

KNOXVILLE *Raceway*

COMPLETE RESULTS FOR 1997

Date (Sanction/Event) – Winners

4/19 410 – Dennis Moore Jr., 360 – Larry Weeks
4/25 (WoO) – Sammy Swindell
4/26 (WoO) – Mark Kinser, 360 – Randy Martin
5/3 410 – Lance Blevins, 360 – Larry Weeks
5/10 410 – Doug Wolfgang, 360 – Randy Martin
5/17 410 – Danny Lasoski, 360 – David Hesmer
5/24 410 – Larry Pinegar II, 360 – Lee Nelson
5/31 (All Stars) – Joey Saldana, (Masters Classic) – Billy Engelhart
6/7 – Rain
6/14 410 – Don Droud Jr., 360 – David Hesmer
6/21 – Rain
6/28 (Twin Features) 410 – Skip Jackson, John Sernett, 360 – David Hesmer, Steve Breazeale
7/4 (WoO) – Sammy Swindell
7/5 (WoO) – Jac Haudenschild, Stevie Smith
7/11 (360 Nationals Prelim) – Rain
7/12 (360 Nationals) – David Hesmer, 410 – Craig Dollansky
7/19 410 – Don Droud Jr., 360 – David Hesmer
7/20 (Enduro) – Rain
7/22 (Harris Clash for Modifieds) – Kelly Shryock
7/23 (WoO) – Mark Kinser
7/26 410 – Danny Lasoski, 360 – Mike Brooks
8/2 410 – Leonard Lee, 360 – David Hesmer
8/9 410 – Skip Jackson, 360 – David Hesmer
8/13 (Knoxville Nationals Prelim) – Mark Kinser
8/14 (Knoxville Nationals Prelim) – Jac Haudenschild
8/15 (Knoxville Nationals NQ) – Gary Wright
8/16 (Knoxville Nationals) – Rain
8/17 (Knoxville Nationals) – Dave Blaney
8/23 (Enduro) – Chuck Gaulke
8/30 410 – Garry Brazier, 360 – Mike Brooks
9/6 (IMCA Summer Series Late Models) – Gary Webb
9/13 (Hobby Stock Championship) – Matt Krieger
9/20 (360 Tournament of Champions) – Greg Coverdale

4/19/97

DENNIS MOORE, JR. WINS KNOXVILLE SEASON OPENER



*By Bob Wilson
April 19, 1997*

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KNOXVILLE, IOWA (APRIL 19) - Dennis Moore, Jr. showed a field of strong competitors the fast way around the track to capture the 44th Season Opener at Knoxville Raceway Saturday night.

Moore, who started on the pole of the twenty car field, raced away to a huge lead to begin the 20-lap feature event only to have Skip Jackson slowly reel him in to challenge for the top spot as the race reached the half-way mark. With thirteen laps in the books the Australian, Jackson, dove low in turns three and four to gain the lead as he roared down the front chute. Moore later confessed to the season-opening crowd that fatigue had become a factor for him at that point of the event.

Jackson's front running position was to be short lived as a yellow flag was displayed two laps later bringing the field to a single file restart and allowing a rejuvenated Moore to regain the lead as the two front runners raced passed the flag stand. The remaining laps saw him keep Jackson at bay to take his second career win here in the Bob Thompson American Challenge sprinter. The \$2,500 victory placed Moore in a distinguished list of season opening winners dating back to 1954.

Craig Dollansky came from a sixth row start to place third, Jeff Mitrisin took fourth and Don Droud, Jr. was fifth. Rounding out the top ten finishers were Jaymie Moyle, Leonard Lee, Mike Reinke, Travis Cram and Scott Whitworth. Reinke received the Hard Charger award for advancing from twentieth position.

Doug Wolfgang made his anticipated return to the Knoxville half mile and was rewarded in time trials as the second fastest qualifier. However, in his qualifying heat race he suffered the misfortune of stumbling into the rear of another car and taking a slow tumble. Quick repairs enabled the Dan Motter machine to compete in the B Main where Wolfgang finished sixth.

LARRY WEEKS PICKED UP HIS FIRST EVER WIN AT THE WORLD FAMOUS KNOXVILLE RACEWAY IN THE 360 CU. IN. CLASS

In Knoxville 360 sprints, Larry Weeks claimed his initial feature event in his self-owned Trostle machine. Weeks lead the entire 15-lap distance holding off Doran Doty at the wire for the \$1,000 victory. Virgil Brandt was third, Michael Heronemus took fourth and Tod Bishop claimed fifth from a ninth row start to win the Hard Charger award for the companion division. Thirty-one 360 sprints and thirty 410 sprints competed during the evening.

Father and Son Team Randy (#0 Sprinter) and Chad Smith (#17 Sprinter) dueled in tonight's event.

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KNOXVILLE 410 SPRINTS

TIME TRIALS (Qualifying Order): 1. 81, Mike Reinke, Sheboygan, WI (2) 15.444; 2. 71m, Doug Wolfgang, Sioux Falls, SD (4) 15.564; 3. 96, Scott Whitworth, Worthington, MO (5) 15.573; 4. 2D, Craig Dollansky, Elk River, MN (3) 15.582; 5. 56, Chris Walraven, Knoxville, IA (11) 15.642; 6. 1BK, Don Droud Jr., Lincoln, NE (10) 15.703; 7. 19, Bob Weuve, Newton, IA (1) 15.792; 8. 16L, Leonard Lee, Milo, IA (16) 15.808; 9. 10, Jaymie Moyle, Knoxville, IA (9) 15.819; 10. 51J, Ryan Jamison, Burlington, IA (17) 15.973; 11. 7, Larry Pinegar II, Des Moines, IA (27) 16.000; 12. 55, Skip Jackson, Sydney, NSW, Aust. (29) 16.020; 13. 12, Travis Cram, Snohomish, WA (7) 16.026; 14. 91, John Sernett, Minneapolis, MN (14) 16.060; 15. 0, Randy Smith, Mount Ayr, IA (6) 16.062; 16. 5J, Jeff Mitrisin, Oskaloosa, IA (22) 16.079; 17. 48, Dennis Moore Jr., Grinnell, IA (12) 16.227; 18. 2m, Matt Moro, Des Moines, IA (24) 16.527; 19. 57c, Troy Parsons, Altoona, IA (20) 16.592; 20. 7B, Dave Westercamp, Johnston, IA (13) 16.599; 21. 47, Tim St. Arnold, Des Moines, IA (26) 16.603; 22. 15, Bobby Mincer, West Burlington, IA (21) 16.622; 23. 71A, Randy Anderson, Clarion, IA (30)

16.832; 24. 50, Jerry Richert Jr., Forest Lake, MN (23) 16.894; 25. 9, Rich Bubak, Knoxville, IA (19) 17.030; 26. 55KC, Bob Hildreth, Iowa Falls, IA (25) 18.076; 27. 1s, Manny Rockhold, Pekin, IL (8) 18.459; 28. 17, Chadd Smith, Mount Ayr, IA (18) 20.561; 29. 86, John Kearney, Ozawkie, KS (15) NT; 30. 69, Mark Smyser, Lancaster, MO (28) NT.

FIRST HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, 2:14.0: 1. Jeff Mitrisin (3) 2. Craig Dollansky (7) 3. Bobby Mincer (1) 4. Travis Cram (4) 5. Bob Weuve (6) 6. Troy Parsons (2) / 7. Mike Reinke (8) 8. Ryan Jamison (5) 9. Rich Bubak (9) 10. Chadd Smith (10).

SECOND HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Dennis Moore Jr. (3) 2. John Sernett (4) 3. Dave Westercamp (2) 4. Leonard Lee (6) 5. Larry Pinegar II (5) 6. Randy Anderson (1) / 7. John Kearney (10) 8. Chris Walraven (7) 9. Bob Hildreth (9) 10. Doug Wolfgang (8).

THIRD HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, 2: 14.9: 1. Jaymie Moyle (6) 2. Jerry Richert Jr. (1) 3. Don Droud Jr. (7) 4. Skip Jackson (5) 5. Manny Rockhold (9) 6. Scott Whitworth (8) / 7. Matt Moro (3) 8. Mark Smyser (10) 9. Tim St. Arnold (2) 10. Randy Smith (4).

B MAIN (started) 10 LAPS 2:53.2: 1. Chris Walraven (2) 2. Mike Reinke (1) / 3. Ryan Jamison (3) 4. Matt Moro (4) 5. Randy Smith (8) 6. Doug Wolfgang (7) 7. Rich Bubak (5) 8. Mark Smyser (11) 9. Bob Hildreth (6) 10. Chadd Smith (10) 11. John Kearney (9) DNS – Tim St. Arnold.

A MAIN (started), 20 LAPS ,NO TIME: 1. Dennis Moore Jr. (1) 2. Skip Jackson (5) 3. Craig Dollansky (11) 4. Jeff Mitrisin (2) 5. Don Droud Jr. (10) 6. Jaymie Moyle (7) 7. Leonard Lee (8) 8. Mike Reinke (20) 9. Travis Cram (4) 10. Scott Whitworth (12) 11. Larry Pinegar II (6) 12. Chris Walraven (19) 13. Dave Westercamp (14) 14. Bob Weuve (9) 15. John Sernett (3) 16. Manny Rockhold (18) 17. Bobby Mincer (15) 18. Jerry Richert Jr. (17) 19. Troy Parson (13) 20. Randy Anderson (16) **Lap Leaders:** Moore Jr. 1-13, Jackson 14-15, Moore Jr. 16-20.

KNOXVILLE 360 SPRINTS

FIRST HEAT (started), 6 LAPS, 1:44.1: 1. 11, David Hesmer, Marshalltown, IA (1) 2. 48, Bobby Thompson, Des Moines, IA (2) 3. 4, Dave Middleswart, Indianola, IA (3) 4. 26, Lee Nelson, Ankeny, IA (7) 5. 5G, Brett Golik, Newton, IA (5) 6. 27T, Chris Tice, Lynnville, IA (8) / 7. 21E, Ed Ergenbright, Newton, IA (9) 8. 34, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (10) 9. 98, Curtis Thorson, Newton, IA (4) 10. 126, Stacey Alexander, Lacona, IA (11) 11. 57, Steve Breazeale, Pleasantville, IA (6).

SECOND HEAT (started), 6 LAPS, 1:43.3 (TIES TRACK RECORD): 1. 80, Duane Van Heukelom, Colfax, IA (2) 2. N14, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (4) 3. 77, Terry Alexander, Knoxville, IA (1) 4. 64H, Mike Heronemus, Ashton, IA (5) 5. 8B, Bruce Williams, Pleasant Hill, IA (9) 6. 88, Tim Holzworth, Valeria, IA (10) / 7. 27, Jeff Johnson, Ames, IA (7) 8. G2, Chuck Graves, Chariton, IA (3) 9. 12m, Brett Mather, Ames, IA (11) 10. 1J, Jay Hughes, Knoxville, IA (8) 11. 10, Steve Wares, Knoxville, IA (6).

THIRD HEAT (started), 6 LAPS, 1:45.0: 1. 41, Virgil Brandt, Des Moines, IA (1) 2. 82, Dave Van Heukelom, Pella, IA (4) 3. 9H, Doran Doty, Des Moines, IA (6) 4. 00, Larry Weeks, Montezuma, IA (3) 5. 14, Randy Martin, California, MO (9) 6. 86, Tod Bishop, Harrisburg IL (5) / 7. 16H, Jeff Haines, Oskaloosa, IA (7) 8. 6, Mitchell Alexander, Knoxville, IA (2) 9. 18, Bruce Drottz, Des Moines, IA (8) DNS – 92, Billy Ray Olsen, Grinnell, IA.

B MAIN (started), 8 LAPS, 2:26.1: 1. Tim Deaver (2) 2. Ed Ergenbright (1) / 3. Jeff Haines (3) 4. Steve Breazeale (8) 5. Curtis Thorson (4) 6. Chuck Graves (5) 7. Billy Ray Olsen (9) 8. Mitchell Alexander (7) 9. Stacey Alexander (6) DNS – Jeff Johnson, Brett Mather, Bruce Drottz, Jay Hughes, Steve Wares.

A MAIN (started), 15 LAPS NO TIME: 1. Larry Weeks (1) 2. Doran Doty (4) 3. Virgil Brandt (10) 4. Mike Heronemus (2) 5. Tod Bishop (18) 6. Duane Van Heukelom (11) 7. Mike Brooks (8) 8. Lee Nelson (3) 9. Dave Van Heukelom (7) 10. Ed Ergenbright (20) 11. Tim Deaver (19) 12. Terry Alexander (5) 13. Chris Tice (16) 14. Randy Martin (15) 15. Dave Middleswart (6) 16. Bruce Williams (14) 17. Bobby Thompson (9) 18. Brett Golik (13) 19. Tim Holzworth (17) 20. David Hesmer (12). **Lap Leader:** Weeks 1-15.

4/25/97

SAMMY SWINDELL TAKES KNOXVILLE WoO SPRING OPENER



*By Bob Wilson
April 25, 1997*

KNOXVILLE, IOWA (APRIL 25) - Sammy Swindell captured the World of Outlaws (WoO) Spring Opener at Knoxville Raceway Friday night driving his own Channel Lock Gambler. The win was the first for the Tennessee native at this track since 1992.

At the outset of the twenty-lap event Greg Hodnett stole the show as he drove from his pole position to take the lead for the first six laps. Behind him a vicious battle erupted among Mark Kinser, Steve Kinser and Swindell. Mark owned the second spot and after Steve nearly struck the second turn fence on lap four, Swindell took the third place position.

As Hodnett entered lapped traffic on the sixth circuit, Swindell made his charge taking the runner-up position with an amazing pass, splitting Mark Kinser and a lapped car in turn three of the half-mile oval. On the next circuit Swindell raced past Hodnett on the back chute to take the lead for good.

With Swindell in firm command of the event, Hodnett and Mark Kinser battled for the second place position with Kinser finally winning out on the tenth lap. Kinser drove hard to pace Swindell but was never able to catch the fleet Channel Lock machine. Swindell sealed Kinser's fate on the sixteenth circuit when he placed two lapped cars between himself and Kinser. From that point Swindell was able to put a huge gap between himself and the defending WoO champion as Swindell claimed this \$4,500 to win preliminary feature event by more than the length of the front straightaway.

Behind the front two finishers, Dave Blaney had made a late race charge to come home in third after running most of the event in the sixth position. Steve Kinser gained a hard fought fourth place finish and Hodnett faded to fifth. Defending Knoxville track champion and current WoO competitor, Danny Lasoski took sixth. Rounding out the top ten finishers were Stevie Smith, Jac Haudenschild, Jeff Swindell and Craig Dollansky.

A crowd estimated at 6,000 watched as Mark Kinser lowered his own one-lap track record to 15.120 seconds in qualifying time trials. Haudenschild and Hodnett additionally dashed under the old mark. Kinser also set a new track mark while winning his heat race. Paul McMahan, Dion Hindi, Skip Jackson and Doug Wolfgang also captured qualifying heat race events. Andy Hillenburg won the C Main after having crashed during time trials and Stevie Smith took the B Main. Forty-nine sprint cars were on hand for this annual WoO April event.

RESULTS - KNOXVILLE RACEWAY - KNOXVILLE, IOWA APRIL 25, 1997 WORLD OF OUTLAWS SPRINTS

TIME TRIALS (Qualifying Order): 1. 5m, Mark Kinser, Oolitic, IN (34) 15.120 (**NEW TRACK RECORD**); 2. 22, Jac Haudenschild, Wooster, OH (8) 15.247; 3. 11H, Greg Hodnett, Memphis, TN (28)

15.274; 4. 1, Sammy Swindell, Cordova, TN (4) 15.283; 5. 1w, Danny Lasoski, Dover, MO (17) 15.308; 6. 11, Steve Kinser, Bloomington, IN (44) 15.381; 7. 7TW, Jeff Swindell, Memphis, TN (18) 15.457; 8. 10, Dave Blaney, Cortland, OH (36) 15.464; 9. 19, Stevie Smith, New Oxford, PA (30) 15.467; 10. 51, Joey Saldana, Brownsburg, IN (32) 15.471; 11. 1BK, Don Droud Jr., Lincoln, NE (3) 15.511; 12. 47, Johnny Herrera, Tempe, AZ (23) 15.579; 13. 2D, Craig Dollansky, Elk River, MN (7) 15.583; 14. 55, Skip Jackson, Sydney, NSW, Aust. (31) 15.593; 15. 3G, Joe Gaerte, Rochester, IN (9) 15.598; 16. 86, John Kearney, Ozawkie, KS (10) 15.599; 17. 7, Larry Pinegar II, Des Moines, IA (13) 15.610; 18. 16L, Leonard Lee, Milo, IA (5) 15.640; 19. 1J, Marlon Jones, Sioux Falls, SD (37) 15.692; 20. 56, Chris Walraven, Knoxville, IA (25) 15.744; 21. 10V, Jaymie Moyle, Knoxville, IA (27) 15.747; 22. 83, Paul McMahan, Oroville, CA (39) 15.757; 23. 11D, Dion Hindi, Albuquerque, NM (21) 15.760; 24. 75, Garry Brazier, Sydney, NSW, Aust. (47) 15.816; 25. 71m, Doug Wolfgang, Sioux Falls, SD (2) 15.825; 26. 19w, Bob Weuve, Newton, IA (45) 15.856; 27. 91, John Sernett, Savage, MN (6) 15.857; 28. 21, Lance Blevins, Broken Arrow, OK (12) 15.859; 29. 97, Aaron Berryhill, Broken Arrow, OK (16) 15.880; 30. 15, Donny Schatz, Minot, ND (19) 15.903; 31. 81, Mike Reinke, Sheboygan, WI (46) 15.903; 32. 96, Scott Whitworth, Worthington, MO (35) 15.934; 33. 48, Dennis Moore Jr., Grinnell, IA (26) 16.041; 34. 0, Randy Smith, Mount Ayr, IA (24) 16.083; 35. 69, Mark Smyser, Lancaster, MO (20) 16.193; 36. 1s, Manny Rockhold, Pekin, IL (42) 16.282; 37. 9, Rich Bubak, Knoxville, IA (15) 16.311; 38. 7B, Dave Westercamp, Johnston, IA (1) 16.348; 39. 12, Travis Cram, Snohomish, WA (33) 16.350; 40. 1Y, Scott Young, Union Grove, WI (11) 16.359; 41. 2m, Matt Moro, Des Moines, IA (40) 16.454; 42. 47T, Tim St. Arnold, Des Moines, IA (48) 16.524; 43. 71A, Randy Anderson, Clarion, IA (29) 16.699; 44. 5MA, Mallory Armfield, St. Joseph, MO (49) 17.272; 45. 55KC, Bob Hildreth, Iowa Falls, IA (22) 17.282; 46. 57, Steve Breazeale, Pleasantville, IA (43) 17.590; 47. 17, Chadd Smith, Mount Ayr, IA (14) 18.402; 48. 2, Andy Hillenburg, Broken Arrow, OK (41) NT.

FIRST HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, 2:06.9 (NEW TRACK RECORD): 1. Mark Kinser (6) 2. Jaymie Moyle (2) 3. Steve Kinser (5) 4. Bob Weuve (1) / 5. Don Droud Jr. (4) 6. John Kearney (3) 7. Manny Rockhold (8) 8. Mike Reinke (7) 9. Matt Moro (9) 10. Steve Breazeale (10)

SECOND HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Paul McMahan (2) 2. Johnny Herrera (4) 3. Jeff Swindell (5) 4. Jac Haudenschild (6) / 5. Larry Pinegar II (3) 6. John Sernett (1) 7. Scott Whitworth (7) 8. Tim St. Arnold (9) 9. Chadd Smith (10) 10. Rich Bubak (8)

THIRD HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, 2: 11.7: 1. Dion Hindi (2) 2. Greg Hodnett (6) 3. Dave Blaney (5) 4. Craig Dollansky (4) / 5. Andy Hillenburg (10) 6. Lance Blevins (1) 7. Leonard Lee (3) 8. Dennis Moore Jr. (7) 9. Randy Anderson (9) 10. Dave Westercamp (8)

FOURTH HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, 2:10.7: 1. Skip Jackson (4) 2. Sammy Swindell (6) 3. Garry Brazier (2) 4. Marlon Jones (3) / 5. Stevie Smith (5) 6. Travis Cram (8) 7. Aaron Berryhill (1) 8. Randy Smith (7) 9. Mallory Armfield (9)

FIFTH HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, 2:12.7: 1. Doug Wolfgang (2) 2. Donny Schatz (1) 3. Danny Lasoski (6) 4. Joe Gaerte (4) / 5. Joey Saldana (5) 6. Chris Walraven (3) 7. Scott Young (8) 8. Mark Smyser (7) 9. Bob Hildreth (9)

C MAIN (started), 10 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Andy Hillenburg (10) 2. Travis Cram (1) / 3. Scott Young (2) 4. Matt Moro (3) 5. Randy Anderson (5) 6. Mallory Armfield (6) 7. Tim St. Arnold (4) 8. Bob Hildreth (7) 9. Chadd Smith (9) 10. Steve Breazeale (8)

VIVARIN DASH (started), 5 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Greg Hodnett (2) 2. Mark Kinser (4) 3. Sammy Swindell (1) 4. Steve Kinser (6) 5. Dave Blaney (8) 6. Danny Lasoski (5) 7. Jac Haudenschild (3) 8. Jeff Swindell (7).

B MAIN (started), 12 LAPS 3:33.7: Stevie Smith (4) 2. Don Droud Jr. (2) 3. John Kearney (1) 4. Joey Saldana (3) / 5. Leonard Lee (6) 6. Lance Blevins (9) 7. Andy Hillenburg (19) 8. Larry Pinegar II (5) 9. John Sernett (8) 10. Scott Whitworth (12) 11. Chris Walraven (7) 12. Travis Cram (20) 13. Dennis Moore Jr. (13) 14. Manny Rockhold (16) 15. Rich Bubak (17) 16. Aaron Berryhill (10) 17. Mark Smyser (15) 18. Dave Westercamp (18) 19. Mike Reinke (11) 20. Randy Smith (14)

A MAIN (started), 20 LAPS , NO TIME: 1. Sammy Swindell (3) 2. Mark Kinser (2) 3. Dave Blaney (5) 4. Steve Kinser (4) 5. Greg Hodnett (1) 6. Danny Lasoski (6) 7. Stevie Smith (9) 8. Jac Haudenschild (7) 9. Jeff Swindell (8) 10. Craig Dollansky (13) 11. Johnny Herrera (12) 12. Skip Jackson (14) 13. Paul McMahan (1) 14. Don Droud Jr. (11) 15. Donny Schatz (22) 16. Joey Saldana (10) 17. Marlon Jones (17) 18. Doug Wolfgang (20) 19. Jaymie Moyle (16) 20. Dion Hindi (18) 21. Bob Weuve (23) 22. Joe Gaerte (15) 23. Andy Hillenburg (24, pr.) 24. Garry Brazier (21) DNS – John Kearney. **Lap Leaders:** Hodnett 1-6; S. Swindell 7-20.

4/26/97

MARK KINSER CLAIMS WoO KNOXVILLE SPRING OPENER FINALE



By Bob Wilson

April 26, 1997

KNOXVILLE, IOWA (APRIL 26) - Mark Kinser duplicated his fete of one year ago as he captured the Pennzoil World of Outlaws Knoxville Spring Opener at the Marion County Fairgrounds Saturday night.

Kinser, who is the defending Knoxville Nationals champion, started the 25-lap event on the pole but fellow front starter Sammy Swindell roared past him at the start to take the point position. Swindell guided his sprinter to the high cushion with Kinser in tow and was able to garner a thirty yard advantage until he raced into lapped traffic on the sixth circuit.

Kinser was able to keep the Swindell sprinter in sight and when Sammy nearly struck the fence on the eighth go around Kinser was able to pull within striking distance. Two laps later Kinser dove low in the first and second turns and was in the lead as he shot down the back chute.

Once Kinser gained the top spot he was able to pull away as Swindell was then forced to deal with a hard charging Steve Kinser who began to challenge for the runner-up position. In the end Swindell kept Steve at bay but was unable to make any headway into Mark's lead.

As Mark Kinser drove the Karl Kinser Maxim across the finish line for his 14th career win at this historic oval, Swindell exited the fourth turn and came across the stripe to place second. Steve Kinser place third. The win paid Mark \$10,000 before a crowd estimated at 10,000.

Finishing behind the top three finishers were Greg Hodnett in fourth and Danny Lasoski in fifth. Rounding out the top ten finishers were Jac Haudenschild. Jeff Swindell from 18th, Stevie Smith, Skip Jackson and Dave Blaney. Forty-nine sprinters took part in the nine-event program.

Randy Martin captured the Knoxville 360 sprint feature event after Brett Golik tipped his car over on the hard-surfaced track while leading. Martin claimed \$1,000 for the win, his fourteenth at this half-mile oval. David Hesmer chased Martin throughout the event but had to settle for second. Doran Doty, Billy Vielhauer and

Mike Brooks formed the top five finishers. Duane Van Heukelom won the Hard Charger award . Forty-one 360 sprinters took part during the evening.

RESULTS - KNOXVILLE RACEWAY - KNOXVILLE, IOWA
APRIL 26, 1997
WORLD OF OUTLAWS SPRINTS

The check was presented to Stevie by Tom Eppstein, representative of the Knoxville Dirt Digest, The Dirt Digest sponsors the weekly Quick Time Award at the Knoxville Raceway.

TIME TRIALS (Qualifying Order): 1. 19, Stevie Smith, New Oxford, PA (1) 15.716; 2. 55, Skip Jackson, Sydney, NSW, Aust. (6) 15.755; 3. 21, Lance Blevins, Broken Arrow, OK (3) 15.771; 4. 2D, Craig Dollansky, Elk River, MN (10) 15.779; 5. 11H, Greg Hodnett, Memphis, TN (29) 15.807; 6. 47, Johnny Herrera, Tempe, AZ (17) 15.810; 7. 22, Jac Haudenschild, Wooster, OH (44) 15.817; 8. 1w, Danny Lasoski, Dover, MO (34) 15.819; 9. 81, Mike Reinke, Sheboygan, WI (4) 15.864; 10. 51, Joey Saldana, Brownsburg, IN (32) 15.891; 11. 1J, Marlon Jones, Sioux Falls, SD (16) 15.904; 12. 96, Scott Whitworth, Worthington, MO (5) 15.917; 13. 16L, Leonard Lee, Milo, IA (8) 15.932; 14. 3G, Joe Gaerte, Rochester, IN (27) 15.934; 15. 75, Garry Brazier, Sydney, NSW, Aust. (22) 15.936; 16. 7TW, Jeff Swindell, Memphis, TN (43) 16.012; 17. 7, Larry Pinegar II, Des Moines, IA (31) 16.013; 18. 71m, Doug Wolfgang, Sioux Falls, SD (23) 16.045; 19. 86, John Kearney, Ozawkie, KS (7) 16.065; 20. 20. 83, Paul McMahan, Oroville, CA (41) 16.071; 21. 15, Donny Schatz, Minot, ND (37) 16.164; 22. 48, Dennis Moore Jr. (26) 16.221; 23. 19w, Bob Weuve, Newton, IA (25) 16.241; 24. 2, Andy Hillenburg, Broken Arrow, OK (38) 16.291; 25. 5J, Jeff Mitrison, Oskaloosa, IA (15) 16.339; 26. 51J, Ryan Jamison, Burlington, IA (19) 16.344; 27. 97, Aaron Berryhill, Broken Arrow, OK (13) 16.383; 28. 1BK, Don Droud Jr., Lincoln, NE (39) 16.395; 29. 2m, Matt Moro, Des Moines, IA (14) 16.488; 30. 1s, Manny Rockhold, Pekin, IL (21) 16.532; 31. 56, Chris Walraven, Knoxville, IA (35) 16.546; 32. 11D, Dion Hindi, Albuquerque, NM (11) 16.587; 33. 91, John Sernett, Savage, MN (18) 16.618; 34. 10V, Jaymie Moyle, Knoxville, IA (30) 16.660; 35. 47T, Tim St. Arnold, Des Moines, IA (45) 16.853; 36. 0, Randy Smith, Mount Ayr, IA (33) 16.984; 37. 9, Rich Bubak, Knoxville, IA (9) 17.042; 38. 1Y, Scott Young, Union Grove, WI (36) 17.059; 39. 69, Mark Smyser, Lancaster, MO (40) 17.285; 40. 7B, Dave Westercamp, Johnston, IA (28) 17.409; 41. 71A, Randy Anderson, Clarion, IA (42) 17.604; 42. 5MA, Mallory Armfield, St. Joseph, MO (24) 17.774; 43. 55KC, Bob Hildreth, Iowa Falls, IA (12) 18.243; 44. 17, Chadd Smith, Mount Ayr, IA (20) 18.581; 45. 12, Travis Cram, Snohomish, WA (2) 21.385; **Locked in the dash from the Preliminary Event:** 1, Sammy Swindell, Cordova, TN; 5m, Mark Kinser, Oolitic, IN; 10, Dave Blaney, Cortland, OH; 11, Steve Kinser, Bloomington, IN.

FIRST HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, 2:18.1: 1. Greg Hodnett (3) 2. Stevie Smith (4) 3. Donny Schatz (6) 4. Leonard Lee (1) / 5. Mike Reinke (2) 6. Larry Pinegar II (5) 7. Jeff Mitrison (7) 8. John Sernett (9) 9. Travis Cram (12) 10. Rich Bubak (10) 11. Randy Anderson (11) 12. Matt Moro (8).

SECOND HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, 2:23.0: 1. Joe Gaerte (1) 2. Joey Saldana (2) 3. Skip Jackson (4) 4. Johnny Herrera (3) / 5. Doug Wolfgang (5) 6. Manny Rockhold (8) 7. Ryan Jamison (7) 8. Jaymie Moyle (9) 9. Dennis Moore Jr. (6) 10. Scott Young (10) 11. Mallory Armfield (11).

THIRD HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Marlon Jones (2) 2. Jac Haudenschild (3) 3. Lance Blevins (4) 4. John Kearney (5) / 5. Garry Brazier (1) 6. Bob Weuve (6) 7. Tim St. Arnold (9) 8. Mark Smyser (10) 9. Chris Walraven (8) 10. Bob Hildreth (11) 11. Aaron Berryhill (7).

FOURTH HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, 2:23.9: 1. Jeff Swindell (1) 2. Scott Whitworth (2) 3. Danny Lasoski (3) 4. Paul McMahan (5) / 5. Andy Hillenburg (6) 6. Don Droud Jr. (7) 7. Craig Dollansky (4) 8. Randy Smith (9) 9. Chadd Smith (11) 10. Dion Hindi (8) 11. Dave Westercamp (10).

C MAIN (started), 10 LAPS, 3:19.0: 1. Randy Smith (2) 2. Travis Cram (11) / 3. Tim St. Arnold (1) 4. Rich Bubak (3) 5. Randy Anderson (7) 6. Scott Young (4) 7. Mark Smyser (5) 8. Chadd Smith (10) 9. Mallory Armfield (8) 10. Bob Hildreth (9) 11. Dave Westercamp (6).

VIVARIN DASH (started), 5 LAPS, 1:25.4: 1. Mark Kinser (2) 2. Sammy Swindell (1) 3. Steve Kinser (4) 4. Dave Blaney (3) 5. Skip Jackson (6) 6. Stevie Smith (5).

B MAIN (started), 12 LAPS 3:54.7: 1. Craig Dollansky (4) 2. Andy Hillenburg (8) 3. Garry Brazier (2) 4. Larry Pinegar II (1) / 5. Bob Weuve (7) 6. Don Droud Jr. (12) 7. Jeff Mitrisin (9) 8. Doug Wolfgang (5) 9. Dennis Moore Jr. (6) 10. Aaron Berryhill (11) 11. Manny Rockhold (14) 12. Mike Reinke (3) 13. John Sernett (17) 14. Ryan Jamison (10) 15. Jaymie Moyle (18) 16. Travis Cram (20) 17. Dion Hindi (16) 18. Matt Moro (13) 19. Chris Walraven (15) 20. Randy Smith (19).

A MAIN (started), 25 LAPS ,NO TIME: 1. Mark Kinser (1) 2. Sammy Swindell (2) 3. Steve Kinser (3) 4. Greg Hodnett (9) 5. Danny Lasoski (12) 6. Jac Haudenschild (11) 7. Jeff Swindell (18) 8. Stevie Smith (6) 9. Skip Jackson (5) 10. Dave Blaney (4) 11. Joey Saldana (13) 12. Paul McMahan (20) 13. Craig Dollansky (8) 14. Johnny Herrera (10) 15. Donny Schatz (21) 16. Andy Hillenburg (22) 17. Garry Brazier (23) 18. Joe Gaerte (17) 19. Marlon Jones (14) 20. Leonard Lee (16) 21. Lance Blevins (7) 22. Scott Whitworth (15) 23. Larry Pinegar II (24) 24. John Kearney (19). **Lap Leaders:** S. Swindell 1-9; M. Kinser 10-25.

KNOXVILLE 360 SPRINTS

FIRST HEAT (started), 6 LAPS, 1:48.4: 1. 11, David Hesmer, Marshalltown, IA (2) 2. 5G, Brett Golik, Newton, IA (5) 3. 9H, Doran Doty, Des Moines, IA (4) 4. 57, Steve Breazeale, Pleasantville, IA (8) / 5. 27T, Chris Tice, Lynnville, IA (1) 6. 4, Dave Middleswart, Indianola, IA (6) 7. 41B, Nick Bellino, Omaha, NE (3) 8. 21, Mark Swanson, West Des Moines, IA (7) 9. 12m, Brett Mather, Ames, IA (9) 10. 126, Stacey Alexander, Lacona, IA (10) DNS – 92, Billy Ray Olsen, Grinnell, IA.

SECOND HEAT (started), 6 LAPS, 1:48.9: 1. N14, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (3) 2. 41, Virgil Brandt, Des Moines, IA (1) 3. 8B, Bruce Williams, Pleasant Hill, IA (4) 4. 18, Bruce Drottz, Des Moines, IA (9) / 5. Y5, Mike Houseman, Des Moines, IA (7) 6. 21E, Ed Ergenbright, Newton, IA (5) 7. 1J, Jay Hughes, Knoxville, IA (8) 8. G2, Chuck Graves, Chariton, IA (10) 9. 9, Jim Strobel, Sigourney, IA (2) 10. 82, Dave Van Heukelom, Pella, IA (6).

THIRD HEAT (started), 6 LAPS, 1:47.0: 1. 14, Randy Martin, California, MO (2) 2. 12xx, Billy Vielhauer, Shawnee, KS (1) 3. 16H, Jeff Haines, Oskaloosa, IA (8) 4. 86, Tod Bishop, Harrisburg, IL (4) / 5. 12x, Jerry Crabb, Des Moines, IA (3) 6. 98, Curtis Thorson, Newton, IA (6) 7. 6, Mitchell Alexander, Knoxville, IA (7) 8. 27, Jeff Johnson, Ames, IA (9) 9. 3d, Daryl Steenhoek, Altoona, IA (10) 10. 48, Bobby Thompson, Des Moines, IA (5).

FOURTH HEAT (started), 6 LAPS, 1:52.2: 1. 00, Larry Weeks, Montezuma, IA (2) 2. 88, Tim Holzworth, Valeria, IA (1) 3. 10, Steve Wares, Knoxville, IA (4) 4. 10T, Mike Trent, Columbia, MO (6) / 5. 26, Lee Nelson, Ankeny, IA (8) 6. 80, Duane Van Heukelom, Colfax, IA (5) 7. 34, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (7) 8. 6R, Rodney Baughman, Bloomfield, IA (10) 9. 56c, Gerald Cressman, Hartford, SD (3) 10. 23, Ed Rotert, Mount Ayr, IA (9).

C MAIN (started), 6 LAPS, 2:02.0: 1. Mark Swanson (1) 2. Stacey Alexander (7) / 3. Jeff Johnson (3) 4. Brett Mather (5) 5. Daryl Steenhoek (6) 6. Chuck Graves (2) 7. Rodney Baughman (4) DNS – Jim Strobel, Gerald Cressman, Dave Van Heukelom, Ed Rotert, Billy Ray Olsen.

B MAIN (started), 10 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Mike Houseman (2) 2. Duane Van Heukelom (5) 3. Ed Ergenbright (6) 4. Curtis Thorson (7) / 5. Jerry Crabb (3) 6. Mark Swanson (13) 7. Tim Deaver (12) 8. Dave Middleswart (5) 9. Mitchell Alexander (11) 10. Nick Bellino (9) 11. Chris Tice (1) 12. Stacey Alexander (14) 13. Jay Hughes (10) 14. Lee Nelson (4).

A MAIN (started), 15 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Randy Martin (6) 2. David Hesmer (8) 3. Doran Doty (9) 4. Billy Vielhauer (2) 5. Mike Brooks (7) 6. Jeff Haines (11) 7. Duane Van Heukelom (18) 8. Tim Holzworth (1) 9. Bruce Williams (10) 10. Virgil Brandt (3) 11. Steve Breazeale (13) 12. Mike Trent (16) 13. Steve Wares (12) 14. Larry Weeks (5) 15. Mike Houseman (17) 16. Tod Bishop (15) 17. Bruce Drottz (14) 18. Ed Ergenbright (19) 19. Curtis Thorson (20) 20. Brett Golik (4). **Lap Leaders:** Holzworth 1-3; Golik 4-8; Martin 9-15.

5/3/97

BLEVINS TAKES KNOXVILLE RACEWAY WIN



*By Bob Wilson
May 3, 1997*

KNOXVILLE, IOWA (May 3) - Lance Blevins utilized a night off from the World of Outlaws (WoO) to register his initial win at the Marion County Fairgrounds Saturday night.

Blevins, the 1996 WoO Rookie of the Year runner-up, led the entire 20-lap distance from his row one starting position to claim the \$2,500 pay check. The win was not without challenge as fellow front row starter and Knoxville rookie Matt Moro chased the Citgo-sponsored machine through the first twelve laps never falling more than twenty yards behind on the half-mile oval.

The race began with a frightening wreck just as the twenty-car field took the green flag. John Kearney, a second row starter turned completely around after receiving a hard bump and in the melee several cars were badly damaged. Doug Wolfgang, Bobby Mincer, Tim St. Arnold and Randy Smith all rode the hook to the infield.

On lap twelve WoO star and former Knoxville regular Danny Lasoski slowed and came to a halt on the apron of the track at the flag stand with engine problems while running in the fifth position. He did not restart. Once the race was resumed Blevins again assumed the lead as Moro struck the first turn fence and dropped from the event with a broken shock.

Blevins was able to hold the lead in the family-owned sprinter to take the checkered flag nearly ten yards ahead of Dennis Moore, Jr. Leonard Lee took third, Mike Reinke was fourth and Jeff Mitrisin received the Hard Charger Award after advancing thirteen positions during the event. Rounding out the top ten finishers were Joe Gaerte, Don Droud, Jr., Joey Saldana, Jaymie Moyle and John Sernett.

