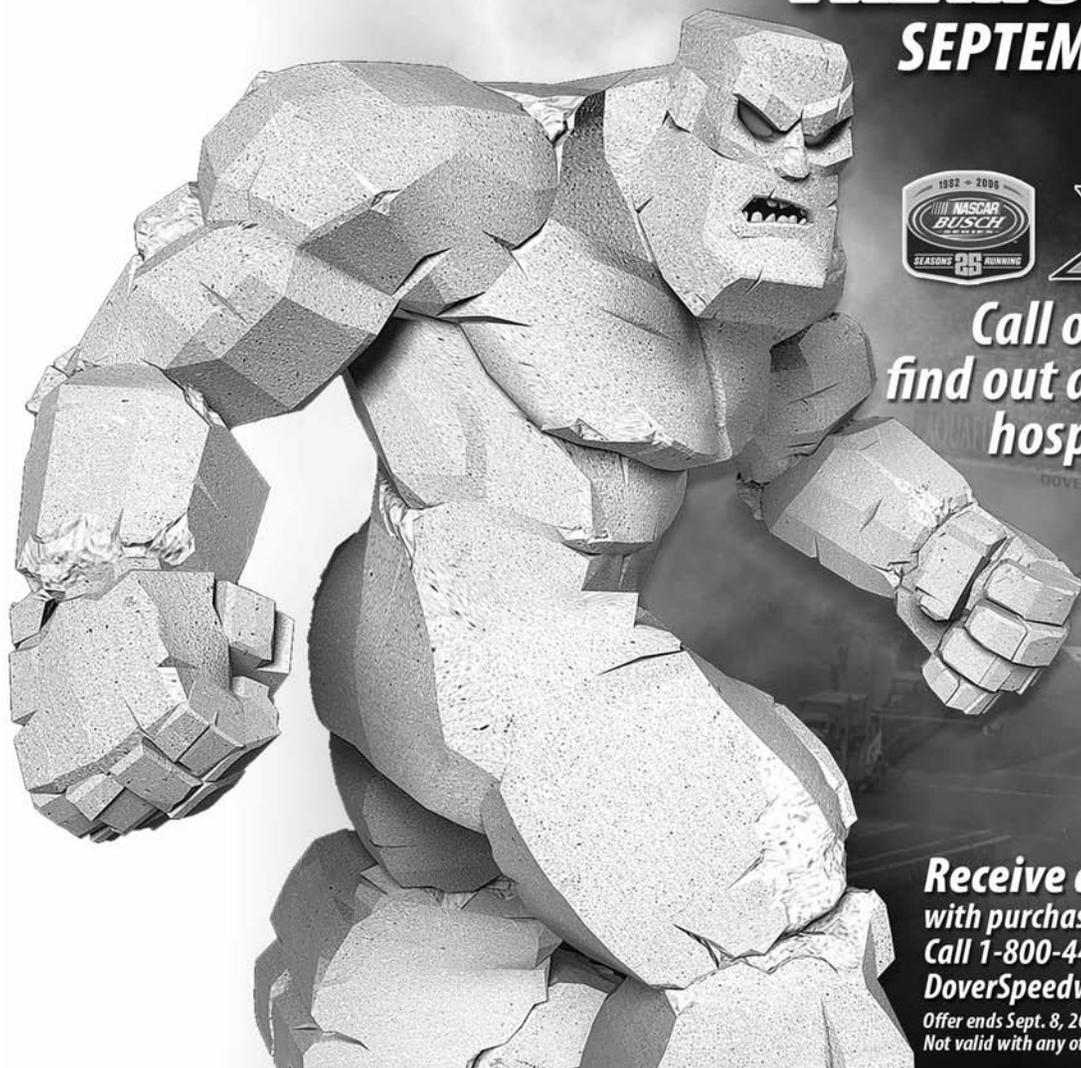
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IN THE PITS: Rookie Brad Coleman receives service from his crew during the ARCA RE/MAX Series race at Kentucky Speedway. Coleman came from one lap down to win his first race in six ARCA starts.

Coleman Claims Virgin Victory

SPARTA, Ky. — Rookie Brad Coleman came from one lap down to win Friday night's ARCA RE/MAX Series race at Kentucky Speedway.

His first victory came in his sixth series start.

"We definitely had a great car," said Coleman. "I can't thank my team enough. I don't think my team wanted to get worried — they didn't tell me I was a lap down. It was a lot of fun moving back up to the front. I love going through traffic and weaving back and forth through cars. At points, it was pretty scary, though."

Coleman, who is part of a driver-development program for Brewco Motorsports, parked his car on the frontstretch, climbed out and took several bows to the crowd before driving his No. 62 Federated Car Care Ford into victory lane.

The 100-lap event was lengthened to 110 laps to accommodate a green-

white-checked finish after several late-race cautions.

Frank Kimmel, a four-time Kentucky Speedway winner, settled for second in the No. 46 Pork the Other White Meat Ford after leading 24 laps. Jeremy Clements finished third. Chuck Weber and Damon Lusk rounded out the top five.

Kimmel took the lead for the first time on lap 58, when he stayed out on the race track as Coleman and Erin Crocker, who had been running first and second, stopped to pit. Both drivers dropped one lap down when the caution flag waved for a stalled car on the access road on lap 62.

"I knew there would probably be another caution," said Kimmel. "We had about 20 to go there, and we kind of got away from the second- and third-place car."

Coleman, Crocker and several others got their lap back on lap 69, after a caution flag came out for Richard

Johns, who had spun in turn four. By lap 88, Coleman found his way back to the lead.

Crocker, who won the pole, led six laps but finished 27th after making contact with Matt Hagans on lap 93.

Point-leader Bobby Gerhart finished eighth, allowing Kimmel to close to 55 in the race for the championship.

The finish:

Showing driver, car and laps completed: 1. Brad Coleman, Ford, 110; 2. Frank Kimmel, Ford, 110; 3. Jeremy Clements, Chevrolet, 110; 4. Chuck Weber, Ford, 110; 5. Damon Lusk, Dodge, 110; 6. Dawayne Bryan, Dodge, 110; 7. Ryan Foster, Ford, 110; 8. Bobby Gerhart, Chevrolet, 100; 9. Ryan Howard, Chevrolet, 110; 10. Blake Bjorklund, Dodge, 110; 11. Scott Lagasse, Dodge, 109; 12. Ken Weaver, Dodge, 109; 13. Todd Bowsher, Ford, 109; 14. Justin South, Chevrolet, 108; 15. Frank Kapfhammer, Chevrolet, 108; 16. Ricky Sanders, Pontiac, 108; 17. Hermie Sadler, Chevrolet, 108; 18. Brett Rowe, Chevrolet, 107; 19. Norm Benning, Chevrolet, 107; 20. David Odell, Chevrolet, 104; 21. Darrell Basham, Pontiac, 104; 22. Brad Smith, Ford, 103; 23. James Hylton, Ford, 102; 24. Justin Drawdy, Chevrolet, 99; 25. Billy Venturini, Chevrolet, 99; 26. Matt Hagans, Dodge, 99; 27. Erin Crocker, Dodge, 94; 28. Jason Hedlesky, Ford, 79; 29. Richard Johns, Ford, 72; 30. Josh Krug, Chevrolet, 66; 31. Tim Schendel, Chevrolet, 55; 32. Michael Simko, Chevrolet, 45; 33. Tim Mitchell, Ford, 41; 34. Andy Belmont, Ford, 33; 35. Mike Harmon, Chevrolet, 22; 36. Justin Marks, Pontiac, 20; 37. Mike Koch, Chevrolet, 13; 38. Dexter Bean, Chevrolet, 12; 39. Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 11; 40. Phillip McGilton, Ford, 1; 41. Ryan Mathews, Dodge, 0.

Sleepless Night Leads Eckert To Sharon Cash

HARTFORD, Ohio — After making a long overnight drive in his hauler following a race in North Carolina,

Rick Eckert seemed well rested as he roared to a flag-to-flag victory in Saturday night's World of Outlaws Late Model Series Buckeye 50 at Sharon Speedway.

"Once you get your adrenaline rolling, you're O.K.," said Eckert, who caught only three hours of sleep at a truck stop during his trip from Clary's Speedway in Brinkleyville, N.C., where he finished second in a special event on Friday night. "I'm sure I'll be real tired, though, after I take a shower tonight."

The \$10,000 triumph was Eckert's eighth in 17 events this season, mov-

ing him closer to Scott Bloomquist's WoO LMS record of 10 victories established in 2004. He's captured five of the last seven events, including four-straight last month.

Eckert, 40, showed his strength again at the Blaney family's show-place oval, coming off the outside pole to lead the entire distance.

He repelled a mid-race challenge from Josh Richards and a late bid by Chub Frank to push his all-time WoO LMS victory total to 16.

Frank finished second, with Richards third. Darrell Lanigan and Robbie Blair followed.

The finish:

Rick Eckert, Chub Frank, Josh Richards, Darrell Lanigan, Robbie Blair, Dale McDowell, Davey Johnson, Dave Hess, Jr., Chad Ruhman, Billy Moyer, Tim McCreedy, Clint Smith, Eric Jacobsen, Shane Clanton, John Blankenship, Eddie Carrier, Jr., Garrett Durrett, Mike Balzano, David Scott, Steve Francis, Dutch Davies, Chris Hackett, Donnie Moran.

BOOK REVIEW

Economaki Tells Racing's Tale — With Laughter — In 'Go!'

By DICK BERGGREN
EXECUTIVE EDITOR, SPEEDWAY ILLUSTRATED

Let 'Em All Go! The Story of Auto Racing by the man who was there

By Chris Economaki with Dave Argabright



Dick Berggren

Disclaimer: Without a hint of embarrassment, I admit to having been a fan of Chris Economaki for my entire 30-year professional career as a motorsports journalist. As he slowed down with age, I begged Chris to let me write this book with him, but he chose Dave Argabright instead. It was a good choice. Nobody could have done it better.

Chris Economaki's long-awaited "Let 'Em All Go!" is the most important book in the history of auto racing. There between two covers you can learn the history of the sport from the 1930s to today, all told with flair, drama and color by a man who saw the whole thing unfold firsthand.

Add snippets from the life of one of the most fascinating non-driver racing characters and you have an unbeatable package.

It is this incredible (a word Chris uses freely as he tells stories in the book) combination that leads to the conclusion that "Go!" is racing's most important book.

There are two versions of the book — regular and high test. The regular version is priced at \$30. I bought the high-test version that is now nearly sold out. With a black cover, a built-in gold-colored silk page marker and sized like a bible, it looks like a bible. In a way it is a bible — the gospel of racing according to Economaki!

"Go!" is an odd mixture of interesting elements of Chris's life, anecdotes and observations. It's done in short spurts so you can read half a page, spend a weekend at the track and come back to the book without missing anything.

Economaki is the dean of motorsports journalism. His enthusiasm for the sport pours out of every page. Even when Chris fingers the sport for its misdeeds, it seems he's more a parent scolding a child than someone kicking the sport in the ass.

As you travel through the book, you'll meet dozens of drivers and racing VIPs who Chris identifies as "friends." Eventually, it seems as if most everyone who ever was important during his lifetime in the sport is considered by Chris to be a friend. So, this book isn't just about racing, it's about the hundreds of friends a sport's major player has developed during a lifetime of traveling to races.

Since you're reading this review in *National Speed Sport News*, you no doubt read Chris's column. The origin of the column, and why for all these years it's been written in the style you read every week, are among the stories told in "Go!"

There are two downsides to "Go!" First, you might embarrass yourself with it. I embarrassed myself reading it on a cross-country flight when I laughed out loud over the story of an early ABC-TV interview Chris did with A.J. Foyt. Chris is a funny guy, so there are some laughs. Be sure to read it someplace where losing control of your laugh muscle is acceptable. The other downside is that every page you turn is a page you can't ever read again for the first time. Most good books prompt a rush to the last page. Not this one. Once you start it, "Go!" is so good you'll wish it would never end.

As the book nears its end, Chris explains clearly why NASCAR has been such a rousing success while others haven't done nearly as well. He uses the sport's history to explain its present and to establish the directions in which it should go. It is fitting that the book leaves the reader thinking about what might be.

There is no other place where pictures of the colorful characters who populate the sport are as clearly painted. In "Go!" you'll learn not only about the finest racing journalist to ever live, you'll learn about people he calls his friends — the greatest racers the world has ever known.



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Hahn Holds On At Toledo

TOLEDO, Ohio — Veteran Paul Hahn held off a persistent charge from John Kasmierski to

earn the victory Friday night at Toledo Speedway in the ARCA Lincoln Welders Truck Series event.

Norm Weaver led the first five laps, but Hahn took the point for the rest of the Signature and Toledo Harley Davidson 50 lapper.

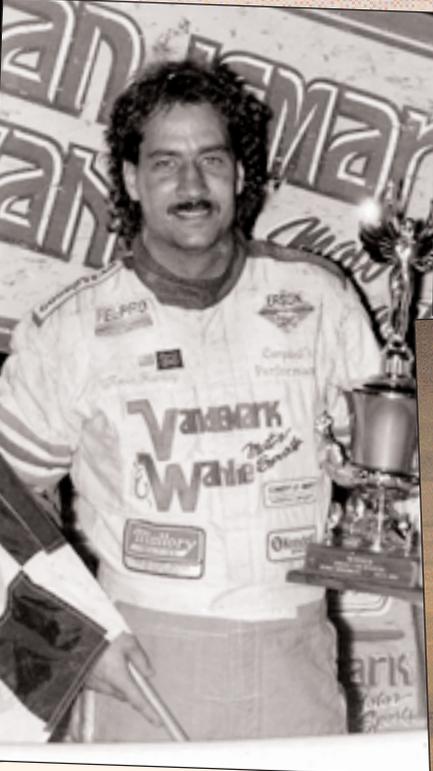
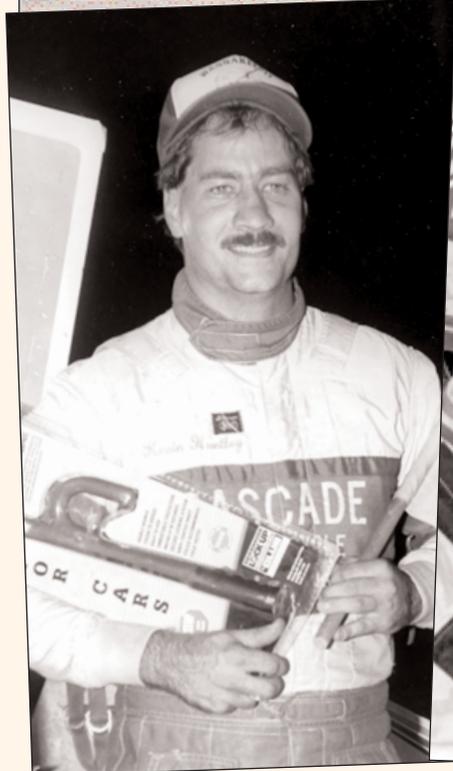
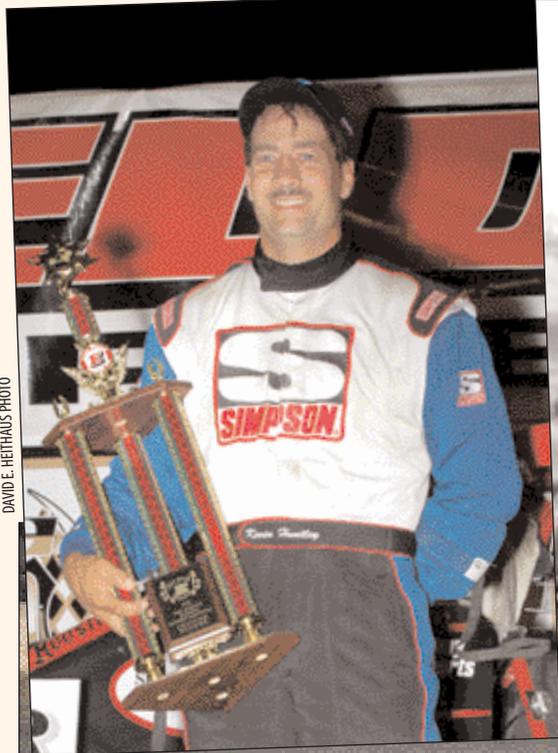
Rounding out the top five were Kasmierski, Ron Wells, Steve Christman and Nick Gullatta.

The finish:
Paul Hahn, John Kasmierski, Ron Wells, Steve Christman, Nick Gullatta, Bill Withers, Brad Yunker, Duane Bischoff, Bob Mikolajczak, Stan Maitlen, Norm Weaver, Randy Moyes, Craig Meyers, Kyle Partridge, Mark Otting, Paul Vanderhoff, Robbin Slaughter.

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A visual tour through the history of motorsports

KEVIN HUNTLEY

Known as "The Pup" through the early days of his open-wheel racing career, Kevin Huntley is one of the sport's most versatile racers.

At age 41, Huntley currently competes regularly in winged and non-winged sprint cars.

He owns a pair of USAC sprint-car triumphs, including the \$50,000-to-win Mopar Thunder in 2004, and has won one Silver Crown event.

The Indiana native ranks seventh on the All Star Circuit of Champions all-time winner's list with 44 triumphs. He shared the 1993 All Star championship with Frankie Kerr.

Featured on this page (clockwise from top left): Celebrating in victory lane after a 2005 victory at Ohio's Eldora Speedway; Sporting a curly hairstyle in 1991; Strapping into his sprinter before a 1992 race; Huntley (21) battling a pack of traffic on his way to winning the 2004 Mopar Thunder at Eldora; Huntley in 1995; Battling Jerry Coons, Jr. for position last season; Showing off the winner's trophy after a 1992 victory at Rome (Ga.) Speedway; Smiling for the cameras after winning a 1995 All Star sprint-car event at Farmer City (Ill.) Raceway.

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▶ POWER RANKINGS

National Speed Sport News ranks the top 10 drivers from all forms of motorsports.

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|----------|---|---|--------------------------|-----------|
| 1 |  | A.J. Allmendinger
Three-straight victories have propelled Allmendinger to the top of the <i>NSSN</i> Power Rankings. | Champ Car | |
| | Sam Hornish, Jr. | Hornish leads the IRL standings as the series gets back to action this week at Nashville Superspeedway. | IRL | 2 |
| 3 |  | Donny Schatz
Schatz continued to rack up top-five finishes and extended his WoO point lead. | WoO Sprints | |
| | Fernando Alonso | Alonso hopes to get his Renault team back in victory lane as the F-1 circus visits Spain this weekend. | Formula One | 4 |
| 5 |  | Jimmie Johnson
Johnson didn't contend for victory, but finished sixth and extended his point lead. | Nextel Cup | |
| | Sebastien Bourdais | Bourdais continued to lead the Champ Car standings after a third-place finish in Toronto. | Champ Car | 6 |
| 7 |  | Helio Castroneves
Castroneves trails his teammate, Hornish, in the standings, but hopes to get back on track this week. | IRL | |
| | Kevin Harvick | Harvick collected a pair of fourth-place finishes and boosted his Busch Series point lead. | Nextel Cup, Busch Series | 8 |
| 9 |  | Matt Kenseth
Kenseth led much of the race, but was spun out of the lead and finished 21st. | Nextel Cup | |
| | Ron Capps | Capps hopes to extend his point lead as NHRA gets back in action this weekend at Bandimere Speedway. | NHRA Funny Car | 10 |

Honorable Mention

Sprint-car drivers Tim Kaeding and Jason Johnson continued to win races, and both are nearing entry into the top 10 in the rankings.

Last Week

A.J. Allmendinger jumped from just outside the top 10 to the top spot with his third-consecutive Champ Car victory. Jorg Bergmeister dropped from the rankings.



BIG CROWD: A large crowd was on hand for Sunday night's weekly sprint-car program at Tri-City Speedway in Pennsylvania.

MOTORSPORTS CALENDAR

Date	Series	Track	Site	Type
July 12	USAC National Sprint Series	Twin Cities Raceway Park	North Vernon, Ind.	Sprint Cars
July 12	World of Outlaws Sprint Series	Limaland Motorsports Park	Allentown, Ohio	Sprint Cars
July 12	National Sprint Tour	Hartford Speedway Park	Hartford, Mich.	Sprint Cars
July 13-15	American Le Mans Series	Miller Motorsports Park	Salt Lake City, Utah	Sports Cars
July 14-16	NHRA POWERade Drag Racing	Bandimere Speedway	Denver, Colo.	Dragsters
July 14-15	World of Outlaws Sprint Series	Eldora Speedway	Rosburg, Ohio	Sprint Cars
July 14-15	American Sprint Car Series	Budweiser Motorsports Park	Edmonton, Alberta	Sprint Cars
July 14-15	All Star Circuit of Champions	Eldora Speedway	Rosburg, Ohio	Sprint Cars
July 14	NASCAR Busch East Series	New Hampshire Int'l Speedway	Loudon, N.H.	Stock Cars
July 14	USAC National Sprint Series	Bloomington Speedway	Bloomington, Ind.	Sprint Cars
July 14	NASCAR Midwest Series	Raceway Park	Shakopee, Minn.	Stock Cars
July 14	Lucas Oil Late Model Series	North Alabama Speedway	Tuscumbia, Ala.	Late Models
July 15	IRL IndyCar Series	Nashville Superspeedway	Lebanon, Tenn.	IndyCars
July 15	NASCAR Busch Series	New Hampshire Int'l Speedway	Loudon, N.H.	Stock Cars
July 15	USAC National Sprint Series	Tri-State Speedway	Haubstadt, Ind.	Sprint Cars
July 15	NASCAR Craftsman Trucks	Memphis Motorsports Park	Memphis, Tenn.	Trucks
July 15	NASCAR Northwest Series	Evergreen Speedway	Monroe, Wash.	Stock Cars
July 15	USAR Hooters Pro Cup (N)	Motor Mile Speedway	Radford, Va.	Stock Cars
July 15	NASCAR Southwest Series	Stockton 99 Speedway	Stockton, Calif.	Stock Cars
July 15	ARCA RE/MAX Series	Berlin Raceway	Marne, Mich.	Stock Cars
July 15	NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour	New Hampshire Int'l Speedway	Loudon, N.H.	Stock Cars
July 15	IRL Indy Pro Series	Nashville Superspeedway	Lebanon, Tenn.	IndyCars
July 15	Badger Midget Series	Raceway @ Powercom Park	Beaver Dam, Wis.	Midgets
July 16	NASCAR Nextel Cup	New Hampshire Int'l Speedway	Loudon, N.H.	Stock Cars
July 16	Formula One	Circuit de Nevers Magny-Cours	Magny-Cours, France	Formula Cars
July 16	USAC National Sprint Series	Kokomo Speedway	Kokomo, Ind.	Sprint Cars
July 16	Badger Midget Series	Angell Park Speedway	Sun Prairie, Wis.	Midgets
July 16	National Sprint Tour	Tri-City Speedway	Franklin, Pa.	Sprint Cars
July 18	World of Outlaws Sprint Series	Lernerville Speedway	Sarver, Pa.	Sprint Cars
July 18	National Sprint Tour	Fonda Speedway	Fonda, N.Y.	Sprint Cars

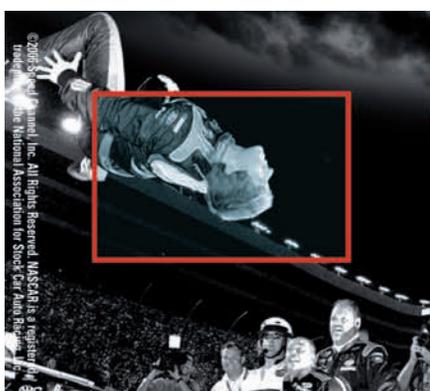
ON THE AIR

A quick look at what's on television:

- ▶ Friday**
- F-1 practice, 8 a.m., Speed
 - USAR Hooters Pro Cup, from Hickory, N.C., noon, Speed
 - "NASCAR Live from Loudon, N.H.," 2 p.m., Speed
 - Nextel Cup quals, 3 p.m., Speed
 - "Pinks!," 4:30 p.m., Speed
- ▶ Saturday**
- F-1 quals, 8 a.m., Speed
 - Nextel Cup practice, 10 p.m., Speed
 - Busch Series quals, 11 a.m., Speed
 - World of Outlaws Sprints, from Knoxville, Iowa, 1 p.m., Outdoor Channel
 - Busch Series New England 200, from Loudon, N.H., 3 p.m., TNT
 - IRL IndyCar Series Firestone Indy 200, from Lebanon, Tenn., 9 p.m., ESPN
 - Craftsman Trucks O'Reilly 200, from Memphis, Tenn., 9 p.m., Speed
 - NHRA quals, 10 p.m., ESPN2

- ▶ Sunday**
- Formula One French Grand Prix, from Magny-Cours, France, 7:20 a.m., Speed
 - "Inside Drag Racing," 11 a.m., ESPN2
 - "NHRA 2Day," 11:30 a.m., ESPN2
 - "NASCAR RaceDay," 11:30 a.m., Speed
 - Nextel Cup Lenox Industrial 300, from Loudon, N.H., 2 p.m., TNT
 - American Le Mans Series, from Salt Lake City, Utah, 2 p.m., CBS
 - "Speed News Sunday," 7:30 p.m., Speed
 - "NASCAR Victory Lane," 8 p.m., Speed
 - NHRA Mopar Mile-High Nationals, from Denver, Colo., 9 p.m., ESPN2
 - "Wind Tunnel with Dave Despain," 9 p.m., Speed

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Butler Blasts

July 8, Citrus County Speedway, Inverness, Fla.

Shane Butler topped the winged-410-sprint-car contingent, holding off Dude Teate, who was filling in for Dave Steele. Charles Ladner, Mickey Kempgens and Bo Hartley followed.

The finish:

Shane Butler, Dude Teate, Charles Ladner, Mickey Kempgens, Bo Hartley, Brian Maddox, Joey Aguilar, Brad Davis, Troy DeCaire, John Anderson, Michael Smith, Lance Taylor, Wendy Mathis, Erik MacMillan, Mark Gimmeler, Tommy Nichols, Dan Statter, Steve Heiser, Rusty Dixon, Stan Butler, Frank Hurst, Bill Pettijohn, Skeeter Faulconer.

SPRINT CAR RACING ASS'N

Harvey Hustles

July 8, Chowchilla Speedway, Chowchilla, Calif.

Richard Harvey had failed to finish or make the last six SCRA features he ran, but he changed all that leading every lap Saturday night.

Harvey won the dash and

started from the pole, but had to hold off Jason Yount for the victory. Andy Ferris was third.

The finish:

Richard Harvey, Jr., Jason Yount, Andy Ferris, Jonathan Logan, Aaron Chaney, Davey Pombo, Craig Smith, Evan Suggs, Kevin Barnes, David Press, Richard Brace, Burt Foland, Lawrence Edlund, Rusty Carile, Nick Ringo, Jr., Kurt Nelson, Derrick Hearn, Jeff Gardner, Stephen Williams, Nick Ringo, Sr.

USAC CAROLINA-VA. FORD FOCUS

Clarke Collects

July 8, East Carolina Motor Speedway, Robersonville, N.C.

Adam Clarke took the lead from Aron Oakley on lap 21 and led the remainder of the 35-lap event on the three-eighths-mile asphalt oval.

Oakley finished second, with Mark Burt, Ryan Osborne and Ryan Smith following.

HOOSIER OUTLAW SPRINT SERIES

Rebman Runs

July 8, New Paris Speedway, New Paris, Ind.

Joe Rebman led every lap,

dedicating the victory to teammate Don Townsend, who was killed last season.

Rebman held off late-race charger A.J. Lane, Tim Cox, Ron Koehler and new track record holder Geoff Kaiser (11.850 seconds).

GOLDEN STATE CHALLENGE SERIES

Murphy Motors

July 8, Silver Dollar Speedway, Chico, Calif.

Pete Murphy pocketed the \$2,000 prize on the quarter-mile oval. Murphy led the 20-car field of sprints to the green flag, but the lead was taken away from him on lap 11 by Shain Matthews.

Murphy regained the lead on lap 17 and led the final three laps. Matthews settled for second, while Johnny Gray, Robert Ballou and Jason Statler filled the top five.

USAC MIDWEST PAVEMENT FOCUS

Martz Moves

July 8, Kentucky Speedway, Sparta, Ky.

Tate Martz led all 25 laps of the quarter-mile asphalt oval in the infield at Kentucky Speedway.

Martz held off James Robertson for the victory, with Mario Clouser, Casey Riggs

and Robbie Ray following.

SPRINT CAR RACING ASS'N

Pomblo Plows

July 7, Ocean Speedway, Watsonville, Calif.

After a lengthy "vacation" from the SCRA, Davey Pombo returned to the 360 division and ran away from the competition.

Pombo, who started seventh, methodically worked his way to the front. Craig Smith finished second, followed by Kurt Nelson, Andy Ferris and Davey Key, who started 13th.

The finish:

Davey Pombo, Craig Smith, Kurt Nelson, Andy Ferris, Davey Key, Jonathan Logan, Evan Suggs, Rusty Carile, Derrick Hearn, David Press, Kevin Barnes, Rob Hammond, Aaron Siles, Jeff Delte, Richard Harvey, Jr., Lee Yeter.

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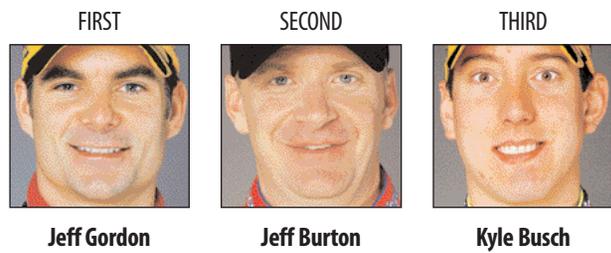
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RACE REWIND

NASCAR NEXTEL CUP

Race 18 of 36: USG Sheetrock 400, July 9, 2006
Chicagoland Speedway, Joliet, Ill.

