



COMPLETE RESULTS FOR 1975

Date (Sanction/Event) – Winners

5/3 – Edd French
5/10 – Ray Lee Goodwin
5/17 – Ralph Blakett
5/24 – Roger Rager
5/31 – Lenard McCarl
6/7 – Ray Lee Goodwin
6/14 – Ray Lee Goodwin
6/21 – Rain
6/28 – Larry Kirkpatrick
7/5 – Eddie Leavitt
7/12 – (Twin Features) Lenard McCarl, Stacy Redmond
7/19 – Eddie Leavitt
7/26 – Eddie Leavitt
8/2 – Roger Rager
8/6 – (Knoxville Nationals Prelim) Jan Opperman
8/7 – (Knoxville Nationals Prelim) Ralph Blakett
8/8 – (Knoxville Nationals NQ) Bill Thrasher
8/9 – (Knoxville Nationals) Eddie Leavitt
9/12 – (Fall Jamboree) Preliminaries
9/13 – (Fall Jamboree) (Late Models) Darrell Dake, (Sportsman) Dan Beaver, (Street Stocks) Ron Godwin

5/3/75

First Here for Edd French

Knoxville, IA – Edd French of El Paso, Texas, won the opening feature race at Knoxville Raceway Saturday night before a rather chilly crowd in the grandstand of more than 3,000.

It was a different Edd French than was here last opening night when he crashed during the sixth lap of a heat race and was out of racing for a time with a broken clavicle and a concussion.

Interviewed after the race by promoter/announcer, Dave Van Patten, French said, “It’s about time, as all I ever did at Knoxville was crash.”

Ray Lee Goodwin, who was sidelined most of last season as the result of an accident here, led the feature for the first fifteen laps before being passed by French. Goodwin was here after being involved in another spill in Kansas a short time ago. Ray had the best qualifying time of the evening and looks as if he will sure be in the winners’ circle before log here at Knoxville.

Another familiar face to the Knoxville fans was Jerry Blundy, who finished eighth in the feature, but was second in the second heat race.

Three regulars who have competed here for many years were absent from the field. Earl Wagner, who has retired from racing and is now one of the track officials, and Lonnie Jensen, who also is not racing. Dick Sutcliffe was also among the missing.

Dell Schmidt, an old pro at Knoxville, got his sprinter operating into shape and won the trophy dash, beating the top time qualifiers from the field of forty cars. Dell Edged out Ralph Blackett of Des Moines and a newcomer to the track and a super fine driver, Doug Wolfgang of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Doug also finished third in the feature, followed fourth by Dell Schmidt. Eddie Leavitt, qualifying for the feature by winning the consolation, finished fifth.

Several new innovations to the racing program were made, including the new flashing red lights on the corners and some tire modifications. A trained rescue mobile unit from Des Moines was also in the pits along with a physician for emergency on the spot care.

Race officials also announced to the drivers at a meeting prior to the races that a close tab would be kept on all safety requirements, especially regarding the use of illegal nitro. Drivers were told that a fine of \$50 would be assessed against drivers using it, and on a second offense might be barred from future participation at Knoxville.

It was the first accident free opening night of racing here for many years and officials hope drivers will continue to take care in preparation and observation of safety regulations.

Time Trials (Qualifying Order), 2 laps: 1. 4x, Ray Lee Goodwin, Polo, MO (17) 21.801; 2. 00, Doug Schmidt, Topeka, KS (25) 22.467; 5. 28, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (18) 22.530; 6. 33, Jerry Blundy, Galesburg, IL (27) 22.773; 7. 7, Edd French, El Paso, TX (29) 22.802; 8. 44, Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO (7) 22.832; 9. 14, Don Maxwell, Lincoln, NE (2) 22.964; 10. 2x, Jerry Frantsen, Windom, MN (4) 23.033; 11. 53, Hank Elmendorf, Omaha, NE (14) 23.197; 12. 30, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (8) 23.278; 13. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (15) 23.352; 14. 4, Tony Webster, Topeka, KS (11) 23.354; 15. 8, Roger Rager, Mound, MN (32) 23.365; 16. 15, Gary Johnson, Newton, IA (6) 23.388; 17. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (3) 23.484; 18. 98, Darryl Dawley, Sioux Falls, SD (33) 23.522; 19. 59, Dennis Olson, Braham, MN (30) 23.594; 20. 10, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (34) 23.658; 21. 6x, Jon Backlund, Kansas City, MO (26) 23.775; 22. 27, John Johnson, Independence, MO (23) 23.826; 23. 66, Ralph Parkinson Sr., Kansas City, MO (9) 23.983; 24. 27x, Jim Golden, Omaha, NE (16) 24.005; 25. 22, Con Edwards, Ankeny, IA (19) 24.051; 26. 20, Duane Stoneking, Oquawka, IL (10) 24.146; 27. 37, Oren Covert, Topeka, KS (22) 24.187; 28. 56, Bob Adams, Lincoln, NE (31) 24.214; 29. 23, Bob Fisher, Madrid, IA (24) 24.324; 30. 5x, John McClure, Mt. Pleasant, IA (36) 24.363; 31. 14x, Jim Edgington, Fairmont, MN (28) 24.389; 32. 35, Bill Hudson, Des Moines, IA (21) 24.514; 33. 41, Dale Oaks, Burlington, IA (35) 24.733; 34. 198, Al Murie, Kansas City, MO (12) 25.138; 35. 77, Junior Gutknecht, Pleasantville, IA (1) 25.209; 36. 6, Harvey Grooms, Ottumwa, IA (5) NT; 37. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (37) NT; 38. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (37) NT.

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, *: 1. Dell Schmidt (1) 2. Ralph Blackett (2) 3. Doug Wolfgang (4) 4. Ray Lee Goodwin (3) DNS – Edd French, Lenard McCarl

Heat one (started), 8 laps, *: 1. Bob Adams (5) 2. Bill Hudson (1) 3. Jim Edgington (2) 4. Oren Covert (6) / 5. Duane Stoneking (7) ... also: John McClure (3), Bob Fisher (4) Con Edwards (8)

Heat two (started), 8 laps, *: 1. Roger Rager (4) 2. Jerry Blundy (7) 3. Jon Backlund (2) 4. Lenard McCarl (8) / 5. Jim Golden (1) ... also: Darryl Dawley (3), Mike Thomas (5), Hank Elmendorf (6)

Heat three (started), 8 laps, *: 1. Ralph Blackett (7) 2. Steve Hainline (2) 3. Doug Wolfgang (8) 4. Ralph Parkinson Sr. (1) / 5. Eddie Leavitt (6) 6. Adrian Zoutte (3) ... also: Tony Webster (4), Jerry Frantsen (5)

Heat four (started), 8 laps, *: 1. Dell Schmidt (7) 2. Ray Lee Goodwin (8) 3. Don Maxwell (5) 4. Edd French (6) / 5. Stacy Redmond (4) 6. Gary Johnson (3) ... also: John Johnson (1), Dennis Olson (2)

B main (started), 10 laps, *: 1. Eddie Leavitt (1) 2. Hank Elmendorf (2) / 3. Mike Thomas () 4. Stacy Redmond (4) 5. Dennis Olson (7) 6. Jim Golden (9) 7. Duane Stoneking (11) 8. Dale Oaks () ... also: Jerry Frantsen (3), Tony Webster (5), Darryl Dawley (6), John Johnson (8), Con Edwards (10), Bob Fisher (12), John McClure (13), Junior Gutknecht (14)



ED FRENCH is all smiles as he accepts the trophy for winning the opening night feature. It was the first ever at Knoxville for French, who has raced here on several occasions in the past.

A main (started), 25 laps, *: 1. Edd French (1) 2. Ray Lee Goodwin (6) 3. Doug Wolfgang (5) 4. Dell Schmidt (3) 5. Eddie Leavitt (7) 6. Roger Rager (10) 7. Don Maxwell (9) 8. Jerry Blundy (2) also: Lenard McCarl (4), Hank Elmendorf (8), Adrian Zoutte (11), Steve Hainline (12), Jon Backlund (13), Ralph Parkinson Sr. (14), Oren Covert (15), Bob Adams (16), Jim Edgington (17), Harvey Grooms (18). **Lap Leaders:** Goodwin 1-15, French 16-25.

5/10/75

Ray Lee Goodwin Wins Feature

Knoxville, IA – It was a warm, very pleasant night at the Knoxville Speedway for the estimated 4,000 fans and a field of 43 cars signed in although four did not run for one reason or another. Six midwestern states were represented in the races, and fans were treated to four heat races rather than the usual three.

Ray Lee Goodwin was the winner of the feature, but had to beat off a hard challenge from Ralph Blackett who had earlier won the Trophy Dash. Dell Schmidt of Topeka, Kansas, winner of the Dash last week came across the finish line third followed by Roger Rager.

Doug Wolfgang, a newcomer to Knoxville this season, and subbing for Lenard McCarl, who still not fully recovered from injuries sustained in a crash in a sprinter last season, finished fifth. McCarl had earlier won the fourth heat race.

Ed French, last week's winner from El Paso, Texas, was also in the top running cars until he took a flip in turn one but escaped uninjured. Darryl Dawley hit the wall during his time trial, badly damaging his car, but he also was not injured.

Jerry Blundy, a long time veteran from Illinois went out early with mechanical problems, as did two or three other drivers.

Next week, a challenge race is scheduled between the Midwest Sprint Association and the Knoxville regulars.

Results

Time Trials (Qualifying Order), 2 laps: 1. 29, Dell Schmidt, Topeka, KS (27) 21.252; 2. 7, Edd French, El Paso, TX (4) 21.298; 3. 18, Larry Kirkpatrick, Wood River, IL (30) 21.302; 4. 77, Junior Gutknecht, Pleasantville, IA (35) 21.303; 5. 4x, Ray Lee Goodwin, Polo, MO (22) 21.306; 6. 28, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (2) 21.309; 7. 7x, Lenard McCarl, Des Moines, IA (5) 21.349; 8. 44, Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO (9) 21.349; 9. 8, Roger Rager, Mound, MN (3) 21.502; 10. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (10) 21.530; 11. 59, Dennis Olson, Braham, MN (1) 21.609; 12. 49, Dick Morris, Sioux City, IA (17) 21.656; 13. 53, Hank Elmendorf, Omaha, NE (6) 21.722; 14. 10, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (15) 21.840; 15. 22, Con Edwards, Ankeny, IA (31) 21.961; 16. 14, Don Maxwell, Lincoln, NE (14) 21.976; 17. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (7) 21.993; 18. 66, Ralph Parkinson Sr., Kansas City, MO (21) 22.083; 19. 1, Lloyd Beckman, Lincoln, NE (23) 22.128; 20. 4, Bill Mellenberndt, Sioux Falls, SD (33) 22.164; 21. 27, John Johnson, Independence, MO (34) 22.209; 22. 27x, Jim Golden, Syracuse, NE (18) 22.228; 23. 30, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (8) 22.261; 24. 23, Bob Fisher, Madrid, IA (13) 22.291; 25. 3, Denny Kawalik, Mound, MN (24) 22.322; 26. 166, Jack Comer, Rapid City, SD (28) 22.528; 27. 2x, Jerry Frantsen, Windom, MN (12) 22.732; 28. 39, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (43) 22.750; 29. 00, Roger Mulder, Sioux Falls, SD (16) 22.751; 30. 56, Bob Adams, Lincoln, NE (11) 22.797; 31. 121, Bill Cohee, Topeka, KS (19) 22.895; 32. 35, Bill Hudson, Des Moines, IA (36) 22.932; 33. 34, Dick Forbrook, Morgan, MN (29) 22.972; 34. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (20) 22.976; 35. 114, Bill Dollansky, Elk River, MN (39) 23.024; 36. 32, John Sernett, Laurens, IA (38) 23.151; 37. 6, Harvey Grooms, Ottumwa, IA (25) 23.413; 38. 5, Randy Smith, Mt. Ayr, IA (37) 24.788; 39. 98, Darryl Dawley, Sioux Falls, SD (26) 24.985; 40. 81, Ron Tibert, Webster City, IA (32) 28.029; 41. 16, Dave Butler, Cedar Rapids, IA (40) NT; 42. 33, Jerry Blundy, Galesburg, IL (41) NT; 43. 15, Gary Johnson, Newton, IA (42) NT.

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, *: 1. Ralph Blackett (1) 2. Larry Kirkpatrick (4) 3. Edd French (5) 4. Ray Lee Goodwin (2) 5. Junior Gutknecht (3) 6. Dell Schmidt (6)

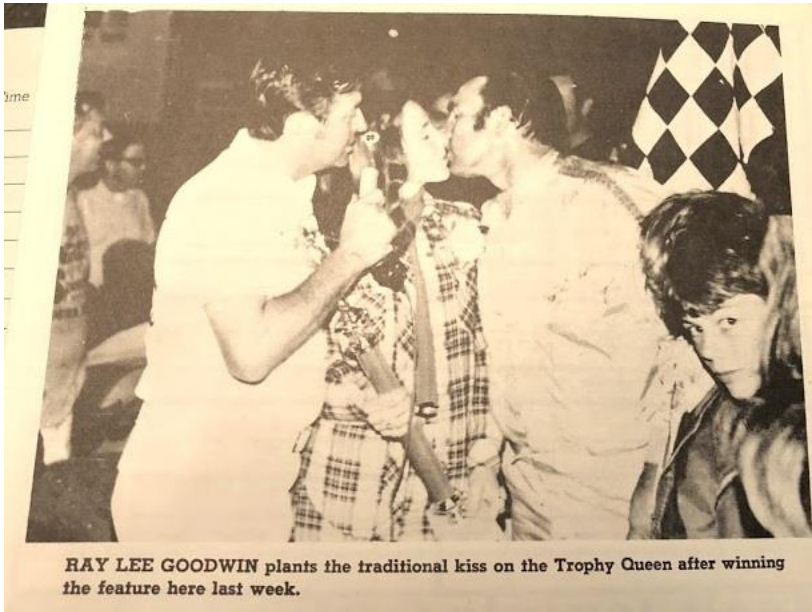
Heat one (started), 8 laps, *: 1. Bill Cohee (2) 2. Jack Comer (7) 3. Bill Hudson (1) 4. Roger Mulder (4) / 5. Mackie Heimbaugh (3) 6. Denny Kawalik (6) 7. Jerry Frantsen (5) DNS - Bob Adams

Heat two (started), 8 laps, *: 1. Roger Rager (4) 2. Larry Kirkpatrick (6) 3. Ralph Blackett (7) 4. John Johnson (2) / 5. Dick Morris (5) 6. Lloyd Beckman (3) 7. Dick Forbrook (1) DNS - Con Edwards

Heat three (started), 8 laps, *: 1. Mike Thomas (1) 2. Steve Hainline (4) 3. Edd French (8) 4. Ray Lee Goodwin (7) / 5. Eddie Leavitt (6) 6. Adrian Zoutte (3) 7. Dennis Olson (5) 8. Bill Mellenberndt (2)

Heat four (started), 8 laps, *: 1. Lenard McCarl (6) 2. Ralph Parkinson Sr. (2) 3. Junior Gutknecht (7) 4. Dell Schmidt (8) / 5. Jim Golden (1) 6. Don Maxwell (3) ... also: Hank Elmendorf (4), Stacy Redmond (5)

B main (started), 10 laps, *: 1. Eddie Leavitt (1) 2. Dick Morris (4) / 3. Lloyd Beckman (9) 4. Stacy Redmond (2) 5. Jim Golden () 6. Bill Mellenberndt (10) 7. Mackie Heimbaugh (13) ... also: Dennis Olson (3), Hank Elmendorf (5), Con Edwards (6), Don Maxwell (7), Adrian Zoutte (8), Denny Kawalik (11), Jerry Frantsen (12), Bill Dollansky (14), Harvey Grooms (15), Mike Brooks (16)



RAY LEE GOODWIN plants the traditional kiss on the Trophy Queen after winning the feature here last week.

A main (started), 20 laps, NT: 1. Ray Lee Goodwin (2) 2. Ralph Blackett (1) 3. Dell Schmidt (6) 4. Roger Rager (9) 5. 7x, Doug Wolfgang (7) 6. Steve Hainline (11) 7. Dick Morris (10) 8. Mike Thomas (14) 9. Bill Hudson (18) 10. Ralph Parkinson Sr. (12) 11. Bill Cohee (17) ... also: Junior Gutknecht (3), Larry Kirkpatrick (4), Ed French (5), Eddie Leavitt (8), John Johnson (13), Jack Comer (15), Roger Mulder (16). **Lap Leader:** Goodwin 1-20.

5/17/75

Ralph Blackett Wins it All

Knoxville, IA – Ralph Blackett, who has been touring the Knoxville Speedway for many seasons got it all together last Saturday night and won both the Trophy Dash and the feature.

Current point leader, Ray Lee Goodwin, was second in the feature and Dell Schmidt third.

