

KNOXVILLE *Raceway*

COMPLETE RESULTS FOR 1983

Date (Sanction/Event) – Winners

4/16 (WoO) Sammy Swindell
5/7 Rain
5/14 410 – Randy Smith, 360 – Dean Chadd
5/21 Rain
5/28 Rain
5/30 Rain
6/4 410 – TJ Giddings, 360 – Dean Chadd
6/11 410 – Keith Frantsen, 360 – Greg Helms
6/18 Rain
6/25 410 – TJ Giddings, 360 – Dean Chadd
7/2 410 – Randy Smith, 360 – Mackie Heimbaugh
7/9 (Twin Features) 410 – TJ Giddings, Tim Green, 360 – Mackie Heimbaugh
7/16 410 – Randy Smith, 360 – Mackie Heimbaugh
7/23 410 – Randy Smith, 360 – Mackie Heimbaugh
7/27 (WoO) Sammy Swindell
7/30 410 – Rocky Hodges, 360 – Mackie Heimbaugh
8/6 410 – Junior Parkinson, 410 pts. feature – Rocky Hodges, 360 – Mackie Heimbaugh
8/9 (NCRA) Bob Ewell
8/10 (Knoxville Nationals Prelim) Steve Kinser
8/11 (Knoxville Nationals Prelim) Bobby Allen
8/12 (Knoxville Nationals NQ) Rick Montgomery, (Mystery Feature) Rick Ungar, (Race of States) Sammy Swindell
8/13 (Knoxville Nationals) Sammy Swindell
9/10 Rain
10/14 (WoO) Keith Kauffman
10/15 (WoO) Rain
10/16 (WoO) Sammy Swindell

4/16

Swindell Takes WoO Knoxville Opener

by Bob Wilson

Knoxville, IA – Sammy Swindell, driving the Old Milwaukee, Blue Max sprinter worked a Keith Kauffman mishap to his advantage as he claimed the 25-lap World of Outlaw Knoxville opener Saturday night, April 16. This was the second win in a row on the circuit for the Bartlett, Tennessee ace as he claimed the \$3,000 to win feature.

It was a gracious Swindell in the winner's circle who said he figured, "Kauffman would finish ahead of me." The reigning Outlaw King came from the outside of row tow starting position to chase Kauffman until the Mifflintown, PA driver spun midway through the race.

Kauffman, who was driving at Knoxville for the first time, definitely tuned in to the half-mile dirt oval as he grabbed the initial lead in the feature event with the Stanton house car. He again controlled the pace during two early race restarts. While trying to pass a slower car on the fifteenth lap, he spun. It was at that point that Swindell inherited the lead.

On the final restart, Swindell charged into the first turn and was never headed in the remaining laps. Steve Kinser, a sixth row starter, closed to within thirty yards at the finish line. Doug Wolfgang finished third, with Jeff Swindell fourth and Shane Carson fifth.

It was a cold night in the Midwest as temperatures dropped into the 30's at race time. Bobby Allen heated things up as he set quick time at 18.169 to pace the WoO contingent.

In preliminary events, Ron Shuman took a final turn lead to claim the first 10-lap heat race. St. Paul's John Stevenson led the entire distance in winning the second heat, while Doug Wolfgang took top honors in the third heat. Randy Smith won the fourth qualifying heat event.

Rocky Hodges won the 12-lap B main in a race that saw the night's only mishap. Mackie Heimbaugh took an easy roll on the first lap of that event, but was uninjured.

The National Challenge Series now moves to Houston on the 20th, Dallas on the 22nd and Oklahoma City on the 24th. Knoxville opens its gates for the regular season on May 7.

Results

Time Trials (Qualifying Order): 1. 1a, Bobby Allen, Hanover, PA (33) 18.169; 2. 18, Doug Wolfgang, Sioux Falls, SD (24) 18.571; 3. 1, Sammy Swindell, Bartlett, TN (18) 18.573; 4. 28D, Brad Doty, Kittanning, PA (28) 18.613; 5. 1n, Danny Smith, Danville, IN (17) 18.659; 6. 75, Keith Kauffman, Mifflintown, PA (11) 18.674; 7. 12\$, Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, OK (30) 18.717; 8. 1az, Jeff Swindell, Memphis, TN (14) 18.780; 9. 88x, Tim Gee, Spruce Grove, ALB, Can. (31) 18.819; 10. 20, Jack Hewitt, Troy, OH (25) 18.990; 11. 11, Steve Kinser, Bloomington, IN (35) 19.050; 12. 81, TJ Giddings, Kansas City, KS (8) 19.094; 13. 4, Jac Haudenschild, Millersburg, OH (7) 19.099; 14. 47, Rocky Hodges, Des Moines, IA (16) 19.135; 15. 80, Rickey Hood, Memphis, TN (9) 19.182; 16. 80x, Tod Bishop, Harrisburg, IL (19) 19.329; 17. 55, Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA (37) 19.331; 18. 0, Rick Ferkel, Tiffin, OH (15) 19.338; 19. 65, John Sernett, Tulsa, OK (29) 19.368; 20. 21X, Ron Shuman, Mesa, AZ (1) 19.410; 21. 10, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (13) 19.562; 22. 63, Jerry Richert Jr., Forest Lake, MN (34) 19.584; 23. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (4) 19.792; 24. 17, Buddy Wallen, Kansas City, MO (26) 19.799; 25. 49, Glenn Hughes Jr., Denver, MO (10) 19.805; 26. 58, Ken Chapman, Winnipeg, MB, Can. (21) 19.825; 27. 94, Rick Weld, Kansas City, MO (43) 19.906; 28. 52, Spike Lempelius, Eagan, MN (32) 19.933; 29. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (39) 20.067; 30. 33L, Danny Lasoski, Dover, MO (20) 20.191; 31. 4x, Marlon Jones, Hartford, SD (45) 20.259; 32. 69, Brent Kaeding, Campbell, CA (5) 20.321; 33. 21, Mark Shaffer, Newton, IA (44) 20.326; 34. 30, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (40) 20.344; 35. 93, Gary Zobel, Lake Villa, IL (2) 20.347; 36. 42, Linus Mack, East Grand Forks, MN (12) 20.446; 37. 19, Denny Houseman, Estherville, IA (22) 20.560; 38. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (23) 20.713; 39. 00, Dean Chadd, Lincoln, NE (36) 20.807; 40. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (38) 20.982; 41. 69, Robert Houseman, Runnells, IA (41) 21.559; 42. 33, Tom Winter, Canton, SD (27) 22.116; 43. 29, Gary Zitterich, Sioux Falls, SD (6) 22.242; 44. 12x, Lyle Sylvester, Hedrick, IA (42) 26.693; 45. 37x, Lonnie Dickinson, Chicago, IL (3) 28.604; 46. 18x, Bill Hetrick Jr., Carman, IL (46) NT; 47. 40, Wayne Kronk, Fulton, MO (47) NT.

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:32.18: 1. Keith Kauffman (1) 2. Sammy Swindell (4) 3. Brad Doty (3) 4. Bobby Allen (6) 5. Doug Wolfgang (5) 6. Danny Smith (2)

Heat one (started), 10 laps, 3:22.48: 1. Ron Shuman (6) 2. Brad Doty (10) 3. Linus Mack (2) 4. Jeff Swindell (9) 5. Mike Thomas (1) / 6. Tod Bishop (7) 7. TJ Giddings (8) 8. Buddy Wallen (5) 9. Brent Kaeding (3) 10. Lyle Sylvester (11) 11. Spike Lempelius (4)

Heat two (started), 10 laps, 3:13.01: 1. John Stevenson (1) 2. Sammy Swindell (9) 3. Rickey Hood (3) 4. Steve Kinser (8) 5. Shane Carson (5) / 6. Gary Zobel (2) 7. John Sernett (6) 8. Gary Zitterich (7) 9. Rick Weld (4) DNS – Dean Chadd, Marlon Jones, Wayne Kronk

Heat three (started), 10 laps, NT: 1. Doug Wolfgang (10) 2. Rick Ferkel (6) 3. Ken Chapman (4) 4. Keith Kauffman (9) 5. Jack Hewitt (8) / 6. Jerry Richert Jr. (5) 7. Danny Lasoski (3) 8. Rocky Hodges (7) 9. Tom Winter (11) 10. Tim Deaver (1) 11. Mackie Heimbaugh (2) DNS – Bill Hetrick Jr.

Heat four (started), 10 laps, NT: 1. Randy Smith (6) 2. Jac Haudenschild (7) 3. Tim Gee (8) 4. Bobby Allen (10) 5. Mark Shaffer (2) / 6. Cliff Woodward (5) 7. Danny Smith (9) 8. Denny Houseman (1) 9. Glenn Hughes Jr. (4) 10. Lonnie Dickinson (12) 11. Stacy Redmond (3) 12. Robert Houseman (11)

B main (started), 12 laps, NT: 1. Rocky Hodges (4) 2. Danny Smith (6) / 3. Jerry Richert Jr. (7) 4. Brent Kaeding (13) 5. Glenn Hughes Jr. (9) 6. Spike Lempelius (10) 7. Danny Lasoski (11) 8. Buddy Wallen (8) 9. Tom Winter (17) 10. Denny Houseman (16) 11. Marlon Jones (12) 12. Gary Zitterich (20) 13. Cliff Woodward (1) 14. Lyle Sylvester (19) 15. Lonnie Dickinson (21) 16. TJ Giddings (5) 17. John Sernett (2) 18. Tod Bishop (3) 19. Gary Zobel (15) 20. Mackie Heimbaugh (14) 21. Robert Houseman (18) DNS – Dean Chadd, Bill Hetrick Jr., Wayne Kronk, Stacy Redmond, Rick Weld, Tim Deaver

A main (started), 25 laps, NT: 1. Sammy Swindell (4) 2. Steve Kinser (9) 3. Doug Wolfgang (5) 4. Jeff Swindell (8) 5. Shane Carson (7) 6. Ron Shuman (15) 7. Jac Haudenschild (12) 8. Danny Smith (2) 9. Randy Smith (13) 10. Jack Hewitt (10) 11. John Stevenson (18) 12. Rocky Hodges (11) 13. Linus Mack (19) 14. Mike Thomas (21) 15. Bobby Allen (6) 16. Keith Kauffman (1) 17. Rick Ferkel (16) 18. Ken Chapman (17) 19. Mark Shaffer (20) 20. Rickey Hood (14) 21. Brad Doty (3) DNS – Tim Gee. **Lap Leaders:** Kauffman 1-14, S. Swindell 15-25.

5/7

Rain

5/14

Smith Claims Knoxville Opener

by Bob Wilson

Knoxville, IA – It was a cold night in the Midwest, but Randy Smith heated up the action on the track by taking the Season Opener at the Knoxville Raceway Saturday night. The win was worth \$1,299 to him out of a \$10,500 total purse.

Smith moved up from the row two position to take the lead on the third lap. The Norwalk, Iowa ace was never really challenged as the Jensen Construction/McCarl sprinter pulled away from the pack with ease to claim the 20-lap winged feature. TJ Giddings made a final lap pass of Cliff Woodward to claim second, while Ralph Parkinson Jr. was fourth and Mike Pinckney was fifth.

The feature event wasn't three turns old when Rocky Hodges struck a spinning Con Edwards, causing Hodges to take several hard rolls. Denny Houseman was also caught in the incident as all three cars sustained damage

enough to ride the wrecker's hook to the pits. Bob Hop took an easy roll on the fourteenth lap when his engine locked up. None of the drivers were injured.

The track was lightning fast as three sprinters ducked under the magic eighteen second barrier in time trials. Junior Parkinson took the trophy dash with heat event wins going to Rocky Hodges, Glenn Hughes Jr. and Randy Smith. John Stevenson led all the way in claiming the B feature.

Dean Chadd of Lincoln, Nebraska claimed the Modified feature event in a race which he took the lead from JJ Riggins on the white flag lap. Chadd and Richard Crook claimed the two heat events in that division.

Next week is Merchants and Lions Club Night as the sprints return for a \$9,500 purse.

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Time Trials (Qualifying Order): 1. 81, TJ Giddings, Kansas City, KS (31) 17.907; 2. 20, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA (16) 17.917; 3. 28, Junior Parkinson, Blue Springs, MO (1) 17.967; 4. 88, Bob Hop, Mendota, MN (17) 18.080; 5. 65, John Sernett, Tulsa, OK (2) 18.102; 6. 47, Rocky Hodges, Des Moines, IA (7) 18.160; 7. 55, Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA (19) 18.342; 8. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (20) 18.354; 9. 1A, Con Edwards, Altoona, IA (24) 18.471; 10. 10, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (3) 18.472; 11. 16, Bill Dollansky, Elk River, MN (18) 18.633; 12. 52, Spike Lempelius, Eagan, MN (27) 18.635; 13. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (12) 18.693; 14. 63, Jerry Richert Jr., Forest Lake, MN (8) 18.732; 15. 21, Mark Shaffer, Newton, IA (4) 18.794; 16. 22x, Keith Frantsen, Windom, MN (21) 18.802; 17. 19, Denny Houseman, Estherville, IA (11) 18.841; 18. 98A, Jack McCorkell, Redwood Falls, MN (22) 19.107; 19. 1, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (15) 19.298; 20. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (25) 19.438; 21. 23s, Cliff Blundy, Metamora, IL (23) 19.544; 22. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (5) 19.739; 23. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (30) 19.768; 24. 69, Robert Houseman, Runnells, IA (33) 19.828; 25. 30, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (14) 19.938; 26. 49, Glenn Hughes Jr., Denver, MO (9) 20.056; 27. 68, Mike Houseman, Des Moines, IA (29) 20.675; 28. 98, Bob Thompson, Des Moines, IA (32) 21.060; 29. 76, Pat Janssen, Des Moines, IA (26) 21.599; 30. 12x, Lyle Sylvester, Hedrick, IA (13) 22.546; 31. 87, Jeff Jones, Des Moines, IA (10) 22.674; 32. 18, Bill Hetrick Jr., Carman, IL (6) NT; 33. 15, John Tierney, Lake Villa, IL (28) NT.

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:32.3: 1. Junior Parkinson (4) 2. Bob Hop (3) 3. TJ Giddings (4) 4. Rocky Hodges (5) 5. Mike Pinckney (3) 6. John Sernett (6)

Heat one (started), 10 laps, 3:07.3 (NTR): 1. Rocky Hodges (8) 2. Junior Parkinson (9) 3. Jack McCorkell (4) 4. Con Edwards (7) 5. Spike Lempelius (6) 6. Robert Houseman (2) / 7. Mike Houseman (1) 8. Cliff Blundy (3) 9. Lyle Sylvester (10) 10. Mark Shaffer (5) DNS – John Tierney

Heat two (started), 10 laps, NT: 1. Glenn Hughes Jr. (2) 2. Mike Pinckney (10) 3. Bill Dollansky (7) 4. Mike Thomas (4) 5. John Sernett (9) 6. Denny Houseman (5) / 7. Pat Janssen (1) 8. John Stevenson (8) 9. John McCoy (3) 10. Jerry Richert Jr. (6) DNS – Bill Hetrick Jr.

Heat three (started), 10 laps, 3:08.1: 1. Randy Smith (8) 2. TJ Giddings (10) 3. Cliff Woodward (7) 4. Billy Robison (4) 5. Bob Hop (9) 6. Keith Frantsen (5) / 7. Stacy Redmond (6) 8. Tim Deaver (3) 9. Mackie Heimbaugh (2) 10. Bob Thompson (1) DNS – Jeff Jones

B main (started), 10 laps, 3:12.2: 1. John Stevenson (1) 2. Stacy Redmond (2) / 3. Cliff Blundy (5) 4. Tim Deaver (6) 5. Mike Houseman (9) 6. Pat Janssen (11) 7. Lyle Sylvester (12) 8. Bob Thompson (10) 9. Mark Shaffer (4) 10. John McCoy (7) also: Jerry Richert Jr. (3), Mackie Heimbaugh (8) DNS – Jeff Jones, Bill Hetrick Jr., John Tierney

A main (started), 20 laps, NT: 1. Randy Smith (4) 2. TJ Giddings (10) 3. Cliff Woodward (2) 4. Junior Parkinson (8) 5. Mike Pinckney (9) 6. John Sernett (6) 7. Spike Lempelius (11) 8. Keith Frantsen (12) 9. Billy Robison (15) 10. Stacy Redmond (20) 11. John Stevenson (19) 12. Bob Hop (7) 13. Glenn Hughes Jr. (18) 14. Mike Thomas (16) 15. Robert Houseman (17) 16. Bill Dollansky (1) 17. Jack McCorkell (14) 18. Con Edwards (3) 19. Denny Houseman (13) 20. Rocky Hodges (5). **Lap Leaders:** Woodward 1-2, R. Smith 3-20.

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Heat one (started), 5 laps, 1:55.8: 1. 23, Richard Crook, Oskaloosa, IA (1) 2. 1, Ted Swartslander, Des Moines, IA (4) 3. 15, Wendell Folkerts, Albia, IA (6) 4. 25, Rick McClure, Cincinnati, IA (2) 5. 05, Tim Folkerts, Albia, IA (3) 6. 21, Archie Ergenbright, Newton, IA (5)

Heat two (started), 5 laps, 1:43.4 (NTR): 1. 00, Dean Chadd, Lincoln, NE (4) 2. 14J, JJ Riggins, Lincoln, NE (1) 3. 20, Greg Helms, Des Moines, IA (5) 4. 63, Mike Whaley, Des Moines, IA (6) 5. 5, JT Lear, Des Moines, IA (2) 6. 54, Wade Jones, Albia, IA (3)

A main (started), 12 laps, NT: 1. Dean Chadd (11) 2. JJ Riggins (10) 3. Richard Crook (9) 4. Greg Helms (8) 5. Mike Whaley (6) 6. Wendell Folkerts (5) 7. JT Lear (4) 8. Tim Folkerts (1) 9. Ted Swartslander (7) 10. Rick McClure (3) 11. Wade Jones (2) DNS – Archie Ergenbright.

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Rain

5/28

Rain

5/30

Rain Again

by Bob Wilson

Knoxville, IA - Holy cat shit, if it didn't rain again! The beautiful Knoxville dirt turned into a mud wrestlers paradise on both Saturday and the rescheduled Monday night.

On Saturday, Sarah Rinehart, downed one of the Trojan Models in a semifinal mud wrestlers tilt. It was no contest. Jim Roush grabbed the honors in the men's event, as he soundly defeated Larry Joe Porter. Roush later said, "I knew Porter was in trouble when came to the ring eating a large tenderloin."

Then on Monday, Rinehart defended the Marion County title after the rains came as she slapped the winning mud pie in the face of a challenging Titan Model. Sarah told this reporter, "I've been around these parts all my life, and there ain't no shapely Minnesotan gonna give me problems!"

In the finals of the Men's division, Jim Roush once again rode roughshod over his opponent, Jim Casci. Casci, who was never really in the bout was hard pressed to even make a showing.

Next week, all mud wrestling events have been cancelled in favor of racing!

410 Results

Time Trials (Qualifying Order): 1. 20, Brett Lacey, Melbourne, VIC, Aust. (3) 17.983; 2. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (2) 18.216; 3. 28, Junior Parkinson, Blue Springs, MO (5) 18.413; 4. 42, Glenn Hughes Jr., Denver, MO (1) 18.555; 5. 19, Denny Houseman, Estherville, IA (7) 18.637; 6. 21, Mark Shaffer, Newton, IA (8) 18.645; 7. 1, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (6) 18.809; 8. 18, Bill Hetrick Jr., Carman, IL (9) 19.631; 9. 98, Bob Thompson, Des Moines, IA (4) 20.080; **Remainder of Time Trials Rained Out.** Also Present: 10. 68, Mike Houseman, Des Moines, IA; 11. 2, Galen Martin, Fairfield, IA; 12. 52, Spike Lempelius, Eagan, MN; 13. 30, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA; 14. 1A, Con Edwards, Altoona, IA; 15. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA; 16. 55, Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA; 17. 10, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO; 18. 5, Ned Fry, West Burlington, IA; 19. 88, Bob Hop, Mendota, MN; 20. 69, Robert Houseman, Runnells, IA; 21. 49, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA; 22. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA; 23. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA; 24. 76, Pat Janssen, Des Moines, IA; 25. 47, Rocky Hodges, Des Moines, IA; 26. 63, Jerry Richert Jr., Forest Lake, MN; 27. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA; 28. 34, Dick DeRock, Mason City, IA; 29. 81, TJ Giddings, Kansas City, KS.

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Giddings Takes Knoxville's 30th Anniversary

by Bob Wilson

Knoxville, IA – They didn't know what they were starting thirty years ago in 1954. Saturday night at the Knoxville Raceway, they celebrated those three decades with the 11th Annual Mini-Nationals and a young TJ Giddings of Kansas City, KS took away the big prize with his first career feature win at the Knoxville oval. The win was worth \$1,700 to the steadily improving TJ.