FINAL RESULTS



Fin.	St.	No.	Driver	Car	Laps	Money	Status
1	13	24	Jeff Gordon	DuPont Chevrolet	270	\$327,761	Running
2	1	31	Jeff Burton	Cingular Wireless Chevrolet	270	250,220	Running
3	23	5	Kyle Busch	Carquest Chevrolet	270	178,075	Running
4	4	29	Kevin Harvick	GM Goodwrench Chevrolet	270	184,586	Running
5	25	8	Dale Earnhardt, Jr.	Budweiser Chevrolet	270	164,591	Running
6	5	48	Jimmie Johnson	Lowe's Chevrolet	270	154,286	Running
7	18	41	Reed Sorenson	Target Dodge	270	116,525	Running
8	19	2	Kurt Busch	Miller Lite Dodge	270	138,958	Running
9	38	07	Clint Bowyer	Jack Daniel's Chevrolet	270	114,425	Running
10	10	18	J.J. Yeley	Interstate Batteries Chevrolet	270	138,475	Running
11	27	16	Greg Biffle	National Guard Ford	270	113,000	Running
12	6	43	Bobby Labonte	ChexMostPopular Driver.com Dodge	270	132,136	Running
13	2	25	Brian Vickers	GMAC Chevrolet	270	101,350	Running
14	7	11	Denny Hamlin	FedEx Kinko's Chevrolet	270	91,525	Running
15	14	10	Scott Riggs	Valvoline/Stanley Tools Dodge	270	91,325	Running
16	29	1	Martin Truex, Jr.	Bass Pro Shops/Tracker Chevrolet	270	116,283	Running
17	15	22	Dave Blaney	Caterpillar Dodge	270	106,233	Running
18	9	6	Mark Martin	AAA Ford	270	103,325	Running
19	30	7	Robby Gordon	Jim Beam Chevrolet	270	88,125	Running
20	21	99	Carl Edwards	Office Depot Ford	270	106,725	Running
21	8	17	Matt Kenseth	USG Sheetrock Ford	270	139,666	Running
22	20	40	David Stremme	Lonestar Steakhouse Dodge	270	108,983	Running
23	2	9	Kasey Kahne	Dodge Dealers/McDonald's Dodge	270	120,489	Running
24	16	19	Jeremy Mayfield	Dodge Dealers/AskDrZ.com Dodge	270	114,916	Running
25	11	42	Casey Mears	Texaco/Havoline Dodge	270	118,783	Running
26	31	14	Sterling Marlin	Waste Management Chevrolet	269	95,158	Running
27	22	66	Jeff Green	Best Buy Chevrolet	269	100,447	Running
28	33	45	Kyle Petty	Wells Fargo Dodge	269	89,800	Running
29	32	38	Elliott Sadler	M&M's Ford	269	107,008	Running
30	36	55	Michael Waltrip	NAPA Auto Parts Dodge	269	79,350	Running
31	41	88	Dale Jarrett	UPS Ford	269	110,725	Running
32	34	20	Tony Stewart	The Home Depot Chevrolet	269	132,386	Running
33	17	01	Joe Nemechek	U.S. Army Chevrolet	268	105,545	Running
34	28	4	Scott Wimmer	AERO Exhaust Chevrolet	268	78,050	Running
35	24	00	Bill Elliott	Burger King Chevrolet	268	77,850	Running
36	12	12	Ryan Newman	Alltel Dodge	268	123,058	Running
37	43	32	Travis Kvapil	Tide-Downy Chevrolet	268	77,425	Running
38	37	78	Kenny Wallace	Furniture Row Racing Chevrolet	268	77,225	Running
39	42	26	Jamie McMurray	LENOX Industrial Tools Ford	268	123,850	Running
40	39	96	Tony Raines	DLP HDTV Chevrolet	267	76,805	Running
41	35	06	Todd Kluever	3M Post-It Ford	267	76,605	Running
42	40	21	Ken Schrader	Little Debbie Ford	266	103,644	Running
43	26	44	Terry Labonte	Kellogg's Chevrolet	167	76,551	Engine

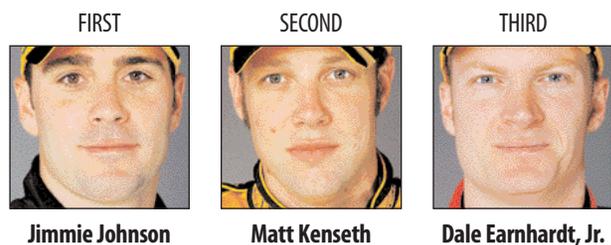
RACE STATISTICS

Race time: 3 hours, 4 minutes
Average speed: 132.077 mph
Victory margin: 0.461 second
Caution flags: Eight for 34 laps
Lead changes: 18 among 10 drivers
Lap leaders: Jeff Burton 1-59; Kyle Busch 60-61; Jeff Gordon 62-69; Kevin Harvick 70-108; Dale Earnhardt, Jr. 109-124; Gordon 125-128; Burton 129; Matt Kenseth 130; Tony Stewart 131; Earnhardt 132-142; Reed Sorenson 143-148; Kenseth 149-171; Harvick 172; Mark Martin 173; Kenseth 174-199; Gordon 200; Bobby Labonte 201; Kenseth 202-263; Gordon 264-270.

TALK OF TIME TRIALS

Jeff Burton won his second pole of the season at Chicagoland Speedway. Burton led the first 59 laps of the race and was out front for 60 circuits during the event. He finished second to 13th-qualifier and race winner Jeff Gordon.

STANDINGS



Top 10

1. Jimmie Johnson	2,651	6. Mark Martin	2,291
2. Matt Kenseth	2,603	7. Tony Stewart	2,274
3. Dale Earnhardt, Jr.	2,394	8. Kyle Busch	2,265
4. Jeff Burton	2,327	9. Kevin Harvick	2,253
5. Kasey Kahne	2,303	10. Jeff Gordon	2,219



WINNING TEAM: The No. 24 Hendrick Motorsports crew walks onto pit road to congratulate Jeff Gordon on his victory in Sunday's Nextel Cup race at Chicagoland Speedway.

GORDON: Victory Propels Gordon Back Into Chase

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Kenseth's tangle with Stremme came two laps from the scheduled end of the race, bringing about a green-white-checkered finish. Runner-up Jeff Burton was too far behind the leaders to see what happened between Gordon and Kenseth. But after watching a replay in the media center, he winced and indicated he thought the incident wasn't over.

MONTOYA: Colombian Won Seven Grands Prix In F-1

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Montoya has a large legion of fans from Colombia who follow him to many F-1 races. "Juan Pablo Montoya's entry into NASCAR is historic," said NASCAR President Mike Helton. "It encompasses all the things that are important to NASCAR, the things that we've worked very hard to establish. Juan Pablo is someone who touches not only the Hispanic fan base, but also (he is) a driver with an international following. "NASCAR has had success with drivers from other backgrounds who have come to NASCAR and done well, but to have Juan Pablo say 'I want to compete here' is historic." Montoya's first experience behind the wheel of a Cup car came at Indianapolis in June 2003, when he let four-time Cup champion Jeff Gordon

"Matt's a hard-nosed driver," he said, "and there'll be retribution for that, I'm sure." Gordon was understandably jubilant about his victory. "It feels so darn good to get a victory on a mile and a half at a place like this," Gordon said. "From start to finish, it was just a great day for us." From the start, it appeared that Burton would run off and hide from the field. Burton's No. 31 Chevrolet started from the pole and led the first 59 laps but faded after the first round of pit stops. "We were too tight in the middle (of the turn) and too loose on exit," Burton said. "We tried to fix both of them, and it made the car exception-

ally loose. We never quite had it where we needed it. We were close, but not right there. In today's game, you have to be all the way there." Battling an ignition problem that prevented him from restarting strongly, Burton was able to climb back into the battle for the lead late in the race. "Once we got going, unless (Gordon) had a problem, I didn't think we had anything for him," Burton said. "He was running (Kenseth) down, and he had the fastest car at that point. He was just better than we were." Kyle Busch quietly placed third. "We got it adjusted there at the end so we could make some movement and pass some guys," Busch said.

drive his spare Williams BMW. Montoya drove Gordon's Chevrolet Monte Carlo around the Indianapolis Motor Speedway road course. "You could push the car. You could slide the car, and it was really friendly to me on the road course," Montoya said. "That was really exciting to me." Montoya has been unhappy in F-1 for the past several seasons because of the politics. The European press has even taken to calling the somewhat pudgy Montoya "The Hamburger" after the McDonald's character because of the driver's love of eating at McDonald's in every country he visits. "I don't think you're going to be happy getting more money and being miserable all day," Montoya admitted. "When I called Chip I said, 'Chip you know what. I want to come back racing, and I think the best place to do racing is here.'" Montoya will finish the Formula One season before getting into a stock car but may attempt to compete in a few races at the end of this season. "When people think of moving from Formula One to NASCAR, some peo-

ple think I'm crazy, but I think it's exciting," Montoya said. "I think it's a great challenge for my career. Coming here is probably going to be my toughest challenge ever. You have 36 races and race against really great guys, and I think sometimes people don't know how tough it is out here and how many great drivers are out here." Montoya and Ganassi admitted the driver is taking a pay cut to leave F-1 for NASCAR, but he may be able to gain in other areas, including souvenir sales and international TV. "He told me what he wanted to make, and what did I say?" Ganassi asked Montoya. "That's what you get," Montoya responded. "It was that simple. I said, 'This is what I'm looking for.' And Chip said, 'OK.' It took us an hour to close everything. It was that simple. I'm straight with him, and he's straight with me, and things just work out great. That's what I'm here for. "I want to come back racing. How close the racing is here and how exciting it is and how the fans like it ... it's hard to turn it down."

UPS Shipping Out With Jarrett

By **BRUCE MARTIN**
NSSN CORRESPONDENT

JOLIET, Ill. — Earlier this season, Dale Jarrett announced that he was leaving longtime team owner Robert Yates's Ford team to drive a Toyota Camry for Michael Waltrip Racing in 2007 and 2008.

NASCAR NOTES

Now, Jarrett is taking his sponsor with him.

Jarrett has reached a two-year agreement with UPS, his Cup series sponsor since 2001, when the delivery company joined the sport.

The popular "Race the Truck" advertising campaign has made Jarrett's name synonymous with UPS, and its "big brown truck" and maintaining that brand connection was a factor in the company's decision.

"My association with UPS over the past six years has been both rewarding and fun, so I'm thrilled to be able to continue this relationship," Jarrett said. "UPS has set new standards in the way sponsors can work with drivers and the teams to develop creative and effective marketing programs."

The decision to join Michael Waltrip Racing places UPS among the first sponsors to adorn a Toyota Camry in 2007, which is the manufacturer's inaugural season in the Nextel Cup Series.

"The UPS name also is synonymous with speed, and that's what Michael Waltrip Racing intends to deliver to UPS and Dale with the new UPS Toyota Camry," said owner Michael Waltrip. "From a business perspective, the addition of UPS expands our resources, which enables us to build the best teams and in turn grow our organization at a pace that will enhance our ability to win races."

■ **Jimmie Johnson** has been leading the NASCAR Nextel Cup points race for 16 of the 18 races this season.

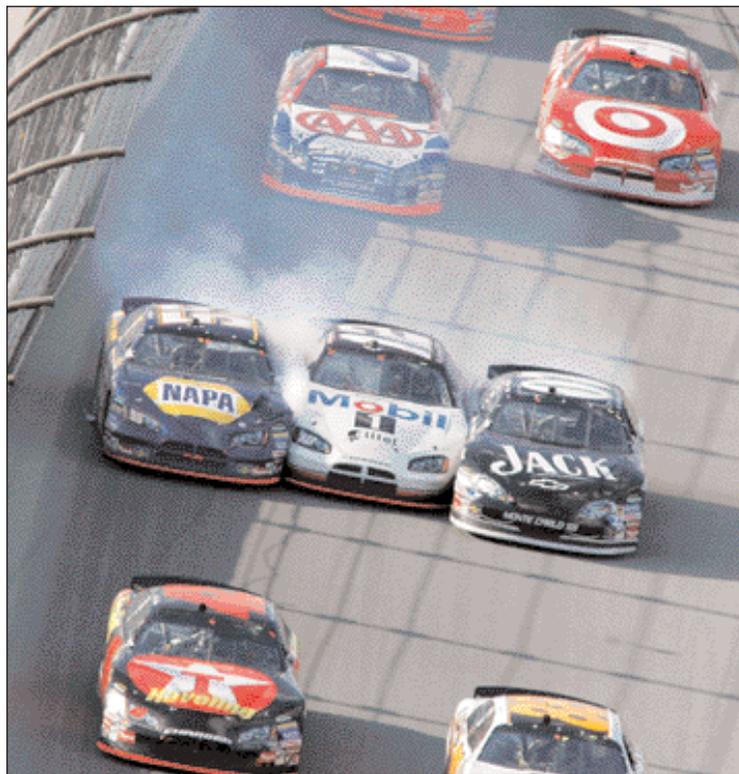
He felt the heat from **Matt Kenseth**, who was just eight points behind Johnson entering Sunday's USG Sheetrock 400 at Chicagoland Speedway but after Kenseth's late-race incidents with **Jeff Gordon** and **David Stremme**, Johnson left with a 51-point lead.

Despite his hot pursuit, Kenseth said he's really not looking at the points.

"I glance at it, but really, halfway through the season, second in the points, what does that buy you?" Kenseth asked. "It doesn't really buy you anything, so you've got to keep working at it. The only thing that counts is getting into The Chase, and then at the end of the year. You've got to work all the way through the rest of the year to achieve that goal. So, it really doesn't mean a lot right now."

"We're in a pretty comfortable spot, but it doesn't really mean anything as far as championship hopes right now."

■ **Bobby Labonte** just made it to U.S. Cellular Field, home of the World Series Champion Chicago White Sox, Friday night. Labonte, the 2000



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SMOKIN': Michael Waltrip (55) and Clint Bowyer sandwich fellow driver Ryan Newman during the USG Sheetrock 400 at Chicagoland.

NASCAR Cup Series champion, was asked to throw out the first pitch of the White Sox vs. Boston Red Sox game. Scheduling, however, made the task nearly impossible.

Labonte had a full day of activities Friday at Chicagoland Speedway, starting his day with Nextel Cup practice. Labonte shuffled between his Nextel Cup Dodge and his Busch car.

Qualifying was pushed late after 50 cars attempted qualifying runs. That put a kink in scheduling for Labonte to make it to the game.

Labonte qualified his Chex Dodge sixth for Sunday's race and then had to return to the Busch car for a final practice session.

That's when the real race was on. Labonte was scheduled to be at U.S. Cellular Field at 7:27 p.m. for the first pitch. Final Busch practice ended at the track at approximately 6:30 p.m. Labonte briefed with the team while en route to a waiting golf cart. Labonte was then escorted back to his motorcoach to change out of his uniform. A helicopter waiting, Labonte boarded and flew into Midway Airport located on the south side of Chicago.

A car service was waiting and had Labonte at the stadium seconds after the national anthem was played. Labonte was forced to sprint into the stadium and through the tunnel. Labonte was handed the game ball and immediately went to the mound, throwing a nearly perfect pitch to home plate.

■ **Jeremy Mayfield** feels like the odd man out at Ray Evernham Motorsports and fired a few shots at his team owner.

"I don't talk to Ray much. He encourages us when he's around,

but he hasn't been around much lately," Mayfield said. "At Daytona we ran terrible. We ran the worse than all three of us had ever run. Kasey (Kahne) sucked as bad as we did. [Evernham] wasn't there all weekend. ... I didn't see him at Sears Point the week before that."

"So, two weeks in a row. I don't think he's here today, either."

"I don't know if he's behind us or not. I'm sure he is. It's his team. He looks as bad as we do running around here running like we are. I'm sure he sees it like we do."

Mayfield knows his contract is up at the end of the year and has expressed disappointment that his team owner isn't dealing up front with him.

"It's not like Ray," Mayfield said. "He used to be on stuff like this pretty hot and heavy. He's letting it take its course, I guess. I'm being honest with you. There comes a time when you need to stand up and do what's right."

Evernham was at Kentucky Speedway on Friday, helping another one of his drivers, **Erin Crocker**, prepare for the ARCA and NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series races.

Evernham issued a statement Sunday morning prior to the race.

"Jeremy and I talked this weekend, and we're on the same page," Evernham said. "We're both unsatisfied with the performance of his team. We know the potential is there and that Jeremy is a talented driver. It's frustrating when you can't quickly find the solution. That doesn't mean we aren't trying. Jeremy and I are going to continue to work on getting this team where it needs to be. There's a lot of racing left this season, and I'm confident that we can get this program on track."

Juan Pablo Brings Diversity, Opens New Doors

JOLIET, ILL.

In NASCAR's drive to diversity, it's not uncommon to think in terms of developmental driver programs and unfamiliar names and faces.

Not Chip Ganassi.

He just answers the phone.

That's how Juan Pablo Montoya wound up replacing Casey Mears in the Texaco Havoline Dodge in 2007.

"Juan called me and asked if I was looking for a driver," Ganassi said in announcing the deal. "I told him I was, and he said he wanted to drive it. I made sure he knew it was the 42."

But it wasn't diversity that brought the two together. It was recognition on Ganassi's part that he might just have pulled off the steal of the century in the driver market.

"We've had a lot of fun together," Ganassi said.

That fun included winning the 2000 Indianapolis 500 and a pair of CART championships.

"The driver market in this formula is tight, and I was looking outside the box a little," Ganassi admitted.

"Juan told me he just wanted to get back to racing."

Montoya had some opportunities with other F-1 teams, but it wasn't what he wanted to do.

"I don't think being unhappy and making a lot of money is what I wanted to do," he said. "I had to ask myself whether, three years down the line, would I be any happier?"

Apparently, money was not that much of an issue in the negotiations between Ganassi and Montoya.

"I told him the number I was looking for," Montoya said, "and he said 'that's fine.'"

It was evident in the Sunday morning press conference at Chicagoland Speedway that Montoya, who has spent the past six seasons in Formula One, was disenchanted with the series and was looking for some competition. Despite winning seven F-1 races in six seasons, Montoya failed to achieve top-level status, and his contract with McLaren was not renewed.

THEN AND NOW



RON LEMASTERS, SR.

"A lot of people I've talked to think I'm crazy," Montoya said, "but I think it's great. It's 36 races and I get to race against some really great guys. If it wasn't racing, I wouldn't be coming here."

Ganassi doesn't see that much of a problem in getting his new driver up to speed in time for the 2007 Daytona 500.

"I've seen him adapt to a car and a track like no other driver I've ever seen," Ganassi said. "It won't be a walk in the park, though. It will be a lot of work over the winter."

The plan is to run Montoya in both the Nextel Cup and Busch programs, with the possibility of a Busch race or two at the conclusion of the F-1 season in late October.

Montoya said it was more than simply wanting out of F-1 that led him to seek a return to Ganassi.

"If I had just wanted to get out of F-1, I would have called Chip about his IRL team," Montoya said. "I just wanted to race."

"You know how hard it is to pass in Formula One. When you try to pass a car and touch wheels, you're an animal. I wanted something else."

That something else might not be what Montoya had hoped for. Temper tantrums and angry words are not uncommon in NASCAR, and it is likely that Montoya's credentials, while impressive, might not cut him much slack until he can prove himself in traffic.

Montoya will be the first F-1 driver in its 58-year history to compete as a regular in NASCAR next season.

There is no doubt, however, that it will be a boost to NASCAR's diversity efforts, and it could open up a new market for them. Colombians are rabid in their support of homegrown race-car drivers, but it isn't likely that there will be very many of them in the grandstands at NASCAR venues next year.

Unless Juan Pablo Montoya starts winning Nextel Cup races.

UP NEXT

New Hampshire Int'l Speedway
Loudon, N.H.

Track specs
Length: 1.058 miles
Frontstretch: 1,500 feet
Backstretch: 1,500 feet
Banking
Turns 1-4: 12 degrees
Frontstretch: 2 degrees
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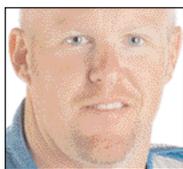
FINAL RESULTS

FIRST



A.J. Allmendinger

SECOND



Paul Tracy

THIRD



Sebastien Bourdais

Fin.	St.	No.	Driver	Team	Laps	Status
1	2	7	A.J. Allmendinger	Indeck/Forsythe Ford-Lola	86	Running
2	4	3	Paul Tracy	Indeck/Forsythe Ford-Lola	86	Running
3	3	1	Sebastien Bourdais	McDonald's Ford-Lola	86	Running
4	1	9	Justin Wilson	CDW/RuSPORT Ford-Lola	86	Running
5	8	10	Cristiano da Matta	RuSPORT Ford-Lola	86	Running
6	10	15	Alex Tagliani	Aussie Vineyards Ford-Lola	86	Running
7	12	5	Will Power	Aussie Vineyards Ford-Lola	86	Running
8	9	2	Bruno Junqueira	Hole In The Wall Camps Ford-Lola	86	Running
9	14	34	Charles Zwolsman	Mi-Jack/Conquest Ford-Lola	85	Running
10	6	27	Andrew Ranger	Tide/Mi-Jack Ford-Lola	85	Running
11	11	19	Mario Dominguez	Sonny's Bar-B-Q Ford-Lola	83	Running
12	5	6	Oriol Servia	Gulfstream Ford-Lola	76	Contact
13	7	4	Nelson Philippe	CTA Racing HVM Ford-Lola	76	Contact
14	15	20	Katherine Legge	Bell Micro Ford-Lola	65	Contact
15	17	18	Tonis Kasemets	Flexovit Abrasives Ford-Lola	49	Mechanical
16	13	11	Jan Heylan	The Muermans Car Ford-Lola	44	Mechanical
17	16	14	Dan Clarke	CTE Racing HVM Ford-Lola	14	Contact



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CATCHING UP: Justin Wilson (9) leads A.J. Allmendinger through a corner on the streets of Toronto.

RACE STATISTICS

Race time: 1 hour, 38 minutes, 1.286 seconds
Average speed: 92.386 mph
Victory margin: 1.851 seconds
Caution flags: Three for 13 laps

Lead changes: Five among four drivers
Lap leaders: Justin Wilson 1-10; Nelson Philippe 11-34; A.J. Allmendinger 35-49; Oriol Servia 50-53; Philippe 54-63; Allmendinger 64-86.

TALK OF TIME TRIALS

Justin Wilson used a last-lap sprint to move from fourth to first on the speed chart for the Molson Grand Prix of Toronto. Wilson clocked in with a lap of 58.182 seconds for a speed of 108.590 miles per hour. It was Wilson's first pole of the season and the third of his career.

STANDINGS

FIRST



Sebastien Bourdais

SECOND



A.J. Allmendinger

THIRD



Justin Wilson

Top 10

1. Sebastien Bourdais	191	6. Paul Tracy	108
2. A.J. Allmendinger	168	7. Mario Dominguez	105
3. Justin Wilson	165	8. Cristiano da Matta	104
4. Alex Tagliani	110	9. Bruno Junqueira	102
4. Andrew Ranger	110	10. Nelson Philippe	98



TNT PHOTO

GOING GREEN: Justin Wilson leads the Champ Car field into the first corner Sunday in Toronto.

Tracy Regains Momentum

By JOHN OREOVICZ
NSSN CORRESPONDENT

TORONTO — Paul Tracy had his hide handed to him by his new teammate, A.J. Allmendinger, in their first two races together with Forsythe Championship Racing, and his ongoing battle with old nemesis Sebastien Bourdais flared up again recently after their controversial crash at Cleveland.

The normally friendly Toronto papers piled on, questioning the local hero's fitness and desire at age 37.

Yet any questions about Tracy's heart and ability were answered Sunday as he turned in a forceful but clean drive to second place in the Molson Grand Prix of Toronto. PT once again failed to beat new teammate — Allmendinger — but he got his best finish of the 2006 season and laid the groundwork for a better second half to the campaign.

ALLMENDINGER: Tracy Rounds Out Forsythe's 1-2 Finish In Toronto

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A superior pit stop got Allmendinger, who started on the outside of the front row, ahead of his former teammate at RuSPORT Racing. But they all ran behind Nelson Philippe, Oriol Servia and Bruno Junqueira, who elected to run alternate fuel strategies.

Allmendinger passed Junqueira and Servia, and he regained the lead when Philippe pitted for fuel on the 35th lap. Philippe led another 10 laps later in the race, but he and Servia collided on the 77th lap to bring out the day's final yellow. Ironically, getting that caution was probably the only way the six drivers running

Tracy arrived for his hometown race under a great deal of outside and self-imposed pressure. He was comprehensively outpaced by Allmendinger at Portland and Cleveland, and the American once again out-qualified his more experienced teammate at Toronto, starting second to Tracy's fourth as Paul continued to struggle for pace on Bridgestone's red-sidewall alternate tires.

An early yellow and subsequently short first stint allowed Tracy to ditch his reds in favor of standard blacks on lap 10.

During the second stint, he chased down and passed Bourdais on lap 41 and Justin Wilson two laps later to move to second. Tracy cut Allmendinger's five-second lead to less than a second, but even a final caution period couldn't get him close enough to challenge for the victory.

"I didn't have enough Power-to-Pass to get close enough to A.J. to get offen-

sive," Tracy said. "But it was a good weekend for me and a good weekend for the team. I know I'm driving well, and I'm going to build on this result. We're back on the podium and back racing at the front again."

"A.J. has won three races in a row, and he's the guy in the team who's in position to contend for the championship, so it's my role to put pressure on Sebastien and help A.J. in the championship," Tracy added. "My state of mind and my spirits are improved, and we'll go into the next race with the intention of winning."

Tracy's second place finish at Toronto moved him from 11th to seventh in the standings, though at 81 points behind Bourdais, he is unlikely to be able to challenge for a second title to go with his 2003 crown. However, Champ Car's active leader with 30 race triumphs served notice that he is going to be a factor in every race down the stretch.

ahead of that duo were going to make the finish without stopping for a splash-and-go.

The final caution gave Tracy, who cleanly passed Bourdais and Wilson on the track, four laps to go after Allmendinger. But the Californian had saved more Power-to-Pass and easily maintained a gap to the checkered flag.

"I didn't have enough Power-to-Pass to get close enough to A.J. to get offensive," Tracy said. "But it was a good weekend for me and a good weekend for the team. I know I'm driving well, and I'm going to build on this result. We're back on the podium and back racing at the front again."

Allmendinger has now moved up to second in the Champ Car standings, 23 points behind Bourdais.

"Everything is just falling into place so far during the races," Allmendinger observed. "It takes a lot of luck during the Champ Car races,

with timing of the yellows and everything that can happen. We've been fortunate, made the right calls and had the car to beat. I just want to keep doing this."

Tracy refused to be dejected despite being beaten for the third-consecutive race by his new teammate and former karting protégé.

"It's been a rough year so far, but knowing we can perform and run with the top guys in the series, and to come away with a podium in my hometown, is great," Tracy said.

Bourdais limited the damage to his championship lead to two points, while Wilson was disappointed at how the handling of his Lola faded during the second half of the race on the way to fourth place.

"You have to take what you can on a given day, and today it was third place," Bourdais said. "It's a strong finish and strong points, and I drove with the championship in mind today."

A.J. Deals With Stardom Woes

New Management Team Causes Problems With Contract Talks

By JOHN OREOVICZ
NSSN CORRESPONDENT

TORONTO — In the last four weeks, not only has **A.J. Allmendinger** become a winner on the Champ Car circuit, but he's also acquired the attitude and entourage of a star as well.

That almost caused some embarrassment last week for the brash 24-year-old Californian, because some hardball tactics by his new management agency (CSS Stellar) almost prompted no-nonsense team-owner **Gerald Forsythe** to bench Allmendinger for the Grand Prix of Toronto. An agreement for the rest of the season was not reached until Thursday evening.

When Allmendinger was picked up by Forsythe's Championship Racing after he was fired by RuSPORT Racing June 9, it was a two-race deal only. A.J. gave himself maximum bargaining power by winning his first two starts for Forsythe, but he was reportedly unwilling to sign a multi-year deal with the team.

"We offered A.J. a multi-year package, but it was not agreed," Forsythe said. "He will be with us for the rest of the season, and I hope he wants to stay in Champ Cars. He's a good fit with our team, and I'm hopeful we will remain together."

CSS Stellar founder **Julian Jakobi** and American representative **Adrian Sussman** prefer to sign their clients, which include **Dario Franchitti** and **Dan Wheldon** in the United States, to a series of one-year deals. Jakobi became known as one of the sport's toughest negotiators in 1993 when he convinced McLaren F-1 team boss **Ron Dennis** to pay **Ayrton Senna** \$1 million a race.

Allmendinger brushed off questions about his new representation during the Friday press conference at Toronto, but he later discussed his motives with reporters.

"I got to know Adrian about four years ago, but **Carl Russo** was not a big fan of agents, so I didn't sign with him," Allmendinger explained. "Even before all the RuSPORT stuff happened, I was talking to Adrian about doing this. I felt like the time had come in my life to focus more on racing and let somebody else figure out the fun stuff like contracts that nobody wants to deal with."

Attendance appeared to be down very slightly, and for the first time in race history, attendance figures were not released. The best crowd in the event's history came in 2001, with 73,628 on race day and 169,023 for the three-day weekend.

"The empty seats in the grandstands point to a drop in attendance from 2005, when about 160,000 took in the three-day event," wrote **Jeff Pappone** in the *Toronto Globe & Mail*.



AL MUNGER/ACM PHOTO

FINISHING TOUCH: A.J. Allmendinger took home the checkered flag Sunday at Exhibition Place in Toronto.

■ **Paul Tracy** and **Sebastien Bourdais** have been fighting on and off the race track for the bulk of the Frenchman's four years in America. In the wake of their accident in the Cleveland Grand Prix, where Tracy's car was launched and landed on top of Bourdais's machine, the war of words broke out again.

"Every time there is an incident, he's somewhere around. It is just a fact," Bourdais said. "The problem is he doesn't have fenders and doors to protect his car, so it bites him every now and then. That's his technique, that's his tactic, so we just have to put up with it. Maybe I'm going to need a roof."

The pair qualified together on the second row of the grid for the Grand Prix of Toronto, prompting Tracy to respond: "As long as Bourdais doesn't cry tears all over my tires and make them wet and I slide out, we'll be OK."

■ **Alex Tagliani** had a frightening crash in the Sunday morning warm-up when a front-suspension wishbone snapped under braking for turn three.