Larry Weeks resumed his winning ways by taking the feature event in the Knoxville 360 sprints. Randy Martin had led the event through the first twelve laps only to drop out with a flat right-rear tire. Ed Rotert assumed the lead for one lap then he too dropped from the race after experiencing no oil pressure. Weeks then assumed the top spot and held off a charging Mike Brooks to take the \$1,000 to win event. Virgil Brandt, Nick Bellino and Bruce Drottz formed the top five finishers. Lee Nelson received the Hard Charger Award after he raced past fifteen competitors. Forty-four 360 sprinters took part during the evening and thirty-three 410 sprinters complimented the evening's events.

Time Trials (Qualifying Order): 1. 1w, Danny Lasoski, Dover, MO (12) 15.499; 2. 51, Joey Saldana. Brownsburg IN (7) 15.486; 3. 81, Mike Reinke, Sheboygan, WI (1) 15.492; 4. 1BK, Don Droud Jr., Lincoln,

NE (17) 15.535; 5. 71m, Doug Wolfgang, Sioux Falls, SD (10) 15.544; 6. 55, Skip Jackson, Sydney, NSW, Aust. (14) 15.560; 7. 3G, Joe Gaerte, Rochester, IN (2) 15.665; 8. 56, Chris Walraven, Knoxville, IA (33) 15.746; 9. 16L, Leonard Lee, Milo, IA (31) 15.759; 10. 91, John Sernett, Savage, MN (3) 15.802; 11. 51J, Ryan Jamison, Burlington, IA (15) 15.805; 12. 2D, Craig Dollansky, Elk River, MN (8) 15.840; 13. 48, Dennis Moore Jr., Grinnell, IA (19) 15.869; 14. 19, Bob Weuve, Newton, IA (20) 15.871; 15. 96, Scott Whitworth, Worthington, MO (11) 15.888; 16. 86, John Kearney, Ozawkie, KS (26) 15.893; 17. 21, Lance Blevins, Broken Arrow, OK (27) 15.896; 18. 2m, Matt Moro, Des Moines, IA (9) 15.906; 19. 10, Jaymie Moyle, Knoxville, IA (23) 15.993; 20. 69, Mark Smyser, Lancaster, MO (18) 16.024; 21. 0, Randy Smith, Mount Ayr, IA (6) 16.029; 22. 1s, Bobby Mincer, West Burlington, IA (21) 16.068; 23. 47, Tim St. Arnold, Des Moines, IA (13) 16.144; 24. 1J, Marlon Jones, Sioux Falls, SD (5) 16.151; 25. 57c, Troy Parsons, Altoona, IA (4) 16.165; 26. 12, Travis Cram, Snohomish, WA (24) 16.177; 27. 5J, Jeff Mitrisin, Oskaloosa, IA (29) 16.200; 28. 1A, Randy Anderson, Clarion, IA (32) 16.346; 29. 7B, Dave Westercamp, Johnston, IA (16) 16.421; 30. 9, Rich Bubak, Knoxville, IA (30) 16.909; 31. 17, Chadd Smith, Mount Ayr, IA (28) 17.064; 32. 71A, Mark Carroll, Des Moines, IA (23) 19.509; 33. 7, Larry Pinegar II, Des Moines, IA (22) 20.852.

FIRST HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, 2:11.5: 1. Jaymie Moyle (2) 2. Dennis Moore Jr. (4) 3. John Kearney (3) 4. Bobby Mincer (1) 5. Joe Gaerte (6) 6. Danny Lasoski (8) / 7. Don Droud Jr. (7) 8. John Sernett (5) 9. Randy Anderson (10) 10. Troy Parsons (9) 11. Chadd Smith (11).

SECOND HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Lance Blevins (3) 2. Mark Smyser (2) 3. Tim St. Arnold (1) 4. Joey Saldana (8) 5. Bob Weuve (4) 6. Doug Wolfgang (7) / 7. Ryan Jamison (5) 8. Travis Cram (9) 9. Chris Walraven (6) 10. Dave Westercamp (10) 11. Mark Carroll (11).

THIRD HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, 2:13.8: 1. Randy Smith (2) 2. Skip Jackson (7) 3. Leonard Lee (6) 4. Matt Moro (3) 5. Mike Reinke (8) 6. Jeff Mitrisin (9) / 7. Scott Whitworth (4) 8. Larry Pinegar II (11) 9. Rich Bubak (10) 10. Craig Dollansky (5) DNS – Marlon Jones (1)

B MAIN (started), 12 LAPS NO TIME: 1. Don Droud Jr. (1) 2. John Sernett (3) / 3. Ryan Jamison (4) 4. Travis Cram (7) 5. Larry Pinegar II (13) 6. Troy Parsons (6) 7. Chris Walraven (2) 8. Dave Westercamp (9) 9. Randy Anderson (8) 10. Rich Bubak (10) 11. Chadd Smith (11) 12. Mark Carroll (12) 13. Scott Whitworth (5) DNS – Marlon Jones, Craig Dollansky.

A MAIN (started), 20 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Lance Blevins (2) 2. Dennis Moore Jr. (5) 3. Leonard Lee (6) 4. Mike Reinke (10) 5. Jeff Mitrisin (18) 6. Joe Gaerte (7) 7. Don Droud Jr. (19) 8. Joey Saldana (11) 9. Jaymie Moyle (13) 10. John Sernett (20) 11. Bob Weuve (4) 12. Skip Jackson (8) 13. Matt Moro (1) 14. Danny Lasoski (12) 15. Mark Smyser (14) 16. John Kearney (3) 17. Doug Wolfgang (9) 18. Randy Smith (15) 19. Bobby Mincer (16) 20. Tim St. Arnold (17). **Lap Leader:** Blevins 1-20.

KNOXVILLE 360 SPRINTS

FIRST HEAT (started), 6 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. 82, Dave Van Heukelom, Pella, IA (1) 2. 21D, Tim Doogs, Sedalia, MO (6) 3. 23, Ed Rotert, Mount Ayr, IA (2) 4. 41B, Nick Bellino, Omaha, NE (4) / 5. 52, Walt Esch, Des Moines, IA (3) 6. 16, Bill Robertson, Ashland, NE (9) 7. 98, Curtis Thorson, Newton, IA (8) 8. 9H, Doran Doty, Des Moines, IA (7) 9. 64H, Mike Heronemus, Ashton, IA (5).

SECOND HEAT (started), 6 LAPS, 1:42.5: 1. 11, David Hesmer, Marshalltown, IA (3) 2. 21E, Ed Ergenbright, Newton, IA (5) 3. 12m, Brett Mather, Ames, IA (1) 4. 10, Steve Wares, Knoxville, IA (4) / 5. 26, Lee Nelson, Ankeny, IA (8) 6. 86, Tod Bishop, Harrisburg, IL (7) 7. 22D, Scott Robertson, Ashland, NE (6) 8. 3d, Daryl Steenhoek, Altoona, IA (9) 9. 56c, Gerald Cressman, Hartford, SD (2).

THIRD HEAT (started), 6 LAPS, 1:44.6: 1. 00, Larry Weeks, Montezuma, IA (3) 2. 18, Bruce Drottz, Des Moines, IA (5) 3. 88, Tim Holzworth, Valeria, IA (2) 4. 80, Duane Van Heukelom, Colfax, IA (4) / 5. 12x, Jerry Crabb, Des Moines, IA (7) 6. 8B, Bruce Williams, Pleasant Hill, IA (6) 7. 57, Steve Breazeale, Pleasantville, IA (8) 8. 31, Tod Smith, Altoona, IA (1) 9. 6R, Rodney Baughman, Bloomfield, IA (9).

FOURTH HEAT (started), 6 LAPS, 1:42.3 (NEW TRACK RECORD): 1. N14, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (1) 2. 14, Randy Martin, California, MO (3) 3. 27T, Chris Tice, Lynnville, IA (2) 4. 48, Bob Thompson, Des Moines, IA (7) / 5. 16H, Jeff Haines, Oskaloosa, IA (4) 6. 1J, Jay Hughes, Knoxville, IA (5) 7. 6, Mitchell Alexander, Knoxville, IA (6) 8. 27, Jeff Johnson, Ames, IA (8) 9. 4A, Craig Agan, Knoxville, IA (9).

FIFTH HEAT (started), 6 LAPS, 1:46.1: 1. 5G, Brett Golik, Newton, IA (1) 2. 41, Virgil Brandt, Des Moines, IA (2) 3. 4, Dave Middleswart, Indianola, IA (3) 4. 34, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (4) / 5. G2, Chuck Graves, Chariton, IA (7) 6. 29, Steve Pickering, Albany, MO (6) 7. 39, Joe White, Grimes, IA (8) 8. 92, Billy Ray Olsen, Grinnell, IA (5).

C MAIN (started), 6 LAPS, 1:48.0: 1. Steve Breazeale (1) 2. Mitchell Alexander (2) 3. Doran Doty (8) / 4. Jeff Johnson (6) 5. Mike Heronemus (7) 6. Daryl Steenhoek (4) 7. Tod Smith (3) 8. Billy Ray Olsen (5) DNS – Joe White, Gerald Cressman, Rodney Baughman.

B MAIN (started), 8 LAPS, 2:19.5 (NEW TRACK RECORD): 1. Lee Nelson (2) 2. Jeff Haines (4) / 3. Walt Esch (1) 4. Bill Robertson (6) 5. Tod Bishop (7) 6. Doran Doty (13) 7. Jerry Crabb (3) 8. Steve Breazeale (11) 9. Mitchell Alexander (14) 10. Scott Robertson (12) 11. Jay Hughes (9) 12. Steve Pickering (10) 13. Chuck Graves (5) 14. Bruce Williams (8) DNS – Curtis Thorson.

A MAIN (started), 15 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Larry Weeks (10) 2. Mike Brooks (9) 3. Virgil Brandt (3) 4. Nick Bellino (16) 5. Bruce Drottz (5) 6. Lee Nelson (21) 7. Steve Wares (17) 8. Dave Van Heukelom (12) 9. Jeff Haines (22) 10. Bob Thompson (19) 11. Dave Middleswart (15) 12. Tim Holzworth (13) 13. Brett Golik (8) 14. Tim Doogs (7) 15. Chris Tice (14) 16. Brett Mather (1) 17. David Hesmer (11) 18. Ed Rotert (2) 19. Ed Ergenbright (6) 20. Duane Van Heukelom (18) 21. Randy Martin (4) 22. Tim Deaver (20). **Lap Leaders:** Martin 1-12; Rotert 13; Weeks 14-15.

5/10/97

DOUG WOLFGANG TAKES EXCITING KNOXVILLE WIN



*By Bob Wilson
May 10, 1997*

KNOXVILLE, IOWA (May 10) - Doug Wolfgang made sprint car history one more time as he drove to a hard-fought win at Knoxville Raceway Saturday night. It was Wolfgang's first feature event win here since August 31, 1991.

Wolfgang, who started on the front row of the twenty-car field, dashed away from the pack of cars at the start of the race only to encounter a trio of yellow flags. Each time he had built substantial leads over his nearest competitor. Finally on lap seven the race went green for good and at this point Skip Jackson had worked his way into second place.

Lap after lap saw Jackson challenge Wolfgang for the top spot only to be thwarted by a Wolfgang maneuver or hindered by lapped traffic. With five laps to go Craig Dollansky entered the contest and garnered the runner-up slot from Jackson as he rode the back bumper of Wolfgang around the half-mile oval.

Three laps later Jackson returned the pass of Dollansky and chased Wolfgang the remaining laps to the checkered flag but he was unable to take the point position from the South Dakota native. In the end Wolfgang raced across the finish line for a very popular \$2,500 win in the Dan Motter WolfWeld sprinter to capture his 60th career win at this Iowa oval.

Chasing Jackson and Dollansky to finish fourth was Manny Rockhold with Don Droud, Jr. taking fifth. Rounding out the top ten finishers were Ryan Jamison, Marlon Jones, Hard Charger award winner Larry Pinegar II, Jaymie Moyle and Bob Weuve.

In a near photo finish, defending track champion Randy Martin edged Dave Hesmer to capture the Knoxville 360 \$1,000-to-win sprint feature. Randy Martin had led the event from the start with Hesmer on his tail the entire 15-lap distance. Hesmer in fact took the lead with six laps to go but his pass was nullified with the display of a yellow flag. Mike Brooks came from near the tail of the 20-car field to take third, Tod Bishop was fourth and Terry Alexander finished fifth. Doran Doty, a B-Main transfer received the Hard Charger Award. Forty-two 360 sprinters took part during the evening and thirty 410 sprinters complimented the evening's events.

Time Trials (Qualifying Order): 1. 55, Skip Jackson, Sydney, NSW, Aust. (24) 2. 2m, Matt Moro, Des Moines, IA (21) 16.005; 3. 16L, Leonard Lee, Milo, IA (20) 16.051; 4. 96, Scott Whitworth, Worthington, MO (11) 16.096; 5. 81, Mike Reinke, Sheboygan, WI (2) 16.106; 6. 1BK, Don Droud Jr., Lincoln, NE (30) 16.121; 7. 2D, Craig Dollansky, Elk River, MN (6) 16.195; 8. 51J, Ryan Jamison, Burlington, IA (1) 16.198; 9. 1J, Marlon Jones, Sioux Falls, SD (5) 16.205; 10. 71m, Doug Wolfgang, Sioux Falls, SD (17) 16.270; 11. 1s, Manny Rockhold, Pekin, IL (12) 16.283; 12. 56, Chris Walraven, Knoxville, IA (8) 16.289; 13. 10, Jaymie Moyle, Knoxville, IA (25) 16.310; 14. 1A, Randy Anderson, Clarion, IA (4) 16.351; 15. 69, Mark Smyser, Lancaster, MO (27) 16.361; 16. 19, Bob Weuve, Newton, IA (16) 16.384; 17. 5J, Jeff Mitrison, Oskaloosa, IA (28) 16.398; 18. 48, Dennis Moore Jr., Grinnell, IA (13) 16.438; 19. 47, Tim St. Arnold, Des Moines, IA (26) 16.480; 20. 25, Chad Radel, Sioux Falls, SD (14) 16.541; 21. 0, Randy Smith, Mount Ayr, IA (19) 16.554; 22. 12, Travis Cram, Snohomish, WA (23) 16.605; 23. 2x, Pat Moore, Moline, IL (15) 16.621; 24. 57c, Troy Parsons, Altoona, IA (22) 16.669; 25. 86, John Kearney, Ozawkie, KS (18) 16.692; 26. 9, Rich Bubak, Knoxville, IA (3) 16.695; 27. 7B, Dave Westercamp, Johnston, IA (9) 16.764; 28. 1K, Robert Jackson, Sydney, NSW, Aust. (29) 16.845; 29. 7, Larry Pinegar II, Des Moines, IA (10) 17.276; 30. 17, Chadd Smith, Mount Ayr, IA (7) 17.609.

FIRST HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Chad Radel (2) 2. Pat Moore (1) 3. Jeff Mitrison (3) 4. Ryan Jamison (6) 5. Skip Jackson (8) 6. Manny Rockhold (5) / 7. Randy Anderson (4) 8. Larry Pinegar II (10) 9. Rich Bubak (9) 10. Mike Reinke (7) DNS – Scott Whitworth.

SECOND HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, 2:09.8: 1. Mark Smyser (2) 2. Troy Parsons (1) 3. Dennis Moore Jr. (3) 4. Don Droud Jr. (5) 5. Marlon Jones (4) 6. Matt Moro (6) / 7. Dave Westercamp (7) 8. Chadd Smith (8) DNS – Randy Smith, Chris Walraven.

THIRD HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Doug Wolfgang (6) 2. Craig Dollansky (7) 3. Travis Cram (2) 4. Bob Weuve (4) 5. Tim St. Arnold (3) 6. Jaymie Moyle (5) / 7. Robert Jackson (9) 8. Leonard Lee (8) 9. John Kearney (1).

B MAIN (started), 8 LAPS, 2:22.4: 1. Rich Bubak (2) 2. Larry Pinegar II (5) / 3. Robert Jackson (4) 4. Randy Anderson (1) 5. Chadd Smith (6) 6. Mike Reinke (7) 7. Dave Westercamp (3) DNS – Leonard Lee, Scott Whitworth, Chris Walraven, Randy Smith, John Kearney.

A MAIN (started), 20LAPS ,NO TIME: 1. Doug Wolfgang (2) 2. Skip Jackson (8) 3. Craig Dollansky (5) 4. Manny Rockhold (1) 5. Don Droud Jr. (6) 6. Ryan Jamison (4) 7. Marlon Jones (3) 8. Larry Pinegar II (20) 9. Jaymie Moyle (9) 10. Bob Weuve (11) 11. Dennis Moore Jr. (13) 12. Travis Cram (16) 13. Rich Bubak (19) 14.

Matt Moro (7) 15. Chad Radel (15) 16. Pat Moore (17) 17. Mark Smyser (10) 18. Jeff Mitrisin (12) 19. Tim St. Arnold (14) 20. Troy Parsons (18). **Lap Leader:** Wolfgang 1-20.

KNOXVILLE 360 SPRINTS

FIRST HEAT (started), 6 LAPS, 1:43.2: 1. 11, David Hesmer, Marshalltown, IA (1) 2. 86, Tod Bishop, Harrisburg, IL (2) 3. 6, Mitchell Alexander, Knoxville, IA (4) / 4. 00, Larry Weeks, Montezuma, IA (8) 5. 8B, Bruce Williams, Pleasant Hill, IA (5) 6. 34, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (3) 7. 57, Steve Breazeale, Pleasantville, IA (7) 8. 31, Tod Smith, Altoona, IA (6) 9. 55J, Jason Pardock, Chariton, IA (9).

SECOND HEAT (started), 6 LAPS, 1:48.9: 1. 10, Steve Wares, Knoxville, IA (1) 2. 88, Tim Holzworth, Valeria, IA (3) 3. 52, Walt Esch, Des Moines, IA (4) / 4. N14, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (5) 5. 21E, Ed Ergenbright, Newton, IA (7) 6. 27, Jeff Johnson, Ames, IA (6) 7. 39, Joe White, Grimes, IA (9) 8. 71, Robert Bell, Colfax, IA (2) 9. 9H, Doran Doty, Des Moines, IA (8).

THIRD HEAT (started), 6 LAPS, 1:44.4: 1. 18, Bruce Drottz, Des Moines, IA (2) 2. 14, Randy Martin, California, MO (4) 3. 5G, Brett Golik, Newton, IA (1) / 4. 16H, Jeff Haines, Oskaloosa, IA (6) 5. 26, Lee Nelson, Ankeny, IA (7) 6. 98, Curtis Thorson, Newton, IA (3) 7. 4, Dave Middleswart, Indianola, IA (5) 8. 21D, Tim Doogs, Sedalia, MO (8).

FOURTH HEAT (started), 6 LAPS, 1:47.6 : 1. 77, Terry Alexander, Knoxville, IA (1) 2. 48, Bob Thompson, Des Moines, IA (4) 3. Y5, Mike Houseman, Des Moines, IA (5) / 4. 21, Mark Swanson, Des Moines, IA (2) 5. 10T, Mike Trent, Columbia, MO (8) 6. 12xx, Billy Vielhauer, Shawnee, KS (7) 7. G2, Chuck Graves, Chariton, IA (3) 8. 41B, Nick Bellino, Omaha, NE (6).

FIFTH HEAT (started), 6 LAPS, 1:46.5 1. 82, Dave Van Heukelom, Pella, IA (2) 2. 12x, Jerry Crabb, Des Moines, IA (1) 3. 41, Virgil Brandt, Des Moines, IA (6) / 4. 12m, Brett Mather, Ames, IA (3) 5. 27T, Chris Tice, Lynnville, IA (5) 6. 1J, Jay Hughes, Knoxville, IA (7) 7. 3D, Daryl Steenhoek, Altoona, IA (4) 8. 126, Stacey Alexander, Lacona, IA (8).

C MAIN (started), 6 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Steve Breazeale (1) 2. Doran Doty (12) / 3. Dave Middleswart (3) 4. Tod Smith (6) 5. Daryl Steenhoek (5) 6. Stacey Alexander (10) 7. Robert Bell (7) 8. Jason Pardock (11) 9. Joe White (2) 10. Chuck Graves (4) 11. Tim Doogs (8) 12. Nick Bellino (9).

B MAIN (started), 8 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Mike Brooks (2) 2. Larry Weeks (1) 3. Jeff Haines (3) 4. Lee Nelson (8) 5. Doran Doty (17) 6. Bruce Williams (6) / 7. Ed Ergenbright (7) 8. Steve Breazeale (16) 9. Mike Trent (9) 10. Billy Vielhauer (14) 11. Jeff Johnson (12) 12. Mark Swanson (4) 13. Curtis Thorson (13) 14. Tim Deaver (11) 15. Chris Tice (10) 16. Jay Hughes (15) 17. Brett Mather (5).

A MAIN (started), 15 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Randy Martin (1) 2. David Hesmer (6) 3. Mike Brooks (14) 4. Tod Bishop (3) 5. Terry Alexander (5) 6. Doran Doty (18) 7. Jeff Haines (16) 8. Jerry Crabb (8) 9. Virgil Brandt (15) 10. Walt Esch (10) 11. Steve Wares (7) 12. Bob Thompson (9) 13. Lee Nelson (19) 14. Dave Van Heukelom (4) 15. Tim Holzworth (2) 16. Brett Golik (13) 17. Mike Houseman (14) 18. Mitchell Alexander (11) 19. Larry Weeks (17) 20. Bruce Williams (20). **Lap Leader:** Martin 1-15.

5/17/97

DANNY LASOSKI RUNS AWAY FOR KNOXVILLE SPRINT WIN



*By Bob Wilson
May 17, 1997*

KNOXVILLE, IOWA (May 17) - Danny Lasoski had the night off from the World of Outlaws but made his time away from that traveling circuit pay off as he raced to a twenty-lap feature event win at Knoxville Raceway Saturday night.

Lasoski, who started the event from the fifth row, had to work his way forward in a hurry on the half-mile oval as pole sitter Chris Walraven took the early lead at the drop of the green. Walraven held that top spot until he hit lapped traffic on the eighth circuit as that is when Lasoski roared by into turn three for the lead. From that point it was all Lasoski as the 7-time Knoxville track champion pulled away to win by nearly half a lap in a new Jim Wahlie-owned Maxim sprinter. The victory also marked the 66th feature event win for the Dover, Missouri driver.

While Lasoski drove the dominant car in the event, the race that seemed to hold the attention of the grandstand crowd was the fight for second place between Skip Jackson and Dennis Moore, Jr. From the tenth circuit to the finish the two drivers battled unmercifully for the runner-up position. In the end Jackson made a final lap pass of the Moore machine to claim second as Moore had to settle for third.

Craig Dollansky took fourth and Marlon Jones was fifth. Rounding out the top ten finishers were Don Droud, Jr., Mike Reinke, Walraven, Hard Charger award winner Travis Cram and Leonard Lee.

In the Knoxville 360 sprint feature, an amazing finish was witnessed after a yellow flag forced the final two laps into a single file restart. Race leader Dave Hesmer was passed by Mike Brooks and Larry Pinegar II on the first corner of the restart but in a never say die move Hesmer regained the top spot in a lap which saw 3-wide racing around the entire half-mile oval. The win marked Hesmer's career leading 30th win in the 360 division.

Brooks finished second and Pinegar was third. Doran Doty placed fourth Tod Bishop ran fifth and Randy Martin gained twelve spots to take sixth and win the Hard Charger award. Thirty-four 360 sprinters joined thirty-one 410 machines in the twelve-event program.



TIME TRIALS (Qualifying Order): 1. 1BK, Don Droud Jr., Lincoln, NE (1) 15.662; 2. 1w, Danny Lasoski, Dover, MO (20) 15.717; 3. 55, Skip Jackson, Sydney, NSW, Aust. (10) 15.791; 4. 10, Jaymie Moyle, Knoxville, IA (6) 15.802; 5. 1J, Marlon Jones, Sioux Falls, SD (14) 15.802; 6. 48, Dennis Moore Jr., Grinnell, IA (19) 15.814; 7. 2D, Craig Dollansky, Elk River, MN (4) 15.836; 8. 2m, Matt Moro, Des Moines, IA (9) 15.896; 9. 16L, Leonard Lee, Milo, IA (11) 15.912; 10. 91, John Sernett, Savage, MN (17) 15.990; 11. 47, Tim St. Arnold, Des Moines, IA (24) 16.035. 12. 96, Scott Whitworth, Worthington, MO (5) 16.051; 13. 69, Mark Smyser, Lancaster, MO (16) 16.052; 14. 56, Chris Walraven, Knoxville, IA (7) 16.060; 15. 19, Bob Weuve, Newton, IA (29) 16.099; 16. 51J, Ryan Jamison, Burlington, IA (22) 16.116; 17. 25, Chad Radel, Sioux Falls, SD (3) 16.124; 18. 81, Mike Reinke, Sheboygan, WI (25) 16.125; 19. 1s, Manny Rockhold, Pekin, IL (21) 16.188; 20. 1K, Robert Jackson, Sydney, NSW, Aust. (2) 16.254; 21. 9, Rich Bubak, Knoxville, IA (13) 16.322; 22. 57c, Troy Parsons, Altoona, IA (15) 16.328; 23. 1A, Randy Anderson, Clarion, IA (8) 16.424; 24. 12, Travis Cram, Snohomish, WA (28) 16.434; 25. 39, Bob White, Des Moines, IA (26) 16.470; 26. 12L, John Lambertz, Sioux Falls, SD (18) 16.518; 27. 21, Steve Beitler, Sedro Woolley, WA (23) 16.837; 28. 7B, Dave Westercamp, Johnston, IA (31) 16.914; 29. 17, Chadd Smith, Mount Ayr, IA (27) 17.239; 30. 1H, Jay Hughes, Knoxville, Ia (30) 18.064; 31. 86, John Kearney, Ozawkie, KS (12) NT.

FIRST HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, 2:14.7: 1. Troy Parsons (1) 2. Ryan Jamison (3) 3. Manny Rockhold (2) 4. Craig Dollansky (6) 5. Don Droud Jr. (8) 6. John Sernett (5) / 7. Jaymie Moyle (7) 8. Mark Smyser (4) 9. Bob White (9) 10. Dave Westercamp (10) DNS – John Kearney.

SECOND HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, 2:15.0 - 1. Danny Lasoski (8) 2. Chris Walraven (4) 3. Marlon Jones (7) 4. Randy Anderson (1) 5. Chad Radel (3) 6. Tim St. Arnold (5) / 7. Robert Jackson (2) 8. Matt Moro (6) 9. John Lambertz (9) 10. Chadd Smith (10).

THIRD HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Skip Jackson (8) 2. Travis Cram (1) 3. Mike Reinke (3) 4. Dennis Moore Jr. (5) 5. Leonard Lee (6) 6. Rich Bubak (2) / 7. Bob Weuve (4) 8. Jay Hughes (9) 9. Steve Beitler (7) DNS – Scott Whitworth.

B-MAIN (started), 10 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Jaymie Moyle (1) 2. Bob Weuve (3) / 3. John Kearney (10) 4. Robert Jackson (4) 5. Dave Westercamp (9) 6. Chadd Smith (6) 7. Matt Moro (2) 8. John Lambertz (5) 9. Jay Hughes (8) 10. Scott Whitworth (7) DNS – Mark Smyser, Bob White, Steve Beitler.

A-MAIN (started), 20 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Danny Lasoski (9) 2. Skip Jackson (8) 3. Dennis Moore Jr. (6) 4. Craig Dollansky (5) 5. Marlon Jones (7) 6. Don Droud Jr. (10) 7. Mike Reinke (13) 8. Chris Walraven (1) 9. Travis Cram (18) 10. Leonard Lee (4) 11. Jaymie Moyle (19) 12. John Sernett (3) 13. Ryan Jamison (11) 14. Tim St. Arnold (2) 15. Bob Weuve (20) 16. Rich Bubak (15) 17. Chad Radel (12) 18. Randy Anderson (17) 19. Manny Rockhold (14) 20. Troy Parsons (16). **Lap Leaders:** Walraven 1-8; Lasoski 9-20.

KNOXVILLE 360 SPRINTS

FIRST HEAT (started), 7 LAPS, 2:03.4 - 1. 52, Walt Esch, Des Moines, IA (1) 2. 9H, Doran Doty; Des Moines, IA (2) 3. 41, Virgil Brandt, Des Moines, IA (4) 4. 18, Bruce Drottz, Des Moines, IA (5) / 5. 16H, Jeff Haines, Oskaloosa, IA (7) 6. 39, Joe White, Grimes, IA (3) 7. 5G, Brett Golik, Newton, IA (6) 8. 126, Stacey Alexander, Lacona, IA (8) 9. 55J, Jason Pardock, Chariton, IA (9).

SECOND HEAT (started), 7 LAPS, 2:01.7 - 1. 12x, Jerry Crabb, Des Moines, IA (2) 2. 11L, Larry Pinegar II, Des Moines, IA (1) 3. 11, Dave Hesmer, Marshalltown, IA (4) 4. 8B, Bruce Williams, Pleasant Hill, IA (3) / 5. 14, Randy Martin, California, MO (6) 6. 57, Steve Breazeale, Pleasantville, IA (8) 7. 27T, Chris Tice, Lynnville, IA (5) 8. 98, Curtis Thorson, Newton, IA (9) 9. 3d, Daryl Steenhoek, Altoona, IA (7).

THIRD HEAT (started), 7 LAPS, NO TIME - 1. N14, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (2) 2. 86, Tod Bishop, Harrisburg, IL (1) 3. 00, Larry Weeks, Montezuma, IA (5) 4. 27, Jeff Johnson, Ames, IA (3) / 5. Y5, Mike Houseman, Des Moines, IA (4) 6. 4, Dave Middleswart, Indianola, IA (7) 7. 6, Mitchell Alexander, Knoxville, IA (6) 8. 26, Lee Nelson, Ankeny, IA (8).

FOURTH HEAT (started), 7 LAPS, 2:01.2 (NEW TRACK RECORD): 1. 21E, Ed Ergenbright, Newton, IA (1) 2. 82, Dave Van Heukelom, Pella, IA (2) 3. 48, Bob Thompson, Des Moines, IA (8) 4. 88, Tim Holzworth, Valeria, IA (3) / 5. 10, Steve Wares, Knoxville, IA (5) 6. 31, Tod Smith, Altoona, IA (7) 7. 34, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (6) 8. 71, Robert Bell, Colfax, IA (4).

B-MAIN (started), 10 LAPS, 3:01.3: 1. Randy Martin (2) 2. Jeff Haines (1) 3. Steve Breazeale (6) 4. Steve Wares (4) / 5. Brett Golik (8) 6. Mike Houseman (3) 7. Tod Smith (7) 8. Tim Deaver (10) 9. Joe White (5) 10. Curtis Thorson (12) 11. Stacey Alexander (11) 12. Chris Tice (9) 13. Daryl Steenhoek (15) 14. Dave Middleswart (16) 15. Jason Pardock (14) 16. Robert Bell (13)

A-MAIN (started), 15 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. David Hesmer (1) 2. Mike Brooks (8) 3. Larry Pinegar II (5) 4. Doran Doty (6) 5. Tod Bishop (4) 6. Randy Martin (17) 7. Bruce Drottz (13) 8. Ed Ergenbright (7) 9. Dave Van
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Heukelom (3) 10. Jerry Crabb (9) 11. Steve Breazeale (19) 12. Walt Esch (10) 13. Steve Wares (20) 14. Bruce Williams (14) 15. Bob Thompson (12) 16. Jeff Haines (18) 17. Larry Weeks (11) 18. Tim Holzworth (16) 19. Virgil Brandt (2) 20. Jeff Johnson (15). **Lap Leader:** Hesmer 1-15.

5/24/97

LARRY PINEGAR II CAPTURES FIRST KNOXVILLE SPRINT WIN



*By Bob Wilson
May 24, 1997*

KNOXVILLE, IOWA (May 17) - Larry Pinegar II was in the right place at the right time as he captured his initial feature event win at Knoxville Raceway Saturday night.

The twenty-lap feature event appeared to be in the hands of race-long leader Craig Dollansky as he shot to the front at the waving of the green flag. Pinegar followed Dollansky closely and stayed within striking distance through red and yellow flag periods. Pinegar's main concert at this point of the ten-mile event was staving off the challenges of Australian Skip Jackson. Just after the half way point Jackson dropped from the event.

Lap fourteen saw Dollansky strike the front stretch fence while at speed in lapped traffic allowing Pinegar to close the gap. Two laps later the "right place at the right time" came into play as Pinegar roared by a slowing Dollansky, a victim of a flat right rear tire.

On the single file restart Pinegar, the 1995 360 cui track champion, held his position to place the Larry Cahill Ford-powered Maxim in the \$2,500 winners circle. Jaymie Moyle came across the stripe for second and Bob Weuve took third. Jeff Mitrison and Mike Reinke rounded out the top five finishers. Completing the top ten were Tim St. Arnold, Hard Charger award winner Ryan Jamison, Travis Cram, Dollansky and Rich Bubak.

Lee Nelson captured his seventh career win in the Knoxville 360 sprints. Nelson led the entire distance and was challenged throughout the fifteen-lap event by David Hesmer. Ed Ergenbright, Mike Houseman and Doran Doty completed the top five finishers. Brian Grimes, in his first appearance at this track was named as the Hard Charger for passing twelve positions in the fifteen lap event. A total of forty 360 sprinters and twenty-seven 410 sprinters competed during the evening.



TIME TRIALS (Qualifying Order): 1. 81, Mike Reinke, Sheboygan, WI (19) 15.655; 2. 96, Scott Whitworth, Worthington, MO (8) 15.708; 3. 1J, Marlon Jones, Sioux Falls, SD (9) 15.760; 4. 55, Skip Jackson, Sydney, NSW, Aust. (23) 15.828; 5. 51J, Ryan Jamison, Burlington, IA (2) 15.915; 6. 16L, Leonard Lee, Milo, IA (11) 15.927; 7. 86, John Kearney, Ozawkie, KS (12) 15.933; 8. 56, Chris Walraven, Knoxville, IA (25) 15.945; 9. 10, Jaymie Moyle, Knoxville, IA (14) 15.947; 10. 48, Dennis Moore Jr., Grinnell, IA (10) 15.952; 11. 2m, Matt Moro, Des Moines, IA (15) 15.966; 12. 7, Larry Pinegar II, Des Moines, IA (22) 15.981; 13. 1A, Randy Anderson, Clarion, IA (3)

16.099; 14. 2D, Craig Dollansky, Elk River, MN (6) 16.121; 15. 19, Bob Weuve, Newton, IA (16) 16.135; 16. 21, Steve Beitler, Sedro Woolley, WA (26) 16.208; 17. 57c, Troy Parsons, Altoona, IA (4) 16.252; 18. 12, Travis Cram, Snohomish, WA (20) 16.225; 19. 1s, Manny Rockhold, Pekin, IL (27) 16.256; 20. 47, Tim St. Arnold, Des Moines, IA (7) 16.310; 21. 1K, Robert Jackson, Sydney, NSW, Aust. (5) 16.352; 22. 5J, Jeff Mitrison, Oskaloosa, IA (18) 16.429; 23. 7B, Dave Westercamp, Johnston, IA (21) 16.637; 24. 17, Chadd Smith, Mount Ayr, IA (24) 16.858; 25. 9, Rich Bubak, Knoxville, IA (17) 16.882; 26. D1, Dan Oswalt, Iola, KS (13) 16.945; 27. 69, Mark Smyser, Lancaster, MO (1) 17.074.

FIRST HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Steve Beitler (3) 2. Skip Jackson (7) 3. Jeff Mitrison (1) 4. Mike Reinke (8) 5. Manny Rockhold (2) 6. Rich Bubak (9) / 7. Dennis Moore Jr. (5) 8. Randy Anderson (4) 9. John Kearney (6).

SECOND HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, 2:10.0: 1. Tim St. Arnold (2) 2. Scott Whitworth (8) 3. Craig Dollansky (4) 4. Dave Westercamp (1) 5. Troy Parsons (3) 6. Chris Walraven (6) / 7. Ryan Jamison (7) 8. Dan Oswalt (9) 9. Matt Moro (5).

THIRD HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Travis Cram (3) 2. Robert Jackson (2) 3. Jaymie Moyle (6) 4. Larry Pinegar II (5) 5. Bob Weuve (4) 6. Marlon Jones (8) / 7. Leonard Lee (7) 8. Chadd Smith (1) DNS – Mark Smyser.

B-MAIN (started), 8 LAPS, 2:16.4: 1. Leonard Lee (2) 2. Ryan Jamison (1) / 3. Dennis Moore Jr. (3) 4. Matt Moro (4) 5. Randy Anderson (5) 6. Chadd Smith (6) 7. Dan Oswalt (7) DNS – John Kearney, Mark Smyser.

A-MAIN (started), 20 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Larry Pinegar II (2) 2. Jaymie Moyle (3) 3. Bob Weuve (9) 4. Jeff Mitrison (16) 5. Mike Reinke (8) 6. Tim St. Arnold (14) 7. Ryan Jamison (20) 8. Travis Cram (12) 9. Craig Dollansky (1) 10. Rich Bubak (18) 11. Chris Walraven (4) 12. Troy Parsons (9) 13. Steve Beitler (10) 14. Leonard Lee (17) 15. Marlon Jones (6) 16. Skip Jackson (5) 17. Dennis Moore Jr. (19) 18. Dave Westercamp (15) 19. Robert Jackson (13) 20. Manny Rockhold (11). **Lap Leaders:** Dollansky 1-16; Pinegar II 17-20.

KNOXVILLE 360 SPRINTS

FIRST HEAT (started), 7 LAPS - 1:58.4 (New Track Record): 1. 11, David Hesmer, Marshalltown, IA (1) 2. 00, Larry Weeks, Montezuma, IA (4) 3. Y5, Mike Houseman, Des Moines, IA (5) 4. 9H, Doran Doty, Des Moines, IA (2) / 5. 18, Bruce Drottz, Des Moines, IA (3) 6. 126, Stacey Alexander, Lacona, IA (8) 7. 31, Tod Smith, Altoona, IA (9) 8. 27T, Chris Tice, Lynnville, IA (10) 9. 7R, Bill Rooker, Ottumwa, IA (6) 10. 27, Jeff Johnson, Ames, IA (7).

SECOND HEAT (started), 7 LAPS - 2:04.2: 1. 88, Tim Holzworth, Valeria, IA (2) 2. 4, Dave Middleswart, Indianola, IA (1) 3. 21, Mark Swanson, West Des Moines, IA (4) 4. 6, Mitchell Alexander, Knoxville, IA (6) / 5. 39, Joe White, Grimes, IA (7) 6. 14, Randy Martin, California, MO (5) 7. 86, Tod Bishop, Harrisburg, IL (10) 8. 48, Bob Thompson, Des Moines, IA (9) 9. 71, Robert Bell, Colfax, IA (3) 10. 98, Curtis Thorson, Newton, IA (8).