It was a track which turned hard and dry with a major portion of the pack running the rim. Giddings, in the Marty Johnson Shady Oaks Steak House sprinter, took the lead from his inside row two starting position. It was a spot he would never relinquish, as Randy Smith chased him the entire distance only to fall a half a car length short when the checkered flag flew.

The race was red-flagged on the twelfth lap when Jerry Richert Jr. took a hard tumble down the front chute when he attempted to lap a slower car. His car nearly eclipsed the overhead string of safety lights hanging across the track. The car finally ended up just inside the track apron some one hundred yards from the initial point of contact and less than six feet from the track ambulances. Although he was badly shaken for a time, Richert walked away unhurt.

Following Giddings and Smith to the finish line were Ralph Parkinson Jr. in third, John Stevenson in fourth and Bob Hop in fifth.

In preliminary events, Brett Lacey, Melbourne, Australia, driving the Bob Trostle house car, set quick time of 18.070, which compared to a 31.08 fast lap set thirty years prior by Hall of Famer, Jack Delano.

Bob Hop claimed the five lap trophy dash in a race he led from start to finish. Hop came back to take the first heat race after he took an early lead from his row four starting slot. In the second heat, Randy Smith came from the tail to pull away from the pack for the win.

Brett Lacey was involved in a fourth turn fracas, eliminating him from the third heat which was won by TJ Giddings from his tail-end starting position. Tim Deaver took the B main to qualify for the feature event.

The Modified sprint heat events were won by Greg Helms and Dean Chadd. Chadd came back in the modified feature to lead the entire distance and take his second win in a row.

Next week is Casey's Night at the Knoxville Raceway, as a ten event program of modifieds and winged sprints take to the Marion County oval once again. It was announced that the World of Outlaws "Skoal Bandits Shootout" will be held October 14 and 15. Sunday, October 16 is the scheduled rain date for that season finale as tickets will go on sale July 2.

410 Results

Time Trials: 1. 20, Brett Lacey, Melbourne, VIC, Aust., 18.070; 2. 55, Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA, 18.128; 3. 47, Rocky Hodges, Des Moines, IA, 18.228; 4. 81, TJ Giddings, Kansas City, KS, 18.605; 5. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN, 18.746; 6. 88, Bob Hop, Mendota, MN, 18.837; 7. 28, Junior Parkinson, Gladstone, MO, 18.896; 8. 22x, Keith Frantsen, Windom, MN, 18.898; 9. 1A, Con Edwards, Altoona, IA, 18.900; 10. 63, Jerry Richert Jr., Forest Lake, MN, 18.987; 11. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA, 19.083; 12. 1, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS, 19.165; 13. 2, Galen Martin, Fairfield, IA, 19.235; 14. 26, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE, 19.437; 15. 10, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO, 19.509; 16. 21, Mark Shaffer, Newton, IA, 19.536; 17. 42, Glenn Hughes Jr., Denver, MO, 19.634; 18. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA, 19.697; 19. 18, Bill Hetrick Jr., Carman, IL, 19.793; 20. 76, Pat Janssen, Des Moines, IA, 19.924; 21. 30, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA, 20.039; 22. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA, 20.090; 23. 68, Mike Houseman, Des Moines, IA, 20.092; 24. 69, Robert Houseman, Runnells, IA, 20.142; 25. 14J, Craig Dollansky, Elk River, MN, 20.172; 26. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA, 20.257; 27. 23, Roger Lechtenberg, Dysart, IA, 20.398; 28. 98, Bob Thompson, Des Moines, IA, 20.541; 29. 34, Dick DeRock, Mason City, IA, 21.117; 30. 117, Bill Randleman, Jefferson, IA, 23.444; 31. 49, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA, NT; 32. 52, Spike Lempelius, Eagan, MN, NT.

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, NT: 1. Bob Hop (1) 2. Rocky Hodges (4) 3. TJ Giddings (3) 4. Randy Smith (5) 5. John Stevenson (2) 6. Brett Lacey (6)

Heat one (started), 10 laps, NT: 1. Bob Hop (8) 2. Billy Robison (6) 3. Cliff Woodward (3) 4. Rocky Hodges (7) 5. Con Edwards (5) 6. Mike Thomas (4) / 7. Roger Lechtenberg (9) 8. Robert Houseman (2) 9. Mackie Heimbaugh (1) DNS – Bill Randleman

Heat two (started), 10 laps, NT: 1. Randy Smith (7) 2. John Stevenson (8) 3. Keith Frantsen (5) 4. Rich Brahmer (3) 5. Stacy Redmond (6) 6. Pat Janssen (1) / 7. Mike Houseman (2) 8. Dick DeRock (9) 9. Glenn Hughes Jr. (4) DNS – John McCoy, Spike Lempelius

Heat three (started), 10 laps, 3:22.17: 1. TJ Giddings (7) 2. Junior Parkinson (8) 3. Mark Shaffer (3) 4. Jerry Richert Jr. (5) 5. Bill Hetrick Jr. (4) 6. Galen Martin (6) / 7. Tim Deaver (1) 8. Craig Dollansky (2) 9. Brett Lacey (9) DNS – Bob Thompson, Mike Pinckney

B main (started), 8 laps, 3:05.15: 1. Tim Deaver (1) 2. Robert Houseman (3) / 3. Mike Houseman (2) 4. Craig Dollansky (4) 5. Roger Lechtenberg (5) 6. Bill Randleman (7) 7. Dick DeRock (6) DNS – Mackie Heimbaugh, Glenn Hughes Jr., John McCoy, Spike Lempelius, Brett Lacey, Bob Thompson, Mike Pinckney

A main (started), 20 laps, NT: 1. TJ Giddings (3) 2. Randy Smith (1) 3. Junior Parkinson (6) 4. John Stevenson (4) 5. Bob Hop (5) 6. Billy Robison (11) 7. Keith Frantsen (7) 8. Cliff Woodward (14) 9. Mark Shaffer (15) 10. Stacy Redmond (10) 11. Con Edwards (8) 12. Mike Thomas (16) 13. Rich Brahmer (13) 14. Galen Martin (12) 15. Robert Houseman (20) 16. Bill Hetrick Jr. (17) 17. Tim Deaver (19) 18. Rocky Hodges (2) 19. Jerry Richert Jr. (9) 20. Pat Janssen (18). **Lap Leader:** Giddings 1-20.

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Heat one (started), 5 laps, NT: 1. 20, Greg Helms, Des Moines, IA (2) 2. 54, Wade Jones, Albia, IA (5) 3. 15, Wendell Folkerts, Albia, IA (3) 4. 25, Rick McClure, Cincinnati, IA (7) 5. 63, Mike Whaley, Des Moines, IA

(6) 6. 14, Tim Folkerts, Albia, IA (1) DQ - (refused motor inspection, crossed 1st) 14J, JJ Riggins, Lincoln, NE (4)

Heat two (started), 5 laps, NT: 1. 00, Dean Chadd, Lincoln, NE (3) 2. 4x, Lloyd Beckman, Lincoln, NE (8) 3. 2, Lyle Sylvester, Hedrick, IA (1) 4. 23, Richard Crook, Oskaloosa, IA (6) 5. 05, Todd Folkerts, Albia, IA (2) 6. 12, Terry Peterson, Agency, IA (4) ... also: 3, Terry Alexander, Knoxville, IA (5), 5, JT Lear, Des Moines, IA (7)

A main (started), 10 laps, NT: 1. Dean Chadd (8) 2. Lloyd Beckman (6) 3. Lyle Sylvester (4) 4. Wendell Folkerts (3) 5. Tim Folkerts (1) 6. JT Lear (11) 7. Wade Jones (5) 8. Greg Helms (7) 9. Richard Crook (2) 10. Todd Folkerts (10) DQ - (refused motor inspection, crossed 3rd) JJ Riggins DNS – Rick McClure, Mike Whaley, Terry Peterson, Terry Alexander. **Lap Leader:** Chadd 1-10.

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It's Frantsen At Knoxville

by Bob Wilson

Knoxville, IA – Keith Frantsen of Windom, Minnesota, made it two-in-a-row for first time winners this year at the Knoxville Raceway as he claimed the 20-lap winged sprint feature event Saturday night.

Frantsen, driving a homebuilt chassis told track announcer Tim Trier in a post-race interview, “I don’t like dry-slick tracks, but Jerry (his brother) really had the car hooked up tonight.”

Cliff Woodward, who had led the first half of the race, saw his margin close when the yellow came out on the eleventh lap. On the restart, Woodward was able to hold off the Frantsen challenge as he took the low groove and Frantsen claimed what was left of the cushion, but on lap fourteen, the Minnesota charger shot by to take the lead for keeps.

Last week’s winner, TJ Giddings, was able to catch Woodward in the final seconds to take second, with Woodward third, Australian Brett Lacey was fourth and Randy Smith claimed fifth after coming from the tail on the restart.

In preliminary sprint events, it was Smith, Giddings and Frantsen claiming heat races, while Galen Martin picked up a spot on the tail of the feature by winning the B main event. The five-lap trophy dash which opened the weekly Knoxville show was won by John Stevenson.

The Midwest Modified Sprint heats went to second generation driver Greg Helms and Lyle Sylvester. The feature event for those cars also went to Helms after a second lap wreck involving four cars took out Sylvester and brought out the red flag. It was Helms’ first feature event win on the Knoxville dirt and a dream came true for the son of Hall of Famer, Sonny Helms.

Next week is the Mid-Season Championship sponsored by Hy-Vee Foodstore Corporation as the winged sprints and modifieds continue Knoxville’s thirtieth season at the Marion County oval. The feature event will pay \$2,000 to win, plus double points.

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Time Trials (Qualifying Order): 1. 47, Rocky Hodges, Des Moines, IA (3) 18.033; 2. 81, TJ Giddings, Kansas City, KS (6) 18.168; 3. 55, Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA (11) 18.237; 4. 20, Brett Lacey, Melbourne, VIC, Aust. (15) 18.325; 5. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (16) 18.619; 6. 88, Bob Hop, Mendota, MN (19) 18.647;

7. 22x, Keith Frantsen, Windom, MN (22) 18.900; 8. 21, Mark Shaffer, Newton, IA (21) 18.928; 9. 10, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (9) 18.963; 10. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (10) 19.044; 11. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (1) 19.148; 12. 49, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA (24) 19.225; 13. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (18) 19.425; 14. 2, Galen Martin, Fairfield, IA (25) 19.594; 15. 1, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (23) 19.674; 16. 18, Bill Hetrick Jr., Carman, IL (8) 19.911; 17. 98, Bob Thompson, Des Moines, IA (26) 20.012; 18. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (20) 20.013; 19. 30, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (12) 20.236; 20. 69, Robert Houseman, Runnells, IA (5) 20.237; 21. 5, Ned Fry, West Burlington, IA (2) 20.680; 22. 28, Junior Parkinson, Gladstone, MO (14) 20.771; 23. 68, Mike Houseman, Des Moines, IA (7) 20.788; 24. 34, Dick DeRock, Mason City, IA (13) 21.117; 25. 87, Jeff Jones, Des Moines, IA (4) 21.666; 26. 76, Pat Janssen, Des Moines, IA (17) NT.

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:34.9: 1. John Stevenson (2) 2. Randy Smith (4) 3. Bob Hop (1) 4. TJ Giddings (5) 5. Rocky Hodges (6) 6. Brett Lacey (3)

Heat one (started), 8 laps, 2:32.6: 1. Randy Smith (6) 2. Bob Hop (5) 3. Cliff Woodward (4) 4. Jeff Jones (1) 5. Bill Hetrick Jr. (2) 6. Mackie Heimbaugh (3) / DNS – Mike Thomas, Junior Parkinson

Heat two (started), 8 laps, 2:37.2: 1. TJ Giddings (8) 2. Mike Pinckney (3) 3. Billy Robison (4) 4. John Stevenson (5) 5. Mark Shaffer (6) 6. Ned Fry (2) / 7. Tim Deaver (1) 8. Dick DeRock (7) DNS – Pat Janssen

Heat three (started), 8 laps, NT: 1. Keith Frantsen (6) 2. Rocky Hodges (7) 3. Brett Lacey (5) 4. Robert Houseman (2) 5. Stacy Redmond (3) 6. Bob Thompson (1) / 7. Galen Martin (4) DNS – Mike Houseman, John McCoy

B main (started), 5 laps, 1:59.6: 1. Galen Martin (2) 2. Mike Houseman (4) / 3. Dick DeRock (5) 4. Mike Thomas (1) 5. Tim Deaver (3) DNS – John McCoy, Junior Parkinson, Pat Janssen

A main (started), 20 laps, NT: 1. Keith Frantsen (4) 2. TJ Giddings (9) 3. Cliff Woodward (2) 4. Brett Lacey (7) 5. Randy Smith (8) 6. Mike Pinckney (11) 7. Rocky Hodges (10) 8. Bob Hop (5) 9. Billy Robison (12) 10. Stacy Redmond (1) 11. Mark Shaffer (3) 12. Robert Houseman (16) 13. Galen Martin (19) 14. Ned Fry (17) 15. Bill Hetrick Jr. (13) 16. Mackie Heimbaugh (15) 17. Bob Thompson (14) 18. Jeff Jones (18) 19. Mike Houseman (20) 20. John Stevenson (6). **Lap Leaders:** Woodward 1-13, Frantsen 14-20.

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Heat one (started), 6 laps, 2:14.8 (NTR): 1. 20, Greg Helms, Des Moines, IA (6) 2. 23, Richard Crook, Oskaloosa, IA (5) 3. 3, Terry Alexander, Knoxville, IA (2) 4. 21, Archie Ergenbright, Newton, IA (3) 5. 63, Mike Whaley, Des Moines, IA (4) ... also: 54, Wade Jones, Albia, IA (1), 5, JT Lear, Des Moines, IA (7)

Heat two (started), 6 laps, NT: 1. 2, Lyle Sylvester, Hedrick, IA (1) 2. 25, Rick McClure, Cincinnati, IA (3) 3. 15, Wendell Folkerts, Albia, IA (4) 4. 12, Terry Peterson, Agency, IA (5) 5. 05, Tim Folkerts, Albia, IA (6) 6. 14, Todd Folkerts, Albia, IA (2) 7. 1x, Rick Smith, Dallas Center, IA (7)

A main (started), 10 laps, NT: 1. Greg Helms (11) 2. Richard Crook (9) 3. Wendell Folkerts (8) 4. Rick McClure (10) 5. Terry Peterson (6) 6. Archie Ergenbright (3) 7. JT Lear (7) 8. Mike Whaley (1) 9. Todd Folkerts (2) 10. Wade Jones (13) 11. Lyle Sylvester (12) 12. Terry Alexander (5) 13. Tim Folkerts (4) DNS – Rick Smith.

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Rain

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Giddings Wins Knoxville Mid-Season Championship

by Bob Wilson

Knoxville, IA – To quote 1983 Hall of Fame inductee, Doc Lemon, “It was a race of young champions.” It was also Old Timers’ Night at the Knoxville Raceway and the youngsters came away the victors here Saturday night.

A youthful and talented TJ Giddings, driving the Marty Johnson Shady Oaks Steakhouse sprinter claimed the 25-lap rain-delayed Mid-Season Championship. At the same time, Giddings picked up his second career feature win, a \$2,000 check and a slim ten point lead in the season’s point standings.

Giddings took the lead for keeps on the 11th lap after chasing Rocky Hodges for five circuits and Randy Smith for an additional six. In the victory circle, TJ said, “Randy just keeps stickin’ it on you,” as Smith did indeed closely chase the Giddings’ car through lapped traffic to the finish line. “The car was running hot,” Giddings said, “but I have confidence in it and my crew.”

A forty-five minute delay ensued on the opening green flag lap as a four-car tangle in the second turn brought out the red flag. The fuel cell from the Mark Shaffer sprinter was ripped away from its tail section in the incident, throwing fuel across a large section of the track. A quick fire erupted, but was soon extinguished and Californian, Mike Johnson, was taken to the hospital after being shaken by the hard tumble and the flames. Also involved were Cliff Woodward and Mike Thomas. Johnson was treated at the hospital and released.

Smith, who finished second to Giddings in the feature, had set fast time of 17.674, which was an indication of the quickness of the half-mile oval. Mike Pinckney took third in that event, followed by Keith Frantsen, and tail-end starter, John Stevenson, was fifth.

Winged sprint heats were won by Cliff Woodward, Giddings and Hodges. Giddings set a new 8-lap track record of 2:30.2, erasing that which was set by Randy Smith last year. Giddings also established a new 25-lap record of 8:16.5 to smash the oldest Knoxville wing record set back in 1961 by 1983 Hall of Fame inductee, Roy Robbins. John Stevenson won the B main.

In preliminary Modified Sprint heat races, Rick McClure and Dean Chadd took those 6-lap events. The twelve-lap modified main event went to Chadd, his third in three appearances.

The modified main was red-flagged on the white flag lap, when the sprinter of Lyle Sylvester went up over the wheel of another car and sustained heavy damage. He was treated and released from the local hospital.

Trackside ceremonies included the 5th Annual Hall of Fame inductions. Race drivers Jerry Weld, Roy Robbins and Gary Scott were placed in that prestigious group, as well as longtime announcer, Doc Lemon.

Next week is Pepsi-Mountain Dew Night with a \$10,000 purse. A new event never before staged at Knoxville will be the First Annual Match Race of Champions. This will involve seven 2-lap single elimination match races featuring the top eight cars in the current 1983 Knoxville Raceway point standings: \$1,000 to win, winner takes all.

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Time Trials (Qualifying Order): 1. 55, Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA (9) 17.674; 2. 81, TJ Giddings, Kansas City, KS (31) 18.318; 3. 88, Bob Hop, Mendota, MN (8) 18.337; 4. 47, Rocky Hodges, Des Moines, IA (21) 18.447; 5. 22x, Keith Frantsen, Windom, MN (5) 18.483; 6. 49, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA (19) 18.644; 7. 21, Mark Shaffer, Newton, IA (32) 18.825; 8. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (14) 18.835; 9. 28, Junior Parkinson, Gladstone, MO (1) 18.895; 10. 1A, Glenn Hughes Jr., Denver, MO (2) 18.912; 11. 1, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (20) 18.956; 12. 10, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (17) 19.046; 13. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (27) 19.071; 14. 32, Jimmy Bell, Des Moines, IA (3) 19.199; 15. 180, Duke DeRosa, Springfield, IL (12) 19.205; 16. 2, Galen Martin, Fairfield, IA (29) 19.310; 17. 2x, Mike Johnson, Concord, CA (18) 19.678; 18. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (7) 19.894; 19. 18, Bill Hetrick Jr., Carman, IL (6) 19.898; 20. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (4) 19.953; 21. 34, Dick DeRock, Mason City, IA (10) 20.325; 22. 5, Ned Fry, West Burlington, IA (25) 20.611; 23. 30, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (30) 20.765; 24. 117, Bill Randleman, Jefferson, IA (22) 20.890; 25. 68, Mike Houseman, Des Moines, IA (26) 20.981; 26. 17A, Rick Weld, Kansas City, MO (15) 21.573; 27. 87, Jeff Jones, Des Moines, IA (24) 21.773; 28. 98, Bob Thompson, Des Moines, IA (11) NT; 29. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (13) NT; 30. 20, Brett Lacey, Melbourne, VIC, Aust. (16) NT; 31. 69, Robert Houseman, Runnells, IA (23) NT; 32. 76, Pat Janssen, Des Moines, IA (28) NT.