Derrick Walker's team sprung into action and managed to get the car rebuilt for the race, and Tagliani drove it to a sixth-place finish, with teammate **Will Power** right behind in seventh.

"It was pretty amazing," Tagliani said. "There were so many people working on the car, you couldn't even see what they were doing. They were thrashing and rushing around. I was just happy to make the grid."

■ The early full-course yellow to clear a four-car tangle involving **Jan Heylan**, **Katherine Legge**, **Dan Clarke** and **Tonis Kasemets** convinced three teams to try an alternate fuel strategy. While the rest of the leaders pitted,

Nelson Philippe, **Oriol Servia** and **Bruno Junqueira** stayed out. But the lack of yellows the rest of the afternoon thwarted their strategy, though Philippe led 34 laps and Servia paced four tours.

Servia was running fifth on lap 77 when a Philippe passing move went awry and his CTE/HVM Lola was pitched into the air. Both cars spun to a stop in the turn-three escape road.

The Frenchman said he was desperate to make the pass because it was effectively for the lead, if the four drivers running ahead on a standard pit-stop sequence should be forced to make a late stop and go. Ironically, the Servia-Philippe incident gave the leaders the yellow-flag laps they needed to stretch their fuel.

"He broke inside as I went to make the pass, which sent me airborne and into the wall," Philippe stated. "It's disappointing as I know we could have had a chance at a podium finish — we were really quick in the second stint."

"Nelson obviously missed his braking point," Servia responded. "Maybe he was focused on something else and just forgot where he was braking and he nailed us."

■ **Andrew Ranger**, the 19-year-old second-year driver from Roxton Pond, Quebec, continues to hold fourth place in the Champ Car point standings. Ranger qualified a season-best sixth but finished 10th at Toronto. He's hoping his solid first half of the season will attract the sponsorship he needs to complete the 2006 campaign.

"Every time I go on the track I need to prove what I can do," said Ranger, who drives for Mi-jack Conquest Racing. "It's a tough situation, because I'm fourth in the championship but don't know if I will be able to complete the season."

Merger Could Provide Fans Comparison Of Car Types

TORONTO

Funny how the two open-wheel camps responded to that famous front page *Indianapolis Star* merger story from a couple of weeks ago: Folks on the Champ Car side basically ignored it, while Indy Racing League reps denied it.

One aspect of the piece that reportedly riled the gang at 16th and Georgetown was the idea of Champ Car and IRL sharing selected race weekends. At St. Pete, for example, the Champ Cars might run on Saturday and the IRL Indy Cars Sunday. On a "Champ Car" weekend like Long Beach or Toronto, the perceived headliners would be switched. And, of course, everyone would reserve the month of May for Indy.

At Toronto, the topic of unification or merger never really came up, and it's obviously too late for there to be a single series in 2007. But the more I thought about the notion of a few shared weekends next year, the more I liked the idea. And not just because it might get me a few more weekends at home with my newborn son.

Here's one reason why: If you assume that each group has a separate fan base, bringing them together on the same weekend would make for some happy promoters.

But the main attraction would be giving those fans the chance to observe the two types of cars in action on the same track in relatively similar conditions to provide them a voice in determining the American open-wheel formula for the future.

My feelings on this matter are well known. We'll have to wait until the end of the month to see the prototype 2007 Panoz Champ Car, but I know that I vastly prefer the styling of the most recent Lolas or Reynards to the equivalent IRL — Dallaras and Panozes.

More importantly, I think if people were able to directly compare the way the two types of cars sound, they would be strongly in favor of the turbocharged Champ Car engine package. I'd estimate the turbo engines are 30-percent quieter than normally aspirated IRL engines, and

TURNING AWAY



JOHN OREOVICZ

they operate at a more harmonically pleasing sound frequency.

I suspect even Honda's Robert Clarke would prefer returning to a more technically advanced turbo formula, even if it meant writing off some of the millions his company has invested in the normally aspirated engine it supplies to the full IRL field.

Imagine having a year to collect data to be able to accurately analyze the differences in lap times, running costs and other performance categories between the two series. And if Champ Car teams were invited to run at Indianapolis or other oval IRL tracks, the crashworthiness of the '07 Panoz chassis would be put to the ultimate test.

In the event of that mythical single series, it could ultimately result in Dallara building a Champ Car formula chassis to compete with Panoz in 2008, or Panoz updating its existing IndyCar chassis and resuming production. Or an attempt could be made at an equivalency formula.

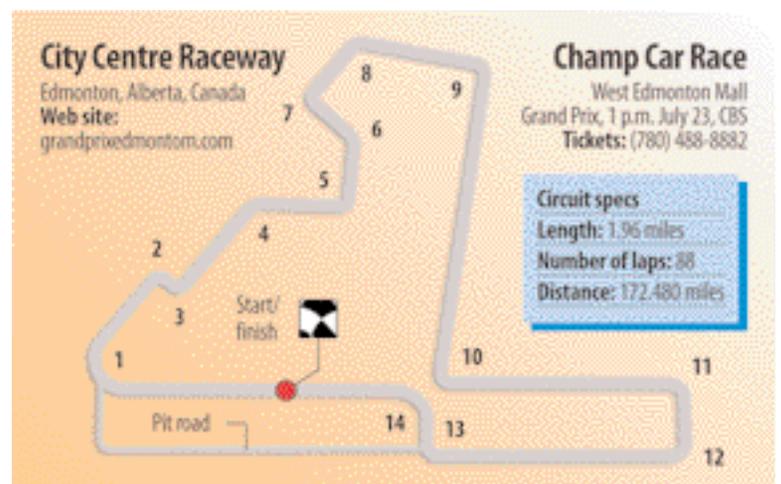
It would also provide chances for Champ Car and IRL race officials to work together in the same conditions and prepare for an eventual joining of forces.

The former Champ Car drivers who make up more than half the IndyCar Series grid are always claiming that their IRL cars are almost as fast as the machines they used to drive.

Here's an opportunity to find out — and begin to restore the faith of open-wheel racing's patient fan base.

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UP NEXT





BOB HESSER PHOTO

SPEEDING BULLETS: Fans at Lawrenceburg Speedway watch the field flash past during the 2005 Indiana Sprint Week event at the quarter-mile oval.

Sprinters Speed Through A Week Like No Other On Dirt

Indiana Sprint Week Gives Drivers Season's Toughest Challenge, Fans Non-Stop Action

By Dave Argabright
NSSN CORRESPONDENT

In July, when hot weather turns the lush countryside of Indiana into a green-drenched summer playground, racing fans are flush with anticipation of one of the most intense, grueling periods of the year: It's a stretch of seven races over nine nights, when the air is filled with thunder and excitement, heart-break and joy. It's a time when eager, appreciative fans gather at historic Indiana dirt tracks to share their love for grass-roots, traditional sprint-car racing.

There are three seasons in Indiana sprint-car racing — before Sprint Week, after Sprint Week and that heady, memorable nine-day stretch that is Indiana Sprint Week.

The series began in 1988, led by the late Bill Lipkey, the longtime Kokomo Speedway promoter. A seasoned promoter, Lipkey believed that by tying several races together, it would create more attention and public interest. There were only five or fewer races for the first several years, and in 1996, the series became part of the USAC National Sprint Car Series and expanded to the current format of at least seven events.

In the early years, the event had a local focus, but in recent years has drawn a far more diverse group of racers and fans from across the country. The large car counts and intense racing spawned by USAC's tough handicapping format captivated people.

"As a promoter, it makes you feel good to attract people from all over the country to your race track," said Bloomington Speedway's Mike Miles. Bloomington has hosted Sprint Week every year since 1988 — the only track to do so.

"The non-wing racing has turned out to be really, really good," Miles said. "The event featured winged cars in the beginning, but the car count got to be a problem so we moved to race without the wings in 1995, and it's really turned out to be a good decision. After watching the non-wing cars for several years, they just have more side-by-side competition."

The addition of USAC brought a new dimension to Sprint Week. The series already featured the top drivers at Indiana's many weekly sprint-car venues, but when nationally known racers such as Jay Drake, J.J. Yeley, Bud Kaeding and Cory Kruseman were added to the mix, it elevated everyone's game.

Making the feature event at a Sprint Week show is a feat in itself. Some 60 cars often fill the pit area, each getting two qualifying laps. Draw a late number — or in some cases, an early number — and you've got it tough, because you'll probably wind up in one of the two non-qualifier races. Heat races see an inversion of eight cars with only the top four transferring.

That creates some breathtaking competition, from the first hot-lap session through the last lap of the feature.

"It's the toughest week of our entire season," insisted veteran Indiana racer Kevin Briscoe, who is especially strong at Bloomington and Lawrenceburg. "You've got the best cars, the best drivers — all vying for 22 spots in the feature. It's the toughest deal we face all year."

Levi Jones, the 2004 Sprint Week champion, agreed. "It's a tough stretch through the whole nine days,"

Jones said, "but you just kind of forget everything else in the world and just concentrate on going racing every night. You don't worry about points or anything else. All you're thinking about is Sprint Week."

The expanding demographic in the grandstand has been especially encouraging. While the Midwestern race fan is still the backbone of the audience, a growing contingent of people from nearly every region of the country has made Sprint Week their vacation destination each summer.

"I just appreciate good, clean, hard racing with lots of passing. And that's what you get with Indiana Sprint Week," said Canadian Dick Mahoney, who takes time off from his own racing schedule in the Southern Ontario Sprints series to come to Indiana as a spectator. "And the racing is just great. Every car there is competitive, and depending on the luck of the draw, anybody can win on any given night. When the track slicks off, it does my heart good to see the low-dollar guys come to the front."

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Fierce competition drew fan Jeff Kohler. "The cars race side by side, just like they did here in Pennsylvania when I was a kid," said Kohler, from Mechanicsburg, Pa. "The heat races are beyond belief, second to none. I'd rather stay home and skip the winged races around here, saving my money to go to the events where there is lots of passing."

"It's non-stop action, at every track. My only wish is that they'd book two more races to fill in the two nights off."

Says veteran driver Dave Darland, "I'd say it's probably some of the best racing you'll see all year. It's always hot, it's intense, and everybody has fun."

SEVEN RACES, NINE NIGHTS

Indiana Sprint Week will visit seven tracks in nine nights across the Hoosier State. Here's a look at where sprint cars will compete, beginning with Thursday's race at Twin Cities Raceway Park and ending with the July 21 event at Terre Haute Action Track.

7 SPRINT WEEK NIGHT SEVEN

Terre Haute Action Track
When: July 21
Where: Terre Haute
Surface: Dirt
Length: Half mile
Phone: (765) 653-3485
Web site: terrehauteactiontrack.com

3 SPRINT WEEK NIGHT THREE

Tri-State Speedway
When: Saturday
Where: Haubstadt
Surface: Dirt
Length: Quarter mile
Phone: (812) 768-5995
Web site: tristatespeedway.com

This Season

Date	Track	Site
Thursday	Twin Cities Raceway Park	North Vernon
Friday	Bloomington Speedway	Bloomington
Saturday	Tri-State Speedway	Haubstadt
Sunday	Kokomo Speedway	Kokomo
July 19	Gas City I-69 Speedway	Gas City
July 20	Lawrenceburg Speedway	Lawrenceburg
July 21	Terre Haute Action Track	Terre Haute

Last Season

Date	Track	Winner
July 14	Twin Cities Raceway Park	Cory Kruseman
July 15	Bloomington Speedway	Tracy Hines
July 17	Tri-State Speedway	Cory Kruseman
July 19	Lincoln Park Speedway	Dave Darland
July 20	Gas City I-69 Speedway	Cory Kruseman
July 21	Lawrenceburg Speedway	Dickie Gaines
July 22	Terre Haute Action Track	Levi Jones

2 SPRINT WEEK NIGHT TWO

Bloomington Speedway
When: Friday
Where: Bloomington
Surface: Clay
Length: Quarter mile
Phone: (812) 824-7400
Web site: bloomingtonspeedway.com

1 SPRINT WEEK NIGHT ONE

Twin Cities Raceway Park
When: Thursday
Where: North Vernon
Surface: Dirt
Length: Three-eighths mile
Phone: (812) 346-4034
Web site: twincitiesracing.net

Champions

Year	Races	Champion	W/NW
1988	5	Randy Kinser	Wing
1989	4	Chuck Amati	Wing
1990	4	Chuck Amati/Gary Trammel	Both
1991	4	Bob Kinser	Both
1992	4	Kevin Thomas	Non-wing
1993	4	Kevin Thomas	Non-wing
1994	4	Kelly Kinser	Wing
1995	4	Kevin Thomas	Non-wing
1996	3	Kevin Thomas	Non-wing
1997	7	J.J. Yeley	Non-wing
1998	7	Dave Darland	Non-wing
1999	6	Tony Elliott	Non-wing
2000	7	Jay Drake	Non-wing
2001	7	Dave Darland	Non-wing
2002	7	Cory Kruseman	Non-wing
2003	8	J.J. Yeley	Non-wing
2004	5	Levi Jones	Non-wing
2005	7	Cory Kruseman	Non-wing

4 SPRINT WEEK NIGHT FOUR

Kokomo Speedway
When: Sunday
Where: Kokomo
Surface: Dirt
Length: Quarter mile
Phone: (765) 459-3877
Web site: kokomospeedway.net

5 SPRINT WEEK NIGHT FIVE

Gas City I-69 Speedway
When: July 19
Where: Gas City
Surface: Clay
Length: Quarter mile
Phone: (765) 674-6135
Web site: gascityi69speedway.com

6 SPRINT WEEK NIGHT SIX

Lawrenceburg Speedway
When: July 20
Where: Lawrenceburg
Surface: Clay
Length: Quarter mile
Phone: (812) 539-4700
Web site: lawrenceburgspeedway.com

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Twin Cities to Bloomington: 72 miles
Bloomington to Tri-State: 119 miles
Tri-State to Kokomo: 222 miles
Kokomo to Gas City: 28 miles
Gas City to Lawrenceburg: 171 miles
Lawrenceburg to Terre Haute: 179 miles
Total trip: 791 miles
Note: All distances are approximate.

2006 USAC National Sprint Car Winners

Date	Track	Site	Winner
April 1	Eldora Speedway	Rossburg, Ohio	Jerry Coons, Jr.
April 9	Anderson Speedway	Anderson, Ind.	Dave Darland
April 22	Lawrenceburg Speedway	Lawrenceburg, Ind.	Jon Stanbrough
April 23	Winchester Speedway	Winchester, Ind.	Bryan Clauson
April 28	Gas City I-69 Speedway	Gas City, Ind.	Shane Cottle
April 29	Eldora Speedway	Rossburg, Ohio	Rob Chaney
May 5	Lemerville Speedway	Sarver, Pa.	Darren Hagen
May 6	Canandaigua Speedway	Canandaigua, N.Y.	Justin Marvel
May 21	Concord Motorsport Park	Concord, N.C.	Bryan Clauson
May 24	Anderson Speedway	Anderson, Ind.	Darren Hagen
June 9	Lake Ozark Speedway	Eldon, Mo.	Jerry Coons, Jr.
June 11	Winchester Speedway	Winchester, Ind.	Rained out
June 16	Limaland Motorsports Park	Lima, Ohio	Dave Darland
June 17	Eldora Speedway	Rossburg, Ohio	Matt Westfall
June 23	Richmond Int'l Raceway	Richmond, Va.	Brian Tyler
July 1	Indianapolis Raceway Park	Clermont, Ind.	Bobby Santos III
July 4	Columbus Motor Speedway	Columbus, Ohio	Tracy Hines
July 8	Toledo Speedway	Toledo, Ohio	



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KID: Bryan Clauson has two wins on asphalt.

Point Standings

1. Josh Wise	798	11. Tracy Hines	378
2. Levi Jones	750	12. Scotty Weir	349
3. Mat Neely	704	13. Dave Steele	347
4. Bryan Clauson	692	14. Jon Stanbrough	335
5. Dave Darland	672	15. Derek O'Dell	326
6. Darren Hagen	659	16. Shane Cottle	292
7. Bud Kaeding	570	17. Rex Norris III	258
8. Jay Drake	498	18. Daron Clayton	249
9. Jerry Coons, Jr.	482	19. Justin Marvel	239
10. Brady Short	423	20. Bobby Santos III	239



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3-FOR-7: Cory Kruseman won three Sprint Week races in 2005.

DEFENDING CHAMPION

Cory Kruseman dominated the 2005 version of Indiana Sprint Week. The California native returned to Indiana to drive one of Keith Kunz's Bullet chassis sprinters and left his mark.

Kruseman posted victories at Twin Cities Raceway Park, Tri-State Speedway and Gas City I-69 Speedway en route to winning the seven-race series for the second time. He previously was Indiana Sprint Week king back in 2002.

This week, Kruseman will team up with Kunz to defend the crown.

THE CONTENDERS

Levi Jones: The defending USAC National Sprint Car Series champion has struggled to get going in his first season driving for Tony Stewart Racing, but the 2004 Sprint Week champion seems to always come alive when the weather gets hot.

Dave Darland: Steering Jeff Walker's familiar No. 11, Darland has found new life in the sprint-car division. The 1999 class champion could use his familiarity with Indiana dirt tracks to propel him over the top.

Josh Wise: While he's relatively new to the national series, the 23-year-old Californian enters Sprint Week as the point leader. In his third season driving for Tony Stewart, Wise is a threat every week.

Bud Kaeding: Now one of the veterans, the 26-year-old Kaeding is always among the front-runners when USAC sprinters hit the dirt. After a rocky start to the season, a week on dirt may be just what Kaeding needs to jump

into the battle for the sprint-car championship.

Jon Stanbrough: Driving for Indiana's well-known Fox family, Stanbrough has been on a tear through the early portion of the season and already has reached double figures in victories.

Jay Drake: Another veteran in USAC open-wheel racing, Drake has never won the Sprint Week title. However, the 2004 national champion has the experience and skill to do it.

Jerry Coons, Jr.: In the midst of the battle for the midget championship, Coons will be behind the wheel of one of the potent Hoffman family sprint cars and should be a threat to win throughout the seven nights.

Bryan Clauson: While he has won twice on pavement this year, Clauson, who is part of the Chip Ganassi Racing driver-development program, hasn't yet won a USAC event on dirt. It may come during Sprint Week, as he'll wheel a Keith Kunz-prepared sprinter:



GORDON GILL PHOTOS

TEAMMATES: Levi Jones (top) won the 2004 Sprint Week title, while Josh Wise leads the point standings heading to Twin Cities.

SPECIAL GUESTS

Indiana Sprint Week always brings a few surprises.

Among those likely will be appearances by current NASCAR drivers **J.J. Yeley** and **Tracy Hines**. There are always a handful of West Coast-based racers that make the cross-country tow. Others expected to participate include USAC-CRA kingpins **Damion Gardner**, **Rip Williams** and **Rickie Gaunt**.

And don't be surprised if several winged sprint-car regulars try their hand at non-winged racing.



Mat Neely

DARK HORSES

Driving a second Scott Benic-owned car, **Mat Neely** should be in contention nearly every night, while veteran Indiana short-tracker **Kevin Briscoe** is long on experience at most of the tracks on the Sprint Week schedule.

Sophomore driver **Darren Hagen** has shown signs of brilliance, including a pair of victories this season. **Shane Cottle** has one USAC triumph in 2006 and has been a threat to win every time he's unloaded.

Don't be surprised if **Kevin Huntley**, **Tony Elliott** or **Davey Ray** make their mark before the week is over.

—Compiled by Senior Editor Mike Kerchner

RACE REWIND

Races 32, 33 and 34: July 3, 7-8

FINAL RESULTS

WINNER



Terry McCarl

Monday

July 3, Huset's Speedway, Brandon, S.D.

Qualifications: 1. Dion Hindi, Hindi 11d, 11.094; 2. Terry McCarl, McCarl 24, 11.095; 3. Joey Saldana, Kahne-Curb 6, 11.096; 4. Jason Solwold, Carnahan r19, 11.104; 5. Randy Hannagan, TH Racing 1x, 11.110; 6. Tyler Walker, Forbrook 5, 11.124; 7. Brian Carlson, SC Motorsports 18, 11.129; 8. Justin Henderson, Oswalt d1, 11.131; 9. Brooke Tatnell, Rush Racing 8, 11.144; 10. Paul McMahan, Stewart 20, 11.176; 11. Becca Anderson, Woodring 19, 11.196; 12. Jac Haudenschild, Wright 35, 11.197; 13. Larry Ball, Jr., Van Gorp 5j, 11.198; 14. Chad Kernenah, Kernenah 15k, 11.218; 15. Craig Dollansky, Karavan 7, 11.218; 16. Dusty Zomer, Zomer 1z, 11.230; 17. Donny Schatz, Schatz 15, 11.239; 18. Daryn Pittman, Titan Racing USA 21, 11.244; 19. Danny Lasoski, Roth 83, 11.271; 20. Jeremy Campbell, Campbell 10c, 11.286; 21. Mark Dobmeier, Dobmeier 13, 11.322; 22. John Lambertz, Lambertz 12L, 11.366; 23. Chad Meyer, Lunstra 1w, 11.387; 24. Micah Schliemann, Schliemann 9M, 11.392; 25. Gregg Bakker, Bakker 11x, 11.394; 26. Jason Martin, Martin 36, 11.449; 27. Bill Rose, Rose 6, 11.508; 28. Chuck McGillivray, McGillivray 101, 11.861; 29. Steve Ballenger, Parker 53, 12.017.

First Heat (8 laps): Ball, Pittman, Haudenschild, Lasoski, Hindi, Walker, Lambertz, Bakker, McGillivray, Carlson.

Second Heat (8 laps): Schatz, Kernenah, Henderson, Hannagan, Campbell, McCarl, Anderson, Martin, Meyer, Ballenger.

Third Heat (8 laps): Dollansky, Zomer, Tatnell, Solwold, Saldana, Dobmeier, McMahan, Schliemann, Rose.

Dash (6 laps): Hannagan, Walker, Saldana, McCarl, Solwold, Hindi, Henderson, Haudenschild, Tatnell, Ball.

B Main (10 laps): 1. McMahan; 2. Carlson; 3. Lambertz; 4. Anderson; 5. Martin; 6. Meyer; 7. Bakker; \$200; 8. McGillivray, \$180; 9. Schliemann, \$175; 10. Rose, \$160; 11. Ballenger, \$150.

Feature (30 laps): 1. McCarl, \$10,000; 2. Saldana, \$5,500; 3. Hannagan, \$3,200; 4. Haudenschild, \$2,800; 5. Solwold, \$2,500; 6. Schatz, \$2,300; 7. Tatnell, \$2,200; 8. Dollansky, \$2,100; 9. Henderson, \$2,050; 10. McMahan, \$2,000; 11. Pittman, \$1,500; 12. Zomer, \$1,200; 13. Kernenah, \$1,100; 14. Ball, Jr., \$1,050; 15. Campbell, \$1,000; 16. Martin, \$900; 17. Dobmeier, \$800; 18. Anderson, \$800; 19. Carlson, \$800; 20. Walker, \$800; 21. Hindi, \$800; 22. Lambertz, \$800; 23. Meyer, \$800; 24. Lasoski, \$800.

WINNER



Jac Haudenschild

Friday

July 7, Lawrenceburg Speedway, Lawrenceburg, Ind.

Qualifications: 1. Kelly Kinser, Kinser 4k, 10.524; 2. Dion Hindi, Hindi 11d, 10.666; 3. Justin Henderson, Oswalt d1, 10.679; 4. Paul May, May 71m, 10.688; 5. Joey Saldana, Kahne-Curb 9, 10.781; 6. Brooke Tatnell, Rush Racing 8, 10.782; 7. Terry McCarl, McCarl 24, 10.789; 8. Chad Blonde, Blonde 5b, 10.875; 9. Jac Haudenschild, Wright 35, 10.885; 10. Craig Dollansky, Karavan 7, 10.885; 11. Brock Mayes, Mayes 11b, 10.906; 12. Kyle Cummins, Harpe 1h, 10.908; 13. Dale Blaney, Fisher 2b, 10.941; 14. Donny Schatz, Schatz 15, 10.961; 15. Kevin Huntley, Premiere Motorsports 70, 10.969; 16. Jimmy Stinson, Stinson 84, 10.980; 17. Rob Chaney, Ashworth 92, 11.029; 18. Randy Hannagan, TH Racing 1x, 11.039; 19. Bill Rose, Rose 6, 11.041; 20. Jeremy Campbell, Campbell 10c, 11.165; 21. Neil Shepherd, Shepherd 4n, 11.222; 22. Chad Kernenah, Kernenah 15k, 11.227; 23. Greg Wilson, Wamimont 20w, 11.241; 24. Jason Martin, Martin 36, 11.259; 25. Troy Little, Little 20au, 11.381; 26. Danny Smith, Smith 4, 11.391; 27. Daryn Pittman, Titan Racing USA 21, 11.415; 28. Brandon Martin, Martin 11, 11.506; 29. Brian Carlson, SC Motorsports 18, 11.509; 30. Becca Anderson, Woodring 19, 11.512; 31. Nick Naber, Naber 6n, 11.512; 32. Tom Busch, Busch 4b, 11.662; 33. Joss Moffatt, Moffatt 5j, 11.682; 34. James Mosher, Mosher 12m, 11.736; 35. Barry Ruble, Ruble 63, 12.805; 36. Brandon Whited, AWC Motorsports 2, 13.665.

First Heat (10 laps): Chaney, Haudenschild, Blonde, J. Martin, Kinser, Little, Carlson, Stinson, Moffatt.

Second Heat (10 laps): Dollansky, Hindi, McCarl, Hannagan, Smith, Wilson, Anderson, Mosher, Huntley.

Third Heat (10 laps): Kernenah, Schatz, Tatnell, Henderson, Mayes, Pittman, Rose, Naber, Ruble.

Fourth Heat (10 laps): Campbell, Shepherd, Saldana, Cummins, May, Blaney, B. Martin, Busch, Whited.

Dash (8 laps): Hindi, Saldana, May, Haudenschild, Henderson, Dollansky, McCarl, Kinser, Blonde, Tatnell.

B Main (12 laps): 1. Blaney; 2. Huntley; 3. Little; 4. Pittman; 5. Wilson, \$200; 6. Rose, \$180; 7. Stinson, \$175; 8. Anderson, \$160; 9. B. Martin, \$150; 10. Moffatt, \$150; 11. Carlson, \$150; 12. Busch, \$150; 13. Whited, \$150; 14. Naber, \$150; 16. Ruble, \$150.

Feature (40 laps): 1. Haudenschild, \$10,000; 2. Saldana, \$5,500; 3. Dollansky, \$3,200; 4. Schatz, \$2,800; 5. Tatnell, \$2,500; 6. Hindi, \$2,300; 7. Blaney, \$2,200; 8. Campbell, \$2,100; 9. May, \$2,050; 10. Hannagan, \$2,000; 11. Huntley, \$1,500; 12. McCarl, \$1,200; 13. Pittman, \$1,100; 14. Shepherd, \$1,050; 15. Kernenah, \$1,000; 16. Martin, \$900; 17. Little, \$800; 18. Chaney, \$800; 19. Blonde, \$800; 20. Mayes, \$800; 21. Cummins, \$800; 22. Henderson, \$800; 23. Kinser, \$800; 24. Smith, \$800.

WINNER



Brooke Tatnell

Saturday

July 8, I-55 Speedway, Pevely, Mo.

Qualifications: 1. Randy Hannagan, TH Racing 1x, 10.681; 2. Craig Dollansky, Karavan 7, 10.731; 3. Daryn Pittman, Titan Racing USA 21, 10.825; 4. Donny Schatz, Schatz 15, 10.961; 5. Brian Carlson, SC Motorsports 18, 10.977; 6. Greg Wilson, Wamimont 20w, 10.999; 7. Jim Moughan, Moughan 1m, 11.004; 8. Joey Saldana, Kahne-Curb 9, 11.041; 9. Brooke Tatnell, Rush Racing 8, 11.041; 10. Chad Blonde, Blonde 5b, 11.041; 11. Becca Anderson, Woodring 19, 11.118; 12. Jac Haudenschild, Wright 35, 11.121; 13. Brock Mayes, Mayes 11b, 11.138; 14. Terry McCarl, McCarl 24, 11.176; 15. Dion Hindi, Hindi 11d, 11.188; 16. Brandon Wimmer, Barton 7w, 11.246; 17. Danny Smith, Smith 4, 11.275; 18. Chad Kernenah, Kernenah 15k, 11.333; 19. Paul May, May 71m, 11.343; 20. James Mosher, Mosher 12m, 11.361; 21. A.J. Bruns, Bruns 44, 11.368; 22. Jeremy Campbell, Campbell 10c, 11.395; 23. Troy Little, Little 20au, 11.403; 24. Tommy Worley, Jr., Worley 97, 11.471; 25. Justin Henderson, Oswalt d1, 11.488; 26. Joey Moughan, Moughan 2m, 11.534; 27. Jon Agan, Sloan d12, 11.545; 28. Brandon Martin, Martin 11, 11.570; 29. Bill Rose, Rose 6, 11.593; 30. Tom Busch, Busch 4b, 11.640; 31. Barry Ruble, Ruble 63, 11.657; 32. Jason Martin, Martin 36, 11.666; 33. Kelly Kinser, Kinser 4k, 11.678; 34. Tom Dickerman, Dickerman 57d, 11.708; 35. Steve Short, Short 8s, 12.011; 36. Tiffany Wyzard, Wyzard 5w, 12.065; 37. Adam Jones, Jones 1a, 12.138; 38. Jay Landolt, Clayborn 4c, 12.489.

First Heat (10 laps): Tatnell, Smith, Saldana, Hannagan, Wimmer, Henderson, Worley, Kinser, Jones, Rose.

Second Heat (10 laps): Kernenah, Blonde, Little, Dollansky, Jo. Moughan, Ji. Moughan, Busch, Dickerman, Landolt, Hindi.

Third Heat (10 laps): McCarl, May, Wilson, Campbell, Pittman, Anderson, Short, Agan, Ruble.

Fourth Heat (10 laps): Schatz, Haudenschild, J. Martin, Bruns, B. Martin, Mayes, Carlson, Mosher, Wyzard.