THIRD HEAT (started), 7 LAPS - 2:03.5: 1. 41, Virgil Brandt, Des Moines, IA (2) 2. 21E, Ed Ergenbright, Newton, IA (3) 3. N14, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (7) 4. 10, Steve Wares, Knoxville, IA (1) / 5. 57, Steve Breazeale, Pleasantville, IA (4) 6. 16H, Jeff Haines, Oskaloosa, IA (8) 7. 41B, Nick Bellino, Omaha, NE (10) 8. 12x, Jerry Crabb, Des Moines, IA (6) 9. 3D, Daryl Steenhoek, Altoona, IA (9) 10. G2, Chuck Graves, Chariton, IA (5).

FOURTH HEAT (started), 7 LAPS - 2:02.5: 1. 8B, Bruce Williams, Pleasant Hill, IA (2) 2. 26, Lee Nelson, Ankeny, IA (4) 3. 34, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (1) 4. 82, Dave Van Heukelom, Pella, IA (7) / 5. 6x, Bryan Grimes, Slater, MO (5) 6. 5G, Brett Golik, Newton, IA (8) 7. 7, Billy Engelhart, Madison, WI (6) 8. 52, Walt Esch, Des Moines, IA (9) 9. 55J, Jason Pardock, Chariton, IA (3) 10. 6R, Rodney Baughman, Bloomfield, IA (10).

C MAIN (started), 6 LAPS - NO TIME: 1. Bob Thompson (2) 2. Walt Esch (4) / 3. Chris Tice (1) 4. Jerry Crabb (3) 5. Curtis Thorson (10) 6. Robert Bell (6) 7. Jason Pardock (8) 8. Chuck Graves (7) 9. Rodney Baughman (9) 10. Daryl Steenhoek (5) DNS – Bill Rooker, Jeff Johnson.

B MAIN (started), 10 LAPS - 2:56.3 (New Track Record): 1. Bruce Drottz (1) 2. Randy Martin (6) 3. Joe White (2) 4. Steve Breazeale (3) 5. Bryan Grimes (4) / 6. Nick Bellino (11) 7. Tod Smith (9) 8. Jeff Haines (7) 9. Bob Thompson (13) 10. Walt Esch (14) 11. Billy Engelhart (12) 12. Stacey Alexander (5) 13. Brett Golik (8) 14. Tod Bishop (10).

A MAIN (started), 15 LAPS - NO TIME: 1. Lee Nelson (6) 2. David Hesmer (1) 3. Ed Ergenbright (7) 4. Mike Houseman (9) 5. Doran Doty (13) 6. Dave Van Heukelom (14) 7. Virgil Brandt (3) 8. Bryan Grimes (20) 9. Mike Brooks (11) 10. Steve Breazeale (18) 11. Bruce Williams (4) 12. Joe White (19) 13. Bruce Drottz (17) 14. Steve Wares (15) 15. Tim Deaver (10) 16. Mark Swanson (8) 17. Larry Weeks (5) 18. Tim Holzworth (2) 19. Randy Martin (16) 20. Mitchell Alexander (12). **Lap Leader:** Nelson 1-15.

5/31/97

SALDANA SPRINTS TO ALL STAR KNOXVILLE WIN



*By Bob Wilson
May 31, 1997*

KNOXVILLE, IOWA (May 31) - Like his daddy before him Joey Saldana has now won a feature event at the legendary Knoxville Raceway.

For the second generation driver, Saldana, it was a hard-fought and emotional victory in his second appearance ever for the Frigidaire All Star Circuit of Champions at this central Iowa racing oval.

Kelly Kinser utilized his front row starting nod to jump to a brief lead at the start of the 25-lap event. On the fourth circuit fellow front row starter Jaymie Moyle shot by on the high side as they ran down the back chute and had the lead as he came by the flag stand.

Moyle too enjoyed the top spot for four laps until Kenny Jacobs caught him on the ninth circuit to take the lead. Moyle fought to regain his position but was unable to eclipse the Jacobs machine.

With files in the books, Jacobs began to pull away from the field in lapped traffic until the hard charging Saldana gained the runner-up position and began to steadily close the gap.

A red flag flew on the sixteenth go around as Keith Kauffman spun, slid sideways and performed an easy roll over. Kauffman rode the tow hook to the pit area but reentered the event after repairs two laps later when a second red flag halted the race.

The single file restart on lap sixteen saw Saldana shoot by Jacobs for the lead as Terry McCarl too was able to advance several positions to inherit second place from a fading Jacobs. Jacobs dropped from the event several laps later after losing a power steering hose.

The final ten laps belonged to Saldana with McCarl able to make a challenge for the lead on a restart during the eighteenth lap. As Saldana took the \$4,000 checkered flag, McCarl exited turn four to come across the stripe for second. It was the second win for Saldana on the Frigidaire All Star Sprint tour this season in the Brad Gray Stealth sprinter.

Chasing in front runners for third was Knoxville regular Don Droud, Jr., Frankie Kerr took fourth and Leonard Lee finished fifth. Rounding out the top ten finishers were Jaymie Moyle, Skip Jackson, Dean Jacobs, Gary Wright and Bob Weuve.

A total of fifty-five 410ci sprint cars competed during the evening.



TIME TRIALS (Qualifying Order): 1. 51, Joey Saldana, Brownsburg, IN (22) 15.970; 2. 2D, Craig Dollansky, Elk River, MN (50) 15.986; 3. 1F, Dean Jacobs, Wooster, OH (1) 15.996; 4. 1BK, Don Droud Jr., Lincoln, NE (7) 16.006; 5. 23s, Frankie Kerr, Fremont, OH (35) 16.035; 6. 7, Larry Pinegar II, Des Moines, IA (6) 16.087; 7. 92, Kenny Jacobs, Holmesville, OH (9) 16.170; 8. 4K, Kelly Kinser, Bloomington, IN (26) 16.189; 9. 10, Jaymie Moyle, Knoxville, IA (4) 16.253; 10. 16L, Leonard Lee, Milo, IA (12) 16.263; 11. 91, John Sernett, Savage, MN (8) 16.276; 12. 8h, Terry McCarl, Pleasant Hill, IA (27) 16.280; 13. 50, Tim Shaffer, Aliquippa, PA (40) 16.282; 14. 48, Dennis Moore Jr., Grinnell, IA (17) 16.319; 15. 9, Gary Wright, Hooks, TX (46) 16.336; 16. 56, Chris Walraven, Knoxville, IA (3) 16.338; 17. 3B, Van Gurley Jr., Brazil, IN (29) 16.344; 18. 9F, Sarah Fisher, Ashville, OH (54) 16.361; 19. 19, Bob Weuve, Newton, IA (31) 16.393; 20. 94, Dale Blaney, Hartford, OH (33) 16.404; 21. 4, Danny Smith, Danville, IN (5) 16.427; 22. U2, Keith Kauffman, Mifflintown, PA (37) 16.447; 23. 1J, Marlon Jones, Sioux Falls, SD (36) 16.474; 24. 55, Skip Jackson, Sydney, NSW, Aust. (52) 16.475; 25. 47, Tim St. Arnold, Des Moines, IA (23) 16.488; 26. 1s, Manny Rockhold, Pekin, IL (11) 16.492; 27. 29, Tim Baker, Sioux City, IA (30) 16.492; 28. 21, Steve Beitler, Sedro Woolley, WA (43) 16.502; 29. 92K, Chad Kemenah, Fremont, OH (21) 16.535; 30. 35, Tyler Walker, Santa Clarita, CA (15) 16.551; 31. 51J, Ryan Jamison, Burlington, IA (41) 16.589; 32. 27, Patrick Bourke, Vail, CO (16) 16.597; 33. 31, Sid Blandford, Vail, CO (18) 16.621; 34. 57c, Troy Parsons, Altoona, IA (2) 16.649; 35. 3, Daniel Coggeshell, Des Moines, IA (32) 16.652; 36. 9B, Rich Bubak, Knoxville, IA (42) 16.712; 37. 12\$, Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, OK (34) 16.723; 38. 2m, Matt Moro, Des Moines, IA (38) 16.766; 39. 12, Travis Cram, Snohomish, WA (28) 16.796; 40. 5G, Brett Golik, Newton, IA (20) 16.813; 41. 5J, Jeff Mitrison, Oskaloosa, IA (39) 16.840; 42. 1Y, Scott Young, Union Grove, WI (44) 16.843; 43. 1A, Randy Anderson, Clarion, IA (51) 16.870; 44. 18, Brian Carlson, Linden, IN (45) 17.103; 45. 7B, Dave Westercamp, Johnston, IA (14) 17.117; 46. 1K, Robert Jackson, Sydney, NSW, Aust. (49) 17.178; 47. 16H, Jeff Haines, Oskaloosa, IA (48) 17.257; 48. 8, John Bankston, Beaumont, TX (53) 17.307; 49. 5MA, Mallory Armfield, St. Joseph, MO (47) 17.343; 50. 17, Chadd Smith, Mount, Ayr, IA (13) 17.402; 51. 96, Scott Whitworth, Worthington, MO (25) 17.480; 52. 97, Todd Wessels, Ellsworth, MN (24) 17.591; 53. 1H, Jay Hughes, Knoxville, IA (10) NT; 54. 0, Randy Smith, Mount Ayr, IA (55) NT; 55. 81, Mike Reinke, Sheboygan, WI (19) NT.

FIRST HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Danny Smith (2) 2. Larry Pinegar II (5) 3. Chris Walraven (3) 4. Joey Saldana (6) / 5. John Sernett (4) 6. Scott Whitworth (11) 7. Ryan Jamison (7) 8. Rich Bubak (8) 9. Robert Jackson (10) 10. Manny Rockhold (1) 11. Jeff Mitrison (9).

SECOND HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Keith Kauffman (2) 2. Van Gurley Jr. (3) 3. Terry McCarl (4) 4. Kenny Jacobs (5) / 5. Patrick Bourke (7) 6. Scott Young (9) 7. Jeff Haines (10) 8. Tim Baker (1) 9. Shane Carson (8) 10. Craig Dollansky (6) DNS – Todd Wessels.

THIRD HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, 2:18.1: 1. Steve Beitler (1) 2. Tim Shaffer (4) 3. Marlon Jones (2) 4. Dean Jacobs (6) / 5. Kelly Kinser (5) 6. Matt Moro (8) 7. Sid Blandford (7) 8. Sarah Fisher (3) 9. John Bankston (9) DNS – Randy Anderson, Jay Hughes.

FOURTH HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, 2:18.1: 1. Skip Jackson (2) 2. Dennis Moore Jr. (4) 3. Don Droud Jr. (6) 4. Jaymie Moyle (5) / 5. Chad Kemenah (1) 6. Bob Weuve (3) 7. Travis Cram (8) 8. Troy Parsons (7) 9. Mallory Armfield (10) 10. Brian Carlson (9) DNS – Randy Smith.

FIFTH HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, 2:14.2: 1. Tyler Walker (1) 2. Tim St. Arnold (2) 3. Gary Wright (4) 4. Frankie Kerr (6) / 5. Leonard Lee (5) 6. Daniel Coggeshell (7) 7. Dave Westercamp (9) 8. Brett Golik (8) 9. Chadd Smith (10) 10. Dale Blaney (3).

C MAIN (started), 10 LAPS, 2:56.5: 1. Craig Dollansky (1) 2. Rich Bubak (3) 3. Tim Baker (5) 4. Troy Parsons (2) 5. Brett Golik (5) / 6. Robert Jackson (6) 7. Brian Carlson (9) 8. Chadd Smith (10) 9. Mallory Armfield (8) 10. Shane Carson (4) DNS – Sarah Fisher, Manny Rockhold, Dale Blaney, Randy Anderson, John Bankston, Randy Anderson.

DASH (started), 4 LAPS, 1:07.4: 1. Frankie Kerr (1) 2. Don Droud Jr. (2) 3. Joey Saldana (4) 4. Terry McCarl (6) 5. Dean Jacobs (3) 6. Kenny Jacobs (5).

B MAIN (started), 12 LAPS NO TIME: 1. Leonard Lee (3) 2. Kelly Kinser (2) 3. Bob Weuve (5) 4. Chad Kemenah (7) / 5. Travis Cram (15) 6. Ryan Jamison (8) 7. John Sernett (4) 8. Matt Moro (14) 9. Troy Parsons (11) 10. Scott Young (17) 11. Jeff Haines (19) 12. Brett Golik (16) 13. Dave Westercamp (18) 14. Craig Dollansky (1) 15. Scott Whitworth (20) 16. Sid Blandford (10) 17. Daniel Coggeshell (12) 18. Patrick Bourke (9) 19. Tim Baker (6) 20. Rich Bubak (13).

A MAIN (started), 25 LAPS ,NO TIME: 1. Joey Saldana (8) 2. Terry McCarl (10) 3. Don Droud Jr. (6) 4. Frankie Kerr (5) 5. Leonard Lee (9) 6. Jaymie Moyle (1) 7. Skip Jackson (20) 8. Dean Jacobs (7) 9. Gary Wright (13) 10. Bob Weuve (16) 11. Danny Smith (17) 12. Van Gurley Jr. (15) 13. Chris Walraven (14) 14. Dennis Moore Jr. (12) 15. Tim St. Arnold (21) 16. Steve Beitler (22) 17. Chad Kemenah (23) 18. Keith Kauffman (18) 19. Larry Pinegar II (4) 20. Kenny Jacobs (3) 21. Tyler Walker (24) 22. Kelly Kinser (2) 23. Marlon Jones (19) 24. Tim Shaffer (11). **Lap Leaders :** Kinser 1-4; Moyle 5-8; K. Jacobs 9-15; Saldana 16-25.

ENGELHART SCORES KNOXVILLE MASTERS CLASSIC WIN



*By Bob Wilson
May 31, 1997*

KNOXVILLE, IOWA (May 31) - Billy Engelhart repeated his victory of one year ago to claim the 5th annual Masters Classic Saturday night at Knoxville Raceway.

The second win for Engelhart turned out to be a race-long battle with Knoxville regular Mike Brooks. Although Brooks never led a lap in the \$2,500 to win event, he made the race interesting throughout its 22-lap distance.

Pole sitter Rick Ferkel, winner of the first three Classic events, took the lead when the race went green and held that position for the first two go arounds. On the third circuit Engelhart caught the Ohio Traveler and a side-by-side battle developed until Engelhart took the top spot as he flew by the flagstand. Ferkel stayed close but a yellow was thrown on lap five when Smokey Snellbaker spun into the berm in the first turn after a left rear tire deflated.

On the restart Engelhart set sail on the half mile oval with Brooks taking the runner up position with a quick pass of Ferkel. At this point it appeared to be a runaway for the Bill Campbell J&J sprinter as Engelhart roared to fifty yard lead, but lap traffic would prove to make the race an interesting contest.

With the race at the halfway point, Brooks began to close the gap and by the fourteenth lap the front two runners were nose to tail. On lap sixteen Brooks dove to the low side of Engelhart in turns three and four but Engelhart was not to be denied. The battle for the top spot then entered heavy lapped traffic and Engelhart was able to put some distance between himself and the challenging Brooks.

It was at this point that Brooks began to field a challenge of his own as Jerry Crabb placed his sprinter squarely behind him in third place after rim riding the big half mile to gain the show position. Crabb in fact took the second place position on the twentieth circuit but Brooks regained it on the next lap.

In the end Engelhart was just too much for the field of twenty 360ci sprinters and he pulled away to take the win in the waning laps of the event. Brooks remained second and Crabb took third. Ferkel garnered the fourth place finish and Cliff Woodward was fifth. Rounding out the top ten finishers were Clay Bontrager (Masters Classic Rookie of the Race), Ed French, Shelby Steenson, John Bankson and Darl Harrison.

A field of twenty-nine cars went through qualifying time trials with Woodward setting the standard for the second year in a row. Harrison, Crabb and Bontrager won qualifying heat events. Bill Utz took the B Main.

In ceremonies at the fairgrounds during the afternoon, 15 men were inducted into the National Sprint Car Hall of Fame. It was the 8th annual induction program.



RESULTS KNOXVILLE RACEWAY KNOXVILLE, IOWA MAY 31, 1997 FIFTH ANNUAL GOODYEAR MASTERS CLASSIC

TIME TRIALS (Qualifying Order): 1. 11, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (15) 17.009; 2. 8, John Bankston, Beaumont, TX (9) 17.138; 3. N14, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (4) 17.144; 4. 7, Billy Engelhart, Madison, WI (2) 17.355; 5. 00, Smokey Snellbaker, Dover, PA (3) 17.393; 6. 0, Rick Ferkel, Tiffin, OH (23) 17.479; 7. 7777, Edd French, Keller, TX (22) 17.528; 8. 26, Jerry Crabb, Des Moines, IA (27) 17.602; 9. 21, Lloyd Arme, Sedro Woolley, WA (18) 17.747; 10. 14, Benny Rapp, Temperance, MI (17) 17.828; 11. 81, Harold McGilton, Fremont, OH (8) 17.841; 12. 6s, Shelby Steenson, Salina, KS (25) 17.848; 13. 44, Darl Harrison, Tiffin, OH (19) 17.990; 14. 21B, Jon Backlund, Kansas City, KS (17) 18.021; 15. 7B, Clay Bontrager, Hutchinson, KS (15) 18.047; 16. 84, Dave Heskin, Monticello, MN (13) 18.182; 17. 61, Earnest Jennings, Norman, OK (23) 18.228; 18. 56, Bill Utz, Sedalia, MO (20) 18.262; 19. 27, Lue Holland, McCallsburg, IA (28) 18.262; 20. G2, Chuck Graves, Chariton, IA (11) 18.459; 21. 33, Bill Smith, Worthington, MN (5) 18.464; 22. 5, Ned Fry, West Burlington, IA (26) 18.575; 23. 58, Ken Townsend, Elmira, NY (6) 18.720; 24. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (7) 19.011; 25. 16, Jerry Nemire, Erie, MI (12) 19.088; 26. 42, Otto Scrape, Orange Park, FL (29) 19.170; 27. 24, George Pedrick, Orange Park, FL (10) 20.060; 28. 1D, Jerry Johnston, Rio Rancho, NM (24) 21.414; 29. 126, James Alexander, Lacona, IA (1) 22.626.

FIRST HEAT (started), 7 LAPS, 2:14.9: 1. Darl Harrison (4) 2. Billy Engelhart (7) 3. Edd French (6) 4. Dave Heskin (3) 5. Cliff Woodward (8) 6. Ned Fry (1) / 7. Benny Rapp (5) 8. Jerry Nemire (9) 9. Jerry Johnston (10) 10. Lue Holland (2).

SECOND HEAT (started), 7 LAPS, 2:06.9 (NEW EVENT RECORD) 1. Jerry Crabb (6) 2. Jon Backlund (4) 3. Smokey Snellbaker (7) 4. Earnest Jennings (3) 5. John Bankston (8) 6. Harold McGilton (5) / 7. Ken Townsend (1) 8. Chuck Graves (2) 9. James Alexander (9) DNS – Otto Scrape.

THIRD HEAT (started), 7 LAPS, 2:09.8: 1. Clay Bontrager (4) 2. Mike Brooks (8) 3. Rick Ferkel (7) 4. Lloyd Arney (6) 5. Bill Smith (2) 6. Shelby Steenson (5) / 7. Bill Utz (3) 8. Mike Thomas (1) 9. George Pedrick (9).

B MAIN (started), 8 LAPS, 2:38.9 (NEW EVENT RECORD): 1. Bill Utz (2) 2. Benny Rapp (1) / 3. Ken Townsend (5) 4. Lue Holland (3) 5. Chuck Graves (4) 6. Mike Thomas (6) 7. Jerry Johnston (8) 8. George Pedrick (7) 9. James Alexander (9) DNS – Jerry Nemire, Otto Scrape.

A MAIN (started), 22 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Billy Engelhart (3) 2. Mike Brooks (4) 3. Jerry Crabb (8) 4. Rick Ferkel (1) 5. Cliff Woodward (6) 6. Clay Bontrager (14) 7. Edd French (7) 8. Shelby Steenson (11) 9. John Bankston (5) 10. Darl Harrison (12) 11. Smokey Snellbaker (2) 12. Lloyd Arney (9) 13. Harold McGilton (10) 14. Dave Heskin (15) 15. Bill Utz (19) 16. Bill Smith (17) 17. Earnest Jennings (16) 18. Jon Backlund (13) 19. Ned Fry (18) 20. Benny Rapp (20). **Lap Leaders:** Ferkel 1-2; Engelhart 3-22.

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RAIN DELAYS THEN CANCELS KNOXVILLE SPRINTS



*By Bob Wilson
June 7, 1997*

KNOXVILLE, IOWA (JUNE 7) - A brief rain shower shortly after qualifying time trials and a second shower just after the 360 heat events brought a halt to the racing at Knoxville Raceway Saturday night.

After an initial delay of nearly two hours, a persistent and steady light rain later forced track officials to call off the program at 10:15 P.M.

Thirty-six 360 c.i. sprinters and thirty 410 c.i. sprinters were on hand.

The 44th annual Mid-Season Championship will be held next week, June 14, 1997.

RESULTS - KNOXVILLE RACEWAY KNOXVILLE, IOWA JUNE 7, 1997

TIME TRIALS (Qualifying Order): 1. 96, Scott Whitworth, Worthington, MO (9) 15.750; 2. 55, Skip Jackson, Sydney, NSW, Aust. (2) 15.921; 3. 56, Chris Walraven, Knoxville, IA (11) 16.001; 4. 1BK, Don Droud Jr., Lincoln, NE (23) 16.056; 5. 81, Mike Reinke, Sheboygan, WI (27) 16.118; 6. 2D, Craig Dollansky, Elk River, MN (28) 16.126; 7. 19, Bob Weuve, Newton, IA (10) 19.183; 8. 16L, Leonard Lee, Milo, IA (20) 16.188; 9. 71m, Doug Wolfgang, Sioux Falls, SD (21) 16.203; 10. 47, Tim St. Arnold, Des Moines, IA (29) 16.239; 11. 2m, Matt Moro, Des Moines, IA (16) 16.253; 12. 21, Steve Beitler, Sedro Woolley, WA (17) 16.280; 13. 10, Jaymie Moyle, Knoxville, IA (8) 16.299; 14. 29, Tim Baker, Sioux City, IA (30) 16.303; 15. 1w, Danny Lasoski, Dover, MO (6) 16.319; 16. 69, Mark Smyser, Lancaster, MO (13) 16.343; 17. 12, Travis Cram, Snohomish, WA (15) 16.363; 18. 1s, Manny Rockhold, Pekin, IL (14) 16.394; 19. 48, Dennis Moore Jr., Grinnell, IA (5) 16.417; 20. 1K, Robert Jackson, Sydney, NSW, Aust. (19) 21. 57c, Troy Parsons, Altoona, IA (7) 16.608; 22. 1Y, Scott Young, Union Grove, WI (4) 16.678; 23. 14c, Dean Chadd, Lincoln, NE (26) 16.696; 24. 16H, Jeff Haines, Oskaloosa, IA (24) 16.700; 25. 7B, Dave Westercamp, Johnston, IA (22) 16.822; 26. 1A, Randy Anderson, Clarion, IA (12) 16.876; 27. 5MA, Mallory Armfield, St. Joseph, MO (18) 17.315; 28. 11L, Larry Pinegar II, Des Moines, IA (25) 17.353; 29. 1H, Jay Hughes, Knoxville, IA (3) 17.883; 30. 51J, Ryan Jamison, Burlington, IA (1) NT.

FIRST HEAT, 8 LAPS, RAIN

SECOND HEAT, 8 LAPS, RAIN

THIRD HEAT, 8 LAPS, RAIN

B MAIN 12 LAPS RAIN

A MAIN, 20 LAPS RAIN

KNOXVILLE 360 RESULTS

FIRST HEAT (started), 7 LAPS, 2:06.4: 1. 48, Bob Thompson, Des Moines, IA (1) 2. 57, Steve Breazeale, Pleasantville, IA (3) 3. 21D, Tim Doogs, Sedalia, MO (2) 4. 11, David Hesmer, Marshalltown, IA (5) 5. 41, Virgil Brandt, Des Moines, IA (7) 6. 5G, Brett Golik, Newton, IA (6) 7. 88, Tim Holzworth, Valeria, IA (8) 8. 27T, Chris Tice, Lynnville, IA (9) 9. 98, Curtis Thorson, Newton, IA (4).

SECOND HEAT (started), 7 LAPS, 2:02.6: 1. 14, Randy Martin, California, MO (2) 2. 11P, Daryn Pittman, Owasso, OK (1) 3. 34, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (4) 4. 18, Bruce Drottz, Des Moines, IA (3) 5. 21E, Ed Ergenbright, Newton, IA (6) 6. 64H, Mike Heronemus, Ashton, IA (7) 7. 31, Tod Smith, Altoona, IA (8) 8. 10, Steve Wares, Knoxville, IA (9) 9. 71, Robert Bell, Colfax, IA (5).

THIRD HEAT (started), 7 LAPS, 2:09.8: 1. 26, Lee Nelson, Ankeny, IA (1) 2. 52, Walt Esch, Des Moines, IA (4) 3. 00, Larry Weeks, Montezuma, IA (8) 4. 27, Jeff Johnson, Ames, IA (6) 5. 3D, Daryl Steenhoek, Altoona, IA (5) 6. 86, Tod Bishop, Harrisburg, IL (7) 7. G2, Chuck Graves, Chariton, IA (2) 8. 6R, Rodney Baughman, Bloomfield, IA (9) 9. 126, Stacey Alexander, Lacona, IA (3).

FOURTH HEAT (started), 7 LAPS, 1:58.7: 1. N14, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (1) 2. 8B, Bruce Williams, Pleasant Hill, IA (2) 3. Y5, Mike Houseman, Des Moines, IA (4) 4. 77, Terry Alexander, Knoxville, IA (3) 5. 61J, Danny Jennings, Norman, OK (7) 6. 9H, Doran Doty, Des Moines, IA (6) 7. 6, Mitchell Alexander, Knoxville, IA (5) 8. 82, Dave Van Heukelom, Pella, IA (8) 9. 29m, Eric Mason, Knoxville, IA (9).

B MAIN, 8 LAPS, RAIN

A MAIN, 15 LAPS, RAIN

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DROUD, JR. IS NINTH KNOXVILLE SPRINT WINNER OF SEASON



*By Bob Wilson
June 14, 1997*

KNOXVILLE, IOWA - June 14 - Don Droud, Jr. became the ninth different winner in as many weeks as he charged from his fourth row starting position to claim his first feature event win at Knoxville Raceway Saturday night before a crowd estimated at 8,000.

The initial lap of the ten mile sprint was claimed by Ryan Jamison but Droud found the high line to work well with his McCormick-Orth owned Stevenson chassis and he roared into second place at the end of the first

circuit. From there he dove below Jamison in turns three and four and claimed the top spot as he came by the flag stand. With no traffic to slow his down, Droud pulled away to a commanding lead on the ensuing laps.

Lap six saw a yellow flag displayed for a spun car and a quick red brought the field to a halt when Robert Jackson stopped on the front chute with the fuel tank engulfed in flames. The punctured tank fed the flames and repeated efforts by the fire crew brought the fire under control after some dramatic and heroic moments. It was reported that Jackson was not injured.

On the single file restart Droud again took control of the race and at the half way point Craig Dollansky charged into the runner-up spot with Jamison holding third. A second caution flag flew on the fifteenth go around setting the stage for a trophy dash finish.

When the green flew again on the single file restart Dollansky tried every way in the book to get around Droud but was never successful. Skip Jackson and Doug Wolfgang made passes on the restart to challenge the leaders but they too ran out of laps in the end.

"I've dreamed about winning at this place," a happy Don Droud, Jr. exclaimed in victory lane. And he chose a good time to do so as the 44th annual Mid-Season Championship paid \$3,000 to the second generation driver. Dollansky claimed second, Jackson and Wolfgang remained third and fourth respectively and Jamison settled for fifth. Rounding out the top ten finishers were Jaymie Moyle, Dennis Moore, Jr., Chris Walraven, Bob Weuve and Mike Reinke.

David Hesmer scored a dramatic win in the Knoxville 360 sprint division as he made a final lap pass coming out of turn four to pass the two front runners for the victory. Hesmer's second win of the season in the Ergenbright Gambler paid him \$1,250. Race-long leader Mike Houseman settled for second and Steve Breazeale was third. Randy Martin and Tim Deaver rounded out the top five finishers.

Forty 360 c.i. and thirty-seven 410 sprints competed during the evening. Hard Charger awards went to Tod Bishop in 360 c.i sprints and Dennis Moore, Jr. in 410 c.i. sprints.

RESULTS - KNOXVILLE RACEWAY - KNOXVILLE, IOWA JUNE 14, 1997

TIME TRIALS (Qualifying Order): 1. 96, Scott Whitworth, Worthington, MO (10) 15.716; 2. 83, Randy Hannagan, San Jose, CA (18) 15.939; 3. 55, Skip Jackson, Sysney, NSW, Aust. (6) 16.015; 4. 71m, Doug Wolfgang, Sioux Falls, SD (37) 16.021; 5. 91, John Sernett, Savage, MN (1) 16.077; 6. 81, Mike Reinke, Sheboygan, WI (24) 16.139; 7. 7, Larry Pinegar II, Des Moines, IA (34) 16.151; 8. 1BK, Don Droud Jr., Lincoln, NE (11) 16.196; 9. 16L, Leonard Lee, Milo, IA (2) 16.201; 10. 2D, Craig Dollansky, Elk River, MN (23) 16.209; 11. 2m, Matt Moro, Des Moines, IA (31) 16.247; 12. 25, Chad Radel, Sioux Falls, SD (13) 16.257; 13. 0, Randy Smith, Mount Ayr, IA (3) 16.341; 14. 48, Dennis Moore Jr., Grinnell, IA (30) 16.346; 15. 47, Tim St. Arnold, Des Moines, IA (28) 16.387; 16. 12, Travis Cram, Snohomish, WA (5) 16.392; 17. 5J, Jeff Mitrisin, Oskaloosa, IA (12) 16.394; 18. 69, Mark Smyser, Lancaster, MO (21) 16.396; 19. 29, Tim Baker, Sioux City, IA (27) 16.427; 20. 10, Jaymie Moyle, Knoxville, IA (14) 16.481; 21. 19, Bob Weuve, Newton, IA (8) 16.503; 22. 56, Chris Walraven, Knoxville, IA (9) 16.540; 23. 1s, Manny Rockhold, Pekin, IL (20) 16.568; 24. 14c, Dean Chadd, Lincoln, NE (16) 16.583; 25. 51J, Ryan Jamison, Burlington, IA (36) 16.591; 26. 1J, Marlon Jones, Sioux Falls, SD (34) 16.601; 27. 1K, Robert Jackson, Sydney, NSW, Aust. (26) 16.668; 28. 11, David Ekern, Flandreau, SD (35) 16.695; 29. 9, Rich Bubak, Knoxville, IA (25) 16.779; 30. 57c, Troy Parsons, Altoona, IA (15) 16.783; 31. 16H, Jeff Haines, Oskaloosa, IA (7) 16.841; 32. 48x, Bob Thompson, Des Moines, IA (4) 16.907; 33. 1A, Randy Anderson, Clarion, IA (18) 16.948; 34. 7B, Dave Westercamp, Johnston, IA (29) 17.108; 35. 2A, Randy Hibbs,

Savannah, MO (17) 17.213; 36. 17, Chadd Smith, Mount Ayr, IA (19) 17.365; 37. 1H, Jay Hughes, Knoxville, IA (22) NT.

FIRST HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, 2:15.5: 1. Leonard Lee (6) 2. Rich Bubak (1) 3. Ryan Jamison (2) 4. Bob Weuve (3) / 5. Scott Whitworth (8) 6. Jeff Mitrison (4) 7. John Sernett (7) 8. Randy Smith (5) 9. Randy Anderson (9).

SECOND HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, 2:14.2: 1. Craig Dollansky (6) 2. Troy Parsons (1) 3. Chris Walraven (3) 4. Randy Hannagan (8) / 5. Mark Smyser (4) 6. Marlon Jones (2) 7. Mike Reinke (7) 8. Dennis Moore Jr. (5) 9. Dave Westercamp (9).

THIRD HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, 2:18.7: 1. Skip Jackson (8) 2. Robert Jackson (2) 3. Larry Pinegar II (7) 4. Jeff Haines (1) / 5. Matt Moro (6) 6. Manny Rockhold (3) 7. Tim St. Arnold (5) 8. Randy Hibbs (9) 9. Tim Baker (4).

FOURTH HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, 2:17.0: 1. Jaymie Moyle (4) 2. Don Droud Jr. (7) 3. Doug Wolfgang (8) 4. Travis Cram (5) / 5. Bob Thompson (1) 6. Chad Radel (6) 7. Dave Ekern (2) 8. Chadd Smith (9) 9. Dean Chadd (3).

B MAIN (started), 12 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Scott Whitworth (1) 2. Mike Reinke (3) 3. Dennis Moore Jr. (7) 4. Matt Moro (4) 5. Manny Rockhold (12) 6. John Sernett (2) / 7. Marlon Jones (14) 8. Tim St. Arnold (8) 9. Randy Anderson (15) ... also: Chad Radel (5), Randy Smith (6), Jeff Mitrison (9), Mark Smyser (10), Tim Baker (11), David Ekern (13), Bob Thompson (16), Chadd Smith (17), Dave Westercamp (18) ... DNS – Dean Chadd, Randy Hibbs.

A MAIN (started), 20 LAPS, NT: 1. Don Droud Jr. (8) 2. Craig Dollansky (6) 3. Skip Jackson (11) 4. Doug Wolfgang (10) 5. Ryan Jamison (1) 6. Jaymie Moyle (4) 7. Dennis Moore Jr. (15) 8. Chris Walraven (2) 9. Bob Weuve (3) 10. Mike Reinke (18) 11. Matt Moro (20) 12. Travis Cram (5) 13. Rich Bubak (14) 14. John Sernett (19) 15. Manny Rockhold (17) 16. Larry Pinegar II (9) 17. Leonard Lee (7) 18. Randy Hannagan (12) 19. Jeff Haines (16) 20. Robert Jackson (13) DNS – Scott Whitworth, Troy Parsons. **Lap Leaders:** Jamison 1; Droud Jr. 2-20.

KNOXVILLE 360 RESULTS

FIRST HEAT (started), 7 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. 14, Randy Martin, California, MO (2) 2. 41, Virgil Brandt, Des Moines, IA (1) 3. 5G, Brett Golik, Newton, IA (3) 4. 27T, Chris Tice, Lynnville, IA (4) / 5. 00, Larry Weeks, Montezuma, IA (8) 6. 18, Bruce Drottz, Des Moines, IA (7) 7. 9H, Doran Doty, Des Moines, IA (5) 8. 06, Steve Richards, Oak Grove, MO (10) 9. 4, Dave Middleswart, Indianola, IA (6) 10. 126, Stacey Alexander, Lacona, IA (9).

SECOND HEAT (started), 7 LAPS, 2:04.6: 1. N14, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (7) 2. 11, David Hesmer, Marshalltown, IA (10) 3. 31, Tod Smith, Altoona, IA (3) 4. 3D, Daryl Steenhoek, Altoona, IA (5) / 5. 77, Terry Alexander, Knoxville, IA (4) 6. 8B, Bruce Williams, Pleasant Hill, IA (8) 7. 21, Mark Swanson, West Des Moines, IA (6) 8. G2, Chuck Graves, Chariton, IA (1) 9. 71, Robert Bell, Colfax, IA (2) 10. 55J, Jason Pardock, Chariton, IA (9).

THIRD HEAT (started), 7 LAPS, 2:05.6: 1. 57, Steve Breazeale, Pleasantville, IA (2) 2. 10, Steve Wares, Knoxville, IA (3) 3. Y5, Mike Houseman, Des Moines, IA (6) 4. 64H, Mike Heronemus, Ashton, IA (1) 5. 88, Tim Holzworth, Valeria, IA (5) 6. 82, Dave Van Heukelom, Pella, IA (8) 7. 86, Tod Bishop, Harrisburg, IL (9) 8. 98, Curtis Thorson, Newton, IA (4) 9. 71x, Chuck Hines, Marshall, MO (7) 10. 27, Jeff Johnson, Ames, IA (10).

FOURTH HEAT (started), 7 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. 21E, Ed Ergenbright, Newton, IA (1) 2. 12x, Jerry Crabb, Des Moines, IA (6) 3. 34, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (2) 4. 21D, Tim Doogs, Sedalia, MO (8) / 5. 41B, Nick Bellino, Omaha, NE (4) 6. 52, Walt Esch, Des Moines, IA (3) 7. 6, Mitchell Alexander, Knoxville, IA (5) 8. 6R, Rodney Baughman, Bloomfield, IA (10) 9. 39, Joe White, Grimes, IA (7) 10. 26, Lee Nelson, Ankeny, IA (9).

C MAIN (started), 6 LAPS NO TIME: 1. Dave Middleswart (5) 2. Steve Richards (1) / 3. Chuck Hines (7) 4. Stacey Alexander (11) 5. Curtis Thorson (3) 6. Jeff Johnson (9) 7. Jason Pardock (6) 8. Robert Bell (8) 9. Joe White (10) 10. Rodney Baughman (4) 11. Chuck Graves (2) 12. Lee Nelson (12).

B MAIN (started), 8 LAPS, 2:25.9: 1. Larry Weeks (1) 2. Doran Doty (9) 3. Terry Alexander (2) 4. Tod Bishop (11) / 5. Steve Richards (14) 6. Bruce Williams (6) 7. Walt Esch (8) 8. Mitchell Alexander (12) 9. Mark Swanson (10) 10. Dave Middleswart (13) 11. Tim Holzworth (3) 12. Nick Bellino (4).

A MAIN (started), 15 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. David Hesmer (7) 2. Mike Houseman (2) 3. Steve Breazeale (10) 4. Randy Martin (12) 5. Tim Deaver (1) 6. Steve Wares (6) 7. Virgil Brandt (8) 8. Doran Doty (18) 9. Mike Brooks (11) 10. Tod Bishop (20) 11. Brett Golik (4) 12. Terry Alexander (19) 13. Ed Ergenbright (7) 14. Tim Doogs (16) 15. Tod Smith (3) 16. Daryl Steenhoek (14) 17. Chris Tice (13) 18. Mike Heronemus (15) 19. Jerry Crabb (5) 20. Larry Weeks (17). **Lap Leaders:** Houseman 1-18; Breazeale 19; Hesmer 20.