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:34.0: 1. Randy Smith (4) 2. Keith Frantsen (2) 3. TJ Giddings (5) 4. Rocky Hodges (3) 5. Mike Pinckney (1) DNS – Bob Hop

Heat one (started), 8 laps, 2:35.4: 1. Cliff Woodward (4) 2. Mike Pinckney (6) 3. Junior Parkinson (7) 4. Mike Thomas (2) 5. Duke DeRosa (5) 6. Jeff Jones (1) / 7. Dick DeRock (3) 8. Bob Hop (8) DNS – Bill Randleman, Brett Lacey

Heat two (started), 8 laps, 2:30.2 (NTR): 1. TJ Giddings (7) 2. Billy Robison (4) 3. Keith Frantsen (6) 4. Stacy Redmond (5) 5. Tim Deaver (1) 6. Mike Johnson (2) / 7. Jimmy Bell (3) DNS – Mackie Heimbaugh, Rick Weld, John Stevenson, Pat Janssen

Heat three (started), 8 laps, 2:30.8: 1. Rocky Hodges (8) 2. Randy Smith (7) 3. Mark Shaffer (5) 4. Glenn Hughes Jr. (6) 5. Galen Martin (4) 6. Ned Fry (2) / 7. Bill Hetrick Jr. (3) 8. Mike Houseman (1) DNS – John McCoy, Bob Thompson, Robert Houseman

B main (started), 10 laps, NT: 1. John Stevenson (8) 2. Bill Hetrick Jr. (1) / 3. Jimmy Bell (2) 4. Bill Randleman (5) 5. Dick DeRock (4) 6. Mike Houseman (3) 7. Bob Thompson (9) 8. John McCoy (6) 9. Brett Lacey (7) DNS – Bob Hop, Mackie Heimbaugh, Rick Weld, Robert Houseman, Pat Janssen

A main (started), 25 laps, 8:16.5 (NTR): 1. TJ Giddings (3) 2. Randy Smith (4) 3. Mike Pinckney (5) 4. Keith Frantsen (1) 5. John Stevenson (19) 6. Junior Parkinson (8) 7. Stacy Redmond (7) 8. Billy Robison (10) 9. Glenn Hughes Jr. (9) 10. Galen Martin (13) 11. Tim Deaver (16) 12. Ned Fry (17) 13. Jeff Jones (18) 14. Rocky Hodges (2) 15. Mike Thomas (15) 16. Bill Hetrick Jr. (20) 17. Duke DeRosa (12) 18. Cliff Woodward (11) 19. Mike Johnson (14) 20. Mark Shaffer (6). **Lap Leaders:** Hodges 1-5, R. Smith 6-10, Giddings 11-25.

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Heat one (started), 6 laps, 2:14.0 (NTR): 1. 25, Rick McClure, Cincinnati, IA (3) 2. 33, Dave Farren, Des Moines, IA (8) 3. 3, Terry Alexander, Knoxville, IA (5) 4. 21, Archie Ergenbright, Newton, IA (4) 5. 5, JT Lear, Des Moines, IA (6) 6. 63, Mike Whaley, Des Moines, IA (1) 7. 54, Wade Jones, Albia, IA (2) 8. 1, Ted Swartslander, Des Moines, IA (7)

Heat two (started), 6 laps, NT: 1. 00, Dean Chadd, Lincoln, NE (7) 2. 23, Richard Crook, Oskaloosa, IA (1) 3. 2, Lyle Sylvester, Hedrick, IA (3) 4. 05, Tim Folkerts, Albia, IA (4) 5. 15, Wendell Folkerts, Albia, IA (6) 6. 14, Todd Folkerts, Albia, IA (5) 7. 12, Terry Peterson, Agency, IA (2)

A main (started), 12 laps, NT: 1. Dean Chadd (11) 2. Richard Crook (9) 3. Wendell Folkerts (6) 4. Rick McClure (7) 5. Todd Folkerts (4) 6. JT Lear (3) 7. Lyle Sylvester (10) 8. Terry Peterson (2) 9. Terry Alexander (5) 10. Tim Folkerts (8) 11. Mike Whaley (1) DNS – Archie Ergenbright, Dave Farren, Wade Jones, Ted Swartslander.

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Smith Claims Second Knoxville Feature

by Bob Wilson

Knoxville, IA – Randy Smith, driving the Lenard McCarl, Jensen Construction winged sprinter, claimed his second 20-lap feature event of the 1983 racing season at the Marion County Fairgrounds Saturday night. It was Smith's ninth career win at the Knoxville oval and he picked up \$1,500 for his efforts.

Smith started the event in the fifth row by virtue of the five-row invert. Billy Robison had led the initial two laps of the race as Knoxville newcomer, Scott Ritchhart grabbed the lead from him. Ritchhart then held that position to the eleventh lap when Smith worked his way to that spot after a yellow flag came out. Smith then pulled away to claim the event and at the same time, took a very slim five point margin in the season point standings.

TJ Giddings, who started on the tail of the feature, drove brilliantly to take second, Rocky Hodges was third, Bob Hop was fourth and Ralph Parkinson Jr. finished in the fifth spot. Ritchhart faded with engine problems.

The evening was kicked off with a series of 2-lap match races featuring the top eight cars in point standings. Giddings captured that event over Smith as well as the \$1,000 it paid in what was essentially a rematch of the previous week's feature. Giddings also set quick time at 18.381 in time trials.

Winged sprint heats were won by Billy Robison, Keith Frantsen, Smith and eyebrow raiser Ritchhart. Smith busted the 8-lap heat race record set only one week ago with a time of 2:29.3. Giddings failed to finish in his heat event when a rear-end let go, but he later came back to take the B main to qualify for the feature.

In modified sprint action, Dean Chadd and Mackie Heimbaugh took those 8-lap events. The 12-lap modified feature became a three-way battle between Iowan Heimbaugh and Nebraskan Don Maxwell and Chadd. They finished in that order after Heimbaugh took an eighth lap lead.

Next week will be the Seventh Annual Twin Sixteens with Jocko's Auto Parts of Newton as the hosting sponsor. A \$10,000 purse will be on the line for the winged sprints and modifieds as the Knoxville Raceway continues its thirtieth season of racing.

Time Trials (Qualifying Order): 1. 81, TJ Giddings, Kansas City, KS (6) 18.381; 2. 55, Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA (2) 18.406; 3. 55x, Buddy Wallen, Kansas City, MO (22) 18.453; 4. 20, Brett Lacey, Melbourne, VIC, Aust. (23) 18.460; 5. 47, Rocky Hodges, Des Moines, IA (12) 18.573; 6. 28, Junior Parkinson, Gladstone, MO (24)*; 7. 22x, Keith Frantsen, Windom, MN (15); 8. 63, Jerry Richert Jr., Forest Lake, MN (1); 9. 5m, Scott Ritchhart, Lincoln, IL (21); 10. 32x, Denny Frederickson, Minneapolis, MN (4); 11. 88, Bob Hop, Mendota, MN (30); 12. 1, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (32); 13. 1A, Glenn Hughes Jr., Denver, MO (16); 14. 76w, Rick Lemanski, Fox Lake, WI (13); 15. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (18); 16. 71, Randy Sears, Raytown, MO (19); 17. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (28); 18. 32, Jimmy Bell, Des Moines, IA (31); 19. 2, Galen Martin, Fairfield, IA (7); 20. 98, Bob Thompson, Des Moines, IA (14); 21. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (10); 22. 18, Bill Hetrick Jr., Carman, IL (27); 23. 10, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (3); 24. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (8); 25. 14J, Craig Dollansky, Elk River, MN (26); 26. 33L, Danny Lasoski, Dover, MO (17); 27. 18M, Gabby Lusk, Jackson, MN (5); 28. 5, Ned Fry, West Burlington, IA (9); 29. 34, Dick

DeRock, Mason City, IA (20); 30. 69, Robert Houseman, Runnells, IA (25); 31. 55w, Randy Butler, Iron Ridge, WI (29); 32. L7, L. Merrill Jacob, Topeka, KS (33); 33. 87, Jeff Jones, Des Moines, IA (11).

Match Race Round One, 2 laps: Billy Robison over Cliff Woodward :38.4; Randy Smith over Junior Parkinson :36.7; TJ Giddings over Keith Frantsen :36.9; Rocky Hodges over Brett Lacey :37.5

Match Race Round Two, 2 laps: Randy Smith over Rocky Hodges :36.5 (NTR); TJ Giddings over Billy Robison :37.1

Match Race Final, 2 laps: TJ Giddings over Randy Smith :36.7

Heat one (started), 8 laps, 2:38.2: 1. Billy Robison (5) 2. Jerry Richert Jr. (6) 3. Brett Lacey (7) 4. Tim Deaver (2) 5. Ned Fry (1) / 6. Randy Sears (4) 7. Bob Thompson (3) 8. L. Merrill Jacob (8)

Heat two (started), 8 laps, 2:38.0: 1. Keith Frantsen (6) 2. Cliff Woodward (2) 3. Buddy Wallen (7) 4. Bob Hop (5) 5. Gabby Lusk (1) / 6. John McCoy (4) 7. Randy Butler (8) 8. Galen Martin (3)

Heat three (started), 8 laps, 2:29.3 (NTR): 1. Randy Smith (8) 2. Junior Parkinson (7) 3. Rick Lemanski (5) 4. Danny Lasoski (2) 5. Jimmy Bell (4) / 6. Bill Hetrick Jr. (3) 7. Robert Houseman (1) 8. Jeff Jones (9) 9. Denny Frederickson (6)

Heat four (started), 8 laps, NT: 1. Scott Ritchhart (6) 2. Rocky Hodges (7) 3. Stacy Redmond (4) 4. Glenn Hughes Jr. (5) 5. Craig Dollansky (2) / 6. Mike Thomas (3) 7. Dick DeRock (1) 8. TJ Giddings (8)

B main (started), 12 laps, NT: 1. TJ Giddings (1) 2. Denny Frederickson (2) / 3. Galen Martin (5) 4. Mike Thomas (7) 5. John McCoy (3) 6. Randy Sears (4) 7. Bob Thompson (6) ... also: Dick DeRock (8), Robert Houseman (9), Randy Butler (10), L. Merrill Jacob (11) DNS – Bill Hetrick Jr., Jeff Jones

A main (started), 20 laps, NT: 1. Randy Smith (10) 2. TJ Giddings (21) 3. Rocky Hodges (7) 4. Bob Hop (2) 5. Junior Parkinson (6) 6. Keith Frantsen (5) 7. Cliff Woodward (15) 8. Jerry Richert Jr. (4) 9. Billy Robison (1) 10. Rick Lemanski (12) 11. Gabby Lusk (19) 12. Craig Dollansky (17) 13. Ned Fry (20) 14. Tim Deaver (16) 15. Jimmy Bell (14) 16. Scott Ritchhart (3) 17. Glenn Hughes Jr. (11) 18. Ned Fry (20) 19. Stacy Redmond (13) 20. Denny Frederickson (22) ... also: Buddy Wallen (9), Danny Lasoski (18). **Lap Leaders:** Robison 1-2, Ritchhart 3-10, R. Smith 11-20.

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Heat one (started), 8 laps, 2:57.4: 1. 00, Dean Chadd, Lincoln, NE (3) 2. 20, Greg Helms, Des Moines, IA (6) 3. 15, Wendell Folkerts, Albia, IA (8) 4. 3, Terry Alexander, Knoxville, IA (1) 5. 14, Todd Folkerts, Albia, IA (4) 6. 54, Wade Jones, Albia, IA (5) 7. 5, JT Lear, Des Moines, IA (2) ... also: 33, Dave Farren, Des Moines, IA (7), 25, Rick McClure, Cincinnati, IA (9)

Heat two (started), 8 laps, 2:53.7 (NTR): 1. 30, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (4) 2. 99, Don Maxwell, Lincoln, NE (10) 3. 38, Dave Jacobs, Omaha, NE (9) 4. 18, Bobby Houseman, Estherville, IA (7) 5. 12, Terry Peterson, Agency, IA (3) 6. 05, Tim Folkerts, Albia, IA (1) 7. 21, Archie Ergenbright, Newton, IA (8) 8. 63, Mike Whaley, Des Moines, IA (2) ... also: 23, Richard Crook, Oskaloosa, IA (5), 8, John Greenwood, Des Moines, IA (6)

A main (started), 12 laps, NT: 1. Mackie Heimbaugh (15) 2. Don Maxwell (14) 3. Dean Chadd (13) 4. Greg Helms (11) 5. Rick McClure (16) 6. Wendell Folkerts (9) ... also: JT Lear (1), Mike Whaley (2), Wade Jones (3), Archie Ergenbright (4), Todd Folkerts (5), Tim Folkerts (6), Terry Alexander (7), Terry Peterson (8), Bobby Houseman (10), Dave Jacobs (12), Richard Crook (17), John Greenwood (18) DNS – Dave Farren

Double Features to Giddings, Green

by Bob Wilson

Knoxville, IA – They were on their feet in the stands at Knoxville Saturday night as the Seventh Annual Twin Sixteens produced some of the finest racing of the year. The popular event saw TJ Giddings and Tim Green in the number one spots in each event as the checkered flew over the black Marion County dirt.

In the straight-up start of the first 16, Randy Smith and Green powered away from the rest of the pack at the start. A third lap restart found both drivers on the tail after the dust had settled, and the stage was set for a furious run to the front by both drivers.

Although TJ Giddings had claimed the lead at that point, it was Green and Smith who brought the house down with their charge. By lap eleven, Green had worked his way to the third spot with Smith on his bumper. As the white flag flew with Giddings out in front, they both flew by second place Bob Hop on the backstretch. Smith made a miraculous pass by Green as they streaked down the front chute for the finish. Hop held fourth and Buddy Wallen took fifth.

In the second 16, which was completely inverted, it didn't take Green and Smith long to shoot to the front. Green was in fourth place by the end of lap one and had the lead for keeps at the sixth circuit with Smith on his tail. It was essentially the same kind of race between those two which had kept the large grandstand crowd in awe the entire evening.

Smith eventually faded in lapped traffic as the visiting Californian, Green, on his way to the East to run with the All Stars, took the win. It marked the thirteenth career feature win for Green at Knoxville, a two-time track champion. They were followed by Giddings, Billy Robison and Mike Pinckney.

Randy Smith took the opening time trial event by posting a solid 18.237 clocking. John Stevenson led all the way to claim the five-lap trophy dash for the fastest six cars. Heat races went to Green, Junior Parkinson, Rocky Hodges and Smith. Knoxville's own John McCoy took the 12-lap B main.

In Modified Sprint action, Mackie Heimbaugh and Richard Crook claimed those 6-lap events. The 12-lap feature for those cars saw three second generation drivers finish up front as Heimbaugh, Crook and Greg Helms came across the line in that order.

The winged sprints and modifieds once again return to the Marion County oval next week to celebrate Coors Night. Back by popular demand will be a second running of two-lap match races. This series of events will include the drivers who did not make that event two weeks ago as based on owner points and will again pay \$1,000 to the winner.

Time Trials (Qualifying Order): 1. 55, Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA (7) 18.237; 2. 47, Rocky Hodges, Des Moines, IA (12) 18.337; 3. 88, Bob Hop, Mendota, MN (19) 18.432; 4. 71N, Tim Green, Sacramento, CA (11) 18.494; 5. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (1) 18.677; 6. 55x, Buddy Wallen, Kansas City, MO (13) 18.756; 7. 1A, Glenn Hughes Jr., Denver, MO (10) 18.763; 8. 81, TJ Giddings, Kansas City, KS (23) 18.763; 9. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (4) 18.930; 10. 89M, David Dwyer, Columbia, MO (3) 19.046; 11. 71, Randy Sears, Raytown, MO (20) 19.103; 12. 10, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (30) 19.119; 13. 33L, Danny Lasoski, Dover, MO (32) 19.142; 14. 49, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA (21) 19.150; 15. 28, Junior Parkinson, Gladstone, MO (31) 19.360; 16. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (16) 19.367; 17. 2, Galen Martin, Fairfield, IA (18) 19.481; 18. 1, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (29) 19.534; 19. 32, Jimmy Bell, Des Moines, IA (6) 19.685; 20.

2x, Mike Johnson, Concord, CA (8) 19.809; 21. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (17) 19.883; 22. 62x, Gene Kester, Kansas City, MO (28) 20.121; 23. 117, Bill Randleman, Jefferson, IA (2) 20.132; 24. 69, Robert Houseman, Runnells, IA (5) 20.152; 25. 18, Bill Hetrick Jr., Carman, IL (22) 20.363; 26. 68, Mike Houseman, Des Moines, IA (15) 20.455; 27. 34, Dick DeRock, Mason City, IA (14) 20.647; 28. 96, Rick Sorem, Albert Lea, MN (25) 20.768; 29. 98, Bob Thompson, Des Moines, IA (24) 21.089; 30. 87, Jeff Jones, Des Moines, IA (33) 21.693; 31. 14J, Craig Dollansky, Elk River, MN (9) 23.089; 32. 76, Pat Janssen, Des Moines, IA (26) NT; 33. 3, Jon Backlund, Kansas City, MO (27) NT.

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:34.1: 1. John Stevenson (2) 2. Buddy Wallen (1) 3. Randy Smith (6) 4. Bob Hop (4) 5. Tim Green (3) 6. Rocky Hodges (5)

Heat one (started), 8 laps, 2:31.0: 1. Tim Green (8) 2. Cliff Woodward (6) 3. TJ Giddings (7) 4. Mike Johnson (4) / 5. Craig Dollansky (1) 6. Robert Houseman (3) 7. Rick Sorem (2) 8. John McCoy (5)

Heat two (started), 8 laps, NT: 1. Junior Parkinson (5) 2. Bob Hop (8) 3. Glenn Hughes Jr. (7) 4. Randy Sears (6) / 5. Jimmy Bell (4) ... also: Jeff Jones (1), Dick DeRock (2), Bill Randleman (3)

Heat three (started), 8 laps, 2:38.0: 1. Rocky Hodges (7) 2. Billy Robison (4) 3. Mike Pinckney (3) 4. Buddy Wallen (5) / 5. David Dwyer (6) 6. Gene Kester (1) 7. Mike Houseman (2) DNS – Bob Thompson

Heat four (started), 8 laps, 2:32.4: 1. Randy Smith (7) 2. Danny Lasoski (3) 3. John Stevenson (5) 4. Stacy Redmond (6) / 5. Galen Martin (4) 6. Tim Deaver (1) 7. Bill Hetrick Jr. (2) DNS – Pat Janssen, Jon Backlund

B main (started), 12 laps, 4:10.2: 1. John McCoy (2) / 2. David Dwyer (1) 3. Galen Martin (3) 4. Robert Houseman (7) 5. Gene Kester (6) 6. Tim Deaver (5) 7. Jimmy Bell (4) 8. Mike Houseman (9) 9. Bill Hetrick Jr. (8) 10. Jeff Jones (11) 11. Craig Dollansky (10) 12. Bill Randleman (12) DNS – Rick Sorem, Dick DeRock, Bob Thompson, Pat Janssen, Jon Backlund

A main #1 (started), 16 laps, NT: 1. TJ Giddings (6) 2. Randy Smith (1) 3. Tim Green (2) 4. Bob Hop (3) 5. Buddy Wallen (4) 6. Junior Parkinson (12) 7. John Stevenson (5) 8. Mike Pinckney (13) 9. Randy Sears (8) 10. Glenn Hughes Jr. (7) 11. Stacy Redmond (9) 12. Cliff Woodward (11) 13. Billy Robison (15) 14. Danny Lasoski (10) 15. Mike Johnson (14) 16. John McCoy (16) DNS – Rocky Hodges. **Lap Leaders:** R. Smith 1-2, Giddings 3-16.

A main #2 (started), 16 laps, 5:26.6: 1. Tim Green (11) 2. Randy Smith (12) 3. TJ Giddings (13) 4. Billy Robison (1) 5. Mike Pinckney (6) 6. Junior Parkinson (8) 7. Bob Hop (10) 8. Cliff Woodward (2) 9. Stacy Redmond (3) 10. Randy Sears (5) 11. Buddy Wallen (9) 12. David Dwyer (16) 13. Glenn Hughes Jr. (4) 14. John McCoy (15) 15. John Stevenson (7) 16. Mike Johnson (14). DNS – Danny Lasoski, Rocky Hodges. Lap Leaders*: , Green 6-16.

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Heat one (started), 5 laps, 1:52.8: 1. 30, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (4) 2. 12, Terry Peterson, Agency, IA (6) 3. 20, Greg Helms, Kansas City, MO (3) 4. 54, Wade Jones, Albia, IA (5) 5. 14, Todd Folkerts, Albia, IA (1) 6. 21, Archie Ergenbright, Newton, IA (2)

Heat two (started), 6 laps, 2:14.3: 1. 23, Richard Crook, Oskaloosa, IA (1) 2. 25, Rick McClure, Cincinnati, IA (3) 3. 15, Wendell Folkerts, Albia, IA (4) 4. 6, Larry Sylvester, Blakesburg, IA (6) 5. 05, Tim Folkerts, Albia, IA (2) 6. 3, Terry Alexander, Knoxville, IA (5)

A main (started), 12 laps, NT: 1. Mackie Heimbaugh (2) 2. Richard Crook (1) 3. Greg Helms (5) 4. Terry Peterson (3) 5. Wendell Folkerts (6) 6. Larry Sylvester (8) 7. Tim Folkerts (10) 8. Wade Jones (7) 9. Terry Alexander (12) 10. Archie Ergenbright (11) 11. Todd Folkerts (9) 12. Rick McClure (4)

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Smith Takes Knoxville Feature

by Bob Wilson

Knoxville, IA – Randy Smith, twice a bridesmaid in last week's double features, came out on top Saturday night in the 20-lap winged sprint feature at the Marion County Fairgrounds.

Junior Parkinson led the initial four laps, but Smith, driving the Lenard McCarl/Jensen Construction prepared sprinter, grabbed the lead on the next circuit and pulled away from the field through four restarts. The win marked Smith's tenth career feature victory at the Knoxville Raceway, which tied him with the legendary Ken Weld, and yielded a fat \$1,250 in prize money. Smith also set quick time at 18.094 and took a one hundred point lead in the season's point standings.