Approximately 4,888 race fans turned out to see the much advertised “Shoot Out” between Midwest Sprint Association drivers and regulars at the Marion County Race Track. It proved to be “no contest” as the regulars took the first four places.

Doug Wolfgang led for the first ten laps before Ralph Blackett got around him and went on to win it. Dell Schmidt was third and Barry Kettering fourth.

John Stevenson had the best time trial and Jerry Miller was second fast.

Time Trials (Qualifying Order), 2 laps: 1. 131, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (37) 21.56; 2. 31, Jerry Miller, Glendale, AZ (10) 21.77; 3. 29, Dell Schmidt, Topeka, KS (8) 21.95; 4. 28, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (11) 22.13; 5. 9, Bob Geldner, St. Peter, MN (39) 22.28; 6. 4x, Ray Lee Goodwin, Polo, MO (23) 22.29; 7. 34, Doug Wolfgang, Lincoln, NE (4) 22.44; 8. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (26) 22.45; 9. 7x, Lenard McCarl, Des Moines, IA (30) 22.58; 10. 40, Thad Doshier, Topeka, KS (21) 22.68; 11. 18, Larry Kirkpatrick,

Wood River, IL (22) 22.69; 12. 23, Bob Fisher, Madrid, IA (33) 22.72; 13. 10, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (40) 22.74; 14. 8, Roger Rager, Mound, MN (38) 22.81; 15. 114, Bill Dollansky, Elk River, MN (32) 22.89; 16. 166, Jack Comer, Rapid City, SD (36) 22.92; 17. 62, Dick Kenny, Phoenix, AZ (5) 22.93; 18. 98, Darryl Dawley, Sioux Falls, SD (19) 22.95; 19. 57, Barry Kettering, St. Paul, MN (27) 22.96; 20. 2x, Jerry Frantsen, Windom, MN (12) 22.97; 21. 7, Edd French, El Paso, TX (20) 23.00; 22. 59, Dennis Olson, Braham, MN (18) 23.10; 23. 14, Don Maxwell, Lincoln, NE (17) 23.12; 24. 30, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (1) 23.15; 25. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (28) 23.18; 26. 14x, Jim Edgington, Fairmont, MN (41) 23.18; 27. 24, Bill Mellenberndt, Sioux Falls, SD (45) 23.23; 28. 6x, Jon Backlund, Kansas City, MO (43) 23.33; 29. 121, Bill Cohee, Topeka, KS (25) 23.36; 30. 5, Randy Smith, Mt. Ayr, IA (2) 23.37; 31. 77, Junior Gutknecht, Pleasantville, IA (7) 23.38; 32. 22, Con Edwards, Ankeny, IA (16) 23.57; 33. 35, Bill Hudson, Des Moines, IA (6) 23.59; 34. 3, Denny Kowalik, Mound, MN (13) 23.62; 35. 73, Wayne Holz, Lincoln, NE (9) 23.71; 36. 88, Gene Kester, Odessa, MO (15) 23.72; 37. 39, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (42) 23.75; 38. 96, Johnny Babb, Ottumwa, IA (29) 23.77; 39. 44, Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO (31) 23.84; 40. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (44) 24.12; 41. 76, Bob Hopp, Newport, MN (14) 24.39; 42. 17, Bill Randleman, Jefferson, IA (46) 24.42; 43. 6, Harvey Grooms, Ottumwa, IA (3) 24.61; 44. 25, Butch Bahr, Lincoln, NE (47) 24.97; 45. 90, Roy Jo Peltz, Maryville, MO (24) 26.13; 46. 16, Dave Butler, Cedar Rapids, IA (35) 26.86; 47. 81, Ron Tibert, Webster City, IA (34) 27.77.

Match Race (started), 12 laps, *: 1. Ralph Blackett (8) 2. Doug Wolfgang (4) 3. Dell Schmidt (10) 4. Ray Lee Goodwin (6) 5. Bob Geldner (9) 6. Jerry Miller (12) 7. Stacy Redmond (2) 8. John Stevenson (11) ... also: Dennis Olson (1), Jerry Frantsen (3), Barry Kettering (5), Bill Dollansky (7)

Heat one (started), 8 laps, *: 1. Junior Gutknecht (2) 2. Jon Backlund (4) 3. Con Edwards (1) 4. Adrian Zoutte (6) / 5. Bill Cohee (3) 6. Jim Edgington (7) ... also: Bill Mellenberndt (5), Randy Smith (8)

Heat two (started), 8 laps, *: 1. Dell Schmidt (8) 2. Edd French (2) 3. Lenard McCarl (6) 4. Mike Thomas (1) / 5. Bill Dollansky (4) 6. Ray Lee Goodwin (7) 7. Bob Fisher (5) 8. Darryl Dawley (3)

Heat three (started), 8 laps, *: 1. Roger Rager (4) 2. Bob Geldner (7) 3. Jerry Frantsen (2) 4. Larry Kirkpatrick (5) / 5. Jerry Miller (8) 6. Dick Kenny (3) 7. Stacy Redmond (6) 8. Don Maxwell (1)

Heat four (started), 8 laps, *: 1. Barry Kettering (2) 2. Ralph Blackett (7) 3. Doug Wolfgang (6) 4. John Stevenson (8) / 5. Thad Doshier (5) 6. Jack Comer (3) 7. Steve Hainline (4) 8. Dennis Olson (1)

B main (started), 10 laps, *: 1. Ray Lee Goodwin (2) 2. Jerry Miller (1) 3. Thad Doshier (4) / 4. Stacy Redmond (3) 5. Steve Hainline (6) 6. Jim Edgington (11) 7. Bob Fisher (5) 8. Jack Comer (8) 9. Wayne Holz (16) 10. Bill Cohee (13) 11. Denny Kowalik (15) 12. Randy Smith (17) ... also: Bill Dollansky (7), Dick Kenny (9), Dennis Olson (10), Bill Mellenberndt (12), Bill Hudson (14), Johnny Babb (18)



RALPH BLACKETT is surrounded by fans and officials and the Trophy queen, on the right who incidentally is Hank Smith's daughter.

A main (started), 20 laps, *: 1. Ralph Blackett (4) 2. Ray Lee Goodwin (2) 3. Dell Schmidt (5) 4. Barry Kettering (10) 5. Doug Wolfgang (1) 6. Roger Rager (9) 7. Bob Geldner (3) 8. Thad Doshier () 9. Jerry Fransten (11) 10. Mike Thomas (13) ... also: John Stevenson (6), Lenard McCarl (7), Larry Kirkpatrick (8), Edd French (12), Adrian Zoutte (14), Jon Backlund (15), Junior Gutknecht (16), Con Edwards (17), Jim Edgington (18), Denny Kowalik (19, prov.), Dennis Olson (20, prov.). **Lap Leaders:** Wolfgang 1-10, Blackett 11-20.

5/24/75

Roger Rager Gets First One

Roger Rager of Mound, Minnesota won his first feature of the season here Saturday night before a crowd estimated at more than 4,000.

The feature was called on the white flag when Doug Wolfgang of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, was involved in an accident. He was not injured, but his car was demolished.

Rager's win on Saturday moved him into the third spot in the point standings, with Dell Schmidt, who won the trophy dash and finished second in the feature, holding down second position with 520 points. Ray Lee Goodwin still hangs on to first place in the standings with 535 points for the season.

Saturday night's purse was \$3,250. There were 43 cars on hand, and four heats and a B main were added.

Time Trials (Qualifying Order), 2 laps: 1. 8 Roger Rager, Mound, MN (25) 21.765; 2. 44, Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO (38) 21.845; 3. 7x, Lenard McCarl, Des Moines, IA (34) 21.882; 4. 29, Dell Schmidt, Topeka, KS (9) 21.892; 5. 31, Jerry Miller, Glendale, AZ (15) 21.951; 6. 28, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (23) 22.010; 7. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (6) 22.059; 8. 25, Darryl Dawley, Sioux Falls, SD (33) 22.230; 9. 4x, Ray Lee Goodwin, Polo, MO (11) 22.275; 10. 7, Edd French, El Paso, TX (13) 22.337; 11. 40, Thad Doshier, Topeka, KS (8) 22.386; 12. 2x, Jerry Frantsen, Windom, MN (40) 22.405; 13. 71, Don Maxwell, Lincoln, NE (35) 22.428; 14. 98, Junior Parkinson, Kansas City, MO (4) 22.452; 15. 18, Larry Kirkpatrick, Wood River, IL (3) 22.454; 16. 5, Randy Smith, Mt. Ayr, IA (39) 22.500; 17. 34, Doug Wolfgang, Lincoln, NE (18) 22.537; 18. 15, Gary Johnson, Newton, IA (20) 22.553; 19. 56, Bob Adams, Lincoln, NE (26) 22.567; 20. 125, Butch Bahr, Lincoln, NE (17) 22.576; 21. 23, Bob Fisher, Madrid, IA (32) 22.681; 22. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (37)

22.772; 23. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (12) 22.806; 24. 66, Ralph Parkinson Sr., Kansas City, MO (10) 22.815; 25. 14x, Jim Edgington, Fairmont, MN (16) 22.836; 26. 9, Bob Geldner, St. Peter, MN (14) 22.896; 27. 73, Wayne Holz, Lincoln, NE (41) 22.918; 28. 22, Con Edwards, Ankeny, IA (42) 23.083; 29. 49, Dick Morris, Sioux City, IA (30) 23.102; 30. 30, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (21) 23.178; 31. 27x, Jim Golden, Syracuse, NE (5) 23.193; 32. 35, Bill Hudson, Des Moines, IA (24) 23.219; 33. 39, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (1) 23.222; 34. 10, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (31) 23.282; 35. 6x, Jon Backlund, Kansas City, MO (27) 23.296; 36. 77, Junior Gutknecht, Pleasantville, IA (2) 23.341; 37. 6, Harvey Grooms, Ottumwa, IA (29) 23.392; 38. 91, Sonny Smyser, Glenwood, MO (22) 23.435; 39. 26, Terry Otero, Albuquerque, NM (19) 23.583; 40. 134, Gary Dunkle, Lincoln, NE (43) 23.662; 41. 88, Gene Kester, Odessa, MO (7) 23.973; 42. 47, Steve Lewis, Kansas City, MO (28) 24.765; 43. 81, Ron Tibert, Webster City, IA (36) 26.559.

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, *: 1. Dell Schmidt (3) 2. Ralph Blackett (1) 3. Lenard McCarl (4) 4. Roger Rager (6) 5. Stacy Redmond (2) 6. Eddie Leavitt (5)

Heat one (started), 8 laps, *: 1. Dick Morris (4) 2. Bob Geldner (7) 3. Jim Golden (2) 4. Jim Edgington (8) 5. Bill Hudson (1) ... also: Mike Thomas (3), Con Edwards (5), Wayne Holz (6)

Heat two (started), 8 laps, *: 1. Larry Kirkpatrick (4) 2. Ray Lee Goodwin (6) 3. Ralph Blackett (7) 4. Lenard McCarl (8) / 5. Bob Fisher (2) ... also: Ralph Parkinson Sr. (1), Gary Johnson (3), Jerry Frantsen (5)

Heat three (started), 8 laps, NT: 1. Doug Wolfgang (3) 2. Darryl Dawley (6) 3. Junior Parkinson (4) 4. Jerry Miller (7) 5. Adrian Zoutte (1) 6. Thad Doshier (5) ... also: Butch Bahr (2), Eddie Leavitt (8)

Heat four (started), 8 laps, *: 1. Dell Schmidt (6) 2. Edd French (4) 3. Don Maxwell (1) 4. Roger Rager (5) / 5. Randy Smith (8) 6. Bob Adams (2) 7. Stacy Redmond (3) 8. Mike Brooks (7)

B main (started), 10 laps, *: 1. Steve Hainline (2) 2. Mackie Heimbaugh (1) 3. Gary Dunkle (8) 4. Sonny Smyser (6) 5. Ralph Parkinson Sr. (12) 6. Terry Otero (7) 7. Harvey Grooms (5) 8. Mike Thomas (14) 9. Adrian Zoutte (15) 10. Gene Kester (9) ... also: Jon Backlund (3), Junior Gutknecht (4), Steve Lewis (10), Ron Tibert (11), Con Edwards (13)

Consolation (started), 10 laps, *: 1. Stacy Redmond (2) 2. Thad Doshier (1) / 3. Gary Johnson (3) 4. Jerry Frantsen (4) 5. Bob Fisher (8) 6. Bob Adams (6) 7. Mike Brooks (13) 8. Bill Hudson (11) 9. Butch Bahr (5) 10. Randy Smith (14) ... also: Adrian Zoutte (7), Con Edwards (9), Ralph Parkinson Sr. (10), Mike Thomas (12)



ROGER RAGER WON the feature here a couple of weeks ago and we failed to get his picture so here it is and as you can see Roger was a happy guy.

A main (started), 19 laps, *: 1. Roger Rager (6) 2. Dell Schmidt (4) 3. Ralph Blackett (2) 4. Ray Lee Goodwin (8) 5. Lenard McCarl (5) 6. Edd French (9) 7. Thad Doshier (10) 8. Bob Geldner (16) ... also: Stacy Redmond (1), Jerry Miller (3), Darryl Dawley (7), Don Maxwell (11), 98, Bill Robison, Topeka, KS (12), Larry Kirkpatrick (13), Doug Wolfgang (14), Dick Morris (15) **Lap Leaders:** Rager *-19.

5/31/75

Lenard McCarl Wins Mini-National Feature

Forty-five cars from eleven states were on hand Saturday night, May 31 at the Knoxville Speedway seeking their share of the \$5,000 Mini-National purse.

Old man weather cooperated by keeping the rain away, however, several days of rain during the week had made the track extremely wet and by race time, it was unbelievably heavy.

\$1,000 awaited the driver winning the Mini-National Feature and from the start it looked like it would be Larry Kirkpatrick. Larry had built up a commanding lead and it looked like he had the race in his hip pocket. Then, on the seventeenth lap, his engine let go and Lenard McCarl, who had been running second without much hope of catching the flying Kirkpatrick, found himself in the lead. McCarl led the rest of the way in a Chevy powered car he had built himself. Steve Hainline finished second, also in a car built by McCarl. Third was Ray

Lee Goodwin, fourth Dick Morris, fifth Ralph Blackett, sixth Jerry Miller, seventh Jim Edgington, eighth Wayne Holz, ninth Billy Robison and tenth Bill Cohee.

It was a happy Con Edwards who took the checkered flag first in the B main. Con has been a regular at Knoxville for several years and this was his first big win. Following Con across the finish line were Jack McCorkell, second, JJ Riggins, third, Tony Webster, fourth, Adrian Zoutte fifth and Terry Otero, sixth.

Ray Lee Goodwin set fast time during qualifying with a clocking of 21.535...not a bad tie for such a heavy track.

In the trophy dash, Steve Hainline held off a bid by Larry Kirkpatrick and crossed the finish line first to win his first trophy dash at Knoxville.

The first heat race went to Jim Edgington, followed by Billy Robison, Ralph Parkinson Sr. and Wayne Holz.

In the second heat, Roger Larson led Larry Kirkpatrick across the finish line for a one-two finish in cars owned by car builder Bob Trostle. Rick Weld took third with Bill Cohee fourth.

The third heat was a real barnburner with Dell Schmidt and Ralph Blackett running away from the rest of the field and waging a wheel-to-wheel battle running side by side for the last four laps of the eight-lap event. Schmidt edged ahead on the final straightaway to cross the finish line first, followed by Blackett, Rager and Steve Hainline.

The fourth heat saw Bob Geldner lead Don Maxwell, Ray Lee Goodwin and Mackie Heimbaugh across the finish line in that order.

In the Consy, Eddie Leavitt jumped off to an early lead to take first place, followed by Lenard McCarl, Jerry Miller and Dick Morris.

Attendance was estimated at 4,000.