6/21/97

SEVERE WEATHER CANCELS RACES

*By Tom Eppstein
June 21, 1997*

KNOXVILLE, IOWA - June 21 - Saturday morning at 3:04 am the National Weather Service in Des Moines issued a Severe Thunderstorm Warning for all of Marion County, Iowa. The severe thunderstorm warning included the cities of Pleasantville, Melcher-Dallas and Knoxville. At 3:05 am a severe thunderstorm raced through the city of Pleasantville causing major power outages and downing numerous trees. 10 minutes later the storm reached Knoxville.

As the storm approached, a wall of wind preceding the storm whipped through the area. The storm reached the city at 3:15 am and winds up to 90 mile per hour caused the downing of trees throughout the city. The racetrack received minor damage, and no injuries were reported during the storm. Two of the grain bins at McCormick's Feed and Grain were toppled, causing the contents to scatter over several city blocks. Trees throughout town cracked under the pressure of the fierce winds, bringing down power lines and causing the city to be blackened.

As of 9:00 am Saturday morning, most of the fallen trees had been moved off of the roadways and power had been restored to most area residents. The northern area of the city was still without power as of 11:00 am causing the Raceway to cancel this evening racing event. The Governor has been asked to declare the county and the city of Knoxville a disaster area to help residents clean-up following this devastation.

Throughout the night, the local fire and rescue personnel and the local sheriffs and police departments, as well as the city crews worked tirelessly to remove the debris from the city streets and to help restore a semblance of order to the city of Knoxville. We wish to thank these men and women for their help and their dedication to helping others.

The races will continue next week, and thanks to these individuals the residents of this city will be able to return to their daily tasks sooner, and with less pain.

At 11:30 am Saturday, Marion County was declared a State disaster area. This will enable local residents to receive some State aid in the clean-up of their homes.

Due to Saturday's powerful rain/wind storm and the resulting power failures, the Knoxville Raceway Hall of Fame awards presentation will be rescheduled (possibly in early July), although it is not known at the present time if the "Nostalgia at Knoxville" vintage exhibition racing events will be able to be rescheduled for a later date.

The next scheduled racing event at Knoxville Raceway is Saturday, June 28, "Brenton Banks Twin Features Night" of 360-cubic-inch and 410-cubic inch winged sprint car racing.

6/28/97

TWIN FEATURES NIGHT SEES FOUR DIFFERENT WINNERS



*By Bob Wilson
June 14, 1997*

KNOXVILLE, IOWA - June 28 - The annual Twin Features Night saw four winners enter the record books at Knoxville Raceway Saturday night. Skip Jackson and John Sernett became the tenth and eleventh different 410 c.i. winners in ten weeks of competition this season, a record at this historic racing facility. David Hesmer and Steve Breazeale were winners in the 360 c.i. division in front of an estimated crowd of 8,000.

Jackson, the Australian sprint car Driver of the Year in the Australian National Sprint car Poll and the World Series Sprint car champion, captured the first 16-lap feature event in a race in which he led flag to flag. It was his fourth career win here and it came in the Serace, Inc. #55. Leonard Lee, who challenged Jackson at the five mile mark, was slowed by lapped traffic and finished second. Doug Wolfgang took third, Don Droud, Jr. was fourth and Craig Dollansky captured fifth.

In the inverted second feature event, John Sernett took his third career win in a race which saw several lead changes in the final laps. Brent Antill, in his first appearance this year on the Knoxville half mile, swapped the point position with Sernett but was never able to maintain the momentum to hold the lead on the dry-slick track. Sernett placed his self-owned #91 by less than a car length ahead of Antill at the checkered. Dollansky roared from near the rear of the field to place third just behind the Antill machine. Steve Beitler finished fourth and Jackson came from the tail to place fifth.

David Hesmer, the current points leader, was the class of the field in the 360 sprint division. In the first 15-lap feature he roared away from the twenty car field to take his thirty-second feature event, a division leading mark. Randy Martin, Steve Wares, Mike Houseman and Mike Brooks formed the top five finishers. The inverted second feature went to Steve Breazeale in his tenth career win in the 360 division. Brooks took the runner-up spot, Hesmer was third, Tim Holzworth finished fourth and Bob Thompson captured fifth.



Thirty-eight 360 c.i. and thirty-four 410 sprints competed during the evening.

RESULTS - KNOXVILLE RACEWAY - KNOXVILLE, IOWA JUNE 28, 1997

TIME TRIALS (Qualifying Order): 1. 48, Dennis Moore Jr., Grinnell, IA (1) 16.059; 2. 96, Scott Whitworth, Worthington, MO (30) 16.233; 3. 16L, Leonard Lee, Milo, IA (14) 16.244; 4. 81, Mike Reinke, Sheboygan, WI (4) 16.272; 5. 91, John Sernett,

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Savage, MN (9) 16.311; 6. 55, Skip Jackson, Sydney, NSW, Aust. (21) 16.317; 7. 1BK, Don Droud Jr., Lincoln, NE (28) 16.354; 8. 56, Chris Walraven, Knoxville, IA (24) 16.429; 9. 7, Larry Pinegar II, Des Moines, IA (12) 16.466; 10. 12, Travis Cram, Snohomish, WA (8) 16.487; 11. 2D, Craig Dollansky, Elk River, MN (6) 16.506; 12. 71m, Doug Wolfgang, Sioux Falls, SD (2) 16.528; 13. 21, Steve Beitler, Sedro Woolley, WA (7) 16.530; 14. 5J, Jeff Mitrison, Oskaloosa, IA (11) 16.540; 15. 51J, Ryan Jamison, Burlington, IA (10) 16.586; 16. 69, Mark Smyser, Lancaster, MO (5) 16.592; 17. 10, Jaymie Moyle, Knoxville, IA (27) 16.842; 18. 1s, Manny Rockhold, Pekin, IL (22) 16.904; 19. 86, John Kearney, Ozawkie, KS (25) 16.975; 20. 57c, Troy Parsons, Altoona, IA (33) 16.979; 21. 2x, Pat Moore, Moline, IL (34) 16.997; 22. 1, Brent Antill, Huxley, IA (16) 17.047; 23. 2m, Matt Moro, Des Moines, IA (13) 17.112; 24. 16H, Jeff Haines, Oskaloosa, IA (20) 17.181; 25. 47, Tim St. Arnold, Des Moines, IA (31) 17.191; 26. 7B, Dave Westercamp, Johnston, IA (3) 17.350; 27. 7H, John Hall, Marion, IA (26) 17.360; 28. 1Y, Scott Young, Union Grove, WI (15) 17.423; 29. 19, Bob Weuve, Newton, IA (19) 17.442; 30. 1A, Randy Anderson, Clarion, IA (18) 17.461; 31. 1K, Billy Anderson, Elk River, MN (29) 17.503; 32. 17, Chadd Smith, Mount Ayr, IA (23) 18.278; 33. 55KC, Bob Hildreth, Iowa Falls, IA (17) 18.353; 34. 1H, Jay Hughes, Knoxville, IA (32) 18.437.

FIRST HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, 2:25.7: 1. Tim St. Arnold (2) 2. Jaymie Moyle (4) 3. Bob Weuve (1) 4. Dennis Moore Jr. (8) / 5. John Sernett (7) 6. Steve Beitler (5) 7. Pat Moore (3) 8. Bob Hildreth (9) 9. Larry Pinegar II (6).

SECOND HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, 2:26.2: 1. Brent Antill (3) 2. Jeff Mitrison (5) 3. Scott Whitworth (8) 4. Skip Jackson (7) / 5. Randy Anderson (1) 6. Manny Rockhold (4) 7. Travis Cram (6) 8. Dave Westercamp (2) 9. Jay Hughes (9).

THIRD HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Billy Anderson (1) 2. John Kearney (4) 3. Craig Dollansky (6) 4. Don Droud Jr. (7) / 5. Leonard Lee (8) 6. Ryan Jamison (5) 7. John Hall (2) 8. Matt Moro (3).

FOURTH HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, 2:27.8: 1. Jeff Haines (3) 2. Doug Wolfgang (6) 3. Scott Young (2) 4. Mark Smyser (5) / 5. Mike Reinke (8) 6. Troy Parsons (4) 7. Chris Walraven (7) 8. Chadd Smith (1).

B MAIN (started), 12 LAPS NO TIME: 1. John Sernett (2) 2. Mike Reinke (1) 3. Craig Dollansky (5) 4. Ryan Jamison (8) 5. Steve Beitler (6) / 6. Matt Moro (12) 7. Manny Rockhold (9) 8. Travis Cram (4) 9. Randy Anderson (15) 10. John Hall (14) 11. Bob Hildreth (17) ... also: Chris Walraven (3), Larry Pinegar II (7), Troy Parsons (10), Pat Moore (11), Dave Westercamp (13), Chadd Smith (16), Jay Hughes (18).

FIRST A MAIN (started), 16 LAPS, 5:14.1: 1. Skip Jackson (4) 2. Leonard Lee (3) 3. Doug Wolfgang (6) 4. Don Droud Jr. (5) 5. Craig Dollansky (19) 6. Dennis Moore Jr. (1) 7. Jaymie Moyle (9) 8. Jeff Mitrison (7) 9. Tim St. Arnold (13) 10. Scott Whitworth (2) 11. John Kearney (8) 12. Jeff Haines (10) 13. Scott Young (12) 14. Ryan Jamison (18) 15. Brent Antill (11) 16. John Sernett (17) 17. Mike Reinke (16) 18. Bob Weuve (15) 19. Billy Anderson (14) 20. Steve Beitler (20) DNS – Mark Smyser. **Lap Leaders:** Jackson 1-16.

SECOND A MAIN (started), 16 LAPS, 5:26.1: 1. John Sernett (5) 2. Brent Antill (6) 3. Craig Dollansky (16) 4. Steve Beitler (1) 5. Skip Jackson (20) 6. Ryan Jamison (7) 7. Jaymie Moyle (14) 8. Jeff Mitrison (13) 9. Leonard Lee (19) 10. John Kearney (10) 11. Doug Wolfgang (18) 12. Don Droud Jr. (17) 13. Jeff Haines (9) 14. Dennis Moore Jr. (15) 15. Scott Whitworth (11) 16. Tim St. Arnold (12) 17. Billy Anderson (2) 18. Scott Young (8) 19. Mike Reinke (4) 20. Bob Weuve (3). **Lap Leaders:** Beitler 1; Sernett 2-16.

KNOXVILLE 360 RESULTS

FIRST HEAT (started), 7 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. 14, Randy Martin, California, MO (2) 2. 57, Steve Breazeale, Pleasantville, IA (4) 3. 18, Bruce Drottz, Des Moines, IA (1) 4. N14, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (8) / 5. 26, Lee Nelson, Ankeny, IA (7) 6. 12x, Jerry Crabb, Des Moines, IA (9) 7. 23, Ed Rotert, Mount Ayr, IA (10) ...

also: 6, Mitchell Alexander, Knoxville, IA (3), 52, Walt Esch, Des Moines, IA (5), 9H, Doran Doty, Des Moines, IA.

SECOND HEAT (started), 7 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. 11, David Hesmer, Marshalltown, IA (3) 2. 80, Duane Van Heukelom, Colfax, IA (4) 3. 21, Mark Swanson, West Des Moines, IA (1) 4. 77, Terry Alexander, Knoxville, IA (2) / 5. 21N, Don Anderson, Burlington, IA (5) 6. 55J, Jason Pardock, Chariton, IA (10) ... also: 00, Larry Weeks, Montezuma, IA (6), 82, Dave Van Heukelom, Pella, IA (7), 27, Jeff Johnson, Ames, IA (8), 98, Curtis Thorson, Newton, IA (9).

THIRD HEAT (started), 7 LAPS, 2:13.5: 1. 10, Steve Wares, Knoxville, IA (1) 2. 21E, Ed Ergenbright, Newton, IA (2) 3. 5G, Brett Golik, Newton, IA (6) 4. 41, Virgil Brandt, Des Moines, IA (5) / 5. 88, Tim Holzworth, Valeria, IA (7) 6. 21D, Tim Doogs, Sedalia, IA (8) 7. 126, Stacey Alexander, Lacona, IA (4) 8. 3D, Daryl Steenhoek, Altoona, IA (3) 9. 29, Steve Pickering, Albany MO (9).

FOURTH HEAT (started), 7 LAPS, 2:12.9: 1. Y5, Mike Houseman, Des Moines, IA (1) 2. 86, Tod Bishop, Harrisburg, IL (2) 3. 48, Bob Thompson, Des Moines, IA (6) 4. 27T, Chris Tice, Lynnvill, IA (8) / 5. 34, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (3) 6. 4, Dave Middleswart, Indianola, IA (9) 7. 8B, Bruce Williams, Pleasant Hill, IA (7) 8. 31, Tod Smith, Altoona, IA (5) 9. 12m, Brett Mather, Ames, IA (4).

B MAIN (started), 10 LAPS, 3:18.8: 1. Lee Nelson (1) 2. Ed Rotert (9) 3. Bruce Williams (11) 4. Tim Holzworth (3) 5. Don Anderson (2) / 6. Tim Deaver (4) 7. Dave Middleswart (8) 8. Tod Smith (13) 9. Stacey Alexander (10) 10. Jerry Crabb (5) 11. Brett Mather (15) 12. Mitchell Alexander (17) 13. Daryl Steenhoek (12) 14. Jason Pardock (6) 15. Steve Pickering (14) ... also: Tim Doogs (7), Larry Weeks (16), Doran Doty (18).

FIRST A MAIN (started), 15 LAPS, 4:46.3: 1. David Hesmer (2) 2. Randy Martin (1) 3. Steve Wares (3) 4. Mike Houseman (4) 5. Mike Brooks (11) 6. Steve Breazeale (5) 7. Bruce Drottz (9) 7. Duane Van Heukelom (6) 9. Tod Bishop (8) 10. Bob Thompson (12) 11. Virgil Brandt (13) 12. Bruce Williams (17) 13. Ed Ergenbright (7) 14. Terry Alexander (14) 15. Lee Nelson (15) 16. Ed Rotert (18) 17. Don Anderson (19) 18. Tim Holzworth (20) 19. Mark Swanson (10) 20. Chris Tice (16). **Lap Leaders:** Hesmer 1-15.

SECOND A MAIN (started), 15 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Steve Breazeale (15) 2. Mike Brooks (16) 3. David Hesmer (20) 4. Tim Holzworth (3) 5. Bob Thompson (11) 6. Ed Rotert (5) 7. Lee Nelson (6) 8. Tod Bishop (12) 9. Mark Swanson (2) 10. Steve Wares (18) 11. Bruce Williams (9) 12. Terry Alexander (7) 13. Ed Ergenbright (8) 14. Mike Houseman (17) 15. Bruce Drottz (14) 16. Don Anderson (4) 17. Randy Martin (19) 18. Chris Tice (1) 19. Virgil Brandt (10) 20. Duane Van Heukelom (13) **Lap Leaders:** Swanson 1-2; Holzworth 3-8; Breazeale 9-15.

7/4/97

SAMMY SWINDELL TAKES WOO IOWA ETHANOL CLASSIC PRELIM



By Bob Wilson

July 4, 1997

KNOXVILLE, IOWA - July 4, 1997 - Sammy Swindell drove a near-perfect race to capture the preliminary night feature event at the 2nd annual World of Outlaws (WoO) Iowa Ethanol Classic at Knoxville Raceway Friday night.

Swindell, who sat on the pole position, took the lead at the drop of the green flag and never relinquished that position in a 20-lap event that went non-stop. His challenger throughout the race was Jac Haudenschild, a

second row starter, who trailed Swindell the entire ten mile distance and came close to Swindell's Channellock Gambler only when lapped traffic impeded the 1983 Nationals champ.

Swindell used the narrow cushion which had formed dangerously close to the high board fences but was able to have equal success on the half-mile oval when he dove to the low side in traffic. The WoO points leader became the first repeat winner at Knoxville Raceway after eleven events as he additionally captured the WoO opener in late April. It was his 37th feature event win at this Iowa race facility.

Jac Haudenschild's second place finish was a high water mark for the Ohio native after several years of frustration at Knoxville. Stevie Smith, who was fifth at the half-way point of the race, took third with a late race charge that saw him pass Steve Kinser on the final lap to send the multi-time Nationals champ to a fourth place finish. Dave Blaney was fifth, a position he held throughout the event. Rounding out the top ten finishers were Greg Hodnett, Mark Kinser, Andy Hillenburg, Johnny Herrera and Danny Lasoski.

A crowd estimated at 8,500 saw fifty-one sprinters go through qualifying time trials. Heat events went to Hillenburg, Hodnett, Herrera, Blaney and Lasoski. Tim St. Arnold won the C main and Jeff Swindell was victorious in the B Main.

KNOXVILLE RACEWAY - KNOXVILLE, IOWA - JULY 4, 1997 PENNZOIL WORLD OF OUTLAWS IOWA ETHANOL CLASSIC, PRELIMINARY



TIME TRIALS (Qualifying Order): 1. 5m, Mark Kinser, Oolitic, IN (30) 15.483; 2. 22, Jac Haudenschild, Wooster, OH (1) 15.770; 3. 11, Steve Kinser, Bloomington, IN (23) 15.776; 4. 10, Dave Blaney, Cortland, OH (7) 15.823; 5. 1w, Danny Lasoski, Dover, MO (31) 15.843; 6. 1, Sammy Swindell, Cordova, TN (37) 15.940; 7. 11H, Greg Hodnett, Memphis, TN (43) 16.062; 8. 19, Stevie Smith, New Oxford, PA (15) 16.073; 9. 10V, Jaymie Moyle, Knoxville, IA (10) 16.220; 10. 15, Donny Schatz, Minot, ND (11) 16.296; 11. 2, Andy Hillenburg, Broken Arrow, OK (40) 16.304; 12. 3G, Joe Gaerte, Rochester, IN (14) 16.368; 13. 47, Johnny Herrera, Tempe, AZ (45) 16.371; 14. 55, Skip Jackson, Sydney, NSW, Aust. (29) 16.411; 15. 48, Dennis Moore Jr., Grinnell, IA (26) 16.478; 16. 1J, Marlon Jones, Sioux Falls, SD (13) 16.484; 17. 2D, Craig Dollansky, Elk River, MN (18) 16.496; 18. 7TW, Jeff Swindell, Memphis, TN (28) 16.532; 19. 71m, Doug Wolfgang, Sioux Falls, SD (2) 16.607; 20. 75, Paul McMahan, Oroville, CA (8) 16.642; 21. 1BK, Don Droud Jr., Lincoln, NE (49) 16.670; 22. 86, John Kearney, Ozawkie, KS (19) 16.710; 23. 51J, Ryan Jamison, Burlington, IA (5) 16.752; 24. 19w, Bob Weuve, Newton, IA (16) 16.803; 25. 11D, Dion Hindi, Albuquerque, NM (6) 16.806; 26. 71A, Randy Anderson, Clarion, IA (3) 16.913; 27. 21x, Steve Beitler, Sedro Woolley, WA (32) 16.948; 28. 91, John Sernett, Savage, MN (51) 16.986; 29. 1s, Peter Murphy, Sydney, NSW, Aust. (12) 17.088; 30. 12, Travis Cram, Snohomish, WA (47) 17.113; 31. 81, Mike Reinke, Sheboygan, WI (42) 17.142; 32. 96, Scott Whitworth, Worthington, MO (20) 17.168; 33. 16L, Leonard Lee, Milo, IA (34) 17.269; 34. 56, Chris Walraven, Knoxville, IA (21) 17.280; 35. 1B, Brent Antill, Huxley, IA (46) 17.393; 36. 5J, Jeff Mitrisin, Oskaloosa, IA (50) 17.415; 37. 2m, Matt Moro, Des Moines, IA (36) 17.474; 38. 56c, Gerald Cressman, Hartford, SD (9) 17.524; 39. 21, Lance Blevins, Broken Arrow, OK (48) 17.537; 40. 29, Tim Baker, Sioux City, IA (41) 17.571; 41. 71, Manny Rockhold, Pekin, IL (17) 17.614; 42. 69, Mark Smyser, Lancaster, MO (27) 17.808; 43. 47T, Tim St. Arnold, Des Moines, IA (25) 17.879; 44. 9, Rich Bubak, Knoxville, IA (44) 17.889; 45. 7H, John Hall, Marion, IA (38) 17.925; 46. 57c, Troy Parsons, Altoona, IA (39) 18.200; 47. 7B, Dave Westercamp, Johnston, IA (35) 18.282; 48. 57, Steve Breazeale, Pleasantville, IA (22) 18.327; 49. 5MA, Mallory Armfield, St. Joseph, MO (4) 18.376; 50. 17, Chadd Smith, Mount Ayr, IA (33) 18.919; 51. 7, Larry Pinegar II, Des Moines, IA (24) 22.713.

FIRST HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, 2:21.6: 1. Andy Hillenburg (4) 2. Sammy Swindell (5) 3. Mark Kinser (6) 4. Randy Anderson (1) / 5. Don Droud Jr. (2) 6. Marlon Jones (3) 7. Mike Reinke (7) 8. Jeff Mitrisin (8) 9. Manny Rockhold (9) 10. Troy Parsons (10) DNS – Larry Pinegar II.

SECOND HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, 2:19.0: 1. Greg Hodnett (5) 2. Jac Haudenschild (6) 3. Craig Dollansky (3) 4. Joe Gaerte (4) / 5. John Kearney (2) 6. Matt Moro (8) 7. Steve Beitler (1) 8. Dave Westercamp (9) 9. Mark Smyser (7) DNS – Scott Whitworth.

THIRD HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, 2:20.3: 1. Johnny Herrera (4) 2. Steve Kinser (6) 3. John Sernett (1) 4. Stevie Smith (5) / 5. Jeff Swindell (3) 6. Ryan Jamison (2) 7. Tim St. Arnold (9) 8. Leonard Lee (7) 9. Steve Breazeale (10) 10. Gerald Cressman (8).

FOURTH HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, 2:20.4: 1. Dave Blaney (6) 2. Bob Weuve (2) 3. Skip Jackson (4) 4. Jaymie Moyle (5) / 5. Peter Murphy (1) 6. Lance Blevins (8) 7. Doug Wolfgang (3) 8. Chris Walraven (7) 9. Mallory Armfield (10) 10. Rich Bubak (9).

FIFTH HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, 2:21.9: 1. Danny Lasoski (6) 2. Dion Hindi (2) 3. Paul McMahan (3) 4. Travis Cram (1) / 5. Donny Schatz (5) 6. Brent Antill (7) 7. Dennis Moore Jr. (4) 8. John Hall (9) 9. Chadd Smith (10) 10. Tim Baker (8).

C MAIN (started), 10 LAPS, 3:08.9: 1. Tim St. Arnold (4) 2. Mark Smyser (3) 3. Tim Baker (1) 4. Rich Bubak (5) / 5. Manny Rockhold (2) 6. Dave Westercamp (8) 7. John Hall (6) 8. Steve Breazeale (9) 9. Chadd Smith (11) 10. Mallory Armfield (10) 11. Troy Parsons (7).

VIVARIN DASH (started), 5 LAPS, 1:24.3: 1. Sammy Swindell (1) 2. Danny Lasoski (2) 3. Steve Kinser (4) 4. Jac Haudenschild (5) 5. Dave Blaney (3) 6. Mark Kinser (6) 7. Greg Hodnett (7) 8. Stevie Smith (8).

B MAIN (started), 12 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Jeff Swindell (1) 2. Donny Schatz (4) 3. Doug Wolfgang (5) 4. John Kearney (7) / 5. Don Droud Jr. (6) 6. Marlon Jones (2) 7. Dennis Moore Jr. (3) 8. Brent Antill (14) 9. Lance Blevins (18) 10. Jeff Mitrison (15) 11. Ryan Jamison (8) 12. Chris Walraven (13) 13. Mike Reinke (11) 14. Matt Moro (16) 15. Tim St. Arnold (17) 16. Peter Murphy (10) 17. Mark Smyser (20) 18. Leonard Lee (12) 19. Steve Beitler (9) 20. Rich Bubak (19) DNS – Gerald Cressman, Tim Baker.

A MAIN (started), 20 LAPS, 6:20.2: 1. Sammy Swindell (1) 2. Jac Haudenschild (4) 3. Stevie Smith (8) 4. Steve Kinser (3) 5. Dave Blaney (5) 6. Greg Hodnett (7) 7. Mark Kinser (6) 8. Andy Hillenburg (11) 9. Johnny Herrera (13) 10. Danny Lasoski (2) 11. Donny Schatz (10) 12. Skip Jackson (14) 13. Craig Dollansky (15) 14. Joe Gaerte (12) 15. Jeff Swindell (16) 16. Doug Wolfgang (17) 17. John Kearney (19) 18. Jaymie Moyle (9) 19. Bob Weuve (20) 20. Paul McMahan (18) 21. Dion Hindi (21) 22. John Sernett (23) 23. Randy Anderson (22) 24. Travis Cram (24). **Lap Leaders:** S. Swindell 1-20.

7/5/97

HAUDENSCHILD AND SMITH IN WoO IOWA ETHANOL CLASSIC WINS



*By Bob Wilson
July 5, 1997*

KNOXVILLE, IOWA - July 5, 1997 - Jac Haudenschild and Stevie Smith laid claim to feature event wins during the 2nd annual World of Outlaws (WoO) Iowa Ethanol Classic at Knoxville Raceway Saturday night in front an estimated crowd of 13,500, a raceway record for a non-Nationals event.

In the first 25-lap feature event Jac Haudenschild was bound and determined to win the \$10,000 top prize money. From the a front row starting position Haudenschild led Sammy Swindell, Stevie Smith, Steve Kinser

and Mark Kinser at a forty yard distance until a yellow flag slowed the event at the end of lap five just as he was ready to enter lapped traffic.

Two laps later a second yellow flag flew and on the restart Mark Kinser flew into the picture as he gained the third spot behind Haudenschild and Swindell. For the next five circuits of the half-mile oval Haudenschild led the way with Swindell and Kinser staging a fierce battle for the runner-up spot. As the three front runners headed into lapped traffic for the second time a yellow flag flew ordering the field into a single alignment.

On the restart Swindell flew to the outside and took Haudenschild going down the backstretch as Kinser too got by the Haudenschild machine. The top three cars paced each other in close order as they entered lapped traffic on the sixteenth circuit. Kinser momentarily passed Swindell in the first and second turns but Swindell retrieved his top spot going down the back chute. On the very next circuit Haudenschild struck the front stretch fence as he squeezed by Kinser's racer to take second. But the wild move was for naught of turn three into turn four he had the lead and he was able to come across the finish line ahead of Kinser for his 10th win at this Iowa racing facility.

Kinser took second, Swindell finished third and Steve Kinser was fourth. Knoxville regular Craig Dollansky came from deep in the pack to take fifth.

The second 25-lap Iowa Ethanol Classic feature was completely inverted by the finish of the first. Greg Hodnett took the lead after the second circuit and held that position until he began to be challenged by Stevie Smith just after the mid-race point. One yellow and one red flag aided in Smith catching Hodnett and after a seventeenth lap restart each driver chose to run the low side of the track as Smith slowly closed the gap between himself and Hodnett.

On the twenty-second circuit Hodnett came upon heavy lapped traffic and Smith dove low to make the pass and take the lead as he headed down the backstretch. Hodnett was unable to keep up the pace as Smith claimed the \$10,000 first place prize money and his sixth career win at this historic oval. Hodnett was a close second at the finish line while Andy Hillenburg held off a hard charging Steve Kinser to claim third. Knoxville regular John Kearney took the fifth place finish. Rounding out the top ten finishers were Sammy Swindell, Danny Lasoski, Mark Kinser; Donny Schatz and Craig Dollansky.

KNOXVILLE RACEWAY - KNOXVILLE, IOWA - JULY 5, 1997 PENNZOIL WORLD OF OUTLAWS IOWA ETHANOL CLASSIC FINAL

TIME TRIALS (Qualifying Order): 1. 5m, Mark Kinser, Oolitic, IN (50) 16.418; 2. 10, Dave Blaney, Cortland, OH (10) 16.590; 3. 11H, Greg Hodnett, Memphis, TN (6) 16.734; 4. 55, Skip Jackson, Sydney, NSW, Aust. (7) 16.786; 5. 2, Andy Hillenburg, Broken Arrow, OK (18) 16.803; 6. 15, Donny Schatz, Minot, ND (26) 16.832; 7. 1w, Danny Lasoski, Dover, MO (29) 16.833; 8. 1BK, Don Droud Jr., Lincoln, NE (2) 16.864; 9. 71m, Doug Wolfgang, Soix Falls, SD (16) 16.989; 10. 2D, Craig Dollansky, Elk River, MN (24) 16.997; 11. 48, Dennis Moore Jr., Grinnell, IA (17) 17.010; 12. 7, Larry Pinegar II, Des Moines, IA (52) 17.088; 13. 7TW, Jeff Swindell, Memphis, TN (35) 17.156; 14. 81, Mike Reinke, Sheboygan, WI (21) 17.171; 15. 47, Johnny Herrera, Tempe, AZ (51) 17.171; 16. 5J, Jeff Mitrison, Oskaloosa, IA (27) 17.193; 17. 21x, Steve Beitler, Sedro Woolley, WA (1) 17.256; 18. 75, Paul McMahan, Oroville, CA (25) 17.271; 19. 1B, Brent Antill, Huxley, IA (28) 17.283; 20. 96, Scott Whitworth, Worthington, MO (43) 17.365; 21. 56, Chris Walraven, Knoxville, IA (13) 17.365; 22. 19w, Bob Weuve, Newton, IA (44) 17.406; 23. 16L, Leonard Lee, Milo, IA (4) 17.452; 24. 1J, Marlon Jones, Sioux Falls, SD (37) 17.457; 25. 47T, Tim St. Arnold, Des Moines, IA (31) 17.508; 26. 12x, Billy Vielhauer, Shawnee, KS (3) 17.509; 27. 21, Lance Blevins, Broken Arrow, OK (41) 17.522; 28. 3G, Joe Gaerte, Rochester, IN (42) 17.544; 29. 10V, Jaymie Moyle, Knoxville, IA (38) 17.572; 30. 51J, Ryan Jamison, Burlington, IA (47) 17.576; 31. 11D, Dion Hindi, Albuquerque, NM (9) 17.581; 32. 71A, Randy Anderson,

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Clarion, IA (36) 17.609; 33. 29, Tim Baker, Sioux City, IA (23) 17.644; 34. D1, Dan Oswalt, Iola, KS (14) 17.755; 35. 86, John Kearney, Ozawkie, KS (5) 17.844; 36. 69, Mark Smyser, Lancaster, MO (30) 17.886; 37. 9, Rich Bubak, Knoxville, IA (8) 17.925; 38. 71, Manny Rockhold, Pekin, IL (11) 17.987; 39. 56c, Gerald Cressman, Hartford, SD (15) 18.137; 40. 12, Travis Cram, Snohomish, WA (53) 18.156; 41. 57, Steve Breazeale, Pleasantville, IA (48) 18.490; 42. 91, John Sernett, Savage, MN (46) 18.493; 43. 57c, Troy Parsons, Altoona, IA (22) 18.510; 44. 2m, Matt Moro, Des Moines, IA (49) 18.536; 45. 7B, Dave Westercamp, Johnston, IA (32) 18.662; 46. 7H, John Hall, Marion, IA (20) 19.053; 47. 1K, Billy Anderson, Elk River, MN (33) 19.183; 48. 17, Chadd Smith, Mount Ayr, IA (45) 19.232; 49. 5K, Kevin Whitworth, Sedalia, MO (19) 19.681; 50. 7v, Jerry Vandenhul, Arkansas City, KS (34) 19.802; 51. 12L, John Lambertz, Sioux Falls, SD (39) 20.241; 52. 5MA, Mallory Armfield, St. Joseph, MO (12) 20.829; 53. 55J, Jason Pardock, Chariton, IA (40) NT;
Locked in from the Preliminary Feature: 1, Sammy Swindell, Cordova, TN; 22, Jac Haudenschild, Wooster, OH; 19, Stevie Smith, New Oxford, PA; 11, Steve Kinser, Bloomington, IN.

FIRST HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Mark Kinser (4) 2. Donny Schatz (3) 3. Jeff Mitrisin (1) / 4. Dennis Moore Jr. (2) 5. 12x, Billy Vielhauer, Shawnee, KS (6) 6. Chris Walraven (5) 7. Dion Hindi (7) 8. Mark Smyser (8) 9. John Hall (10) 10. John Lambertz (11) 11. Steve Breazeale (9).

SECOND HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, 2:25.9: 1. Dave Blaney (4) 2. Larry Pinegar II (2) 3. Danny Lasoski (3) / 4. Lance Blevins (6) 5. Paul McMahan (1) 6. Bob Weuve (5) 7. John Sernett (9) 8. Randy Anderson (7) 9. Mallory Armfield (11) 10. Rich Bubak (8) 11. Billy Anderson (10).

THIRD HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Greg Hodnett (4) 2. Jeff Swindell (2) 3. Joe Gaerte (6) / 4. Leonard Lee (5) 5. Don Droud Jr. (3) 6. Manny Rockhold (8) 7. Chadd Smith (10) 8. Steve Beitler (1) 9. Tim Baker (7) 10. Troy Parsons (9) DNS – Jason Pardock.

FOURTH HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, 2:26.1: 1. Doug Wolfgang (3) 2. Skip Jackson (4) 3. Marlon Jones (5) / 4. Brent Antill (1) 5. Jaymie Moyle (6) 6. Mike Reinke (2) 7. Kevin Whitworth (10) 8. Gerald Cressman (8) 9. Dan Oswalt (7) 10. Matt Moro (9).

FIFTH HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, 2:16.6: 1. Johnny Herrera (2) 2. Scott Whitworth (1) 3. John Kearney (7) / 4. Craig Dollansky (3) 5. Travis Cram (8) 6. Andy Hillenburg (4) 7. Ryan Jamison (6) 8. Dave Westercamp (9) 9. Tim St. Arnold (5) 10. Jerry Vandenhul (10).

C MAIN (started), 10 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Rich Bubak (4) 2. Travis Cram (7) / 3. John Sernett (9) 4. Dan Oswalt (2) 5. Manny Rockhold (5) 6. Steve Breazeale (8) 7. Matt Moro (10) 8. Tim Baker (1) 9. Dave Westercamp (11) 10. John Hall (12) 11. Chadd Smith (14) 12. John Lambertz (15) 13. Gerald Cressman (6) 14. Jerry Vandenhul (16) 15. Mark Smyser (3) 16. Kevin Whitworth (13) 17. Mallory Armfield (17) DNS – Billy Anderson.

VIVARIN DASH (started), 5 LAPS, 1:27.4: 1. Sammy Swindell (1) 2. Jac Haudenschild (2) 3. Steve Kinser (4) 4. Stevie Smith (3) 5. Dave Blaney (6) 6. Mark Kinser (5).

B MAIN (started), 12 LAPS, 3:52.3: 1. Andy Hillenburg (4) 2. Craig Dollansky (2) 3. Paul McMahan (6) 4. Don Droud Jr. (3) 5. Dennis Moore Jr. (1) / 6. Lance Blevins (14) 7. Brent Antill (8) 8. Leonard Lee (11) 9. Jaymie Moyle (15) 10. Chris Walraven (9) 11. Dion Hindi (17) 12. Mike Reinke (5) 13. Bob Weuve (10) 14. Travis Cram (20) 15. Tim St. Arnold (12) 16. Ryan Jamison (16) 17. Billy Vielhauer (13) 18. Randy Anderson (18) 19. Rich Bubak (19) 20. Steve Beitler (7).

FIRST IOWA ETHANOL CLASSIC A MAIN (started), 25 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Jac Haudenschild (2) 2. Mark Kinser (6) 3. Sammy Swindell (1) 4. Steve Kinser (3) 5. Craig Dollansky (13) 6. Dave Blaney (5) 7. Andy Hillenburg (9) 8. Danny Lasoski (11) 9. Johnny Herrera (16) 10. Don Droud Jr. (23) 11. Donny Schatz (10) 12.

Stevie Smith (4) 13. Skip Jackson (8) 14. Doug Wolfgang (12) 15. Jeff Swindell (15) 16. Marlon Jones (20) 17. Jeff Mitrisin (17) 18. Greg Hodnett (7) 19. John Kearney (22) 20. Scott Whitworth (19) 21. Dennis Moore Jr. (24) 22. Paul McMahan (18) 23. Joe Gaerte (21) 24. Larry Pinegar II (14). **Lap Leaders:** Haudenschild 1-10; S. Swindell 11-17; M. Kinser 18-24; Haudenschild 25.

SECOND IOWA ETHANOL CLASSIC A MAIN (started), 25 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Stevie Smith (11) 2. Greg Hodnett (5) 3. Andy Hillenburg (16) 4. Steve Kinser (19) 5. John Kearney (4) 6. Sammy Swindell (20) 7. Danny Lasoski (15) 8. Mark Kinser (21) 9. Donny Schatz (12) 10. Craig Dollansky (18) 11. Marlon Jones (7) 12. Skip Jackson (10) 13. Dennis Moore Jr. (2) 14. Jeff Swindell (8) 15. Jeff Mitrisin (6) 16. Paul McMahan (1) 17. Lance Blevins (24) 18. Don Droud Jr. (13) 19. Scott Whitworth (3) 20. Doug Wolfgang (9) 21. Joe Gaerte (23) 22. Jac Haudenschild (22) 23. Dave Blaney (17) 24. Johnny Herrera (14). **Lap Leaders:** Moore Jr. 1; Hodnett 2-21; S. Smith 22-25.

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360 Nationals Prelim - Rain

7/12/97

DAVID HESMER IS ASCS MIDWEST CHAMPIONSHIP KING



*By Bob Wilson
July 12, 1997*

KNOXVILLE, IOWA - July 12, 1997 - David Hesmer claimed the top prize money as he drove to a championship win in the American Sprint Car Series (ASCS) Midwest Championship at Knoxville Raceway Saturday night before a crowd estimated at 8,500.

Hesmer, the current Knoxville Raceway points leader, started on the pole position and led the entire 25-lap distance but his win was far from easy as he survived three yellow flags and the challenges of ASCS star Garry Lee Maier throughout much of the race. Maier bit at the heels of Hesmer and challenged for the top spot as the twosome circled the half-mile oval. Following closely behind Maier was Mike Brooks who never let the two frontrunners out of his sight.

Lap after lap saw the top three cars weave expertly through lapped traffic until Maier made a costly error on lap sixteen when he spun his car in turn two and came to a halt. On the restart a surprising Doug Wolfgang, a B Main transfer, shot by Brooks to take the runner-up spot and begin a short-lived chase of Hesmer. The Wolfgang machine slowed on the backstretch two laps later and pulled into the pits when his fuel tank ran dry.

As the laps ran down Hesmer slowly pulled away from his nearest challenger and came across the finish line to claim the \$4,000 prize money for the Ergenbright Motorsports team. Brooks came across the line to take the \$2,500 second place check and Maier came all the way from a tail-end restart to garner the \$1,750 third spot. Jeff Haines showed one of his better finishes to take fourth. Dennis Moore, Jr. finished fifth. Rounding out the top ten finishers were Danny Wood, Tim Crawley, Larry Pinegar II another fuel victim who fell from third on the final lap, Brett Golik and Doran Doty.