Parkinson held the second spot and was followed by TJ Giddings, Mike Pinckney and Glenn Hughes Jr.

Before the race even started, Bob Hop got upside down near the pit gate entrance as the cars were forming their lineup rows. Something apparently broke on his car, sending him into the fence. L. Merrill Jacob also caught the fourth turn fence on the sixth lap and took an easy roll. Neither driver was injured.

Eight-lap sprint heats were won by Billy Robison, Giddings and Smith. Pat Janssen caught the backstretch fence in the third heat. He was not injured.

The evening was highlighted with a series of 2-lap elimination match races featuring the second eight cars in owner point standings. Mike Pinckney claimed the \$1,000 paid to the winner takes all for that program opener.

In Modified Sprint heats, Mackie Heimbaugh and Greg Helms posted 6-lap victories. Heimbaugh came back to garner the 12-lap A Feature for those cars too, giving him his third win in a row for that division.

Next week is Pizza Hut Night as the modifieds and winged sprints take to the Knoxville oval in a ten-event program. In what could be called a salute to the Land Down Under, the top ten time trial qualifiers will compete in a ten-lap Australian Pursuit which will pay \$500 to win. The World of Outlaws will make their second 1983 appearance the following Wednesday on July 27 during the Marion County Fair.

Time Trials (Qualifying Order): 1. 55, Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA (1) 18.094; 2. 81, TJ Giddings, Kansas City, KS (2) 18.263; 3. 1A, Glenn Hughes Jr., Denver, MO (3) 18.293; 4. 47, Rocky Hodges, Des Moines, IA (24) 18.326; 5. 28, Junior Parkinson, Gladstone, MO (4) 18.385; 6. 49, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA (5) 18.465; 7. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (28) 18.470; 8. 88, Bob Hop, Mendota, MN (9) 18.558; 9. 56, Terry Doss, Tulsa, OK (15) 18.668; 10. 2, Galen Martin, Fairfield, IA (10) 18.792; 11. 20, Brett Lacey, Melbourne, VIC, Aust. (16) 18.866; 12. 1, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (11) 18.882; 13. 10, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (17) 18.935; 14. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (31) 18.949; 15. 55A, Des Nash, Perth, WA, Aust. (12) 18.980; 16. 3, Jon Backlund, Kansas City, KS (18) 19.032; 17. 71, Randy Sears, Raytown, MO (8) 19.050; 18. 77, Ken Harbison, Raytown, MO (13) 19.087; 19. 21, Mark Shaffer, Newton, IA (21) 19.128; 20. 2x, Mike Johnson, Concord, CA (6) 19.423; 21. 76, Pat Janssen, Des Moines, IA (27) 19.706; 22. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (19) 19.812; 23. 18, Bill Hetrick Jr., Carman, IL (29) 20.062; 24. 94, Rick Weld, Kansas City, MO (7) 20.098; 25. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (14) 20.109; 26. 69, Robert Houseman, Runnells, IA (26) 20.133; 27. 68, Mike Houseman, Des Moines, IA (20) 20.284; 28. 34, Dick DeRock, Mason City, IA (25)

20.502; 29. L7, L. Merrill Jacob, Topeka, KS (22) 20.756; 30. 14J, Craig Dollansky, Elk River, MN (30) 21.337; 31. 11x, Bill Kerr, Bonaparte, IA (23) NT.

Match Races Round One, 2 laps: Mike Pinckney over Bob Hop :37.5; Galen Martin over Bill Hetrick Jr. :38.9; Stacy Redmond over Tim Deaver :39.0; Glenn Hughes Jr. over John Stevenson :38.2

Match Races Round Two, 2 laps: Mike Pinckney over Stacy Redmond; Glenn Hughes Jr. over Galen Martin

Match Races Final, 2 laps: Mike Pinckney over Glenn Hughes Jr.

Heat one (started), 8 laps, 2:33.2: 1. Billy Robison (4) 2. Mike Pinckney (6) 3. Terry Doss (7) 4. Glenn Hughes Jr. (8) 5. Mike Houseman (2) 6. Des Nash (5) 7. Bill Hetrick Jr. (3) 8. Craig Dollansky (1) DNS – Mark Shaffer, Rick Weld

Heat two (started), 8 laps, NT: 1. TJ Giddings (8) 2. Bob Hop (6) 3. Brett Lacey (5) 4. Junior Parkinson (7) 5. Ken Harbison (3) 6. John McCoy (2) 7. Robert Houseman (1) 8. L. Merrill Jacob (9) 9. Stacy Redmond (4) DNS – Randy Sears

Heat three (started), 8 laps, NT: 1. Randy Smith (8) 2. Jon Backlund (4) 3. Cliff Woodward (5) 4. Galen Martin (6) 5. Tim Deaver (2) 6. Dick DeRock (1) 7. John Stevenson (7) 8. Pat Janssen (3) DNS – Rocky Hodges, Mike Johnson, Bill Kerr

A main (started), 20 laps, NT: 1. Randy Smith (4) 2. Junior Parkinson (1) 3. TJ Giddings (3) 4. Mike Pinckney (5) 5. Glenn Hughes Jr. (2) 6. Cliff Woodward (11) 7. Brett Lacey (9) 8. Jon Backlund (13) 9. Galen Martin (6) 10. Robert Houseman (18) 11. Billy Robison (8) 12. Tim Deaver (14) 13. Terry Doss (7) 14. Dick DeRock (16) 15. Rocky Hodges (21) 16. Mike Houseman (17) 17. John McCoy (15) 18. Ken Harbison (12) 19. Mark Shaffer (19) 20. Des Nash (10) 21. L. Merrill Jacob (20) 22. Bill Kerr (22) DNS – Rick Weld, Randy Sears, Mike Johnson, Craig Dollansky, Bill Hetrick Jr., John Stevenson, Pat Janssen, Bob Hop, Stacy Redmond. **Lap Leaders:** Parkinson 1-4, R. Smith 5-20.

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Heat one (started), 6 laps, 2:07.5 (NTR): 1. 30, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (3) 2. 6, Larry Sylvester, Hedrick, IA (5) 3. 63, Mike Whaley, Des Moines, IA (6) 4. 14, Todd Folkerts, Albia, IA (4) 5. 1, Ted Swartslander, Des Moines, IA (2) 6. 23, Richard Crook, Oskaloosa, IA (7) 7. 3, Terry Alexander, Knoxville, IA (1)

Heat two (started), 6 laps, 2:09.5: 1. 20, Greg Helms, Des Moines, IA (4) 2. 15, Wendell Folkerts, Albia, IA (7) 3. 54, Wade Jones, Albia, IA (2) 4. 33, Dave Farren, Des Moines, IA (5) 5. 05, Tim Folkerts, Albia, IA (3) 6. 21, Archie Ergenbright, Newton, IA (1) 7. 12, Terry Peterson, Agency, IA (6) DNS – 5, JT Lear, Des Moines, IA

A main (started), 12 laps, NT: 1. Mackie Heimbaugh (3) 2. Richard Crook (11) 3. Wendell Folkerts (2) 4. Larry Sylvester (1) 5. Mike Whaley (5) 6. Wade Jones (4) 7. Archie Ergenbright (8) 8. Todd Folkerts (7) 9. Terry Alexander (12) 10. Tim Folkerts (6) 11. Terry Peterson (10) 12. Ted Swartslander (9) DNS – Greg Helms, Dave Farren, JT Lear.

7/23

Smith Beats Heat, Bests Giddings Too
by Bob Wilson

Knoxville, IA – Randy Smith, driving the Lenard McCarl-Jensen Construction sprint car claimed his second 20-lap feature in a row and his fourth feature of the 1983 season at the Knoxville Raceway Saturday night.

TJ Giddings, who started on the outside row one position, took the lead as the race started and held that position through one restart and looked to be the eventual winner as he worked his way against the traffic with Smith on his tail. When Keith Frantsen spun on lap eighteen causing a restart, the stage was set for a two-lap dash to the finish.

Giddings grabbed the immediate restart lead, but Smith, who was as hot as the weather has been all week, was not to be denied. Smith shot by Giddings with a spectacular pass going into turn three to take the lead and capture the win. With his victory, Smith pulled 130 points ahead of Giddings in the season point standings. Rocky Hodges claimed third, with Billy Robison fourth and Cliff Woodward was fifth.

Smith also opened the evening by setting quick time. He and Giddings posted a one-two finish in the \$500 to win Australian Pursuit, with TJ besting him in that special event. Heat races went to Giddings, Smith and Mike Pinckney.

The third heat was red-flagged on the opening lap when Bob Hop cut to the inside portion of the third turn and hit an infield drainage ditch. He jumped skyward with a cloud of dust, was not injured, but sustained enough damage to his car to be unable to continue. Junior Parkinson claimed the B main.

In modified sprint action, Mackie Heimbaugh made it four in a row as he fought a game battle against Dean Chadd in that feature event. Chadd had taken a sixth lap lead in that event, only to lose an engine on the white flag lap. Hat races went to Heimbaugh and Larry Sylvester.

The Marion County Fair comes to the Knoxville Raceway this week with the World of Outlaws picking up their Nationals Challenge Series on Wednesday. The winged sprints and modifieds wrap up the fair on Saturday in a ten event program sponsored in part by KNIA Radio of Knoxville.

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Time Trials (Qualifying Order): 1. 55, Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA (28) 18.268; 2. 1A, Glenn Hughes Jr., Denver, MO (16) 18.456; 3. 81, TJ Giddings, Kansas City, KS (18) 18.456; 4. 47, Rocky Hodges, Des Moines, IA (8) 18.601; 5. 49, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA (14) 18.678; 6. 28, Junior Parkinson, Gladstone, MO (23) 18.723; 7. 88, Bob Hop, Mendota, MN (20) 18.817; 8. 1, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (21) 18.930; 9. 10, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (1) 19.122; 10. 21, Mark Shaffer, Newton, IA (6) 19.187; 11. 2, Galen Martin, Fairfield, IA (22) 19.219; 12. 51, Con Edwards, Altoona, IA (7) 19.250; 13. 22x, Keith Frantsen, Windom, MN (12) 19.288; 14. 55A, Des Nash, Perth, WA, Aust. (19) 19.413; 15. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (5) 19.427; 16. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (10) 19.427; 17. 77, Ken Harbison, Raytown, MO (29) 19.736; 18. 32, Jimmy Bell, Des Moines, IA (27) 19.838; 19. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (15) 19.906; 20. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (4) 19.998; 21. 18, Bill Hetrick Jr., Carman, IL (17) 20.298; 22. 68, Mike Houseman, Des Moines, IA (25) 20.392; 23. 69, Robert Houseman, Runnells, IA (2) 20.492; 24. 34, Dick DeRock, Mason City, IA (26) 20.539; 25. 98x, JN Fote, Oak Creek, WI (24) 20.941; 26. 11x, Perry Jenkins, Farmington, IA (30) 21.475; 27. 87, Jeff Jones, Des Moines, IA (9) 21.847; 28. 98, Bob Thompson, Des Moines, IA (11) 22.953; 29. 16, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (3) NT; 30. 94, Rick Weld, Kansas City, MO (13) NT; 31. 19, Mike Proffitt, Pleasantville, IA (31) NT.

Australian Pursuit (started), 10 laps: 1. TJ Giddings (8) 2. Randy Smith (10) 3. Mark Shaffer (1) 4. Cliff Woodward (2) ... also: Billy Robison (3), Bob Hop (4), Junior Parkinson (5), Mike Pinckney (6), Rocky Hodges (7), Glenn Hughes Jr. (9)

Heat one (started), 8 laps, NT: 1. TJ Giddings (9) 2. Con Edwards (6) 3. Cliff Woodward (7) 4. Bob Thompson (1) 5. Bill Hetrick Jr. (3) 6. John McCoy (5) / 7. Dick DeRock (2) 8. Jimmy Bell (4) 9. Perry Jenkins (10) 10. Junior Parkinson (8)

Heat two (started), 8 laps, NT: 1. Mike Pinckney (8) 2. Billy Robison (7) 3. Glenn Hughes Jr. (9) 4. Robert Houseman (2) 5. Ken Harbison (4) 6. Des Nash (5) / 7. Galen Martin (6) 8. Mike Thomas (3) 9. Jeff Jones (1) DNS – Rick Weld

Heat three (started), 8 laps, 2:35.1: 1. Randy Smith (9) 2. Keith Frantsen (5) 3. Mark Shaffer (6) 4. Rocky Hodges (8) 5. Tim Deaver (3) 6. Mike Houseman (2) / 7. Stacy Redmond (4) ... also: JN Fote (1), Bob Hop (7) DNS – John Stevenson, Mike Proffitt

B main (started), 8 laps, 2:40.9: 1. Junior Parkinson (1) 2. Galen Martin (2) / 3. Stacy Redmond (3) 4. Mike Thomas (5) 5. JN Fote (7) 6. Dick DeRock (4) 7. Perry Jenkins (6) DNS – Jimmy Bell, Bob Hop, Jeff Jones, John Stevenson, Rick Weld, Mike Proffitt

A main (started), 20 laps, NT: 1. Randy Smith (4) 2. TJ Giddings (2) 3. Rocky Hodges (1) 4. Billy Robison (6) 5. Cliff Woodward (7) 6. Junior Parkinson (19) 7. Galen Martin (20) 8. Glenn Hughes Jr. (3) 9. Ken Harbison (13) 10. Des Nash (11) 11. Keith Frantsen (10) 12. Tim Deaver (14) 13. John McCoy (12) 14. Robert Houseman (17) 15. Bill Hetrick Jr. (15) 16. Con Edwards (9) 17. Bob Thompson (18) 18. Mike Houseman (16) 19. Mark Shaffer (8) 20. Mike Pinckney (5). **Lap Leaders:** Giddings 1-18, R. Smith 19-20.

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Heat one (started), 6 laps, NT: 1. 30, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (1) 2. 20, Greg Helms, Des Moines, IA (4) 3. 00, Dean Chadd, Lincoln, NE (8) 4. 23, Richard Crook, Oskaloosa, IA (2) 5. 05, Tim Folkerts, Albia, IA (3) 6. 15, Wendell Folkerts, Albia, IA (5) 7. 14, Todd Folkerts, Albia, IA (6) 8. 54, Wade Jones, Albia, IA (7)

Heat two (started), 6 laps, 2:16.5: 1. 6, Larry Sylvester, Hedrick, IA (1) 2. 12, Terry Peterson, Agency, IA (7) 3. 25, Rick McClure, Cincinnati, IA (4) 4. 1, Ted Swartslander, Des Moines, IA (3) 5. 21, Archie Ergenbright, Newton, IA (6) 6. 63, Mike Whaley, Des Moines, IA (5) 7. 3, Terry Alexander, Knoxville, IA (2) 8. 11, Randy Johnson, Ottumwa, IA (8)

A main (started), 12 laps, NT: 1. Mackie Heimbaugh (3) 2. Rick McClure (6) 3. Richard Crook (7) 4. Terry Peterson (2) 5. Greg Helms (1) 6. Wendell Folkerts (11) 7. Larry Sylvester (4) 8. Archie Ergenbright (10) 9. Wade Jones (15) 10. Todd Folkerts (13) 11. Mike Whaley (12) 12. Dean Chadd (5) 13. Ted Swartslander (8) 14. Tim Folkerts (9) ... also: Terry Alexander (14), Randy Johnson (16)

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Swindell Takes Second '83 Knoxville Feature

by Bob Wilson

Knoxville, IA – Sammy Swindell, driving the Old Milwaukee-Blue Max sprinter, picked up from where he left off at the April World of Outlaws show here and ran away with the \$3,000 to win feature event at the Knoxville Raceway Wednesday night. It was Swindell's 75th WoO feature victory.

In what could be termed a warm-up fro the upcoming August Nationals, the Bartlett, Tennessee pilot grabbed a first turn lead at the drop of the green flag from his inside row two starting position. "Slammin' Sammy" then

powered away from the remainder of the field even though a yellow flag fell on lap six when his younger brother Jeff spun while coming low out of turn four.

It was at that point that Steve Kinser pulled into the work area to make some adjustments to his car and thereby had to restart on the tail. On the restart, Swindell continued to pull away, but Mesa, Arizona's Ron Shuman never quite let him out of his sight.

Doug Wolfgang experienced a near spin on lap nine while running third, but two laps later regained that spot to set up an inevitable struggle between himself and Kinser, who was charging from the rear. Laps nineteen through twenty-three saw a furious battle between those two, which featured the typical side-by-side challenges by both pilots into and out of the turns.

Kinser eventually won out as he placed third behind Swindell and Shuman, while Wolfgang settled for fourth and Shane Carson grabbed fifth.

Rounding out the fifth and sixth of the top ten finishers was a race-long battle between TJ Giddings and Randy Smith, who have challenged each other at Knoxville the entire season. Smith eventually won that showdown and Giddings followed him across the line for sixth. Jeff Swindell moved through the pack to take seventh, Danny Smith and Brad Doty, both of whom started in the ninth row, rounded out the top ten.

The evening began as Steve Kinser notched quick time of the forty cars which qualified as he posted a clocking of 18.043. In each of the ten-lap heat races, the driver on the tail came all the way to the front for the win. Those four events saw Shuman, Wolfgang, Sammy Swindell and Kinser finish in the top spots. Tim Green grabbed a fifth lap restart lead in winning the 12-lap B main, as he and Jeff Swindell qualified for the feature event by finishing one-two.

The WoO National Challenge Series now heads back East but will return to Iowa for the August 10-13, Twenty-third Annual Knoxville Nationals.

Results

Time Trials (Qualifying Order): 1. 11, Steve Kinser, Bloomington, IN (17) 18.043; 2. 1s, Sammy Swindell, Bartlett, TN (16) 18.067; 3. 18, Doug Wolfgang, Sioux Falls, SD (6) 18.121; 4. 21x, Ron Shuman, Mesa, AZ (33) 18.358; 5. 5m, Scott Ritchhart, Lincoln, IL (10) 18.594; 6. 81, TJ Giddings, Kansas City, KS (14) 18.596; 7. 47, Rocky Hodges, Des Moines, IA (28) 18.666; 8. 55, Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA (11) 18.669; 9. 12\$, Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, OK (25) 18.673; 10. 88, Bob Hop, Mendota, MN (18) 18.704; 11. 71N, Tim Green, Sacramento, CA (38) 18.722; 12. 28, Junior Parkinson, Gladstone, MO (9) 18.732; 13. 80, Jeff Swindell, Memphis, TN (19) 18.754; 14. 49, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA (15) 18.804; 15. 42, Glenn Hughes Jr., Denver, MO (27) 18.937; 16. 65, Rick Ungar, Memphis, TN (2) 18.940; 17. 22x, Keith Frantsen, Windom, MN (4) 19.026; 18. 1, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (3) 19.043; 19. 65H, Howie Sewell, Broken Arrow, OK (13) 19.110; 20. 55A, Des Nash, Perth, WA, Aust. (8) 19.134; 21. 4, Danny Smith, Danville, IN (39) 19.193; 22. 10, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (12) 19.222; 23. 1AZ, Brad Doty, Kittanning, PA (22) 19.223; 24. 1A, Brett Lacey, Melbourne, VIC, Aust. (29) 19.315; 25. 3, Jon Backlund, Kansas City, KS (31) 19.387; 26. 21, Mark Shaffer, Newton, IA (32) 19.522; 27. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (37) 19.629; 28. 77, Ken Harbison, Raytown, MO (23) 19.802; 29. 2, Galen Martin, Fairfield, IA (35) 19.888; 30. 18x, Bill Hetrick Jr., Carman, IL (1) 19.991; 31. 32, Jimmy Bell, Des Moines, IA (24) 20.164; 32. 69, Robert Houseman, Runnells, IA (36) 20.173; 33. 98, Bob Thompson, Des Moines, IA (26) 20.229; 34. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (5) 20.282; 35. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (30) 20.428; 36. 34, Dick DeRock, Mason City, IA (7) 20.850; 37. 68, Mike Houseman, Des Moines, IA (34) 21.580; 38. 88G, Tim Gee, Spruce Grove, ALB, Can. (20) 22.421; 39. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (21) NT.