Time Trials (Qualifying Order), 2 laps: 1. 4x, Ray Lee Goodwin, Polo, MO (31) 21.535; 2. 7x, Lenard McCarl, Des Moines, IA (16) 21.920; 3. 44, Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO (42) 21.993; 4. 49, Dick Morris, Sioux City, IA (25) 22.021; 5. 10, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (34) 22.072; 6. 18, Larry Kirkpatrick, Wood River, IL (4) 22.122; 7. 31, Jerry Miller, Glendale, AZ (6) 22.141; 8. 8, Roger Rager, Mound, MN (30) 22.179; 9. 7, Edd French, El Paso, TX (17) 22.260; 10. 71, Don Maxwell, Lincoln, NE (18) 22.273; 11. 28, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (32) 22.285; 12. 20, Roger Larson, Kramer, PA (13) 22.324; 13. 134, Gary Dunkle, Lincoln, NE (7) 22.344; 14. 29, Dell Schmidt, Topeka, KS (19) 22.387; 15. 131, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (37) 22.387; 16. 9, Bob Geldner, St. Peter, MN (10) 22.564; 17. 27x, Jim Golden, Syracuse, NE (43) 22.570; 18. 56, Bob Adams, Lincoln, NE (27) 22.745; 19. 39, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (26) 22.834; 20. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (14) 22.836; 21. 94, Ricky Weld, Kansas City, MO (15) 22.838; 22. 25, Darryl Dawley, Sioux Falls, SD (36) 22.852; 23. 15, Gary Johnson, Newton, IA (33) 22.918; 24. 121, Bill Cohee, Topeka, KS (20) 23.061; 25. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (9) 23.081; 26. 73, Wayne Holz, Lincoln, NE (1) 23.257; 27. 5, Randy Smith, Mt. Ayr, IA (40) 23.265; 28. 66, Ralph Parkinson Sr., Kansas City, MO (21) 23.266; 29. 14x, Jim Edgington, Fairmont, MN (11) 23.279; 30. 98, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (22) 23.334; 31. 77, Junior Gutknecht, Pleasantville, IA (38) 23.352; 32. 6, Harvey Grooms, Ottumwa, IA (41) 23.457; 33. 26, Terry Otero, Albuquerque, NM (3) 23.492; 34. 198, Jack McCorkell, Redwood Falls, MN (39) 23.627; 35. 3x, JJ Riggins, Lincoln, NE (29) 23.716; 36. 22, Con Edwards, Ankeny, IA (5) 23.829; 37. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (23) 23.849; 38. 2x, Jerry Frantsen, Windom, MN (28) 24.232; 39. 137, Tony Webster, Topeka, KS (24) 25.583; 40. 81, Ron Tibert, Webster City, IA (44) 41. 16, Dave Butler, Cedar Rapids, IA (35) 28.770; 42. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (2) NT; 43. 125, Butch Bahr, Lincoln, NE (45) NT; 44. 80, Jim Braden, Kansas City, MO (8) NT; 45. 23, Bob Fisher, Madrid, IA (12) NT.

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:49.98: 1. Steve Hainline (2) 2. Larry Kirkpatrick (1) 3. Dick Morris (3) 4. Ray Lee Goodwin (6) 5. Lenard McCarl (5) 6. Eddie Leavitt (4)

Heat one (started), 8 laps, 3:08.4: 1. Jim Edgington (4) 2. Billy Robison (3) 3. Ralph Parkinson Sr. (5) 4. Wayne Holz (7) / 5. Mike Thomas (8) 6. Harvey Grooms (1) ... also: Junior Gutknecht (2), Randy Smith (6)

Heat two (started), 8 laps, 3:04.96: 1. Roger Larson (5) 2. Larry Kirkpatrick (7) 3. Ricky Weld (2) 4. Bill Cohee (1) / 5. Bob Adams (3) 6. Edd French (6) ... also: John Stevenson (4), Eddie Leavitt (8)

Heat three (started), 8 laps, NT: 1. Dell Schmidt (4) 2. Ralph Blackett (5) 3. Roger Rager (6) 4. Steve Hainline (7) / 5. Jim Golden (3) 6. Stacy Redmond (2) ... also: Gary Johnson (1), Lenard McCarl (8)

Heat four (started), 8 laps, 3:06.36: 1. Bob Geldner (3) 2. Don Maxwell (5) 3. Ray Lee Goodwin (8) 4. Mackie Heimbaugh (2) / 5. Gary Dunkle (4) 6. Darryl Dawley (1) 7. Dick Morris (7) 8. Jerry Miller (6)

B main (started), 10 laps, 4:08.72: 1. Con Edwards (4) 2. Jack McCorkell (2) 3. JJ Riggins (3) 4. Tony Webster (7) 5. Adrian Zoutte (5) 6. Terry Otero (1) ... also: Jerry Frantsen (6), Ron Tibert (8), Dave Butler (9), Mike Brooks (10)

Consolation (started), 10 laps, NT: 1. Eddie Leavitt (2) 2. Lenard McCarl (1) 3. Jerry Miller (4) 4. Dick Morris (3) / 5. Edd French (5) 6. Gary Dunkle (6) 7. Bob Adams (9) 8. Mike Thomas (11) ... also: John Stevenson (7), Jim Golden (8), Darryl Dawley (10), Randy Smith (12), Harvey Grooms (13)



A happy Leonard McCarl being congratulated on his Mini-National Feature win by track announcer Dave VanPatten.

A main (started), 25 laps, *: 1. Lenard McCarl (5) 2. Steve Hainline (2) 3. Ray Lee Goodwin (6) 4. Dick Morris (3) 5. Ralph Blackett (10) 6. Jerry Miller (7) 7. Jim Edgington (19) 8. Wayne Holz (17) 9. Billy Robison (20) 10. Bill Cohee (16) ... also: Larry Kirkpatrick (1), Eddie Leavitt (4), Roger Rager (8), Don Maxwell (9), Roger Larson (11), Dell Schmidt (12), Bob Geldner (13), Mackie Heimbaugh (14), Ricky Weld (15), Ralph Parkinson Sr. (18). **Lap Leaders:** Kirkpatrick 1-16, McCarl 17-25.

Second Feature Win for Ray Lee Goodwin

Ray Lee Goodwin, current point leader at Knoxville, won his second sprint car feature of the year last Saturday night before a large grandstand of enthusiastic fans. It looked to be one of the largest crowds of the season on a near perfect night for racing.

Goodwin led the race the entire distance, but was challenged hard by Larry Kirkpatrick until the tenth lap. Larry was just about to overtake Goodwin when he hit the wall on the first turn and bounced around on the track, but he was able to keep the sprinter under control, and exit from the race.

Dell Schmidt, who was second in the point standings also was involved in an accident when he got into the wall near the first turn and flipped several times. Dell was not injured, but had his hopes dimmed of gaining a few points on the point leader.

Randy Smith, the son of Hank Smith, well known around the racing circles and to almost everyone who attends sprint car races, is running his first season this year. He led most of the first heat race before being passed on the eighth lap by Dick Kenny who went on to win. Mackie Heimbaugh finished third, but was not far behind either of the first two finishers.

Dick Morris won the second heat race, followed by Lenard McCarl, who came from the back of the field to second place in three laps.

Roger Larson of Kramer, Pennsylvania, won the Trophy Dash with Lenard McCarl a close second.

Dell Schmidt won the third heat by a considerable margin after taking the lead from Doug Wolfgang. Roger Rager won the fourth heat, followed by Larry Kirkpatrick, but Don Maxwell and Ralph Blackett ran almost the entire race side by side to decide the third-place finish.

The Consolation race went to Gar Dunkle, but Wayne Holz and Don Maxwell did not give up challenging for the lead during the entire race. Stacy Redmond finished behind the three Nebraska drivers for fourth place.

Jerry Miller of Phoenix, Arizona was second in the feature with Ralph Blackett third and Roger Rager, fourth.

Time Trials (Qualifying Order), 2 laps: 1. 20, Roger Larson, Kramer, PA (6) 21.529; 2. 10, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (35) 21.770; 3. 31, Jerry Miller, Glendale, AZ (11) 21.780; 4. 18, Larry Kirkpatrick, Wood River, IL (10) 21.791; 5. 4x, Ray Lee Goodwin, Polo, MO (17) 21.832; 6. 28, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (1) 21.925; 7. 7x, Lenard McCarl, Des Moines, IA (22) 21.928; 8. 57, Doug Wolfgang, Lincoln, NE (13) 21.978; 9. 49, Dick Morris, Sioux City, IA (30) 22.016; 10. 8, Roger Rager, Mound, MN (19) 22.097; 11. 134, Gary Dunkle, Lincoln, NE (33) 22.209; 12. 73, Wayne Holz, Lincoln, NE (28) 22.241; 13. 127, Jim Golden, Syracuse, NE (23) 22.451; 14. 61, Stacy Redmon, Mason City, IA (31) 22.473; 15. 22, Con Edwards, Ankeny, IA (27) 22.475; 16. 71, Don Maxwell, Lincoln, NE (12) 22.576; 17. 29, Dell Schmidt, Topeka, KS (2) 22.630; 18. 125, Butch Bahr, Lincoln, NE (8) 22.643; 19. 81, Ron Tibert, Webster City, IA (29) 22.696; 20. 9, Bob Geldner, St. Peter, MN (26) 22.724; 21. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (34) 22.889; 22. 26, Terry Otero, Albuquerque, NM (14) 22.893; 23. 53, Hank Elmendorf, Omaha, NE (37) 22.922; 24. 77, Junior Gutknecht, Pleasantville, IA (15) 22.953; 25. 62, Dick Kenny, Phoenix, AZ (5) 22.964; 26. 98, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (7) 23.021; 27. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (20) 23.151; 28. 5, Randy Smith, Mt. Ayr, IA (24) 23.275; 29. 88, Gene Kester, Odessa, MO (21) 23.278; 30. 39, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (16) 23.299; 31. 15, Gary Johnson, Newton, IA (25) 32. 6, Harvey Grooms, Ottumwa, IA (3) 23.634; 33. 3x, JJ Riggins, Lincoln,

NE (4) 23.731; 34. 35, Bill Hudson, Des Moines, IA (18) 23.856; 35. 137, Tony Webster, Topeka, KS (32) 24.625; 36. 56, Bob Adams, Lincoln, NE (9) 26.722; 37. 16, Dave Butler, Cedar Rapids, IA (36) 27.054.

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, *: 1. Roger Larson (6) 2. Lenard McCarl (1) 3. Larry Kirkpatrick (3) 4. Ray Lee Goodwin (2) 5. Steve Hainline (5) 6. Jerry Miller (4)

Heat one (started), 8 laps, *: 1. Dick Kenny (7) 2. Randy Smith (4) 3. Mackie Heimbaugh (3) 4. Billy Robison (6) / 5. JJ Riggins (1) 6. Gene Kester (8) ... also: Gary Johnson (2), Mike Thomas (5)

Heat two (started), 8 laps, *: 1. Dick Morris (6) 2. Lenard McCarl (7) 3. Jerry Miller (8) 4. Junior Gutknecht (1) 5. Con Edwards (4) 6. Adrian Zoutte (2) ... also: Butch Bahr (3), Wayne Holz (5)

Heat three (started), 8 laps, *: 1. Dell Schmidt (3) 2. Doug Wolfgang (6) 3. Ray Lee Goodwin (7) 4. Steve Hainline (8) / 5. Gary Dunkle (5) 6. Hank Elmendorf (1) ... also: Bob Geldner (2), Stacy Redmond (4)

Heat four (started), 8 laps, *: 1. Roger Rager (4) 2. Larry Kirkpatrick (6) 3. Ralph Blackett (5) 4. Roger Larson (7) / 5. Don Maxwell (2) 6. Terry Otero (1) ... also: Jim Golden (3), Ron Tibert (8)

Consolation (started), 10 laps, *: 1. Gary Dunkle (1) 2. Wayne Holz (2) 3. Don Maxwell (6) 4. Stacy Redmond (4) / 5. Con Edwards (5) 6. Butch Bahr (7) 7. Hank Elmendorf (10) 8. Terry Otero (9) 9. Bill Hudson (14) 10. Gene Kester (12) 11. JJ Riggins (13) 12. Mike Thomas (11) ... also: Jim Golden (3), Adrian Zoutte (8), Tony Webster (15), Bob Adams (16), Dave Butler (17)



A LARGE CROWD OF SPECTATORS gather around Ray Lee Goodwin following his victory in the feature last week. That's Ray's wife just to the left of him in the picture.

A main (started), 20 laps, NT: 1. Ray Lee Goodwin (2) 2. Jerry Miller (4) 3. Ralph Blackett (7) 4. Roger Rager (10) 5. Doug Wolfgang (8) 6. Lenard McCarl (1) 7. Steve Hainline (5) 8. Dick Morris (9) 9. Don Maxwell (14) 10. Wayne Holz (12) ... also: Larry Kirkpatrick (3), Roger Larson (6), Gary Dunkle (11), Stacy Redmond (13), Dell Schmidt (15), Junior Gutknecht (16), Dick Kenny (17), Billy Robison (18), Randy Smith (19), Mackie Heimbaugh (20). **Lap Leader:** Goodwin 1-25.

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Ray Lee Goodwin Gets Third Feature with Larson Close Second

Ray Lee Goodwin is beginning to get into a nice “rut” at the Marion County Fairgrounds sprint car races, but a bad “rut” nearly cost him a feature win Saturday night.

Goodwin, 35, the track’s point leader, won his second consecutive 20-lap feature and his third of the season.

He lead all the way after taking command in turn two on the first lap except briefly on the sixth lap when he ran into a rut on the track and was forced wide.

“I didn’t even see it,” he said after the race. “It was a rough old track because of heavy rains during the week and on race day.”

Thad Doshier of Topeka, Kansas, who took the initial lead, wrestled first place from Goodwin while he was having problems. However, Goodwin was back in the lead when the cars came out of corner number four.

Roger Larson of Kramer, Pennsylvania, who passed Doshier on the ninth lap, finished second and Doshier was third.

Roger Rager of Mound, Minnesota, and Dick Morris of Sioux City put on the top duel among the feature runners. They challenged positions for fourth to fifth several times.

Goodwin had a field night, capturing the trophy dash as well as the second heat and the feature. “This is the first time I’ve done that all year, I believe,” he said.

After receiving his victory trophy, he presented it to Ray Grimes, director of racing at Knoxville, who has been recuperating from surgery at Iowa Methodist Hospital in Des Moines. It was the first appearance at Knoxville for Grimes this season and the fans as well as the drivers gave him a standing ovation.

Time Trials (Qualifying Order), 2 laps: 1. 8, Roger Rager, Mound, MN (15) 21.629; 2. 49, Dick Morris, Sioux City, IA (31) 21.642; 3. 4x, Ray Lee Goodwin, Polo, MO (14) 21.822; 4. 20, Roger Larson, Kramer, PA (12) 21.862; 5. 40, Thad Doshier, Topeka, KS (17) 22.037; 6. 10, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (18) 22.210; 7. 97, Bill Mellenberndt, Sioux Falls, SD (29) 22.304; 8. 7, Edd French, El Paso, TX (13) 22.464; 9. 25, Darryl Dawley, Sioux Falls, SD (11) 22.530; 10. 125, Butch Bahr, Lincoln, NE (6) 22.550; 11. 71, Don Maxwell, Lincoln, NE (16) 22.639; 12. 5, Randy Smith, Mt. Ayr, IA (26) 22.770; 13. 22, Con Edwards, Ankeny, IA (3) 22.783; 14. 7x, Lenard McCarl, Des Moines, IA (7) 22.786; 15. 62, Dick Kenny, Phoenix, AZ (33) 22.803; 16. 134, Gary Dunkle, Lincoln, NE (30) 22.810; 17. 73, Wayne Holz, Lincoln, NE (27) 22.845; 18. 1x, Doug Wolfgang, Lincoln, NE (5) 23.105; 19. 23, Jon Backlund, Kansas City, MO (1) 23.133; 20. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (10) 23.227; 21. 15, Gary Johnson, Newton, IA (20) 23.242; 22. 14x, Jim Edgington, Fairmont, MN (2) 23.256; 23. 3M, Don Melte, Cowgill, MO (28) 23.323; 24. 77, Junior Gutknecht, Pleasantville, IA (23) 23.360; 25. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (21) 23.488; 26. 98, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (8) 23.552; 27. 137, Tony Webster, Topeka, KS (25) 23.559; 28. 121, Bill Cohee, Topeka, KS (24) 23.657; 29. 39, Mackie

Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (35) 23.661; 30. 26, Terry Otero, Albuquerque, NM (19) 23.811; 31. 80, Jim Braden, Kansas City, MO (22) 23.830; 32. 6, Harvey Grooms, Ottumwa, IA (4) 24.242; 33. 21, *, * (36) NT; 34. 36, Garry Rush, Sydney, NSW, Aust. (9) NT; 35. 18, Larry Kirkpatrick, Wood River, IL (32) NT; 36. 28, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (34) NT.

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:48.83: 1. Ray Lee Goodwin (4) 2. Roger Larson (3) 3. Dick Morris (5) 4. Thad Doshier (2) 5. Roger Rager (6) 6. Steve Hainline (1)

Heat one (started), 8 laps, 3:09.0: 1. Mackie Heimbaugh (4) 2. Harvey Grooms (1) 3. Billy Robison (7) 4. Terry Otero (3) / 5. Mike Thomas (8) 6. Jim Braden (2) 7. Bill Cohee (5) 8. Tony Webster (6)

Heat two (started), 8 laps, 3:00.18: 1. Ray Lee Goodwin (8) 2. Dick Kenny (4) 3. Darryl Dawley (6) 4. Gary Johnson (2) / 5. Steve Hainline (7) 6. Doug Wolfgang (3) 7. Randy Smith (5) 8. Junior Gutknecht (1)

Heat three (started), 8 laps, 3:01.20: 1. Roger Rager (8) 2. Thad Doshier (7) 3. Don Maxwell (5) 4. Lenard McCarl (4) / 5. Adrian Zoutte (2) 6. Edd French (6) 7. Wayne Holz (3) 8. Don Melte (1)

Heat four (started), 8 laps, NT: 1. Gary Dunkle (3) 2. Roger Larson (7) 3. Jim Edgington (1) 4. Dick Morris (8) / 5. Bill Mellenberndt (6) 6. Butch Bahr (5) 7. Con Edwards (4) 8. Jon Backlund (2)

Consolation (started), 10 laps, *: 1. Edd French (3) 2. Wayne Holz (7) 3. Randy Smith (5) 4. Butch Bahr (4) 5. Con Edwards (6) / 6. Doug Wolfgang (8) 7. Mike Thomas (11) 8. Bill Cohee (13) 9. Jim Braden (14) 10. Tony Webster (12) 11. Adrian Zoutte (10) 12. Jon Backlund (9) 13. Bill Mellenberndt (2) 14. Steve Hainline (1)



TWO STARS are in this picture. They are Ray Lee Goodwin, sprint car driver extraordinary, and Sue Swisher a star of the Knoxville High School Girls Varsity basketball team. Sue was a starting forward on the 1974-75 team that was among the sweet sixteen in the Girls State Tournament.