Dash (8 laps): Tatnell, Blonde, Saldana, Wilson, Pittman, Dollansky, Schatz, Haudenschild, Hannagan, McCarl.

B Main (12 laps): 1. Henderson; 2. Carlson; 3. Ji. Moughan; 4. Worley; 5. Kinser, \$200; 6. Rose, \$180; 7. Mayes, \$175; 8. Busch, \$160; 9. Hindi, \$150; 10. Dickerman, \$150; 11. Landolt, \$150; 12. Mosher, \$150; 13. Short, \$150; 14. Jones, \$150; 15. Anderson, \$150; 16. Agan, \$150; 17. Ruble, \$150; 18. Wyzard, \$150.

Feature (40 laps): 1. Tatnell, \$10,000; 2. Pittman, \$5,500; 3. Wilson, \$3,200; 4. Schatz, \$2,800; 5. Dollansky, \$2,500; 6. Saldana, \$2,300; 7. McCarl, \$2,200; 8. Kernenah, \$2,100; 9. Wimmer, \$2,050; 10. Campbell, \$2,000; 11. Smith, \$1,500; 12. J. Martin, \$1,200; 13. Jo. Moughan, \$1,100; 14. Hannagan, \$1,050; 15. Blonde, \$1,000; 16. May, \$900; 17. Haudenschild, \$800; 18. Henderson, \$800; 19. Carlson, \$800; 20. B. Martin, \$800; 21. Little, \$800; 22. Bruns, \$800; 23. Ji. Moughan, \$800; 24. Worley, \$800.

Jac & Brooke

Haudenschild, Tatnell Take Outlaw Victories

By TONY VENEZIANO

Friday

LAWRENCEBURG, Ind. — “The Wild Child,” Jac Haudenschild, lived up to his nickname Friday night at Lawrenceburg Speedway.

The World of Outlaw Sprint Series veteran made a three-wide pass of Joey Saldana and Craig Dollansky to take the lead with three laps to go in the City of Lawrenceburg Nationals at the quarter-mile oval.

Haudenschild was on the top, forcing his Wright One Construction Maxim into the only opening Saldana and Dollansky, who had been engaged in a back-and-forth battle for the top spot, had left. Haudenschild made the pass and held on for his fourth victory of the season.

Saldana, who led much of the event, wound up second in the Mopar-powered Dodge/Curb Records JEI, with Dollansky, who traded the lead with Saldana until Haudenschild's bold move, grabbing third in the Karavan Trailers Maxim.

“The track was pretty tough on equipment,” Saldana explained. “We definitely need to go through the car pretty good tomorrow, the way we bounced around on it out there. We're able to load the car in the trailer, so that is good. Lapped cars at the end would not give anything to the leaders, and you just can't forget what comes around goes around. I know that one day I will be getting lapped, hopefully not soon, but you have to remember that stuff and give the leaders some room. Obviously, the lapped cars wanted to race us.”

Point-leader Donny Schatz worked his way from 14th to finish fourth. Brooke Tatnell was fifth.

Saturday

PEVELY, Mo. — Once in a while a good luck charm is needed to turn the fortunes around for a driver or team. Brooke Tatnell had already won two races this season, but he knew he easily could have had a half dozen or more victories if luck was on his side.

Always looking to get a step up on the competition and to stand out in a crowd, the crew of the Race Outfitters/Castrol Eagle, led by Troy Renfro, brought out their “retro” car for the second time this season Saturday night at I-55 Raceway, looking for a spark. The white car with the distinctive red stripes down the middle of the top and front wings turned many heads in the pit area and then showed on the track that it was not only sharp looking but ultra fast.

Tatnell certainly showed he was the class of the field, leading 33 of the 40 to collect his third World of Outlaws Sprint Series feature of the season.

Tatnell battled with point-leader Donny Schatz throughout the middle portion of the race, with the pair trading the lead multiple times. Tatnell then survived a late challenge from Daryn Pittman for the victory.

Greg Wilson was third, with Schatz falling to fourth.

One thing that Tatnell knew would come into play during the feature was tires. His team put the right rubber on the car, and that allowed him to keep the hammer down all night long.

“I felt pretty comfortable,” Tatnell said. “I always look around and see what everyone else puts on before we go out. I knew Pittman was close to us at the end and had the same tires as us. He usually runs a little harder tire than we do. Once we got around Donny the last time, I felt pretty comfortable. We freed the car up under yellow and it was really good.”

STANDINGS

FIRST



Donny Schatz

SECOND



Joey Saldana

THIRD



Craig Dollansky

Top 10

1. Donny Schatz	4,400	5. Daryn Pittman	4,045
2. Joey Saldana	4,211	7. Chad Kernenah	3,892
3. Craig Dollansky	4,128	8. Jeremy Campbell	3,708
4. Jac Haudenschild	4,093	9. Justin Henderson	3,578
5. Brooke Tatnell	4,045	10. Randy Hannagan	3,360



DOUG JOHNSON PHOTO

I'M BACK: Terry McCarl won July 3 at Huset's Speedway.

McCarl Returns To Victory Lane

By TONY VENEZIANO

BRANDON, S.D. — A month ago Terry McCarl needed surgery to repair his broken left leg. On July 3 at Huset's Speedway, McCarl used surgical precision to work through traffic and put himself in position behind leader Tyler Walker to challenge for the top spot.

Then with only three laps to go, Walker's machine went up in smoke, and McCarl shot to the front and powered his Big Game Treestands/Bosma Poultry Eagle to his first World of Outlaws Sprint Series victory since 2004.

“This is unbelievable,” said McCarl. “I hate to see Tyler fall out. We were about

to have a great finish there.”

Despite being a six-time champion at Huset's Speedway — in addition to owning the record for most victories in the history of the three-eighths-mile oval, now 79, as well as holding the track qualifying record — McCarl's victory was his first with the series at the track.

Joey Saldana continued his torrid pace by finishing second in the Mopar-powered Dodge/Curb Records JEI, with polesitter Randy Hannagan, Jac Haudenschild and Jason Solwold rounding out the top five. Point-leader Donny Schatz surged from 17th to sixth.

WORLD OF OUTLAWS SPRINT SERIES

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY 18: DON MARTIN MEMORIAL SILVER CUP, LERNERVILLE SPEEDWAY (SARVER, PA)

JULY 20-22: SUMMER NATIONALS, WILLIAMS GROVE SPEEDWAY (MECHANICSBURG, PA)

JULY 23: LEBANON VALLEY SPEEDWAY, WEST LEBANON, NY

JULY 25: FULTON (NY) SPEEDWAY

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BROOKE TATNELL CONQUERS I-55 RACEWAY

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JULY 12: BOOT HILL SHOWDOWN

JULY 19: BRAD DOTY CLASSIC

JULY 26: KNIGHT BEFORE THE KINGS ROYAL

AUG. 2: KINGS ROYAL

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Richard Petty's Curb/STP Pontiac
Winner at Daytona



Dale Jarrett with his Curb/
Busch Grand National Car
Top 5/Busch Grand National
Championship



Dale Earnhardt with his Curb Records Winston
Cup Championship Car



Aaron Fike - 2006 Curb Agajanian
Busch NASCAR



Johnny Sauter stands next to his
2003 Channellock/Curb Records
Busch car - Winner at Richmond



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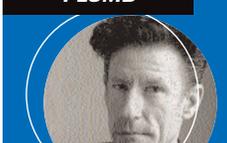
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CLAY WALKER



RODNEY ATKINS



SAWYER BROWN

Nextel Cup

1. Jimmie Johnson	2,651
2. Matt Kenseth	2,600
3. Dale Earnhardt, Jr.	2,394
4. Jeff Burton	2,327
5. Kasey Kahne	2,303
6. Mark Martin	2,291
7. Tony Stewart	2,274
8. Kyle Busch	2,265
9. Kevin Harvick	2,253
10. Jeff Gordon	2,219
11. Greg Biffle	2,172
12. Denny Hamlin	2,169
13. Kurt Busch	2,087
14. Carl Edwards	2,026
15. Casey Mears	1,991
16. Clint Bowyer	1,937
17. Jamie McMurray	1,921
18. Ryan Newman	1,915
19. Elliott Sadler	1,870
20. Brian Vickers	1,857

Busch Series

1. Kevin Harvick	2,922
2. Carl Edwards	2,599
3. Clint Bowyer	2,540
4. Denny Hamlin	2,502
5. J.J. Yeley	2,494
6. Greg Biffle	2,264
7. Paul Menard	2,213
8. Kyle Busch	2,191
9. Johnny Sauter	2,070
10. Kenny Wallace	2,058

Craftsman Truck

1. Todd Bodine	2,043
2. Johnny Benson	1,931
3. David Reutimann	1,898
4. Ted Musgrave	1,807
5. Rick Crawford	1,806
6. Ron Hornaday	1,745
7. David Starr	1,742
8. Terry Cook	1,717
9. Jack Sprague	1,708
10. Dennis Setzer	1,696

Indy Racing League

1. Sam Hornish, Jr.	300
2. Helio Castroneves	280
3. Scott Dixon	261
4. Dan Wheldon	257
5. Vitor Meira	227
6. Tony Kanaan	206
7. Scott Sharp	176
8. Dario Franchitti	175
9. Kosuke Matsuura	173
10. Marco Andretti	172
11. Bryan Herta	170
12. Danica Patrick	159
12. Tomas Scheckter	159
14. Felipe Giaffone	142
15. Buddy Rice	137
16. Ed Carpenter	125
17. Eddie Cheever	114

18. Buddy Lazier	107
19. Jeff Simmons	83
20. P.J. Chesson	54

Champ Car World Series

1. Sebastien Bourdais	191
2. A.J. Allmendinger	168
3. Justin Wilson	165
4. Alex Tagliani	110
4. Andrew Ranger	110
6. Paul Tracy	108
7. Mario Dominguez	105
8. Cristiano da Matta	104
9. Bruno Junqueira	102
10. Nelson Philippe	98
11. Oriol Servia	95
12. Will Power	85
13. Dan Clarke	79
13. Katherine Legge	79
15. Jan Heylan	73
16. Charles Zwolsman	65
17. Nicky Pastorelli	29
18. Toni Kasemets	20
19. Antonio Pizzonia	11
20. Jimmy Vasser	7

Formula One Drivers

1. Fernando Alonso	88
2. Michael Schumacher	69
3. Giancarlo Fisichella	43
4. Kimi Raikkonen	39
5. Felipe Massa	36
6. Juan Pablo Montoya	26
7. Jenson Button	16
7. Rubens Barrichello	16
9. Nick Heidfeld	12
10. David Coulthard	10
11. Ralf Schumacher	8
11. Jarno Trulli	8
13. Jacques Villeneuve	7
14. Mark Webber	6
15. Nico Rosberg	4
16. Vinantonio Luzzi	1
16. Christian Klein	1

Formula One Manufacturers

1. Mild Seven Renault F-1 Team	131
2. Scuderia Ferrari Marlboro	105
3. Team McLaren Mercedes	65
4. Lucky Strike Honda Racing F-1 Team	32
5. BMW Sauber F-1 Team	19
6. Panasonic Toyota Racing	16
7. Red Bull Racing	11
8. Williams F-1 Team	10
9. Scuderia Toro Rosso	1

World Of Outlaws

1. Donny Schatz	4,400
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2. Joey Saldana	4,211
3. Craig Dollansky	4,128
4. Jac Haudenschield	4,093
5. Brooke Tatnell	4,045

National Sprint Tour

1. Danny Lasoski	1,522
2. Tim Kaeding	1,498
3. Steve Kinser	1,445
4. Jason Meyers	1,359
5. Jason Solwold	1,345

IHRA Top Fuel

1. Clay Millican	392
2. Rick Cooper	305
3. Doug Foley	289
4. Bobby Lagana, Jr.	226
5. Bruce Litton	209

IHRA Nitro Funny Car

1. Dale Creasy, Jr.	327
2. Jack Wyatt	280
3. Vincent Arcadi	271
4. Bob Gilbertson	228
5. Terry Haddock	206

USAC Silver Crown

1. Bud Kaeding	318
2. Brian Tyler	312
3. Dave Steele	264
4. Wayne Reutimann, Jr.	254
5. Aaron Pierce	247

USAC Sprints

1. Josh Wise	851
2. Levi Jones	810
3. Bryan Clauson	753
4. Dave Darland	718
4. Mat Neely	718

USAC Midgets

1. Jerry Coons, Jr.	394
2. Bryan Clauson	393
3. Jay Drake	377
4. Dave Darland	365
5. Dave Steele	355

USAC Western Sprints

1. Tony Hunt	400
2. Mike Murgotio	343

USAC Western Midgets

1. Jerome Rodela	616
2. Tyler Brown	613
3. Chase Barber	508
4. Chris Rahe	406
5. Greg Bragg	396

Champ Car Atlantic

1. Simon Pagenaud	153
2. Andreas Wirth	144
3. Graham Rahal	136
4. Jonathan Bomarito	121
5. James Hinchcliffe	110

ARCA RE/MAX Series

1. Bobby Gerhart	2,390
2. Frank Kimmel	2,335
3. Damon Lusk	2,150
4. Ken Weaver	2,025
5. Ryan Foster	1,985

NASCAR Northern Modifieds

1. Mike Stefanik	775
2. Tony Hirschman	764
3. Donny Lia	735
4. Ted Christopher	716
5. Eric Beers	712

NASCAR Busch East

1. Mike Olsen	840
2. Matt Kobyluck	819
3. Sean Gaisse	791
4. Bryon Chew	767
5. Mike Johnson	743

Lucas Oil LMs

1. Earl Pearson, Jr.	2,740
2. Don O'Neal	2,650
3. Donnie Moran	2,505
4. Matt Miller	2,235
5. Scott James	2,200

Hooters Pro Cup Southern

1. Clay Rogers	1,183
2. Shane Huffman	1,091
3. Bobby Gill	973
4. Shane Wallace	925
5. Joey Logano	904

Golden State Challenge

1. Jonathan Allard	1,042
2. Ronnie Day	964
3. Dennis Moore, Jr.	951
4. Brent Kaeding	949
5. Jason Statler	946

HOSS Sprints

1. Greg Wheeler	696
2. Richie Jacobs	595
3. Jonathan Kettlewell	562
4. Tom Paterson	549
5. Ron Koehler	519

URC Sprints

1. Curt Michael	769
2. Kramer Williamson	720
3. Greg Coverdale	695
4. Brian Seidel	656
5. Randy West	632

AVSS Sprints

1. Tommy Fedewa	630
2. Curt Shumaker	622
3. Ryan Litt	551
4. Chad Goff	546
5. Johnny Scherer	543

IRA Sprints

1. Mike Reinke	1,395
2. Travis Whitney	1,355
3. Scotty Neitzel	1,315
4. Donny Goeden	1,314
5. Steve Meyer	1,269

ASCS National Tour

1. Nick Smith	2,193
2. Gary Wright	2,170
3. Jason Johnson	2,122
4. Jesse Hockett	2,177
5. Travis Rilat	2,082

ASCS Sprints on Dirt

1. Ken Mackey	1,485
2. Dain Naida	1,441
3. Kyle Patrick	1,405
4. Gary Fast	1,390
5. Gregg Dalman	1,387

ASCS Patriot Sprints

1. Chuck Hebing	1,190
2. Don Adamczyk	1,097
3. Nick Bashford	1,059
4. Bryan Howland	1,023
5. Geoff Quackenbush	1,009

ASCS Rocky Mtn. Region

1. Patrick Bourke	1,224
2. Jeff Heffner	1,106
3. Josh Fellows	1,048
4. Jake Pierson	1,044
5. Keith Rauch	1,001

ASCS Northern Plains

1. Chuck Swenson	1,566
2. Lee Grosz	1,332
3. Eric Lutz	1,292
4. Curt Lund	1,236
5. Brett Geldner	1,200

National Midget Driver Of The Year

1. Brad Kuhn	969
2. Jerry Coons, Jr.	818
3. Jay Drake	506
4. Brady Bacon	502
5. Bobby Santos III	474

BCRA Midgets

1. Travis Berryhill	577
2. John Sarale	576
3. Floyd Alvis	499
4. David Prickett	471
5. Gary Dickenson	439

Badger Midgets

1. Brad Kuhn	809
2. Scott Hatton	719
3. Brandon Waelti	668
4. Danny Stratton	663
5. Aaron Fiscus	655

Point standings through Sunday



Brad Noffsinger - Top 5 USAC Silver
Crown Championship



Tim Grose - NHRA
Winternationals Champ



Billy Boat - Top 10 Indianapolis 500
Top 5 IRL Championship



Tom Sneva - Top 10 CART
Indy Car Championship



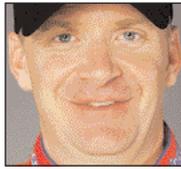
Kasey Kahne with the Kahne/
Curb Records 2006 Sprint Car

RACE REWIND

NASCAR BUSCH SERIES

Race 19 of 35: USG Durock 300, July 8, 2006
Chicagoland Speedway, Joliet, Ill.

FINAL RESULTS

FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
		
Casey Mears	Carl Edwards	Jeff Burton

Fin.	St.	No.	Driver	Car	Laps	Money	Status
1	7	42	Casey Mears	Texaco/Havoline Dodge	200	\$79,300	Running
2	1	60	Carl Edwards	Henkel Duck Tape Ford	200	67,200	Running
3	16	29	Jeff Burton	Holiday Inn Chevrolet	200	50,575	Running
4	9	21	Kevin Harvick	U.S. Coast Guard Chevrolet	200	36,850	Running
5	6	17	Matt Kenseth	Ameritrust Mortgage Ford	200	33,300	Running
6	3	39	Kurt Busch	Penske Truck Rental Dodge	200	30,300	Running
7	20	2	Clint Bowyer	ACDelco Chevrolet	200	28,650	Running
8	4	41	Reed Sorenson	Discount Tire Dodge	200	28,750	Running
9	17	33	Tony Stewart	Old Spice Chevrolet	200	26,135	Running
10	15	18	J.J. Yeley	Vigoro Premium Mulch Chevrolet	200	27,625	Running
11	41	99	Michael Waltrip	Jani-King Dodge	200	26,775	Running
12	25	66	Bobby Labonte	Cub Cadet/Mercy Home Ford	200	24,225	Running
13	2	32	Dave Blaney	ABF U-Pack Moving Chevrolet	200	25,525	Running
14	5	20	Denny Hamlin	Rockwell Automation Chevrolet	200	23,615	Running
15	34	8	Dale Earnhardt, Jr.	Menards Chevrolet	200	23,080	Running
16	10	88	Martin Truex, Jr.	U.S. Navy Chevrolet	200	22,720	Running
17	23	00	Johnny Sauter	Yellow Transportation Chevrolet	200	43,797	Running
18	35	06	Todd Kluever	3M Post-It Ford	200	32,204	Running
19	30	38	Jason Leffler	Great Clips Chevrolet	199	29,994	Running
20	18	59	Stacy Compton	Kingsford/Bush's Ford	199	29,684	Running
21	13	47	Jon Wood	Clorox/American Red Cross Ford	199	29,374	Running
22	37	27	David Green	Cottonelle Puppy Tracks Ford	199	33,064	Running
23	24	77	Burney Lamar	Dollar General Chevrolet	199	33,279	Running
24	29	16	Greg Biffle	Ameritrust Mortgage Ford	198	21,090	Running
25	32	10	John Andretti	Freedom Roads Ford	198	27,284	Running
26	8	84	David Gilliland	Hype Manufacturing Chevrolet	198	28,345	Running
27	26	01	Jay Sauter	Western Union Chevrolet	198	26,984	Running
28	27	35	Regan Smith	McDonald's Chicken Chevrolet	198	26,849	Running
29	14	22	Kenny Wallace	AutoZone Ford	198	25,539	Running
30	22	9	Kasey Kahne	Hellmann's Mayonnaise Dodge	197	20,630	Running
31	40	50	Danny O'Quinn, Jr.	Pennzoil Platinum Ford	197	25,294	Running
32	42	4	Auggie Vidovich	GEICO/DenBeste Dodge	196	27,835	Running
33	31	36	Tim Sauter	Lester Buildings Chevrolet	196	25,074	Running
34	43	0	Kertus Davis	RaceGirl International Chevrolet	196	21,920	Running
35	36	25	Ashton Lewis	U.S. Marines Ford	194	24,859	Running
36	28	78	Jerry Robertson	Furniture Row Racing Chevrolet	185	21,700	Suspension
37	39	1	Cale Gale	Micosaukee Gaming Dodge	183	27,090	Transmission
38	38	90	Elliott Sadler	CITI Financial Ford	182	19,530	Running
39	19	11	Paul Menard	Menards/Turtle Wax Chevrolet	165	29,969	Accident
40	12	64	Jamie McMurray	USG Sheetrock Dodge	122	19,310	Accident
41	21	12	Tracy Hines	Supercuts Dodge	91	21,200	Accident
42	11	5	Kyle Busch	Lowes/Hitachi Chevrolet	79	19,020	Engine
43	33	34	Kevin Lepage	CheapTickets.com Chevrolet	70	20,896	Engine

RACE STATISTICS

Race time: 2 hours, 24 minutes
Average speed: 125.421 mph
Victory margin: 0.525 second
Caution flags: Nine for 33 laps
Lead changes: Nine among seven drivers

Lap leaders: Carl Edwards 1-6; Kurt Busch 7-36;
Edwards 37-63; Jeff Burton 64-66; Matt Kenseth 67-79;
Michael Waltrip 80-82; Clint Bowyer 83-84; Edwards 85-
104; Busch 105-153; Casey Mears 154-200.

TALK OF TIME TRIALS

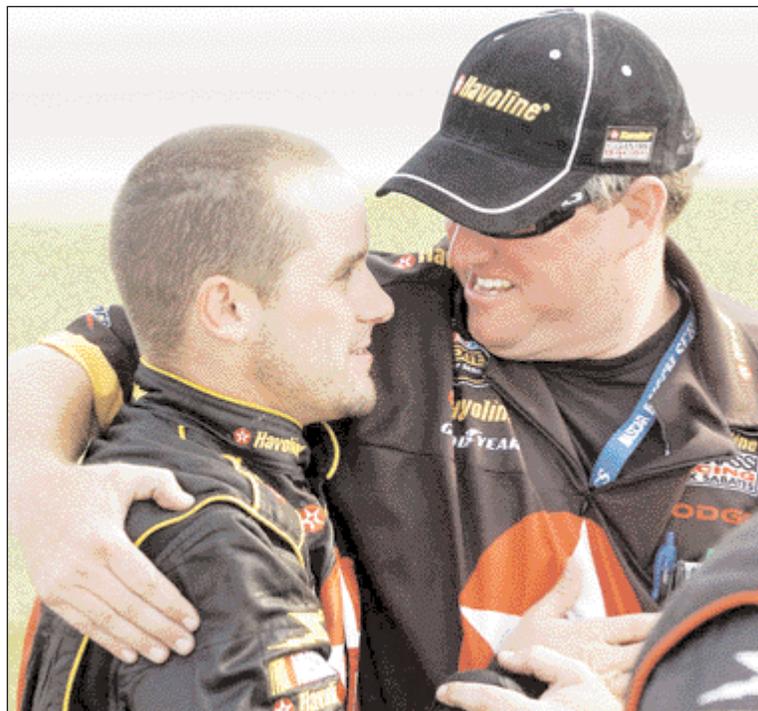
Carl Edwards put his Roush Racing Ford on the pole for the Busch Series race at Chicagoland Speedway. Edwards paced the first six circuits and led a total of 53 laps but had to settle for second behind race-winner Casey Mears.

STANDINGS

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Top 10

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PHIL CAVALI PHOTO

UNBELIEVABLE: Casey Mears greets his crew chief, Brad Parrott, after his first victory in the NASCAR Busch Series at Chicagoland Speedway.

Fumes Fuel Casey Mears

BY RON LEMASTERS, Sr.
NSSN CORRESPONDENT

JOLIET, Ill. — Casey Mears made his first victory in NASCAR's Busch Series an exciting one.

Gambling on fuel, Mears ran his Texaco Havoline Dodge 70 laps on his last full tank, held off runner-up Carl Edwards to win the USG Durock 300 at Chicagoland Speedway and then ran out of fuel before he could get to victory lane.

"It's unbelievable. It doesn't seem real," Mears said after climbing out of his car in the grassy area in turn one to celebrate with his crew instead of doing the obligatory burnout.

It was a hard-earned victory for Mears, who was followed to the checkered flag by 15 Nextel Cup regulars in a field that saw 21 "Busch whackers" start.

"It means everything to get a win," Mears explained. "I'm really relieved. I've been in position to win, with cars that could have won, but we never came home with it."

In the final laps, Mears said he moved the car to the top of the race track to conserve both fuel and tires.

"We were really banking on another caution," he said. "With three or four laps to go, the car started getting tight."

The victory extended the Chicagoland tradition of creating first-time NASCAR winners. In the track's brief history, it has been the scene of maiden victories by Jimmie Johnson, Justin Labonte and Johnny Sauter. It came in Mears's 69th Busch start. He has also made 126 Nextel

Cup starts without winning.

Mears beat Edwards to the finish by 0.525 second in a race that could have seen the top two spots reversed but for a failed gamble by Edwards, who took the blame for his second-place finish. Edwards admitted that he vetoed crew chief Pierre Kuetzel's call to pit during a late caution period on lap 130.

"He told me to stop and I didn't," Edwards said. "I decided to do what Kurt [Busch] did, and we both stayed out. I didn't realize that Kurt had one less set of tires in the pits than I did. It wasn't the first time I didn't take my crew chief's advice, but it may be the last time."

Mears pitted, however, on lap 130 and was able to stretch that 22 gallons to the end.

Crew chief Brad Parrott credited the crew for the victory. They got Mears back on the track ahead of Burton on the final stop.

"That's what gave us the win," Parrott said.

For much of the race, it was a battle between Edwards and Kurt Busch, who combined to lead 132 of the first 153 laps before Mears took the lead for the final 47 laps.

Burton was second after the final pit stop, but he faded slightly in the final laps to a third-place finish. Point-leader Kevin Harvick finished fourth.

Nine caution periods for 33 laps lowered Mears's winning speed to 125.421 miles per hour. Edwards won the pole in the Henkel Duck Tape/Henkel Ford at 176.528 mph. Dave Blaney was also on the front row.

Pierce's Patience Pays Off

BY RON LEMASTERS, Sr.
NSSN CORRESPONDENT

JOLIET, Ill. — Patience paid off for Aaron Pierce Friday at Chicagoland Speedway in the form of his first Silver Crown USAC Silver Crown victory.

"It's been a long time in coming," the 32-year-old Muncie, Ind., native said of his triumph. "I've been running Silver Crown for four or five years now, and it's good to finally win one."

Pierce, who led 26 of the 67 laps, took the lead for good when leader Jay Drake lost an engine eight laps from the finish.

"I was just trying to save my tires," Pierce said of his pursuit of Drake, who led 41 laps. "He was sliding around a lot, but that's the name of the game with these cars and has been forever. You have to save your tires and drive the car as straight as you can."

Pierce said he thought he was catching Drake in the final quarter of the race.

"He got away from me a little, but I started catching him there at the end," Pierce explained.

"I picked up the pace a little, made a couple in-car adjustments, and that helped a lot. I had a lot left in the car at the end. I think I would have caught him anyway."

Pierce cut a three-second lead by Drake to a matter of a few car lengths before Drake's engine let go.

With Pierce again in command, Canadian rookie Peter Shepherd moved up to second and was convinced he had a shot at catching Pierce. "I think one more caution flag and I would have had a chance," said Shepherd, whose runner-up finish was the best ever for a Canadian driver in the series and the best finish for his Carl Edwards-owned car on pavement.

The victory ended a string of three-straight finishes of 10th or lower for Pierce, who was fourth and second in the year's first two events.

Bud Kaeding, who had won the last two Silver Crown races, maintained a six-point lead over Brian Tyler, despite dropping out of the event.

Rookie Bryn Gohn was third, followed by two-time Silver Crown champion Dave Steele and Tyler.

The summary:

Qualifications: 1. Aaron Pierce, 26, 30.982; 2. Jay Drake, Patenoster 41, 31.089; 3. Dave Steele, Steenbergen/Team Six-R 1, 31.520; 4. Bud Kaeding, BK/Leffler 29, 31.727; 5. Thiago Medeiros, PDM 18, 31.830; 6. Wayne Reutimann, Jr., Reutimann 00, 31.864; 7. Dave Darland, RW 17, 31.924; 8. Brian Tyler, Team Six-R 21, 32.251; 9. Bryn Gohn, Stauffer/Adams 8, 32.351; 10. Tim Barber, Pierson 28, no time; 11. Pete Shepherd III, Edwards/RE 199, no time; 12. Pablo Donoso, Racing Team 2, no time; 13. Josh Wise, Foyt 14, no time; 14. Rodney Weesner, Weesner 96, no time.

Feature (67 laps): Pierce, Shepherd, Gohn, Steele, Tyler, Wise, Reutimann, Drake, Medeiros, Kaeding, Barber, Darland, Weesner, Donoso.

Brett Rowe Tops Classique At Sanair

ST. PIE, Quebec — Ben Rowe scored big Sunday in his first trip to Quebec's Sanair Super Speedway. Rowe won the American-Canadian Tour's \$10,000-to-win late-model stock-car Mega Classique at the seven-eighths-mile oval.

ACT LMS

The event was the first of three in the ACTION Super Series this year contested in a unique three-segment format where drivers earn points based on their finishes in three 50-lap races. Drivers representing all six New England states, New York and two Canadian provinces participated in the event.

Rowe posted the lowest cumulative score (12) for the \$10,000 top prize. Ryan Nolin was second with 22 points and Dave Pembroke was third with 24. Rounding out the top five were Donald Theetge and Patrick Laperle.

Forty-three of the 64 cars that attempted to qualify started the event.