Heat one (started), 10 laps, 3:11.71: 1. Ron Shuman (9) 2. Randy Smith (8) 3. Junior Parkinson (7) 4. Brett Lacey (4) 5. Des Nash (5) / 6. Rick Ungar (6) 7. Ken Harbison (3) 8. Robert Houseman (2) 9. Dick DeRock (1)

Heat two (started), 10 laps, NT: 1. Doug Wolfgang (9) 2. Glenn Hughes Jr. (6) 3. Brad Doty (4) 4. Howie Sewell (5) 5. Mike Thomas (1) / 6. John McCoy (3) 7. Rocky Hodges (8) 8. Jimmy Bell (2) 9. Tim Green (7) DNS – Mike Brooks

Heat three (started), 10 laps, 3:10.6: 1. Sammy Swindell (10) 2. Tim Gee (1) 3. Mike Pinckney (7) 4. Bob Hop (8) 5. TJ Giddings (9) / 6. Mark Shaffer (4) 7. Tim Deaver (2) 8. Bill Hetrick Jr. (3) 9. Cliff Woodward (5) 10. Billy Robison (6)

Heat four (started), 11 laps, NT: 1. Steve Kinser (10) 2. Shane Carson (8) 3. Scott Ritchhart (9) 4. Danny Smith (5) 5. Jon Backlund (4) / 6. Keith Frantsen (6) 7. Jeff Swindell (7) 8. Galen Martin (3) 9. Bob Thompson (2) 10. Mike Houseman (1)

B main (started), 12 laps, NT: 1. Tim Green (4) 2. Jeff Swindell (3) / 3. Cliff Woodward (6) 4. Billy Robison (5) 5. Keith Frantsen (1) 6. Bill Hetrick Jr. (11) 7. Robert Houseman (13) 8. Jimmy Bell (10) 9. Dick DeRock (15) 10. Tim Deaver (12) 11. Mike Brooks (16) 12. Rick Ungar (2) 13. Ken Harbison (9) 14. Mike Houseman (14) 15. Mark Shaffer (7) 16. John McCoy (8) DNS – Rocky Hodges, Billy Robison, Bob Thompson

A main (started), 25 laps, NT: 1. Sammy Swindell (5) 2. Ron Shuman (3) 3. Steve Kinser (6) 4. Doug Wolfgang (4) 5. Shane Carson (8) 6. Randy Smith (7) 7. TJ Giddings (1) 8. Jeff Swindell (12) 9. Danny Smith (17) 10. Brad Doty (18) 11. Tim Gee (21) 12. Junior Parkinson (11) 13. Glenn Hughes Jr. (14) 14. Mike Pinckney (13) 15. Jon Backlund (19) 16. Mike Thomas (20) 17. Bob Hop (9) 18. Tim Green (10) 19. Howie Sewell (15) 20. Des Nash (16) 21. Scott Ritchhart (2) 22. Brett Lacey (22). **Lap Leader:** S. Swindell 1-25.

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Rocky Steers Quickest to Win Steer

by Bob Wilson

Knoxville, IA – Rocky Hodges drove the Casey's General Stores/George the Chili King sprinter to a popular victory at the Knoxville Raceway Saturday night. It was Hodges' first career feature win at the Marion County oval and he picked up a hefty \$1,250 for his showing, plus a 900 lb. steer from the Fairboard in celebration of County Fair time.

In a post race interview, Hodges said, "I broke a header halfway through the race and lost some power, but we were running well tonight." It was a jubilant crew in victory circle for the Gill Sonner owned and sponsored sprint car.

Hodges had started in the outside row two position and took the lead on the fourth circuit. He held that spot through four restarts. Randy Smith claimed the runner-up spot as he chased Hodges to the checkers.

With the second place finish by Smith, he cushioned his season-long point lead and took the 1983 Knoxville Track Championship by nearly 400 points over his season-long challenger, TJ Giddings, who was plagued by engine problems all evening. It was Smith's second point title, having won the championship in 1979.

Hodges and Smith were trailed by Canadian Ken Chapman, Oklahoman Terry Doss and Minnesotan Bob Hop.

The evening was kicked off as Mike Brooks set quick time at 18.465. The top six qualifiers then ran a five-lap trophy dash and Glenn Hughes Jr. came out on top of that event. Heat races were won by Doss, Hughes, Hodges and Hop.

In the B main, a second turn melee at the start of that event took out the cars of Bob Houseman, Ned Fry and Curt Grogan. Dennis Frederickson eventually claimed the event as he and Tim Deaver transferred to the tail of the feature event.

Modified Sprint heats were claimed by Greg Helms and Terry Peterson. Mackie Heimbaugh took the 12-lap modified feature to make it five in a row for him at the Knoxville track.

Next week, the Knoxville Raceway winds up the 1983 regular racing season with the Season Point Championship race. The program will feature a \$12,000 purse and two feature events for the winged sprints. It will be sponsored in part by KMG0 Radio. "The Granddaddy of 'em all", the 23rd Annual Knoxville Nationals comes to the Marion County Fairgrounds the following week.

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Time Trials (Qualifying Order): 1. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (25) 18.465; 2. 55, Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA (19) 18.482; 3. 42, Glenn Hughes Jr., Denver, MO (12) 18.693; 4. 56, Terry Doss, Tulsa, OK (31) 18.738; 5. 88, Bob Hop, Mendota, MN (27) 18.874; 6. 47, Rocky Hodges, Des Moines, IA (2) 18.888; 7. 28, Junior Parkinson, Gladstone, MO (23) 18.919; 8. 58, Ken Chapman, Winnipeg, MB, Can. (28) 18.953; 9. 1A, Brett Lacey, Melbourne, VIC, Can. (15) 18.973; 10. 32x, Denny Frederickson, Minneapolis, MN (10) 19.091; 11. 22x, Keith Frantsen, Windom, MN (13) 19.166; 12. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (29) 19.423; 13. 3, Jon Backlund, Kansas City, KS (24) 19.434; 14. 1, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (1) 19.471; 15. 10, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (5) 19.582; 16. 20, Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO (18) 19.588; 17. 32, Jimmy Bell, Des Moines, IA (6) 19.880; 18. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (21) 19.910; 19. 2, Galen Martin, Fairfield, IA (4) 19.929; 20. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (20) 19.991; 21. 98, Bob Thompson, Des Moines, IA (11) 20.138; 22. 5, Curt Grogan, Kansas City, MO (33) 20.148; 23. 00, Bobby Ensminger, Burlington, IA (8) 20.157; 24. 18, Bill Hetrick Jr., Carman, IL (3) 20.168; 25. 51, Con Edwards, Altoona, IA (14) 20.184; 26. 55A, Des Nash, Perth, WA, Aust. (9) 20.261; 27. 81, TJ Giddings, Kansas City, KS (22) 20.426; 28. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (30) 20.517; 29. 5x, Ned Fry, West Burlington, IA (16) 20.796; 30. 69, Robert Houseman, Runnells, IA (32) 20.835; 31. 19M, Mike Proffitt, Pleasantville, IA (34) 21.055; 32. 11x, Bill Kerr, Bonaparte, IA (26) 21.582; 33. 34, Dick DeRock, Mason City, IA (7) 21.672; 34. 87, Jeff Jones, Des Moines, IA (17) 21.703.

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:35.6: 1. Glenn Hughes Jr. (4) 2. Terry Doss (3) 3. Randy Smith (5) 4. Bob Hop (2) 5. Rocky Hodges (1) DNS – Mike Brooks

Heat one (started), 8 laps, 2:41.4: 1. Terry Doss (8) 2. Mike Thomas (4) 3. Stacy Redmond (6) 4. Eddie Leavitt (5) 5. Ken Chapman (7) / 6. Tim Deaver (2) 7. Bill Hetrick Jr. (3) 8. Dick DeRock (1)

Heat two (started), 8 laps, NT: 1. Glenn Hughes Jr. (6) 2. Keith Frantsen (4) 3. Cliff Woodward (5) 4. Bobby Ensminger (3) 5. Mike Proffitt (1) / 6. Galen Martin (2) 7. Junior Parkinson (7) DNS – TJ Giddings

Heat three (started), 8 laps, 2:42.1: 1. Rocky Hodges (7) 2. Randy Smith (8) 3. Des Nash (2) 4. Billy Robison (5) 5. John McCoy (4) / 6. Denny Frederickson (6) 7. Robert Houseman (1) 8. Bill Kerr (9) 9. Curt Grogan (3)

Heat four (started), 8 laps, 2:41.6: 1. Bob Hop (8) 2. Jon Backlund (6) 3. Con Edwards (3) 4. Bob Thompson (4) 5. Brett Lacey (7) / 6. Ned Fry (2) 7. Jimmy Bell (5) 8. Jeff Jones (1) DNS – Mike Brooks

B main (started), 12 laps, NT: 1. Denny Frederickson (1) 2. Tim Deaver (5) / 3. Jimmy Bell (2) 4. Bill Kerr (10) 5. Bill Hetrick Jr. (4) 6. Dick DeRock (8) 7. TJ Giddings (9) 8. Ned Fry (6) 9. Robert Houseman (7) 10. Curt Grogan (3) DNS – Mike Brooks, Junior Parkinson, Dick DeRock, Jeff Jones

A main (started), 20 laps, NT: 1. Rocky Hodges (4) 2. Randy Smith (8) 3. Ken Chapman (3) 4. Terry Doss (6) 5. Bob Hop (5) 6. Cliff Woodward (12) 7. Glenn Hughes Jr. (7) 8. Keith Frantsen (1) 9. Stacy Redmond (9) 10. Bobby Ensminger (17) 11. Bob Thompson (16) 12. Mike Thomas (15) 13. Tim Deaver (22) 14. Con Edwards (18) 15. Brett Lacey (2) 16. John McCoy (14) 17. Mike Proffitt (20) 18. Eddie Leavitt (13) 19. Denny Frederickson (21) 20. Billy Robison (11) 21. Des Nash (19) 22. Jon Backlund (10). Lap Leaders*: , Hodges 4-20.

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Heat one (started), 6 laps, 2:14.1: 1. 20, Greg Helms, Des Moines, IA (7) 2. 30, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (3) 3. 15, Wendell Folkerts, Albia, IA (2) 4. 6, Larry Sylvester, Hedrick, IA (5) 5. 3, Terry Alexander, Knoxville, IA (1) 6. 21, Archie Ergenbright, Newton, IA (6) 7. 14, Todd Folkerts, Albia, IA (4) DNS – 05, Tim Folkerts, Albia, IA

Heat two (started), 6 laps, 2:21.3: 1. 12, Terry Peterson, Agency, IA (1) 2. 25, Rick McClure, Cincinnati, IA (7) 3. 23, Richard Crook, Oskaloosa, IA (5) 4. 54, Wade Jones, Albia, IA (4) 5. 63, Mike Whaley, Des Moines, IA (6) 6. 1, Ted Swartslander, Des Moines, IA (8) 7. 33, Dave Farren, Des Moines, IA (2) 8. 11, Randy Johnson, Ottumwa, IA (3)

A main (started), 12 laps, NT: 1. Mackie Heimbaugh (5) 2. Greg Helms (7) 3. Larry Sylvester (1) 4. Richard Crook (2) 5. Wendell Folkerts (3) 6. Terry Peterson (6) 7. Mike Whaley (8) 8. Archie Ergenbright (11) 9. Ted Swartslander (10) 10. Terry Alexander (9) 11. Dave Farren (12) 12. Todd Folkerts (13) 13. Rick McClure (4) 14. Randy Johnson (14) DNS – Wade Jones, Tim Folkerts

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Hodges, Parkinson Take Knoxville Features

by Bob Wilson

Knoxville, IA – Double features were the name of the game at the Knoxville Raceway as the 1983 regular racing season concluded with the Season Championship Saturday night. Rocky Hodges and Junior Parkinson came out the winners and came away \$1,250 richer from the posted \$13,300 purse.

In the first 20-lap feature, which was the point feature, Rocky Hodges piloted the Casey's General Stores/George the Chili King sprinter to his second feature win in a row. As he crossed the finish line, his engine let go and ignited into a cloud of smoke as he few into turn one.

Hodges told track announcer Tim Trier in a post-race interview, "We broke a rocker-arm in hot laps, put in a motor from last night, and now we'll drop in a third one and hope for the best." Hodges luck ran out in the B main when his engine went sour and he dropped from the event.

It was a feature which was led for the first twelve laps by two pilots from the Land Down Under. Aussies John Walsh of Sydney and Brett Lacey of Melbourne held those positions until Hodges got by them both on lap thirteen.

The event was held directly after time trials and went the distance non-stop, with TJ Giddings setting quick time just minutes before at 17.998. Hodges shattered the 20-lap track record by nearly thirty full seconds. Giddings, Lacey, Bob Hop and Billy Robison followed.

The second 20-lap feature, run at the tail-end of the show, found Junior Parkinson in the Gary Mussatto sprinter coming out on top to claim his first career feature win at the Knoxville oval. Parkinson gave out a 'war-hoop' in celebration at victory lane.

It was a track which had gone dry-slick from all the extra laps run during the evening. Parkinson told track co-announcer, Jack Herwehe that he favored the kind of track on which he won. "I grew up on afternoon, hard Texas tracks," he said. "On a track like this, you have to drive more than use your foot."

Parkinson took the lead on the tenth lap and quickly pulled away from the field. A collision and spin on the white flag lap brought out the red and checkered flags to end the event. Robison, who had led the front half of the race, held for second, Giddings took third, Glenn Hughes Jr. was fourth and Lacey notched fifth. Winged sprint heats were claimed by Giddings, Hughes and Parkinson. Bob Hop won the B main in a close finish with Cliff Woodward, as both men qualified for the feature event.

In Modified Sprint action, Dean Chadd and Mackie Heimbaugh won heat events. The twelve-lap feature event posted for that division was won by Heimbaugh after he took a third lap lead from Chadd and held it the rest of the way. It was his sixth straight victory and Heimbaugh lapped all but three of his competitors.

After the August 10-14 Twenty-third Annual Knoxville Nationals, the raceway will be closed for a month. It will reopen Saturday, September 10 for a one-day Fall Festival.

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Time Trials (Qualifying Order): 1. 81, TJ Giddings, Kansas City, KS (17) 17.998; 2. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (8) 18.312; 3. 88, Bob Hop, Mendota, MN (15) 18.574; 4. 47, Rocky Hodges, Des Moines, IA (1) 18.587; 5. 42, Glenn Hughes Jr., Denver, MO (6) 18.620; 6. 28, Junior Parkinson, Gladstone, MO (21) 18.750; 7. 1A, Brett Lacey, Melbourne, VIC, Aust. (4) 18.787; 8. 32x, Denny Frederickson, Minneapolis, MN (12) 18.817; 9. 12P, Jerry Potter, Raytown, MO (25) 18.845; 10. 20, John Walsh, Sydney, NSW, Aust. (24) 18.863; 11. 1, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (19) 18.869; 12. 16, Leonard Lee, El Cajon, CA (10) 18.988; 13. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (2) 18.999; 14. 19M, Mike Proffitt, Pleasantville, IA (5) 19.119; 15. 10, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (9) 19.178; 16. 55A, Des Nash, Perth, WA, Aust. (16) 19.187; 17. 21, Mark Shaffer, Newton, IA (20) 19.210; 18. 76w, Rick Lemanski, Fox Lake, WI (13) 19.513; 19. 32, Jimmy Bell, Des Moines, IA (11) 19.521; 20. 98, Bob Thompson, Des Moines, IA (14) 19.732; 21. 2x, Mike Johnson, Concord, CA (18) 19.787; 22. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (22) 20.098; 23. 117, Bill Randleman, Jefferson, IA (26) 20.607; 24. c4, Mike Houseman, Des Moines, IA (3) 21.979; 25. 87, Jeff Jones, Des Moines, IA (7) NT; 26. 18, Bill Hetrick Jr., Carman, IL (23) NT.

Points Feature (started), 20 laps, 6:30.6 (NTR): 1. Rocky Hodges (8) 2. TJ Giddings (9) 3. Brett Lacey (3) 4. Bob Hop (5) 5. Billy Robison (6) 6. Glenn Hughes Jr. (13) 7. Cliff Woodward (7) 8. Stacy Redmond (4) 9. John Walsh (1) 10. Rick Lemanski (19) 11. Des Nash (17) 12. Tim Deaver (2) 13. Jimmy Bell (16) 14. Denny Frederickson (20) 15. Bill Hetrick Jr. (12) 16. Mike Johnson (18) 17. Junior Parkinson (10) 18. Bob Thompson (14) 19. Jeff Jones (15) 20. Mark Shaffer (11). **Lap Leaders:** Walsh 1-12, Hodges 13-20.

Heat one (started), 8 laps, NT: 1. TJ Giddings (5) 2. Brett Lacey (6) 3. Stacy Redmond (4) 4. Jimmy Bell (2) 5. Tim Deaver (1) 6. Des Nash (3) / DNS – John Walsh, Rocky Hodges

Heat two (started), 8 laps, 2:42.5: 1. Glenn Hughes Jr. (7) 2. Mark Shaffer (3) 3. Mike Proffitt (4) 4. Mike Brooks (8) 5. Billy Robison (5) 6. Bill Randleman (1) / 7. Bob Thompson (2) 8. Denny Frederickson (6) DNS – Bill Hetrick Jr.

Heat three (started), 8 laps, NT: 1. Junior Parkinson (7) 2. Mike Johnson (2) 3. Rick Lemanski (3) 4. Mike Houseman (1) 5. Leonard Lee (5) 6. Jerry Potter (6) / 7. Cliff Woodward (4) 8. Bob Hop (8) DNS – Jeff Jones

B main (started), 6 laps, 2:00.4: 1. Bob Hop (1) 2. Cliff Woodward (4) / 3. Denny Frederickson (3) 4. Bob Thompson (5) 5. Bill Hetrick Jr. (6) 6. Rocky Hodges (2) 7. Jeff Jones (7) DNS – Bill Hetrick Jr.

A main (started), 20 laps, NT: 1. Junior Parkinson (5) 2. Billy Robison (2) 3. TJ Giddings (8) 4. Glenn Hughes Jr. (6) 5. Brett Lacey (4) 6. Mike Brooks (7) 7. Bob Hop (17) 8. Mark Shaffer (10) 9. Stacy Redmond (1) 10. Cliff Woodward (16) 11. Rick Lemanski (11) 12. Mike Johnson (13) 13. Tim Deaver (12) 14. Bill Randleman (15) 15. Mike Proffitt (9) 16. Jerry Potter (3) 17. Mike Houseman (14) DNS – Jimmy Bell, Leonard Lee, Des Nash. **Lap Leaders:** Robison 1-9, Parkinson 10-20.

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Heat one (started), 6 laps, 2:09.8: 1. 00, Dean Chadd, Lincoln, NE (6) 2. 6, Larry Sylvester, Hedrick, IA (4) 3. 24, Don Reed, Omaha, NE (1) 4. 05, Tim Folkerts, Albia, IA (5) 5. 15, Wendell Folkerts, Albia, IA (7) 6. 3, Terry Alexander, Knoxville, IA (3) 7. 21, Archie Ergenbright, Newton, IA (2)

Heat two (started), 6 laps, NT: 1. 30, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (6) 2. 23, Richard Crook, Oskaloosa, IA (4) 3. 11, Randy Johnson, Ottumwa, IA (1) 4. 5, JT Lear, Des Moines, IA (3) 5. 25, Rick McClure, Cincinnati, IA (5) ... also: 40x, Terry Ernisse, Lincoln, NE (2), 14, Todd Folkerts, Albia, IA (7)

A main (started), 12 laps, 4:20.8 (NTR): 1. Mackie Heimbaugh (8) 2. Dean Chadd (7) 3. Richard Crook (6) 4. Wendell Folkerts (9) 5. Don Reed (3) 6. Randy Johnson (4) 7. Terry Alexander (11) 8. Archie Ergenbright (13) 9. JT Lear (2) 10. Todd Folkerts (14) 11. Larry Sylvester (5) 12. Tim Folkerts (1) ... also: Rick McClure (10), Terry Ernisse (12)

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Ewell Takes First NCRA Feature at Knoxville

by Bob Wilson

Knoxville, IA – “Bullet” Bob Ewell drove the Larry Witt – Ryson Oil Dirt Champ Car to a 25-lap NCRA feature event win at the Knoxville Raceway Tuesday night. The victory was worth \$2,000 to Ewell, who closed to within fifty points of non-starter, Jerry Stone, in the Association point race.

Ewell, who had won a Sunday night Dirt Champ show at I-70, took a fourteenth lap restart lead when Doug Wolfgang stalled on the backstretch. Herb Copeland had led until that point, but dropped into second as the green flew again.

The yellow was once again displayed on the sixteenth lap for Gary DeWall, who lost an engine, and all cars were stopped for refueling due to yellows.

On the restart, Herb Copeland, who was running in the second spot, fell from the race with apparent mechanical problems and Tony Armstrong grabbed that position.

At the checkers nine laps later, it was Ewell, Armstrong, Greg Wooley, a seventh row starter, Jiggs Founds and Stan Constant rounding out the top five.

In preliminary winged-Dirt Champ events, Garry Lee Maier took the first eight-lap heat event, followed closely by Ewell, Bruce Jennings placed ahead of Troy Matchen in the second heat, and Copeland paced Ken Schrader in the third.

The 12-lap B main was won by DeWall after Wooley charged from the tail of that event to keep it close. No time trials were held as drivers drew for positions.