A main (started), 20 laps, *: 1. Ray Lee Goodwin (4) 2. Roger Larson (3) 3. Thad Doshier (2) 4. Dick Morris (6) 5. Roger Rager (5) 6. Don Maxwell (9) 7. Jim Edgington (16) ... also: Edd French (1), Darryl Dawley (7), Butch Bahr (8), Randy Smith (10), Con Edwards (11), Dick Kenny (12), Gary Dunkle (13), Wayne Holz (14), Gary Johnson (15), Billy Robison (17), Mackie Heimbaugh (18), Terry Otero (19), Harvey Grooms (20). **Lap Leader:** Goodwin 1-20.

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Knoxville Mid-Season Reset

Rain caused postponement of the mid-season championship super sprints at the Marion County Fairgrounds June 21.

Acting race director Dave Van Patten has rescheduled the special event for Saturday, June 28.

More than 40 cars had arrived at the track. A purse of \$3,500 had been offered, with \$600 going to the winner of the 25-lap feature. Van Patten said the same money would be offered Saturday night. It was the first rainout of the season here. The storm hit about 6:45 p.m., and a few minutes later, the sun appeared to the west, and the skies appeared to be clear, however rain continued to fall and steadily increased.

Larry Kirkpatrick Mid-Season Champion in Accident Plagued Night

Larry Kirkpatrick of Wood River, Illinois won an accident-scarred, rain-delayed mid-season championship for super sprint cars at the Knoxville Raceway last Saturday night.

Point leader Ray Lee Goodwin of Polo, Missouri and Jim Edgington of Fairmont, Minnesota were injured in two separate accidents during the evening. Both were taken to Mercy Hospital in Des Moines and released earlier this week. Edgington came out the worst for the ride, suffering some broken bones and multiple cuts and bruises and will undoubtedly be out of the racing picture for some time. Goodwin came home with severe lacerations and multiple bruises.

Bob Fisher of Madrid, Iowa, flipped his racer during time trials and was taken to Collins Memorial Hospital and later released, and was back at the track before the conclusion of the races. Fisher was driving a car owned by Gil Sonner of Des Moines. It was the first appearance at the track for the car and Fisher this season.

Goodwin and Roger Rager of Mound, Minnesota, to No. 2 man in point standings here, battled for the lead during the first five laps and Goodwin took over when Rager caught a rut and spun out in the fourth turn.

Goodwin was the leader on the restart, but he was pressed hard by Eddie Leavitt of Kearney, Missouri, and Leavitt slipped ahead in turn two. Goodwin came roaring back and the two cars collided in the backstretch with Goodwin going into a flip. Leavitt was forced into the pits for the remainder of the race.

Kirkpatrick, who won his first feature of the year, was the leader from that point. The race didn't go long before a three-car accident permanently sidelined Rager. Edgington and Bob Geldner of St. Peter, Minnesota, were also involved, but only Edgington was hurt.

"Jim caught a rut and started to flip," Rager explained. "Geldner then spun out. I spun in an effort to miss both of them, but caught the same rut Edgington hit and I flipped four or five times."

There was another spinout and several drivers asked that the race be stopped, but officials thought it should continue although weather conditions had made the track rough. Rager said over the public address system that he would be out there if his car could run.

The feature was cut from a scheduled 25 laps to 20.

Roger Larson finished second in the feature with Ralph Blackett third. Kirkpatrick got \$600 for his win.

Fifty-one cars took time trials.

Time Trials (Qualifying Order), 2 laps: 1. 25, Darryl Dawley, Sioux Falls, SD (6) 20.669; 2. 40, Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO (7) 20.672; 3. 49, Dick Morris, Sioux City, IA (3) 20.879; 4. 4x, Ray Lee Goodwin, Polo, MO (47) 20.881; 5. 7, Edd French, El Paso, TX (26) 20.969; 6. 28, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (27) 20.976; 7. 8, Roger Rager, Mound, MN (39) 21.025; 8. 20, Roger Larson, Kramer, PA (1) 21.125; 9. 134, Gary Dunkle, Lincoln, NE (36) 21.279; 10. 18, Larry Kirkpatrick, Wood River, IL (34) 21.287; 11. 31, Jerry Miller, Phoenix, AZ (15) 21.361; 12. 10, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (23) 21.362; 13. 7x, Lenard McCarl, Des Moines, IA (29) 21.382; 14. 9, Bob Geldner, St. Peter, MN (37) 21.480; 15. 39, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (30) 21.480; 16. 23, Jon Backlund, Kansas City, MO (4) 21.517; 17. 71, Don Maxwell, Lincoln, NE (42) 21.606; 18. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (31) 21.621; 19. 125, Butch Bahr, Lincoln, NE (43) 21.756; 20. 14x, Jim Edgington, Fairmont, MN (20) 21.783; 21. 98, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (18) 21.816; 22.

37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (38) 21.819; 23. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (19) 21.863; 24. 77, Junior Gutknecht, Pleasantville, IA (48) 21.916; 25. 53, Hank Elmendorf, Omaha, NE (14) 21.943; 26. 2x, Jerry Frantzen, Windom, MN (44) 22.016; 27. 35, Bill Hudson, Des Moines, IA (17) 22.071; 28. 73, Wayne Holz, Lincoln, NE (46) 22.085; 29. 34, Doug Wolfgang, Lincoln, NE (22) 22.160; 30. 95, Jeff Rice, Topeka, KS (25) 22.168; 31. 5, Randy Smith, Mt. Ayr, IA (40) 22.178; 32. 15, Gary Johnson, Newton, IA (33) 22.319; 33. 80, Jim Braden, Kansas City, MO (32) 22.333; 34. 88, Gene Kester, Odessa, MO (10) 22.488; 35. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (49) 22.511; 36. 94, Rick Weld, Kansas City, MO (21) 22.540; 37. 12x, Tom Stasa, Raytown, MO (11) 22.550; 38. 98x, Jack McCorkell, Redwood Falls, MN (2) 22.567; 39. 6, Harvey Grooms, Ottumwa, IA (12) 22.632; 40. 27x, Jim Golden, Syracuse, NE (28) 22.740; 41. 90, Roy Jo Peltz, Maryville, MO (16) 23.052; 42. 2, Virgil Newman, Kansas City, MO (41) 23.099; 43. 117, Roger Anderson, Cedar Falls, IA (24) 23.197; 44. 137, Tony Webster, Topeka, KS (8) 23.328; 45. 99, Chuck Mohr, Brooklyn, MI (5) 23.956; 46. 198, Al Murie, Kansas City, MO (9) 24.011; 47. 81, Ron Tibert, Webster City, IA (13) 24.100; 48. 74, Gary Rogers, Kansas City, MO (35) 25.857; 49. 47, Bob Fisher, Madrid, IA (45) NT.

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, *: 1. Roger Rager (1) 2. Darryl Dawley (6) 3. Eddie Leavitt (5) 4. Edd French (2) ... also: Ray Lee Goodwin (3), Dick Morris (4) ... DNS – Ralph Blackett

Heat one (started), 8 laps, *: 1. Gary Johnson (2) 2. Doug Wolfgang (5) 3. Wayne Holz (6) 4. Jim Braden (1) / 5. Jeff Rice (4) 6. Randy Smith (3) 7. Bill Hudson (7) 8. Jerry Frantzen (8)

Heat two (started), 8 laps, *: 1. Bob Geldner (4) 2. Billy Robison (2) 3. Dick Morris (8) 4. Gary Dunkle (6) / 5. Ralph Blackett (7) 6. Steve Hainline (5) 7. Hank Elmendorf (1) 8. Stacy Redmond (3)

Heat three (started), 8 laps, *: 1. Eddie Leavitt (8) 2. Don Maxwell (3) 3. Roger Larson (6) 4. Jim Edgington (2) / 5. Edd French (7) 6. Jerry Miller (5) 7. Junior Gutknecht (1) 8. Mackie Heimbaugh (4)

Heat four (started), 8 laps, *: 1. Larry Kirkpatrick (5) 2. Ray Lee Goodwin (7) 3. Roger Rager (6) 4. Lenard McCarl (4) / 5. Mike Thomas (1) 6. Butch Bahr (2) ... also: Jon Backlund (3), Darryl Dawley (8)

Consolation (started), 10 laps, *: 1. Jerry Miller (4) 2. Ralph Blackett (3) 3. Edd French (2) 4. Junior Gutknecht (8) / 5. Steve Hainline (5) 6. Jerry Frantzen (10) 7. Butch Bahr (7) 8. Bill Hudson (11) 9. Hank Elmendorf (9) 10. Randy Smith (13) ... also: Darryl Dawley (1), Jon Backlund (6), Jeff Rice (12)

B main (started), 10 laps, *: 1. Jack McCorkell (5) 2. Tom Stasa (4) 3. Gene Kester (1) 4. Roy Jo Peltz (7) 5. Jim Golden (6) 6. Rick Weld (3) 7. Virgil Newman (8) 8. Chuck Mohr (11) 9. Gary Rogers (13) 10. Mike Brooks (2) ... also: Roger Anderson (9), Tony Webster (10), Ron Tibert (12)



A main (started), 20 laps, NT: 1. Larry Kirkpatrick (9) 2. Roger Larson (7) 3. Ralph Blackett (2) 4. Don Maxwell (12) 5. Gary Dunkle (8) 6. Doug Wolfgang (18) 7. Billy Robison (14) 8. Gary Johnson (19) 9. Bob Geldner (11) 10. Jim Braden (20) 11. Mike Thomas (15) ... also: Roger Rager (1), Edd French (3), Ray Lee Goodwin (4), Dick Morris (5), Eddie Leavitt (6), Jerry Miller (10), Jim Edgington (13), Junior Gutknecht (16), Wayne Holz (17). **Lap Leaders:** *- Kirkpatrick *-20

7/5

Eddie Leavitt Gets Feature

Eddie Leavitt of Kearney, Missouri won the Super Sprint car feature here last Saturday night, but not after much deliberation by track officials. The rule governing tires stated that it could be no larger than 97 inches in circumference, and Eddie's tire measured 97 and 1/8 inches, putting it over the legal limit.

"The tire was 96 inches before we went out to run the feature," said Leavitt. "We checked it twice." Heat evidently expanded the tire and Leavitt ran a "hot" race. He led from the start and was never really challenged except late in the race by Roger Larson, who finished at least four car lengths behind him to capture second place. Marion County Race officials paid both Larson and Leavitt first place money.

A long debate-nearly an hour-followed the race with officials considering and reconsidering the decision.

The rule for the National races is staged as follows:

No Nitro or Nitrous Oxide Injection.

Tire Rule: 12 and 1/4 inches tread limit. 98 inches circumference-maximum. 20 lbs. air pressure minimum in right rear tire.

Leavitt's car is owned by John Ricke and Tom Hill of Williams, Iowa and Stan Hill of Denver, Colorado.

Lenard McCarl of Des Moines had the best qualifying time of 21.970 seconds, with Roger Larson timing with a 22.008.

Leavitt captured the trophy dash, but ran fourth in the third heat race.

Time Trials (Qualifying Order), 2 laps: 1. 7x, Lenard McCarl, Des Moines, IA (17) 21.970; 2. 20, Roger Larson, Kramer, PA (21) 22.008; 3. 18, Larry Kirkpatrick, Wood River, IL (8) 22.386; 4. 134, Gary Dunkle, Lincoln, NE (18) 22.408; 5. 40, Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO (12) 22.409; 6. 10, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (23) 22.449; 7. 8, Roger Rager, Mound, MN (6) 22.453; 8. 71, Don Maxwell, Lincoln, NE (30) 22.493; 9. 34, Doug Wolfgang, Lincoln, NE (5) 22.505; 10. 23, Jon Backlund, Kansas City, MO (25) 22.643; 11. 53, Hank Elmendorf, Omaha, NE (34) 22.662; 12. 125, Butch Bahr, Lincoln, NE (14) 22.706; 13. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (33) 22.718; 14. 98x, Jack McCorkell, Redwood Falls, MN (29) 22.829; 15. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (13) 22.853; 16. 98, Bill Robison, Topeka, KS (20) 22.904; 17. 25, Darryl Dawley, Sioux Falls, SD (3) 22.932; 18. 73, Wayne Holz, Lincoln, NE (7) 23.013; 19. 5, Randy Smith, Mt. Ayr, IA (31) 23.027; 20. 29, Dick Sutcliffe, Greenwood, MO (22) 23.075; 21. 94, Rick Weld, Kansas City, MO (24) 23.110; 22. 22, Con Edwards, Ankeny, IA (2) 23.151; 23. 15, Gary Johnson, Newton, IA (19) 23.213; 24. 62, Dick Kenny, Phoenix, AZ (10) 23.283; 25. 2x, Jerry Frantzen, Windom, MN (9) 23.296; 26. 47, Bob Fisher, Madrid, IA (32) 23.310; 27. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (11) 23.407; 28. 6, Harvey Grooms, Ottumwa, IA (27) 23.408; 29. 88, Gene Kester, Odessa, MO (15) 23.447; 30. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (28) 23.624; 31. 77, Junior Gutknecht, Pleasantville, IA (16) 24.028; 32. 21, Tony Webster, Topeka, KS (26) 24.804; 33. 81, Ron Tibert, Webster City, IA (1) 26.779; 34. 16, Dave Butler, Cedar Rapids, IA (4) 28.208; 35. 31, Jerry Miller, Glendale, AZ (35) NT.

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:50.14: 1. Eddie Leavitt (2) 2. Steve Hainline (1) 3. Larry Kirkpatrick (4) 4. Lenard McCarl (6) 5. Roger Larson (5) 6. Gary Dunkle (3)

Heat one (started), 8 laps, *: 1. Gene Kester (4) 2. Adrian Zoutte (3) 3. Harvey Grooms (5) 4. Tony Webster (1) / 5. Stacy Redmond (6) 6. Ron Tibert (8) ... also: Junior Gutknecht (2), Bob Fisher (7)

Heat two (started), 8 laps, *: 1. Steve Hainline (7) 2. Rick Weld (2) 3. Mike Thomas (4) 4. Larry Kirkpatrick (8) / 5. Jerry Frantzen (1) ... also: Wayne Holz (3), Butch Bahr (5), Doug Wolfgang (6)

Heat three (started), 8 laps, *: 1. Dick Sutcliffe (2) 2. Bill Robison (3) 3. Roger Larson (8) 4. Eddie Leavitt (7) / 5. Dick Kenny (1) 6. Don Maxwell (6) ... also: Jack McCorkell (4), Hank Elmendorf (5)

Heat four (started), 8 laps, *: 1. Roger Rager (6) 2. Lenard McCarl (8) 3. Randy Smith (2) 4. Gary Johnson (1) / 5. Darryl Dawley (3) 6. Gary Dunkle (7) 7. Mike Brooks (4) 8. Jon Backlund (5)

Consolation (started), 10 laps, *: 1. Don Maxwell (2) 2. Gary Dunkle (1) 3. Doug Wolfgang (3) 4. Hank Elmendorf (5) / 5. Darryl Dawley (9) 6. Butch Bahr (6) 7. Dick Kenny (11) 8. Wayne Holz (10) 9. Dave Butler (15) 10. Jerry Frantzen 11. Ron Tibert (14) ... also: Jon Backlund (4), Mike Brooks (7), Jack McCorkell (8), Bob Fisher (12), Stacy Redmond (13)



EDDIE LEAVITT, Flagman Gail Miller and the Trophy girl posed for this picture after Leavitt had won the feature here Saturday night.

A main (started), 20 laps, *: 1. Eddie Leavitt (2) 2. Roger Larson (5) 3. Larry Kirkpatrick (4) 4. Steve Hainline (1) 5. Roger Rager (7) 6. Doug Wolfgang (9) 7. Lenard McCarl (6) 8. Mike Thomas (11) 9. Don Maxwell (8) 10. Rick Weld (15) 11. Gary Johnson (16) ... also: Gary Dunkle (3), Hank Elmendorf (10), Bill Robison (12), Randy Smith (13), Dick Sutcliffe (14), Harvey Grooms (17), Gene Kester (18), Adrian Zoutte (19), Tony Webster (20). **Lap Leader:** Leavitt 1-20.