Qualifying heat races were won by Scott Whitworth, Golik, Brooks, Pete Butler, Moore, Jr., Rick Ziehl and Crawley. Chris Tice won the D Main, Tim Deaver captured the C Main, and Wolfgang was the victor in the B Main. Sixty-nine cars went through qualifying time trials.

The Friday night qualifying program was rain-canceled.

DOLLANSKY CAPTURES KNOXVILLE SPRINT WIN

KNOXVILLE, Iowa - (July 12, 1997) - Craig Dollansky became the ninth different winner during the regular season to capture a feature event at Knoxville Raceway as he drove to an exciting and thrilling nonstop, 20-lap A Main victory Saturday night.

Skip Jackson took the initial lead from his front row starting position and kept Dollansky at bay by no more than a ten-yard margin. On lap seven they entered lapped traffic and began a series of nose to tail laps until Dollansky grabbed the top spot after an even dozen laps. One lap later Jackson took the lead back in turn two of the half-mile oval and Dollansky was again left to chase the Aussie through the slower cars.

On the seventeenth circuit Jackson went low in traffic and Dollansky chose the high line and garnered the top spot as he exited the fourth turn. Jackson gave a tremendous chase and on the final lap nearly spun his sprinter allowing several cars to pass him.

In the end it was Dollansky taking his third Knoxville career win and a \$2,500 paycheck in a race reminiscent of his drive in the championship of the 1996 AMOCO Knoxville Nationals. Getting by Jackson for third was Jeff Mitrisin, whose steady pace was overshadowed by the Dollansky-Jackson duel. Jackson came back to take third, Chris Walraven finished fourth and Jaymie Moyle was fifth. Don Droud, Jr. claimed the hard charger award with a tail-end start and a sixth place finish. Rounding out the top ten finishers were John Kearney, Bob Weuve, Larry Pinegar II and Brent Antill.

The Dollansky win came as part of a companion sprint program featuring the American Sprint Car Series (ASCS) Midwest Championship. A crowd estimated at 8,500 witnessed the seventeen-event racing card.

KNOXVILLE RACEWAY - KNOXVILLE, IOWA - JULY 12, 1997 American Sprint Car Series Midwest Championship



ETIMETRIALS (Qualifying Order): 1. 11, David Hesmer, Marshalltown, IA (6) 16.877; 2. 99, Keith Rauch, Edgewater, CO (2) 17.111; 3. N14, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (25) 17.208; 4. 03, Mike Trent, Columbia, MO (17) 17.256; 5. 11x, Garry Lee Maier, Dodge City, KS (67) 17.325; 6. 18z, Rick Ziehl, Las Cruces, NM (18) 17.379; 7. 14, Randy Martin, California, MO (11) 17.383; 8. 1m, Doug Wolfgang, Sioux Falls, SD (4) 17.397; 9. 11L, Larry Pinegar II, Des Moines, IA (28) 17.433; 10. 41, Virgil Brandt, Des Moines, IA (3) 17.455; 11. 29, Pete Butler, Mabelvale, AR (21) 17.473; 12. 10, Terry Gray, Bartlett, TN (35) 17.494; 13. 8, John Bankston, Beaumont, TX (13) 17.501; 14. Y5, Mike Houseman, Des Moines, IA (20) 17.532; 15. 96, Scott Whitworth, Worthington, MO (68) 17.555; 16. 16H, Jeff Haines, Oskaloosa, IA (9) 17.586; 17. 21E, Ed Ergenbright, Newton, IA (12) 17.592; 18. 57, Steve Breazeale, Pleasantville, IA (41) 17.594; 19. 56c, Gerald Cressman, Hartford, SD (52) 17.667. 20. 12x, Jerry Crabb, Des Moines, IA (1) 17.683; 21. 80, Duane Van Heukelom, Colfax, IA (42) 17.734; 22. 8N, Danny Wood, Norman, OK (53) 17.798; 23. 5G, Brett Golik, Newton, IA (64) 17.798; 24. 8B, Bruce Williams, Pleasant Hill, IA (69) 17.837; 25. 61J, Danny Jennings, Norman, OK (36) 17.842; 26. 14K, Joe Miller, Denver, CO (15) 17.857; 27. 3D, Daryl Steenhoek, Altoona, IA (10) 17.872; 28. 87, Tim Crawley, Mabelvale, AR (38) 17.903; 29. 14G, Ricky Logan, Little Rock, AR (29) 17.930; 30. 7I, Billy Engelhart, Madiosn, WI (58) 17.936; 31. 18, Bruce Drottz, Des Moines, IA (34) 17.983; 32. 5w, Kevin Bloomstran, Auburn Hills, MI (14) 17.990; 33. 48, Dennis Moore Jr., Grinnell, IA (27) 17.992; 34. 88, Tim Holzworth, Valeria, IA (51) 18.019; 35. 2, Bart Schneiderman, West Burlington, IA (5) 18.022; 36. 26, Lee Nelson, Ankeny, IA (66) 18.023; 37. 86x, John Kearney, Ozawkie, KS (57) 18.043; 38. 4, Dave Middleswart, Indianola, IA (31) 18.066; 39. 41B, Nick Bellino, Omaha, NE (33) 18.086; 40. 21, Mark Swanson, West Des Moines, IA (24) 18.112; 41. 34, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (8) 18.128; 42. 6x, Bryan

Grimes, Slater, MO (47) 18.194; 43. 12m, Brett Mather, Ames, IA (16) 18.219; 44. 41x, Kip Anderson, Burlington, IA (23) 18.220; 45. 23, Ed Rotert, Mount Ayr, IA (45) 18.223; 46. 8L, Tom Lenz, Strawberry Point, IA (54) 18.234; 47. 1x, Todd Splain, Lincoln, NE (30) 18.255; 48. 11P, Daryn Pittman, Owasso, OK (50) 18.259; 49. 27, Jeff Johnson, Ames, IA (62) 18.267; 50. 82, Dave Van Heukelom, Pella, IA (44) 18.312; 51. 00, Larry Weeks, Montezuma, IA (59) 18.328; 52. 71x, Chuck Hines, Marshall, MO (37) 18.364; 53. 86, Tod Bishop, Harrisburg, IL (32) 18.443; 54. 10x, Steve Wares, Knoxville, IA (40) 18.443; 55. 6, Mitchell Alexander, Knoxville, IA (19) 18.455; 56. 4J, Jason Danley, Lincoln, NE (60) 18.473; 57. 64H, Mike Heronemus, Ashton, IA (39) 58. 77, Terry Alexander, Knoxville, IA (56) 18.588; 59. 999, Jim Strobel, Sigourney, IA (65) 18.730; 60. 21N, Donny Anderson, Burlington, IA (46) 18.736; 61. 7T, Jeff Thompson, Cottage Grove, OR (43) 18.743; 62. 27T, Chris Tice, Lynnville, IA (61) 18.935; 63. 71, Robert Bell, Colfax, IA (26) 19.253; 64. 6w, Randy Wagler, Burlington, IA (55) 19.324; 65. 126, Stacey Alexander, Lacona, IA (63) 19.470; 66. 4TC, Jay Totten, Pleasantville, IA (48) 19.718; 67. 9H, Doran Doty, Des Moines, IA (7) NT; 68. 39, Joe White, Des Moines, IA (22) NT; 69. 7, Jason Sides, Bartlett, TN (49) NT.

FIRST HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, 2:23.2: 1. Scott Whitworth (2) 2. David Hesmer (4) 3. Danny Wood (1) / 4. Ricky Logan (3) 5. Lee Nelson (6) 6. Dave Van Heukelom (8) 7. Mike Heronemus (5) 8. Randy Wagler (7) DNS – Doug Wolfgang, Brett Mather.

SECOND HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Brett Golik (1) 2. Jeff Haines (2) 3. Keith Rauch (4) / 4. Terry Alexander (9) 5. Larry Pinegar II (3) 6. Billy Engelhart (5) 7. John Kearney (6) 8. Kip Anderson (7) 9. Stacey Alexander (10) 10. Larry Weeks (8).

THIRD HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, 2:21.2: 1. Mike Brooks (4) 2. Bruce Williams (1) 3. Virgil Brandt (3) / 4. Ed Ergenbright (2) 5. Bruce Drottz (5) 6. Dave Middleswart (6) 7. Ed Rotert (7) 8. Chuck Hines (8) 9. Jim Strobel (9) 10. Jay Totten (10).

FOURTH HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Pete Butler (3) 2. Steve Breazeale (2) 3. Doran Doty (10) / 4. Danny Jennings (1) 5. Mike Trent (4) 6. Tod Bishop (8) 7. Donny Anderson (9) 8. Nick Bellino (6) 9. Kevin Bloomstran (5) 10. Tom Lenz (7).

FIFTH HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Dennis Moore Jr. (5) 2. Garry Lee Maier (4) 3. Gerald Cressman (2) / 4. Terry Gray (3) 5. Mark Swanson (6) 6. Joe Miller (1) 7. Todd Splain (7) 8. Jeff Thompson (9) 9. Joe White (10) 10. Steve Wares (8).

SIXTH HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Rick Ziehl (4) 2. Tim Holzworth (5) 3. Jerry Crabb (2) / 4. Jason Sides (10) 5. John Bankston (3) 6. Daryn Pittman (7) 7. Daryl Steenhoek (1) 8. Chris Tice (9) 9. Mitchell Alexander (8) 10. Tim Deaver (6).

SEVENTH HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Tim Crawley (1) 2. Duane Van Heukelom (2) 3. Randy Martin (4) / 4. Bryan Grimes (6) 5. Bart Schneiderman (5) 6. Jason Danley (8) 7. Jeff Johnson (7) 8. Robert Bell (9) 9. Mike Houseman (3).

D MAIN (started), 6 LAPS, 2:01.7: 1. Chris Tice (1) 2. Jason Sides (7) 3. Randy Wagler (3) 4. Brett Mather (6) / 5. Robert Bell (2) 6. Jay Totten (5) 7. Joe White (4) DNS – Stacey Alexander.

C MAIN (started), 10 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Tim Deaver (1) 2. Daryn Pittman (3) 3. Bryan Grimes (2) / 4. Steve Wares (9) 5. Tod Bishop (10) 6. Jason Sides (18) 7. Ed Rotert (4) 8. Jason Danley (11) 9. Terry Alexander (13) 10. Donny Anderson (15) 11. Jeff Johnson (8) 12. Todd Splain (6) 13. Mitchell Alexander (12) 14. Chris Tice (17) 15. Chuck Hines (7) 16. Randy Wagler (20) 17. Brett Mather (19) 18. Dave Van Heukelom (5) 19. Mike Heronemus (14) 20. Jim Strobel (16) DNS – Kip Anderson, Tom Lenz, Larry Weeks, Jeff Thompson.

B MAIN (started), 12 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Doug Wolfgang (2) 2. Larry Pinegar II (3) 3. Mike Trent (1) / 4. Ed Ergenbright (7) 5. Bruce Drottz (13) 6. Terry Gray (4) 7. Danny Jennings (8) 8. Billy Engelhart (12) 9. Lee Nelson (16) 10. Daryn Pittman (22) 11. Daryl Steenhoek (10) 12. Mark Swanson (20) 13. John Bankston (5) 14. Ricky Logan (11) 15. Bryan Grimes (21) 16. Nick Bellino (17) 17. Tim Deaver (19) 18. Kevin Bloomstran (14) 19. Bart Schneiderman (15) 20. Joe Miller (9) 21. Mike Houseman (6) 22. Dave Middleswart (18) DNS – John Kearney.

ASCS MIDWEST CHAMPIONSHIP A MAIN (started), 25 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. David Hesmer (1) 2. Mike Brooks (3) 3. Garry Lee Maier (4) 4. Jeff Haines (10) 5. Dennis Moore Jr. (19) 6. Danny Wood (15) 7. Tim Crawley (18) 8. Larry Pinegar II (23) 9. Brett Golik (16) 10. Doran Doty (21) 11. Bruce Williams (17) 12. Rick Ziehl (5) 13. Mike Trent (24) 14. Tim Holzworth (20) 15. Keith Rauch (2) 16. Duane Van Heukelom (14) 17. Scott Whitworth (9) 18. Doug Wolfgang (22) 19. Gerald Cressman (12) 20. Randy Martin (6) 21. Jerry Crabb (13) 22. Virgil Brandt (7) 23. Steve Breazeale (11) 24. Pete Butler (8). **Lap Leaders:** Hesmer 1-25.

KNOXVILLE RACEWAY - KNOXVILLE, IOWA - JULY 12, 1997 410 SPRINTS

NO TIME TRIALS

FIRST HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, 2:25.2: 1. 86, John Kearney, Ozawkie, KS (2) 2. 7, Larry Pinegar II, Des Moines, IA (4) 3. 55, Skip Jackson, Sydney, NSW, Aust. (8) 4. 47, Tim St. Arnold, Des Moines, IA (1) 5. 1, Brent Antill, Huxley, IA (7) 6. 81, Mike Reinke, Sheboygan, WI (6) / 7. 51J, Ryan Jamison, Burlington, IA (3) 8. 48, Dennis Moore Jr., Grinnell, IA (5) 9. 29, Tim Baker, Sioux City, IA (9) DNS – 69, Mark Smyser, Lancaster, MO.

SECOND HEAT (started), 8 LAPS 2:24.0: 1. 96, Scott Whitworth, Worthington, MO (2) 2. 5J, Jeff Mitrisin, Oskaloosa, IA (4) 3. 2D, Craig Dollansky, Elk River, MN (6) 4. 19, Bob Weuve, Newton, IA (5) 5. 10, Jaymie Moyle, Knoxville, IA (7) 6. 71, Manny Rockhold, Pekin, IL (3) / 7. 1s, Peter Murphy, Sydney, NSW, Aust. (9) 8. 17, Chadd Smith, Mount Ayr, IA (1) 9. 87, Tim Crawley, Mabelvale, AR (8) DNS – 7B, Dave Westercamp, Johnston, IA.

THIRD HEAT (started), 8 LAPS 2:27.8: 1. 21, Steve Beitler, Sedro Woolley, WA (1) 2. 56, Chris Walraven, Knoxville, IA (4) 3. 71A, Randy Anderson, Clarion, IA (2) 4. 16L, Leonard Lee, Milo, IA (7) 5. 12, Travis Cram, Snohomish, WA (5) 6. 2m, Matt Moro, Des Moines, IA (3) / 7. 16H, Jeff Haines, Oskaloosa, IA (10) 8. 56c, Gerald Cressman, Hartford, SD (9) 9. 71m, Doug Wolfgang, Sioux Falls, SD (6) 10. 1BK, Don Droud Jr., Lincoln, NE (8).

B MAIN (started), 10 LAPS, 3:16.9: 1. Don Droud Jr. (10) 2. Peter Murphy (2) / 3. Ryan Jamison (1) 4. Dennis Moore Jr. (4) 5. Tim Crawley (8) 6. Jeff Haines (3) 7. Doug Wolfgang (9) 8. Gerald Cressman (6) 9. Chadd Smith (5) 10. Tim Baker (7).

A MAIN (started), 20 LAPS, 6:27.5: 1. Craig Dollansky (1) 2. Jeff Mitrisin (4) 3. Skip Jackson (2) 4. Chris Walraven (3) 5. Jaymie Moyle (14) 6. Don Droud Jr. (19) 7. John Kearney (8) 8. Bob Weuve (11) 9. Larry Pinegar II (5) 10. Brent Antill (13) 11. Leonard Lee (12) 12. Scott Whitworth (7) 13. Travis Cram (15) 14. Steve Beitler (6) 15. Peter Murphy (20) 16. Mike Reinke (16) 17. Randy Anderson (9) 18. Matt Moro (18) 19. Tim St. Arnold (10) 20. Manny Rockhold (17). **Lap Leaders:** Jackson 1-11; Dollansky 12; Jackson 13-17; Dollansky 18-20.

7/19/97

DROUD, JR. TAKES KNOXVILLE FAIR FEATURE



By Bob Wilson
July 19, 1997

KNOXVILLE, IOWA - July 19, 1997 - Don Droud, Jr. scored his second win of the 1997 race season as he captured the 20 lap A Feature event Saturday night at Knoxville Raceway during the annual Marion County Fair..

Droud, who started the 10 mile event on the front row of the 20-car field, led the distance although he had to face two single file restarts to gain the victory. His nearest rival proved to be Doug Wolfgang as the Sioux Falls pilot steadily gained ground on the front runner until he had closed to Droud's back bumper in lapped traffic on the eighth circuit. One lap later Wolfgang took the lead but Droud returned the favor on the ensuing lap just in time to take the first yellow flag.

During the caution period it was discovered that the fuel cap on the Wolfgang machine was missing and track officials ordered his car into the infield to replace the cap. Wolfgang was then realigned at the tail of the event for the restart.

With Wolfgang out of the picture Leonard Lee then took up the chase but was unable to catch the fleet Docc Motorsports Burger King machine with Droud at the helm. In the end it was a \$2,500 victory for the second generation driver from Nebraska. Lee finished a close second to gain a career best finish at this half-mile racing facility. Skip Jackson came across the strip for third, Jaymie Moyle took fourth and John Sernett was fifth. Rounding out the top ten finishers were Peter Murphy, Dennis Moore, Jr., Manny Rockhold, Shane Stewart and Jeff Mitrison. Wolfgang ended up eleventh.

David Hesmer, the current points leader in the 360 sprint division, captured his fourth win of the season and 33rd career win at this historic fairgrounds. Hesmer was chased to the checkered flag by Mike Brooks, Brett Golik, Randy Martin and Bruce Drottz. A total of thirty-two 360 sprints and thirty-one 410 sprints competed in the twelve event racing card.



TIME TRIALS (Qualifying Order): 1. 71m, Doug Wolfgang, Sioux Falls, SD (1) 16.235; 2. 55, Skip Jackson, Sydney, NSW, Aust. (24) 16.511; 3. 1J, Marlon Jones, Sioux Falls, SD (26) 16.714; 4. 56, Chris Walraven, Knoxville, IA (15) 16.782; 5. 7, Larry Pinegar II, Des Moines, IA (18) 16.798; 6. 12, Travis Cram, Snohomish, WA (13) 16.848; 7. 96, Scott Whitworth, Worthington, MO (14) 16.870 8. 1s, Peter Murphy, Sydney, NSW, Aust. (3) 16.902 9. 1, Brent Antill, Huxley, IA (21) 16.932; 10. 19, Bob Weuve, Newton, IA (6) 16.939; 11. 48, Dennis Moore Jr., Grinnell, IA (11) 16.965; 12. 1BK, Don Droud Jr., Lincoln, NE (20) 16.991; 13. 91, John Sernett, Savage, MN (29) 17.057; 14. 21, Steve Beitler, Sedro Woolley, WA (4) 17.137; 15. 51J, Ryan Jamison, Burlington, IA (28) 17.144; 16. 10, Jaymie Moyle, Knoxville, IA (31) 17.176; 17. 12x, Billy Vielhauer, Shawnee, KS (7) 17.217; 18. 16L, Leonard Lee, Milo, IA (5) 17.222; 19. 2m, Matt Moro, Des Moines, IA (30) 17.386; 20. 71, Manny Rockhold, Pekin, IL (10) 17.397; 21. 9, Rich Bubak, Knoxville, IA (17) 17.497; 22. 16H, Jeff Haines, Oskaloosa, IA (9) 17.547; 23. 5K, Kevin Whitworth, Sedalia, MO (23) 17.559; 24. 47, Tim St. Arnold, Des Moines, IA (22) 17.574; 25. 9s, Shane Stewart, Bixby, OK (2) 17.678; 26. 57c, Troy Parsons, Altoona, IA (12) 17.862; 27. 17, Chadd Smith, Mount Ayr, IA (27) 17.959; 28. 7H, John Hall, Marion, IA (19) 18.085; 29. 71A, Randy Anderson, Clarion, IA (8) NT; 30. 2D, Jeff Mitrison, Oskaloosa, IA (16) NT; 31. D1, Dan Oswalt, Iola, KS (25) NT.

FIRST HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Scott Whitworth (6) 2. Jaymie Moyle (3) 3. John Sernett (4) 4. Chris Walraven (7) 5. Doug Wolfgang (8) 6. Shane Stewart (9) / 7. Matt Moro (2) 8. John Hall (10) 9. Jeff Haines (1) 10. Bob Weuve (5) DNS – Dan Oswalt.

SECOND HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Skip Jackson (8) 2. Peter Murphy (6) 3. Steve Beitler (4) 4. Manny Rockhold (2) 5. Kevin Whitworth (1) 6. Troy Parsons (9) / 7. Larry Pinegar II (7) 8. Billy Vielhauer (3) 9. Dennis Moore Jr. (2) DNS – Randy Anderson.

THIRD HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, 2:23.9: 1. Leonard Lee (3) 2. Don Droud Jr. (5) 3. Ryan Jamison (4) 4. Chadd Smith (9) 5. Rich Bubak (2) / 6. Tim St. Arnold (1) 7. Travis Cram (7) 8. Brent Antill (6) 9. Marlon Jones (8) DNS – Jeff Mitrison.

B MAIN (started), 8 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Dennis Moore Jr. (4) 2. Jeff Mitrison (7) 3. Travis Cram (2) / 4. Matt Moro (1) 5. John Hall (5) 6. Bob Weuve (3) 7. Dan Oswalt (6) DNS – Billy Vielhauer, Randy Anderson, Tim St. Arnold, Brent Antill, Marlon Jones, Jeff Haines, Larry Pinegar II.

A MAIN (started), 20 LAPS, 5:14.1: 1. Don Droud Jr. (1) 2. Leonard Lee (13) 3. Skip Jackson (5) 4. Jaymie Moyle (10) 5. John Sernett (7) 6. Peter Murphy (2) 7. Dennis Moore Jr. (18) 8. Manny Rockhold (14) 9. Shane Stewart (15) 10. Jeff Mitrison (19) 11. Doug Wolfgang (6) 12. Troy Parsons (16) 13. Chris Walraven (4) 14. Scott Whitworth (3) 15. Steve Beitler (8) 16. Rich Bubak (13) 17. Chadd Smith (17) 18. Ryan Jamison (9) 19. Travis Cram (20) 20. Kevin Whitworth (14) DNS – Tim St. Arnold. **Lap Leaders:** Droud Jr. 1-8; Wolfgang 9; Droud Jr. 10-20.

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FIRST HEAT (started), 7 LAPS, 2:08.9: 1. 5G, Brett Golik, Newton, IA (3) 2. 11, David Hesmer, Marshalltown, IA (6) 3. 29m, Eric Mason, Knoxville, IA (1) 4. 86, Tod Bishop, Harrisburg, IL (7) / 5. 26, Lee Nelson, Ankeny, IA (4) 6. 00, Larry Weeks, Montezuma, IA (2) 7. 6, Mitchell Alexander, Knoxville, IA (5) 8. 4, Dave Middleswart, Indianola, IA (8).

SECOND HEAT (started), 7 LAPS, 2:06.3: 1. 18, Bruce Drottz, Des Moines, IA (2) 2. Y5, Mike Houseman, Des Moines, IA (4) 3. 77, Terry Alexander, Knoxville, IA (1) 4. 14, Randy Martin, California, MO (6) / 5. 34, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (3) 6. 80, Duane Van Heukelom, Colfax, IA (7) 7. 999, Jim Strobel, Sigourney, IA (8) 8. 41B, Nick Bellino, Omaha, NE (5).

THIRD HEAT (started), 7 LAPS, 2:03.1: 1. N14, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (5) 2. 10, Steve Wares, Knoxville, IA (1) 3. 48, Bob Thompson, Des Moines, IA (4) 4. 03, Mike Trent, Columbia, MO (6) / 5. 57, Steve Breazeale, Pleasantville, IA (7) 6. 21E, Ed Ergenbright, Newton, IA (2) 7. 12m, Brett Mather, Ames, IA (3) 8. G2, Chuck Graves, Chariton, IA (8).

FOURTH HEAT (started), 7 LAPS, 2:09.2: 1. 9H, Doran Doty, Des Moines, IA (1) 2. 12x, Jerry Crabb, Des Moines, IA (3) 3. 88, Tim Holzworth, Valeria, IA (5) 4. 4TC, Jay Totten, Pleasantville, IA (2) / 5. 3D, Daryl Steenhoek, Altoona, IA (7) 6. 27, Jeff Johnson, Ames, IA (4) 7. 41, Virgil Brandt, Des Moines, IA (6) 8. 126, Stacey Alexander, Lacona, IA (8).

B MAIN (started), 8 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Lee Nelson (1) 2. Duane Van Heukelom (6) 3. Larry Weeks (5) 4. Steve Breazeale (3) / 5. Virgil Brandt (12) 6. Mitchell Alexander (7) 7. Daryl Steenhoek (4) 8. Jeff Johnson (8) 9. Dave Middleswart (11) 10. Jim Strobel (10) 11. Brett Mather (9) 12. Nick Bellino (14) 13. Tim Deaver (2) 14. Stacey Alexander (13) DNS – Ed Ergenbright, Chuck Graves.

A MAIN (started), 15 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. David Hesmer (2) 2. Mike Brooks (4) 3. Brett Golik (6) 4. Randy Martin (14) 5. Bruce Drottz (5) 6. Steve Breazeale (20) 7. Steve Wares (7) 8. Jerry Crabb (8) 9. Terry Alexander (10) 10. Mike Trent (15) 11. Tod Bishop (13) 12. Eric Mason (9) 13. Mike Houseman (1) 14. Tim Holzworth (12) 15. Bob Thompson (11) 16. Duane Van Heukelom (18) 17. Lee Nelson (17) 18. Jay Totten (16) 19. Larry Weeks (19) 20. Doran Doty (3). **Lap Leaders :** Hesmer 1-15.

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Enduro – Rain (Rescheduled for Aug 23)

7/22/97

***THE HARRIS CLASH SERIES
IMCA MODIFIEDS
RETURNED TO THE KNOXVILLE RACEWAY
KELLEY SHRYOCK of STORY CITY, IOWA
Picked up the Win***

***KNOXVILLE RACEWAY, KNOXVILLE, IA
JULY 22,1997
HARRIS CLASH SERIES IMCA MODIFIEDS RESULTS***

1ST HEAT - 1. James Roach, Kahoka, MO. 2. Wayne Larson, Ames, IA

2ND HEAT - 1. Danny Wallace, Des Moines, IA. 2. Joe Schmit, Britt, IA

3RD HEAT - 1. Ken Schrader, Concord, NC. 2. Mark Schaffitzen, Owasso, OK

4TH HEAT - 1. Bill Davis, Jr., Des Moines, IA. 2. Roger Long, Jr., Des Moines, IA

5TH HEAT - 1. Larry Clawson, Kansas City, MO. 2. Andy Clairborne, Fort Scott, KS

6TH HEAT - 1. Kelly Shryock, Story City, IA 2. Terry Schroder, Sigourney, IA

7TH HEAT - 1. Gordy Grubb, Oskaloosa, IA. 2. Darin Thye, Sperry, IA

8TH HEAT- 1. Dave Farren, Des Moines, IA. 2. Luke Cochran, Springfield, NE

9TH HEAT - 1. Darin Duffy, Hazleton, IA. 2. J.J. Scott, Des Moines, IA

10TH HEAT- 1. Joe McBurnie, Boone, IA. 2. Denny Anderson, Rochester, MN

1ST B MAIN - 1.Randy Schroeder, Sigourney, IA 2. Ricky Lee Stangle, Raytown, MO

2ND B MAIN - 1. Troy Folkerts, Albia, IA. 2. Bob Timm

3RD B MAIN - 1. Al Hejne, Ventura, IA. 2. John VanDenBerg, Oskaloosa, IA

4TH B MAIN - 1. Brian Phillips, New Bloomfield, MO. 2. Corey Dripps, Cedar Falls, IA

A FEATURE (25 LAPS) NT - 1. Kelly Shryock. 2. Danny Wallace. 3. Gordy Grubb. 4. Joe Schmit. 5. Darin Dubby. 6. Joe McBirnie. 7. Randy Schroeder. 8. Luke Cochran. 9. Dean Wray. 10. Terry Schroeder. 11. Dann Olson. 12. Mark Schaffitzel. 13. James Roach. 14. J.J. Scott. 15. Denny Anderson. 16. Troy Folkerts. 17. Larry Clawson. 18. Darin Thye. 19. Bill Davis, Jr.. 20. Dave Farren. 21. Roger Long, Jr. 22. Wayne Larson. 23. Corey Dripps. 24. Kenny Schrader. 25. Don Killen. 26. Terry Shaw. 27. Ricky Lee Stangle. 28. Brian Phillips. **Lap Leaders:** Grubb 1-20; Shryock 21-25.

7/23/97

MARK KINSER WINS ON LAST LAP PASS IN WOO KNOXVILLE SPRINTS



*By Bob Wilson
July 23, 1997*

KNOXVILLE, IOWA - July 23, 1997 - KNOXVILLE, IOWA - July 23- Defending Knoxville Nationals champion Mark Kinser made a last lap pass of his cousin Steve to take the Pennzoil World of Outlaws (WoO) 25-lap feature event at Knoxville Raceway during the Marion County Fair Wednesday night.

In a race considered to be a warm-up to the 37th annual AMOCO Knoxville Nationals in just three weeks, Mark was a third place car for most of the event. It was not until the latter part of the race that his car came to the track and the younger Kinser became a factor to win.

The first two laps of the race belonged to front row starter Andy Hillenburg but on the third go around Steve Kinser dove low in turns three and four to claim the point position for his own. Hillenburg fought back on the ensuing lap but was unable to take the lead back.

As Kinser entered lapped traffic after the three-mile mark Sammy Swindell began to close the gap but a yellow flag slowed his march to the front. On the lap following the restart Johnny Herrera struck the front stretch wall bringing out the red flag. Herrera was unable to restart.

When the race resumed Steve Kinser was again in charge with Swindell chasing and gaining slowing as they rode the high cushion against the fences. After fifteen laps Mark had progressed into the picture to make it a three-way battle. A yellow banner and then a red for a Jac Haudenschild spill in the same location as the Herrera mishap, again brought the field to a halt. The Haudenschild crew made a valiant effort to get the "Wild Child" back into the race but were unable to make the necessary repairs before the race went green again.

On the restart Mark dove low in turns one and two to grab the runner-up position from Swindell. It was at this point that Mark began to seriously challenge Steve for the top spot as the twosome ran nose to tail around the half mile oval. On lap twenty-one Mark took the lead in turns three and four but Steve fought back to claim the lap as they flew by the flag stand. As the duo criss-crossed on the final circuit Mark dove low in turn three to take the point and was able to fend off a final challenge by Steve to take a close win at the stripe.

Chasing Kinser and Kinser to the finish line were Swindell, Greg Hodnett and Hillenburg. Rounding out the top ten finishers were Dave Blaney, Danny Lasoski, Stevie Smith, Garry Brazier and Joe Gaerte.

Qualifying heats went to Sammy Swindell, Jeff Swindell, Steve Kinser and Herrera. Randy Anderson claimed the C Main and Lance Blevins took the B Main. Mark Kinser set the standard for the forty-eight competing sprinters in qualifying time trials.

**RESULTS - KNOXVILLE RACEWAY - KNOXVILLE, IOWA JULY 23, 1997
PENNZOIL WORLD OF OUTLAWS MARION COUNTY FAIR**



TIME TRIALS (Qualifying Order): 1. 5m, Mark Kinser, Oolitic, IN (2) 16.357; 2. 22, Jac Haudenschild, Wooster, OH (11) 16.595; 3. 11, Steve Kinser, Bloomington, IN (23) 16.682; 4. 47, Johnny Herrera, Tempe, AZ (8) 16.846; 5. 1, Sammy Swindell, Cordova, TN (24) 16.859; 6. 2, Andy Hillenburg, Broken Arrow, OK (35) 16.925; 7. 10, Dave Blaney, Cortland, OH (20) 16.959; 8. 1z, Danny Lasoski, Dover, MO (39) 16.970; 9. 11H, Greg Hodnett, Memphis, TN (16) 16.972; 10. 1AU, Garry Brazier, Sydney, NSW, Aust. (10) 16.976; 11. 21, Lance Blevins, Broken Arrow, OK (12) 16.998; 12. 19, Stevie Smith, New Oxford, PA (15) 17.065; 13. 51, Joey Saldana, Brownsburg, IN (47) 17.229; 14. 96, Scott Whitworth, Worthington, MO (27) 17.230; 15. 1J, Marlon Jones, Sioux Falls, SD (6) 17.236; 16. 3G, Joe Gaerte, Rochester, IN (46) 17.283; 17. 75, Paul McMahan, Oroville, CA (33) 17.334; 18. 10V, Jaymie Moyle, Knoxville, IA (26) 17.339; 19. 71m, Doug Wolfgang, Sioux Falls, SD (36) 17.357; 20. 11D, Dion Hindi, Albuquerque, NM (19) 17.396; 21. 56, Chris Walraven, Knoxville, IA (13) 17.408; 22. 7TW, Jeff Swindell, Memphis, TN (43) 17.413; 23. 7, Larry Pinegar II, Des Moines, IA (30) 17.478; 24. 15, Donny Schatz, Minot, ND (40) 17.546; 25. 21x, Steve Beitler, Sedro Woolley, WA (1) 17.555; 26. 1s, Peter Murphy, Sydney, NSW, Aust. (3) 17.557; 27. 55, Skip Jackson, Sydney, NSW, Aust. (38) 17.560; 28. 1BK, Don Droud Jr., Lincoln, NE (5) 17.565; 29. 2m, Matt Moro, Des Moines, IA (31) 17.593; 30. 71, Manny Rockhold, Pekin, IL (9) 17.603; 31. 51J, Ryan Jamison, Burlington, IA (18) 17.658; 32. 48, Dennis Moore Jr., Grinnell, IA (45) 17.701; 33. 5J, Jeff Mitrisin, Oskaloosa, IA (25) 17.714; 34. 16L, Leonard Lee, Milo, IA (48) 17.715; 35. 1B, Brent Antill, Huxley, IA (34) 17.947; 36. 4TW, Trevor Green, Adelaide, SA, Aust. (14) 18.056; 37. 47T, Tim St. Arnold, Des Moines, IA (7) 18.079; 38. 29, Tim Baker, Sioux City, IA (22) 18.165; 39. 57c, Troy Parsons, Altoona, IA (17) 18.175; 40. 71A, Randy Anderson, Clarion, IA (37) 18.184; 41. 12, Travis Cram, Snohomish, WA (41) 18.188; 42. 12L, John Lambertz, Sioux Falls, SD (32) 18.334; 43. 17, Chadd Smith, Mount Ayr, IA (21) 18.355; 44. 9, Rich Bubak, Knoxville, IA (28) 18.403; 45. 19w, Bob Weuve, Newton, IA (44) 18.556; 46. D1, Dan Oswalt, Iola, KS (29) 18.572; 47. 27, Patrick Bourke, Edwards, CO (4) 18.951; 48. 7v, Jerry Vandenhul, (42) 20.024; 49. 21E, Ed Ergenbright, Newton, IA (49).

FIRST HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, 2:24.2: 1. Sammy Swindell (5) 2. Paul McMahan (2) 3. Greg Hodnett (4) 4. Mark Kinser (6) 5. Joey Saldana (3) / 6. Chris Walraven (1) 7. Jeff Mitrisin (9) 8. Matt Moro (8) 9. Bob Weuve (12) 10. Steve Beitler (7) 11. Tim St. Arnold (10) 12. Travis Cram (11).

SECOND HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, 2:25.0: 1. Jeff Swindell (1) 2. Andy Hillenburg (5) 3. Scott Whitworth (3) 4. Garry Brazier (4) 5. Jac Haudenschild (6) / 6. Jaymie Moyle (2) 7. Leonard Lee (9) 8. Peter Murphy (7) 9. Manny Rockhold (8) 10. John Lambertz (11) 11. Tim Baker (10) 12. Dan Oswalt (12).

THIRD HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Steve Kinser (6) 2. Dave Blaney (5) 3. Larry Pinegar II (1) 4. Brent Antill (9) 5. Doug Wolfgang (2) / 6. Marlon Jones (3) 7. Troy Parsons (10) 8. Lance Blevins (4) 9. Patrick Bourke (12) 10. Chadd Smith (11) 11. Ryan Jamison (8) 12. Skip Jackson (7).

FOURTH HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Johnny Herrera (6) 2. Stevie Smith (4) 3. Joe Gaerte (3) 4. Danny Lasoski (5) 5. Donny Schatz (1) / 6. Dennis Moore Jr. (8) 7. Dion Hindi (2) 8. Don Droud Jr. (7) 9. Randy Anderson (10) 10. Trevor Green (9) 11. Rich Bubak (11) 12. Jerry Vandenhul (12).

C MAIN (started), 8 LAPS, 2:32.8: 1. Randy Anderson (2) 2. Travis Cram (3) / 3. Troy Parsons (1) 4. Rich Bubak (6) 5. John Lambertz (4) 6. Dan Oswalt (8) 7. Bob Weuve (5) 8. Patrick Bourke (7) DNS – Chadd Smith, Jerry Vandenhul.

B MAIN (started), 12 LAPS NO TIME: 1. Lance Blevins (4) 2. Jaymie Moyle (2) 3. Skip Jackson (8) 4. Leonard Lee (15) / 5. Don Droud Jr. (9) 6. Jeff Mitrisin (14) 7. Dion Hindi (1) 8. Dennis Moore Jr. (13) 9. Chris Walraven (5) 10. Peter Murphy (7) 11. Steve Beitler (6) 12. Marlon Jones (3) 13. Travis Cram (20) 14. Manny Rockhold (11) 15. Tim St. Arnold (17) 16. Randy Anderson (19) 17. Tim Baker (18) 18. Matt Moro (10) 19. Ryan Jamison (12) 20. Trevor Green (16).

VIVARIN DASH (started), 5 LAPS 1:26.1: 1. Sammy Swindell (2) 2. Andy Hillenburg (1) 3. Steve Kinser (4) 4. Mark Kinser (6) 5. Johnny Herrera (3) 6. Jac Haudenschild (5) 7. Dave Blaney (7) 8. Danny Lasoski (8).

A MAIN (started), 25 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Mark Kinser (4) 2. Steve Kinser (3) 3. Sammy Swindell (1) 4. Greg Hodnett (9) 5. Andy Hillenburg (2) 6. Dave Blaney (7) 7. Danny Lasoski (8) 8. Stevie Smith (12) 9. Garry Brazier (10) 10. Joe Gaerte (15) 11. Donny Schatz (21) 12. Jeff Swindell (19) 13. Skip Jackson (22) 14. Doug Wolfgang (18) 15. Joey Saldana (13) 16. Scott Whitworth (14) 17. Paul McMahan (16) 18. Brent Antill (24) 19. Jaymie Moyle (17) 20. Larry Pinegar II (20) 21. Leonard Lee (23) 22. Jac Haudenschild (6) 23. Lance Blevins (11) 24. Johnny Herrera (5). **Lap Leaders :** Hillenburg 1-2; S. Kinser 3-24; M. Kinser 25.