Results

Heat one (started), 8 laps, NT: 1. 11x, Garry Lee Maier, Dodge City, KS (2) 2. 85, Bob Ewell, Forney, TX (3) 3. 2, Gary Tapp, Tulsa, OK (4) 4. 96, Ken Brewer, Choctaw, OK (5) / 5. 16x, Gary DeWall, Oklahoma City, OK (1) 6. 93, Dusty Odom, Oklahoma City, OK (7) 7. 11, DE Suggs, Oklahoma City, OK (6) DNS – 23, Greg Wooley, Oklahoma City, OK

Heat two (started), 8 laps, 2:40.4: 1. 75, Bruce Jennings, Norman, OK (1) 2. 86, Troy Matchen, Norman, OK (2) 3. 17, Stan Constant, Oklahoma City, OK (5) 4. 11T, Tony Armstrong, Tulsa, OK (4) / 5. 98, Walt McWhorter, Wichita, KS (3) 6. 5, Terry Doss, Tulsa, OK (6) DNS – 501, Dutch ter Steege, Oklahoma City, OK, 84, Dennis Park, Liberal, KS

Heat three (started), 8 laps, 2:43.4: 1. 1n, Herb Copeland, Wichita, KS (6) 2. 86x, Ken Schrader, Fenton, MO (2) 3. 88, Doug Wolfgang, Sioux Falls, SD (4) 4. 69, Jiggs Founds, Borger, TX (1) / 5. 21, Jerry Stone, Tulsa, OK (7) 6. 61, Earnest Jennings, Norman, OK (3) 7. 27, Danny Shouse, Oklahoma City, OK (5) DNS – 88x, Gary Richardson, Tulsa, OK

B main (started), 8 laps, 2:40.4: 1. Gary DeWall (2) 2. Greg Wooley (7) 3. Danny Shouse (8) 4. DE Suggs (5) 5. Earnest Jennings (6) 6. Walt McWhorter (3) 7. Dutch ter Steege (9) 8. Jerry Stone (1) 9. Dusty Odom (4) DNS – Terry Doss, Dennis Park, Gary Richardson

A main (started), 25 laps, NT: 1. Bob Ewell (4) 2. Tony Armstrong (11) 3. Greg Wooley (14) 4. Jiggs Founds (12) 5. Stan Constant (7) 6. Ken Brewer (10) 7. Troy Matchen (5) 8. Bruce Jennings (3) 9. Walt McWhorter (16) 10. Herb Copeland (1) 11. Gary Tapp (8) 12. Gary DeWall (13) 13. Danny Shouse (15) 14. Dutch ter Steege (18) 15. Doug Wolfgang (9) 16. Ken Schrader (6) 17. Garry Lee Maier (2) 18. Earnest Jennings (17) DNS – DE Suggs, Jerry Stone, Dusty Odom, Terry Doss, Dennis Park, Gary Richardson. **Lap Leaders:** Copeland 1-13, Ewell 14-25.

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Kinser Claims Opening Coors Knoxville Nationals Feature

by Gary Gehler

Knoxville, IA – Steve Kinser, Bloomington, Indiana, who has won the last three Knoxville Nationals crowns, kicked off his effort for a fourth as he captured Wednesday night's 20-lap Coors-sponsored feature. The win gave Kinser the most points for the night, assuring him of a top starting spot in Saturday night's World of Outlaws/Skoal Bandits Shootout feature.

The 20-lap affair around Knoxville's half-mile clay oval turned into a rematch of the 1982 Nationals final, with Kinser battling Doug Wolfgang, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Although the pair were nose to tail nearly the entire event, Wolfgang never was able to make a passing move.

Kinser collected \$2,175 for his evening's work in the Gaerte Engine/Valvoline 11. Wolfgang collected \$1,675 or his ride in the Kenny Rogers/Gambler Chassis 18.

Defending WoO champion, Sammy Swindell, Bartlett, Tennessee, was the center of a controversy that erupted at the start of the main. Swindell was the pole-sitter in his Old Milwaukee Beer 1 and brought the field around for the start.

However, track officials ruled that Swindell picked up his speed before reaching a white line marked at the end of the track's fourth corner. Track rules specify that this should be the starting point of each race.

The track officials penalized Swindell to the rear of the field, a spot he refused to take for several caution flag laps. After halting the race, Swindell took the last starting position then proceeded to charge through the pack to a third-place finish. He earned \$1,175.

Fourth went to Jeff Swindell, Memphis, Tennessee, in the Nance Speed Equipment 1n, while Knoxville track champion, Randy Smith, Norwalk, Iowa, claimed fifth in the Jensen Construction 55.

Bobby Davis Jr., Memphis, Tennessee, set fast time at 17.795 in the Weikert Livestock 29, but suffered engine troubles immediately after completing his laps. When a backup engine also proved to be sour, Davis opted to requalify Thursday.

A composite point system will determine Saturday night's lineups. It awards points as follows: 200 with a two-point drop for time trials; 100 to win each heat with a three-point drop per position; 150 to win the B feature with a two-point drop with the feature point payoff duplicating that of time trials.

Kinser led the Wednesday night group with 492 points with Wolfgang at 491, Sammy Swindell at 490, Jimmy Sills with 482 and Jeff Swindell at 477 trailing.

Results

Time Trials: 1. 29, Bobby Davis Jr., Memphis, TN, 17.795; 2. 80x, Jimmy Sills, Sacramento, CA, 17.826; 3. 18, Doug Wolfgang, Sioux Falls, SD, 17.856; 4. 1s, Sammy Swindell, Bartlett, TN, 18.043; 5. 11, Steve Kinser, Bloomington, IN, 18.047; 6. 21x, Ron Shuman, Mesa, AZ, 18.061; 7. 77K, Keith Kauffman, Mifflintown, PA, 18.192; 8. 1n, Jeff Swindell, Memphis, TN, 18.277; 9. 4, Danny Smith, Danville, IN, 18.313; 10. 1AZ, Brad Doty, Kittanning, PA, 18.322; 11. 81, TJ Giddings, Kansas City, KS, 18.398; 12. 83, Joe Saldana, Brownsburg, IN, 18.507; 13. 55, Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA, 18.511; 14. 20, Kramer Williamson, Palmyra, PA, 18.706; 15. 1, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS, 18.731; 16. 65R, Rick Ungar, Memphis, TN, 18.739; 17. 51H, Jack Hewitt, Troy, OH, 18.764; 18. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA, 18.836; 19. 28, Junior Parkinson, Gladstone, MO, 18.876; 20. 23, Greg Wooley, Oklahoma City, OK, 18.903; 21. 58, Ken Chapman, Winnipeg, MB, Can., 18.926; 22. 22, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO, 18.949; 23. 10N, Terry Gray, Memphis, TN, 19.039; 24. 54, John Sernett, Omaha, NE, 19.055; 25. 7H, Eddie Polich, Great Falls, MT, 19.086; 26. 52, Spike Lempelius, Eagan, MN, 19.113; 27. 47, Rocky Hodges, Des Moines, IA, 19.192; 28. 89M, David Dwyer, Columbia, MO, 19.241; 29. 32x, Denny Frederickson, Minneapolis, MN, 19.314; 30. 76w, Rick Lemanski, Fox Lake, WI, 19.349; 31. 1V, Rodger Wright, Sugar Creek, MO, 19.357; 32. 16A, Leonard Lee, El Cajon, CA, 19.405; 33. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA, 19.497; 34. 18P, Rick Pennell, New Berlin, IL, 19.569; 35. 26, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE, 19.581; 36. 51, Con Edwards, Altoona, IA, 19.628; 37. 16, Dick Van Cott, Los Gatos, CA, 19.664; 38. 94, Rick Weld, Kansas City, MO, 19.698; 39. 81P, Vance Peterson, Sioux Falls, SD, 19.773; 40. 11m, Ken McCarty, Green River, WY, 19.842; 41. 98, Bob Thompson, Des Moines, IA, 19.992; 42. 18x, Bill Hetrick Jr., Carman, IL, 20.090; / 43. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA, 20.146; 44. 5, Ned Fry, West Burlington, IA, 20.236; 45. 68, Gene Palmer, Colorado Springs, CO, 20.321; 46. 32, Jimmy Bell, Des Moines, IA, 20.669; 47. 93, Steve Johnson, Orion, IL, 20.712; 48. 69, Robert Houseman, Runnells, IA, 20.837; 49. L7,

L. Merrill Jacob, Topeka, KS, 20.942; 50. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA, 20.954; 51. 12P, Jerry Potter, Raytown, MO, NT.

Heat one (started), 10 laps, 3:12.3: 1. Steve Kinser (9) 2. Denny Frederickson (3) 3. Randy Smith (7) 4. Danny Smith (8) 5. Jack Hewitt (6) / 6. Mike Thomas (2) 7. Bob Thompson (10) 8. Ken Chapman (5) 9. Eddie Polich (4) 10. Dick Van Cott (1) DNS – Bobby Davis Jr.

Heat two (started), 10 laps, 3:08.1: 1. Ron Shuman (9) 2. Brad Doty (8) 3. Jimmy Sills (10) 4. Rick Weld (1) 5. Rick Lemanski (3) / 6. Kramer Williamson (7) 7. Stacy Redmond (6) 8. Sonny Smyser (5) 9. Rick Pennell (2) 10. Spike Lempelius (4)

Heat three (started), 10 laps, NT: 1. Keith Kauffman (9) 2. Doug Wolfgang (10) 3. Junior Parkinson (6) 4. TJ Giddings (8) 5. Billy Robison (7) / 6. Rich Brahmer (2) 7. Vance Peterson (1) 8. Rodger Wright (3) 9. Terry Gray (5) 10. Rocky Hodges (4)

Heat four (started), 10 laps, 3:11.7: 1. Sammy Swindell (10) 2. Jeff Swindell (7) 3. Joe Saldana (8) 4. John Sernett (5) 5. Con Edwards (2) / 6. Greg Wooley (6) 7. Ken McCarty (1) 8. Bill Hetrick Jr. (9) 9. David Dwyer (4) 10. Leonard Lee (3) DNS – Rick Ungar

B main (started), 12 laps, 4:11.8: 1. Kramer Williamson (1) 2. Ken Chapman (5) / 3. Eddie Polich (6) 4. Greg Wooley (2) 5. Stacy Redmond (3) 6. Sonny Smyser (4) 7. Rodger Wright (8) 8. Mike Thomas (10) 9. Rich Brahmer (12) 10. Vance Peterson (14) 11. David Dwyer (7) 12. Dick Van Cott (9) 13. Bob Thompson (16) 14. Bill Hetrick Jr. (13) 15. Ken McCarty (11) 16. Ned Fry (15) 17. Robert Houseman (17) 18. Steve Johnson (19) 19. Gene Palmer (18) DNS – Bobby Davis Jr., Rick Ungar, Terry Gray, Spike Lempelius, Rocky Hodges, Leonard Lee, Rick Pennell, Tim Deaver, Jimmy Bell, L. Merrill Jacob, John McCoy, Jerry Potter

A main (started), 20 laps, NT: 1. Steve Kinser (4) 2. Doug Wolfgang (2) 3. Sammy Swindell (1) 4. Jeff Swindell (7) 5. Randy Smith (12) 6. Jimmy Sills (3) 7. TJ Giddings (11) 8. Kramer Williamson (21) 9. Rick Lemanski (18) 10. John Sernett (16) 11. Keith Kauffman (6) 12. Denny Frederickson (17) 13. Ron Shuman (5) 14. Danny Smith (9) 15. Billy Robison (13) 16. Ken Chapman (22) 17. Con Edwards (19) 18. Rick Weld (20) 19. Brad Doty (8) 20. Junior Parkinson (14) 21. Joe Saldana (10) 22. Jack Hewitt (15). **Lap Leader:** S. Kinser 1-20.

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Allen Tops Second Night Knoxville Main

by Gary Gehler

Knoxville, IA – Bobby Allen, Hanover, Pennsylvania, was the victor in Thursday night's 20-lap qualifying feature during the Coors Knoxville Nationals, but when the green flag falls on Saturday night's A feature, Tim Green, Sacramento, California, will lead the pack into the World of Outlaws/Skoal Bandits Shootout event.

Even though Allen captured the ten-mile feature in his Allen Enterprises 1a, Green recorded the most points for the evening, 492. He did this by setting the third fastest qualifying time, winning his heat, and taking third in the main. For this, his Coors Light Silver Bullet 71N will lead the field in Saturday night's 30-lap Coors-sponsored Nationals feature.

Green led the opening 14 circuits, but Allen moved back around. He held on to the checkered flag and earned \$2,150 for his night's work. Bobby Davis Jr., who opted to requalify after suffering engine troubles Wednesday night, made his decision pay off by finishing second in the Weikert Livestock mount. Green ended up third

followed by Lee Osborne, Jamestown, Indiana, in the Jones Engineering 81C and Jac Haudenschild, Millersburg, Ohio, in the McGonegal 37J.

Two drivers solidly into Saturday's A feature by virtue of their Wednesday efforts chose to forfeit those points and try to better their positions. Both Jeff Swindell, Memphis, Tennessee, and Randy Smith, Norwalk, Iowa, saw their attempts go sour. The younger Swindell hit the fourth turn fence in the fourth heat, which disabled his car. Smith, fifth in Wednesday's main, could only manage a 19th place showing. This put both drivers well back in the overall point list.

Tim Gee, Spruce Grove, Alberta, set fast time in his Yukon & Kingsway Freight 88, but got into the fence during the first heat. He finished third in the B main which kept him from transferring to the feature. It was the second straight night that the fast qualifier was not in the feature field.

Green earned 492 points to lead the evening's qualifiers. Trailing were Davis at 487, Osborne with 481, Allen at 477 and Haudenschild with 471.

Results

Time Trials: 1. 88G, Tim Gee, Spruce Grove, ALB, Can., 17.849; 2. 29D, Bobby Davis Jr., Memphis, TN, 18.024; 3. 71N, Tim Green, Sacramento, CA, 18.041; 4. 1m, Jeff Swindell, Memphis, TN, 18.045; 5. 1AX, Brad Doty, Kittanning, PA, 18.095; 6. 81C, Lee Osborne, Jamestown, IN, 18.150; 7. 37J, Jac Haudenschild, Millersburg, OH, 18.175; 8. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA, 18.287; 9. 12\$, Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, OK, 18.420; 10. 47x, Rocky Hodges, Des Moines, IA, 18.438; 11. 1a, Bobby Allen, Hanover, PA, 18.466; 12. 88, Bob Hop, Mendota, MN, 18.508; 13. 19B, Bobby Marshall, Allen, TX, 18.517; 14. 44, Brad Marvel, Speedway, IN, 18.519; 15. 2a, Richard Lupo, Hanover, PA, 18.545; 16. 10A, Dave Blaney, Hartford, OH, 18.573; 17. 56, Terry Doss, Tulsa, OK, 18.585; 18. 5m, Scott Ritchhart, Lincoln, IL, 18.620; 19. 10, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO, 18.730; 20. 65R, Rick Ungar, Memphis, TN, 18.759; 21. 42, Glenn Hughes Jr., Denver, MO, 18.868; 22. 63, Jerry Richert Jr., Forest Lake, MN, 18.959; 23. 6, Pat McKeehan, Windsor, MO, 18.996; 24. 87T, Bob Thoman, Higginsville, MO, 19.002; 25. 7G, Gary Lynch, Salem, OR, 19.014; 26. 33L, Danny Lasoski, Dover, MO, 19.058; 27. 4G, Tim Gibbins, Fort Worth, TX, 19.094; 28. 19M, Mike Proffitt, Pleasantville, IA, 19.118; 29. 55x, Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA, 19.139; 30. 4x, Marlon Jones, Sioux Falls, SD, 19.184; 31. 98A, Jack McCorkell, Redwood Falls, MN, 19.197; 32. 62, Jerry Richert Sr., Forest Lake, MN, 19.376; 33. 21, Mark Shaffer, Newton, IA, 19.381; 34. 18L, Gabby Lusk, Jackson, MN, 19.403; 35. 60, Mike Selberg, Brooklyn Park, MN, 19.440; 36. 5c, Lynn McIntosh, Thunder Bay, ONT, Can., 19.489; 37. 65H, Ken Schrader, Fenton, MO, 19.559; 38. 12P, Jerry Potter, Raytown, MO, 19.597; 39. 83x, Carmen Manzardo, McHenry, IL, 19.634; 40. 2T, Tim Baker, Sioux City, IA, 19.694; / 41. 2x, Mike Johnson, Concord, CA, 19.804; 42. 19, Denny Houseman, Estherville, IA, 19.919; 43. 76, Lloyd Beckman, Lincoln, NE, 20.043; 44. 30, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA, 20.141; 45. 9x, Rick Montgomery, Lakewood, CO, 20.175; 46. 70, Chuck Starr, Westminster, CO, 20.209; 47. 17, Mark Schimming, Lakewood, CO, 20.611; 48. 96, Rick Sorem, Albert Lea, MN, 20.622; 49. c4, Mike Houseman, Des Moines, IA, 20.624; 50. 80, Al Liskai, Tiffin, OH, 20.633; 51. 87, Jeff Jones, Des Moines, IA, 21.054; 52. 33, Bobby Graybill, Brighton, CO, 21.620; 53. 75, Ken Biertzer, West Bend, WI, 23.169.

Heat one (started), 10 laps, NT: 1. Terry Doss (6) 2. Gary Lynch (4) 3. Randy Smith (3) 4. Brad Doty (9) 5. Glenn Hughes Jr. (5) / 6. Shane Carson (8) 7. Mark Shaffer (2) 8. Bobby Marshall (7) 9. Tim Gee (10) 10. Ken Schrader (1)

Heat two (started), 10 laps, NT: 1. Danny Lasoski (4) 2. Lee Osborne (9) 3. Scott Ritchhart (6) 4. Bobby Davis Jr. (10) 5. Rocky Hodges (8) / 6. Jerry Richert Jr. (5) 7. Brad Marvel (7) 8. Marlon Jones (3) 9. Gabby Lusk (2) 10. Jerry Potter (1)

Heat three (started), 10 laps, 3:18.9: 1. Tim Green (10) 2. Bobby Allen (8) 3. Cliff Woodward (6) 4. Jac Haudenschild (9) 5. Richard Lupo (7) / 6. Pat McKeegan (5) 7. Carmen Manzardo (1) 8. Jack McCorkell (3) 9. Tim Gibbins (4) 10. Mike Selberg (2)

Heat four (started), 10 laps, NT: 1. Rick Ungar (6) 2. Dave Blaney (7) 3. Bob Hop (8) 4. Bob Thoman (5) 5. Mike Brooks (9) / 6. Jerry Richert Sr. (3) 7. Jeff Swindell (10) 8. Mike Proffitt (4) 9. Lynn McIntosh (2) 10. Tim Baker (1)

B main (started), 12 laps, 4:09.1: 1. Shane Carson (3) 2. Bobby Marshall (4) / 3. Tim Gee (1) 4. Jerry Richert Jr. (6) 5. Brad Marvel (5) 6. Mark Shaffer (11) 7. Jerry Richert Sr. (12) 8. Marlon Jones (10) 9. Tim Gibbins (8) 10. Gabby Lusk (14) 11. Pat McKeegan (7) 12. Denny Houseman (16) 13. Rick Montgomery (20) 14. Mike Selberg (13) 15. Carmen Manzardo (17) 16. Jack McCorkell (9) 17. Mike Johnson (19) 18. Ken Schrader (15) 19. Mackie Heimbaugh (18) 20. Jeff Swindell (2) DNS – Mike Proffitt, Lynn McIntosh, Jerry Potter, Tim Baker, Lloyd Beckman, Chuck Starr, Mark Schimming, Rick Sorem, Mike Houseman, Al Liskai, Jeff Jones, Bobby Graybill, Ken Biertzer

A main (started), 20 laps, NT: 1. Bobby Allen (6) 2. Bobby Davis Jr. (2) 3. Tim Green (1) 4. Lee Osborne (3) 5. Jac Haudenschild (5) 6. Cliff Woodward (15) 7. Dave Blaney (11) 8. Shane Carson (21) 9. Richard Lupo (13) 10. Rick Ungar (12) 11. Bob Thoman (18) 12. Rocky Hodges (9) 13. Glenn Hughes Jr. (19) 14. Bobby Marshall (22) 15. Terry Doss (10) 16. Scott Ritchhart (14) 17. Danny Lasoski (16) 18. Gary Lynch (17) 19. Randy Smith (20) 20. Brad Doty (4) 21. Mike Brooks (7) 22. Bob Hop (8). **Lap Leaders:** Green 1-14, Allen 15-20.

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Montgomery, Swindell, Ungar Cop Friday Features

by Gary Gehler

Knoxville, IA – Close racing was the trademark of Friday night's \$21,065 final preliminary program of the Coors Knoxville Nationals. The winners of the three features were Rick Montgomery, Denver, Colorado, Sammy Swindell, Bartlett, Tennessee, and Rick Ungar, Memphis, Tennessee.