7/12

Stacy Redmond, Lenard McCarl Winners in First Twin 15

Lenard McCarl of Des Moines and Stacy Redmond of Mason City, won the twin features in Super Sprint racing at the Knoxville Raceway Saturday night and Roger Rager of Mound, Minnesota widened his point lead.

McCarl won the first 15-lapper, taking the lead in turn number two on the first lap from Dick Morris of Sioux City, who finished second.

McCarl opened up a big lead, but saw that advantage fade when a spinout on the eighth lap brought out the yellow flag and the field closed up. McCarl was never passed but had to withstand a hard challenge from Morris.

The finish of the first feature was inverted for the start of the second half of the twin 15 and Redmond started in the second row. Tony Webster of Topeka, Kansas was the initial leader, but Redmond soon shot into the lead and also opened a wide lead.

Darryl Dawley of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, worked his way into second place and managed to hold off the hard-charging Rager until the twelfth lap when Dawley was sidelined because of a blown engine.

Rager roared after Redmond and after the race said he believed he could have passed him in another lap or two.

It was the first feature race here for Redmond in several seasons, however not the case for McCarl, who won the Mid-Season Championship earlier this year.

Rager took over the point lead here a week ago when season-long leader Ray Lee Goodwin of Polo, Missouri was sidelined because of an injury sustained in a crash.

Rager widened his lead over Goodwin with his third and second place finish in the twin 15.

Junior Gutknecht of Pleasantville, who was driving another car for the first time ever, finished third in the second feature.

Both feature winners received \$350 of the total purse of \$4,500. The crowd was estimated at about 3,000.

Several of the top contenders were missing from the field Saturday night because of a special two-day sprint car race at Sedalia, Missouri over the weekend.

Roger Rager had the best one lap time in time trials with a 21.378 with Larry Kirkpatrick second with 21.572.

Dick Morris, who finished second in the first feature and fourth in the second one, had to qualify by winning the Consolation race.

Time Trials (Qualifying Order), 2 laps: 1. 8, Roger Rager, Mound, MN (15) 21.378; 2. 18, Larry Kirkpatrick, Wood River, IL (16) 21.572; 3. 31, Jerry Miller, Glendale, AZ (10) 21.606; 4. 10, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (25) 21.678; 5. 7x, Lenard McCarl, Des Moines, IA (3) 21.705; 6. 49, Dick Morris, Sioux City, IA (5) 21.948; 7. 98, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (17) 22.200; 8. 134, Gary Dunkle, Lincoln, NE (1) 22.203; 9. 25, Darryl Dawley, Sioux Falls, SD (28) 22.204; 10. 71, Don Maxwell, Lincoln, NE (13) 22.246; 11. 127, Jim Golden, Syracuse, NE (19) 22.377; 12. 59, Dennis Olson, Braham, MN (26) 22.380; 13. 15, Gary Johnson, Newton, IA (2) 22.397; 14. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (4) 22.455; 15. 44, Doug Wolfgang, Lincoln, NE (8) 22.502; 16. 34, Junior Gutknecht, Pleasantville, IA (21) 22.542; 17. 63, Jerry Richert, Forest Lake, MN (24) 22.555; 18. 22, Con Edwards, Ankeny, IA (23) 22.645; 19. 23, Jon Backlund, Kansas City, MO (29) 22.697; 20. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (30) 22.701; 21. 39, Harvey Grooms, Ottumwa, IA (11) 22.814; 22. 17, Bill Randleman, Jefferson, IA (31) 22.835; 23. 60, Keith Hightshoe, Lincoln, NE (14) 22.884; 24. 53, Hank Elmendorf, Omaha, NE (20) 22.964; 25. 3x, JJ Riggins, Lincoln, NE (27) 22.979; 26. 47, Bob Fisher, Madrid, IA (18) 23.003; 27. 21, Tony Webster, Topeka, KS (9) 23.186; 28. 88, Gene Kester, Odessa, MO (7) 23.311; 29. 56, Bob Adams, Lincoln, NE (22) 23.390; 30. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (32) 23.730; 31. 41, Dale Oaks, Burlington, IA (11) 24.207; 32. 117, Roger Anderson, Cedar Falls, IA (6).

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:47.57: 1. Lenard McCarl (2) 2. Roger Rager (6) 3. Dick Morris (1) 4. Steve Hainline (3) 5. Larry Kirkpatrick (5) 6. Jerry Miller (4)

Heat one (started), 8 laps, *: 1. Tony Webster (6) 2. Roger Anderson (1) 3. Bob Fisher (7) 4. JJ Riggins (8) / 5. Gene Kester (5) 6. Dale Oaks (2) ... also: Mike Thomas (3), Bob Adams (4)

Heat two (started), 8 laps, *: 1. Harvey Grooms (2) 2. Hank Elmendorf (1) 3. Darryl Dawley (6) 4. Jerry Miller (8) / 5. Dick Morris (7) 6. Doug Wolfgang (4) 7. Dennis Olson (5) 8. Con Edwards (3)

Heat three (started), 8 laps, 2:58.14: 1. Larry Kirkpatrick (7) 2. Lenard McCarl (6) 3. Keith Hightshoe (1) 4. Stacy Redmond (4) / 5. Jerry Richert (3) 6. Jim Golden (5) 7. Adrian Zoutte (2) DNS – Gary Dunkle

Heat four (started), 8 laps, 3:00.91: 1. Billy Robison (6) 2. Roger Rager (8) 3. Jon Backlund (2) 4. Don Maxwell (3) / 5. Steve Hainline (5) 6. Gary Johnson (4) 7. Junior Gutknecht (1) 8. Bill Randleman (7)

Consolation (started), 10 laps, *: 1. Dick Morris (2) 2. Steve Hainline (1) 3. Junior Gutknecht (7) 4. Gary Johnson (5) / 5. Doug Wolfgang (6) 6. Dennis Olson (4) 7. Jim Golden (3) 8. Mike Thomas (12) 9. Jerry Richert (8) 10. Dale Oaks (13) ... also: Bill Randleman (9), Gene Kester (10), Bob Adams (11) ... DNS – Gary Dunkle

FEATURE WINNER LEONARD McCARL poses with trophy girl Sue Swisher and flagman Gail Miller after McCarl won the first half of the twin bill



A main one (started), 15 laps, *: 1. Lenard McCarl (2) 2. Dick Morris (1) 3. Roger Rager (6) 4. Jerry Miller (4) 5. Darryl Dawley (8) 6. Billy Robison (7) 7. Junior Gutknecht (12) 8. Steve Hainline (3) 9. Gary Johnson (10) 10. Harvey Grooms (14) 11. Jon Backlund (13) 12. Hank Elmendorf (16) 13. Stacy Redmond (11) 14. Bob Fisher (18) 15. JJ Riggins (17) 16. Tony Webster (19) ... also: Larry Kirkpatrick (5), Don Maxwell (9), Keith Hightshoe (15), Roger Anderson (20). **Lap Leader:** McCarl 1-15.



A main two (started), 15 laps, *: 1. Stacy Redmond (4) 2. Roger Rager (14) 3. Junior Gutknecht (10) 4. Dick Morris (15) 5. Hank Elmendorf (5) 6. Lenard McCarl (16) 7. Steve Hainline (9) 8. Jerry Miller (13) 9. Gary Johnson (8) 10. Tony Webster (1) 11. Harvey Grooms (7) ... also: JJ Riggins (2), Bob Fisher (3), Jon Backlund (6), Billy Robison (11), Darryl Dawley (12), Keith Hightshoe (17), Larry Kirkpatrick (18) DNS – Don Maxwell, Roger Anderson. **Lap Leaders:** Webster 1*, Redmond *-15.

7/19

Eddie Leavitt Wins Second Feature, McCarl Flips

Eddie Leavitt had it all together Saturday night July 19, as he ran away from the rest of the field to win his second main event in three weeks.

Leavitt won the feature two weeks ago, then stirred up a controversy because a tire did not meet the rules. Officials found the circumference of his right rear tire to be 97 1/8 inches, one-eighth of an inch over the legal limit.

The track's racing committee met later and ruled Leavitt was the winner, although officials had ruled he was disqualified on the night of the race.

Roger Rager outraced Gary Dunkle to the checkered flag coming out of turn four to finish in second place.

Dunkle, who earlier in the evening won the trophy dash, had been the leader from lap one until nine and had a sizable lead. However, his lead evaporated when Mike Brooks spun out, and the race was stopped.

On the restart, Leavitt charged into the lead coming out of turn two, and built up a lead that was never challenged.

Larry Kirkpatrick had been running second and third during the early going, but a blown engine sidelined him on the eleventh lap.

Several spectacular flips took place during the evening's racing program. Con Edwards blew a line during warm-ups and hit the fence in turn one. His car flipped several times. Edwards suffered a pulled shoulder, however his car fared much worse.

During the fourth heat race, Lenard McCarl, the number three man in point standings, ran over a wheel on the car driven by Dick Sutcliffe, and came close to clearing the fence in turn two. McCarl was taken to Collins Memorial Hospital, but was not believed to be badly hurt.

Time Trials (Qualifying Order), 2 laps: 1. 8, Roger Rager, Mound, Minnesota (24) 20.487; 2. 7x, Lenard McCarl, Des Moines, IA (9) 21.125; 3. 18, Larry Kirkpatrick, Wood River, IL (23) 21.197; 4. 40, Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO (4) 21.260; 5. 134, Gary Dunkle, Lincoln, NE (6) 21.292; 6. 31, Jerry Miller, Glendale, AZ (32) 21.461; 7. 9, Bob Geldner, St. Peter, MN (29) 21.433; 8. 49, Dick Morris, Sioux City, IA (17) 21.509; 9. 98, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (12) 21.564; 10. 10, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (8) 21.626; 11. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (20) 21.707; 12. 125, Butch Bahr, Lincoln, NE (22) 21.719; 13. 4A, Larry Clark, Tolleson, AZ (18) 21.727; 14. 29, Dick Sutcliffe, Greenwood, MO (28) 21.815; 15. 131, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (30) 21.834; 16. 34, Junior Gutknecht, Pleasantville, IA (26) 21.872; 17. 71, Don Maxwell, Lincoln, NE (2) 21.892; 18. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (15) 21.903; 19. 23, Jon Backlund, Kansas City, MO (3) 21.970; 20. 17, Bill Randleman, Jefferson, IA (21) 21.984; 21. 39, Harvey Grooms, Ottumwa, IA (25) 22.085; 22. 5, Randy Smith, Mt. Ayr, IA (27) 22.101; 23. 62, Dick Kenny, Phoenix, AZ (19) 22.132; 24. 44, Doug Wolfgang, Lincoln, NE (16) 22.210; 25. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (14) 22.247; 26. 15, Gary Johnson, Newton, IA (11) 22.271; 27. 73, Wayne Holz, Lincoln, NE (13) 22.404; 28. 21, Tony Webster, Topeka, KS (1) 22.849; 29. 56, Bob Adams, Lincoln, NE (5) 22.884; 30. 81, Dave Heskin, Monticello, MN (7) 22.981; 31. 75, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE (31) 23.055; 32. 2, Virgil Newman, Kansas City, MO (34) 23.631; 33. 16, Dave Butler, Cedar Rapids, IA (10) 25.800; 34. 53, Hank Elmendorf, Omaha, NE (33) NT.

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, *: 1. Gary Dunkle (2) 2. Larry Kirkpatrick (4) 3. Eddie Leavitt (3) 4. Roger Rager (6) 5. Lenard McCarl (5) 6. Jerry Miller (1)

Heat one (started), 8 laps, *: 1. Gary Johnson (5) 2. Bobby Adams (4) 3. Rich Brahmer (2) 4. Dave Heskin (3) / ... also: Virgil Newman (1), Wayne Holz (6), Adrian Zoutte (7) DNS – Tony Webster

Heat two (started), 8 laps, *: 1. Doug Wolfgang (1) 2. Mike Brooks (3) 3. Larry Kirkpatrick (7) 4. John Stevenson (4) / 5. Butch Bahr (5) 6. Billy Robison (6) 7. Harvey Grooms (2) DNS – Jerry Miller

Heat three (started), 8 laps, *: 1. Don Maxwell (3) 2. Gary Dunkle (7) 3. Bill Randleman (2) 4. Dick Morris (6) / 5. Dick Kenny (1) 6. Mike Thomas (5) ... also: Dick Sutcliffe (4), Lenard McCarl (8)

Heat four (started), 8 laps, *: 1. Roger Rager (8) 2. Eddie Leavitt (7) 3. Larry Clark (4) 4. Bob Geldner (6) / 5. Jon Backlund (2) 6. Randy Smith (1) 7. Junior Gutknecht (3) 8. Steve Hainline (5)

Consolation (started), 10 laps, *: 1. Billy Robison (1) 2. Steve Hainline (2) 3. Butch Bahr (4) 4. Junior Gutknecht (5) / 5. Dick Kenny (9) 6. Randy Smith (8) 7. Mike Thomas (3) 8. Jon Backlund (6) ... also: Harvey Grooms (7), Dave Butler (11), Hank Elmendorf (10) DNS – Tony Webster



A main (started), 20 laps, NT: 1. Eddie Leavitt (4) 2. Roger Rager (6) 3. Gary Dunkle (3) 4. Don Maxwell (13) 5. Steve Hainline (8) 6. Doug Wolfgang (16) 7. Bob Geldner (2) 8. Junior Gutknecht (12) 9. John Stevenson (11) 10. Butch Bahr (9) ... also: Dick Morris (1), Larry Kirkpatrick (5), Billy Robison (7), Larry Clark (10), Mike Brooks (14), Bill Randleman (15), Gary Johnson (17), Bobby Adams (18), Dave Heskin (19), Rich Brahmer (20). **Lap Leaders:** Dunkle 1-9, Leavitt 10-20.

7/26

Eddie Leavitt Gets Third Feature Here

Eddie Leavitt of Kearney, Missouri drives a sprint car like he owns a piece of the half mile oval at Knoxville. Leavitt has won the last three features here in which he has competed and that goes back to July 5 when he made his first appearance in a car owned by Tom Hill and John Ricke, who farm near Williams, Iowa and Stan Ricke, who lives in Denver Colorado.

Someone said Leavitt couldn't drive a sprinter anymore after his low start in the early goings of the season.

"That's the first time I was ever 'fired' in my life," said Leavitt, who runs a trucking firm in Kearney.

"I was discouraged for a while, then I got a call from the farmers."

"Their driver, Thad Doshier, had just quit to go run USAC and they wanted me to drive their car. I jumped at the chance."

Leavitt says he races for fun and when it stops being fun, he'll quit. He added that it's still fun, particularly with a car like the farmers.

He will drive the farmers' car in the National races here beginning next Wednesday.

Leavitt finished last Saturday night nearly half a lap ahead of second place Roger Rager and lapped all but four cars.

Mike Brooks of Knoxville had the pole, but Leavitt took command in the first turn and never lost control.

Adrian Zoutte flipped his racer end over end a half dozen times while timing when a mechanical failure caused him to lose control in the third turn. His car was demolished, but Adrian was not injured.

There were no yellow flags during the feature.

There were 32 cars on the field and a large grandstand crowd.

Time Trials (Qualifying Order), 2 laps: 1. 8, Roger Rager, Mound, Minnesota (14) 21.010; 2. 7x, Lenard McCarl, Des Moines, IA (3) 21.075; 3. 31, Jerry Miller, Phoenix, AZ (10) 21.174; 4. 91, Edd French, El Paso, TX (27) 21.187; 5. 40, Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO (12) 21.220; 6. 134, Gary Dunkle, Lincoln, NE (2) 21.268; 7. 49, Dick Morris, Sioux City, IA (9) 21.443; 8. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (18) 21.488; 9. 34, Junior Parkinson, Gladstone, MO (30) 21.495; 10. 131, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (29) 21.508; 11. 144, Rickey Hood, Memphis, TN (24) 21.545; 12. 44, Doug Wolfgang, Lincoln, NE (11) 21.673; 13. 71, Don Maxwell, Lincoln, NE (13) 21.717; 14. 10, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (15) 21.724; 15. 5, Randy Smith, Mt. Ayr, IA (5) 21.753; 16. 15, Gary Johnson, Newton, IA (26) 21.916; 17. 125, Butch Bahr, Lincoln, NE (31) 21.943; 18. 6x, Dale McCarty, Kearney, MO (8) 21.956; 19. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (22) 21.964; 20. 77, Junior Gutknecht, Pleasantville, IA (28) 22.057; 21. 23, Jon Backlund, Kansas City, MO (21) 22.141; 22. 4A, Larry Clark, Tolleson, AZ (20) 22.302; 23. 6, Harvey Grooms, Ottumwa, IA (23) 22.398; 24. 981, Bill Curtis, Kansas City, MO (1) 22.499; 25. 88, Gene Kester, Odessa, MO (17) 22.632; 26. 121, Tony Webster, Topeka, KS (16) 22.905; 27. 133, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO (19) 23.470; 28. 98, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (7) 23.491; 29. 47, Bob Fisher, Madrid, IA (4) 25.672; 30. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (25) NT; 31. 53, Hank Elmendorf, Omaha, NE (6) NT.