The finish:
Ben Rowe, Ryan Nolin, Dave Pembroke, Donald Theetge, Patrick Laperle, Claude Leclerc, Jean Paul Cyr, Johnny Clark, Robbie Thompson, Alexandre Gingras, Joey

Polewarczyk, Jr., Mark Lambertson, Dennis Botticello, Ron Henry, Andre Coursol, Scott Payea, Andre Beaudoin, Sylvain Lacombe, Jamie Fisher, Marc Begin, Roger Brown II, Simon Roussin, Ryan Vanasse, Karl Allard, Jean-Francois Dery, Daniel Bergeron, Mike Rowe, Jacque Poulin, Yvon Bedard, Scott Dragon, Brent Dragon, Phil Scott, Stephan Legault, Mike Lavoie, A.J. Begin, Marc Andre Cliche, John Donahue, Steve Remy, Steve Fisher, Danny Ouellet, Pete Fecteau, Jacob McGrath, Rick Rump.

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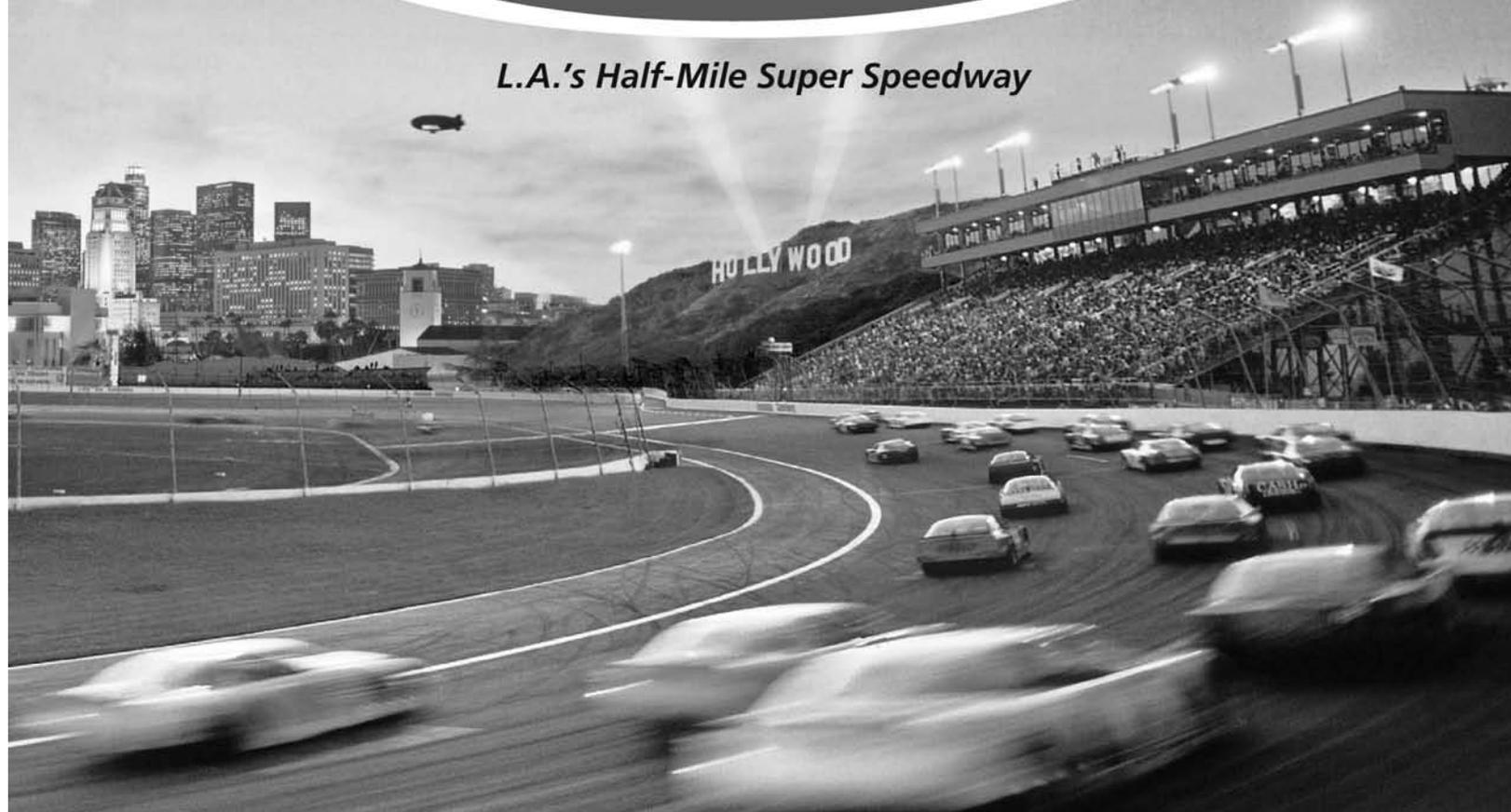
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No. 2 Formotion/Spy Optics-Mockett.com Van Diemen.

Hildebrand claimed his ninth victory in 10 races, tying the record of triumphs in a single season established last year by Englishman Jay Howard.

Hildebrand extended his championship lead to a staggering 106 points, having earned 312 points to the 206 of Cape Motorsports teammate Dane Cameron, who took another pair of second-place finishes in the No. 19 Finlay Motorsports/Jim Russell School/Red Line Oil Van Diemen.

Ricardo Vassmer scored a pair of third-place finishes with the JDC Motorsports No. 25 Meridiano Television/Santa Barbara Airlines Van Diemen.



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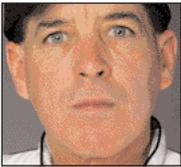
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Race 13 of 25: Built Ford Tough 225, July 8, 2006
Kentucky Speedway, Sparta, Ky.

FINAL RESULTS

FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
		
Ron Hornaday	Rick Crawford	Brendan Gaughan

Fin.	St.	No.	Driver	Car	Laps	Money	Status
1	22	33	Ron Hornaday	Kevin Harvick, Inc. Chevrolet	150	84,875	Running
2	23	14	Rick Crawford	Circle Bar Truck Corral Ford	150	55,325	Running
3	20	77	Brendan Gaughan	The Orleans Hotel Dodge	150	37,900	Running
4	7	23	Johnny Benson	Toyota Tundra Toyota	150	28,025	Running
5	5	6	David Ragan	Scotts Miracle-Gro Ford	150	23,675	Running
6	12	9	Ted Musgrave	Team ASE/Germain Toyota	150	19,825	Running
7	17	88	Matt Crafton	Menards/Energizer Chevrolet	150	17,825	Running
8	18	11	David Starr	Red Horse Racing Toyota	150	16,825	Running
9	6	99	Erik Darnell	Roush Racing Ford	150	16,825	Running
10	9	30	Todd Bodine	Lumber Liquidators Toyota	150	16,575	Running
11	25	60	Jack Sprague	Con-way Freight Toyota	150	16,825	Running
12	2	17	David Reutimann	Toyota Tundra Toyota	150	14,940	Running
13	14	12	Joey Miller	Curb Records Toyota	150	14,840	Running
14	35	25	Boston Reid	Woodard Racing Dodge	150	14,740	Running
15	26	16	Mike Bliss	Xpress Motorsports Chevrolet	150	15,140	Running
16	31	10	Terry Cook	Power Stroke Diesel Ford	150	14,440	Running
17	28	59	Chad Chaffin	Harris Trucking Ford	150	14,340	Running
18	18	08	Chad McCumbee	Chevy Silverado Chevrolet	149	14,240	Running
19	1	20	Marcos Ambrose	Aussie Experience Ford	149	16,240	Running
20	29	85	Dennis Setzer	Flex Fuel E85 Chevrolet	149	13,240	Running
21	15	15	Kevin Grubb	Woodard Pools and Spas Chevrolet	149	11,790	Running
22	16	75	Aric Almirola	Spears Manufacturing Chevrolet	149	11,740	Running
23	3	13	Kerry Earnhardt	National Pork Board Chevrolet	149	11,690	Running
24	21	18	Bobby Hamilton, Jr.	Fastenal Dodge	149	11,640	Running
25	10	4	Timothy Peters	Dodge Motorsports Dodge	148	11,590	Running
26	4	50	Michel Jourdain, Jr.	Roush Racing Ford	148	11,540	Running
27	34	98	Erin Crocker	Cheerios/Betty Crocker Dodge	147	11,490	Running
28	8	22	Bill Lester	Checkers/Rally's Toyota	146	11,390	Running
29	33	91	J.C. Stout	Hunter's Hope Chevrolet	146	11,290	Running
30	24	02	Brad Keselowski	Sutton Motorsports Chevrolet	143	11,190	Sway Bar
31	11	5	Mike Skinner	Toyota Tundra Toyota	128	11,090	Accident
32	30	40	Ryan Moore	Key Motorsports Chevrolet	87	10,990	Engine
33	32	07	Wayne Edwards	U.S. Restoration Chevrolet	62	10,890	Vibration
34	13	21	Bobby East	State Fair Corn Dogs Ford	28	10,790	Accident
35	27	46	Kraig Kinser	CENTRIX Auto Finance Chevrolet	1	10,690	Accident
36	36	63	Justin Allgaier	Dave Porter Truck Sales Ford	1	10,590	Accident

RACE STATISTICS

Race time: 1 hour, 54 minutes
Average speed: 118.110 mph
Victory margin: 0.586 second
Caution flags: Eight for 33 laps
Lead changes: 10 among seven drivers

Lap leaders: Marcos Ambrose 1-33; Brendan Gaughan 34-35; Ambrose 36-51; Boston Reid 52-54; Ron Hornaday 55-77; Mike Skinner 78-97; Hornaday 98-99; David Ragan 100-117; Johnny Benson 118-124; Skinner 125-128; Hornaday 129-150.

TALK OF TIME TRIALS

Marcos Ambrose shocked the Craftsman Truck Series by claiming his first pole position at Kentucky Speedway. Ambrose shared the front row with David Reutimann and led the first 33 laps. Ambrose led twice for 49 laps before finishing one lap down in 19th position.



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STANDINGS

FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
		
Todd Bodine	Johnny Benson	David Reutimann

Top 10

1. Todd Bodine	2,043	6. Ron Hornaday	1,745
2. Johnny Benson	1,931	7. David Starr	1,742
3. David Reutimann	1,898	8. Terry Cook	1,717
4. Ted Musgrave	1,807	9. Jack Sprague	1,708
5. Rick Crawford	1,806	10. Dennis Setzer	1,696

Hornaday Wins Under The Lights

SPARTA, Ky. — With the season's second victory squarely in the cross hairs, Ron Hornaday was up on the wheel and digging.

And Mike Skinner couldn't do anything either to derail his longtime rival's charge or keep his Toyota Tundra off Kentucky Speedway's outside wall.

Lap 129 turned out to be the pivotal moment in Saturday night's Built Ford Tough 225 following the race's sixth caution that had interrupted green-flag pit stops. Skinner a few laps earlier had inherited the lead from Johnny Benson, one of three drivers who were yet to pit for service before caution appeared.

But when Benson, Brendan Gaughan and Erik Darnell hit pit road, their stops allowed eight drivers to rejoin the tail of the lead lap and take the green flag ahead of Skinner. Caught in a maelstrom of side-by-side racing, Skinner found himself boxed in the middle lane off the 1.5-mile speedway's second turn.

Hornaday raced past on the inside and disturbed Skinner's aero package enough to send the Toyota up the track and into defending race winner Dennis Setzer.

The rest of the field missed Skinner's No. 5, which did a half-spin before nosing into the wall and out of the race.

Hornaday led the rest of the way, his Kevin Harvick Inc. Chevrolet besting Rick Crawford, Gaughan, Benson and David Ragan in an eight-lap shootout. The 48-year-old Californian won for the second time in 2006 and for a record-extending 29th time in the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series.

He edged Crawford's Circle Bar Truck Corral Ford by .586 second — about five lengths — to complete the



DOUG DAY PHOTO

ALL WET: Ron Hornaday celebrates his victory Saturday night at Kentucky Speedway. Hornaday won his first race at a superspeedway since March 2005.

150-lap, 225-mile distance at an average speed of 118.110 miles per hour. Hornaday banked \$84,875 for the unsponsored KHI entry.

"It was really good around other trucks and would really dig and cut," Hornaday said. "We've been working real hard, and we did everything we could to the front of the truck. The thing was (in practice) I couldn't believe how tight it was, and we were

floating the nose.

"But once we started running, that Silverado truck was bad tonight."

Hornaday led three times for 47 laps including the last 22 trips. The triumph was his 10th on a track of a mile or more in length and first superspeedway victory since Atlanta in March 2005.

Todd Bodine leads Benson by 112 points in the standings.

It's Brother Against Brother — John Wins

STAFFORD SPRINGS, Conn. — John Blewett passed his brother, Jimmy, with 15 laps

NASCAR MODS to go in the Connecticut

Classic NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour race at Stafford Motor Speedway July 3.

It was the ninth-career victory for Blewett and the first since winning at

New Hampshire Int'l Speedway in 2003. It was also his first triumph in the Blewett Motorsports Chevrolet.

Jimmy Blewett's second-place finish gave the series a 1-2 by brothers for the first time since 2004.

"Jimmy was hugging the bottom of the race track," said John Blewett. "I knew he would do everything he could to hold me off. He raced me

clean, and I was able to get by him."

Donny Lia finished third, ahead of Zach Sylvester and point-leader Mike Stefanik.

The finish:

John Blewett III, Jimmy Blewett, Donny Lia, Zach Sylvester, Mike Stefanik, Ted Christopher, Tony Hirschman, Anthony Sesley, Matt Hirschman, Jerry Marquis, Reggie Ruggiero, Eric Beers, Jamie Tomaino, Dick Houlihan, Thomas Bolles, Eddie Flemke, Carl Pasteryak, Richard Savary, Rob Summers, Ronnie Silk, Doug Coby, Kevin Goodale, Todd Szegegy, James Gvali, Steve Whitt, Danny Sammons, Chuck Hossfeld, Dennis Charette, Ron Yuhas, Kenny Horton, Ken Barry.

Olson Throws 'Perfect Game' At Lake Erie Rivals

NORTH EAST, Pa. — Mike Olson achieved the NASCAR equivalent of baseball's perfect game Saturday night at Lake Erie Speedway.

He started by winning the 13th pole of his career, and then he won the Local Dodge Dealers 150 for his fifth career victory. In the process, he gained the NASCAR Grand National Division, Busch East Series point lead.

Olson had to repeatedly put down strong challenges from Sean Caisse,

who was seeking his third victory of the season. The pair monopolized the contest, racing side-by-side on restarts and swapping the lead six times before Olson gained the upper hand for good on lap 128.

Caisse made a desperate charge on the final lap, but he fell short by just 0.189 seconds.

Brian Hoar came back from a mid-race spin to take third ahead of Joey McCarthy and Mike Johnson.

The finish:

Showing driver, car, laps completed and money won: 1. Mike Olson,

Chevrolet Monte Carlo, 150, \$8,500; 2. Sean Caisse, Chevrolet Monte Carlo, 150, \$4,650; 3. Brian Hoar, Dodge Intrepid, 150, \$3,350; 4. McCarthy, Chevrolet Monte Carlo, 150, \$3,025; 5. Mike Johnson, Ford Taurus, 150, \$2,445; 6. Matt Kobyluck, Chevrolet Monte Carlo, 150, \$1,975; 7. Rogelio Lopez, Chevrolet, 150, \$1,300; 8. Eddie MacDonald, Chevrolet Monte Carlo, 150, \$1,700; 9. Bryon Chew, Chevrolet Monte Carlo, 150, \$1,650; 10. Ruben Pardo, Dodge Intrepid, 150, \$1,550; 11. Jeff Anton, Chevrolet Monte Carlo, 150, \$1,475; 12. Carlos Pardo, Chevrolet, 150, \$1,950; 13. Scott Bouley, Chevrolet Monte Carlo, 150, \$1,425; 14. Joe Masessa, Chevrolet Monte Carlo, 150, \$1,400; 15. Tim Cowen, Ford Taurus, 149, \$875; 16. Brent Cross, Chevrolet Monte Carlo, 149, \$1,350; 17. Dion Ciccarelli, Ford Taurus, 149, \$1,325; 18. Patrick Dupree, Chevrolet Monte Carlo, 148, \$1,295; 19. Jeremy Clark, Chevrolet Monte Carlo, 148, \$1,250; 20. Charles Lewandoski, Chevrolet Monte Carlo, 147, \$1,250; 21. Rich Gould, Chevrolet Monte Carlo, 146, \$1,250; 22. Kip Stockwell, Chevrolet Monte Carlo, 65, \$1,250; 23. Pierre Bourque, Chevrolet Monte Carlo, 63, \$1,250; 24. John Salemi, Chevrolet Monte Carlo, 36, \$1,250; 25. John Freeman, Chevrolet Monte Carlo, 36, \$1,250.



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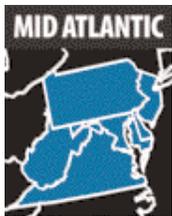
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Area Racing USA

Norfolk, Va.
July 4, 2006
Stock Car
1. Ken Simmons
2. Aaron Adams
3. Steve Greene

Penn Can Speedway

Susquehanna, Pa.
July 3, 2006
Modified
1. Joey Grammes
2. Brian Weaver
3. Bob Trapper
Late Model
1. Jamie Griffiths
2. Dave Zona
3. Tracy Gregory
Sportsman
1. Mike Loney
2. Dan Creedon
3. Garth Tonkin, Jr.
Pure Stock
1. Denny Decker

2. Mahlon Shoemaker
3. Charlie Gilbert

Penn Can Speedway

Susquehanna, Pa.
July 7, 2006
Modified
1. Joey Grammes
2. Bobby Trapper
3. Mike Colsten
Sportsman
1. Dan Pompey
2. Mike Loney
3. Alex Konopka
Late Model
1. Dave Zona
2. Jamie Griffiths
3. Randall Paxton
Super Stock
1. Denny Decker
2. Wade Decker
3. Paul Strohl
Pure Stock
1. Jamie Batzel
2. Charlie Gilbert
3. Mahlon Shoemaker

Lake Erie Speedway

North East, Pa.
July 4, 2006
Late Model
1. Will Thomas
2. Mark Bliss
3. Glenn Gault, Jr.
Truck
1. Dana Novoa
2. Tim Card
3. Eric Redmond
Bandolero
1. James Paul Weisser
2. Patrick Lynden
3. Nathan Carlson

Legends

1. J.D. Trenary
2. Jake Francis
3. Chris Bailey, Jr.
Super Stock
1. David Krawczyk
2. Eric Hadley
3. Terry Akerly
Figure-8
1. Steve Sunday
2. Don Prischak
3. Mike Kernohan
Compact
1. Jason Peterson
2. Joe Quinn
3. Eric McCray

Hesston Speedway

Hesston, Pa.
July 8, 2006
Limited Late Model
1. Mike Duck
2. Rance Garlock

270cc Micro Sprint Car
1. John Copeland
2. Jay Hartma
3. Steve Gaspari
4-Cylinder Stock Car
1. Ian Wray
2. Warren Stradley
3. Terry Sammons

Bridgeport Speedway

Bridgeport, N.J.
July 8, 2006
Big-Block Modified
1. Steve Bottcher
2. Duane Howard
3. Richie Pratt, Jr.
358 Small-Block Modified
1. Jesse Hill
2. John Pursell
3. Jimmy Horton IV
Outlaw Stock
1. Dave Wilhelm
2. Ken Watson
3. Joe Trumbetti
Sportsman
Feature No. 1
1. Todd Kuhl
2. John Micek
3. Jerry Carter
Feature No. 2
1. John Micek
2. Todd Kuhl
3. Pat Hires

Langley Speedway

Hampton, Va.
July 8, 2006
Late Model
1. Mark Wertz
2. Casey Wyatt
3. Danny Edwards
Super Street Stock
1. Ricky Derrick
2. Dale Parro
3. Tommy Sweeney
INEX Legends
1. Cameron Patrick
2. Don McLaughlin
3. Ryan Crites
Rolling-Thunder Modified
1. Thomas Stinson
2. Buddy Emory
3. A.J. Winstead

Thunder Mountain Speedway

Reynoldsville, Pa.
July 7, 2006
Pure Stock
1. Zolton Laska
2. Tom Baun
3. Paul Kot
Thunderbolt
1. Alan Seliga
2. Tim Bish
3. Jamey Lee
Thunder Truck
1. Tim Greer
2. Wayne Daugherty
3. Tom Greeley
Super Stock
1. Danny Martz
2. Skip Lundermuth
Late Model
1. Dwayne Taneyhill
2. Jerry Redden

Lernerville Speedway

Sarver, Pa.
July 7, 2006
Sprint Car
1. Ed Lynch, Jr.
2. Kevin Schaeffer
3. Carl Bowser
Late Model
1. Lynn Geisler
2. Sam Stile
3. Dutch Davies
V-8 Modified
1. Kevin Bolland
2. J.R. McGinley
3. J. Shingledecker
Pure Stock
1. Greg Beach
2. Bob Lipinski
3. Butch Lambert

Path Valley Speedway Park

Spring Run, Pa.
July 7, 2006
270cc Micro Sprint Car
1. Ryan McAndrew
2. Sean McAndrew

3. Jason Houtz
Rookie 270cc Micro Sprint Car
1. Kameron Morral
2. Ron Aurand
3. Zack Fouse
4-Cylinder Thunder Car
1. Jeff Christy
2. John Rasp
3. Lyle Barnes
305 Sprint Car
1. Tommy Beavers
2. Randy Kaylor
3. Wes Zimmerman
600cc Micro Sprint Car
1. Steve Hehny
2. Nathan Hauck
3. Jimmy Brookens
Mini Stock
1. Kyle Wiser
2. Ralph Morgan
3. Tim Burkholder

Jennerstown Speedway

Jennerstown, Pa.
July 8, 2006
ISMA Supermodified
Feature No. 1
1. Chris Perley
2. Bobby Magner
3. Lou Cicconi
Feature No. 2
1. Chris Perley
2. Justin Belfiore
3. Kyle Carpenter
Super Late Model
1. Kyle Martel
2. Garry Willtrout
3. Mark Poole
Late Model
1. Dusty Rhoads
2. Mel Wilt
3. Chris Brink
Street Stock
1. Andrew Kostelnik
2. Roger Onstead
3. Phil Grubbs
Hobby Stock
1. Theodore Gibala, Jr.
2. Scott McCall
3. Steve Long

Bedford Speedway

Bedford, Pa.
July 8, 2006
Super Late Model
1. Jeremy Miller
2. Scott Haus
3. Jason Covert
Limited Late Model
1. Tim Smith, Jr.
2. Justin Kann
3. Donnie Farling
Street Stock
1. Dave Brown
2. Ashley Barrett
3. Jim Sayler
Cruiser Hobby Stock
1. Travis Stickle
2. Scot Sipes
3. Shawn Wyles

Mercer Raceway Park

Mercer, Pa.
July 8, 2006
Stock Car
Feature No. 1
1. Mike Pegher, Jr.
2. Andy Buckley
3. Rick Norco
Feature No. 2
1. Rick Norco
2. Andy Buckley
3. Bobby Heim
Strictly Stock
Feature No. 1
1. Bryan Wagner
2. Josh Seippel
3. Dave Airgood, Jr.
Feature No. 2
1. Dave Airgood, Jr.
2. Josh Seippel
3. Curt Bish, Sr.

Wall Township Speedway

Belmar, N.J.
July 8, 2006
Modified
1. Rich Mongeau
2. Kevin Flockhart
3. Tim Arre
Modified Affordable
1. Danny Bohn
2. Tom Farrell
3. Ron Buck, Jr.
Sportsman
1. Dave Jennings
2. Chas Okerson
3. Kevin Eyres
Street Stock
1. John McCormack
2. Elliot Wohl
3. Bill Vanderveen
Factory Stock
1. Gregg Clerico
2. Steve Webber
3. Skip Eccles
Truck
1. Jerry Stanzione
2. Keith Mullineaux
3. Dominick Casola

Selinsgrove Speedway

Selinsgrove, Pa.
July 8, 2006
Sprint Car
1. Kevin Nouse
2. Blane Heimback
3. Nate Snyder
Late Model
1. Chris Shuey
2. Dustin Hoffman
3. Donnie Schick
Pro Stock
1. Dan Jensen
2. Meade Hahn
3. Peanut Heintzelman
Roadrunner
1. Ray Rothfuss
2. Donnie Murphy

Port Royal Speedway

Port Royal, Pa.
July 8, 2006
Sprint Car
1. Mark Smith
2. Todd Shaffer
3. Lance Deweese
Late Model
1. Scotty Haus
2. Scott Flickinger
3. Steve Campbell
Pro Stock
1. John Heane
2. Jason Zook
3. Jim Palm
4-Cylinder
1. Max Hampton
2. Kevin Thomas
3. John Stoll

Bedford Speedway

Bedford, Pa.
July 8, 2006
Super Late Model
1. Jeremy Miller
2. Scott Haus
3. Jason Covert
Limited Late Model
1. Tim Smith, Jr.
2. Justin Kann
3. Donnie Farling
Street Stock
1. Dave Brown
2. Ashley Barrett
3. Jim Sayler
Cruiser Hobby Stock
1. Travis Stickle
2. Scot Sipes
3. Shawn Wyles

Mercer Raceway Park

Mercer, Pa.
July 8, 2006
Stock Car
Feature No. 1
1. Mike Pegher, Jr.
2. Andy Buckley
3. Rick Norco
Feature No. 2
1. Rick Norco
2. Andy Buckley
3. Bobby Heim
Strictly Stock
Feature No. 1
1. Bryan Wagner
2. Josh Seippel
3. Dave Airgood, Jr.
Feature No. 2
1. Dave Airgood, Jr.
2. Josh Seippel
3. Curt Bish, Sr.

Wall Township Speedway

Belmar, N.J.
July 8, 2006
Modified
1. Rich Mongeau
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2. Steve Webber
3. Skip Eccles
Truck
1. Jerry Stanzione
2. Keith Mullineaux
3. Dominick Casola

Legends
1. Frank Polimeda
2. Mike Stull
3. Bryan Gardella

Old Dominion Speedway

Manassas, Va.
July 8, 2006
Late-Model Stock Car
Feature No. 1
1. Frank Deiny, Jr.
2. Franklin Butler
3. Brandon Butler
Feature No. 2
1. Frank Deiny, Jr.
2. Dustin Storm
3. Willard Lawrence
Grand Stock
1. Greg Compton
2. Billy Ingle
3. Amanda McDermott
Mini Modified
1. Bobby Able
2. Scott Roux
3. Ken Datesman
Sportsman
1. Michele Cuddy
2. Dave Nobles
3. John Mozingo

New Egypt Speedway

New Egypt, N.J.
July 8, 2006
Modified
1. Rick Grosso
2. Frank Cozze
3. Ryan Godown
Sportsman
1. John Romano, Jr.
2. Mike Krachun
3. Gene Stravinsky
Super Stock
1. Pat Freiburger
2. George Quinlan
3. Mick Search
SS Sprint Car
1. Kevin Nagy
2. Art Liedl
3. Ian Borden

Dog Hollow Speedway

Strongstown, Pa.
July 7, 2006
Super Late Model
1. George Fultz
2. Neil Brown
3. Matt Gaston
Late Model
1. Clate Copeman
2. Chris Rhodes
3. Randy Smithley
Street Stock
1. Mike Laughard
2. Scott Charles
3. Ron Hanna
Pure Stock
1. Bryan Imler
2. Ryan Jacoby
3. Tyler Hite
4-Cylinder Sidewinder
1. Jim Laughard
2. Matt Shirik
3. Eric Hoover

Trail-Way Speedway

Hanover, Pa.
July 8, 2006
600cc Micro Sprint Car
1. Aaron Spahr
2. Jake Murphy
3. Brent Marks
270cc Micro Sprint Car
1. Nik Gower
2. David Holbrook
3. Brad Weber
Classic
1. Bill Brown, Sr.
2. Jamie Lloyd
3. Allen Cullum
Scramble Car
1. Shawn Crunkilton

2. Randy Crunkilton
3. Rodney Wolfe
4-Cylinder Starlite Oval
1. David Reeve
2. Brad Kress
3. Wayne Kopp
6-Cylinder Starlite Oval
1. Josh Ulrich
2. Zach Chapman
3. Joseph Hanary
Limited Scramble
1. Darron Hamrick, Jr.
2. Darron Hamrick, Jr.
3. Devin Eckert

Grandview Speedway

Bechtelsville, Pa.
July 8, 2006
NASCAR Modified Stock Car
1. Doug Manmiller
2. Jon Kellner
3. Kyle Weiss
Late Model
1. Randy Stoudt
2. Ron Kline
3. Bill Henning



LaCrosse Fairgrounds Speedway

LaCrosse, Wis.
July 3, 2006
Hornet
Feature No. 1
1. Jack Litschheim
2. Steve Dwyer
3. Travis Lee
Feature No. 2
1. Steve Schloze
2. Nate Towner
3. Justin Mullikin
Thunderstock
1. Jamie Dummer
2. Chad Oehler
3. Dan Secor

La Crosse Fairgrounds Speedway

West Salem, Wis.
July 8, 2006
NASCAR Late Model
1. Todd Korish
2. Ronnie Hawley
3. Kevin Nuttleman
Sportsman
1. Randy Steinhoff
2. Jimmy Gilster
3. Lucas Korish
Thunderstock
1. Jason Stark
2. Greg Lindvig
3. Adam Moore
Hornet
Feature No. 1
1. Steve Dwyer
2. Jerry Lemke

3. Jason Mork
Feature No. 2
1. Dan Breitsprecher
2. Aaron Nelson
3. Travis Lee
Feature No. 3
1. Jim Schermerhorn
2. Heath Weissenberger
3. Jared Heaney

The Raceway @ Powercom Park

Beaver Dam, Wis.
July 3, 2006
INEX Legends
Feature No. 1
1. Eric Barth
2. Keith Moline
3. Adam Reed
Feature No. 2
1. Keith Moline
2. Eric Barth
3. Bethany Wyttenbach
Mini Sprint Car
1. Randy Boers
2. Ron Brannon
3. Austin Archdale

The Raceway @ Powercom Park

Beaver Dam, Wis.
July 8, 2006
Modified
1. Joe McGrath
2. John Stanton
3. Chad Hummelmeier
Grand National
1. Steve Seitz
2. Tim Doehling
3. Dion Wahl
Union Stock
1. Chuck Hummelmeier
2. Barry Cates
3. Jerry Winkler
INEX Legends
1. Joel Wyttenbach
2. Brad Weber
3. Adam Reed
Dirt Devil
1. Matthew Janke
2. Doug Draheim
3. Tim Sheppard