Montgomery snared the 20-lap feature for non-qualifiers in Friday night's final program. Swindell bested the 20-lap Race of States, while Ungar came home on top of a wild 20-lap Mystery Feature.

In the first 20-lapper, Terry Gray, Memphis, Tennessee, took the top spot on the second lap. Spike Lempelius, Eagan, Minnesota, closed in on Gray by the three-quarter mark. On lap 16, the pair touched in turn four and both spun.

The put the rim-riding Montgomery in front and he led the rest of the way. He earned \$700 and a transfer into Saturday's C feature. Second and \$500 went to Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, Iowa. Heimbaugh also earned a transfer. Rounding out the top five were Vance Peterson, Mike Johnson and Robert Houseman.

Swindell pushed his Old Milwaukee Beer 1 into the lead at the start of the Race of States main. Tim Green, Sacramento, California, charged by Swindell on lap five, utilizing the thin cushion on the half-mile clay oval. Swindell responded with some rim-riding of his own and took the lead for good on lap 14. Swindell netted \$1,200, while Green collected \$1,000 for his runner-up placing in the Coors Light Silver Bullet 71N.

Third went to Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in the Adams Chevrolet Garrett Farms 12\$. He earned \$800. Doug Wolfgang, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, was fourth in the Kenny Rogers/Gambler Chassis 18 and collected \$600. Steve Kinser ended up fifth in the Gaerte Engines/Valvoline 11. The Bloomington, Indiana ace won \$600.

The evening's best race was the 20-lap Mystery Feature. Ungar pushed the C. L. Boyd 65R into the lead at the start. But the action right behind him was heated, consisting of a dueling Danny Smith, Danville, Indiana, Jack Hewitt, Troy, Ohio, and TJ Giddings, Kansas City, Kansas. Ungar, Smith and Hewitt were three-abreast on lap 11, while Ungar, Smith and Giddings did the same a short time later.

When the checkered fell, Ungar was the winner. He won \$1,200 and was presented the Gary Scott Memorial trophy. Giddings was second in the Shady Oaks Steakhouse 81, followed by Hewitt in the Powers Welding 51H. Danny Smith, in the Stanton/Trondson Engine 4 was fourth, and Randy Smith placed fifth in the Jensen Construction 55x.

Mike Selberg won the non-qualifiers trophy dash, with heat wins going to Lempelius, John McCoy and Dick Van Cott. Bill Hetrick Jr. won the B feature.

Results

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:36.7: 1. 60, Mike Selberg, Brooklyn Park, MN (2) 2. 83x, Carmen Manzardo, McHenry, IL (4) 3. 81P, Vance Peterson, Sioux Falls, SD (1) 4. 16, Dick Van Cott, Los Gatos, CA (3) 5. 98, Bob Thompson, Des Moines, IA (5) 6. 11m, Ken McCarty, Green River, WY (6)

Heat one (started), 10 laps, 3:17.5: 1. 52, Spike Lempelius, Eagan, MN (4) 2. 10N, Terry Gray, Memphis, TN (6) 3. 19M, Mike Proffitt, Pleasantville, IA (5) 4. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (3) 5. 2x, Mike Johnson, Concord, CA (7) 6. Vance Peterson (10) / 7. Carmen Manzardo (9) 8. 18x, Bill Hetrick Jr., Carman, IL (8) 9. L7, L. Merrill Jacob, Topeka, KS (1) 10. 17, Mark Schimming, Lakewood, CO (2) 11. 87, Jeff Jones, Des Moines, IA (11)

Heat two (started), 10 laps, NT: 1. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (1) 2. 70, Chuck Starr, Westminster, CO (3) 3. 9x, Rick Montgomery, Lakewood, CO (7) 4. 93, Steve Johnson, Orion, IL (5) 5. Bob Thompson (9) 6. 96, Rick Sorem, Albert Lea, MN (2) / 7. 12P, Jerry Potter, Raytown, MO (4) 8. 65H, Ken Schrader, Fenton, MO (8) 9. 30, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (6) 10. Mike Selberg (10) DNS – 33, Bobby Graybill, Brighton, CO

Heat three (started), 10 laps, 3:33.4: 1. Dick Van Cott (8) 2. 19, Denny Houseman, Estherville, IA (6) 3. 69, Robert Houseman, Runnells, IA (5) 4. c4, Mike Houseman, Des Moines, IA (2) 5. 80, Al Liskai, Tiffin, OH (1) 6. 75, Ken Biertzer, West Bend, WI (9) / 7. 5, Ned Fry, West Burlington, IA (7) 8. 5x, Curt Grogan, Kansas City, MO (3) 9. 68, Gene Palmer, Colorado Springs, CO (4) DNS – 76, Lloyd Beckman, Lincoln, NE, Ken McCarty

B main (started), 12 laps, NT: 1. Bill Hetrick Jr. (1) 2. Mackie Heimbaugh (3) / 3. Carmen Manzardo (2) 4. Lloyd Beckman (5) 5. Curt Grogan (6) 6. L. Merrill Jacob (7) 7. Gene Palmer (4) DNS – Mike Selberg, Ned Fry, Mark Schimming, Jerry Potter, Ken Schrader, Jeff Jones, Bobby Graybill, Ken McCarty

A main (started), 20 laps, NT: 1. Rick Montgomery (6) 2. Mackie Heimbaugh (20) 3. Vance Peterson (1) 4. Mike Johnson (5) 5. Robert Houseman (10) 6. Denny Houseman (4) 7. Tim Deaver (12) 8. Bill Hetrick Jr. (19) 9. Ken Biertzer (18) 10. Steve Johnson (9) 11. Dick Van Cott (2) 12. Terry Gray (7) 13. Spike Lempelius (11) 14. Al Liskai (17) 15. Rick Sorem (14) 16. Chuck Starr (13) 17. Mike Proffitt (8) 18. Mike Houseman (15) 19. John McCoy (16) 20. Bob Thompson (3). Lap Leaders: *, Gray 2-15, Montgomery 16-20.

Mystery Feature (started), 20 laps, NT: 1. 65R, Rick Ungar, Memphis, TN (2) 2. 81, TJ Giddings, Kansas City, KS (11) 3. 51H, Jack Hewitt, Troy, OH (12) 4. 4, Danny Smith, Danville, IN (4) 5. 55x, Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA (7) 6. 80x, Jimmy Sills, Sacramento, CA (20) 7. 20, Kramer Williamson, Palmyra, PA (17) 8. 22, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (5) 9. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (16) 10. 5m, Scott Ritchhart, Lincoln, IL (9) 11. 77K, Keith Kauffman, Mifflintown, PA (6) 12. 33L, Danny Lasoski, Dover, MO (1) 13. 87T, Bob

Thoman, Higginsville, MO (10) 14. 63, Jerry Richert Jr., Forest Lake, MN (18) 15. 21, Mark Shaffer, Newton, IA (13) 16. 4G, Tim Gibbins, Fort Worth, TX (3) 17. 2a, Richard Lupo, Hanover, PA (15) 18. 62, Jerry Richert Sr., Forest Lake, MN (14) 19. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (19) 20. 26, Rich Brahmaer, Wisner, NE (8).
Lap Leader: *Ungar 1-20.

Race of States (started, state represented), 20 laps, 7:04.0: 1. 1s, Sammy Swindell, Bartlett, TN (2, TN) 2. 71N, Tim Green, Sacramento, CA (5, CA) 3. 12\$, Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, OK (3, OK) 4. 18, Doug Wolfgang, Sioux Falls, SD (16, SD) 5. 11, Steve Kinser, Bloomington, IN (13, IN) 6. 1a, Bobby Allen, Hanover, PA (7, PA) 7. 21x, Ron Shuman, Mesa, AZ (17, AZ) 8. 7G, Gary Lynch, Salem, OR (6, OR) 9. 10A, Dave Blaney, Hartford, OH (18, OH) 10. 10, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (9, MO) 11. 47x, Rocky Hodges, Des Moines, IA (14, IA) 12. 28, Junior Parkinson, Gladstone, MO (19, KS) 13. 88, Bob Hop, Mendota, MN (10, MN) 14. 19B, Bobby Marshall, Allen, TX (20, TX) 15. 76w, Rick Lemanski, Fox Lake, WI (8, WI) 16. 54, John Sernett, Omaha, NE (11, NE) 17. 7H, Eddie Polich, Great Falls, MT (1, MT) 18. Rick Montgomery (15, CO) 19. Carmen Manzardo (4, IL) 20. 58, Ken Chapman, Winnipeg, MB, Can. (12, Can.). **Lap Leaders:** S. Swindell 1-4, Green 5-13, S. Swindell 14-20.

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Elusive Knoxville Nationals Crown Finally Claimed by Swindell

by Gary Gehler

Knoxville, IA – For Sammy Swindell, Bartlett, Tennessee, the Knoxville Nationals title has always been the pot at the end of the rainbow. But until Saturday night, Swindell's rainbow never reached the gold. He changed that with a victory in the 23rd running of the Coors-sponsored World of Outlaws/Skoal Bandits Shootout sprint car classic at Knoxville Raceway.

For the two-time WoO national champion, a winner's trophy from every major sprint car race in the country sits in his Volunteer state home. But the Knoxville summer classic had always eluded him, a matter which was his number one priority of the 1983 season.

Everything turned out to be on Swindell's side in the 30-lapper around the Marion County Fairgrounds half-mile clay oval, including racing luck. It appeared that Swindell was destined for a runner-up placing behind Steve Kinser, Bloomington, Indiana.

Kinser opened a wide margin over the field in his 25 laps in front of the pack, but engine problems sidelined the three-time WoO/Skoal Bandits Shootout champion. This opened the door for Swindell, who didn't let this valued opportunity slip away.

Swindell pushed his Old Milwaukee Beer Gambler chassis across the finish line a half straight ahead of Doug Wolfgang, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Swindell's win was worth \$16,675 out of the \$125,800 in posted awards, the richest sprint car race in history.

"This is the first time that I'm taller than anyone else," the diminutive pilot joked from his raised winner's perch on the victory stand. "Tonight we ran an aluminum motor for the first time. The longer the race ran, the better it felt."

In addition to the winner's check, Swindell was presented with a ring with a sprint car replica on it along with 42 diamonds. Adding to Swindell's \$15,000 top prize were contingency awards from ProFormance Shocks (\$500), Goodyear (\$250), Moroso (\$200), Cam Dynamics (\$100) and Brodix (\$75). In addition, Swindell earned \$400 for his A trophy dash second-place finish and \$150 for being the reigning WoO/Skoal Bandits Shootout champion.

The win boosted Swindell's season-long WoO/Skoal Bandits Shootout earnings over the \$100,000 mark, the second pilot this year to break that barrier. Swindell also moved into third place in the series point standings, passing Brad Doty, Kittanning, Pennsylvania.

Wolfgang, twice a Knoxville Nationals champion, settled for the runner-up pay of \$10,775. He was driving the Kenny Rogers/Gambler Chassis 18. Third went to another former Knoxville winner, Ron Shuman, Mesa, Arizona. Shuman pushed his OFIXCO 21x from 11th starting position and collected \$7,200 for his efforts.

Fourth and fifth were claimed by a pair of Sacramento, California driver, Tim Green and Jimmy Sills. Green the race's pole-sitter, collected \$6,050 for his ride in the Coors Light Silver Bullet. Included in this amount was \$1,000 for being the event's number one starter. Sills earned \$3,600 for fifth in the B&L Electric 80x. Sills started in the sixth spot.

Kinser jumped to an immediate lead in his Gaerte Engine/Valvoline 11 at the race's start. He had a straightaway margin when the first yellow flew after 15 laps when Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, blew the engine on his Adams Chevrolet/Garrett Farms 12\$.

Kinser's mount began smoking at this point. Swindell closed the gap on the leader and by lap 20 was on his tail. After a five-lap battle, Kinser's powerplant let go in the first turn on lap 26, locking up the rear end and forcing the three-time WoO King to spin. It also ended Kinser's bid at an unprecedented fourth straight Coors Knoxville Nationals win.

The five-lap trophy dash to the checkered was slowed on lap 27 when track champion, Randy Smith, Norwalk, Iowa, stalled on the backstretch. Swindell pulled away on the restart and went on to score the victory.

Jeff Swindell, Memphis, Tennessee, was the story of the 15-lap C and 22-lap B features. Swindell, the younger brother of Sammy, led the entire C event in the Nance Speed Equipment 1n.

Glenn Hughes Jr., of Denver, Missouri, took the lead on the third lap of the B after starting sixth. Swindell came from the 21st starting slot to take the lead on the 11th circuit. However, on lap 13 Swindell retired with spur gear woes. Hughes led until the final lap when he spun in the second turn. The yellow and checkered were waved together with Smith, a tenth row starter, declared the \$1,500 winner. Bob Hop, Mendota, Minnesota, was second, worth \$1,200 and the final transfer spot to the A main. Swindell earned \$1,000 for his C feature win.

Jeff Swindell topped the five-lap C trophy dash, a win worth \$200. Billy Robison, Topeka, Kansas, earned \$400 for heading the five-lap B trophy dash, while the similar distance A trophy dash was topped by Sills. His win was worth \$600.

The final WoO/Skoal Bandits Shootout event of the season will be staged at Knoxville Raceway on Friday and Saturday, October 14-15.

23rd Annual Knoxville Nationals Results

C trophy dash (started), 5 laps, 1:36.8: 1. 1m, Jeff Swindell, Memphis, TN (3) 2. 23, Greg Wooley, Oklahoma City, OK (5) 3. 63, Jerry Richert Jr., Forest Lake, MN (2) 4. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (4) 5. 44, Brad Marvel, Speedway, IN (6) 6. 51, Con Edwards, Altoona, IA (1)

B trophy dash (started), 5 laps, 1:36.8: 1. 1, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (2) 2. 88, Bob Hop, Mendota, MN (1) 3. 83, Joe Saldana, Brownsburg, IN (3) 4. 56, Terry Doss, Tulsa, OK (5) 5. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (4) 6. 65R, Rick Ungar, Memphis, TN (6)

A trophy dash (started), 5 laps, 1:31.7: 1. 80x, Jimmy Sills, Sacramento, CA (1) 2. 1s, Sammy Swindell, Bartlett, TN (3) 3. 18, Doug Wolfgang, Sioux Falls, SD (4) 4. 29D, Bobby Davis Jr., Memphis, TN (2) 5. 11, Steve Kinser, Bloomington, IN (5) 6. 71N, Tim Green, Sacramento, CA (6)

C main (started), 15 laps, NT: 1. Jeff Swindell (4) 2. Brad Marvel (1) / 3. Greg Wooley (2) 4. Jerry Richert Jr. (5) 5. 21, Mark Shaffer, Newton, IA (11) 6. 22, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (8) 7. 9x, Rick Montgomery, Lakewood, CO (17) 8. 62, Jerry Richert Sr., Forest Lake, MN (9) 9. 4x, Marlon Jones, Sioux Falls, SD (14) 10. 98A, Jack McCorkell, Redwood Falls, MN (20) 11. 18L, Gabby Lusk, Jackson, MN (15) 12. 94, Rick Weld, Kansas City, MO (7) 13. 81P, Vance Peterson, Sioux Falls, SD (21) 14. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (16) 15. 89m, David Dwyer, Columbia, MO (13) 16. 2x, Mike Johnson, Concord, CA (22) 17. Con Edwards (6) 18. 30, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (19) 19. 6, Pat McKeehan, Windsor, MO (10) 20. Stacy Redmond (3) 21. 26, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE (18) 22. 4G, Tim Gibbins, Fort Worth, TX (12) DNS – 7H, Eddie Polich, Great Falls, MT, 1V, Rodger Wright, Sugar Creek, MO

B main (started), 22 laps, NT: 1. 55x, Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA (20) 2. Bob Hop (6) / 3. 5m, Scott Ritchhart, Lincoln, IL (7) 4. Mike Brooks (3) 5. 88G, Tim Gee, Spruce Grove, ALB, Can. (12) 6. 28, Junior Parkinson, Gladstone, MO (13) 7. Rick Ungar (1) 8. Billy Robison (5) 9. 19B, Bobby Marshall, Allen, TX (8) 10. 54, John Sernett, Omaha, NE (9) 11. 51H, Jack Hewitt, Troy, OH (17) 12. 33L, Danny Lasoski, Dover, MO (15) 13. 76w, Rick Lemanski, Fox Lake, WI (18) 14. 42, Glenn Hughes Jr., Denver, MO (11) 15. 58, Ken Chapman, Winnipeg, MB, Can. (19) 16. Jeff Swindell (21) 17. Joe Saldana (4) 18. 87T, Bob Thoman, Higginsville, MO (10) 19. Terry Doss (2) 20. 32x, Denny Frederickson, Minneapolis, MN (14) 21. Brad Marvel (22) 22. 7G, Gary Lynch, Salem, OR (16)

A main (started), 30 laps, NT: 1. Sammy Swindell (4) 2. Doug Wolfgang (3) 3. 21x, Ron Shuman, Mesa, AZ (11) 4. Tim Green (1) 5. Jimmy Sills (6) 6. 81c, Lee Osborne, Jamestown, IN (7) 7. 1a, Bobby Allen, Hanover, PA (8) 8. 77K, Keith Kauffman, Mifflintown, PA (10) 9. 10A, Dave Blaney, Hartford, OH (14) 10. Bobby Davis Jr. (5) 11. 81, TJ Giddings, Kansas City, KS (12) 12. 20, Kramer Williamson, Palmyra, PA (19) 13. 10, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (17) 14. 47x, Rocky Hodges, Des Moines, IA (16) 15. 4, Danny Smith, Danville, IN (15) 16. 2a, Richard Lupo, Hanover, PA (20) 17. Randy Smith (21) 18. 1AX, Brad Doty, Kittanning, PA (18) 19. Steve Kinser (2) 20. 37J, Jac Haudenschild, Millersburg, OH (9) 21. 12\$, Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, OK (13) 22. Bob Hop (22). **Lap Leaders:** S. Kinser 1-25, S. Swindell 26-30.

9/10 (Rain)

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Kinser Lands Skoal Dash \$, Kauffman Takes Friday Night Feature

by Bob Wilson

Knoxville, IA – Dollar signs and track records flashed wildly at the Knoxville Raceway during the opening round of the 1983 World of Outlaws season finale. With more than \$82,000 in posted awards up for grabs, the Sixth Annual curtain dropper for the WoO was filled with surprises, money and records.

The annual ‘dash for cash’, The Skoal Bandits Shootout, saw the 1983 WoO King, Steve Kinser, pilot the Karl Kinser Gambler No. 11 to a \$5,000 first place finish in a race which paid \$10,000 to the eleven elite competitors who had qualified for it during the 1983 WoO racing season. It was also an event which looked to be a Doug Wolfgang victory when he took the lead at the drop of the green flag from his outside row one starting position.

Wolfgang steadily increased that margin over his nearest competitor, Sammy Swindell, until Swindell's engine let go in a ball of flames on lap seven of the ten-lap event. At that point, the field closed, enabling Kinser to pull within striking range.

On the restart, Kinser found the right groove and moved past "Wolfie" in turn one to claim the race at the checkers by a car's length. Following those two were Arizona's Ron Shuman, Pennsylvania's Bobby Allen, and Ohio's Brad Doty. It marked Kinser's second dash win since the event was first held in 1979.

The Knoxville format to this year's WoO finale added a complete slate of racing to Friday's events and Keith Kauffman came away the winner of the A feature as he guided the Al Hamilton Contracting No. 77 to a wide margin of victory. The Mifflintown, PA, ace led all twenty laps from his outside row one starting position to capture the \$2,500 to win race by nearly a quarter of a lap.

Kauffman flawlessly set a blistering pace in winning the event, producing a Knoxville track record in so doing. He was followed by Jac Haudenschild, Shane Carson, Scott Ritchhart and TJ Giddings.

The evening was kicked off as eighty-two cars went through time trials. Several minutes after Sammy Swindell had established a new one-lap track record, Steve Kinser reclaimed that mark for the Hoosier State with a clocking of 17.446. Kinser had held the old Knoxville mark at 17.538 which he set in September of 1981.

Five ten-lap heat races were run as preludes to Friday's closing events. Jac Haudenschild captured the first heat and Kauffman again set a track record in winning the second five-miler. Knoxville regulars, Bob Hop, Cliff Woodward and Rocky Hodges took the final three qualifying heat events. Rounding out the preliminaries were Steve Celar and Glenn Hughes Jr. taking the D and C features, respectively. Scott Ritchhart led all the way to win the 15-lap B main.

