



COMPLETE RESULTS FOR 2004

Date (Sanction/Event) – Winners

4/24 – Rain
4/30 (WoO) – Rain
5/1 (WoO) – Mark Kinser, 360 – Dave Hesmer
5/8 410 – Jason Johnson, 360 – Dave Hesmer
5/15 (IRA) – Terry McCarl, 360 – John Kearney
5/22 410 – Travis Cram, 360 – John Kearney
5/29 (Sprint Bandits) – Terry McCarl, 360 – Eric Vanderploeg
6/4 (Masters) – Jimmy Sills, (Midgets, King Doodlebug) – Jerry Coons Jr.
6/5 410 – Brent Antill, Midgets – Jerry Coons Jr.
6/11 (360 Nationals Prelims) – Jason Johnson, Rain
6/12 (360 Nationals Prelim) – Billy Alley (360 Nationals) - Rain, 410 – Rain
6/19 410 – Travis Cram, 360 – John Kearney
6/25 (WoO) – Joey Saldana, 360 – Dave Hesmer
6/26 (WoO) – Craig Dollansky
7/3 – Rain
7/10 (Twin Features) 410 – Terry McCarl, Skip Jackson, 360 – John Kearney, Jake Peters
7/17 410 – Terry McCarl, 360 – Jake Peters
7/23 (Summer Classic Prelims) – Terry McCarl, Kerry Madsen
7/24 (Summer Classic) – Rain
7/27 (Harris Clash – Modifieds) – Gary Clark
7/31 410 – Wayne Johnson, 360 – Dave Hesmer
8/7 410 – Tim Kaeding, 360 – Dave Hesmer
8/8 (360 Tournament of Champions) – Loren Langerud
8/11 (Knoxville Nationals Prelim) – Tim Kaeding, (Non-wing) – Sammy Swindell
8/12 (Knoxville Nationals Prelim) – Danny Lasoski
8/13 (Knoxville Nationals Non-qualifiers) – Travis Cram
8/14 (Knoxville Nationals) – Danny Lasoski
8/28 (Season Championship) 410 – Brent Antill, 360 – Dave Hesmer
9/18 (Stockville Nationals) – Damon Murty
9/25 Modifieds – Mike Hughes, Hobby Stocks – Kevin Donlan
10/14 (Knoxville Late Model Nationals Prelim) – Darren Miller
10/15 (Knoxville Late Model Nationals Prelim) – Jimmy Mars
10/16 (Knoxville Late Model Nationals) – Brian Birkhofer

4/24/04

Opener - Rain

4/30/04

WoO – Rain

5/1/04

Knoxville Raceway - May 1st, 2004 Budweiser World of Outlaws Night

Mark Kinser Grabs Knoxville WoO Cash in Third Night Out By Bob Wilson



Mark Kinser, in only his third night out on the World of Outlaws tour this season, captured the Spring Opener at Knoxville Raceway Saturday night. The win was Kinser's first here since he claimed the Knoxville Nationals crown in 2000.

Kinser, who started on the pole of the 25-lap event, led each and every circuit around the historical half-mile oval. It was a race in which the Oolitic, Indiana driver would dominate soon after it was started.

The first lap saw Kinser battle with fellow front row starter Jason Johnson for the top spot to gain the point on the first circuit. But soon after the completion of the initial lap the red flag brought the event to a stop as Ricky Logan end-over-ended his sprinter. The ensuing restart was nearly one lap old when Matt Moro crashed his car in turn four.

When the race finally was restarted, Kinser began to show his hand as he cruised to a thirty car-length advantage over second running Johnson. Jason Meyer, Danny Lasoski and Craig Dollansky rounded out the top five at that point. Those cars would run in that order until Meyer got by Johnson on lap eight. One lap later Lasoski took over third.

Lap ten saw Kinser head into heavy lap traffic which impeded his forward progress. Just when it looked like the back markers would enable everyone else to catch the fleet Kinser, another yellow flag was displayed for Brian Paulus who had stopped on the backstretch.