Rice Lake Speedway

Rice Lake, Wis.
July 3, 2006
WISSOTA Late Model
1. Jake Redetzke
2. Tony Bahr
3. Mike Goodremote
Modified
1. Paul Harelstad
Super Stock
1. Todd Madsen
Midwest Modified
1. Mark Hanson
Street Stock
1. Cory Crasper

Rice Lake Speedway

Rice Lake, Wis.
July 8, 2006
WISSOTA Late Model
1. Chad Mahder
2. Duane Mahder
3. Jake Redetzke

Rockford Speedway

Loves Park, Ill.
July 3, 2006
Limited Late Model
1. Jeremy Miller
2. Ricky Bilderback
3. Bob Kahler
Sportsman
1. John Reynolds
2. Fred Nason
3. Brock Behnke

Rockford

Speedway

Loves Park, Ill.
July 4, 2006
NASCAR Grand National
1. Brock Behnke
2. Fred Nason
3. Gilbert Brewer
NASCAR Roadrunner
1. Jason Van Hise
2. Dan Sander
3. Ricky Weimerskirch
Bandolero
1. Tyler Blume
2. Alex Arelano
3. Dwight Dunlap

Rockford Speedway

Loves Park, Ill.
July 5, 2006
Hornet
1. Steve McBride
2. Alan Bekielevski
3. Roger Schultz
Challenge
1. Nick Lasher
2. Ben Montemayor
3. Roger Schultz
Figure-8
1. Dan Carlson
2. Chris Gantz
3. Lloyd Hawkins
Winged Women on Wheels
1. Amy Filippo
2. Becky Proehl
3. Sabrina Castillo

Shadyhill Speedway

Medaryville, Ind.
July 4, 2006
UMP Modified
1. Jeff Leka
2. Dan Hamstra
3. Brad DeYoung
Super Street Stock
1. Adam Boord
2. Terry Lett
3. Joe Johnson
I-Mod
1. Chris Arihood
2. Toby Howard
3. Brad DeYoung
Pure Street Stock
1. A.J. Cooley
2. Travis Cooley
3. Scott Winter
Barefoot Mini
1. Bobby Brooks
2. Roy Adams
3. Kyle Grandstaff

Malden Speedway

Malden, Mo.
July 7, 2006
Pure Street Stock
1. Scott Wicker
2. Ronnie Tilley
3. Jeff Beeson
Hobby Stock
1. Claudie Cook
2. Kyle Berry
3. Greg Sparks
Modified
1. Robert Powers
2. Mike Powers
3. Jeff McWilliams
Late Model
1. Scott Tracer
2. Joey Mack
3. Steven Karnes
E-Modified
1. Todd Gibbs
2. Greg Cutler
3. George Charles
Mini Stock
1. Harold Dalton
2. Gene Windham
3. Danny Shelby

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Shady Bowl Speedway

DeGraff, Ohio
July 8, 2006
Street Stock
1. Rodney Roush
2. Ron Lewis
3. Brad Yelton
Compact
1. Jerry Ellis, Jr.
2. Brad Worley
3. Jim Massengill
Pro-4
1. Steve Clarkson
2. Gary Eaton, Jr.
3. Shane Sparkman
Modified
1. Jason Wells
2. Mike Carroll
3. Chad Poole
Dwarf Car
1. Bob Bayse
2. Wayne Fitzpatrick
3. Brandon Bayse

Berlin Raceway

Marne, Mich.
July 8, 2006
Late Model
1. Tom Thomas
2. Fred Campbell
3. Lee Anderson
Super Stock
1. James Haney
2. Mike Bursley
3. Ray VanAlsborg
Pro Stock
1. Lee VanDyk
2. Chris Koslek
3. Brian Tillema
Sportsman
1. Tim Greene
2. Shawn Simon
3. Sean Archambault

Toledo Speedway

Toledo, Ohio
July 7, 2006
ARCA Truck
1. Paul Hahn
2. John Kasmiarski
3. Ron Wells
Michigan Legends
1. Ryan Meldrum
2. Frank Jiovani
3. Ben Rouster
ARCA Factory Stock
1. Cory McCaughey
2. Rick Cousino, Sr.
3. Matt Bunting
ARCA 4-Cylinder
1. Brad Turner
2. Tim Wade
3. Kyle Worley

Flat Rock

Speedway

Flat Rock, Mich.
July 8, 2006
ARCA Late Model
1. Royce Cornett
2. Dave Kuhlman
3. Dan Ford, Jr.
ACRA Street Stock
1. Steve Cronenwett, Jr.
2. Rick Grzych
3. Derek Wiley
ARCA Figure-8
1. Randy Cronenwett, Jr.
2. Dennis Whisman
3. Jeremy Miller

I-94 Raceway

Sauk Centre, Minn.
July 8, 2006
ASA Minnesota Challenge
1. Donny Reuvers
2. Jake Jay
3. Andy Hanson
Modified
1. Jason Wells
2. Mike Carroll
3. Chad Poole
Dwarf Car
1. Bob Bayse
2. Wayne Fitzpatrick
3. Brandon Bayse



Anderson Speedway

Anderson, Ind.
July 7, 2006
Front-Wheel-Drive Figure-8
1. Donnie Ellis, Jr.
2. Travis Burge
3. Nick Warner
Midget
1. Sammy Imel
2. Caleb Armstrong
3. Chris Windom
Thundercar
1. Nick Warner
2. Lonny Burton
3. Jeff Dick
Front-Wheel-Drive Oval

Anderson Speedway

Anderson, Ind.
July 8, 2006
Super Truck
1. Bob Lemen
2. Ronnie Rose
3. Mark Jones
Figure-8
1. Elliott McKinney
2. Rob Allman
3. Josh Tharp
Street Stock
1. Mike Riddle, Jr.
2. Rod Phipps
3. Rich Boyer
Mini Cup
1. Gary Woodson
2. Stephen Hershey
3. Dan Gettlinger

Wisconsin Int'l Raceway

Kaukauna, Wis.
July 6, 2006
Super Late Model
1. Lowell Bennett
2. Tim Rothe
3. Mike Gardner
Limited Late Model
1. Kyle Galmes
2. Todd Verhagen
3. Nick Mahlik
Wisconsin Sport Truck
1. Kyle Quella
2. Dan Vixner
3. Brand Kucksdorf
Super Stock
1. Randy Van Roy
2. Terry Van Roy
3. Mike Meyerhoffer, Jr.
Sizzlin'-4
1. Tim Richter
2. Nicholas Boldt
3. Bryan Monday
Figure-8
1. Donald Van Camp
2. Terry Van Roy
3. Willy Van Camp

Bloomington Speedway

Bloomington, Ind.
July 8, 2006
Sprint Car
1. Bobby Stines
2. Brady Short
3. Kent Christian
Super Stock
1. Chris Hillman



Central Missouri Speedway

Warrensburg, Mo.
July 8, 2006
Modified
1. Lee Hibner
2. Aaron Marrant
3. Dennis Walrath
Street Stock
1. Jay Lyle
2. Marc Carter
3. Jimmy Ngo
305 Sprint Car
1. Christi Hoenshell
2. Zack Goulden
3. Josh Fisher
B-Modified
1. Mark Evinger
2. Chris Aker
3. Tony Nelson
Limited Late Model
1. James Rutledge
2. Kevin Vandelicht
3. Jamie Wineland

Wayne County Speedway

Orrville, Ohio
July 8, 2006
Super Late Model
1. Ryan Markham
2. Clint Coffman
3. Chet Alexander
Modified
1. Barry Jacobs
2. Allan Baker
3. Kyle Brown
Pure Stock
1. Brad Channell
2. Travis Mensching
3. Fred Snyder
Mini Stock
1. Josh Morrow
2. Ed Ray
3. Cody Rinard

Kalamazoo Speedway

Kalamazoo, Mich.
July 8, 2006
Super Late Model
1. Terry Senneker, Jr.
2. Brandon Lyons
3. Steve Needles
Limited Late Model
1. Kenny Head
2. Matt Krywosinski
3. Rich Hardy
Sportsman

Kil-Kare Speedway

Xenia, Ohio
July 7, 2006
Late Model
1. Ricky Bates
2. Dick Dunlevy, Jr.
3. John Vallo

1. Jack Frye
2. Kevin Arthur
Modified
1. Matt Boknecht
2. John DeMoss
3. Brandon Short

Butler Speedway

Quincy, Mich.
July 7, 2006
Sprint Car
1. Jeff Rankin
2. Adam Zabonick
3. Chuck Wilson
Late Model
1. George Lindsey
2. Tod Pifer
3. Rusty Schlenk
Sportsman
1. Jeff Flowers
2. Scott Gaff
3. Paul Smith



Lawrenceburg Speedway

Putnamville, Ind.
July 7, 2006
Modified
1. Joey Kramer
2. Jerry Back
3. Brad Wieck

Lawrenceburg Speedway

Lawrenceburg, Ind.
July 8, 2006
Sprint Car
1. Hunter Shuerenberg
2. Dickie Gaines
3. Matt Westfall

Sharon Speedway

Hartford, Ohio
July 8, 2006
E-Modified
1. Alan Dellinger
2. Matt Lux
3. Bob Diver

Limaland Motorsports Park

Lima, Ohio
July 7, 2006
Thunderstock
1. Jeff Babcock
2. Lenny Guyton
3. Eamie Woodward
Modified
1. Todd Sherman
2. Terry Hull
3. Gary Richards
Sprint Car
1. Mike Dussel
2. Mike Miller
3. Jeff Williams

Kil-Kare Speedway

Xenia, Ohio
July 7, 2006
Late Model
1. Ricky Bates
2. Dick Dunlevy, Jr.
3. John Vallo

Modified
1. Shawn Gray
2. Barrett Tamasovich
3. Chad Pendleton
Sport Stock
1. Tom Williams
2. Mel McMullen
3. Bret Clark
Compact
1. Randy Walton
2. Jerry Lachman
3. Tim Haerr
KOIL Bandolero
1. Sloan Henderson
2. Matt Kusssmaul
3. John Myers
KOIL Legends
1. Toby Alfrey
2. Jon Larkin
3. Brandon Dunn

Jackson Speedway

Jackson, Minn.
July 8, 2006
Sprint Car
1. Scott Winters
2. Jody Rosenboom
3. Wade Nygaard
Modified
1. Eric Dailey
2. Roger Nielsen
3. Clayton Christenson
Limited Sprint Car
1. Bruce Anderson
2. Steve Yarns
3. Doug Bratrud
IMCA Stock Car
1. Jeff Senne
2. Trent Schroeder
3. James Brower
IMCA Hobby Stock
1. Jason Andrews
2. Josh Sidles
3. Kelly Klingenberg

Fergus Falls Raceway

Fergus Falls, Minn.
July 7, 2006
ASA Super Late Model
1. Joey Johnson
2. Jeff Lofquist
3. Rick Harig
Great North Legends
1. Dirk Henry
2. Tyler Sjoman
3. Jaycen Brockhouse
Thunder Car
1. Kurt Kort
2. Chris Harig
3. Matt Milbeck
Pure Stock
1. Justin Kort
2. Rick Hoepfer, Jr.
3. Kevin Moore
UCAR
1. Adam Fronning
2. T.J. Harig
3. Jay Gronewald

Lincoln Park Speedway

Putnamville, Ind.
July 8, 2006
Bomber
1. Lloyd Walls
2. Ritchie Hawkins
3. Ron Wallen, Jr.
Sprint Car
1. Jon Stanbrough
2. Shawn Krockenberger
3. Billy Putterbaugh
Super Stock
1. Cullen Goodman
2. Kenny Carmichael, Sr.
3. Doug McCullough
UMP Modified
1. Mike Harrison
2. Paul Bumgardner
3. Jimmy Hayden

K-C Raceway

Chillicothe, Ohio
July 8, 2006
Late Model
1. Jason Montgomery
2. Scott Edmisten
3. Mark Frazier
410 Super Sprint Car
1. Jimmy Stinson
2. Butch Schroeder
3. Charlie Fisher
Modified
1. Jeff Houser
2. Bob Mapes
3. Damon Taylor
Hobby Stock
1. Tommy Mossbarger
2. Dana Ross
3. Joe Williams
Late Model
1. Jason Montgomery
2. Scott Edmisten
3. Mark Frazier
410 Sprint Car
1. Jimmy Stinson
2. Butch Schroeder
3. Keith Baxter
Hobby Stock
1. Tommy Mossbarger
2. Steve Leist

Attica Raceway

Attica, Ohio
July 7, 2006
410 Sprint Car
1. Mark Keegan
2. Lee Jacobs
3. Mike Linder
305 Sprint Car
1. Paul Weaver
2. Bryan Sebetto
3. Dustin Dinan
Limited Late Model
1. Mike Marteny
2. Ryan Missler
3. Bill Hahn
Dirt Truck

Attica Raceway

Attica, Ohio
July 7, 2006
410 Sprint Car
1. Mark Keegan
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3. Mike Linder
305 Sprint Car
1. Paul Weaver
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3. Dustin Dinan
Limited Late Model
1. Mike Marteny
2. Ryan Missler
3. Bill Hahn
Dirt Truck

1. Justin Poling
Modified
1. Jeff Houser
2. Bob Mapes
3. Damon Taylor

Jackson Speedway

Jackson, Minn.
July 8, 2006
Sprint Car
1. Scott Winters
2. Jody Rosenboom
3. Wade Nygaard
Modified
1. Eric Dailey
2. Roger Nielsen
3. Clayton Christenson
Limited Sprint Car
1. Bruce Anderson
2. Steve Yarns
3. Doug Bratrud
IMCA Stock Car
1. Jeff Senne
2. Trent Schroeder
3. James Brower
IMCA Hobby Stock
1. Jason Andrews
2. Josh Sidles
3. Kelly Klingenberg



Madison Int'l Speedway

Madison, Wis.
July 7, 2006
ASA Late Model
1. Zack Riddle
2. Travis Sauter
3. Andrew Morrissey
Sportsman
1. Scott Riedner
2. Ryan Goldade
3. Scott Lawver
Bandit
1. Kyle Riedner
2. Tyler Kelley
3. Rory Padfield
Hobby Stock
1. Johnny Robinson
2. Kyle Stark
3. Mike Storkson

Fremont Speedway

Fremont, Ohio
July 8, 2006
410 Super Sprint Car
1. Mike Linder
2. Byron Reed
3. John Ivy
305 Sprint Car
1. Chris Andrews
2. Bryan Sebetto
3. Bobby Foster
Dirt Truck
1. Shawn Valenti
2. Jim McGrath
3. Jim Ward

Attica Raceway

Attica, Ohio
July 7, 2006
410 Sprint Car
1. Mark Keegan
2. Lee Jacobs
3. Mike Linder
305 Sprint Car
1. Paul Weaver
2. Bryan Sebetto
3. Dustin Dinan
Limited Late Model
1. Mike Marteny
2. Ryan Missler
3. Bill Hahn
Dirt Truck

1. Bob Dible
2. Brian Arnold
3. Art Ball

Grundy County Speedway

Morris, Ill.
July 7, 2006
Late Model
1. Eddie Hoffman
2. Pat Kelly
3. Tom Knippenberg
Mid American Sportsman
1. Nick O'Dell
2. Jeff Olson
3. John Senerchia
Street Stock
1. Dave Gage
2. Pete Odell
3. John Ventrello
4-Cylinder
1. Greg De St. Jean
2. Brandon Clubb
3. Alex Clubb

Calumet County Speedway

Chilton, Wis.
July 7, 2006
Grand National Sportsman
1. Scott Sohrweide
2. Jeff Muehlbauer
3. Brad Lubach
Street Stock
1. Jerry Winkler
2. Matt Vetting
3. Mike King
Challenger
1. Kris Roehl
2. Rob Dollevoet
3. Troy Bartel
Salvage
1. Jason Juech
2. Joe Jackels
3. Hank Horn

Brownstown Speedway

Brownstown, Ind.
July 8, 2006
Bomber
1. Steve Godsey
2. Paul Owens
3. Josh Turner

Raceway Park

Shakopee, Minn.
July 7, 2006
Powder Puff
1. Melissa Emel
2. Hollie Powell
3. Bonnie Streit
Compact Combat
1. Chris Ozanich
2. Trei Deubel
3. Nick Fleury
MCR Dwarf Car
1. Craig Curtis
2. Junior Gould
3. Rob Roney
Pony Stock
1. Jimmy Scavarda
2. Mark Garland
3. Brian Beckner

Raceway Park

Shakopee, Minn.
July 9, 2006
ASA Minnesota Challenge Series
1. Jacob Goede
2. Donny Reuvers
3. Dean Cornelius

Ponderosa Speedway

Junction City, Ky.
July 7, 2006
Late Model
1. Bobby Carrier, Jr.
2. Aaron Hatton
3. Victor Lee
Modified
1. Victor Lee
2. Dennis Barton
3. Jeff Johnson
Bomber
1. Peyton Pelphrey
2. Shelburn Meeks, Jr.
3. Kevin Edwards

Chevette
1. Randy Maybrier
2. Shawn Bardin
3. Dylan Preston

Sycamore Speedway

Sycamore, Ill.
July 8, 2006
Super Late Model
1. Roger Markham
2. Mike Hanson
3. Charlie Olson
Late Model
1. Paul Emel
2. Justin Sellers
3. David Radloff
Spectator
1. Dale Markham
2. John Klingel
3. Shane Augsburger
Powder Puff
1. Stacey Roach
2. Bonnie Streit
3. Melissa Emel
Compact Combat
1. Danny Walls
2. Tim Runge
3. Michael Ahlgren

Double X Speedway

California, Mo.
July 9, 2006
360 Winged Sprint Car
1. Randy Martin
2. Rob Rimel
3. Andrew Korte
Limited Late Model
1. Steve Beach
2. James Rutledge
3. Kevin Caldwell
Street Stock
1. Kris Roehl
2. Rob Dollevoet
3. Troy Bartel
UCAR
1. Jason Juech
2. Joe Jackels
3. Hank Horn

Spartan Speedway

Lansing, Mich.
July 9, 2006
Street Stock
1. Ron Heaney
2. Jack Koone, Jr.
3. Dane Long
Late Model
1. Jeff Hackworth
2. Jack Landis
3. Jimmy Gallagher
Michigan Modified
1. Chris Ozanich
2. Trei Deubel
3. Nick Fleury
MCR Dwarf Car
1. Craig Curtis
2. Junior Gould
3. Rob Roney
Pony Stock
1. Jimmy Scavarda
2. Mark Garland
3. Brian Beckner

Raceway Park

Shakopee, Minn.
July 7, 2006
Powder Puff
1. Melissa Emel
2. Hollie Powell
3. Bonnie Streit
Compact Combat
1. Chris Ozanich
2. Trei Deubel
3. Nick Fleury
MCR Dwarf Car
1. Craig Curtis
2. Junior Gould
3. Rob Roney
Pony Stock
1. Jimmy Scavarda
2. Mark Garland
3. Brian Beckner

Springport Motor Speedway

Springport, Mich.
July 9, 2006
Michigan Modified
1. Dick Maurer
2. P. Luckhurst
3. Larry Wallace
Street Stock
1. Walt Obrinske, Jr.
2. Tom Hoose
3. Tom Hoose
Super Late Model
1. Tim Felver
2. Jon McNett
3. Scott McLaughlin
Pure Stock
1. Ed Chapman III
2. Michael Burkley
3. Ricky Moore

2. Wayne Parkhurst II
3. Russ Potter IV
Super Pro
1. Tommy Cook
2. Mark Kortz
3. Rob Buckley

35 Raceway Park

Frankfort, Ohio
July 8, 2006
600cc Mini Sprint Car
1. Jeff Barnhart
2. James Lewis
3. Kevin Clark
Pro Dwarf Car
1. Phillip Kellough
2. Tom McVey
3. Chip Truitt
Mini Late Model
1. Eric Arledge
2. Dan Ackley
3. John Arthurs
Sportsman Dwarf Car
1. James Lewis
2. Tom McVey
3. John Self
3. Gary Warner
Crazy Compacts
1. Duane Dubois
2. J.R. Collier
3. Scott Chenault

Waynesfield Motorsports Park

Waynesfield, Ohio
July 8, 2006
Truck
1. Dyllan Burkheimer
2. Derrick Noffsinger
3. Luke Katterheirich
Mini Sprint Car
1. Kirk Jeffries
2. Aaron Moloney
3. Jarlan Horstman
Stock Car
1. Jeff Babcock
2. Brad Conover
3. Barney Craig
Sprint Car
1. Mark Hery
2. Mike Dunlap
3. Lewie Christian
Modified
1. Darryl Banks
2. Shane O'Connor
3. Stan Smith
Compact
1. Nate Mailhot
2. Justin Durlinger
3. Bob Faulder

Hartford Speedway Park

Hartford, Mich.
July 9, 2006
Late Model
1. Brian Ruhman
2. Curt Spalding
3. Zack Hanson
Factory Stock
1. Chris May
2. Mark Peterson
3. Lee Price

Owosso Speedway

Owosso, Mich.
July 9, 2006
Mini Stock
1. Brock Kamlay
2. Jimmy Scavarda
3. Zack Klingston
Late Model
1. Dave Bigos
2. Tony Hoose
3. Tom Hoose
Super Late Model
1. Tim Felver
2. Jon McNett
3. Scott McLaughlin
Pure Stock
1. Ed Chapman III
2. Michael Burkley
3. Ricky Moore

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Dells Motor Speedway

Wisconsin Dells, Wis.
July 8, 2006
Bandit
1. Bob Armstrong
2. Pete Carlson
3. Chad Rhinehart
Super Stock
1. Thayan Rezin
2. Mark Hohl
3. Phil Smith
Limited Late Model
1. Joel Soenksen
2. Kurt Clapper
3. Rich Schumann
Super Late Model
1. Todd Stapleman
2. Don Turner
3. Jeff Kendall

Mount Lawn Speedway

New Castle, Ind.
July 7, 2006
UMRA TQ Midget
1. Eric Fehrman
2. Yasuyoshi Yamamoto
Pro Thunder
1. Eric Evans
2. Joyce Dyer
3. Scott Tungate

Mount Lawn Speedway

New Castle, Ind.
July 9, 2006
Late Model
1. Eddie Claborn
2. Scott Knepley
3. David McConnell
Thunder Car
1. Jason Thompson
2. Brian Morrow
3. Kevin Claborn
Hornet
1. Jeremy Chamblis
2. Ryan Claborn
3. Keith Morris

I-44 Speedway

Lebanon, Mo.
July 8, 2006
Late Model
1. Brad Looney
2. Dusty Johnston
3. Darrell Mooneyham
Modified
1. Jeff Cutshaw
2. Terry Beckham, Jr.
3. Jesse Stovall
Legends
1. Patrick Johnson
2. Chuck Comer
3. Dave Comer
Factory Stock

Speedway

Shawano, Wis.
July 8, 2006
WISSOTA Late Model
1. Tim Buhler
2. A.J. Diemel
3. Terry Anvelink
IMCA Modified
1. Jerry Wilinski
2. Eric Scribner
3. Jarrod Anvelink
IMCA Stock Car
1. Junior Karcz
2. Greg Gretz
3. Rod Snellenberger
Limited Late Model
1. Troy Springborn
2. Jeff Curtin
3. Bob Schmidt
IMCA Sport Modified
1. Brad Bricco
2. Brian Besaw
3. Mike Czarapata

Steele County Speedway

Owatonna, Minn.
July 9, 2006
Sprint Car
1. Scott Winters
2. Chuck Swenson
3. Curt Lund
B-Modified
1. Darrin Toot
2. Jerry Young
3. Craig Bentzgin
Stock Car
1. Scott Nelson
2. Jason Heidemann
3. Mark LaMont

Scotland County Speedway

Memphis, Mo.
July 8, 2006
Late Model
1. Tommy Elston
2. Gary Webb
3. Paul Glendenning
USRA Modified
1. Tony Fraise
2. Mark Burgdorf
3. Michael Long
USRA Stock Car
1. Matt Greiner
2. Troy Alexander
3. Chris Wibbell
USRA B-Modified
1. Wyatt Lantz
2. Jeff Waterman
3. Tony Dunker
USRA Hobby Stock
1. Mike Shelton
2. Cory Brown
3. Nathan Wood
Outlaw Hobby Stock
1. Rodger Dresden
2. Beau Taylor
3. Adam Birk
Hornet
1. Andrew Husted
2. J.D. Murphy
3. Bill Young

Shawano

Shawano, Wis.
July 8, 2006
Basic Int'l Car
1. Leo Bujak
2. Nick Henning
3. Evan Townsend
Super Late Model
1. Randy Rodgers
2. Eddie May
3. Sonny Schoffen
Super Stock
1. Craig Mertes
2. Adam Regnier
3. Tom Jastrab

Columbus

Columbus, Ohio

Motor Speedway

Columbus, Ohio
Late Model
1. Matthew Parsons
2. Robbie Dean
3. Tim Allensworth
Modified
1. Shawn Gray
2. Jason Mahaffey
3. Jessica Cyrus
Sport Stock
1. James Harding
2. Bruce Holmes
3. Chip Mack
Crazy Compact
1. John Branson
2. Lisa Harding
3. Gary Smallwood

Illiana Motor Speedway

Schererville, Ind.
July 8, 2006
Late Model
1. Mike White
2. Dave Weltmeyer
3. Pat Kelly
Limited Late Model
1. Jack Kalwasinski
2. Joe Fadke
3. Kevin McCann
Mid American Sportsman
1. Sean Matthus
2. Tom Knippenberg
3. Dean Patterson
Turbo Stock
1. Brian Kucaba
2. Tom Prim
3. Ryan Moore
Pure Stock
1. Mike Jucius
2. Donnie Richardson
3. Tim Cronin

Lucas Oil Speedway

Wheatland, Mo.
July 7, 2006
Mini Stock
1. Don Mooney
2. Adam Polvinen
3. Dan Morris
Pro Stock
1. Gary Drew
2. Al Hammond
3. Scott Robbins
Late-Model Stock
1. Shawn Martin
2. Dennis Spencer, Jr.
3. Glen Luce
Limited Sportsman
1. David Tripp
2. Matt Williams
3. Shane Green
Strictly Stock
1. Sumner Sessions
2. B.J. Chapman
3. Kurt Hewins

Slinger Speedway

Slinger, Wis.
July 9, 2006
Late Model
1. Dennis Prunty
2. David Prunty
3. Josh Bauer
Midwest Modified
1. Jason Feyereisen
2. Steve Huelsbeck
3. Wes Biswell
Midwest Sportsman
1. Mike Graczowski
2. Mike Borchardt
3. Jay Shambau
Limited Late Model
1. Andy Wendt
2. Nick Schumacher
3. Scott Nottestad

Kokomo Speedway

Kokomo, Ind.
July 9, 2006
Sprint Car
1. Damion Gardner
2. Ron Dennis
3. Chris Windorm
Modified
1. Jeff Blandisr
2. Derek Losh
3. Lee Hobbs
Street Stock
1. Gary Blackburn
2. Randy Loins
3. Irvan Turner
Thunder Car
1. Loren Sharp
2. Jerald Owens

Paragon Speedway

Paragon, Ind.
July 8, 2006
Sprint Car
1. Randy Johnson
2. Tony Reed
3. Gregg Cory
Street Stock
1. David Woolston
2. Scott Thomas
3. Steve Hollars
Bomber
1. Bobby Gardner
2. Brent Cahill
3. John Thomas

Oxford Plains

Oxford, Maine
July 8, 2006
Mod Lite
1. Dan Williams
2. Kevin Doll
3. Brian Woodhall
Street Stock
1. Dave Mannise
2. Scott Smith
3. Russ Marsden



Speedway

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Strictly Stock
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Oxford Plains Speedway

Oxford, Maine
July 5, 2006
Outlaw
Feature No. 1
1. Ed Burlock
2. Chris Ringer
3. Rodney Englehaup
Feature No. 2
1. Mike Ballard
2. Steve Brill
3. Shannon Judd
Feature No. 3
1. Randy Rodgers
2. Bob Washburn
3. Joe Bowie
Runnin' Rebel
Feature No. 1
1. Errol Smith
2. David Childs
3. Troy Jordan
Feature No. 2
1. Jason Hannigan
2. David Moreau

3. Jason Cummings
Feature No. 3
1. Jamie Leavitt
2. Gregg Norton
3. Steve Marquis
Sport Truck
Feature No. 1
1. Jake Burns
2. Jerry Goss
3. John Lizotte
Feature No. 2
1. Jake Burns
2. Jerry Goss
3. Ryan Farrar
Feature No. 3
1. Rick Herbert
2. Ken Henderson
3. Kevin Oliver
Ladies
Feature No. 1
1. Pam Morgan
2. Vanna Brackett
3. Dottie Patria
Feature No. 2
1. Pam Morgan
2. Cathy Manchester
3. Vanna Brackett

Oxford Plains Speedway

Oxford, Maine
July 8, 2006
Pro Stock
1. Jeremie Whorff
2. Bill Whorff
3. Jeff Taylor
Late Model Stock
1. Travis Adams
2. Shawn Martin
3. Doug Coombs
Limited Sportsman
1. Brian McClure
2. Terry Merrill
3. Carey Martin
Strictly Stock
1. Kurt Hewins
2. B.J. Chapman
3. Kim Tripp
Mini Stock
1. Jim Childs
2. Adam Polvinen
3. Butch Keene

Holland Speedway

Holland, N.Y.
July 4, 2006
Pro Modified
1. Neil Hopkins
2. Steve Kreitzbender
3. Neal Dietz, Jr.
NASCAR Late-Model Pro Stock
1. T.J. Johnson
2. Doug Mate
3. George Skora III
Charger
1. Matt Welshans
2. Tim Welshans
3. Jerry Kosmowski
Pro-4
1. Sean Kirsch
2. Brian Porebski
3. Bill Burd
Figure-8
1. Rob Willard
2. Rick Perkins
3. Sharon Hughes