7/26/97

LASOSKI SPRINTS TO 67TH CAREER KNOXVILLE FEATURE WIN



*By Bob Wilson
July 26, 1997*

KNOXVILLE, IOWA - July 26, 1997 - Danny Lasoski left little doubt about who was in charge Saturday night at Knoxville Raceway as he roared to his 67th feature event win at this half-mile oval.

Row one starter Brent Antill claimed the first five laps of the 20-lap race although Lasoski took a brief lead on the fourth go around only to nearly spin in the fourth turn of that circuit. One lap later he used the same low dive in turns one and two to claim the point position and the lead down the back chute.

Once in front the seven-time Knoxville track champion was never seriously challenged. At the checkered flag he had guided the Chris Black Maxim to a full straight away margin over second place to claim \$2,500 in prize money.

The runner-up spot went to Garry Brazier after the Aussie made a late race pass of Doug Wolfgang. Wolfgang claimed third and Knoxville points leader Skip Jackson took fourth. Aaron Berryhill checkered fifth. Rounding out the top ten finishers were Antill, Leonard Lee, Don Droud, Jr., from the tail, Chris Walraven and Ryan Jamison.

In the companion 360 sprints, Mike Brooks claimed his first win here since last winning in 1985. The 1980 track champion held off the stiff charge of second place Doran Doty in the final stages of the 15-lap event.

Third went to David Hesmer, Randy Martin came from deep in the pack to take fourth and Steve Breazeale was fifth.

The evening of racing was delayed one-half hour due to extreme heat and humidity. Thirty-nine 410 sprints and twenty-nine 360 sprints competed the twelve-event program.

RESULTS - KNOXVILLE RACEWAY - KNOXVILLE, IOWA JULY 26, 1997



TIME TRIALS (Qualifying Order): 1. 1AU, Garry Brazier, Sydney, NSW, Aust. (8) 16.132; 2. 55, Skip Jackson, Sydney, NSW, Aust. (13) 16.191; 3. 1z, Danny Lasoski, Dover, MO (23) 16.244; 4. 7, Larry Pinegar II, Des Moines, IA (10) 16.309; 5. 96, Scott Whitworth, Worthington, MO (31) 16.391; 6. 56, Chris Walraven, Knoxville, IA (6) 16.417; 7. 47, Tim St. Arnold, Des Moines, IA (5) 16.429; 8. 71m, Doug Wolfgang, Sioux Falls, SD (20) 16.439; 9. 12x, Billy Vielhauer, Shawnee, KS (15) 16.519; 10. 10, Jaymie Moyle, Knoxville, IA (3) 16.529; 11. 1, Brent Antill, Huxley, IA (19) 16.553; 12. 1BK, Don Droud Jr., Lincoln, NE (2) 16.585; 13. 19, Bob Weuve, Newton, IA (16) 16.602; 14. 12, Travis Cram, Snohomish, WA (11) 16.624; 15. 48, Dennis Moore Jr., Grinnell, IA (27) 16.639; 16. 2D, Jeff Mitrison, Oskaloosa, IA (22) 16.642; 17. 57, Jake Peters, Wagner, SD (39) 16.660; 18. 51J, Ryan Jamison, Burlington, IA (14) 16.680; 19. 86, John Kearney, Ozawkie, KS (9) 16.753; 20. 21, Steve Beitler, Sedro Woolley, WA (17) 16.785; 21. 97, Aaron Berryhill, Broken Arrow, OK (38) 16.847; 22. 9, Rich Bubak, Knoxville, IA (7) 16.855; 23. 1s, Peter Murphy, Sydney, NSW, Aust. (25) 16.862; 24. 2m, Matt Moro, Des Moines, IA (40) 16.885; 25. 4TW, Trevor Green, Adelaide, SA, Aust. (29) 16.930; 26. 5K, Kevin Whitworth, Sedalia, MO (1) 16.941; 27. 29, Tim Baker, Sioux City, IA (24) 16.999; 28. 16L, Leonard Lee, Milo, IA (33) 17.020; 29. 57c, Troy Parsons, Altoona, IA (18) 17.093; 30. 71, Manny Rockhold, Pekin, IL (21) 17.115; 31. 4, Kenny Hansen, Nunda, SD (35) 17.198; 32. 17, Chadd Smith, Mount Ayr, IA (4) 17.252; 33. 1A, Lee Nelson, Ankeny, IA (32) 17.369; 34. 71A, Randy Anderson, Clarion, IA (36) 17.412; 35. 5, Ken Ratchford, Zion, IL (12) 17.444; 36. 27, Patrick Bourke, Arvada, CO (34) 17.451; 37. 7H, John Hall, Marion, IA (37) 17.695; 38. 12L, John Lambertz, Sioux Falls, SD (26) 17.751; 39. 56c, Gerald Cressman, Hartford, SD (30) 17.902; 40. 4w, Matt Wasmund, Worthington, MN (28) 17.950.

FIRST HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Aaron Berryhill (3) 2. Trevor Green (2) 3. Jake Peters (4) 4. Garry Brazier (8) / 5. Bob Weuve (5) 6. Scott Whitworth (7) 7. Billy Vielhauer (6) 8. Lee Nelson (9) 9. John Hall (10) 10. Troy Parsons (1).

SECOND HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Skip Jackson (8) 2. Manny Rockhold (1) 3. Travis Cram (5) 4. Chris Walraven (7) / 5. Kevin Whitworth (2) 6. Rich Bubak (3) 7. Ryan Jamison (4) 8. Randy Anderson (9) 9. John Lambertz (10) 10. Jaymie Moyle (6).

THIRD HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. John Kearney (4) 2. Danny Lasoski (8) 3. Kenny Hansen (1) 4. Brent Antill (6) / 5. Tim Baker (2) 6. Peter Murphy (3) 7. Tim St. Arnold (7) 8. Dennis Moore Jr. (5) 9. Ken Ratchford (9) DNS – Gerald Cressman.

FOURTH HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Leonard Lee (2) 2. Jeff Mitrison (5) 3. Larry Pinegar II (8) 4. Doug Wolfgang (7) / 5. Steve Beitler (4) 6. Don Droud Jr. (6) 7. Matt Moro (3) 8. Matt Wasmund (10) 9. Chadd Smith (1) 10. Patrick Bourke (9).

B MAIN (started), 12 LAPS NO TIME: 1. Scott Whitworth (1) 2. Don Droud Jr. (3) 3. Ryan Jamison (5) 4. Bob Weuve (4) / 5. Peter Murphy (9) 6. Jaymie Moyle (8) 7. Billy Vielhauer (2) 8. Steve Beitler (6) 9. Tim St. Arnold (7) 10. Rich Bubak (10) 11. Randy Anderson (18) 12. Matt Moro (12) 13. Matt Wasmund (21) 14. John Lambertz (20) 15. Lee Nelson (15) 16. Chadd Smith (16) 17. John Hall (19) 18. Troy Parsons (16) 19. Tim Baker (14) 20. Kevin Whitworth (11) 21. Ken Ratchford (17) DNS – Dennis Moore Jr., Patrick Bourke.

A MAIN (started), 20 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Danny Lasoski (6) 2. Garry Brazier (8) 3. Doug Wolfgang (3) 4. Skip Jackson (7) 5. Aaron Berryhill (12) 6. Brent Antill (2) 7. Leonard Lee (14) 8. Don Droud Jr. (18) 9. Chris Walraven (4) 10. Ryan Jamison (19) 11. Larry Pinegar II (5) 12. Jeff Mitrison (9) 13. Trevor Green (15) 14. Bob Weuve (20) 15. Manny Rockhold (15) 16. John Kearney (11) 17. Travis Cram (1) 18. Kenny Hansen (16) 19. Scott Whitworth (17) 20. Jake Peters (10). **Lap Leaders:** Antill 1-5; Lasoski 6-20.

RESULTS - KNOXVILLE RACEWAY 360 SPRINTS

FIRST HEAT (started), 7 LAPS 2:08.8: 1. 57, Steve Breazeale, Pleasantville, IA (1) 2. 48, Jerry Crabb, Des Moines, IA (4) 3. 41B, Nick Bellino, Omaha, NE (5) 4. 6, Mitchell Alexander, Knoxville, IA (2) 5. 00, Larry Weeks, Montezuma, IA (10) 6. 16H, Jeff Haines, Oskaloosa, IA (9) / 7. 77, Terry Alexander, Knoxville, IA (8) 8. 03, Mike Trent, Columbia, MO (3) 9. 98, Curtis Thorson, Newton, IA (7) 10. 21E, Ed Ergenbright, Newton, IA (6).

SECOND HEAT (started), 7 LAPS 2:01.6: 1. 11, David Hesmer, Marshalltown, IA (1) 2. 10, Steve Wares, Knoxville, IA (2) 3. 9H, Doran Doty, Des Moines, IA (6) 4. 18, Bruce Drottz, Des Moines, IA (8) 5. 39, Joe White, Grimes, IA (4) 6. 4, Dave Middleswart, Indianola, IA (7) / 7. 88, Tim Holzworth, Valeria, IA (5) 8. 3D, Daryl Steenhoek, Altoona, IA (3) 9. 4TC, Jay Totten, Pleasantville, IA (9) DNS – 12x, Bob Thompson, Des Moines, IA.

THIRD HEAT (started), 7 LAPS 2:05.3: 1. 80, Duane Van Heukelom, Colfax, IA (1) 2. N14, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (8) 3. Y5, Mike Houseman, Des Moines, IA (2) 4. 27, Jeff Johnson, Ames, IA (4) 5. 5G, Brett Golik, Newton, IA (3) 6. 14, Randy Martin, California, MO (5) / 7. 41, Virgil Brandt, Des Moines, IA (6) 8. 12m, Brett Mather, Ames, IA (7) 9. 29m, Eric Mason, Knoxville, IA (9) 10. 56c, Gerald Cressman, Hartford, SD (10).

B MAIN (started), 8 LAPS, 2:28.5: 1. Virgil Brandt (3) 2. Terry Alexander (1) / 3. Tim Holzworth (2) 4. Mike Trent (7) 5. Brett Mather (5) 6. Jay Totten (6) 7. Curtis Thorson (8) 8. Daryl Steenhoek (4) DNS – Eric Mason, Ed Ergenbright, Gerald Cressman, Bobby Thompson.

A MAIN (started), 15 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Mike Brooks (3) 2. Doran Doty (1) 3. David Hesmer (7) 4. Randy Martin (18) 5. Steve Breazeale (8) 6. Bruce Drottz (11) 7. Jerry Crabb (5) 8. Brett Golik (15) 9. Steve Wares (4) 10. Virgil Brandt (19) 11. Terry Alexander (20) 12. Jeff Johnson (12) 13. Mike Houseman (9) 14. Dave Middleswart (17) 15. Joe White (14) 16. Nick Bellino (2) 17. Jeff Haines (16) 18. Duane Van Heukelom (6) 19. Mitchell Alexander (10) 20. Larry Weeks (13). **Lap Leaders:** Doty 1-2; Brooks 3-15.

8/2/97

LEONARD LEE TAKES INITIAL KNOXVILLE SPRINT WIN



*By Bob Wilson
August 2, 1997*

KNOXVILLE, IOWA - August 2, 1997 - Leonard Lee drove his self-owned Maxim chassis to his first career win at Knoxville Raceway Saturday night. He gave Lady Luck much of the credit and he may have spoken a bit of the truth.

Aaron Berryhill grabbed the lead at the drop of the green flag of the 20-lap feature event and pulled out to a comfortable margin ahead of his nearest competitor. On lap nine disaster struck Berryhill as he smashed into the first turn fence when the car just wouldn't turn.

On the restart Danny Lasoski, who had inherited the lead, was unable to get his sprinter up to speed when his left rear tire went flat. The Lasoski crew was could not make the tire change in time for the restart and he spent the remainder of the race in his pit stall.

When the race went green again Lee was at the point position and he began to build a sizable lead over Jaymie Moyle and Doug Wolfgang who had begun to contest the runner-up spot. Wolfgang won that disputed position and when the race again went yellow, he was able to give Lee a battle for the top spot for several laps running.

In the end Lee pulled away for his first win to gain the \$2,500 pay check. Wolfgang held the runner-up position and Moyle claimed third. Skip Jackson took fourth and John Kearney was fifth. Rounding out the top ten finishers were Chris Walraven, Travis Cram, Scott Whitworth, Manny Rockhold and Bob Weuve.

David Hesmer drove to his fifth win of the season in the 360 c.i. sprint division. The race saw a particularly vicious accident involving Mike Brooks and Bob Thompson as they battled for the lead during a restart situation. Brooks later went to the hospital for a checkup. No report was available.

For Hesmer it was his 34th career win at this half-mile oval. Randy Martin was second and Steve Breazeale was third. Thirty-three 360 sprints and forty-four 410 sprints competed during the evening.

RESULTS - KNOXVILLE RACEWAY - KNOXVILLE, IOWA AUGUST 2, 1997



TIME TRIALS (Qualifying Order): 1. 96, Scott Whitworth, Worthington, MO (3) 16.154; 2. 83, Randy Hannagan, San Jose, CA (24) 16.338; 3. 1z, Danny Lasoski, Dover, MO (27) 16.349; 4. 55, Skip Jackson, Sydney, NSW, Aust. (23) 16.552; 5. 19, Bob Weuve, Newton, IA (2) 16.611; 6. 86, John Kearney, Ozawkie, KS (32) 16.625; 7. 56, Chris Walraven, Knoxville, IA (34) 16.626; 8. 1BK, Don Droud Jr., Lincoln, NE (38) 16.572; 9. 5J, Jeff Mitrisin, Oskaloosa, IA (18) 16.767; 10. 16L, Leonard Lee, Milo, IA (43) 16.858; 11. 57c, Troy Parsons, Altoona, IA (12) 16.869; 12. 2m, Matt Moro, Des Moines, IA (40) 16.894; 13. 10, Jaymie Moyle, Knoxville, IA (20) 16.911; 14. 2x, Pat Moore, Moline, IL (22) 16.925; 15. 71, Manny Rockhold, Pekin, IL (1) 16.942; 16. 12, Travis Cram, Snohomish, WA (19) 16.963; 17. 57, Jake Peters, Wagner, SD (26) 16.967; 18. 2D, Lee Brewer Jr., Lomita, CA (39) 16.993; 19. 4TW, Trevor Green, Adelaide, NSW, Aust. (25) 16.996; 20. 5K, Kevin Whitworth, Sedalia, MO (10) 17.003; 21. 48, Dennis Moore Jr., Grinnell, IA (44) 17.016; 22. 1J, Marlon Jones, Sioux Falls, SD (6) 17.025; 23. 51J, Ryan Jamison, Burlington, IA (37) 17.040; 24. 91, John Sernett, Savage, MN (21) 17.071 25. 97, Aaron Berryhill, Broken Arrow, OK (41) 17.071; 26. 69, Mark Smyser, Lancaster, MO (11) 17.084; 27. 71m, Doug Wolfgang, Sioux Falls, SD (15) 17.086; 28. 87, Tim Crawley, Mabelvale, AR (7) 17.094; 29. 1, Brent Antill, Huxley, IA (13) 17.095; 30. 71A, Randy Anderson, Clarion, IA (31) 17.095; 31. 7, Larry Pinegar II, Des Moines, IA (9) 17.274; 32. 1A, Lee Nelson, Ankeny, IA (8) 17.350; 33. 12L, John Lambertz, Sioux Falls, SD (33) 17.369; 34. 1K, Peter Murphy, Sydney, NSW, Aust. (29) 17.378; 35. 1w, Jerry Richert Jr., Forest Lake, MN (30) 17.496; 36. 9, Rich Bubak, Knoxville, IA (42) 17.532; 37. 7H, John Hall, Marion, IA (35) 17.594; 38. 17, Chadd Smith, Mount Ayr, IA (16) 17.615; 39. 55x, Jerrel Slinkard, Milo, IA (17) 17.651; 40. 02, Tim Gould, Galesburg, IL (14) 18.652; 41. 7B, Dave Westercamp, Johnston, IA (36) 18.860; 42. 7K, Brooke Tatnell, San Souci, NSW, Aust. (28) 20.975; 43. 70, Calvin Landis, Phoenix, AZ (4) NT; 44. 47, Tim St. Arnold, Des Moines, IA (5) NT.

FIRST HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, 2:27.1: 1. Aaron Berryhill (2) 2. Jeff Mitrisin (6) 3. Brent Antill (1) 4. Jaymie Moyle (3) / 5. Bob Weuve (5) 6. Brooke Tatnell (9) 7. Scott Whitworth (8) 8. Jake Peters (4) 9. Peter Murphy (7) 10. Chadd Smith (10) DNS – Dennis Moore Jr.

SECOND HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, 2:23.2: 1. Leonard Lee (6) 2. Randy Anderson (1) 3. Marlon Jones (3) 4. John Kearney (7) / 5. Randy Hannagan (8) 6. Lee Brewer Jr. (4) 7. Jerry Richert Jr. (9) 8. Pat Moore (5) 9. Jerrel Slinkard (10) 10. Mark Smyser (2) DNS – Calvin Landis

THIRD HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Danny Lasoski (8) 2. Doug Wolfgang (2) 3. Manny Rockhold (5) 4. Trevor Green (4) / 5. Chris Walraven (7) 6. Rich Bubak (9) 7. Troy Parsons (6) 8. Lee Nelson (1) 9. Tim Gould (10) 10. Ryan Jamison (3) DNS – Tim St. Arnold

FOURTH HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Tim Crawley (2) 2. Kevin Whitworth (4) 3. Travis Cram (5) 4. Skip Jackson (8) / 5. Matt Moro (6) 6. Don Droud Jr. (7) 7. John Sernett (3) 8. John Hall (9) 9. John Lambertz (1) DNS – Dave Westercamp DNS – Larry Pinegar II

C MAIN (started), 8 LAPS 2:33.7: 1. John Hall (2) 2. Brooke Tatnell (7) / 3. Calvin Landis (6) 4. Jerrel Slinkard (4) 5. Chadd Smith (3) 6. Tim Gould (5) 7. Rich Bubak (1) DNS – Dave Westercamp, Tim St. Arnold, Larry Pinegar II

B MAIN (started), 12 LAPS, 3:50.8: 1. Randy Hannagan (2) 2. Scott Whitworth (1) 3. Don Droud Jr. (5) 4. Chris Walraven (4) 5. Bob Weuve (3) / 6. Matt Moro (7) 7. Brooke Tatnell (20) 8. Dennis Moore Jr. (11) 9. Ryan Jamison (12) 10. Jerry Richert Jr. (18) 11. Lee Brewer Jr. (10) 12. Jake Peters (9) 13. Peter Murphy (17) 14. John Sernett (13) 15. Troy Parsons (6) 16. Lee Nelson (15) 17. John Lambertz (16) 18. John Hall (19) 19. Pat Moore (8) 20. Mark Smyser (14)

A MAIN (started), 20 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Leonard Lee (8) 2. Doug Wolfgang (13) 3. Jaymie Moyle (7) 4. Skip Jackson (11) 5. John Kearney (10) 6. Chris Walraven (18) 7. Travis Cram (5) 8. Scott Whitworth (16) 9. Manny Rockhold (6) 10. Bob Weuve (20) 11. Randy Hannagan (17) 12. Kevin Whitworth (3) 13. Brent Antill (17) 14. Trevor Green (4) 15. Don Droud Jr. (19) 16. Danny Lasoski (12) 17. Aaron Berryhill (1) 18. Jeff Mitrison (9) 19. Marlon Jones (2) 20. Randy Anderson (14) DNS – Tim Crawley. **Lap Leaders:** Berryhill 1-8; Lee 9-20.

RESULTS - KNOXVILLE RACEWAY 360 SPRINTS

FIRST HEAT (started), 7 LAPS 2:05.6: 1. 14, Randy Martin, California, MO (1) 2. N14, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (5) 3. 10, Steve Wares, Knoxville, IA (4) 4. 11, David Hesmer, Marshalltown, IA (6) / 5. 41, Virgil Brandt, Des Moines, IA (2) 6. 21, Mark Swanson, West Des Moines, IA (7) 7. 1KD, Kim Kennedy, St. Joseph, MO (3) 8. G2, Chuck Graves, Chariton, IA (8) DNS – 82, Dave Van Heukelom, Pella, IA

SECOND HEAT (started), 7 LAPS 2:08.7: 1. 86, Tod Bishop, Harrisburg, IL (1) 2. 77, Terry Alexander, Knoxville, IA (2) 3. 27, Jeff Johnson, Ames, IA (4) 4. 12m, Brett Mather, Ames, IA (6) / 5. 39, Joe White, Grimes, IA (3) 6. 23, Ed Rotert, Mount Ayr, IA (8) 7. 9H, Doran Doty, Des Moines, IA (7) 8. 4TC, Jay Totten, Pleasantville, IA (5) 9. Y5, Mike Houseman, Des Moines, IA (9)

THIRD HEAT (started), 7 LAPS 2:05.3: 1. 6, Mitchell Alexander, Knoxville, IA (2) 2. 41B, Nick Bellino, Omaha, NE (1) 3. 48, Bob Thompson, Des Moines, IA (6) 4. 57, Steve Breazeale, Pleasantville, IA (3) / 5. 18, Bruce Drottz, Des Moines, IA (4) 6. 88, Tim Holzworth, Valeria, IA (7) 7. 126, Stacey Alexander, Lacona, IA (5) DNS – 12x, Jerry Crabb, Des Moines, IA

FOURTH HEAT (started), 7 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. 4, Dave Middleswart, Indianola, IA (2) 2. 21E, Ed Ergenbright, Newton, IA (4) 3. 00, Larry Weeks, Montezuma, IA (5) 4. 3d, Daryl Steenhoek, Altoona, IA (6) / 5. 71, Robert Bell, Colfax, IA (1) 6. 999, Jim Strobel, Sigourney, IA (7) 7. 3s, Roger Short, Des Moines, IA (8) 8. 5G, Brett Golik, Newton, IA (3).

B MAIN (started), 8 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Joe White (2) 2. Bruce Drottz (3) 3. Doran Doty (3) 4. Tim Holzworth (7) / 5. Virgil Brandt (1) 6. Chuck Graves (13) 7. Roger Short (12) 8. Mike Houseman (15) 9. Mark Swanson (5) 10. Stacey Alexander (11) 11. Ed Rotert (6) 12. Robert Bell (4) 13. Kim Kennedy (9) 14. Jay Totten (14) 15. Jim Strobel (8) DNS – Brett Golik, Jerry Crabb

A MAIN (started), 15 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. David Hesmer (13) 2. Randy Martin (12) 3. Steve Breazeale (15) 4. Larry Weeks (1) 5. Doran Doty (18) 6. Terry Alexander (7) 7. Dave Middleswart (9) 8. Jeff Johnson (3) 9. Joe White (17) 10. Brett Mather (14) 11. Tim Holzworth (20) 12. Daryl Steenhoek (16) 13. Mitchell Alexander
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(10) 14. Ed Ergenbright (5) 15. Tod Bishop (11) 16. Bob Thompson (2) 17. Mike Brooks (8) 18. Steve Wares (4) 19. Bruce Drottz (18) 20. Nick Bellino (6). **Lap Leaders :** Thompson 1-11; Hesmer 12-15.

8/9/97

JACKSON IS KNOXVILLE PRE-NATIONALS SPRINT WINNER



*By Bob Wilson
August 9, 1997*

KNOXVILLE, IOWA - August 9, 1997 - Skip Jackson showed the way around the Marion County fairgrounds as he laid claim the 20-lap feature event at Knoxville Raceway Saturday night. It was the final warm-up sprint car race before the 37th annual AMOCO Knoxville

Nationals.

Chris Walraven led the 24-car field through the paces for the first two laps on the half-mile oval before he was overtaken on a restart situation by Larry Pinegar II. Lap four saw Kevin Gobrecht bring out the red flag when he ran up over the wheel of a slowing Brooke Tatnell in turn one. Neither car restarted.

When the race resumed, Pinegar again assumed control with Jackson claiming the runner-up spot on the ensuing circuit. Ever so slowly Jackson began to close on the Pinegar machine but a second red flag for a Walraven spill at the half-way point again closed the cars into a single file restart.

Pinegar took control of the restart but Jackson began to hound him immediately and when Pinegar struck the guardrail on the fourteenth go around Jackson dove his Jenson Construction sprinter to the low side and took the lead. Pinegar regained his composure on the white flag lap but it was too late and the laps had run out.

Jackson dashed across the finish line to take his second win of the season on this historic oval as well as a \$2,500 paycheck while Pinegar had to settle for second. Third went to Terry McCarl who had come all the way from the back of the starting field after transferring from the B Main. Don Droud, Jr. took fourth and Leonard Lee was fifth. Rounding out the top ten finishers were Steve Coelho, Jerrod Hull, Brent Antill, Jaymie Moyle and Bob Weuve.

David Hesmer captured his sixth win of the regular season in the 360 c.i. sprint division after he made a late-race restart pass of race-long leader Randy Martin. Martin finished second, Mike Brooks took third and Minnesota visitor Tony Norem finished fourth. Thirty-one 360 sprints and fifty-seven 410 sprints competed during the evening.

RESULTS - KNOXVILLE RACEWAY KNOXVILLE, IOWA AUGUST 9, 1997



TIME TRIALS (Qualifying Order): 1. 86, John Kearney, Ozawkie, KS (5) 15.764; 2. 12A, Kevin Gobrecht, New Oxford, PA (37) 15.901; 3. 6c, Steve Coelho, Tulare, CA (12) 15.974; 4. 71m, Doug Wolfgang, Sioux Falls, SD (24) 15.977; 5. 29, Tommie Estes, Jr., Tulsa, OK (1) 16.006; 6. 24, Terry McCarl, Pleasant Hill, IA (6) 16.026; 7. 1, Brent Antill, Huxley, IA (2) 16.028; 8. 55, Skip Jackson, Sydney, NSW, Aust. (49) 16.088; 9. 57, Jake Peters, Wagner, SD (10) 16.108; 10. 96, Scott Whitworth, Worthington, MO (41) 16.142; 11. 83, Randy Hannagan, San Jose, CA (33) 16.163; 12. 47, Tim St. Arnold, Des Moines, IA (3) 16.210; 13. 7, Larry Pinegar II, Des Moines, IA (21) 16.288; 14. 71A, Randy Anderson, Clarion, IA (4) 16.296; 15. 6, Jim Farmer, Jacksonville, IL (9) 16.314; 16. 2m, Matt Moro, Des Moines, IA (39) 16.321; 17. 7K, Brooke

Tatnell, San Souci, NSW, Aust. (54) 16.345; 18. 1J, Marlon Jones, Sioux Falls, SD (34) 16.376; 19. 70, Calvin Landis, Phoenix, AZ (19) 16.383; 20. 56, Chris Walraven, Knoxville, IA (42) 16.384; 21. 10, Jaymie Moyle, Knoxville, IA (11) 16.393; 22. 9w, Gary Wright, Hooks, TX (31) 16.407; 23. 21, Steve Beitler, Sedro Woolley, WA (7) 16.464; 24. 9F, Sarah Fisher, Commercial Point, OH (28) 16.490; 25. 2F, Brad Furr, Dublin, CA (20) 16.501; 26. 16L, Leonard Lee, Milo, IA (36) 16.521; 27. 1BK, Don Droud Jr., Lincoln, NE (46) 16.523; 28. 29V, Tim Baker, Sioux City, IA (38) 16.543; 29. 12x, Billy Vielhauer, Shawnee, KS (23) 16.618; 30. 11, Jerrod Hull, Sikeston, MO (53) 16.618; 31. 87, Tim Crawley, Mabelvale, AR (40) 16.674; 32. 27, Patrick Bourke, Edwards, CO (8) 16.696; 33. 12, Dennis Moore Jr., Grinnell, IA (57) 16.706; 34. 19, Bob Weuve, Newton, IA (43) 16.735; 35. 9, Rich Bubak, Knoxville, IA (26) 16.866; 36. 8N, Danny Wood, Norman, OK (51) 16.898; 37. 5J, Jeff Mitrison, Oskaloosa, IA (35) 16.904; 38. 1s, Peter Murphy, Sydney, NSW, Aust. (56) 16.910; 39. 2s, Jim Moughan Jr., Springfield, IL (14) 16.912; 40. 8, John Bankston, Beaumont, TX (44) 16.918; 41. 71, Manny Rockhold, Pekin, IL (30) 16.959; 42. 17, Chadd Smith, Mount Ayr, IA (27) 17.020; 43. 15, Bobby Mincer, Burlington, IA (13) 17.028; 44. 55x, Jerrel Slinkard, Milo, IA (48) 17.033; 45. 25, Chad Radel, Sioux Falls, SD (22) 17.065; 46. 97, Todd Wessels, Ellsworth, MN (17) 17.119; 47. 5K, Kevin Whitworth, Sedalia, MO (15) 17.130; 48. 7I, Ricky Logan, Little Rock, AR (25) 17.191; 49. 57c, Troy Parsons, Altoona, IA (16) 17.196; 50. 7H, John Hall, Marion, IA (50) 17.286; 51. 51J, Ryan Jamison, Burlington, IA (18) 17.288; 52. 7B, Dave Westercamp, Johnston, IA (29) 17.395; 53. 02, Tim Gould, Galesburg, IL (47) 17.427; 54. 69, Mark Smyser, Lancaster, MO (32) 17.709; 55. 121, Judi Bates, Spring City, PA (55) 17.926; 56. 42, Bill Pembleton, Clarksville, TN (52) 18.692; 57. 21G, Howie Gleason, East Troy, WI (45) 19.168.

FIRST HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Tim Crawley (2) 2. Randy Hannagan (6) 3. Jaymie Moyle (4) 4. Leonard Lee (3) / 5. Terry McCarl (7) 6. Todd Wessels (10) 7. Manny Rockhold (9) 8. Bill Pembleton (12) 9. Matt Moro (5) 10. John Kearney (8) 11. Danny Wood (1) 12. Ryan Jamison (11)

SECOND HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, 2:20.9: 1. Jeff Mitrison (1) 2. Don Droud Jr. (3) 3. Brooke Tatnell (5) 4. Gary Wright (4) / 5. Brent Antill (7) 6. Patrick Bourke (2) 7. Tim St. Arnold (6) 8. Kevin Whitworth (10) 9. Chadd Smith (9) 10. Dave Westercamp (11) 11. Howie Gleason (12) 12. Kevin Gobrecht (8)

THIRD HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Skip Jackson (7) 2. Larry Pinegar II (6) 3. Dennis Moore Jr. (2) 4. Steve Coelho (8) / 5. Steve Beitler (4) 6. Ricky Logan (10) 7. Bobby Mincer (9) 8. Peter Murphy (1) 9. Marlon Jones (5) 10. Tim Baker (3) 11. Tim Gould (11)

FOURTH HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, 2:22.1: 1. Bob Weuve (2) 2. Sarah Fisher (4) 3. Doug Wolfgang (8) 4. Calvin Landis (3) / 5. Jake Peters (5) 6. Randy Anderson (6) 7. Troy Parsons (10) 8. Jerrel Slinkard (7) 9. Mark Smyser (9) 10. Billy Vielhauer (1) DNS – Jim Moughan Jr.

FIFTH HEAT (started), 8 LAPS NO TIME: 1. Rich Bubak (2) 2. Jerrod Hull (3) 3. Chris Walraven (5) 4. Brad Furr (4) / 5. Jim Farmer (6) 6. John Bankston (1) 7. John Hall (10) 8. Judi Bates (9) 9. Scott Whitworth (7) 10. Tommie Estes Jr. (8) DNS – Chad Radel

C MAIN (started), 10 LAPS, 3:12.2: 1. Manny Rockhold (2) 2. Jerrel Slinkard (3) 3. Chadd Smith (1) 4. Kevin Whitworth (6) 5. Ricky Logan (7) / 6. Ryan Jamison (10) 7. Bobby Mincer (4) 8. Todd Wessels (5) 9. Troy Parsons (8) 10. Dave Westercamp (11) 11. John Hall (9) 12. Mark Smyser (13) 13. Howie Gleason (14) 14. Bill Pembleton (15) 15. Judi Bates (12) DNS – John Bankston, Chad Radel, Tim Gould

B MAIN (started), 12 LAPS, 3:49.5: 1. Terry McCarl (1) 2. Brent Antill (2) 3. Kevin Gobrecht (6) 4. Jake Peters (3) / 5. Scott Whitworth (8) 6. John Kearney (7) 7. Jim Farmer (4) 8. Ricky Logan (19) 9. Steve Beitler (11) 10. Kevin Whitworth (20) 11. Randy Anderson (5) 12. Danny Wood (13) 13. Patrick Bourke (14) 14. Manny Rockhold (15) 15. Jerrel Slinkard (18) 16. Peter Murphy (16) 17. Tommie Estes Jr. (12) 18. Chadd Smith (17) ... also: Tim Baker (9), Marlon Jones (10) DNS – Tim St. Arnold, Matt Moro, Billy Vielhauer, Jim Moughan Jr.

A MAIN (started), 20 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Skip Jackson (6) 2. Larry Pinegar II (4) 3. Terry McCarl (21) 4. Don Droud Jr. (14) 5. Leonard Lee (13) 6. Steve Coelho (8) 7. Jerrod Hull (15) 8. Brent Antill (22) 9. Jaymie Moyle (9) 10. Bob Weuve (18) 11. Doug Wolfgang (7) 12. Calvin Landis (2) 13. Sarah Fisher (11) 14. Tim Crawley (16) 15. Brad Furr (12) 16. Rich Bubak (19) 17. Dennis Moore Jr. (17) 18. Jake Peters (24) 19. Randy Hannagan (5) 20. Gary Wright (10) 21. Chris Walraven (1) 22. Brooke Tatnell (3) 23. Kevin Gobrecht (23) 24. Jeff Mitrison (20). **Lap Leaders:** Walraven 1-2; Pinegar II 3-13; Jackson 14-20.

RESULTS - KNOXVILLE RACEWAY 360 SPRINTS

FIRST HEAT (started), 7 LAPS 2:04.3: 1. 86, Tod Bishop, Harrisburg, IL (4) 2. 82, Dave Van Heukelom, Pella, IA (1) 3. 14, Randy Martin, California, MO (7) 4. 41B, Nick Bellino, Papillion, NE (8) 5. 4, Dave Middleswart, Indianola, IA (6) 6. 41, Virgil Brandt, Des Moines, IA (10) / 7. 12m, Brett Mather, Ames, IA (3) 8. 9H, Doran Doty, Des Moines, IA (9) 9. 126, Stacey Alexander, Lacona, IA (5) 10. 21, Mark Swanson, West Des Moines, IA (11) 11. G2, Chuck Graves, Chariton, IA (2).

SECOND HEAT (started), 7 LAPS NO TIME: 1. N14, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (1) 2. 45, Tony Norem, Montgomery, MN (2) 3. 03, Mike Trent, Columbia, MO (5) 4. 88, Tim Holzworth, Valeria, IA (6) 5. 21E, Ed Ergenbright, Newton, IA (4) 6. 4TC, Jay Totten, Pleasantville, IA (7) / 7. 23, Ed Rotert, Mount Ayr, IA (8) 8. 39, Joe White, Grimes, IA (10) 9. 71, Robert Bell, Colfax, IA (9) 10. 10, Steve Wares, Knoxville, IA (3).

THIRD HEAT (started), 7 LAPS 2:03.7: 1. 11, David Hesmer, Marshalltown, IA (4) 2. 77, Terry Alexander, Knoxville, IA (1) 3. 8B, Bruce Williams, Pleasant Hill, IA (2) 4. 00, Larry Weeks, Montezuma, IA (6) 5. 57, Steve Breazeale, Pleasantville, IA (7) 6. 27, Jeff Johnson, Ames, IA (3) / 7. Y5, Mike Houseman, Des Moines, IA (8) 8. 34, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (5) 9. 3d, Daryl Steenhoek, Altoona, IA (10) 10. 6, Mitchell Alexander, Knoxville, IA (9).

B MAIN (started), 8 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Mike Houseman (1) 2. Doran Doty (4) / 3. Ed Rotert (2) 4. Mark Swanson (10) 5. Daryl Steenhoek (7) 6. Tim Deaver (6) 7. Robert Bell (8) 8. Joe White (3) 9. Mitchell Alexander (9) 10. Stacey Alexander (5) DNS – Brett Mather, Steve Wares

A MAIN (started), 15 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. David Hesmer (6) 2. Randy Martin (2) 3. Mike Brooks (7) 4. Tony Norem (4) 5. Virgil Brandt (16) 6. Terry Alexander (3) 7. Tod Bishop (8) 8. Nick Bellino (10) 9. Steve Breazeale (15) 10. Dave Van Huekelom (5) 11. Dave Middleswart (13) 12. Mike Houseman (19) 13. Bruce Williams (9) 14. Doran Doty (20) 15. Jeff Johnson (18) 16. Ed Ergenbright (14) 17. Jay Totten (17) 18. Mike Trent (1) 19. Tim Holzworth (11) 20. Larry Weeks (12). **Lap Leaders:** Martin 1-13; Hesmer 14-15.

8/13/97

MARK KINSER

COLLECTS WEDNESDAY FEATURE WIN

*by Perry Bell
Sports Editor*

Knoxville Dirt Digest



The largest first-day crowd to ever witness an Amoco Knoxville Nationals event watched Mark Kinser pick up where he left off a year ago. The crowd was estimated at 19,000 for the opening night of the 37th annual sprint car extravaganza.

Kinser in the 5M Wirtgen America Inc., sprinter took away the lead in the main event Wednesday on lap number eight from Dave Blaney, of Cortland, Ohio.

Blaney, who is fresh off a \$100,000 payday of his own last weekend by winning The Historical Big One led just one lap.

Kenny Jacobs, of Holmesville, Ohio was the early race leader in the main event as he took the 22-car field around the world-famous Knoxville half-mile dirt oval for the first six laps in the lead. Blaney then led lap number seven before Kinser motored by.

Kinser is the defending Knoxville Nationals champion. The only thing that kept Kinser from a perfect 500 point qualifying night was a second place finish in his heat race.

Despite qualifying late Mark Kinser still managed to set quick time for the night during time trials. Kinser was one of only two drivers to time in under 16 seconds for the night. Kinser's clocking was 15.601. Second quick for the evening was Donny Schatz with a run of 15.980. Knoxville season point leader Skip Jackson was third quick at 16.012.

The top eight drivers in the main event were inverted. That put Mark Kinser outside row four for the drop of the green. Mark Kinser simply took off from the pack after taking the lead. Dave Blaney put up a stiff challenge, but even he was no match for Kinser on this night.

Blaney settled for second place at the dropping of the checkered flags by Doug Clark. Sammy Swindell, a former Knoxville Nationals champion was third and Kenny Jacobs faded to finish fourth.