Results

Time Trials: 1. 11, Steve Kinser, Bloomington, MN, 17.446 (**NTR**); 2. 1, Sammy Swindell, Bartlett, TN, 17.514; 3. 1a, Bobby Allen, Hanover, PA, 17.557; 4. 7, Jac Haudenschild, Millersburg, OH, 17.704; 5. 77, Keith Kauffman, Mifflintown, PA, 17.708; 6. 21x, Ron Shuman, Mesa, AZ, 17.814; 7. 1AZ, Brad Doty, Orrville, OH, 17.849; 8. 83, Joe Saldana, Brownsburg, IN, 17.892; 9. 5m, Scott Ritchhart, Lincoln, IL, 17.988; 10. 81, TJ Giddings, Kansas City, KS, 18.038; 11. 5w, Randy Wolfe, Mechanicsburg, PA, 18.095; 12. 18, Doug Wolfgang, Sioux Falls, SD, 18.100; 13. 12\$, Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, OK, 18.165; 14. 1n, Jeff Swindell, Memphis, TN, 18.175; 15. 63, Rick Ferkel, Tiffin, OH, 18.195; 16. 88, Tim Gee, Spruce Grove, ALB, Can., 18.202; 17. 4, Danny Smith, Danville, IN, 18.280; 18. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN, 18.305; 19. 21, Mark Shaffer, Newton, IA, 18.340; 20. 22x, Keith Frantsen, Windom, MN, 18.343; 21. 21K, Bill Keester, Rapid City, SD, 18.430; 22. 3, Ken Schrader, Fenton, MO, 18.505; 23. 11n, Bobby Marshall, Allen, TX, 18.506; 24. 69N, Lee James, Northridge, CA, 18.553; 25. 22, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO, 18.564; 26. 31s, Jimmy Sills, Sacramento, CA, 18.565; 27. 55, Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA, 18.572; 28. 88x, Bob Hop, Mendota, MN, 18.575; 29. 33L, Danny Lasoski, Dover, MO, 18.620; 30. 65H, Bobby Davis Jr., Memphis, TN, 18.681; 31. 58, Ken Chapman, Winnipeg, MB, Can., 18.748; 32. 1x, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS, 18.797; 33. 42, Glenn Hughes Jr., Denver, MO, 18.863; 34. 20, Kramer Williamson, Palmyra, PA, 18.892; 35. 76w, Rick Lemanski, Fox Lake, WI, 18.937; 36. 83x, Carmen Manzardo, McHenry, IL, 18.941; 37. 86, Tracy Rodden, Balch Springs, TX, 18.951; 38. 8s, Jim McElreath, Arlington, TX, 18.965; 39. 63x, Jerry Richert Jr., Forest Lake, MN, 18.969; 40. 14, Dave Ekern, Flandreau, SD, 19.022; 41. 10, Jeff Tuttle, Des Moines, IA, 19.045; 42. 9x, Rick Montgomery, Lakewood, CO, 19.090; 43. 87T, Bob Thoman, Higginsville, MO, 19.122; 44. 74s, Tommy Scott, Springfield, IL, 19.146; 45. 65, Junior Parkinson, Gladstone, MO, 19.180; 46. 23s, Cliff Blundy, Metamora, IL, 19.220; 47. 19, Denny Houseman, Estherville, IA, 19.287; 48. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA, 19.288; 49. 89M, David Dwyer, Columbia, MO, 19.295; 50. 49, Harry Johnson, Grand Rapids, MN, 19.303; 51. 47, Rocky Hodges, Des Moines, IA, 19.322; 52. 94, Rick Weld, Kansas City, MO, 19.357; 53. 29Z, Gary Zitterich, Sioux Falls, SD, 19.387; 54. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA, 19.390; 55. 4c, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO, 19.408; 56.

14K, Roger Hurst, Kansas City, MO, 19.426; 57. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA, 19.606; 58. 27, Donnie Beechler, Springfield, IL, 19.684; 59. 71, Randy Sears, Raytown, MO, 19.688; 60. 11D, Darrell Dodd, Lake Villa, IL, 19.693; 61. 71R, Manny Rockhold, Pekin, IL, 19.702; / 62. 18x, Bill Hetrick Jr., Carman, IL, 19.732; 63. 80, Lloyd Beckman, Lincoln, NE, 19.738; 64. 69, Robert Houseman, Runnells, IA, 19.796; 65. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA, 19.800; 66. 9, John McCoy, Dallas, IA, 19.853; 67. 00, Bobby Ensminger, Burlington, IA, 19.970; 68. 91, Bob Warren, Beaver Dam, WI, 20.110; 69. 0, Dean Chadd, Lincoln, NE, 20.233; 70. 5c, Dick Colburn, Muskego, WI, 20.268; 71. 96, Rick Sorem, Albert Lea, MN, 20.582; 72. 89, Tom Sexton, Crystal Lake, IL, 20.410; 73. 6, Allen Winker, Kenosha, WI, 20.579; 74. 52, Spike Lempelius, Eagan, MN, 20.731; 75. 9c, Steve Celar, Helena, MT, 20.781; 76. 19M, Mike Proffitt, Pleasantville, IA, 21.140; 77. 30, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA, 21.239; 78. 23, Roger Lechtenberg, Dysart, IA, 21.550; 79. 87, Jeff Jones, Des Moines, IA, 21.965; 80. L7, L. Merrill Jacob, Topeka, KS, 22.183; 81. 5, Ned Fry, West Burlington, IA, 22.596; 82. 181, Brian Madsen, Blooming Prairie, MN, 32.021; 83. 15, John Tierney, Lake Villa, IL, NT; 84. 21P, Eddie Polich, Great Falls, MT, NT; 85. 32, Jimmy Bell, Des Moines, IA, NT; 86. 26, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE, NT.

Heat one (started), 10 laps, NT: 1. Jac Haudenschild (10) 2. Shane Carson (9) 3. Billy Robison (6) 4. Jimmy Sills (7) / 5. Rick Weld (2) 6. Denny Houseman (3) 7. Tracy Rodden (5) 8. Bill Keester (8) 9. Mike Brooks (1) 10. Rick Montgomery (4)

Heat two (started), 10 laps, 3:07.26 (NTR): 1. Keith Kauffman (10) 2. Randy Smith (7) 3. Rick Ferkel (9) 4. Bob Thoman (4) / 5. Ken Schrader (8) 6. Donnie Beechler (1) 7. Gary Zitterich (2) 8. Mike Thomas (3) 9. Jim McElreath (5) 10. Glenn Hughes Jr. (6)

Heat three (stated), 10 laps, NT: 1. Bob Hop (7) 2. Kramer Williamson (6) 3. John Stevenson (9) 4. Joe Saldana (10) / 5. Stacy Redmond (2) 6. Tommy Scott (4) 7. Bobby Marshall (8) 8. Randy Sears (1) 9. Jerry Richert Jr. (5) 10. David Dwyer (3)

Heat four (started), 10 laps, NT: 1. Cliff Woodward (2) 2. Darrell Dodd (1) 3. Dave Ekern (5) 4. Mark Shaffer (9) / 5. Scott Ritchhart (10) 6. Lee James (8) 7. Danny Lasoski (7) 8. Rick Lemanski (6) 9. Harry Johnson (3) 10. Junior Parkinson (4)

Heat five (started), 10 laps, NT: 1. Rocky Hodges (3) 2. TJ Giddings (10) 3. Keith Frantsen (9) 4. Roger Hurst (2) / 5. Manny Rockhold (1) 6. Sonny Smyser (8) 7. Jeff Tuttle (5) 8. Cliff Blundy (4) 9. Carmen Manzardo (6) 10. Ken Chapman (7)

D main (started), 8 laps, 2:47.2: 1. Steve Celar (3) 2. Spike Lempelius (2) 3. Allen Winker (1) / 4. L. Merrill Jacob (8) 5. Mike Proffitt (4) 6. Roger Lechtenberg (6) 7. Ned Fry (7) 8. Jeff Jones (5) 9. Brian Madsen (9) DNS – Mackie Heimbaugh

C main (started), 10 laps, 3:21.9: 1. Glenn Hughes Jr. (2) 2. Jim McElreath (4) 3. Jerry Richert Jr. (3) 4. David Dwyer (8) / 5. Harry Johnson (7) 6. Bill Hetrick Jr. (10) 7. John McCoy (14) 8. Lloyd Beckman (9) 9. Robert Houseman (12) 10. Tim Deaver (11) 11. Allen Winker (21) 12. Dean Chadd (15) 13. Bobby Ensminger (13) 14. Bob Warren (16) 15. Steve Celar (19) 16. Rick Sorem (17) 17. Rick Montgomery (6) 18. Tom Sexton (18) 19. Junior Parkinson (5) 20. Ken Chapman (1) 21. Spike Lempelius (20) DNS – Dick Colburn

B main (started), 15 laps, NT: 1. Scott Ritchhart (1) 2. Bill Keester (2) / 3. Danny Lasoski (7) 4. Sonny Smyser (4) 5. Rick Lemanski (6) 6. Tracy Rodden (9) 7. Cliff Blundy (10) 8. Lee James (5) 9. Glenn Hughes Jr. (18) 10. Tommy Scott (11) 11. Jeff Tuttle (8) 12. Stacy Redmond (17) 13. David Dwyer (22) 14. Denny Houseman (13) 15. Rick Weld (15) 16. Donnie Beechler (16) 17. Jim McElreath (21) 18. Gary Zitterich (14) 19. Manny Rockhold (19) 20. Mike Thomas (12) 21. Ken Schrader (3) 22. Jerry Richert Jr. (20) DNS – Bobby Marshall

A main (started), 20 laps, 6:16.0 (NTR): 1. Keith Kauffman (2) 2. Jac Haudenschild (1) 3. Shane Carson (6) 4. Scott Ritchhart (4) 5. TJ Giddings (5) 6. Joe Saldana (3) 7. John Stevenson (8) 8. Bob Hop (14) 9. Randy Smith (13) 10. Bill Keester (11) 11. Jimmy Sills (12) 12. Mark Shaffer (9) 13. Dave Ekern (17) 14. Rocky Hodges (19) 15. Keith Frantsen (10) 16. Kramer Williamson (16) 17. Cliff Woodward (20) 18. Darrell Dodd (22) 19. Bob Thoman (18) 20. Rick Ferkel (7) 21. Billy Robison (15) 22. Roger Hurst (23). **Lap Leader:** Kauffman 1-20.

Skoal Bandits Shootout (started), 10 laps, NT: 1. Steve Kinser (5) 2. Doug Wolfgang (2) 3. Ron Shuman (6) 4. Bobby Allen (3) 5. Brad Doty (8) 6. Jac Haudenschild (4) 7. Randy Wolfe (11) 8. Danny Smith (10) 9. Tim Gee (7) 10. Jeff Swindell (9) 11. Sammy Swindell (1)

10/15 (Rain)

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WoO Grand Finale to Swindell

by Bob Wilson

Knoxville, IA – Sammy Swindell, driving the Raymond Beadle Old Milwaukee No. 1 once again proved his mastery of the Knoxville oval in 1983 as he claimed the World of Outlaws Skoal Bandits Season Finale at the Marion County Fairgrounds. The defending “Outlaw King” collected a record \$12,000 for the win under beautiful blue Iowa skies after a Saturday night rainout forced a Sunday afternoon running.

Commenting in post-race ceremonies, Swindell told Knoxville Raceway co-announcer, Tim Trier, “My strategy was to get out front and stay on the bottom,” he said in reference to the dry-slick track conditions. “My tires were bald at the end,” he added about his winning Goodyears. “I’ve really had a good year here at Knoxville,” Swindell stated regarding the fact that he had won all four WoO feature events held at the track.

The championship feature event was shortened to 25 laps due to track conditions which caused major wear and tear on tires, as crews were ill-prepared for an afternoon race. This change may have been in Swindell’s favor as there was speculation that the right rear tire may not have lasted a full thirty laps for the Bartlett, Tennessee pilot who had never won the final race of the Outlaw season.

Swindell, who started outside Steve Kinser, grabbed an immediate lead when the green flag dropped. He continued to expand a sizable margin over Kinser as they raced through lapped traffic. On lap twenty-one, the yellow came out for Doug Wolfgang, who lost a tire as he came down the front chute. As a result, Swindell lost a hundred yard lead and “Wolfie” restarted on the tail.

With but five laps to go, it looked to be a trophy dash to the finish, but Swindell again dashed to the front to claim the win by half a straightaway. Kinser followed in close pursuit with Bobby Allen trailing. They collected \$8,000 and \$5,000, respectively.

“This daytime race kinda caught us asleep on tires,” Kinser said on the victory stand. “We drug out an old tire we’d run on the mile and it looked good so we ran it.” Kinser was later crowned as the 1983 Outlaw King in trackside ceremonies, an honor he won via the point standings for the year.

Record setter, Keith Kauffman, took \$4,000 for his fourth place finish, Brad Doty won \$3,500 for fifth, and local favorite, TJ Giddings collected \$3,000 for sixth. Rounding out the top ten were Ron Shuman, Danny Smith, John Stevenson and Joe Saldana.

In the 22-lap B main, a multi-car pileup coming out of turn four on a fourth lap restart, saw Roger Hurst, a Kansas City, Missouri native, catapult through the front-stretch fence. The car ended up under the metal grandstand near the pitgate. With all the sprint car mayhem, neither drivers nor spectators received injury due to the mishap.

Jimmy Sills held the restart lead after the accident until the "Ohio Traveler", Rick Ferkel, grabbed that position on the tenth lap and secured the top spot through two more restarts. Both Ferkel and second place finisher Sills transferred to the tail of the A feature. Rocky Hodges, Lee James and Sonny Smyser completed the top five finishers.

The 15-lap C main saw seven yellow flag situations, the last being displayed with the checkers as the event ended with tires going to pieces on half a dozen sprint cars at various places. Bobby Marshall, who started outside row three, won out over the tire attrition problems experienced by others to capture the event. He was followed by Mike Thomas, Spike Lempelius, Tim Deaver and Denny Houseman.

Three five-lap trophy dashes opened the afternoon of racing as Gary Zitterich took the opening C Dash for his first career sprint win. In the B Dash, Swindell set a five-lap Knoxville track record as he pulled away from the field to capture the A trophy dash.

Results

C Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:39.7: 1. 29Z, Gary Zitterich, Sioux Falls, SD (1) 2. 19, Denny Houseman, Estherville, IA (4) 3. 63x, Jerry Richert Jr., Forest Lake, MN (2) 4. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (3) 5. 10, Jeff Tuttle, Des Moines, IA (6) 6. 23s, Cliff Blundy, Metamora, IL (5)

B Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:36.0: 1. 31s, Jimmy Sills, Sacramento, CA (3) 2. 1x, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (1) 3. 20, Kramer Williamson, Palmyra, PA (2) 4. 22x, Keith Frantsen, Windom, MN (5) 5. 63, Rick Ferkel, Tiffin, OH (6) 6. 21K, Bill Keester, Rapid City, SD (4)

A Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:30.5 (NTR): 1. 1, Sammy Swindell, Bartlett, TN (5) 2. 77, Keith Kauffman, Mifflintown, PA (2) 3. 21x, Ron Shuman, Mesa, AZ (1) 4. 1a, Bobby Allen, Hanover, PA (4) 5. 11, Steve Kinser, Bloomington, IN (6) 6. 7, Jac Haudenschild, Millersburg, OH (3)

C main (started), 15 laps, NT: 1. 11n, Bobby Marshall, Allen, TX (6) 2. Mike Thomas (4) 3. 52, Spike Lempelius, Eagan, MN (18) 4. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (12) 5. Denny Houseman (3) 6. 49, Harry Johnson, Grand Rapids, MN (8) 7. 58, Ken Chapman, Winnipeg, MB, Can. (9) / 8. 18x, Bill Hetrick Jr., Carman, IL (10) 9. 96, Rick Sorem, Albert Lea, MN (15) 10. Cliff Blundy (2) 11. 19M, Mike Proffitt, Pleasantville, IA (19) 12. Jerry Richert Jr. (5) 13. Jeff Tuttle (1) 14. 91, Bob Warren, Beaver Dam, WI (14) 15. Gary Zitterich (7) 16. L7, L. Merrill Jacob, Topeka, KS (20) 17. 6, Allen Winker, Kenosha, WI (17) 18. 80, Lloyd Beckman, Lincoln, NE (11) 19. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (13) 20. 89M, David Dwyer, Columbia, MO (16)

B main (started), 22 laps, NT: 1. Rick Ferkel (1) 2. Jimmy Sills (4) / 3. 47, Rocky Hodges, Des Moines, IA (9) 4. 69N, Lee James, Northridge, CA (7) 5. 22, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (8) 6. Keith Frantsen (2) 7. 4c, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (12) 8. Ken Chapman (21) 9. 11D, Darrell Dodd, Lake Villa, IL (14) 10. Bill Keester (3) 11. 33L, Danny Lasoski, Dover, MO (10) 12. Kramer Williamson (5) 13. Harry Johnson (19) 14. Billy Robison (6) 15. Spike Lempelius (20) 16. 86, Tracy Rodden, Balch Springs, TX (11) 17. Bobby Marshall (18) 18. 14K, Roger Hurst, Kansas City, MO (16) 19. Mike Thomas (15) 20. 42, Glenn Hughes Jr., Denver, MO (13) 21. Denny Houseman (22) 22. Tim Deaver (17)

A main (started), 25 laps, NT: 1. Sammy Swindell (2) 2. Steve Kinser (1) 3. Bobby Allen (3) 4. Keith Kauffman (5) 5. 1AZ, Brad Doty, Orrville, OH (7) 6. 81, TJ Giddings, Kansas City, KS (8) 7. Ron Shuman (6)

8. 4, Danny Smith, Danville, IN (17) 9. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (15) 10. 83, Joe Saldana, Brownsburg, IN (10) 11. 12\$, Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, OK (9) 12. Jac Haudenschild (4) 13. Jimmy Sills (22) 14. 1n, Jeff Swindell, Memphis, TN (14) 15. Rick Ferkel (21) 16. 5w, Randy Wolfe, Mechanicsburg, PA (11) 17. 55, Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA (20) 18. 5m, Scott Ritchhart, Lincoln, IL (13) 19. 88x, Bob Hop, Mendota, MN (19) 20. 18, Doug Wolfgang, Sioux Falls, SD (12) 21. 21, Mark Shaffer, Newton, IA (18) 22. 88, Tim Gee, Spruce Grove, ALB, Can. (16). **Lap Leader:** S. Swindell 1-25.

1983 410 Final Point Standings and Feature Winners:

Driver	Feature Wins (Feature Laps Led*)	Points	Primary car(s)
1. Randy Smith	4 (53)	2955	McCarl/Jensen Construction 55
2. TJ Giddings	3 (67)	2570	Johnson 81
3. Junior Parkinson	1 (15)	1535	Mussatto 28
4. Rocky Hodges	2 (30)	1350	Sonner 47
5. Cliff Woodward	0 (15)	1340	Tuttle 10
6. Mike Pinckney	-	1245	Rogers 49
7. Billy Robison	0 (11)	1205	Jordan 1
Keith Frantsen	1 (7)	1205	Frantsen Racing 22x
Bob Hop	-	1205	Gillund 88
10. Glenn Hughes Jr.	-	1025	Hughes 42, Arend 1A, Rogers 49
11. John Stevenson	-	905	Bethke 31
12. Stacy Redmond	-	830	Redmond 61
13. Galen Martin	-	605	Martin 2
14. Tim Deaver	-	555	Deaver 48
15. Brett Lacey	-	515	Trostle 20, Arend 1A
16. Mike Thomas	-	485	Thomas 37
17. Robert Houseman	-	400	Houseman 69
18. Mark Shaffer	-	365	Shaffer 21
19. Bill Hetrick Jr.	-	345	Olson 18
John McCoy	-	345	KAR Team 9
21. Buddy Wallen	-	285	McCarl/Jensen Construction 55x
22. Terry Doss	-	280	Doss 56
23. Ned Fry	-	245	Monkey Ranch Engineering 5
24. Con Edwards	-	235	Edwards 51, Arend 1A
25. Mike Houseman	-	230	Houseman 68, c4
Bob Thompson	-	230	Walls 98
27. Jeff Jones	-	225	Jones 87
28. Dick DeRock	-	215	DeRock 34
29. Jon Backlund	-	205	Backlund 3

* - Incomplete Data

Other 410 Feature Winners (Laps Led): Sammy Swindell 5 (77), Steve Kinser 1 (45), Keith Kauffman 1 (34), Tim Green 1 (34), Rick Ungar 1 (20), Bob Ewell 1 (11), Bobby Allen 1 (6), Rick Montgomery 1 (5), Terry Gray 0 (14), Herb Copeland 0 (13), John Walsh 0 (12), Scott Ritchhart 0 (8)

1983 360 Champion:

Driver	Feature Wins	Primary Car(s)
Mackie Heimbaugh	6	Zoutte 30

Other 360 Feature Winners: Dean Chadd 3, Greg Helms 1