Thompson Int'l Speedway

Thompson, Conn.
July 6, 2006
Modified
1. Todd Ceravolo
2. Joe Lemay
3. Jeff Malave
Pro Stock
1. George Bessette
2. Jeff Zuidema
3. Fred Astle, Jr.
Late Model
1. Dennis Perry
2. Marc Palmisano
3. Steve Landry
Limited Sportsman
1. Danny Cates

2. Larry Barnett
3. Glenn Boss
Mini Stock
1. Rick Blanchard
2. Shelly Perry
3. Scott Michalski
TIS Modified
1. Roger Larson, Jr.
2. Glenn Boss
3. Chad Hancock



Cayuga County Fair Speedway

Weedsport, N.Y.
July 6, 2006
Mod Lite
1. Dan Williams
2. Kevin Doll
3. Brian Woodhall
Street Stock
1. Dave Mannise
2. Scott Smith
3. Russ Marsden

Thunder Mountain Speedway

Center Lisle, N.Y.
July 8, 2006
Mini Sprint Car
1. Don Harvey, Jr.
2. Mike Kiser
3. Bubba Broderick

Canandaigua Speedway

Canandaigua, N.Y.
July 8, 2006
DIRT Street Stock
1. Blane Smith
2. Mike Welch
3. Mike Schultz
DIRT Sportsman
1. Phil Lavare
2. Todd Henderson
3. Loren Lincoln
DIRT Modified
1. Gary Tomkins
2. Todd Burley
3. Steve Paine

Unity Raceway

Unity, Maine
July 8, 2006
Super Street
1. Ben Erskine
2. Rick Burgess, Jr.
3. Ajay Picard
Wildcat
1. Carl McAlpine
2. Andy Migliore
3. Abel Leamer
Late-Model Pro-4
1. Tim Robinson
2. Justin Drake
3. Steve Rackliff
Mini Stock
1. Ben Erskine
2. Derrick Terrell
3. Gary Richards, Sr.
Mini Truck
1. Kevin Nutting
2. Eric Carnegie
3. Danny McDougal

Lancaster Raceway Park

Buffalo, N.Y.
July 8, 2006
Modified
1. Bobby Holmes

2. Dave Wollaber
3. Sege Fidanza
Late Model
1. Bobby Weber
2. George Skora III
3. Ron Nurmi
Sportsman
1. Nick Cappelli
2. Justin Shepker
3. Sherri Hogan
Super Stock
1. Frank Batista, Jr.
2. Wayne Bernhard
3. Dave Johnson
Street Stock
1. Jim Bryant
2. Tim Garlock
3. Scott Mutka

Spencer Speedway

Williamson, N.Y.
July 7, 2006
Super-6
1. Chris Hillegeer
2. Billy Semmler
Street Stock
1. Jim Steffenhagen, Jr.
2. Roger Worden
3. Duke Wolanski
SST Modified
1. Daryl Lewis, Jr.
2. Jeff Polaski
3. Mike Florio
NASCAR Modified
1. Chuck Hossfeld
2. Doug Williams
3. Scott Bleskoski

Lebanon Valley Speedway

West Lebanon, N.Y.
July 8, 2006
Modified
1. Andy Bachetti
2. Lorne Browe
3. Kenny Tremont
Sportsman
1. Chris Tryon
2. Frank Harper
3. Danny Sanchez
Pro Stock
1. Rob Yetman
2. Robbie Speed
3. Paul LaRoche
Limited Pro Stock
1. Nick Hilt
2. John Santolin
3. Brian Keough
Pure Stock
Feature No. 1
1. Mike Eichstedt
2. Ed Hatch
3. Nick Regis
Feature No. 2
1. Lou Ganczar
2. Shannon McDermott
3. Ryan Coon
Feature No. 3
1. Pete Wiegand
2. Chrissy Hilt
3. Jesse Murphy
Feature No. 4
1. Larry Ball
2. Richard Puff
3. Jeff Douglass

Waterford Speedbowl

Waterford, Conn.
July 7, 2006
SK-Modified
1. Rob Janovic, Jr.
2. Dennis Gada
3. Chris Pasteryak
Late Model
1. Glenn Colvin
2. Tim Jordan
3. Duane Noll
Sportsman
1. Richard Staskowski
2. Dwayne Dorr
3. John Puglisi
Mini Stock
1. Jeff Miller
2. Danny Field
3. Joe Godbout III

Allison Legacy
1. Anthony Frissora
2. Jake Vanada
3. Tayla Orleans

Fulton Speedway

Fulton, N.Y.
July 8, 2006
DIRT Big-Block Modified
1. Alan Johnson
2. Vinnie Vitale
3. Jimmy Phelps
DIRT Sportsman
1. Jim Reakes IV
2. John Behron
3. Shawn Donath
DIRT Pro Stock
1. Billy Clark
2. Jim Evans
3. Rob Seavy
Pure Stock
1. Dave Mannise
2. Gary Barton
3. Steve Crouse
ESDCA Mod Lite
1. Dan Williams
2. Doug Williams
3. Tim Devendorf

Stafford Motor Speedway

Stafford Springs, Conn.
July 7, 2006
SK Modified
1. Woody Pitkat
2. Chris Jones
3. Jeff Baral
Late Model
1. Woody Pitkat
2. Todd Owen
3. Tom Fearn
SK Light
1. Kyle Cafo
2. Chris Matthews
3. Duke Place
Limited Late Model
1. Kevin Gambacorta
2. Sean Foster
3. Mike Sweeny
Dare Stock
1. Stacey Botticello
2. Ray Grassetti
3. Norm Sears

Black Rock Speedway

Dundee, N.Y.
July 7, 2006
358-Modified
1. Ron Cartwright, Jr.
2. Brian Swarthout
3. Donnie Lawson
Super Stock
1. Jeremy Wonderling
2. Trevor Sutherland
3. Tracey Rhoads
Street Stock
1. Tim Gullo
2. Bob Guono
3. Lavern Knickerbocker
4-Cylinder
1. Jon Wallenbeck
2. Ray Speicher
3. Jack Ayers
Black Rock Bandit
1. C.J. Winslow
2. Brad Rathbun
3. Erica Bell

Brewerton Speedway

Brewerton, N.Y.
July 7, 2006
DIRT Big-Block Modified
1. Billy Decker
2. Tim McCreadie
3. Jimmy Phelps
IMCA Modified
1. Johnny Hill
2. Rob Keller
3. Bill Anderson, Sr.
ESDCA Mod Lite
1. Dan Williams
2. Darren Austin

3. Doug Williams
4-Cylinder Super Stock
1. Chuck Powelczyk
2. Mitch Hurlbert
3. Claude Hutchings, Jr.

Wyoming County Int'l Speedway

Perry, N.Y.
July 9, 2006
SST Sportsman
1. Dick Kluth
2. Billy Ray Pruitt
3. Jim Pierce
Super Stock
1. Jacob Logsdon
2. Tony Pangrazio
3. Josh Beardsley
4-Cylinder WASPS
1. Jeff Pringle
2. Kevin Grom
3. Mike Meyers
Mini Cup
1. Paul Young
2. Robbie Micoli
3. Kris Hamann

Utica-Rome Speedway

Vernon, N.Y.
July 9, 2006
358-Modified
1. Gus Schmidt
2. Willy Decker
3. Mitch Gibbs
Sportsman
1. Kyle Lewis
2. Brad Alton
3. Mike Button
Pro Stock
1. Tom Denton
2. Jerry Holmes
3. Bret Belden
Pure Stock
1. Russ Marsden
2. Chris Cunningham
3. Ron Hawker
IMCA Modified
1. Jim Roberts
2. Kevin Buff
3. Aaron Jacobs
Mini Sprint Car
1. Mike Kiser
2. Rich Wood, Jr.
3. Don Harvey

Chemung Speedrome

Chemung, N.Y.
July 9, 2006
ROC Modified
1. Matt Hirschman
2. Earl Paules
3. John Markovic
SST Modified
1. Tony Hanbury
2. T.J. Petrzobowski
3. Brian Bowen
Super Stock
1. Tom Cundy
2. Chad McDonald
3. R.J. Zacharias
4-Cylinder
1. Gene Purvis
2. Jim Chimieski
3. Jody Buckley
Legends
1. Daren Scherer
2. Addison Rogers
3. Brian Terrell
Street Stock
1. Jake Snell
2. Chuck Nichols
3. Brad Mosher
Speedrome Junior
1. Nick Robinson
2. Zach Curren
3. Jimmy Zacharias

Riverhead Raceway

Riverhead, N.Y.
July 8, 2006
NASCAR Modified

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Late Model
1. Jack Orlando
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3. Dan Turbus
Blunderbust
1. Wayne Okula
2. Tommy Walkowiak
3. Tom Pickerell
Super Pro Truck
1. Dan Turbush
2. Lou Maestri
3. Dave Brigati
Grand Enduro
1. John Cozza
School Bus Figure-8
1. Bob Genevise
8-Cylinder Demolition
1. Greg Smith

PLAINS

Colorado
Idaho
Iowa
Kansas
Montana
Nebraska
North Dakota
Oklahoma
South Dakota
Utah
Wyoming

- Lincoln County Raceway**
North Platte, Neb.
July 8, 2006
CLMA Topless Mini Series
1. Kyle Berck
2. John Kuchar
3. Jim Beaman
IMCA Stock Car
1. Zach Schultz
2. Todd Chirsman
3. Bryan Hagan
Mini Sprint Car
1. Toph Harmon
2. Rick Putnam
3. Jamey Kennicutt

- Linn County Speedway**
Pleasanton, Kan.
July 8, 2006
Factory Stock
1. Jake Conley
2. Matt Bachman
3. Chris Whalen
Grand National Modified
1. Gene Claxton
2. Keith Cobb, Jr.
3. Marshall Jewett
Modified
1. Ryan Whitworth
2. John Allen
3. Justin Boots

- Adams County Speedway**
Corning, Iowa
July 8, 2006
Hobby Stock
1. Ryan Vicker
2. Jeff Tuttle
3. Brad Bergren
Pro Street
1. Joe Zalina
2. Mike Garner
3. Steve Churchill
Modified
1. Dan Mueller
2. Jeremy Tibben
3. Kirby Stiens
Late Model
1. Chris Spieker
2. Joe Kosiski
3. Bryant Goldsmith

- Iowa State Fair Speedway**
Des Moines, Iowa
July 7, 2006
IMCA Late Model
1. Craig Roberts
2. Mike Smith
3. Jeremy Grady
IMCA Modified
1. Greg Cox
3. Glen Gladson, Jr.
IMCA SportMod
1. Ryan Lundy
2. Rick Gladson
3. Ryan Giles
IMCA Stock Car
1. Ty Hill
2. Mike Todd
3. Bobby Davis III
IMCA Hobby Stock
Feature No. 1
1. Todd Bass
2. Jeff Tuttle
3. Greg Hower
Feature No. 2
1. Justin Maschke
2. Kevin Fee
3. Bill Bonnett
Truck

- Knoxville Raceway**
Knoxville, Iowa
July 8, 2006
410 Sprint Car
Feature No. 1
1. Brian Brown
2. Billy Alley
3. Ricky Logan
Feature No. 2
1. Brent Antill
2. Billy Alley
3. Clint Garner
360 Sprint Car
Feature No. 1
1. Josh Higday
2. David Hall
3. Dustin Lindquist
Feature No. 2
1. Jeff Mitrisin
2. Mike Trent
3. John Kearney

- Outlaw Motor Speedway**
Muskogee, Okla.
July 8, 2006
Hobby Stock
1. Dale Richardson
2. Tom Snyder
3. Aaron Barker
Pure Stock
1. Bob Lewis
2. Terry Cook
3. Steve Freeman
Economy Modified
1. Danny Womack
2. Jake Kelley
3. Jeremy Ross
Modified
1. Greg Skaggs
2. Randy Timms
3. Gary Andrews

- Mid-Nebraska Speedway**
Doniphan, Neb.
July 8, 2006
Hornet
1. Cody Blessing
2. Jamie Bergmark
3. Jeremy Long
IMCA Hobby Stock
1. Cal Wratten
2. Mike Shriver
IMCA Modified
1. Lonnie Schriener
2. Justin Gregg
3. Scott Blessing
Grand National
1. Les Siebert
2. Bob Milander
3. Dave Cook

SOUTHEAST

Florida
Georgia
North Carolina
South Carolina
Tennessee

- Lowe's Motor Speedway**
Concord, N.C.
July 3, 2006
Legends Pro
1. Casey Roderick
2. Tyler Green
3. Patrick Molesworth
Thunder Roadster
1. Thomas Van Wingerden
2. Michael Van Wingerden
3. Ryan Zeck
Legends Semi-Pro
1. Mitchell Coble
2. Andrew Carlsen
3. Zach Stroupe
Legends Master
1. Clay Hair
2. Eddie Harwell
3. Brian Weimer
Bandolero Young Gun
1. Matthew Stover
2. Kendall Sellers
3. Sam McAulay
Bandolero Bandit
1. Nicholas Stroupe
2. Corey Gordon
3. Ronnie Bassett, Jr.
Bandolero Outlaw
1. Bruce Benson II
2. Josh Turner
3. Marcus Limehouse
CRASHCar
1. Paul Sparrow
2. Kirby Allen
3. Matt Dillner

- Music City Motorplex**
Nashville, Tenn.
July 7, 2006
NASCAR Late Model
1. Keeton Hanks
2. Willie Allen
3. Bennie Hamlett
Open-Wheel Modified
1. Jeff Letson
2. Roy Cantrell
3. Andy Brittain
NASCAR Super Truck
1. Ronnie Campbell
2. Nicholas Romosa
3. Ricky Bolden

- Lowe's Motor Speedway**
Concord, N.C.
July 4, 2006
Legends Pro
1. Brandon Thompson
2. Kyle Fowler
3. Scott Knox
Thunder Roadster
1. Thomas Van Wingerden
2. Michael Van Wingerden
3. Ryan Zeck
Legends Semi-Pro
1. Dennis Lambert
2. Max Gresham
3. Austin Dillon
Legends Master
1. Clay Hair
2. George Spry
3. John Sossoman
Bandolero Outlaw
1. Chris Morgan
2. Josh Turner
3. Benny Mingo
Bandolero Bandit
1. Landon Bullock
2. Cody Blackburn
3. Dylan Pressnell
Bandolero Young Gun
1. Matthew Stover
2. Daniel Hermic
3. Sam McAulay

- Music City Motorplex**
Nashville, Tenn.
July 9, 2006
INEX Bandolero Bandit
1. Dylan Presnell
2. Mason Massey
3. Dylan Ames
INEX Bandolero Young Gun
1. Michael Bolden
Dwarf Car
1. Allen Ring
2. David Ring
3. Rick Webster
Hornet
1. Mike Taylor
2. Doby Gillis
3. Boo Tiddley
INEX Legends Pro/Masters
1. Tyler Cordell
2. Joshua Mullins
3. Chris Wilson
INEX Legends Semi-Pro
1. James Fowlkes
2. Rob Sanders
3. Timothy Mangrum
NASKart
1. Jonathan Foster
2. Trey Salisbury
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NASKart
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2. Trey Salisbury
3. Garry Goss



- Volunteer Speedway**
Bulls Gap, Tenn.
July 8, 2006
ASA Super Late Model
1. Dale Ball
2. Mike Smith
3. Kerry Jones
Limited Crate Late Models
1. Shannon Buckingham
2. Warren McMahan
3. Allen Champ
Open-Wheel Modified
1. Chad Ogle
2. Stanley Donahoo
3. Wayne James
Hobby Stock
1. Dustin Shaver
2. Jamie Whitt
3. Dale Reed
Mini Stock
1. Josh Henry
2. Chuck McMahan
Renegade

- Front-Wheel Drive**
1. Josh Driskill
2. Scotty McMurray
3. Linton Perry

- Atomic Motor Speedway**
Lenoir City, Tenn.
July 8, 2006
Late Model
1. Anthony White
2. Mike Weeks
3. Rick Rogers
Sportsman
1. Greg Martin
2. Jake Teague
3. Charles Hurst
B-Sportsman
1. A.J. Russell
2. Gary Freeman
3. Travis Armes
Open Wheel
1. Mike Freeman
2. John Harrell
3. Mike Lewis
Pure Mini Stock
1. John Cobb
2. Derick Duggan
3. Larry Housley
Pure Street Stock
1. Junior Waters
2. Junior Robinette
3. Steve Welch
Front-Wheel Drive
1. Billy Sands
2. Wayne Lewis
3. Allen Walker

- Cleveland Speedway**
Cleveland, Tenn.
July 8, 2006
Late Model
1. Riley Hickman
2. Jamie Perry
3. Mike Tinker
Limited Late Model
1. Barrett Terry
2. Danny Pippen
3. David Tinker
Hobby
1. Richard Dixon
2. Todd Fernandez
3. Kenny Stanfield
Pony Stock
1. Greg Henderson
2. Jimmy Brown
3. Tanner Works

- Citrus County Speedway**
Inverness, Fla.
July 8, 2006
Modified
1. Jimmy Wagner
2. Billy Bechtelheimer
3. Steve Perez
Limited Sportsman
1. A.J. Isbister
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3. Fred Tuski
Mini Stock
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2. Phillip Joyner
3. Michael Lawhorn
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3. Christine Henick
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1. Peter Nelson
3. Bobby Riley

- Riverside Speedway**
Travelers Rest, S.C.
July 8, 2006
GM Performance
1. Scott Morgan
2. HotRod LaMance
3. Bill Morgan
Limited
1. Michael Barbara
2. Chris Jackson

- Swainsboro Raceway**
Swainsboro, Ga.
July 7, 2006
Road Warrior
1. Jason Arrington
2. Randy Green
3. Jared Peebles
Mini Stock
1. Chris Wilkerson
2. Roger McKenzie
3. Terry Cox
Pure Stock
1. Jason Floyd
2. Glen Watkins
3. Luke Scott
Super Street
1. Willis McKenzie
2. Timmy Thompson
3. Dewayne Sharpe
Sportsman
1. Mike Ray
2. Marc Collins
3. Gene Nasworthy

- New Smyrna Speedway**
New Smyrna, Fla.
July 8, 2006
Mini Stock
1. Cody Blair
2. Kevin Henry
3. Dick Laszlo
Late Model
1. Alan Bruns
2. Darren Brown
3. David Love
Open-Wheel Modified
1. Alan Bruns
2. Alan McCafferty
3. Corey Freed



- Atlanta Motor Speedway**
Hampton, Ga.
July 6, 2006
Charger
1. Mike Conrad
2. R.S. Senter
3. Jason Turner
Legends Pro
1. Kyle Fowler
2. Jeremy Kalina
3. Bubba Harry
Roadster
1. Justin Stauffer
2. Paige Monette
3. Jim Gresham
Young Gun
1. Sam McAulay
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3. Robby Dunlap
Outlaw

- Bowman Gray Stadium**
Winston-Salem, N.C.
July 8, 2006
Modified
1. Junior Miller
2. Bobby Hutchens
3. Kevin Powell
Sportsman
Feature No. 1
1. Gene Pack
2. Taylor Branch
3. Ronnie Clifton
Feature No. 2
1. Kyle Edwards
2. Billy Gregg
3. Mike Evans
Street Stock
1. Derek Stoltz
2. Ryan Nelson
3. John McNeal

- East Lincoln Speedway**
Stanley, N.C.
July 8, 2006
Late Model Modified Sportsman
1. Billy Bishop
2. Shawn Martin
3. Tim Sijmon
Micro Sprint Car
1. Brian Roseman
2. Jonathan Hager
3. Todd Carmichael
IMCA Modified
1. Buck Stevens
2. Josh Richeson
3. L.D. Shumat

- Las Vegas Motor Speedway**
Las Vegas, Nev.
July 3, 2006
Super Late Model
1. Justin Johnson
2. Travis Swalwell
3. Dustin Ash
IMCA Modified
1. Michael Morrissey
2. Wayne Morris, Jr.
3. Aaron McMorran
Legends Master
1. Rick Rogas
2. Robby Guevara
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1. Johnny Morrissey
2. Chad Schug
3. Josh Gross
Legends Semi-Pro
1. Austin Murphy
2. K.J. Garrison
3. Jeremiah Wagner

- San Antonio Speedway**
San Antonio, Texas
July 8, 2006
USRA Super Late Model
1. Brandon Bendele
2. Matt Merrell
3. Chris Davidson
Sportsman
Feature No. 1
1. Allen Alexander
2. Dale Smith
3. Brendan Boyce
Feature No. 2
1. Craig Crawley
2. Robert Mayberry
3. Mark Mathias
Roadrunner

- Cottage Grove Speedway**
Cottage Grove, Ore.
July 4, 2006
Winged 360 Sprint Car
1. Danny Horner
2. Dale Smith
3. Brendan Boyce
Winged Limited Sprint Car
1. Marvin Smith
2. Brandi Bounds
3. Ryan Martinez
Modified
1. Jessie Williamson

- Cowtown Speedway**
Kennedale, Texas
July 8, 2006
Sprint Car
1. Kevin Ramey
2. Eric Baldicini
3. Scott Reneau
Modified
1. Jimmy Littlejohn
2. Jim Knight
3. Matt Martin
Sims Limited Modified
1. Kevin Sustair
2. Troy Taylor
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- Perris Auto Speedway**
Lake Perris, Calif.
July 8, 2006
Late Model
1. Mike Hixson
2. Bill Bartels
3. Russ Wemimont
Street Stock
1. Carl Rozatti
2. Joe Shuagis
3. Alan Grubel
Sport Compact
1. Richard Black
2. Mike Hudson
3. John Denver

- Altamont Motorsports Park**
Tracy, Calif.
July 9, 2006
Western Late Model
1. David Philpott
2. Scott Shade
3. Dave Byrd
Limited Stock Car
1. Mark Squadrino
2. Matt Erickson
3. Don McLaren
Grand American Modified
1. Guy Young
2. Charlie Kramm
3. Paul Petroncelli

- Stockton 99 Speedway**
Stockton, Calif.
July 8, 2006
Western Late Model
1. Guy Guibor
2. Ron Strmiska, Jr.
3. Mark Holeman
American Limited Stock Car
1. Donny Darter
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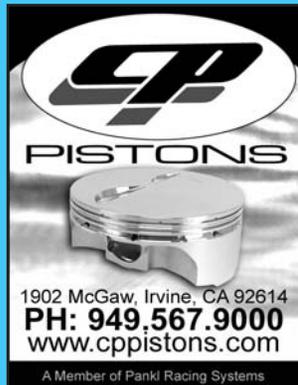
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Schultz Is Fast At Auto City

CLIO, Mich. — Charlie Schultz bested the Midwest Supermodified Ass'n field Saturday at Auto City Speedway.

Denny Fisher jumped out to the early lead, but Schultz made his race-winning move on the 10th circuit.

Schultz led the balance of the 30-lap event to collect the winner's prize ahead of Dave Shullick, Jr., Moe Lilje, Jack Smith and Ryan Klingelhofer.

Matt Hirschman Leads Them All

By J.R. KENNERUP
CHEMUNG, N.Y. — Matt Hirschman scored the flag-to-flag victory in the 75-lap Race of Champions

Modified feature Sunday at Chemung Speedrome.

Earl Paules recorded a runner-up finish ahead of John Markovic, T.J. Potrzebowski and Pete Brittain.

Fred Rahmer Is Speedweek King

SELINGROVE, Pa. — Doug Esh drove to a convincing victory in the July 4 Cindy Rowe Auto Glass Pennsylvania Speedweek sprint-car finale at Selingsrove Speedway.

The \$5,000 triumph was the first of Esh's career at the half-mile oval, his sixth of the season and his second straight to end Speedweek.

Fred Rahmer clinched his 10th PA Speedweek title with his fourth-place finish.

Esh started outside the front row and led all 30 laps with polesitter Chad Layton finishing second. Todd Shaffer was third, while Rahmer and fast-qualifier Mark Smith rounded out the top five.

Pollard Stands On The GAS

ANDERSON, S.C. — The Georgia Asphalt Series rolled into Anderson Motor Speedway Saturday evening and Bubba Pollard took top honors in the feature.

Taylor Satterfield, Fredrick Moore, Korey Ruble and David Elliott completed the top five.

COWIN:

'Rag-Tag' Crew Sends Densham To Winner's Circle

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"I pulled up in the staging lanes and thought about the fact that they have \$100 million and they had four crew chiefs behind them with Ron Toebler, Connie Kalitta, Jim Owen and them. And I have a bunch of rag-tag guys who just love to go racing. He's absolutely one of the best natural talents we have in drag racing, he can drive any kind of car. To beat them was amazing."

Densham knocked off Terry Haddock in the first round and Bob Gilbertson in the semifinals to face Kalitta with the Ironman on the line. He ran a clean 5.017/300.80 pass to better Kalitta's tire-shaking

5.712/235.76 pedal job. Mike Janis had an emotional weekend that ended with him winning the Pro Modified title, his first victory since his father, Joe, died a few months ago. Janis defeated Danny Rowe in the final.

"I miss the guy," Janis said of his father. "I really wanted this one bad for him, and we got it. My son Mike is what keeps me going with this whole thing. He drives the whole package. When I get down he helps get me right back up."

Paul Noakes knocked off Fred Tigges to win the Alcohol Funny Car final, while Robert Patrick was the Pro Stock winner in Jerry Haas's Mustang.

"Jerry builds an incredible race car," Patrick said. "You look at the points race now and Frank (Gugliotta) and I are having a pretty good battle. This should be fun the rest of the year."

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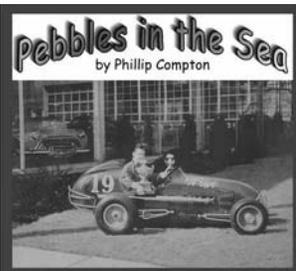
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NARA BATTLE OF THE BLUEGRASS Owens Scores

July 7, Bluegrass Speedway, Bardstown, Ky.
 Jimmy Owens claimed the \$5,000 prize in the eighth annual Kentuckiana Klash dirt-late-model event.

Owens led all 40 laps to beat Mike Jewell, Brad Neat, Michael England and Terry English.

The finish:
 Jimmy Owens, Mike Jewell, Brad Neat, Michael England, Terry English, Chris Combs, Steve Casebolt, Jr., Aaron Hutton, Justin Rattliff, Lee Devasier, Bryan Barber, Tim Tungate, Bobby Wolter, Jr., Jason Keltner, Johnny Wheeler, Scotty Earl, Jerry Rutherford, Jordan Bland, Joey Daniel, Dan Deaton, Mike Marlar, Mike Watson, Dave Crawford.

CAROLINA CLASH

July 8, Lancaster Speedway, Lancaster, S.C.
Smith Dominates

David Smith roared past pole-sitter Clint Elkins on the eighth circuit and led the rest of the 50-lap distance, earning \$5,000 for his first victory of the season.

Elkins finished second ahead of Royce Bray, Ricky Weeks and Ed Basey.
The finish:
 David Smith, Clint Elkins, Royce Bray, Ricky Weeks, Ed Basey, Randy Smith, Jack Pennington, Larry Blankenship, Jonathan Davenport, Dan Brewer, Jeff Smith, Scott Shirey, Travis Pennington, Benji Cole, Deano Long, Roger Lankford, Petey Ivey, David Boggs.

NCRA LATE MODEL SERIES

July 3, State Fair Speedway, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Blair Drives

Jay Blair drove into an early lead and outran Howard Willis in the closing laps before a near-capacity crowd.

Willis settled for second with Shawn Brassfield charging to third, Ronny Adams was fourth and Michael Coleman rounded out the top five.

The finish:
 Jay Blair, Howard Willis, Shawn Brassfield, Ronny Adams, Michael Coleman, Sam Patrick, Howard Moore, Jason Ingalls, Tom Lorenz, Jon Mitchell, John Kuchar, James Longpine, Ronnie Warman, Gary Billings, Gerald Spurgeon, Justin Guinn, Brock Williams, Terry Melton, Brett LaFollette, Jim Beaman, Mike Little, Gary Gorbey, David Ashley, Jr., Tony Osborn.

MIDWEST LATEMODEL RACING ASS'N

July 8, Lake Ozark Speedway, Eldon, Mo.
Taylor Travels

Jeff Taylor made his trip up from Arkansas a fruitful one, earning his second MLRA victory of the season.

Taylor held off Bill Frye for the victory, with Leslie Essary, Terry Phillips and Shane Essary filling the top five.

The finish:
 Jeff Taylor, Bill Frye, Leslie Essary, Terry Phillips, Shane Essary, Al Purkey, Alan Vaughn, Chris Smyser, Will Vaught, Dane Dacus, Jeff Floyd, Justin Wells, Brandon McCormick, Jordan Jones, David Turner, Dennis Woodworth, Tim Manville, C.J. Lyle, David Barker, Steve Rushin, Bryon Allison, Billy James, Jason Bodenhamer, Joey Mack.

MIDWEST LATEMODEL RACING ASS'N

July 3, Lucas Oil Speedway, Wheatland, Mo.
Phillips Flies

Terry Phillips earned his fifth

victory of the season and his 76th with the dirt-late-model organization.

Johnny Bone pressured Phillips in the closing laps, but settled for second.

Steve Rushin, who started 24th, Jason Bodenhamer and Scott Drake rounded out the top five.

The finish:
 Terry Phillips, Johnny Bone, Steve Rushin, Jason Bodenhamer, Scott Drake, C.J. Lyle, Al Purkey, Alan Vaughn, Shane Essary, Larry Jones, Bryon Allison, Chris Smyser, Jimmy Morris, David Turner, Larry Clawson, Burl Woods, Shad Badder, Gary Stolba, Dennis Woodworth, Leslie Essary, Clint Long, Jack Simmons, Darrell Mooneyham, David Barker.

STORMPAY.COM DIRT LATE MODEL SERIES

Clarksville, Tenn.
Gentry Goes

David Gentry drove a new Dixon Plumbing Mastersbilt to victory after destroying his primary car in a violent crash the previous night.

Gentry started sixth and took the lead from Ronnie Johnson on lap 19. Johnson finished second and Jeff Purvis was third. Point-leader Shannon Buckingham edged Jeff Smith for fifth.

The finish:
 David Gentry, Ronnie Johnson, Jeff Purvis, Shannon Buckingham, Jeff Smith, Terry Lumley, Tony Albright, Jeff Fields, Steven Ashby, Don Young, Danny Jolly, Rick Hixson, Eddie Pace, Don Everett, Gil Smith, Matthew Turner, Matt Barrett, Mike Bechelli, Zach Nichols, Frankie Beard, John Tindal, Ryan Gifford, James Young, Carnell Parker III.