Andy Hillenburg was fifth in the feature, followed by Frankie Kerr, Johnny Herrera, Keith Kauffman, Garry Brazier and Stevie Smith rounded out the top 10.

In victory lane Kinser commented, "Our car worked real good. We just came up a little short in our heat."



He added, "I was pretty worried about Dave (Blaney). The last five laps we let it all hang out. We have a hell of a team."

Winning the five 10 lap heat races were Andy Hillenburg, Johnny Herrera, Stevie Smith, Tyler Walker and Sammy Swindell.

Rocky Hodges led all but the final two turns of the B-Feature. Hodges then hit the wall and was forced to leave the race. Taking advantage of Hodges misfortune was Joey Saldana and Brooke Tatnell, who ran one-two respectively in the B-Feature. Only the top two managed to earn transfers into the main event.

The C-Feature was won by Mike Peters. Taking second in the event was Scott "Breezy" Whitworth.

Winning the two last chance heat races were John Kearney and Ron Laney.



*Results By Bob Wilson
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15.601; 2. 15, Aust. (5) Swindell, 16.070; 7. 47, Indianapolis, Jacobs, 16.320 12. 51, OH (80) 16.335; 14. 14, Randy Kinser, Bloomington, IN (16) 16.354; 15. 92, Kenny Jacobs, Holmesville, OH (17) 16.379; 16. 2, Andy Hillenburg, Broken Arrow, OK (54) 16.392; 17. 4J, Jeff Shepard, Upperco, MD (36) 16.427; 18. 70, Calvin Landis, Phoenix, AZ (11) 16.427; 19. 0c, Mike Peters, Wichita, KS (1) 16.479; 20. 55J, Tim Shaffer, Aliquippa, PA (3) 16.485; 21. 7K, Brooke Tatnell, San Souci, NSW, Aust. (34) 16.496; 22. 1B, Brent Antill, Huxley, IA (42) 16.549; 23. 19, Stevie Smith, New Oxford, PA (67) 16.566; 24. 4K, Kelly Kinser, Bloomington, IN (25) 16.626; 25. 4, Danny Smith, Danville, IN (27) 16.651; 26. 19w, Bob Weuve, Newton, IA (48) 16.657; 27. 7s, Travis Whitney, Brooklyn Park, MN (15) 16.659; 28. 10T, Len Thompson, Newtown, PA (26) 16.675; 29. 29, Tommie Estes Jr., Tulsa, OK (24) 16.684; 30. U2, Keith Kauffman, Mifflintown, PA (45) 16.696; 31. 29N, Larry Neighbors, Oklahoma City, OK (2) 16.706; 32. 51J, Ryan Jamison, Burlington, IA (8) 16.795; 33. 1P, Billy Pauch, Frenchtown, NJ (65) 16.833; 34. 73, Tim Engler, Princeton, IN (22) 16.854; 35. 56, Chris Walraven, Knoxville, IA (39) 16.891; 36. 12m, Brent Kaeding, Campbell, CA (33) 16.900; 37. D1, Dan Oswalt, Iola, KS (14) 16.915; 38. 12\$, Shane Carson, Yukon, OK (51) 16.967; 39. 6c, Steve Coelho, Tulare, CA (74) 16.979; 40. 8J, John Bankston, Beaumont, TX (46) 16.982; 41. 69, Mark Smyser, Lancaster, MO (12) 16.983; 42. 1a, Bobby Allen, Hanover, PA (29) 17.042; 43. 3, Daniel Coggeshell, Des Moines, IA (59) 17.052; 44. 2B, Bobby Adamson Jr., Dowagiac, MI (7) 17.076; 45. 96, Scott Whitworth, Worthington, MO (81) 17.103; 46. 57P, Jake Peters, Wagner, SD (71) 17.130; 47. 2m, Matt Moro, Des Moines, IA (53) 17.153; 48. 8N, Danny Wood, Norman, OK (61) 17.158; 49. 61, Joe Roe, Zion, IL (77) 17.216; 50. 12x, Billy Vielhauer, Shawnee, KS (41) 17.226; 51. 9s, Shane Stewart, Bixby, OK (52) 17.239; 52. 27P, Patrick Bourke, Vail, CO (79) 17.260; 53. 86, John Kearney, Ozawkie, KS (70) 17.267; 54. 57c, Troy Parsons, Altoona, IA (37) 17.295; 55. 36, Doran Doty, Des Moines, IA (47) 17.301; 56. 121, Judi Bates, Spring City, PA (20) 17.305; 57. 5G, Brett Golik, Newton, IA (83) 17.343; 58. 52, Ronald Laney, Humble, TX (68) 17.370; 59. 7c, Greg Wilson, Benton Ridge, OH (19) 17.386; 60. 4s, Tommy Scott, Springfield, IL (38) 17.420; 61. 50, Kevin Doty, Burlington, IA (23) 17.518; 62. 29V, Tim Baker, Sioux City, IA (78) 17.520; 63. 2A, Randy Hibbs, Savannah, MO (28) 17.559; 64. 2F, Brad Furr, Dublin, CA (76) 17.594; 65. 17, Chadd Smith, Mount Ayr, IA (35) 17.621; 66. 7H, John Hall, Marion, IA (55) 17.673; 67. 00J, Jason Statler, San Jose, CA (4) 17.698; 68. 69R, Terry Reilly, Watertown, SD (50) 17.704; 69. 2x, Pat Moore, Moline, IL (56) 17.776; 70. 20, Kevin Frey, Chambersburg, PA (43) 17.830; 71. 24, David Fowler, Oroville, CA (57) 17.832; 72. 4TW, Trevor Green, Adelaide, SA, Aust. (66) 17.872; 73. 26, Seth Brahmer, Wisner, NE (62) 17.901; 74. 5MA, Mallory Armfield, St. Joseph, MO (31) 17.937; 75. 51x, Nick Losasso, Westminster, CO (72) 17.953; 76. 4w, Matt Wasmund, Worthington, MN (63) 18.002; 77. 12L, John Lambertz, Sioux Falls, SD (58) 18.131; 78. 83JR, Justin Henderson, Beresford, SD (30) 18.163; 79. 21K, Lou Kennedy Jr., Winnipeg, MB, Can. (75) 18.234; 80. 1K, Steve Ballenger, Harrisburg, SD (69) 18.322; 81. 8L, Tom Lenz, Strawberry Point, IA (82) 18.558; 82. 5R, Ken Ratchford, Zion, IL (40) 18.806; 83. 55R, Jeff Rice, Topeka, KS (84) 20.479; 84. 9D, Keith Dempsey, Lubbock, TX (60) 20.913.

Last Chance Heat #1 (started), 8 laps, NT: 1. John Kearney (2) 2. Shane Stewart (1) 3. Doran Doty (3) 4. Pat Moore (10) / 5. Brett Golik (4) 6. John Lambertz (14) 7. Greg Wilson (5) 8. Chadd Smith (8) 9. Seth Brahmer

(12) 10. Steve Ballenger (16) 11. Nick LoSasso (13) 12. Jeff Rice (17) 13. Randy Hibbs (7) 14. Lou Kennedy Jr. (15) 15. David Fowler (11) 16. Jason Statler (9) 17. Kevin Doty (6).

Last Chance Heat #2, 8 laps, No Time: 1. Ronald Laney (4) 2. Patrick Bourke (1) 3. Troy Parsons (2) 4. Brad Furr (7) / 5. Trevor Green (9) 6. Tommy Scott (5) 7. Matt Wasmund (11) 8. Tim Baker (6) 9. Justin Henderson (14) 10. Kevin Frey (10) 11. Tom Lenz (13) 12. John Hall (8) 13. Mallory Armfield (12) 14. Judi Bates (3) 15. Ken Ratchford (15) 16. Keith Dempsey (16) DNS – Terry Reilly.

First Heat (started), 10 laps, 3:03.7 1. Andy Hillenburg (7) 2. Mark Kinser (10) 3. Jake Peters (1) 4. Garry Brazier (9) / 5. Brooke Tatnell (6) 6. Brent Kaeding (3) 7. Joey Saldana (8) 8. Bob Weuve (5) / 9. Mark Smyser (2) 10. Larry Neighbors (4).

Second Heat (started), 10 laps, 3:05.0: 1. Johnny Herrera (9) 2. Brent Antill (6) 3. Matt Moro (1) 4. Calvin Landis (7) / 5. Bobby Allen (2) 6. Travis Whitney (5) 7. Ryan Jamison (4) 8. Todd Shaffer (8) / 9. Donny Schatz (10) 10. Dan Oswalt (3).

Third Heat (started), 10 laps, 2:47.1: 1. Stevie Smith (6) 2. Dave Blaney (8) 3. Billy Pauch (4) 4. Jeff Shepard (7) / 5. Daniel Coggeshell (2) 6. Danny Wood (1) 7. Skip Jackson (10) 8. Rocky Hodges (9) / 9. Len Thompson (5) 10. Shane Carson (3).

Fourth Heat (started), 10 laps, No Time: 1. Tyler Walker (10) 2. Joe Roe (1) 3. Tim Engler (4) 4. Frankie Kerr (9) / 5. Steve Coelho (3) 6. Randy Kinser (8) 7. Bobby Adamson (2) 8. Kelly Kinser (6) / 9. Tommie Estes Jr. (5) 10. Mike Peters (7).

Fifth Heat (started), 10 laps, No Time: 1. Sammy Swindell (10) 2. Kenny Jacobs (8) 3. Keith Kauffman (5) 4. Danny Smith (6) / 5. Dean Jacobs (9) 6. Tim Shaffer (7) 7. Chris Walraven (4) 8. Billy Vielhauer (1) / 9. John Bankston (3) 10. Scott Whitworth (2).

C Main (started), 10 laps, no time: 1. Mike Peters (2) 2. Scott Whitworth (10) / 3. Tommie Estes Jr. (4) 4. John Bankston (8) 5. Shane Stewart (7) 6. Len Thompson (1) 7. Mark Smyser (5) 8. Shane Carson (3) 9. Pat Moore (11) 10. Troy Parsons (13) 11. Brad Furr (15) 12. Doran Doty (9) 13. Patrick Bourke (14) 14. Ronald Laney (12) 15. Dan Oswalt (6) DNS – Donny Schatz, Larry Neighbors, John Kearney.

B Main (started), 12 laps, No Time: 1. Joey Saldana (4) 2. Brooke Tatnell (8) / 3. Dean Jacobs (3) 4. Skip Jackson (1) 5. Brent Kaeding (14) 6. Kelly Kinser (9) 7. Bob Weuve (10) 8. Randy Kinser (6) 9. Travis Whitney (11) 10. Tim Shaffer (7) 11. Steve Coelho (15) 12. Todd Shaffer (5) 13. Mike Peters (21) 14. Chris Walraven (13) 15. Scott Whitworth (22) 16. Daniel Coggeshell (17) 17. Danny Wood (19) 18. Rocky Hodges (2) 19. Billy Vielhauer (20) 20. Bobby Allen (16) 21. Bobby Adamson (18) 22. Ryan Jamison (12).

A Main (started), 20 laps, No Time: 1. Mark Kinser (8) 2. Dave Blaney (2) 3. Sammy Swindell (6) 4. Kenny Jacobs (1) 5. Andy Hillenburg (9) 6. Frankie Kerr (3) 7. Johnny Herrera (4) 8. Keith Kauffman (15) 9. Garry Brazier (5) 10. Stevie Smith (13) 11. Danny Smith (14) 12. Billy Pauch (16) 13. Brent Antill (12) 14. Jeff Shepard (11) 15. Tyler Walker (7) 16. Calvin Landis (10) 17. Joey Saldana (21) 18. Joe Roe (20) 19. Tim Engler (17) 20. Brooke Tatnell (22) 21. Matt Moro (19) 22. Jake Peters (18). **Lap Leaders:** Jacobs 1-6; Blaney 7; Kinser 8-20.

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JAC HAUDENSCHILD CAPTURES THURSDAY NIGHT RACE



by Perry Bell
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Jac "The Wild Child" Haudenschild won a thrilling Thursday Amoco Knoxville Nationals Preliminary A-Feature. Haudenschild won by over-taking Craig Dollansky to lead the final three laps of the 20-lap main event.

The early race leader was Paul McMahan in the Mopar sponsored sprinter. McMahan, who hails from the state of Calif., started the main event on the outside of the front row. He led the first two laps of the feature.

Dollansky, of Elk River, Minn., finished third in the Amoco Knoxville Nationals in 1996. Like Mark Kinser the night before, Dollansky picked up where he left off a year ago.

"The car was working great tonight," stated Dollansky. "On about the 12th lap the car popped out of gear. I managed to get it back in gear. It popped out again, I got it popped back in but it didn't stay."

"I ran the final four or five laps with one hand on the steering wheel and the other on the shifter," Dollansky stated. "We should have won one tonight."

Haudenschild managed to take full advantage of Dollansky's troubles for the night. Haudenschild credited mechanic Guy Forbrook for working on the car the entire night to make it just right for the feature.



A year ago Haudenschild was a spectator at home. A back injury kept "The Wild Child" out of the Knoxville Nationals in 1996. He's making the most of his opportunities now.

Haudenschild took advantage of every inch on the race track as he was seen bouncing the car off the wall. Earlier in the evening Haudenschild spun the Pennzoil No. 22 Maxim in his heat race.

After restarting the heat race at the back of the pack, "Haud" managed to earn the final transfer spot to the main event as he was fourth in his heat.

Rounding out the top five in the main event was 11-time Knoxville Nationals champion Steve Kinser in third place, seven-time Knoxville Raceway season point champion Danny Lasoski in fourth and Joe Gaerte fifth.

The next five in the feature were Jeff Swindell, Greg Hodnett, Dale Blaney, Terry McCarl and Doug Wolfgang in sixth through 10th place respectively.

McCarl, of Pleasant Hill, came from the back of the A-Feature after winning the 12-lap B-Feature. Kevin Gobrecht earned the second and last transfer spot to the main event from the B-Feature.



Don Droud Jr., was third in the B-Feature.

Steve Beitler, of Sedro Woolley, Wash., won the 10-lap C-Feature in front of Gary Wright, from Hooks, Texas. Both drivers earned transfer spots to the B-Feature.

Heat race winners were Steve Kinser, Doug Wolfgang, Dale Blaney, Larry Pinegar II and Paul McMahan.



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Time Trials (Qualifying Order): 1. 1z, Danny Lasoski, Dover, MO (5) 15.716; 2. 11H, Greg Hodnett, Memphis, TN (8) 15.792; 3. 22, Jac Haudenschild, Wooster, OH (11) 15.925; 4. 7, Larry Pinegar II, Des Moines, IA (12) 15.942; 5. 12A, Kevin Gobrecht, New Oxford, PA (22) 15.978; 6. 1w, Craig Dollansky, Elk River, MN (15) 16.058; 7. 8h, Terry Pleasant Hill, IA (3) 16.085; 8. 1BK, Don Droud Jr., Lincoln, NE (42) 16.126; 9. 3G, Joe Gaerte, Rochester, IN (13) 16.126; 10. 75, Paul McMahan, Oroville, CA (7) 16.143; 11. 11, Steve Kinser, Bloomington, IN (46) 16.159; 12. 71m, Doug Wolfgang, Sioux Falls, SD (34) 16.178; 13. 7P, Kevin Huntley, Bloomington, IN (4) 16.264; 14. 9w, Gary Wright, Hooks, TX (10) 16.276; 15. 71A, Randy Anderson, Clarion, IA (19) 16.305; 16. 2L, Ed Lynch Jr., Apollo, PA (24) 16.310; 17. 7TW, Jeff Swindell, Memphis, TN (2) 16.324; 18. 16L, Leonard Lee, Milo, IA (49) 16.360; 19. 10V, Jaymie Moyle, Knoxville, IA (16) 16.364; 20. 14P, Kevin Pylant, Santa Cruz, CA (43) 16.444; 21. 21, Lance Blevins, Broken Arrow, OK (63) 16.458; 22. 21x, Steve Beitler, Sedro Woolley, WA (26) 16.478; 23. 18, Rick Ziehl, Las Cruces, NM (62) 16.482; 24. 25s, Al Schmidt, Racine, WI (1) 16.494; 25. 47T, Tim St. Arnold, Des Moines, IA (51) 16.500; 26. 83, Randy Hannagan, San Jose, CA (31) 16.526; 27. 1J, Marlon Jones, Sioux Falls, SD (39) 16.528; 28. 9F, Sarah Fisher, Ashville, OH (14) 16.528; 29. 12, Dennis Moore Jr., Grinnell, IA (60) 16.543; 30. 25, Chad Radel, Sioux Falls, SD (58) 16.588; 31. 5J, Jeff Mitrisin, Oskaloosa, IA (36) 16.601; 32. 91, John Sernett, Savage, MN (59) 16.631; 33. 94, Dale Blaney, Harford, OH (41) 16.673; 34. 7I, Ricky Logan, Little Rock, AR (6) 16.683; 35. 55x, Jerrel Slinkard, Milo, IA (17) 16.734; 36. 97, Aaron Berryhill, Broken Arrow, OK (45) 16.751; 37. 4H, Kenny Hansen, Nunda, SD (56) 16.784; 38. 11D, Dion Hindi, Albuquerque, NM (53) 16.810; 39. 87, Tim Crawley, Mabelvale, AR (61) 16.811; 40. 0w, Billy Wilburn, Mooresville, NC (37) 16.827; 41. 5K, Kevin Whitworth, Sedalia, MO (38) 16.838; 42. 71, Manny Rockhold, Pekin, IL (21) 16.869; 43. 0, Randy Smith, Mount Ayr, IA (28) 16.878; 44. 11w, Jerry Richert Jr., Forest Lake, MN (9) 16.904; 45. 97w, Tod Wessels, Ellsworth, MN (25) 16.929; 46. 63, Randy Nygaard, Sioux Falls, SD (65) 16.998; 47. 24v, Justin Via, Marion, IL (18) 17.002; 48. 11A, Lee Nelson, Ankeny, IA (23) 17.014; 49. 1s, Peter Murphy, Sydney, NSW, Aust. (32) 17.073; 50. 92J, JR Topper, St. Joseph, MO (47) 17.079; 51. 9, Rich Bubak, Knoxville, IA (40) 17.132; 52. 27G, Donny Goeden, Kewaskum, WI (52) 17.194; 53. 1K, Randy Martin, California, MO (48) 17.266; 54. 6, Brian Coelho, Tulare, CA (35) 17.459; 55. 63H, Larry Hillerud, Arlington Heights, IL (27) 17.636; 56. 27, Jeff Johnson, Ames, IA (33) 17.640; 57. 11E, David Ekern, Flandreau, SD (54) 17.739; 58. 21G, Howie Gleason, East Troy, WI (55) 17.994; 59. 54, Scott Grissom, Winthrop Harbor, IL (44) 18.017; 60. 39, Bob White, Des Moines, IA (20) 18.073; 61. 15m, Bobby Mincer, West Burlington, IA (57) 18.184; 62. 42, Bill Pembleton, Clarksville, TN (50) 18.232; 63. 55K, Joe Kouba, Lino Lakes, MN (29) 18.373; 64. 96N, Ken Brewer, Choctaw, OK (64) 18.611; 65. 52L, Spike Lempelius, Eagan, MN (30) 18.681.

Last Chance Heat #1 (started), 8 laps, No Time: 1. Donny Goeden (2) 2. Rich Bubak (1) 3. Brian Coelho (4) 4. Randy Martin (3) 5. Jeff Johnson (6) 6. David Ekern (5) 7. Scott Grissom (7) 8. Howie Gleason (8) / 9. Joe Kouba (9) 10. Ken Brewer (10) 11. Spike Lempelius (11) DNS – Larry Hillerud, Bob White, Bobby Mincer, Bill Pembleton.

First Heat (started), 10 laps, 2:54.8 : 1. Steve Kinser (8) 2. Danny Lasoski (10) 3. Craig Dollansky (9) 4. Randy Hannagan (5) / 5. Kevin Whitworth (2) 6. Lance Blevins (6) 7. Ed Lynch Jr. (7) 8. Jerrel Slinkard (3) / 9. Jeff Mitrisin (4) 10. Randy Nygaard (1).

Second Heat (started), 10 laps, No Time: 1. Doug Wolfgang (8) 2. Greg Hodnett (10) 3. Jeff Swindell (7) 4. Kenny Hansen (3) / 5. John Sernett (4) 6. Terry McCarl (9) 7. Manny Rockhold (2) 8. Sarah Fisher (5) / 9. Steve Beitler (6) 10. Justin Via (1).

Third Heat (started), 10 laps, No Time: 1. Dale Blaney (4) 2. Dion Hindi (3) 3. Joe Gaerte (9) 4. Jac Haudenschild (10) / 5. Leonard Lee (7) 6. Randy Smith (2) 7. Rick Ziehl (6) 8. Marlon Jones (5) / 9. Lee Nelson (1) 10. Kevin Huntley (8).

Fourth Heat (started), 10 laps, 3:05.4: 1. Larry Pinegar II (10) 2. Peter Murphy (1) 3. Jaymie Moyle (7) 4. Tim Crawley (3) / 5. Ricky Logan (4) 6. Don Droud Jr. (9) 7. Dennis Moore Jr. (5) 8. Jerry Richert Jr. (2) / 9. Gary Wright (8) 10. Al Schmidt (6).

Fifth Heat (started), 10 laps, 3:07.8: 1. Paul McMahan (9) 2. Randy Anderson (8) 3. Aaron Berryhill (4) 4. Tim St. Arnold (6) / 5. Kevin Gobrecht (10) 6. Kevin Pylant (7) 7. Chad Radel (5) 8. Todd Wessels (2) / 9. Billy Wilburn (3) 10. JR Topper (1).

C Main (started), 10 laps, 3:12.6: 1. Steve Beitler (1) 2. Gary Wright (2) / 3. Randy Nygaard (5) 4. Jeff Mitrisin (3) 5. Donny Goeden (7) 6. Brian Coelho (9) 7. Rich Bubak (10) 8. Jeff Johnson (11) 9. Randy Martin (12) 10. David Ekern (14) 11. Billy Wilburn (6) 12. Al Schmidt (4) 13. Scott Grissom (13) 14. Howie Gleason (15) 15. JR Topper (8) DNS – Kevin Huntley, Justin Via, Lee Nelson.

B Main (started), 12 laps, 3:47.1: 1. Terry McCarl (2) 2. Kevin Gobrecht (1) / 3. Don Droud Jr. (3) 4. Lance Blevins (7) 5. Ed Lynch Jr. (4) 6. Rick Ziehl (8) 7. Dennis Moore Jr. (11) 8. Sarah Fisher (9) 9. Kevin Pylant (6) 10. Steve Beitler (21) 11. Marlon Jones (10) 12. Kevin Whitworth (16) 13. Ricky Logan (14) 14. Gary Wright (22) 15. John Sernett (13) 16. Chad Radel (12) 17. Jerry Richert Jr. (19) 18. Manny Rockhold (17) 19. Jerrel Slinkard (15) 20. Todd Wessels (20) 21. Leonard Lee (5) 22. Randy Smith (18).

A Main (started), 20 laps, No Time: 1. Jac Haudenschild (6) 2. Craig Dollansky (4) 3. Steve Kinser (1) 4. Danny Lasoski (8) 5. Joe Gaerte (3) 6. Jeff Swindell (11) 7. Greg Hodnett (7) 8. Dale Blaney (15) 9. Terry McCarl (21) 10. Doug Wolfgang (9) 11. Paul McMahan (2) 12. Jaymie Moyle (12) 13. Kevin Gobrecht (22) 14. Dion Hindi (18) 15. Randy Hannagan (14) 16. Tim Crawley (19) 17. Larry Pinegar II (5) 18. Kenny Hansen (17) 19. Tim St. Arnold (13) 20. Randy Anderson (10) 21. Peter Murphy (20) 22. Aaron Berryhill (16). **Lap Leaders:** McMahan 1-2; Dollansky 3-17; Haudenschild 18-20.

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BLANEY, JACKSON, LYNCH WIN SCRAMBLES



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Mark Kinser and Danny Lasoski will start the Saturday night Knoxville Nationals Championship 30-lap main event on the pole. It will mark the 37th annual national sprint car festival at the half-mile dirt oval.

Not only will a crowd in the neighborhood of 25,000 be watching in person, but a national television audience will be tuning in as well. The Nashville Network (TNN) will be broadcasting the finals live starting at 9 p.m. CST until 11 p.m.

A year ago over 1 million households tuned in to watch the Nationals on TNN.

Mark Kinser, the defending Knoxville Nationals Champion, totaled 508 points during qualifying for the main event. Kinser won the preliminary feature Wednesday, the first night of qualifying and then scored enough points during the A-Pole Scramble Friday to earn the pole position.

In Friday's Scramble Kinser was seventh place overall. Dave Blaney won the A-Feature Pole Scramble Friday. The "Buckeye Bullet" will start the main event tonight on the inside of row number four.

Craig Dollansky was third in the 1996 Knoxville Nationals. Dollansky will start the main event tonight on the inside of row five. Starting outside Dollansky in the fifth row will be 11-time Knoxville Nationals Champion Steve Kinser, of Bloomington, Ind.

SKIP JACKSON WON THE AUSTRALIAN/AMERICAN CHALLENGE CUP RACE

Steve Kinser's car ignited with a flame of fire during the running of the A-Pole Scramble Friday.

Skip Jackson won the B-Feature Pole Scramble in front of Jeff Swindell and Stevie Smith.

The 12-lap C-Feature Pole Scramble was claimed by Ed Lynch Jr. Lynch started the C-Scramble on the back row, but he earned the win by winging to the lead on the last lap.



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First Heat (started), 8 laps, No Time: 1. 18, Rick Ziehl, Las Cruces, NM (1) 2. 61, Joe Roe, Zion, IL (2) 3. 10T, Len Thompson, Newtown, PA (7) 4. 96, Scott Whitworth, Worthington, MO (8) / 5. 9F, Sarah Fisher, Ashville, OH (3) 6. 8J, John Bankston, Beaumont, TX (9) 7. 6c, Steve Coelho, Tulare, CA (5) 8. 0w, Billy Wilburn, Mooresville, NC (10) / 9. 1J, Marlon Jones, Sioux Falls, SD (4) 10. 55x, Jerrel Slinkard, Milo, IA (6).

Second Heat (started), 8 laps, no time: 1. 9w, Gary Wright, Hooks, TX (1) 2. 21x, Steve Beitler, Sedro Woolley, WA (2) 3. 91, John Sernett, Savage, MN (4) 4. 57P, Jake Peters, Wagner, SD (3) / 5. 11w, Jerry Richert Jr., Forest Lake, MN (7) 6. 12\$, Shane Carson, Yukon, OK (9) 7. 7P, Kevin Huntley, Bloomington, IN (6) 8. 9, Rich Bubak, Knoxville, IA (11) / 9. 56, Chris Walraven, Knoxville, IA (5) 10. D1, Dan Oswalt, Iola, KS (8) 11. 57c, Troy Parsons, Altoona, IA (10) DNS – 2B, Bobby Adamson, Dowagiac, MI.

Third Heat (started), 8 laps, No Time: 1. 4K, Kelly Kinser, Bloomington, IN (1) 2. 16L, Leonard Lee, Milo, IA (2) 3. 2m, Matt Moro, Des Moines, IA (3) 4. 7I, Ricky Logan, Little Rock, AR (4) / 5. 5J, Jeff Mitrising, Oskaloosa, IA (7) 6. 1a, Bobby Allen, Hanover, PA (6) 7. 5K, Kevin Whitworth, Sedalia, MO (5) 8. 25s, Al Schmidt, Racine, WI (8) / 9. 69, Mark Smyser, Lancaster, MO (9) 10. 6, Brian Coelho, Tulare, CA (11) 11. 92J, JR Topper, St. Joseph, MO (10) 12. 36, Doran Doty, Des Moines, IA (12).

Fourth Heat (started), 8 laps, No Time: 1. 19w, Bob Weuve, Newton, IA (1) 2. 12, Dennis Moore Jr., Grinnell, IA (2) 3. 15, Donny Schatz, Minot, ND (4) 4. 29, Tommie Estes Jr., Tulsa, OK (6) / 5. 1s, Peter Murphy, Sydney, NSW, Aust. (3) 6. 51J, Ryan Jamison, Burlington, IA (5) 7. 29N, Larry Neighbors, Oklahoma City, OK (7) 8. 27P, Patrick Bourke, Vail, CO (9) / 9. 97w, Todd Wessels, Ellsworth, MN (8) 10. 27G, Donny Goeden, Kewaskum, WI (10) 11. 0, Chadd Smith, Mount Ayr, IA (11) 12. 27, Jeff Johnson, Ames, IA (12).

Fifth Heat (started), 8 laps, 2:24.1: 1. 7s, Travis Whitney, Brooklyn Park, MN (1) 2. 8N, Danny Wood, Norman, OK (7) 3. 12m, Brent Kaeding, Campbell, CA (3) 4. 0c, Mike Peters, Wichita, KS (2) / 5. 25, Chad Radel, Sioux Falls, SD (4) 6. 71, Manny Rockhold, Pekin, IL (6) 7. 12x, Billy Vielhauer, Shawnee, KS (8) 8. 3, Daniel Coggeshell, Des Moines, IA (5) / 9. 86, John Kearney, Ozawkie, KS (12) 10. 63, Randy Nygaard, Sioux Falls, SD (9) 11. 1K, Randy Martin, California, MO (11) 12. 9s, Shane Stewart, Bixby, OK (10).



A Scramble (started), 12 laps, No Time: 1. 10, Dave Blaney, Cortland, OH (1) 2. 47, Johnny Herrera, Tempe, AZ (4) 3. 3G, Joe Gaerte, Rochester, IN (2) 4. 11H, Greg Hodnett, Memphis, TN (6) 5. 1, Sammy Swindell, Bartlett, TN (8) 6. 1z, Danny Lasoski, Dover, MO (9) 7. 5m, Mark Kinser, Oolitic, IN (10) 8. 22, Jac Haudenschild, Wooster, OH (7) 9. 1w, Craig Dollansky, Elk River, MN (5) 10. 11, Steve Kinser, Bloomington, IN (3).



B Scramble (started), 12 laps, No Time: 1. 55, Skip Jackson, Sydney, NSW, Aust. (1) 2. 7TW, Jeff Swindell, Memphis, TN (10) 3. 19, Stevie Smith, New Oxford, PA (9) 4. 4, Danny Smith, Danville, IN (2) 5. 51, Joey Saldana, Brownsburg, IN (4) 6. 4J, Jeff Shepard, Upperco, MD (6) 7. 10V, Jaymie Moyle, Knoxville, IA (8) 8. 70, Calvin Landis, Phoenix, AZ (3) 9. 1B, Brent Antill, Huxley, IA (5) 10. 71A, Randy Anderson, Clarion, IA (7).



C Scramble (started), 12 laps, 3:50.9: 1. 2L, Ed Lynch Jr., Apollo, PA (10) 2. 55J, Tim Shaffer, Milton, PA (1) 3. 21, Lance Blevins, Broken Arrow, OK (8) 4. 87, Tim Crawley, Mabelvale, AR (5) 5. 14P, Kevin Pylant, Santa Cruz, CA (2) 6. 88, Todd Shaffer, Millerstown, PA (7) 7. 73, Tim Engler, Princeton, IN (9) 8. 4H, Kenny Hansen, Nunda, SD (6) 9. 97, Aaron Berryhill, Broken Arrow, OK (4) DNS – 18h, Rocky Hodges, Indianapolis, IN (3).

KELE & ASSOCIATES Australian/American Challenge (started), 10 laps, 2:24.4: 1. Skip Jackson (2) 2. 1AU, Garry Brazier, Sydney, NSW, Aust. (3) 3. 7K, Brooke Tatnell, San Souci, NSW, Aust. (7) 4. Danny Smith (4) 5. 3G, Joe Gaerte, Rochester, IN (5) 6. 1s, Peter Murphy, Sydney, NSW, Aust. (6) 7. 4TW, Trevor Green, Adelaide, SA, Aust. (1).

C Main (started), 10 laps, 3:12.9: 1. Chris Walraven (2) 2. Todd Wessels (3) / 3. Shane Stewart (9) 4. Dan Oswalt (6) 5. Randy Nygaard (5) 6. Randy Martin (11) 7. Jerrel Slinkard (1) 8. Brian Coelho (10) 9. Jeff Johnson (14) 10. JR Topper (7) 11. Chadd Smith (13) 12. Mark Smyser (4) 13. Donny Goeden (8) 14. Troy Parsons (12) DNS – Marlon Jones, Bobby Adamson, John Kearney.

B Main (started), 12 laps, No Time: 1. Steve Coelho (4) 2. Chad Radel (3) / 3. Sarah Fisher (1) 4. Kevin Huntley (8) 5. Jeff Mitrisin (12) 6. Manny Rockhold (10) 7. Bobby Allen (9) 8. Jerry Richert Jr. (11) 9. Daniel Coggeshell (7) 10. Shane Carson (16) 11. Billy Vielhauer (14) 12. John Bankston (15) 13. Kevin Whitworth (5) 14. Rich Bubak (19) 15. Al Schmidt (13) 14. Todd Wessels (22) 15. Patrick Bourke (20) 16. Chris Walraven (21) 17. Billy Wilburn (18) 18. Larry Neighbors (17) 19. Peter Murphy (2) 20. Ryan Jamison (6).

A Main (started), 20 laps, No Time: 1. Gary Wright (2) 2. Leonard Lee (8) 3. Rick Ziehl (1) 4. Bob Weuve (4) 5. Donny Schatz (16) 6. Kelly Kinser (3) 7. Danny Wood (19) 8. Travis Whitney (5) 9. Joe Roe (6) 10. Brent Kaeding (13) 11. Ricky Logan (15) 12. Steve Beitler (7) 13. Tommie Estes Jr. (17) 14. Mike Peters (10) 15. Matt Moro (12) 16. Dennis Moore Jr. (9) 17. Len Thompson (18) 18. Chad Radel (22) 19. John Serne tt (14) 20. Steve Coelho (21) 21. Jake Peters (11) 22. Scott Whitworth (20). Lap Leaders: Ziehl 1-10; Wright 11-20.

8/16/97

DAVE BLANEY CAPTURES THE 1997 AMOCO KNOXVILLE NATIONALS CROWN



by Perry Bell
Sports Editor of the
Knoxville Dirt Digest

Lightning lit up the sky, rain pelted the track and tornadoes were nearby. All the weather postponed the 37th Annual Amoco Knoxville Nationals Championship feature races one day.

Instead of running the customary Saturday finals, the results came in a day late.

Not complaining at all was "The Buckeye Bullet" Dave Blaney, of Cortland, Ohio. Blaney pocketed \$100,000 for the second week in a row as he took advantage of a mishap on lap 10.

Race leaders Sammy Swindell, running first, and Mark Kinser, the defending Nationals champion, was in second when the two cars hit each other. Don Droud Jr, flipped in between turns three and four.

Swindell slowed to avoid the Droud sprinter, but from behind came a hard-charging Kinser, who ran into the back of the No. 1 car of Swindell.

The mishap sent both Swindell and Kinser to the back of the pack. Both drivers are front-runners in the World of Outlaws races on a regular basis. Swindell is the WoO point leader. Kinser won the WoO title a year ago.

Taking over the front spot was Blaney, who had been running third at the time, but closing fast on the leaders.

Blaney never looked back as he led the final 20 laps for the \$100,000 payday. The week before heading to Knoxville Blaney pocketed \$100,000 for capturing "The Historical Big One" at Eldora Speedway in Rossburg, Ohio.

In the press conference following the event Blaney said it's not the money that's the big issue, it's the win itself and all the prestige that goes with the victories.

It was Blaney's first ever Knoxville Nationals crown.

Greg Hodnett, of Memphis, Tenn., ran second in the main event and he was followed by Danny Lasoski in third place. Lasoski is the all-time leader in feature wins at Knoxville.

Jeff Swindell captured the B-Feature, Ed Lynch Jr., the C-Feature, Steve Beitler the D-Feature and Billy Vielhauer the E-Feature event.

Drivers from 25 states and the countries of Australia and Canada were entered in the 1997 Knoxville Nationals.



*Results By Bob Wilson
August 17, 1997*

**37th AMOCO Knoxville Nationals
Knoxville Raceway, Knoxville, Iowa
Results: August 16, 1997**

E Main (started), 10 laps, No Time: 1. 12x, Billy Vielhauer, Shawnee, KS (1) 2. 97w, Todd Wessels, Ellsworth, MN (6) 3. 9, Rich Bubak, Knoxville, IA (4) 4. 9s, Shane Stewart, Bixby, OK (9) / 5. 1s, Peter Murphy, Sydney, NSW, Aust. (7) 7. 51J, Ryan Jamison, Burlington, IA (10) 8. 56, Chris Walraven, Knoxville, IA (8) 9. 0w, Billy Wilburn, Mooresville, NC (5) 10. 6, Brian Coelho, Tulare, CA (16) 11. 1R, Randy Martin, California, MO (14) 12. 27, Jeff Johnson, Ames, IA (15) 13. 92J, JR Topper, St. Joseph, MO (18) 14. 8J, John Bankston, Beaumont, TX (2) 15. 55x, Jerrel Slinkard, Milo, IA (13) 16. 0, Chadd Smith, Mount Ayr, IA (17) 17. 63, Randy Nygaard, Sioux Falls, SD (11) 18. D1, Dan Oswalt, Iola, KS (12) DNS – 5K, Kevin Whitworth, Sedalia, MO, 27P, Patrick Bourke, Vail, CO, 29N, Larry Neighbors, Oklahoma City, OK.

D Main (started), 12 laps, no time: 1. 21x, Steve Beitler, Sedro Woolley, WA (2) 2. 0c, Mike Peters Wichita, KS (4) 3. 29, Tommie Estes Jr., Tulsa, OK (3) 4. 2m, Matt Moro, Des Moines, IA (5) 5. 12, Dennis Moore Jr., Grinnell, IA (6) 6. 91, John Sernett, Savage, MN (9) / 7. 11w, Jerry Richert Jr., Forest Lake, MN (16) 8. 6c, Steve Coelho, Tulare, CA (10) 9. 5J, Jeff Mitrison, Oskaloosa, IA (13) 10. 3, Daniel Coggeshell, Des Moines, IA (17) 11. 10T, Len Thompson, Newtown, PA (7) 12. 9F, Sarah Fisher, Ashville, OH (11) 13. 1a, Bobby Allen, Hanover, PA (15) 14. 96, Scott Whitworth, Worthington, MO (12) 15. Shane Stewart (22) 16. 12\$, Shane Carson, Yukon, OK (18) 17. 25, Chad Radel, Sioux Falls, SD (8) 18. 71, Manny Rockhold, Pekin, IL (14) 19. Billy Vielhauer (19) 20. Todd Wessels (20) 21. 7I, Ricky Logan, Little Rock, AR (1) 22. Rich Bubak (21).