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, *: 1. Eddie Leavitt (1) 2. Edd French (2) 3. Gary Dunkle (3) 4. Roger Rager (6) ... also: Jerry Miller (4), Lenard McCarl (5)

Heat one (started), 8 laps, *: 1. Billy Robison (2) 2. Bill Curtis (6) 3. Bob Fisher (1) 4. Tony Webster (4) / 5. Jerry Potter (3) 6. Harvey Grooms (7) 7. Gene Kester (5)

Heat two (started), 8 laps, *: 1. Eddie Leavitt (6) 2. Junior Parkinson (5) 3. Dale McCarty (2) 4. Doug Wolfgang (4) / 5. Jon Backlund (1) 6. Randy Smith (3)

Heat three (started), 8 laps, *: 1. Butch Bahr (2) 2. Steve Hainline (3) 3. Junior Gutknecht (1) 4. Mike Brooks (5) / 5. Rickey Hood (4) ... also: Edd French (6), Lenard McCarl (7)

Heat four (started), 8 laps, *: 1. Gary Dunkle (6) 2. Roger Rager (7) 3. Gary Johnson (2) 4. John Stevenson (4) / 5. Dick Morris (5) 6. Don Maxwell (3) 7. Mike Thomas (1)

Consolation (started), 10 laps, *: 1. Lenard McCarl (1) 2. Don Maxwell (3) 3. Rickey Hood (4) 4. Edd French (2) / 5. Mike Thomas (5) 6. Harvey Grooms (7) 7. Jerry Potter (9) ... also: Randy Smith (6), Jon Backlund (8)
DNS – Dick Morris, Gene Kester



A main (started), 20 laps, *: 1. Eddie Leavitt (2) 2. Roger Rager (6) 3. Gary Dunkle (4) 4. Don Maxwell (11) 5. Junior Parkinson (7) 6. Lenard McCarl (5) 7. Doug Wolfgang (10) 8. Butch Bahr (14) 9. Billy Robison (19) 10. Rickey Hood (9) 11. John Stevenson (8) 12. Dale McCarty (15) ... also: Mike Brooks (1), Edd French (3), Steve Hainline (12), Gary Johnson (13), Junior Gutknecht (16), Bill Curtis (17), Tony Webster (18), Bob Fisher (20). **Lap Leader:** Leavitt 1-20.

8/2

Don Maxwell DQed, Roger Rager Wins

Don Maxwell didn't know until later in the week whether he won the super sprint season championship race and the \$750 first prize Saturday night at the Marion County Fairground.

Maxwell, from Lincoln, Nebraska, capped a night in which he was the fastest qualifier and winner of the fourth heat with the 25-lap feature victory.

But a post-race pit check showed Maxwell might have had nitroglycerin in his gas – illegal according to race rules.

Chief pit steward Boje Johnson sent a sample of the gas to a chemist and results of the race are pending until his findings are made known.

Roger Rager, of Mound, Minnesota, season point winner, finished second, and was awarded the win. Lenard McCarl of Des Moines was third.

Ray Lee Goodwin of Polo, Missouri, who lost the sight in his right eye in an accident at the track June 28, was voted the most popular driver by fans. He did some announcing at the track Saturday night.

The Super Sprint Nationals will be held here from Wednesday through Saturday.

Time Trials (Qualifying Order), 2 laps: 1. 10, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (23) 21.295; 2. 7x, Lenard McCarl, Des Moines, IA (27) 21.445; 3. 44, Doug Wolfgang, Sioux Falls, SD (19) 21.482; 4. 131, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (26) 21.554; 5. 8, Roger Rager, Mound, MN (10) 21.572; 6. 9, Bob Geldner, St. Peter, MN (3) 21.589; 7. 49, Dick Morris, Sioux City, IA (1) 21.641; 8. 134, Gary Dunkle, Lincoln, NE (11) 21.658; 9. 98, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (9) 21.951; 10. 125, Butch Bahr, Lincoln, NE (5) 22.054; 11. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (15) 22.160; 12. 17, Bill Randleman, Jefferson, IA (13) 22.207; 13. 53, Hank Elmendorf, Omaha, NE (30) 22.215; 14. 15, Gary Johnson, Newton, IA (6) 22.274; 15. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (24) 22.314; 16. 14x, Ron Rea, Sepulveda, CA (2) 22.368; 17. 5, Randy Smith, Mt. Ayr, IA (16) 22.377; 18. 77, Junior Gutknecht, Pleasantville, IA (21) 22.395; 19. 90, Dale Looper, Fort Worth, TX (22) 22.407; 20. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (4) 22.459; 21. 39, Harvey Grooms, Ottumwa, IA (14) 22.493; 22. 23, Jon Backlund, Kansas City, MO (20) 22.511; 23. 63, Jack McCorkell, Redwood Falls, MN (18) 22.772; 24. 7, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE (25) 22.969; 25. 47, Bob Fisher, Madrid, IA (8) 23.195; 26. 73, Wayne Holz, Lincoln, NE (28) 23.730; 27. 21, Tony Webster, Topeka, KS (7) 24.456; 28. 16, Dave Butler, Cedar Rapids, IA (12) 26.121; 29. 75, Bob Henry, Marion, IA (17) 26.193; DQ (Nitro) 71, Don Maxwell, Lincoln, NE (29) 21.112.

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:47.69: 1. Roger Rager (1) 2. John Stevenson (2) 3. Doug Wolfgang (3) 4. Steve Hainline (5) 5. Lenard McCarl (4) DQ (Nitro) Don Maxwell (6, crossed 2nd)

Heat one (started), 8 laps, NT: 1. Wayne Holz (4) 2. Jon Backlund (8) 3. Jack McCorkell (7) 4. Tony Webster (3) / ... also: Bob Henry (1), Dave Butler (2), Bob Fisher (5), Rich Brahmer (6), Harvey Grooms (9)

Heat two (started), 8 laps, 2:54.38: 1. Gary Dunkle (5) 2. Roger Rager (6) 3. Lenard McCarl (7) 4. Gary Johnson (3) / ... also: Mike Thomas (1), Randy Smith (2), Stacy Redmond (4)

Heat three (started), 8 laps, 3:00.47: 1. Dale Looper (1) 2. Dick Morris (5) 3. Steve Hainline (7) 4. Ron Rea (2) / ... also: Hank Elmendorf (3), Butch Bahr (4), John Stevenson (6)

Heat four (started), 8 laps, 2:54.40: 1. Bill Robison (4) 2. Junior Gutknecht (1) 3. Bob Geldner (5) / ... also: Mike Brooks (2), Bill Randleman (3), Doug Wolfgang (6), DQ (Nitro) Don Maxwell (7, crossed 1st)

Consolation (started), 10 laps, 3:42.15: 1. John Stevenson (2) 2. Doug Wolfgang (1) 3. Butch Bahr (3) 4. Stacy Redmond (4) / ... also: Bill Randleman (5), Hank Elmendorf (6), Mike Brooks (7), Randy Smith (8), Mike Thomas (9), Harvey Grooms (10), Rich Brahmer (11), Bob Fisher (12), Dave Butler (13), Bob Henry (14)

A main (started), 25 laps, *: 1. Roger Rager (1) 2. Lenard McCarl (4) 3. Dick Morris (8) 4. Bob Geldner (7) 5. John Stevenson (2) 6. Doug Wolfgang (3) 7. Billy Robison (10) 8. Butch Bahr (11) 9. Steve Hainline (5) ... also: Gary Dunkle (9), Stacy Redmond (12), Gary Johnson (13), Ron Rea (14), Junior Gutknecht (15), Dale Looper (16), Jon Backlund (17), Jack McCorkell (18), Wayne Holz (19), Tony Webster (20), DQ (Nitro) Don Maxwell (6, crossed 1st). **Lap Leaders:** Maxwell *-25.

8/6

Fred Linder Tops Qualifying at Knoxville; Jan Opperman Wins Feature

Fred Linder, of Fremont, Ohio, led qualifying Wednesday night for Saturday night's super sprint national championships and Jan Opperman of Noxon, Montana won the feature at the Marion County Fairgrounds.

Linder's lap time was 20.671 seconds. He and ten other drivers qualified for the eleven inside positions in Saturday night's race.

Opperman, who won the national title in 1971, took the lead in the 20-lap feature from Don Maxwell on the fourth lap and led the rest of the way. Maxwell wound up third as Rick Ferkel of Tiffin, Ohio, slipped into second.

Time Trials (Qualifying Order), 2 laps (Top 11 Lock Into Saturday Feature): 1. 55, Fred Linder, Fremont, OH (13) 20.671; 2. 8, Roger Rager, Mound, Minnesota (35) 20.679; 3. 0, Rick Ferkel, Tiffin, OH (32) 20.697; 4. 4x, Jan Opperman, Noxon, MT (24) 20.811; 5. 7x, Lenard McCarl, Des Moines, IA (45) 20.903; 6. 3, Jerry Miller, Phoenix, AZ (9) 20.994; 7. 35, Jerry McClung, Phoenix, AZ (34) 20.994; 8. 5, Ted Wise, Hubbard, OH (29) 21.082; 9. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (22) 21.161; 10. 125, Butch Bahr, Lincoln, NE (41) 21.192; 11. 71, Don Maxwell, Lincoln, NE (4) 21.224 / 12. 68, Ralph Quarterson, Sharon, PA (46) 21.232; 13. 25, Darryl Dawley, Sioux Falls, SD (36) 21.282; 14. 53, Hank Elmendorf, Omaha, NE (10) 21.339; 15. 97, Bill Mellenbendt, Sioux Falls, SD (15) 21.373; 16. 46, Bubby Jones, Danville, IL (8) 21.377; 17. 58, Bill Utz, Sedalia, MO (11) 21.500; 18. 6x, Dale McCarty, Kearney, MO (37) 21.523; 19. 191, Buddy Taylor, Albuquerque, NM (47) 21.549; 20. 91, Edd French, El Paso, TX (39) 21.568; 21. 8x, Bob Thoman, Higginsville, MO (33) 21.571; 22. 51, Mike Johnson, Martinsville, IN (40) 21.601 / 23. 7A, Ron Shuman, Mesa, AZ (48) 21.724; 24. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (44) 21.967; 25. 94, Rick Weld, Kansas City, MO (38) 21.984; 26. 198, Jack McCorkell, Redwood Falls, MN (21) 22.013; 27. 23, Jon Backlund, Kansas City, MO (5) 22.060; 28. 131, Rick Ungar, Lima, OH (23) 22.071; 29. 127, Sidney Clark, Garland, TX (12) 22.076; 30. 03, Gene Gennetten, Gladstone, MO (27) 22.129; 31. 90, Dale Looper, Fort Worth, TX (31) 22.137; 32. 63, Robert Smith, Gibsonton, FL (17) 22.157; 33. 09, Sonny Smyser, Glenwood, MO (20) 22.212 / 34. 26, Gary Grissom, Anderson, IN (26) 22.227; 35. 95, Bill Curtis, Kansas City, MO (42) 22.337; 36. 73, Wayne Holz, Lincoln, NE (7) 22.406; 37. 66, Ralph Parkinson Sr., Kansas City, MO (19) 22.602; 38. 78, Dennis Roberts, Independence, MO (3) 22.746; 39. 01, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (2) 22.841; 40. 121, Tony Webster, Topeka, KS (1) 22.866; 41. 3x, JJ Riggins, Lincoln, NE (14) 22.915; 42. 17x, Cliff Lilly, Independence, MO (43) 22.935; 43. 102, Virgil Newman, Kansas City, MO (30) 23.119; 44. 5x, John McClure, Burlington, IA (6) 23.240; 45. 123, Rick Montgomery, Arvada, CO (16) 25.216; 46. 74, Gary Rogers, Kansas City, MO (28) 26.154; 47. 65, Kenneth Inman, Green Castle, IN (18) 26.806; 48. 10, Gary Scott, Holt's Summit, MO (25) NT.

Heat one (started), 10 laps, 3:57.73: 1. Mike Brooks (2) 2. Ralph Quarterson (5) 3. Jerry Miller (6) 4. Edd French (3) 5. Gary Grissom (7) / ... also: Sidney Clark (1), Bubby Jones (4), Dennis Roberts (8), Cliff Lilly (9), Kenneth Inman (10)

Heat two (started), 10 laps, NT: 1. Jan Opperman (6) 2. Don Maxwell (5) 3. Bill Mellenberndt (4) 4. Buddy Taylor (3) 5. Sonny Smyser (7) / 6. Ralph Parkinson Sr. (8) 7. Rick Ungar (1) 8. Ron Shuman (2) ... also: JJ Riggins (9), Gary Rogers (10)

Heat three (started), 10 laps, 3:55.69: 1. Rick Ferkel (6) 2. Mike Johnson (2) 3. Hank Elmendorf (4) 4. John Stevenson (5) 5. Dale McCarty (3) / ... also: Jon Backlund (1), Robert Smith (7), Wayne Holz (8), Tony Webster (9), Rick Montgomery (10)

Heat four (started), 10 laps, 4:05.11: 1. Jack McCorkell (1) 2. Bob Thoman (2) 3. Darryl Dawley (4) 4. Dale Looper (7) 5. Bill Curtis (8) / ... also: Bill Utz (3), Randy Smith (5), Fred Linder (6), Cliff Woodward (9), Virgil Newman (10)



A main (started), 20 laps, *: 1. Jan Opperman (5) 2. Rick Ferkel (6) 3. Don Maxwell (2) 4. Bill Mellenberndt (9) 5. John Stevenson (3) 6. Jack McCorkell (14) 7. Hank Elmendorf (8) 8. Ralph Quarterson (1) 9. Dale Looper (16) 10. Gary Grissom (17) ... also: Jerry Miller (4), Darryl Dawley (7), Edd French (10), Buddy Taylor (11), Mike Johnson (12), Bob Thoman (13), Mike Brooks (15), Bill Curtis (18), Sonny Smyser (19) DNS – Dale McCarty. **Lap Leaders:** Maxwell 1-3, Opperman 4-20.

8/7

Knoxville Fast Time by Dick Gaines; Ralph Blackett Wins Feature

Dick Gaines of Floyds Knobs, Indiana, who won the National Super sprint title here last year, was the top qualifier Thursday night and will start in the outside front row Saturday night in the national finals.

Gaines sped around the Marion County Fairground track in 21.555 seconds to edge Eddie Leavitt of Kearney, Missouri for the front row spot.

In the third turn of his second lap, Gaines' racer flipped. His time for the first lap was counted and he was not hurt in the crash.

Fred Linder of Fremont, Ohio won the pole position for Saturday's \$3,000 feature with a time of 20.671.

Ralph Blackett of Des Moines won the 15-lap feature, taking the lead on the third turn of the first lap and racing away from the field.

Dick Morris of Sioux City finished second and Rickey Hood of Memphis, Tennessee was third.