UNITED STATES MODIFIED TOURING SERIES

Wheatland, Mo.
Shryock Stars

Kelly Shryock led all 40 laps to pick up his 15th victory of the season, earning \$5,000 for his night's work.

Tommy Myer finished second, with Chad Kinder in third and Tony Fraise finishing fourth. Jon Tesch came from 17th on the grid to grab fifth-place money.

The finish:
 Kelly Shryock, Tommy Myer, Chad Kinder, Tony Fraise, Jon Tesch, Rex Merritt, Jeremy Payne, Peyton Taylor, Terry Phillips, Jared Landers, Jake Neal, Brad McEwan, Gary Blackburn, Jr., Chad Lyle, Zack VanderBeek, Scott Drake, Randy Zimmerman, Jason Hughes, Dean Mahlstedt, Billy Street, Brent Bohmton, Eric Turner, Jerry Hoffman, Gary Clark, Terry Beckham, Jr., Jay Poidinger.

DEERY BROTHERS LATE MODEL SERIES

Independence, Iowa
Neal Impresses

Terry Neal passed Rob Toland on the 26th circuit and led to the finish for his third victory in nine events in the IMCA late-model series.

Toland took home runner-up honors, edging Jeff Aikey in the series standings. Curt Martin was fourth and Joe Passick came home fifth.

The finish:
 Terry Neal, Rob Toland, Jeff Aikey, Curt Martin, Jon Passick, Boone McLaughlin, Eric Gustaf, Greg Kastli, Kelly Tapper, Jim Sandusky, Luke Goedert, Mike Smith, Darrel DeFrance, Ron Gustaf, Dale Hackwell, Jr., Tom Darbyshire, Tyler Bruening, Sam Halstead, Justin Reed, Jeremiah Hurst, Mike Murphy, Jr., Bobby Hansen, Darin Duffy, Matt Ryan.

Bridgestone Named Official Tire Supplier

By DAN KNUTSON
NSSN CORRESPONDENT

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. — Surprise, surprise, the FIA has selected Bridgestone as the official Formula One tire supplier for 2008 through 2010. It was not made public if any other companies entered a bid, but there was little doubt that Bridgestone's bid would win. Michelin said it had no interest in the lack of competition with the single supplier concept and will pull out at the end of this season, so Bridgestone (which entered F-1 in 1997) will be the sole tire company in 2007 as well.

F-1 NOTES

On one hand, a single tire supplier eliminates some much-needed unpredictability in the outcome of F-1 races, but by the same token it creates a level playing field. More importantly, this will vastly reduce testing costs as the teams spend more than 50 percent of their testing work on tires, plus the number of tires allowed for testing will be limited. And it will reduce cornering speeds, as there will be no tire war to push development. Teams will no longer be able to choose two individual specification dry weather compounds for a race weekend because Bridgestone will provide the same two options to all the teams. In the past, when there has been a single supplier, the smaller teams have sometimes complained that because the big teams developed the tires they suited their cars better.

■ Teams will no longer be allowed to run third cars during Fridays of Grand Prix weekends in 2007. Currently, teams that finished fifth or lower in the previous year's championship are permitted to use a third car and driver in the two Friday practice sessions. This was meant to give the smaller teams an opportunity to make money by renting out the third car, but there have been complaints that bigger teams such as Honda and Williams get an unfair advantage because they can test with a third car on Friday.

The proposals needed to be ratified by a fax vote from the FIA's World Motor Sports Council, but that was just a formality. One theory is that eliminating third cars will force the teams's regular drivers to get out on the track more on Fridays, but the current top-four teams still severely limit their running on the first day to conserve their engines. While not officially proposed yet, it's thought that the FIA

will turn Friday into a test day, which would mean fans would get to see lots more on-track action than they do now.

■ Mark Webber is still waiting for Frank Williams to take up his option for 2007. There is little doubt that Williams will retain Webber and Nico Rosberg, so why put off making an announcement?

"I think that Nico and I have done quite well," Webber said, "but it's Frank's decision if he sees that there is a future for me with the team, or how financially it would work for the team for me to stay here."

■ While Scuderia Toro Rosso hasn't revealed its driver lineup for 2007, Scott Speed and Tonio Liuzzi will almost certainly remain, as Gerhard Berger says he wants consistency in the team.

■ NSSN hears that the FIA has told BMW to modify its rear wing, which some teams claimed was still flexing, prior to the French Grand Prix.

Cabral Wins, Pays Tribute To Rifchin

THOMPSON, Conn. — Randy Cabral drove the Bertrand Motorsports No. 47 to his second-straight North-eastern Midget Ass'n victory Thursday night at Thompson Int'l Speedway. The 25-lap event was held to honor the legendary Marvin Rifchin of M&H Tire.

NEMA MIDGETS

"No race means more to me than winning this race for Marvin," Cabral said. "Marvin got me started in midget racing."

Rifchin was on hand to celebrate the night's event and to congratulate Cabral. Cabral worked his way from 12th starting spot to take the lead from Ben Seitz with two laps remaining. Joey Payne finished second, with Nokie Fornoro, Brit Andersen and Erica Santos rounding out the top five.

The finish: Randy Cabral, Joey Payne, Nokie Fornoro, Brit Andersen, Erica Santos, Shawn Torrey, Corey Cleary, Rich Gerbe, Lee Bundy, Gary Mondschein, Ben Seitz, Greg Stoehr, Bobby Kuiken, Kevin Park, Adam Cantor, Chris Perley, Mike Ordway, Jr., Barry Kittredge, Pete Pernesiglio, Jeff Horn, Tommy Spada, Mike Keeler, Shane Hammond, Paul Luggelle, Doug Cleveland, Ryan Dolan, Matt O'Brien, Keith Botelho.

Neutzel Dominates At Grundy

MORRIS, Ill. — Adam Neutzel took advantage of a large stage, with many fans and crew members on hand, topping Saturday night's midget feature at Grundy County Speedway.

Neutzel started on the front row and led all 40 laps of the third-mile asphalt oval. "I've raced here for four years and finally got a feature win!"

What a great night to get a win too, with the USAC and WOWMS guys here. A lot of friends and family came out tonight," Neutzel said. Steve Thinnies came home second, with Scott Thoman, Nick Mitchell and Patrick Wilda completing the top five.

The finish: Adam Neutzel, Steve Thinnies, Scott Thoman, Nick Mitchell, Patrick Wilda, Tom Schnabel, Travis Young, Jim Anderson, Doug Dietsch, Terry Ahern, Alex Goonan, Aaron Willis, Charlie Judd, Chris Hettinger, Aaron Fike.

Feeney Earns Victory At Salem

SALEM, Ind. — Kevin Feeney set fast time, won his heat and set a 30-lap record en route to winning Saturday's Auto Value Sprint Series feature at Salem Speedway.

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Feeney completed the feature in a record eight minutes and three seconds.

"Is that how long I was holding my breath?" Feeney asked

in victory lane at the historic half-mile asphalt oval.

Feeney took the lead from Ryan Litt on lap nine and paced the remainder of the event. Litt finished second, with Tommy Fedewa, Curt Shumaker and Chad Goff following.

The finish: Kevin Feeney, Ryan Litt, Tommy Fedewa, Curt Shumaker, Chad Goff, Johnny Scherer, Ryan Davis, Tim Ryan, Aaron Katz, George Gustafson, Aaron Pierce, Hank Lower, Mike Katz, Ted McKibben, Dan Hurst, Hud Cone.

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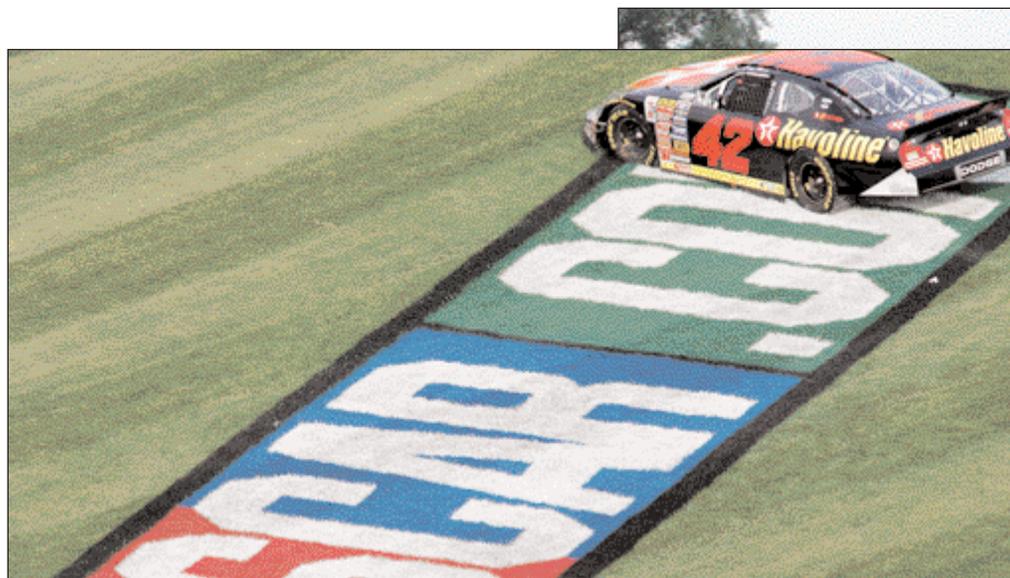
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SATURDAY DRIVE: Casey Mears takes a spin through the infield grass after his first NASCAR victory in the Busch Series USG Durock 300 in Joliet, Ill.



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EYES FRONT: Rik Forbes prepares for the start of the Badger midget feature Sunday at Angell Park Speedway in Sun Prairie, Wis. He finished second.



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TIGHT SQUEEZE: The Champ Car World Series field works around the streets of Toronto during Sunday's race. American A.J. Allmendinger claimed his third-consecutive victory.



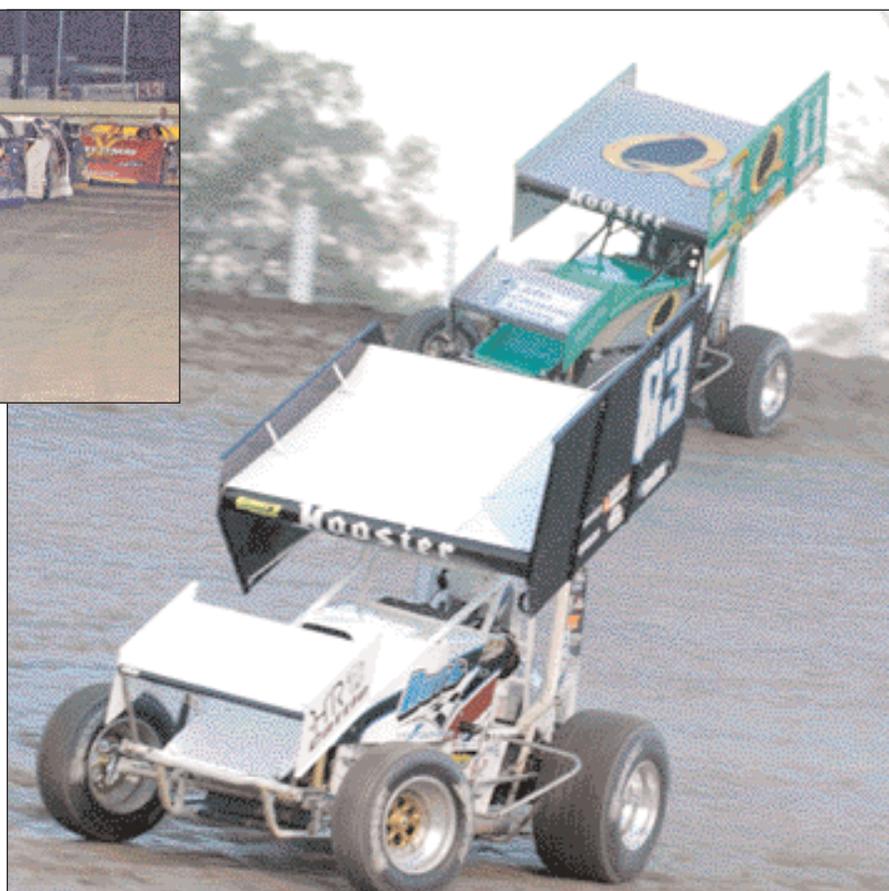
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ONE BY ONE: The World of Outlaws Late Model Series field lines up before the start of Saturday's race at Sharon Speedway in Hartford, Ohio.



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HARD HIT: Darrin Henderson collides with a mound of dirt during street-stock action July 3 at Potomac Speedway. He emerged uninjured.



CRAIG MURPHY PHOTO

LEGENDS: Danny Lasoski (83) and Steve Kinser battle for position during Saturday's National Sprint Tour event at River Cities Speedway in North Dakota.

ECONOMAKI: Big Earnings Reported By Int'l Speedway Corp.

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The publicly owned International Speedway Corp., owner-operator of 10 major U.S. speedways and a 37.5-percent ownership interest in an 11th, reported \$159 million in income (profit) last year. ISC recently received approval for a five-year, \$300-million revolving line of credit — expandable to \$500 million — from Citigroup Global Markets, SunTrust Bank and other lenders. ISC, like NASCAR, is controlled by the France family, and one wonders to what use all this money might be put.

Of the few big-city dailies that have full-time motorsport writers, it's hard to beat the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, thanks to **Rick Minter**. Not only does Minter do an A-1 job on NASCAR, but for the short tracks of the Peach State as well. The report that Minter has suffered a mini-stroke and wound up in the hospital is sad news indeed. Messages of cheer will reach him at 283 Hill's Bridge Rd., Fayetteville, Ga., 30215.

They love him. When sprint-car driver **Jesse Hockett** missed the July 1st ASCS date at Tri-State Speedway in Pocola, Okla., due to the death of his cousin and crew chief, **Daniel McMillen**, in a highway crash, the top 15 drivers in O'Reilly ASCoT points voted unanimously to award him meet points, even though he failed to compete. The gesture allowed Hockett to retain third place in series points and remain a championship contender. Nice going, guys.

Could Iowa's Knoxville Raceway

MARTIN: As The Chase Nears, Points Are More Important

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Kenseth's Ford ended up in the wall when David Stremme's Dodge ran into the back of his car.

"I got outside of Stremme, and he just ran up to the wall like I wasn't there," Kenseth said. "So, I cut left to go underneath him, and from there I just pretty much lost the car myself. I cut left to go underneath him, and he didn't leave much room on that side either, so I probably should've just left him have 20th place."

The race was long over and Kenseth's crew chief, Robbie Reiser, was still working with his crew, trying to get Kenseth's crumpled Ford

management recently have heard that old saw, "Variety is the spice of life?" For years the Hawkeye half-mile relied on the annual sprint-car nationals for its cachet. But of late it has broadened its offerings with a major 360-sprint-car event and a vintage open-wheel show, and now plans a three-night program treating fans to different car classes. Its 3D (Dirt, Dogs and Drinks) promotion offers modified racing on July 20, late models July 21 and sprint cars July 22. The series is supported by radio stations KGGG, KJJY, KWOW and KBGG of Citadel Broadcasting, which will provide fans with free drinks and hot dogs.

With headline drivers **Jeff Gordon** and **A.J. Allmendinger** announcing plans to marry (not each other) many wonder if pre-nuptial agreements will be signed. Gordon's first marriage, to **Brooke Sealy**, wound up in a bitter 2003 court battle, with some reports indicating a \$15-million settlement was made. **Ingrid Vandebosch** of Belgium is the future Mrs. Gordon, while **Lynne Kushnirenko**, a doctor, will become Mrs. Allmendinger. A.J. said he proposed the same day he got fired from **Carl Russo's** Champ Car team, joking that someone in the family should be making money if he wasn't. As we all know, his career has soared since the engagement with repeat racing victories.

Of the many parties held in connection with the latest U.S. Grand Prix, one of the most lavish was at the Indianapolis Museum of Art by Rolls Royce North America hosted by President **James Guyette**. The famed British luxury car has never had a presence in auto racing, unless one counts the two-car Schumacher Specials of Yonkers, N.Y., that raced on the eastern AAA big-car circuit in the mid 1930s. These twin Model B Ford-engined cars with unpainted

in a condition where they could at least load it up on the hauler and head back to the race shop in Concord, N. C.

It was the end of a long, hot day for Reiser and his crew but he had to face the cameras to try to explain his view of the bump and run.

"When the 42 (Mears) drove across the race track, he drove to the bottom, which was the only place for him to go. Jeff didn't wait for him and just spun us out," Reiser said. "You race the races for what they are and do the best you can, and today it just didn't work out. We'll be back next week, don't worry."

As the NASCAR season enters mid-summer, points become very important because the cutoff for The Chase for the Championship is at Richmond, Va., Sept. 9.

Kenseth's team could have left Chicagoland first in points. He was

riveted aluminum bodies (welding sheet aluminum had not yet been mastered) were towed track to track by a Rolls Royce!

No mention of salary. **Robert Brannan III**, president of Cabarrus Bank & Trust in Concord, N.C., has been hired away by **Michael Waltrip** Racing to serve as VP of Licensing. In case you forgot, Waltrip will field Toyota Camrys in Nextel Cup next year.

Some time ago it was noted aspiring driver **Billy Wease**, who graduated from a Noblesville, Ind., high school last year, had caught the eye of **Roger Penske** and was signed by his team. In mid June the 19-year-old Wease drove Penske's No.27 Kodak Dodge in his first stock-car race, an ARCA event at Michigan Int'l Speedway, and came from 10th starting place to finish second. Who are those who keep saying there's a shortage of drivers?

Fans in Australia were puzzled when **Marcos Ambrose**, a champion in that country's No. 1 racing series, V8 SuperCar, decided to give it all up for a NASCAR effort. In only his 10th start, he won a pole position in the weekend truck race in Kentucky. Way to go, Marcos.

Indianapolis-based Kroger advertising exec **Kevin Kotansky** says this year's running of the Kroger 200 Busch GN race at O'Reilly Raceway Park at Indianapolis Aug. 5 will mark the 25th running of the race under the grocery giant's name, contending it is the longest NASCAR sponsorship extant.

California's Grand Prix Ass'n of Long Beach, until now exclusively a race organizer, has undertaken sponsorship sales. GPALB has contracted with 2-year-old Formula Drift, Inc. of Irvine to be its exclusive marketing agent.

just eight points back at the start of the race, and by finishing six spots ahead of Jimmie Johnson, there would have been a change at the top.

Instead, he remains second, 51 points out.

"No question, disappointed, but I'll tell you this, to have the pit stops that we've had and have the race cars that we have and do the job we have done all year, this is a championship-caliber team," Reiser said.

While Kenseth and Reiser left disappointed, about 100 yards away, Gordon was celebrating in victory lane.

To the victor go the spoils and to everyone else, too bad.

"He can say whatever he wants about payback," Gordon said of Kenseth. "It's a non-issue. It's just racing. I got the bad end of it at Bristol; he's got the bad end of it today. There's nothing to talk about."

Swindell and Tom Winegardner, Jr. rounded out the top five on the four-tenths-mile dirt track.

The finish: Mike Ward, Danny Martin, Jr., Terry Gray, Jeff Swindell, Tom Winegardner, Jr., Lee Sowell, Ryan Myers, Matt Tiffany, Ricky Stenhouse, Jr., Ronny Howard, Andy McElhannon, Tony Wilson, Brad Bowden, Derek Hagar, Mike McEly, Marion Jacobs, Tom Winegardner, Marshall Skinner, Brian Bell, Greg Merritt, Eric White, Scott Bolden.

FORUM:

Readers Are All Over The Place This Week

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Texas Motor Speedway

Every time I go to Texas Motor Speedway, I swear I will never return because I think it is demeaning to have to sit on the floor under the grandstands with your food on the floor in front of you. I can't believe this Taj Mahal of Racing would go broke if they installed picnic tables for the poor people.

However, the track should be congratulated for their TOTAL ACCESS radio network. I listened to KLLI during the race and loved it. Even better, while waiting in the parking lot and on the road to Denton, the post-race interviews and call-in show were wonderful. It was something that I have not heard at any other venue, and it was available all over Texas and in nearby states. Bravo, Texas!

Incidentally, I have been complaining to the United States Post Office for two years because of the late delivery of *NSSN*, sometimes by two or three weeks. I am happy to report that two issues in May and June were delivered in the same weeks in which they were published. Bravo, U.S. Post Office! I hope it's the beginning of a trend.

Luann Jordan
Santa Fe, N.M.

Melvin Ends Babb's Streak In UMP Summer Nationals

UMP SUMMER NATIONALS

Babb Streaks

July 3, Western Kentucky Speedway, Nebo, Ky.

Shannon Babb stretched his winning streak to six in a row on the tough UMP Summer Nationals trail. Babb raced into the lead on lap eight and was never headed the remainder of the 40-lap distance.

Dennis Erb finished second, with Terry English, Jack Sullivan and Jeep Van Wormer followed.

UMP SUMMER NATIONALS

Melvin Stops Babb

July 4, Highland Speedway, Highland, Ill.

Rodney Melvin ended Shannon Babb's six-race winning streak in the UMP Summer Nationals for dirt late models.

Melvin took the lead from outside the front row and led all 40 laps en route to the \$6,000 triumph.

Jeep Van Wormer finished second, with Randy Korte, Babb, who set a track record during qualifying, and Wendell Wallace filling the top five.

The finish:

Rodney Melvin, Jeep Van Wormer, Randy Korte, Shannon Babb, Wendell Wallace, Steve Sheppard, Jr., Chad Zobrist, Dennis Erb, Billy Faust, Brian Shirley, Ken Schrader, Michael Kloos, Scott Schulte, Troy Hudson, Frank Heckenast, Jr., Kevin Weaver, Jack Sullivan, Frankie Martin, Mark Faust, Jack Weidner, Patrick Sheltra.

UMP SUMMER NATIONALS

King Korte

July 5, Spoon River Speedway, Canton, Ill.

Randy Korte bested a field of 54 competitors during the 18th stop in the annual Summer Nationals tour for dirt late models.

Korte started on the pole and pocketed \$6,000 after leading all 40 laps. Wendell Wallace finished second, followed by Wes Stidinger, Dennis

Great Spring Racing

I saw the best race that I have ever seen when the ARCA cars went to Winchester. It was more fun than Bristol at one-eighth the price. Frank Kimmel went from fourth to last with a second-lap flat, then came back through the field by low and high passes, ran out of gas and fell back to eighth, then won the race by passing two leading cars in the last corner! The fans went nuts. I got so many "high fives," my right hand was sore for two hours. If anybody ever wondered why Kimmel is in an IROC car, get a tape of that race.

With 15 laps to go in the Indianapolis 500, Michael Andretti has enough gas to win. But wait, his kid passes him. Then, where the heck did Sam Hornish, Jr. come from? Hornish wins! I find myself watching all of the IRL races on television for the first time in years. Go Sam and go Marco. I don't care about the chick!

After watching the dragsters of Doug Kalitta and John Force go by you at 330 miles per hour, will 180 mph ever look or feel the same?

The old Silver Crown cars came to Illiana in Indiana. The have V-8s, huge right rears and they look cool. I never realized they could drive these cars so hard, steer with their gas foot, get 30 degrees out of shape in the corner and never lift! *NSSN* readers, please go see these guys!

It's the first week of summer. This spring has fired me up! See you at the track!

Dave Kalut
St. John, Ind.

Erb and Steve Sheppard, Jr.

Jeep Van Wormer was the fast qualifier.

The finish:

Randy Korte, Wendell Wallace, Wes Stidinger, Dennis Erb, Steve Sheppard, Jr., Rodney Melvin, Brian Shirley, Joe Harlan, Patrick Sheltra, Jack Sullivan.

UMP SUMMER NATIONALS

Van Wormer Wins

July 6, Jacksonville Raceway, Jacksonville, Ill.

Jeep Van Wormer visited victory lane for the second time during the 2006 UMP Summer Nationals tour for late models.

Van Wormer drove to the front in the early laps and held on despite challenges from Dennis Erb, Shannon Babb and Don O'Neal.

O'Neal finished second, with Erb, fast-qualifier Matt Taylor and Babb rounding out the top five.

The finish:

Jeep Van Wormer, Don O'Neal, Dennis Erb, Matt Taylor, Shannon Babb, Steve Sheppard, Jr., Randy Korte, Kevin Weaver, Troy Hudson, Frank Heckenast, Jr., Wendell Wallace, Brian Dively, Jordan Bland, Gregg Kimmons, Roger Brickler, Jack Sullivan, Rodney Melvin, Jason Feger, Brian Shirley, Joe Ross, Jr., Nick Bauman, Mark Burgtorf.

UMP SUMMER NATIONALS

Mars Masters

July 8, Fairbury American Legion Speedway, Fairbury, Ill.

Jimmy Mars triumphed for the third time in as many visits to the quarter-mile oval. The victory was worth \$10,000.

Mars led wire to wire, while behind him the field shuffled several times throughout the 40-lap event. Don O'Neal finished second, ahead of Darren Miller, Brian Birkhofer and Rodney Melvin.

The finish:

Jimmy Mars, Don O'Neal, Darren Miller, Brian Birkhofer, Rodney Melvin, Jeep Van Wormer, Eric Smith, Wendell Wallace, Shannon Babb, Joe Harlan, Brady Smith, Wes Stidinger, Randy Korte, Dennis Erb, Matt Taylor, Steve Sheppard, Jr., Kevin Weaver, Brian Shirley, Kerry Hansen, Dan Schlieper, Mike Mullvain.

Ward Survives Wild Night For Holiday USCS Sprint Triumph

LURAY, Tenn. — Mike Ward won his third O'Reilly Auto Parts United Sprint Car Series feature of the season at Garnertown Speedway July 3, matching the most races won by any driver in the series this season.

Four red flags and a total of seven caution periods, including four for drivers upside down and one for an off-track incident, plagued the race.

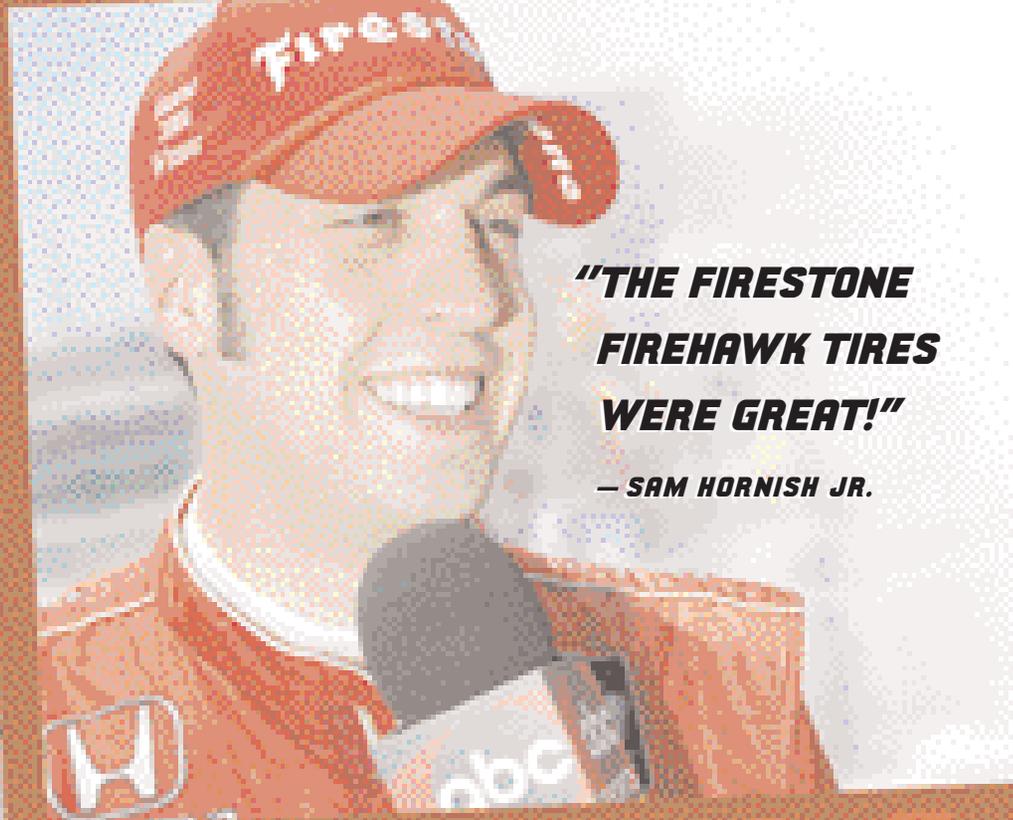
Ward won by holding off his front-row companion, Danny Martin, Jr., and point-leader Terry Gray. Former World of Outlaws driver Jeff

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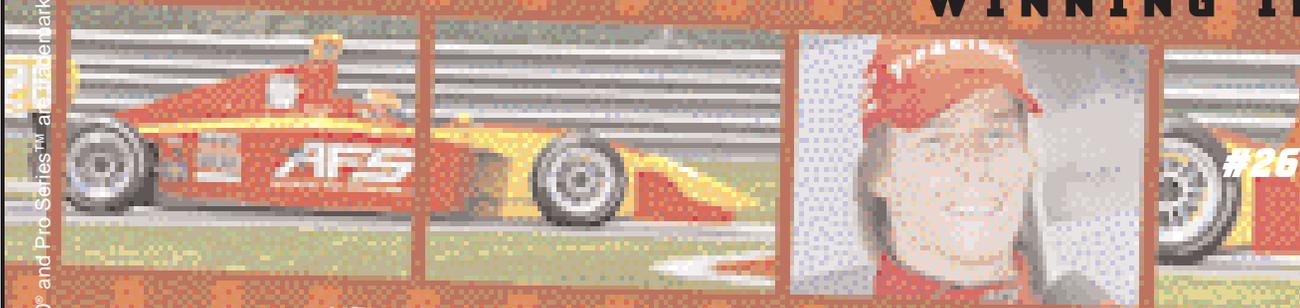


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NEXT RACE: The Milwaukee Mile, airing July 23 at 1:30 p.m. ET on **ESPN**

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