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C Main (started), 15 laps, no time: 1. 2L, Ed Lynch Jr., Apollo, PA (1) 2. 87, Tim Crawley, Mabelvale, AR (4) 3. 15, Donny Schatz, Minot, ND (13) / 4. 21, Lance Blevins, Broken Arrow, OK (2) 5. 73, Tim Engler, Princeton, IN (3) 6. 88, Todd Shaffer, Millerstown, PA (6) 7. 55J, Tim Shaffer, Aliquippa, PA (5) 8. 9w, Gary Wright, Hooks, TX (9) 9. Steve Beitler (15) 10. 18, Rick Ziehl, Las Cruces, NM (11) 11. 14P, Kevin Pylant, Santa Cruz, CA (7) 12. Mike Peters (16) 13. Dennis Moore Jr. (19) 14. Tommie Estes Jr. (17) 15. 19w, Bob Weuve, Newton, IA (10) 16. John Sernett (20) 17. 16L, Leonard Lee, Milo, IA (8) 18. Matt Moro (18) 19. 7s, Travis Whitney, Brooklyn Park, MN (14) 20. 4K, Kelly Kinser, Bloomington, IN (12) DNS – 4H, Kenny Hansen, Nunda, SD, 97, Aaron Berryhill, Broken Arrow, OK, 18h, Rocky Hodges, Indianapolis, IN, 8N, Danny Wood, Norman, OK, 61, Joe Roe, Zion, IL, 12m, Brent Kaeding, Campbell, CA.

B Main (started), 22 laps, no time: 1. 7TW, Jeff Swindell, Memphis, TN (1) 2. 4J, Jeff Shepard, Upperco, MD (7) 3. 55, Skip Jackson, Sydney, NSW, Aust. (4) 4. 1BK, Don Droud Jr., Lincoln, NE (12) / 5. 7K, Brooke Tatnell, Sydney, NSW, Aust. (14) 6. U2, Keith Kauffman, Mifflintown, PA (10) 7. 4, Danny Smith, Danville, IN (6) 8. 10V, Jaymie Moyle, Knoxville, IA (3) 9. Ed Lynch Jr. (21) 10. 1F, Dean Jacobs, Wooster, OH (13) 11.

19, Stevie Smith, New Oxford, PA (2) 12. Donny Schatz (22) 13. 94, Dale Blaney, Hartford, OH (11) 14. 1P, Billy Pauch, Frenchtown, NJ (17) 15. 70, Calvin Landis, Phoenix, AZ (5) 16. 71A, Randy Anderson, Clarion, IA (8) 17. 1B, Brent Antill, Huxley, IA (9) 18. 83, Randy Hannagan, San Jose, CA (15) 19. 11D, Dion Hindi, Albuquerque, NM (19) 20. 14, Randy Kinser, Bloomington, IN (18) 21. 47T, Tim St. Arnold, Des Moines, IA (18) 22. Tim Crawley (20) DNS – 51, Joey Saldana, Brownsburg, IN.

37th AMOCO Knoxville Nationals Championship (started), 30 laps, NT: 1. 10, Dave Blaney, Cortland, OH (7) 2. 11H, Greg Hodnett, Memphis, TN (4) 3. 1z, Danny Lasoski, Dover, MO (2) 4. 22, Jac Haudenschild, Wooster, OH (6) 5. 47, Johnny Herrera, Tempe, AZ (5) 6. 3G, Joe Gaerte, Rochester, IN (8) 7. 1w, Craig Dollansky, Elk River, MN (9) 8. 23s, Frankie Kerr, Fremont, OH (13) 9. 75, Paul McMahan, Oroville, CA (16) 10. 11, Steve Kinser, Bloomington, IN (10) 11. 1, Sammy Swindell, Bartlett, TN (3) 12. 2, Andy Hillenburg, Broken Arrow, OK (17) 13. 1AU, Garry Brazier, Sydney, NSW, Aust. (12) 14. 5m, Mark Kinser, Oolitic, IN (1) 15. Jeff Shepard (22) 16. 8h, Terry McCarl, Pleasant Hill, IA (19) 17. 12A, Kevin Gobrecht, New Oxford, PA (20) 18. 71m, Doug Wolfgang, Sioux Falls, SD (18) 19. 92, Kenny Jacobs, Holmesville, OH (14) 20. 7, Larry Pinegar II, Des Moines, IA (15) 21. Jeff Swindell (21) 22. Skip Jackson (23) 23. 35, Tyler Walker, Wooster, OH (11) 24. Don Droud Jr. (24). **Lap Leaders:** M. Kinser 1-8; S. Swindell 9-10; Blaney 11-30.

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Results: 1. 99, Chuck Gaulke, Ankeny 2. 54, Alan Muller, Ackley 3. 1K, Kenny Miller, Des Moines 4. 9, Brent Smith, Laurel 5. 24, Keith Larsen, Clarinda 6. 88, Jesse Duinink, Otley 7. 55, Robert Miller, Clarinda 8. 1R, Ron Meinders, Rose Hill 9. 39, Mark Moon, Melcher-Dallas 10. 49, Tony Gerdom, Knoxville 11. 30J, Rex Jansonius, Ackley 12. 47, Jim Robb, Des Moines 13. 36, Nicky Witt, Oskaloosa 14. 2P, Jeff Petty, Knoxville 15. 8, Darin Van Dee, Deep River 16. 48, Martin Ballard, Marengo 17. 6, Kevin Clark, Bussey 18. 21K, Maiga Krichau, Pleasantville 19. 77s, Brian Slykhuis, Knoxville 20. 747, Jim Osterson, Prairie City

8/30/97

BRAZIER CLAIMS KNOXVILLE SEASON CHAMPIONSHIP



*By Bob Wilson
August 30, 1997*

KNOXVILLE, IOWA - August 30, 1997 - Garry Brazier became the 11th different driver to claim a feature event during the regular season as he captured the 25-lap season championship at Knoxville Raceway Saturday night. The 44th annual affair paid the Aussie driver \$3,000 for his efforts.

Don Droud, Jr. took the top spot from his pole position at the drop of the green flag and roared out to a thirty yard lead before Brazier began to track him down on the half-mile oval. With seven laps in the books Brazier was poised to make his move but lapped traffic forced the young Aussie to fall behind the fleet Droud, Jr.

On lap ten Brazier was once again on the tail of Droud. Two laps later he dove low coming out of turn two when Droud was caught behind a lapped car on the high side and took the lead going down the backstretch. From that point he was never challenged as he claimed his initial feature event win at this historic oval.

Droud raced across the line to claim second, Jaymie Moyle took third, Brent Antill scored a fourth and Steve Beitler was fifth. Rounding out the top ten finishers were Dennis Moore, Jr., Doug Wolfgang, Matt Moro, Marlon Jones and Rich Bubak. 1997 Knoxville Raceway points champion Skip Jackson dropped from the event while running fourth and finished seventeenth.

In the Knoxville 360 c.i. division Mike Brooks captured the season championship after taking the lead at the halfway point. Randy Martin was second, Doran Doty took third and Brett Mather scored a career best at fourth. 1997 Knoxville Raceway points champion David Hesmer roared through the field of cars to take seventh after an 11th lap penalty placed him at the tail.

Thirty 410 sprinters and thirty-seven 360 sprinters competed on the evening. Although the season championship has been contested, the Knoxville Raceway will still be conducting racing events during the ensuing three weeks. September 6 is the Deery Brothers Late Models, September 13 is the Magic Muffler Hobby Stock Championships and September 20 is the McCroskey Chevrolet Tournament of Champions.

RESULTS - KNOXVILLE RACEWAY - KNOXVILLE, IOWA AUGUST 30, 1997



TIME TRIALS (Qualifying Order): 1. 71m, Doug Wolfgang, Sioux Falls, SD (12) 16.123; 2. 86, John Kearney, Ozawkie, KS (9) 16.209; 3. 19, Bob Weuve, Newton, IA (13) 16.211; 4. 56, Chris Walraven, Knoxville, IA (24) 16.219; 5. 1J, Marlon Jones, Sioux Falls, SD (17) 16.235; 6. 55, Skip Jackson, Sydney, NSW, Aust. (15) 16.254; 7. 1, Brent Antill, Huxley, IA (2) 16.261; 8. 10, Jaymie Moyle, Knoxville, IA (7) 16.307; 9. 12, Dennis Moore Jr., Grinnell, IA (23) 16.314; 10. 2m, Matt Moro, Des Moines, IA (21) 16.327; 11. 1AU, Garry Brazier, Sydney, NSW, Aust. (18) 16.369; 12. 71A, Randy Anderson, Clarion, IA (5) 16.432; 13. 57c, Troy Parsons, Altoona, IA (6) 16.543; 14. 16L, Leonard Lee, Milo, IA (3) 16.502; 15. 21, Steve Beitler, Sedro Woolley, WA (1) 16.583; 16. 1BK, Don Droud Jr., Lincoln, NE (29) 16.602; 17. 91, John Sernett, Savage, MN (8) 16.645; 18. 47, Tim St. Arnold, Des Moines, IA (16) 16.673; 19. 7B, Dave Westercamp, Johnston, IA (4) 16.674; 20. 7, Larry Pinegar II, Des Moines, IA (30) 16.694; 21. 71, Manny Rockhold, Pekin, IL (27) 16.705; 22. 1s, Rich Bubak, Knoxville, IA (22) 16.720; 23. 5G, Brett Golik, Newton, IA (10) 16.733; 24. 1K, Dean Chadd, Lincoln, NE (26) 16.949; 25. 12L, John Lambertz, Sioux Falls, SD (28) 16.953; 26. 5J, Jeff Mitrisin, Oskaloosa, IA (14) 16.971; 27. 55x, Jerrel Slinkard, Milo, IA (19) 17.084; 28. 5K, Kevin Whitworth, Sedalia, MO (11) NT; 29. 9, Wayne Swanson, Phoenix, AZ (20) NT; 30. 96, Scott Whitworth, Worthington, MO (25) NT.

FIRST HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, 2:12.4: 1. Don Droud Jr. (3) 2. Rich Bubak (1) 3. Brent Antill (6) 4. Dave Westercamp (2) 5. Matt Moro (5) 6. Doug Wolfgang (8) / 7. Chris Walraven (7) 8. John Lambertz (9) 9. Leonard Lee (4)

SECOND HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, 2:14.9: 1. Jaymie Moyle (4) 2. Larry Pinegar II (2) 3. Garry Brazier (5) 4. John Sernett (3) 5. John Kearney (6) 6. Marlon Jones (7) / 7. Brett Golik (1) 8. Jeff Mitrisin (8) DNS – Troy Parsons

THIRD HEAT (started), 8 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Manny Rockhold (2) 2. Dennis Moore Jr. (6) 3. Skip Jackson (7) 4. Steve Beitler (4) 5. Bob Weuve (8) 6. Dean Chadd (1) / 7. Tim St. Arnold (3) 8. Jerrel Slinkard (9) 9. Randy Anderson (5)

B MAIN (started), 8 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Leonard Lee (2) 2. Tim St. Arnold (3) 3. Chris Walraven (1) / 4. Jerrel Slinkard (6) 5. John Lambertz (5) 6. Jeff Mitrisin (9) 7. Randy Anderson (7) 8. Brett Golik (4) 9. Kevin Whitworth (10) 10. Scott Whitworth (8) DNS – Troy Parsons, Wayne Swanson

A MAIN (started), 25 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Garry Brazier (3) 2. Don Droud Jr. (1) 3. Jaymie Moyle (6) 4. Brent Antill (7) 5. Steve Beitler (2) 6. Dennis Moore Jr. (5) 7. Doug Wolfgang (12) 8. Matt Moro (4) 9. Marlon Jones (9) 10. Rich Bubak (15) 11. Bob Weuve (10) 12. Manny Rockhold (16) 13. Tim St. Arnold (20) 14. Chris Walraven (19) 15. Leonard Lee (17) 16. Dean Chadd (18) 17. Skip Jackson (8) 18. Dave Westercamp (14) 19. John Kearney (11) 20. John Sernett (13) DNS – Larry Pinegar II. **Lap Leaders:** Droud Jr. 1-11; Brazier 12-25.

RESULTS - KNOXVILLE RACEWAY 360 SPRINTS

FIRST HEAT (started), 7 LAPS 2:01.6: 1. 26, Lee Nelson, Ankeny, IA (3) 2. 4TC, Jay Totten, Pleasantville, IA (2) 3. 14, Randy Martin, California, MO (9) 4. 8B, Bruce Williams, Pleasant Hill, IA (6) / 5. 92, Taylor Weld, Kansas City, MO (4) 6. 57, Steve Breazeale, Pleasantville, IA (5) 7. 29m, Eric Mason, Knoxville, IA (1) 8. 82, Dave Van Heukelom, Pella, IA (8) 9. 88, Tim Holzworth, Valeria, IA (7) 10. G2, Chuck Graves, Chariton, IA (10)

SECOND HEAT (started), 7 LAPS 2:00.3: 1. N14, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (1) 2. 12m, Brett Mather, Ames, IA (2) 3. 00, Larry Weeks, Montezuma, IA (4) 4. 48, Doran Doty, Des Moines, IA (6) / 5. 8L, Tom Lenz, Strawberry Point, IA (3) 6. 4, Dave Middleswart, Indianola, IA (8) 7. 41, Virgil Brandt, Des Moines, IA (5) 8. 12, Bob Thompson, Des Moines, IA (7) DNS – 86, Tod Bishop, Harrisburg, IL

THIRD HEAT (started), 7 LAPS 2:05.6: 1. 11, David Hesmer, Marshalltown, IA (5) 2. 12x, Jerry Crabb, Des Moines, IA (1) 3. 10, Steve Wares, Knoxville, IA (2) 4. 21E, Ed Ergenbright, Newton, IA (6) / 5. 18, Tim Newman, Cameron, MO (4) 6. 77, Terry Alexander, Knoxville, IA (8) 7. 39, Joe White, Grimes, IA (9) 8. 34, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (3) 9. 3s, Roger Short, Des Moines, IA (7).

FOURTH HEAT (started), 7 LAPS NO TIME: 1. 23, Ed Rotert, Mount Ayr, IA (4) 2. 21, Mark Swanson, Des Moines, IA (9) 3. 3d, Daryl Steenhoek, Altoona, IA (6) 4. 71, Robert Bell, Colfax, IA (3) / 5. 91, Curtis Thorson, Newton, IA (2) 6. 126, Stacey Alexander, Lacona, IA (7) 7. 27, Jeff Johnson, Ames, IA (5) 8. 9H, Jeff Haines, Oskaloosa, IA (1) 9. Y5, Mike Houseman, Des Moines, IA (8).

B MAIN (started), 8 LAPS, 2:27.3: 1. Tom Lenz (2) 2. Taylor Weld (1) 3. Tim Newman (3) 4. Terry Alexander (6) 5. Dave Middleswart (5) / 6. Steve Breazeale (4) 7. Virgil Brandt (7) 8. Jeff Johnson (14) 9. Joe White (8) 10. Mike Houseman (16) 11. Tim Holzworth (14) 12. Jeff Haines (15) 13. Roger Short (10) 14. Tim Deaver (9) 15. Dave Van Heukelom (13) 16. Eric Mason (11) DNS – Curtis Thorson, Stacey Alexander, Bob Thompson, Chuck Graves

A MAIN (started), 20 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Mike Brooks (11) 2. Randy Martin (4) 3. Doran Doty (14) 4. Brett Mather (7) 5. Mark Swanson (5) 6. Steve Wares (2) 7. David Hesmer (10) 8. Taylor Weld (18) 9. Terry Alexander (20) 10. Bruce Williams (13) 11. Dave Middleswart (19) 12. Daryl Steenhoek (1) 13. Jay Totten (8) 14. Tim Newman (17) 15. Tom Lenz (15) 16. Robert Bell (16) 17. Ed Rotert (9) 18. Jerry Crabb (6) 19. Lee Nelson (12) 20. Larry Weeks (3) DNS – Ed Ergenbright. **Lap Leaders:** Wares 1-3; Martin 4-5; Hesmer 6-10; Brooks 11-20.

9/6/97

WEBB IN DEERY BROTHERS KNOXVILLE IMCA SUMMER SERIES WIN



*By Bob Wilson
September 6, 1997*

KNOXVILLE, IOWA - September 6, 1997 - Gary Webb took a giant leap towards claiming an I.M.C.A. Deery Brothers Summer Series late model championship as he grabbed a 40-lap feature event win for that series at Knoxville Raceway Saturday night.

At the green flag it was front row starter Ron Jackson who showed the way around the half-mile oval, but at the two-mile mark Kevin Pittman dove low in turns three and four to grab the point position after a side by side battle down the backstretch.

Pittman, who started in the second row held the top spot with Jackson on his heels until Webb overtook the second place position on the sixteenth go around. Two laps prior to that, Deery Brothers Summer Series points leader Harry Walker nearly spun his car as he exited turn four while running sixth and in doing so he lost numerous positions.

With nineteen laps in the books a yellow flag was displayed and on the single file restart Webb ran the high groove and grabbed the lead as he and Pittman flew by the flag stand. A side by side battle ensued but Webb had the momentum as he charged into the lead and began to pull away from the pack.

As the race wound down Webb held an 8-car length advantage over Pittman as he raced across the finish line for the \$2,500 win. Pittman finished a strong second, Chris Smyser took third, Tom Hearst claimed fourth and Dean Wagner was fifth. Rounding out the top ten finishers were Darrell DeFrance, Tommy Elston, Harry Walker, Ron Jackson, and Denny Osborn. Walker's eighth place finish dropped him into a virtual tie in the Summer Series points standings with winner Gary Webb.

Heat race winners for the forty-nine late model entrants were Ron Gustaf, DeFrance; Hearst, Boone McLaughlin and Pittman. Doug Hopkins and Greg Kastli were victorious in the two B Main events.

KNOXVILLE RACEWAY, KNOXVILLE, IOWA - September 6, 1997 I.M.C.A. Derry Brothers Summer Series Late Models

FIRST HEAT, 10 LAPS, 3:42.7: 1. Ron Gustaf, East Moline, IL 2. Craig Jacobs, Des Moines, IA 3. Harry Walker, Washington, IA / 4. Todd Johnson, Des Moines, IA 5. Ted Pallister, Wapello, IA 6. Nick Houseman, Des Moines, IA 7. Greg Kastli, Waterloo, IA 8. Dave Schrader, Monroe, IA 9. Steve Hansen, Bassett, NE 10. Thad Trump, Kahoka, MO.

SECOND HEAT, 10 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Darrell DeFrance, Marshalltown, IA 2. Chris Smyser, Lancaster, MO 3. Ronnie Wallace, North Platte, NE / 4. Jim Swank, Hamilton, IL 5. Doug Hopkins, Bloomfield, IA 6. Drew Johnson, Belle Plaine, IA 7. Sam Halstead, New London, IA 8. Ben Schaefer, Ramond, IA 9. Mike Merrill, Ord, NE 10. DNS – Billy Murphy, Loup City, NE.

THIRD HEAT, 10 LAPS, 3:38.7: 1. Tom Hearst, Tipton, IA 2. Dean Wagner, Waterloo, IA 3. Mark Burgtorf, Quincy, IL / 4. Billy Allen, Des Moines, IA 5. Steve Ihm, Keiler, WI 6. Larry Phipps, Leon, IA 7. Shane Metz, Dike, IA 8. Doak Allen Jr., Burlington, IA 9. Jay Hughes, Knoxville, IA 10. Dick Ploog, Davenport, IA.

FOURTH HEAT, 10 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Boone McLaughlin, Mediapolis, IA 2. Ron Jackson, Danville, IA 3. Jeff Guengrich, Washington, IA / 4. Brent Slocum, Burlington, IA 5. Doug Nigh, Eldridge, IA 6. Brad Osborn, Janesville, IA 7. John Bagby, Ankeny, IA 8. Dianna Chamberlin, Johnston, IA 9. Gary Phipps, Decatur, IA 10. DNS – Larry Digman, Davenport, IA.

FIFTH HEAT, 10 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Kevin Pittman, Waterloo, IA 2. Gary Webb, Blue Grass, IA 3. Tommy Elston, Keokuk, IA / 4. Denny Osborn, Janesville, IA 5. Ron Binning, Grand River, IA 6. Lonnie Bailey, Quincy, IL 7. Al Humphrey, Giltner, NE 8. Bob Fisher, Lyle, MN 9. Kevin Kirkpatrick, Waterloo, IA.

FIRST B MAIN, 15 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Doug Hopkins 2. Denny Osborn 3. Lonnie Bailey 4. Billy Allen / 5. Nick Houseman 6. Steve Ihm 7. Dave Schrader 8. John Bagby 9. Bob Fisher 10. Shane Metz 11. Doug Nigh 12. Todd Johnson 13. Sam Halstead 14. Kevin Kirkpatrick DNS – Mike Merrill.

SECOND B MAIN, 15 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Greg Kastli 2. Al Humphrey 3. Ted Pallister 4. Brent Slocum / 5. Ron Binning 6. Doak Allen Jr. 7. Thad Trump 8. Drew Johnson 9. Billy Murphy 10. Brad Osborn 11. Larry Digman 12. Gary Phipps 13. Ben Schaefer 14. Jay Hughes 15. Steve Hansen 16. Dianna Chamberlin 17. Dick Ploog

A MAIN (started), 40 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Gary Webb (6) 2. Kevin Pittman (4) 3. Chris Smyser (1) 4. Tom Hearst (9) 5. Dean Wagner (5) 6. Darrell DeFrance (8) 7. Tommy Elston (14) 8. Harry Walker (10) 9. Ron Jackson (2) 10. Denny Osborn (17) 11. Steve Ihm (24, pr.) 12. Lonnie Bailey (19) 13. Billy Allen (21) 14. Doug Hopkins (15) 15. Ted Pallister (20) 16. Jeff Guengrich (13) 17. Boone McLaughlin (7) 18. Dick Ploog (25, pr.) 19. Mark Burgtorf (12) 20. Ronnie Wallace (11) 21. Al Humphrey (18) 22. Craig Jacobs (3) 23. Brent Slocum (22) 24. Ron Gustaf (26) 25. Greg Kastli (16) 26. Kevin Kirkpatrick (23, pr.). **Lap Leaders:** Jackson 1-4; Pittman 5-19; Webb 20-40.

9/13/97

(KRIEGER IN KNOXVILLE HOBBY STOCK VICTORY)



*By Bob Wilson
September 13, 1997*

KNOXVILLE, IOWA - September 13, 1997 - Matt Krieger captured competitor. On the seventh go around Brad Tursic dropped while running second leaving John Yaw, Sr. and Jason Reed to chase the front runner.

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Following the top three cars were Ryan Lundy and Don Sanders to complete the top five finishers. Rounding out the top ten finishers were Pete Huntzel, Terrance Prochaska, Cliff Gray, Russell Fett and Steve Curtis. Qualifying heat race wins went to Krieger, Tursic, Yaw, Reed, Loren Parks, Scott Beuhneeman, Chuck Madden and Lundy. Doug McCollough, Kenny Johnson and Don Sanders were winners in B Main competition. Eighty-seven were on hand for the evening.

KNOXVILLE RACEWAY - KNOXVILLE, IOWA - SEPTEMBER 13, 1997

HOBBY STOCK CHAMPIONSHIP

FIRST HEAT, 8 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Matt Krieger, Burlington 2. Steve Curtis, Des Moines, IA / 3. Pete Huntzel, State Center 4. Todd Fisher, Altoona 5. Mike Goff, Lacona.

SECOND HEAT, 8, LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Brad Tursic, Ottumwa 2. Kevin Tanner, Corydon / 3. Dan Gordon, Oskaloosa 4. Wade Francis, Eddyville 5. Tony Reaves, Des Moines.

THIRD HEAT, 8 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. John Yaw Sr., Des Moines 2. Russell Fett, Montrose / 3. Cliff Gary, Waterloo 4. Rusty Groves, Des Moines 5. Jim Philipsen, Des Moines.

FOURTH HEAT, 8 LAPS, 3:47.4: 1. Jason Reed, Melcher 2. Ed Altheide, Bloomfield / 3. Brandon Derry, New Hampton 4. David Voss, Eldon 5. Pat Humphrey, Oskaloosa.

FIFTH HEAT, 8 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Loren Parks, Fremont 2. Rod Olson, Boyer / 3. Kenny Johnson, Dowds 4. Doug McCollough, Webster City 5. James Ringham, Mason City.

SIXTH HEAT, 8 LAPS, 3:38.8: 1. Scott Beuhneman, Keswick 2. Scott Sturm, Templeton / 3. Terrance Prochaska, Iowa Falls 4. Troy De Money, Rose Hill 5. Terry Shaffer, State Center.

SEVENTH HEAT, 8 LAPS, 3:44.9: 1. Chuck Madden, Avoca 2. Patrick Stansbery, Evansdale / 3. Kevin Booy, Oskaloosa 4. Brandon Hess, Oskaloosa 5. John Orwig, Chariton.

EIGHTH HEAT 8 LAPS, 3:45.1: 1. Ryan Lundy, Knoxville 2. Brad Stephens, Bussey, IA / 3. Mike Stark, Des Moines 4. Jimmy Gustin, Union 5. Louis Lynch, Lancaster, MO.

FIRST B MAIN, 12 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Doug McCollough 2. Brad Steel, New Sharon 3. Pete Huntzel / 4. Dan Banker, Mitchellville 5. Chris Walker, Oskaloosa 6. Doug Jennsen, Kimballton 7. John Thoren, Des Moines 8. Donald Grow, Des Moines 9. Jim Philipsen, Des Moines 10. Ladd Montegna, Knoxville.

SECOND B MAIN, 12 LAPS, 5:24.4: 1. Kenny Johnson 2. Dan Gordon 3. Maynard Davis, Des Moines / 4. Doug Otto, Cedar Falls 5. Mike Goff 6. Rusty Groves 7. John Orwig 8. Dan Krusemark, Oskaloosa 9. Jimmy Krusel, Des Moines 10. Mark Wilcox, Ottumwa.

THIRD B MAIN, 12 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Don Sanders, Ottumwa 2. Terrance Prochaska 3. Cliff Gary / 4. Durt Dunkin, Bussey 5. Brandon Hess 6. Donnie Bown, State Center 7. Doug Reynolds, Russell 8. Ray Hay, Des Moines 9. Bob Daniels, Des Moines 10. James Ringham.

A MAIN, 20 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Matt Krieger 2. Jason Reed 3. John Yaw Sr. 4. Ryan Lundy 5. Don Sanders 6. Pete Huntzel 7. Terrance Prochaska 8. Cliff Gary 9. Russell Fett 10. Steve Curtis 11. Chuck Madden 12. Ed Altheide 13. Loren Parks 14. Doug McCollough 15. Maynard Davis 16. Dan Gordon 17. Rod Olson 18. Brad Tursic 19. Scott Beuhneman 20. Scott Sturm 21. Patrick Stansberry 22. Brad Stephens 23. Kenny Johnson 24. Brad Steel 25. Kevin Tanner. **Lap Leaders:** Krieger 1-20.

9/20/97

COVERDALE COVERS FIELD AT KNOXVILLE TOURNEY OF CHAMPIONS



*By Bob Wilson
September 20, 1997*

KNOXVILLE, IOWA - September 20, 1997 - Milford, Delaware's Greg Coverdale captured the inaugural McCroskey Chevrolet Tournament of Champions at Knoxville Raceway Saturday night. The event closed the sprint racing season at this central Iowa track for the year.

Coverdale started the event from the third row and quickly took to the Knoxville oval as he grabbed the front running spot from race leader Brett Mather. The pass for the lead came in turn three when Coverdale drove by Mather in a three-wide situation with a lapped car.

On the next circuit a red flag was displayed as third running Mike Brooks looped his car in turn two and was struck by Curt Michael. Brooks was able to restart on the tail but Michael had to sit the remainder of the race in the pits.

When the race was resumed Coverdale roared away from the 30-car field to take a huge lead which eventually extended to a half-lap margin by lap twenty.

"I don't know what to say after winning at a great place like this," an excited Coverdale said in victory lane. For Coverdale it was his third win of the season after claiming victories in Australia and Canada. He was presented with a check for \$2,500 for his victory which came during a year-long celebration of the United Racing Club's (URC) 50th anniversary.

Chasing Coverdale to the finish line was fellow URC competitor Kramer Williamson who withstood a race-long battle with Brett Mather to claim the runner-up spot. Williamson of Palmyra, PA received \$2,000 for his second place finish. Third went to California, Missouri's Randy Martin, a Knoxville regular, who sailed from a twenty-first starting spot to take the show position. 1997 Empire Super Sprints points leader Mike Woodring took fourth and a second Knoxville regular Steve Breazeale was fifth. Breazeale received the Hard Charger Award of \$250.

Rounding out the top ten finishers were Mather, Doran Doty, Brett Golik, Sean Michael and Mike Brooks. Michael started twenty-eighth after losing an engine in his qualifying heat. 1997 Knoxville Raceway point champion David Hesmer pulled in after completing one lap, the victim of an ill-handling car.

Qualifying heat events went to Tim Kelly (ESS), Coverdale (URC) in track record time, Hesmer and Mather representing Knoxville. Forty-one sprinters representing URC, ESS and Knoxville 360 Sprints competed with the Knoxville regulars claiming the tournament team title.

RESULTS - KNOXVILLE RACEWAY - KNOXVILLE, IOWA SEPTEMBER 20, 1997

McCroskey Chevrolet Tournament of Champions

FIRST HEAT, EMPIRE SUPER SPRINTS (ESS), (started), 10 LAPS, 2:56.6: 1. 12, Tim Kelly, Rock Stream, NY (4) 2. 17, Lance Yonge, Penn Yan, NY (7) 3. 19, Mike Woodring, Hamburg, NY (8) 4. 5, Craig Lane, Dundee, NY (6) 5. 41, Mike Lauterborn, Rochester, NY (5) 6. 48N, Richard "Crash" Nash, Auburn, NY (9) 7. 1H, RC Faigle, Manlius, NY (3) 8. 29, Dick Spadaro, Altamont, NY (1) 9. 9, Bobby Parrow, Waterloo, NY (2).

SECOND HEAT, UNITED RACING CLUB (URC), (started), 10 LAPS, 2:52.9 (NEW TRACK RECORD): 1. 63, Greg Coverdale, Milford, DE (6) 2. 39, Fran Hogue, Medford, NJ (5) 3. 2, Kramer Williamson, Palmyra, PA (9) 4. 6, Curt Michael, Ocean View, DE (8) 5. 85, Scott Cahill, Flemington, NJ (1) 6. 35, Ray Staats, Smyrna, DE (2) 7. 8, Midge Miller, Willingboro, NJ (7) 8. 25E, Jon Eldreth, Conowingo, MD (3) 9. 55, Stew Brown, Swedesborro, NJ (11) 10. 4, Karl Freyer, Flemington, NJ (4) 11. 88, Sean Michael, Allentown, PA (10).

THIRD HEAT, KNOXVILLE 360 SPRINTS (KNOX), (started), 10 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. 11, David Hesmer, Marshalltown, IA (10) 2. 3d, Daryl Steenhoek, Altoona, IA (1) 3. 5G, Brett Golik, Newton, IA (5) / 4. 4m, Dave Middleswart, Indianola, IA (3) 5. 14, Randy Martin, California, MO (9) 6. 8B, Bruce Williams, Pleasant Hill, IA (4) 7. 57, Steve Breazeale, Pleasantville, IA (8) 8. 21E, Ed Ergenbright, Newton, IA (6) 9. 10, Steve Wares, Knoxville, IA (7) 10. 126, Stacey Alexander, Lacona, IA (11) 11. 27, Jeff Johnson, Ames, IA (2).

FOURTH HEAT, KNOXVILLE 360 SPRINTS (KNOX), (started), 10 LAPS 2:59.5: 1. 12m, Brett Mather, Ames, IA (1) 2. N14, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (9) 3. 48, Doran Doty, Des Moines, IA (8) / 4. 12x, Jerry Crabb, Des Moines, IA (3) 5. 41B, Virgil Brandt, Des Moines, IA (7) 6. 77, Terry Alexander, Knoxville, IA (5) 7. 91, Curtis Thorson, Newton, IA (10) 8. 34, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (2) 9. Y5, Mike Houseman, Des Moines, IA (6) 10. 82, Dave Van Heukelom, Pella, IA (4).

FIRST B MAIN, KNOXVILLE 360 SPRINTS (KNOX), (started), 8 LAPS, 2:19.9: 1. Randy Martin (2) 2. Steve Breazeale (4) 3. Dave Middleswart (1) / 4. Bruce Williams (3) 5. Steve Wares (6) 6. Ed Ergenbright (5) 7. Stacey Alexander (7) DNS – Jeff Johnson

SECOND B MAIN, KNOXVILLE 360 SPRINTS (KNOX), (started), 8 LAPS NO TIME: 1. Terry Alexander (3) 2. Jerry Crabb (1) / 3. Tim Deaver (5) 4. Curtis Thorson (4) 5. Virgil Brandt (2) DNS - Mike Houseman

INAUGURAL "KNOXVILLE TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS" FEATURE (organization, started), 25 LAPS, NO TIME: 1. Greg Coverdale (URC, 5) 2. Kramer Williamson (URC, 11) 3. Randy Martin (KNOX, 21) 4. Mike Woodring (ESS, 10) 5. Steve Breazeale (KNOX, 26) 6. Brett Mather (KNOX, 6) 7. Doran Doty (KNOX, 16) 8. Brett Golik (KNOX, 15) 9. Sean Michael (URC, 28) 10. Mike Brooks (KNOX, 9) 11. Tim Kelly (ESS, 1) 12. Terry Alexander (KNOX, 22) 13. Dave Middleswart (KNOX, 30) 14. Craig Lane (ESS, 4) 15. Lance Yonge (ESS, 7) 16. Daryl Steenhoek (KNOX, 3) 17. RC Faigle (ESS, 19) 18. Midge Miller (URC, 20) 19. Stew Brown (URC, 25) 20. Jon Eldreth (URC, 24) 21. Ray Staats (URC, 18) 22. Scott Cahill (URC, 14) 23. Dick Spadaro (ESS, 23) 24. Karl Freyer (URC, 29) 25. Mike Lauterborn (ESS, 13) 26. Richard "Crash" Nash (ESS, 17) 27. Jerry Crabb (KNOX, 27) 28. Fran Hogue (URC, 2) 29. Curt Michael (URC, 8) 30. David Hesmer (KNOX, 12) DNS – Bobby Parrow (ESS). **Lap Leaders:** Mather 1-5; Coverdale 6-25.

1997 410 Final Point Standings and Feature Winners:

Driver	Feature Wins (Feature Laps Led)	Points	Primary car(s)
1. Skip Jackson	2 (41)	3310	Serace, Inc. 55
2. Don Droud Jr.	2 (49)	2795	D.O.C.C. 1BK
3. Leonard Lee	1 (12)	2490	Lee 16L
4. Jaymie Moyle	0 (4)	2465	VanderEcken 10
5. Dennis Moore Jr.	1 (19)	2085	Thompson 48, Nickel/Robuck 12
6. Doug Wolfgang	1 (21)	2060	Motter 71m
7. Jeff Mitrisin	-	1890	Sereg 5J
8. Bob Weuve	-	1680	Weuve 19
9. Chris Walraven	0 (10)	1675	Behlers 56
10. Larry Pinegar II	1 (15)	1655	Cahill 7
11. Scott Whitworth	-	1535	Tall Corn Racing 96
12. Travis Cram	-	1445	Nickel/Robuck 12
Ryan Jamison	0 (1)	1445	Jamison 51J
14. Manny Rockhold	-	1360	Rockhold 71, Stroud 1s

15. Tim St. Arnold	-	1235	Strange Performance 47
16. John Kearney	-	1215	Kearney & Son 86
17. Marlon Jones	-	1190	SOS Racing 1J
18. Rich Bubak	-	1175	Bubak 9, Stroud 1s
19. Matt Moro	-	1150	Moro 2m
20. Randy Anderson	-	950	Anderson 71A, Arends 1A
21. Chadd Smith	-	820	Smith 17
22. Troy Parsons	-	815	Parsons 57c
23. Dave Westercamp	-	805	Westercamp 7B
24. Mark Smyser	-	700	Smyser 69

Other 410 Feature Winners (Laps Led): Mark Kinser 3 (45), Sammy Swindell 2 (52), Danny Lasoski 2 (27), Craig Dollansky 1 (35), Dave Blaney 1 (21), Lance Blevins 1 (20), John Sernett 1 (15), Jac Haudenschild 1 (14), Garry Brazier 1 (14), Joey Saldana 1 (10), Gary Wright 1 (10), Stevie Smith 1 (4), Greg Hodnett 0 (26), Steve Kinser 0 (22), Kenny Jacobs 0 (13), Rick Ziehl 0 (10), Aaron Berryhill 0 (8), Brent Antill 0 (5), Kelly Kinser 0 (4), Andy Hillenburg 0 (2), Paul McMahan 0 (2), Steve Beitler 0 (1)

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1. David Hesmer	7 (82)	1555	Ergenbright 11
2. Mike Brooks	2 (23)	1448	Brooks Motorsports N14
3. Randy Martin	2 (49)	1316	Martin 14
4. Doran Doty	0 (2)	1009	Hansen 9H, Thompson 48
5. Steve Breazeale	1 (8)	930	A-OK Racing 57
6. Virgil Brandt	-	844	Brandt 41
7. Steve Wares	0 (3)	802	Wares 10
8. Larry Weeks	2 (17)	773	Weeks 00
9. Tod Bishop	-	737	Bishop 86
10. Mike Houseman	0 (18)	693	Houseman Y5
11. Bruce Drottz	-	679	Wineland 18
12. Ed Ergenbright	-	647	Ergenbright 21E
13. Terry Alexander	-	643	Alexander 77
14. Lee Nelson	1 (15)	632	Nelson 26
15. Tim Holzworth	0 (9)	590	Holzworth 88
16. Brett Golik	0 (5)	515	Golik 5G
17. Dave Van Heukelom	-	498	Van Heukelom 82
18. Bruce Williams	-	487	Williams 8B
19. Jerry Crabb	-	474	Crabb 12x
20. Dave Middleswart	-	447	Van Roekel 4
21. Bob Thompson	0 (11)	433	Thompson 48
22. Tim Deaver	-	396	Deaver 34
23. Jeff Johnson	-	373	Holland 27
24. Brett Mather	0 (5)	322	Mather 12m
25. Daryl Steenhoek	-	313	Steenhoek 3d
26. Mitchell Alexander	-	289	Alexander 6
27. Curtis Thorson	-	207	Thorson 98, 91
28. Stacey Alexander	-	200	Alexander 126

29. Chuck Graves

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Other 360 Feature Winners (Laps Led): Billy Engelhart 1 (20), Greg Coverdale 1 (20), Rick Ferkel 0 (2), Mark Swanson 0 (2), Ed Rotert 0 (1)