Time Trials (Qualifying Order), 2 laps (Top 11 Lock Into Saturday Feature): 1. 79, Dick Gaines, Floyd's Knobs, IN (26) 21.555; 2. 40, Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO (35) 21.561; 3. 19, Larry Kirkpatrick, Wood River, IL (10) 21.879; 4. 9, Bob Geldner, St. Peter, MN (16) 21.904; 5. 20, Roger Larson, Kramer, PA (40) 21.938; 6. 28A, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (50) 21.964; 7. 4A, Larry Clark, Tolleson, AZ (25) 22.115; 8. 52, Larry Miller, Obidie, IN (8) 22.253; 9. 11x, Lealand McSpadden, Tempe, AZ (42) 22.264; 10. 84, Tom Corbin, Carrollton, MO (18) 22.343; 11. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (53) 22.346 / 12. 49, Dick Morris, Sioux City, IA (20) 22.349; 13. 129, Thad Dosher, Topeka, KS (49) 22.349; 14. 2, Doug Wolfgang, Lincoln, NE (29) 22.361; 15. 77, Junior Gutknecht, Pleasantville, IA (7) 22.380; 16. 80, Buddy Cochran, Sharon, PA (57) 22.487; 17. 69, Bobby Ward, Conway, AR (1) 22.514; 18. 89, Larry Gates, Evansville, IN (11) 22.515; 19. 144, Rickey Hood, Memphis, TN (58) 22.563; 20. 14x, Ron Rea, Sepulveda, CA (21) 22.569; 21. 100, Gary Scott, Holt's Summit, MO (63) 22.614; 22. 117, Dean Shirley, Jacksonville, IL (6) 22.701 / 23. 14, Cliff Cockrum, Benton, IL (43) 22.724; 24. 18, Doc Dawson, Lima, OH (57) 22.814; 25. 92, Sammy Swindell, Memphis, TN (19) 22.829; 26. 5, Randy Smith, Mt. Ayr, IA (54) 22.835; 27. 67, Ken McCarty, North Platte, NE (5) 22.910; 28. 64, Tommy Noblin, Memphis, TN (14) 22.977; 29. 141, Dale Oaks, West Burlington, IA (2) 22.983; 30. 4, Harold McGilton, Fremont, OH (3) 22.994; 31. 29, Dell Schmidt, Topeka, KS (30) 23.008; 32. 34, Junior Parkinson, Kansas City, MO (44) 23.025; 33. 15, Gary Johnson, Newton, IA (27) 23.054 / 34. 19x, Bobby Marshall, Dallas, TX (15) 23.056; 35. 17, Bill Thrasher, Bedford, TX (23) 23.131; 36. 83, Tom Marshall, Grapevine, TX (9) 23.164; 37. 45, Benny Cordell, Dallas, TX (31) 23.189; 38. 1, Butch Wilkerson, Oolitic, IN (28) 23.232; 39. 2x, Jerry Frantzen, Windom, MN (36) 23.233; 40. 1x, Bob Moore, Phoenix, AZ (4) 23.298; 41. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (60) 23.332; 42. 99, Hooker Hood, Memphis, TN (47) 23.338; 43. 36, Ron Fisher, Kokomo, IN (12) 23.370; 44. 44, Steve Shultz, Independence, MO (33) 23.377; 45. 33, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO (17) 23.379; 46. 11, Benito Greenlee, Dallas, TX (51) 23.436; 47. 22, Con Edwards, Ankeny, IA (46) 23.628; 48. 10, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (56) 23.668; 49. 70, Norman Martin, Dallas, TX (34) 23.796; 50. 12x, Bobby Carico, Chesapeake, OH (24) 23.865; 51. 32, John Sernett, Laurens, IA (13) 23.870; 52. 47, Bob Fisher, Madrid, IA (55) 23.921; 53. 39, Harvey Grooms, Ottumwa, IA (59) 23.962; 54. 20x, Duane Stoneking, Oquawka, IL (32) 24.029; 55. 86, Jim Jenkins, Slater, MO (42) 24.067; 56. 98, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (38) 24.110; 57. 96, Johnny Babb, Ottumwa, IA (62) 24.153; 58. 88, Gene Kester, Odessa, MO (45) 24.359; 59. 85, Curt Grogan, Kansas City, MO (61) 24.536; 60. 21, Al Liskai, Gibsonburg, OH (64) 24.865; 61. 75, Bob Henry, Marion, IA (39) 25.116; 62. 82, Butch Horton, Dallas, TX (48) 25.166; 63. 128, Darrell Dockery, Phoenix, AZ (65) NT; 64. 134, Gary Dunkle, Lincoln, NE (22) NT; 65. 28, Ron Milton, Jacksonville, IL (41) NT.

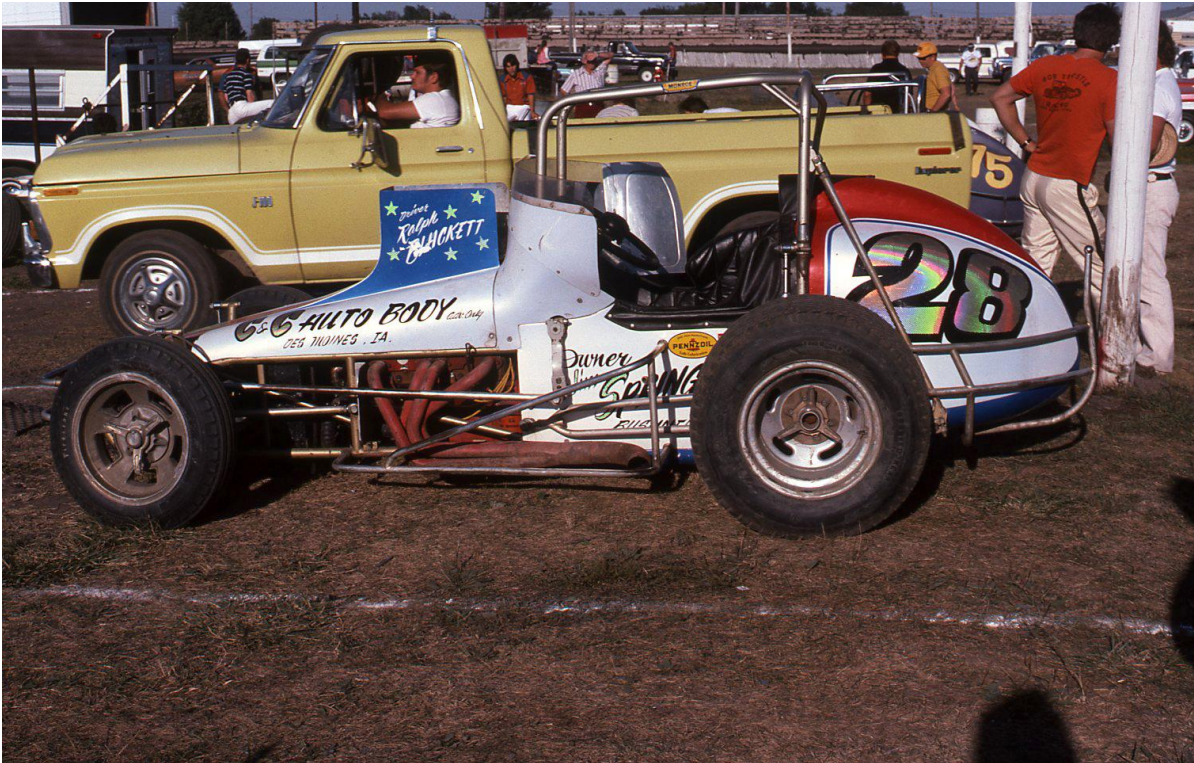
Heat one (started), 8 laps, 3:07.38: 1. Tom Marshall (2) 2. Sammy Swindell (4) 3. Larry Gates (5) 4. Dell Schmidt (3) / 5. Larry Miller (6) 6. Ron Fisher (1) 7. Steve Hainline (7) 8. Jim Jenkins (8) 9. Jerry Frantzen (9)

Heat two (started), 8 laps, NT: 1. Doc Dawson (4) 2. Bill Thrasher (2) 3. Larry Clark (6) 4. Buddy Cochran (5) / 5. Harold McGilton (3) 6. Duane Stoneking (8) 7. Con Edwards (7) 8. Hooker Hood (1) 9. Butch Horton (9)

Heat three (started), 8 laps, 3:09.81: 1. Doug Wolfgang (5) 2. Bobby Marshall (2) 3. Dean Shirley (4) 4. Ralph Blackett (6) / 5. Mike Thomas (1) 6. Benito Greenlee (7) ... also: Dale Oaks (3), Bob Fisher (8), Bob Henry (9)

Heat four (started), 8 laps, 3:05.31: 1. Roger Larson (6) 2. Thad Doshier (5) 3. Ron Rea (4) 4. Gary Johnson (2) / 5. Tom Noblin (3) ... also: Bob Moore (1), Jerry Potter (7), John Sernett (8), Al Liskai (9)

Heat five (started), 8 laps, NT: 1. Rickey Hood (2) 2. Dick Morris (5) 3. Bob Geldner (4) 4. Ken McCarty (3) / 5. Steve Shultz (7) ... also: Benny Cordell (1), Bobby Carico (6), Curt Grogan (8)



A main (started), 15 laps, 5:53.56: 1. Ralph Blackett (4) 2. Dick Morris (2) 3. Rickey Hood (10) 4. Thad Doshier (1) 5. Doug Wolfgang (7) 6. Larry Gates (9) 7. Bobby Marshall (18) 8. Doc Dawson (13) 9. Ron Rea (11) 10. Sammy Swindell (14) ... also: Larry Clark (3), Roger Larson (5), Bob Geldner (6), Buddy Cochran (8), Dean Shirley (12), Ken McCarty (15), Dell Schmidt (16), Gary Johnson (17), Bill Thrasher (19), Tom Marshall (20). **Lap Leader:** Blackett 1-15.

8/8

Knoxville Feature Race to Bill Thrasher

Bill Thrasher of Bedford, Texas won a wreck plagued 15-lap super-sprint feature Friday night at the Marion County Fairgrounds is a race for drivers who did not qualify for tonight's national championship race.

Two drivers were sent to Des Moines hospitals after being involved in spectacular accidents.

Tom Marshall of Grapevine, Texas was believed to be the most seriously injured. Chief pit steward Boje Johnson said it appeared Marshall had back injuries, a possible broken arm and a severely lacerated arm. He was taken to Iowa Methodist Hospital in Des Moines.

Tom Marshall, Bobby Marshall of Dallas, Texas (no relation) and JJ Riggins of Lincoln, Nebraska also were involved in that accident on the second lap on the back stretch. Tom Marshall went over the fence after running over the wheel of Riggins' car.

Bobby Marshall Third

Riggins was in an ambulance ready to go to Des Moines for a checkup, but while officials and other persons were trying to get Marshall loaded, Riggins climbed out of the ambulance and walked into the infield.

Bobby Marshall was able to get back into the race and finished third in the feature.

Gary Grissom of Anderson, Indiana was taken to Mercy Hospital in Des Moines for a checkup. He ran into the wall on a feature restart and flipped down the track several times, taking out about 50 feet of fence. He was not believed to be seriously injured.

The first accident involved four cars and happened immediately after flagman Gail Miller had dropped the green to start the feature.

Grooms, Martin Out

Although no one was injured, Harvey Grooms of Ottumwa and Norman Martin of Dallas, Texas were sidelined for the night.

Grooms, who also was involved in an accident during warmups, said that the track was in good condition and that it appeared the drivers were trying too hard.

There were also four spinouts in the feature, which took an hour to run.

Heat one (started), 8 laps, *: 1. 86, Jim Jenkins, Slater, MO (3) 2. 85, Curt Grogan, Kansas City, MO (2) 3. 33, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO (6) 4. 70, Norman Martin, Dallas, TX (5) / 5. 75, Bob Henry, Marion, IA (1) 6. 39, Harvey Grooms, Ottumwa, IA (4) DNS – 22, Con Edwards, Ankeny, IA

Heat two (started), 8 laps, *: 1. 98, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (3) 2. 82, Butch Horton, Dallas, TX (1) 3. 44, Steve Shultz, Independence, MO (8) 4. 20x, Duane Stoneking, Oquawka, IL (4) / 5. 10, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (6) 6. 11, Benito Greenlee, Dallas, TX (7) ... also: 21, Al Liskai, Gibsonburg, OH (2), 32, John Sernett, Laurens, IA (5)

Heat three (started), 8 laps, *: 1. 17, Bill Thrasher, Bedford, TX (7) 2. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (3) 3. 36, Ron Fisher, Kokomo, IN (1) 4. 2x, Jerry Frantzen, Windom, MN (5) / 5. 78, Dennis Roberts, Kansas City, MO (8) 6. 121, Tony Webster, Topeka, KS (6) 7. 65, Kenneth Inman, Green Castle, IN (2) 8. 102, Virgil Newman, Kansas City, MO (4)

Heat four (started), 8 laps, 3:05.31: 1. 99, Hooker Hood, Memphis, TN (1) 2. 19x, Bobby Marshall, Dallas, TX (7) 3. 3x, JJ Riggins, Lincoln, NE (4) 4. 83, Tom Marshall, Grapevine, TX (5) / 5. 26, Gary Grissom, Anderson, IN (8) 6. 1x, Bob Moore, Phoenix, AZ (1) 7. 01, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (6) 8. 5x, John McClure, Burlington, IA (2)

B main (started), 10 laps, 3:50.42: 1. Gary Grissom (2) 2. Steve Hainline (5) 3. Bob Moore (1) 4. Harvey Grooms (9) / 5. Tony Webster (8) 6. Dennis Roberts (4) 7. John Sernett (7) 8. Benito Greenlee (3) 9. John McClure (12) ... also: Cliff Woodward (6), Virgil Newman (10), Al Liskai (11), Bob Henry (13), Kenneth Inman (14)



A main (started), 15 laps, NT: 1. Bill Thrasher (3) 2. Steve Shultz (11) 3. Bobby Marshall (5) 4. Mike Thomas (8) 5. Billy Robison (18) 6. Jerry Frantzen (1) 7. Hooker Hood (9) 8. Steve Hainline (13) 9. Ron Fisher (10) 10. Bob Moore (7) ... also: JJ Riggins (2), Gary Grisson (4), Tom Marshall (6), Jerry Potter (12), Norman Martin (14), Harvey Grooms (15), Duane Stoneking (16), Jim Jenkins (17), Curt Grogan (19), Butch Horton (20). **Lap Leaders:** Thrasher *-15.

8/9

Knoxville Sprint National to Eddie Leavitt

Eddie Leavitt won the Knoxville National title for super sprints Saturday night in his sixth try at the \$33,00 event at the Marion County Fairgrounds half-mile track. But the Kearney, Missouri ace almost lost the race on the final lap.

Although the 32-year old Leavitt, who led every lap, won by more than a half lap over Roger Rager of Mound, Minnesota, and lapped all but three cars, he slammed into a “ledge” on the track coming down for the white flag and “broke something in the rear suspension,” he said.

The track was soft and rutty from a heavy rain which fell before noon and contributed to several accidents in preliminary heats. The 30-lap final was green all the way and Leavitt was clocked in 11:43.05 for the 15 miles before a record crown of over 11,000.

“I got into some rough dirt on turn four as I was lapping Jan Opperman and hit a rut,” said Leavitt. “The rear axle was damaged, and I think the right rear wheel may have been bent. It really vibrated during the last lap and I was really worried,” he explained as he picked up his \$3,000 winner’s check.

Leavitt started from the pole after last year’s champ, Dick Gaines broke a torque tube on his new Karl Kinser Special after hitting one of the “ledges” in the fourth turn during his heat.

Fred Linder, who set the fastest time of the 131 cars entered, led for a few yards on the first lap before Leavitt took over on turn two. Linder was overhauled by Rager for second on lap 19 and late in the race fell to fourth behind Rick Ferkel. Opperman finished fifth, one lap off the pace.

Strange Lineup

It was a strange feature lineup, with five of the 22 qualified cars failing to come to the line. The race actually started only 19 cars instead of 24.

A double end over end flip in the second heat wrecked the cars of Jerry McClung and Doc Dawson, eliminating McClung from his seventh row starting place. Gaines had lost his front row car in his heat and Ted Wise, last year's third place finisher, broke a rod in his engine in his heat. The Pennsy ace was to have been an eighth row starter.

Another dizzying double flip in the third heat involved Mike Johnson and Ron Rea and knocked Lealand McSpadden out of his ninth row starting place when a bent underpan cut the circulation off in his left leg. The car was turned over to Gaines for the main, but finished two laps off the pace.

Tom Corbin, who was guaranteed a tenth row starting place, failed to appear Saturday night.

In the fourth heat, Tommy Noblin rolled his sprint car over several times. All of the accidents came midway through turn one.

Praises Crew

Leavitt gave a lot of credit for the performance of the car to his mechanic, Wayne House, of Lincoln, Nebraska.

"He went over every bolt about three times before tonight's race," said Leavitt. "He did everything that could be done to the car in getting it ready."

The car is owned by brothers Tom Hill of Williams and Stan Hill of Denver, Colorado and John Ricke of Williams.

Leavitt had won three out of the last four features in regular Saturday night racing here.

Sammy Swindell of Memphis won the 15-lap Bert Sonner Memorial Consolation race over Ronnie Shuman of Mesa, Arizona.

Ralph Quarterson of Sharon, Pennsylvania, riding a six-race winning streak at the Mercer (PA) Speedway, captured the "B" main after a hard fight with Bill Morris and then Doug Wolfgang.

Quarterson and Wolfgang joined the feature lineup after their 1-2 finish in the 20-lap "B" feature.

The meet closed out the super sprint season at the track, however, there will be a weekend of late model and other stock car racing on September 12-13

15th Annual Knoxville Nationals Results

Heat one (started), 10 laps, 3:26.02: 1. 52, Larry Miller, Oolitic, IN (3) 2. 7x, Lenard McCarl, Des Moines, IA (2) 3. 19, Larry Kirkpatrick, Wood River, IL (1) 4. 100, Gary Scott, Holt's Summit, MO (7) 5. 125, Butch Bahr, Lincoln, NE (4) 6. 51, Mike Johnson, Martinsville, IN (8) ... also: 77, Junior Gutknecht, Pleasantville, IA (5),

97, Bill Mellenberndt, Sioux Falls, SD (6), 67, Ken McCarty, North Platte, NE (9), 131, Rick Ungar, Lima, OH (10)

Heat two (started), 10 laps, 3:48.04: 1. 8, Roger Rager, Mound, MN (1) 2. 68, Ralph Quarterson, Sharon, PA (5) 3. 6, Dale McCarty, Kearney, MO (7) 4. (penalized two spots for illegal tire pressure) 20, Roger Larson, Kramer, PA (2) 5. 89, Larry Gates, Evansville, IN (6) 6. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (4) ... also: 35, Jerry McClung, Phoenix, AZ (3), 18, Doc Dawson, Lima, OH (8), 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (9), 141, Dale Oaks, West Burlington, IA (10)

Heat three (started), 10 laps, 3:39.95: 1. 40, Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO (1) 2. 4x, Jan Opperman, Noxon, MT (2) 3. 2, Doug Wolfgang, Lincoln, NE (5) 4. 4A, Larry Clark, Tolleson, AZ (3) 5. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (4) 6. 53, Hank Elmendorf, Omaha, NE (6) 7. 14x, Ron Rea, Sepulveda, CA (7) 8. 8x, Bob Thoman, Higginsville, MO (8) 9. 5, Randy Smith, Mt. Ayr, IA (9) 10. 198, Jack McCorkell, Redwood Falls, MN (10)

Heat four (started), 10 laps, 3:49.40: 1. 71, Don Maxwell, Lincoln, NE (5) 2. 80, Buddy Cochran, Sharon, PA (6) 3. 55, Fred Linder, Fremont, OH (1) 4. 3, Jerry Miller, Phoenix, AZ (3) 5. 14, Cliff Cockrum, Benton, IL (8) 6. 46, Bubby Jones, Danville, IL (7) ... also: 9, Bob Geldner, St. Peter, MN (2), 11A, Lealand McSpadden, Tempe, AZ (4), 7A, Ron Shuman, Mesa, AZ (9), 64, Tommy Noblin, Memphis, TN (10)

Heat five (started), 10 laps, NT: 1. 0, Rick Ferkel, Tiffin, OH (2) 2. 49, Dick Morris, Sioux City, IA (5) 3. 28, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (3) 4. 25, Darryl Dawley, Sioux Falls, SD (6) 5. 144, Rickey Hood, Memphis, TN (7) 6. 79, Dick Gaines, Floyds Knobs, IN (1) 7. 5x, John McClure, Burlington, IA (4)

Bert Sonner Memorial (started), 15 laps, *: 1. 92, Sammy Swindell, Memphis, TN (5) 2. Ron Shuman (2) 3. Jack McCorkell (8) 4. 03, Gene Gennetten, Gladstone, MO (16) 5. Randy Smith (7) 6. 4, Harold McGilton, Fremont, OH (15) 7. 34, Junior Parkinson, Kansas City, MO (19) 8. 94, Rick Weld, Kansas City, MO (6) 9. 19x, Bobby Marshall, Dallas, TX (*) 10. 90, Dale Looper, Fort Worth, TX (18) ... also: Cliff Cockrum (1), Doc Dawson (3), Mike Brooks (4), Ken McCarty (9), 23, Jon Backlund, Kansas City, MO (10), Tommy Noblin (11), Rick Ungar (12), Dale Oaks (13), 127, Sidney Clark, Garland, TX (14), 29, Dell Schmidt, Topeka, KS (17), 63, Robert Smith, Tampa, FL (20), 15, Gary Johnson, Newton, IA (21), 09, Sonny Smyser, Glenwood, MO (22)

B main (started), 20 laps, NT: 1. Ralph Quarterson (2) 2. Doug Wolfgang (5) / 3. Dick Morris (1) 4. Bill Mellenberndt (8) 5. Darryl Dawley (4) 6. Hank Elmendorf (6) 7. Junior Gutknecht (7) 8. Larry Gates (13) 9. Buddy Cochran (9) 10. Bob Thoman (20) 11. Rickey Hood (15) 12. Dale McCarty (14) 13. Ron Rea (17) 14. Gary Scott (19) 15. Mike Johnson (22) ... also: 129, Thad Doshier, Topeka, KS (3), Bubby Jones (10), 69, Bobby Ward, Conway, AR (11), 58, Bill Utz, Sedalia, MO (12), 191, Buddy Taylor, Albuquerque, NM (16), 91, Edd French, El Paso, TX (18), 117, Dean Shirley, Jacksonville, IL (21)



ONE-TWO PUNCH — Winner Eddie Leavitt (right) and runnerup Roger Rager congratulate each other at Knoxville. Race director Ray Grimes joins in the celebration. (Phil Dullinger photo).

A main (started), 30 laps, 11:43.05: 1. Eddie Leavitt (2) 2. Roger Rager (3) 3. Rick Ferkel (5) 4. Fred Linder (1) 5. Jan Opperman (7) 6. Roger Larson (8) 7. Larry Clark (12) 8. Don Maxwell (17) 9. Bob Geldner (6) 10. Ralph Blackett (10) 11. Jerry Miller (11) 12. Lenard McCarl (9) 13. Larry Miller (14) 14. 11x, Dick Gaines (subbed for McSpadden) 15. Stacy Redmond (18) 16. Doug Wolfgang (19) 17. John Stevenson (13) 18. 125, Butch Bahr, Lincoln, NE (15) 19. Ralph Quarterson (20) 20. Larry Kirkpatrick (4) DNS – Jerry McClung, Ted Wise, Lealand McSpadden, 84, Tom Corbin, Carrollton, MO. **Lap Leader:** Leavitt 1-30.

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Darrell Dake, Danny Beaver and Ron Godwin Win in Knoxville Jamboree

Darrell Dake, Danny Beaver and Ron Godwin survived the late nights, pileups and a slick track to win feature races in the Fall Jamboree stock car extravaganza at the Marion County Fairgrounds in Knoxville Saturday night.

With more than 250 cars in the three class field, it was a busy weekend. Time Trials lasted until midnight Friday and heat races until 3 a.m. Saturday, causing consternation among Knoxville residents.

“The townspeople started complaining about the noise, so we quit,” said Ralph Capitani, director of the Knoxville track. “We had a deadline of midnight on Saturday night.”

Jerry Campbell of Des Moines, who won the third heat in the sportsman division, said he heard that Veterans Hospital officials had sent someone to turn off fairgrounds power if the races ran any longer.

The late model feature, won by Dake of Cedar Rapids, was shortened from 50 laps to 22, and the sportsman feature, won by Beaver of Tracy, was cut from 25 laps to 14.

“It was the largest field of race cars I’ve ever seen,” Campbell said. “I think the reason there were so many wrecks was that drivers were so tired. It was a mess.”

Campbell said promoter Gail Miller, who leased the track for the event, said another Fall Jamboree would be held next year. “He said it would be a four-night deal then,” said Campbell. “He just jammed too much into two nights.”

Miller paid a purse of \$18,500, with \$2,000 going to Dake and \$1,000 to Beaver. Winnings of street stock winner Godwin, of Redfield, were not listed.

Capitani said the crowd Friday night was approximately 3,500 and the Saturday night gathering about 6,000.

Miller, however, said that attendance totaled 16,000 for the whole affair with about 7,000 there Saturday night. He claimed it was the “largest crowd ever” for one night at Knoxville.

“There were a lot of wrecks and spinouts,” said sportsman race Bill Ludington of Carlisle, who got hit on the fifteenth lap.

Officials finally cut the race off at 14 laps and awarded money based on places at that point.

Don Hoffman of Des Moines, fastest qualifier in the late model time trials, went over the fence in the feature Saturday, but was not injured.

Rick Merryfield, however, reportedly suffered a slight concussion as the result of a wreck in sportsman competition.

Fall Jamboree Finale

by Lee Ackerman

Back in the 1970’s promoter Gail Miller held a fall Late Model race at the famed half-mile track on the Marion County Fairgrounds. The event was called the Knoxville Fall Jamboree.

The first Knoxville Fall Jamboree held on Saturday, September 13, 1975 had a bizarre ending. First of all the show was running behind schedule so Promoter Gail Miller cut the feature from its scheduled 50 laps to 30 laps because of a 12:30 am curfew. Curt Hansen of Dike took the initial lead in the feature. Darrell Dake of Cedar Rapids took the lead on the 23rd lap and then it happened, a big accident that included race leader Dake. Darrell Dake’s car was totally demolished. The race was called and Dake was declared the winner and he pocketed \$2,000.

Curt Hansen was awarded second, Ed Sanger of Waterloo third, Kent Tucker of Aurora, Nebraska fourth and Fred Horn of Marion fifth. On lap 2 Don Hoffman of Des Moines went through the fence in turn 3 and took out the light pole. Earlier Hoffman had set a new track record for Late Models in qualifying at 23.566 seconds. Hoffman then won the trophy dash with Sanger second and Verlin Eaker of Mechanicsville third.

“I remember thinking Dake got in the third turn wall and they had a 10:30 curfew and its like 10:15 I got this thing won “remembers Curt Hansen, “They had the wrecker hooked up to the front of Darrell then the back and then they brought out another wrecker and I guess time ran out.”

Heat wins went to Galen Schaefer of Topeka, Kansas, John Connelly of Eldridge, Iowa, Ron Prymek of Des Moines and Joe Wallace of Peyton, Colorado. The consolation event went to Don Styskal of Fremont, Nebraska. In the B feature it was Dan Dickey of Packwood defeating Roger Dolan of Lisbon and Bill Zwanziger of Waterloo.

The two-day affair also included Sportsman and they had their problems as well. First on lap 12 of the feature a big 15 car melee resulted in the flag stand pole being split in two. Then on lap 14 cars out of the 36-car starting field took out two light poles on the backstretch. At this point the Sportsman feature was called complete and Dan Beaver of Tracy, Iowa, who had taken the lead from Rocky Hodges of Des Moines, was declared the winner.

The incident on the backstretch that took out the light poles created an emergency situation as far as lighting was concerned and the solution was to use the headlights of numerous automobiles to provide lighting on the backstretch. If these incidents weren't weird enough, a person was transported to the hospital after he accidentally set himself on fire trying to start a fire with some firewood to keep himself warm. Legend has it that one driver even borrowed a chainsaw to cut up wood to keep warm. 278 cars signed into the initial running of the Fall Jamboree which will always be remembered for all the strange things that went on.

Late Models

Time Trials: 1. 98, Don Hoffman, Des Moines, IA, 23.566 (NTR)

Trophy Dash: 1. Don Hoffman 2. 95, Ed Sanger, Waterloo, IA 3. 5, Verlin Eaker, Cedar Rapids, IA

Heat one: 1. 61, Galen Shaffer, Topeka, KS 2. 28, Lem Blankenship, Keokuk, IA 3. 119, Stan Stover, Reinbeck, IA

Heat two: 1. 67, John Connelly, Delhi, IA 2. 12, Ken Davidson, Indianola, IA 3. 167, Don Christenson, Harlan, IA

Heat three: 1. 23, Ron Prymek, Des Moines, IA 2. 15x, Jerry Holtkamp, Williams, IA 3. 01, Fred Horn, Marion, IA

Heat four: 1. 10, Joe Wallace, Peyton, CO 2. 02, Ken Walton, Cedar Rapids, IA 3. 82, Em Fretheim, Decorah, IA

Consolation: 1. 0, Don Styskal, Fremont, NE 2. 22, Gale Holst, Fort Dodge, IA 3. ZERO, Jack Mitchell, Cedar Falls, IA

B main: 1. 40, Dan Dickey, Packwood, IA 2. 44, Roger Dolan, Lisbon, IA 3. 6, Bill Zwanziger, Waterloo, IA



A main, 22 laps: 1. 8, Darrell Dake, Cedar Rapids, IA 2. 9, Curt Hansen, Dike, IA 3. Ed Sanger 4. 57, Ken Tucker, Aurora, NE 5. Fred Horn 6. 39, Joe Merryfield, Des Moines, IA 7. 65, Bill Beckman, Martelle, IA 8. 53, Bob Kosiski, Omaha, NE 9. 36, Rick Lyons, Jefferson, IA 10. Lem Blankenship

Sportsman

Time Trials: 1. Bob Toland, East Moline, IL, 24.538

Trophy Dash: 1. 30, Bill Ludington, Carlisle, IA 2. Bob Toland 3. 17, Danny Beaver, Tracy, IA

Heat one: 1. Mike Thraker, Muscatine, IA 2. Glen Woodard, Des Moines, IA 3. Leonard Woodard, Des Moines, IA

Heat two: 1. 24, Rex Carter, Des Moines, IA 2. Bob Goulden, Kansas City, MO 3. Dwayne Errett, Harlan, IA

Heat three: 1. 4, Jerry Campbell, Des Moines, IA 2. Jack Harder, Cottage, Grove, MN 3. Phil Larsen, North Liberty, IA

Heat four: 1. Red Dralle, Waterloo, IA 2. Dennis Osborn, Cedar Falls, IA 3. Rick Merryfield, Des Moines, IA

First Consolation: 1. Dave Trowler, Jesup, IA 2. Don Hoyle, Bagley, IA 3. Dave Couch, Bonner Springs, KS

Second Consolation: 1. Wayne Kirk, Omaha, NE 2. Dave Bentley, Fairbank, IA 3. Jim Davis, Bloomington, MN

B main: 1. Ivan Long, Louisiana, MO 2. Craig Spetman, Council Bluffs, IA 3. Randy Rasmussen, Irwin, IA

A main, 14 laps: 1. Danny Beaver 2. 145, Rocky Hodges, Des Moines, IA 3. Bill Ludington 4. Dennis Osborn 5. Rich Swanson, Harlan, IA 6. Jack Hall, Muscatine, IA 7. Jack Harder 8. Ivan Long 9. Craig Spetman 10. Jerry Campbell

Street Stocks

Trophy Dash: 1. 101, Steve Shannon, Norwalk, IA 2. 56, Ron Godwin, Redfield, IA 3. 76, Jay Scott, Dana, IA

Heat one: 1. Steve Shannon 2. Don McClain, Des Moines, IA 3. Greg Augsperger, Van Meter, IA

Heat two: 1. Ron Godwin 2. Rex VanBuskirk, Hedrick, IA 3. Rick Bennett, Des Moines, IA

Heat three: 1. Greg Simonson, Des Moines, IA 2. Dave Jones, Grimes, IA 3. Jim Walsh, Stratton, IA

Heat four: 1. Jay Scott 2. Dan Rowley, Des Moines, IA 3. Terry McDowell, Greenfield, IA

B main: 1. 58, Dennis Pittman, Jefferson, IA 2. Bob Van Gorp, Des Moines, IA 3. Jim Phillips, Sandyville, IA

A main: 1. Ron Godwin 2. Jay Scott 3. Steve Shannon 4. Don McClain 5. Dave Jones

1975 Final Point Standings and Feature Winners:

| Driver | Feature Wins (Feature Laps Led*) | Points | Primary car(s) |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Roger Rager | 2 (1) | 1380 | Richardson Racing 8 |
| 2. Lenard McCarl | 2 (24) | 915 | McCarl 7x |
| 3. Steve Hainline | - | 910 | Rogerson 10 |
| 4. Doug Wolfgang | 0 (10) | 895 | Smith 44, Conyers/Ward 34 |
| 5. Don Maxwell | 0 (4) | 840 | Porto 71 |
| 6. Ray Lee Goodwin | 3 (80) | 815 | Smith 4x |
| 7. Dick Morris | - | 780 | Morris 49 |
| 8. Eddie Leavitt | 4 (81) | 655 | R&H Farms 40, Smith 44 |
| 9. Gary Dunkle | 0 (9) | 625 | Dunkle 134 |
| 10. Junior Gutknecht | - | 600 | Gutknecht 77, Conyers/Ward 34 |
| 11. Ralph Blackett | 2 (25) | 565 | Springer 28 |
| (tie) Dell Schmidt | - | 565 | Rumsey 29 |
| 13. Larry Kirkpatrick | 1 (17) | 530 | Van Patten 18 |
| 14. Gary Johnson | - | 525 | Wood 15 |
| 15. Mike Thomas | - | 495 | Thomas 37 |
| 16. Edd French | 1 (10) | 455 | French 7 |
| 17. Harvey Grooms | - | 445 | Grooms 6, 39 |
| 18. Jerry Miller | - | 440 | 31 |
| 19. Stacy Redmond | 1 (1) | 395 | Redmond 61 |
| 20. Billy Robison | - | 390 | Kain 98 |
| 21. Jon Backlund | - | 350 | 23 |
| 22. Thad Doshier | - | 340 | R&H Farms, 40, Weikert 129 |
| 23. Bob Geldner | - | 335 | 9 |
| 24. Butch Bahr | - | 325 | Bahr Engineering 125 |
| 25. Con Edwards | - | 315 | 22 |
| (tie) Darryl Dawley | - | 315 | 25 |
| 27. Roger Larson | - | 305 | Trostle/Larson 20 |

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| 28. Randy Smith | - | 300 | Smith 5 |
| 29. Adrian Zoutte | - | 295 | Zoutte 11 |
| 30. Wayne Holz | - | 290 | 73 |
| (tie) Hank Elmendorf | - | 290 | Elmendorf Racing 53 |

Other Feature Winners (lap leaders*): Bill Thrasher 1 (1), Tony Webster 0 (1)

***Incomplete Data**