Kinser again roared away from the field and with the impediment of lap cars in the single file restart, Meyer fell back to a 30 car-length distance. Lasoski still held down the third slot but Chad Kemenah, the night's quickest car in qualifying time trials, had positioned himself in fourth.

With Kinser solidly in control of the race, the question in everyone's mind was who would finish second. Lasoski tried to provide himself as the answer when he took over the runner-up position on lap nineteen when he made a pass of Meyer during a turn two exiting maneuver. One lap later Kemenah paid the favor to Lasoski and placed himself in second.

With just five laps to go, the red flag came out once again as Joey Saldana flipped down the front chute after what looked like something broke on his car and he bounced into Steve Kinser. Saldana's car came to rest in front of the large grandstand crowd and was narrowly missed by two cars who threaded the needle to get by the hapless Saldana machine. A third car driven by Daryn Pitman struck the wing on the Saldana sprinter and he too spun to a halt.

The final restart saw Kinser again put distance between himself and Kemenah when the green flag waved. The Karl Kinser-wrenched Maxim machine was not to be caught on this night as Mark Kinser took the \$10,000 first place paycheck as well as his 19th career win on Knoxville soil. Kemenah came across the line for second, Lasoski was third, Tim Shaffer made a late race charge to take fourth after starting 21st. Tim Kaeding finished fifth. Rounding out the top ten finishers were Dollansky, Donny Schatz, Meyer, Steve Kinser and Jason Sides.

In the Advance Auto Parts Knoxville 360 sprints, David Hesmer reached a milestone in his racing career at this central Iowa oval as he captured his 60th and division leading career feature win.

After a red-flagged start to the event which saw Doran Doty and Curtis Boyer ride the tow hooks to the pits, pole sitter Eric VanderPloeg took the initial lead with Hesmer taking up the chase. VanderPloeg developed a ten car-length cushion by lap five of the fifteen lap event.

As the race hit the tenth lap, VanderPloeg headed into lap traffic. The gap between himself and Hesmer began to noticeably narrow. Also in the mix were Joe Beaver and John Kearney.



Hesmer made his pass of the VanderPloeg machine as the twosome headed down the back chute on the 12th go around. Two laps later the yellow flag came out for rookie Rager Phillips who spun in turns one and two.

Hesmer was not to be denied as he shot away from his competition when the race resumed. Beaver made a pass of VanderPloeg as the young driver's great run began to fall apart in the waning laps.

At the final tally it was Hesmer, Beaver, Kearney, Jake Peters and VanderPloeg dropping to fifth. Tom Lenz, Doug Wilson, Ryan Jamison, Eric Mason and rookie Eric Jobe rounded out the top ten finishers.

Extremely cool temperatures in the low 40s greeted fans on this night. The car count showed sixty-five 410 sprints and forty-four 360 sprints in the pit area representing 19 states as well as Australia and New Zealand.



Budweiser 410 Results

Time Trials (Qualifying position): 1. 15K, Chad Kemenah, Findlay, OH (15) 15.832; 2. 10C, Jeremy Campbell, Monroe, MI (1) 16.058; 3. 83jr, Tim Kaeding, San Jose, CA (11) 16.059; 4. 2, Joey Saldana, Brownsburg, IN (2) 16.067; 5. 7, Craig Dollansky, Elk River, MN (17) 16.086; 6. 5M, Mark Kinser, Oolitic, IN (23) 16.108; 7. 5J, Jeff Mitrisin, Oskaloosa, IA (14) 16.124; 8. 70, Calvin Landis, Knoxville, IA (8) 16.144; 9. 50d, Jason Johnson, Eunice, LA (37) 16.175; 10. v10, John VanDenBerg, Oskaloosa, IA (10) 16.180; 11. 2x, Skip Jackson, Sydney, NSW, AUST, 16.200; 12. 6, Brian Brown, Higginsville, MO, 16.200; 13. 14, Jason Meyers, Clovis, CA, 16.207; 14. 16, Erin Crocker, Wilbraham, MA, 16.212; 15. 22, Billy Alley, Lincoln, NE, 16.222; 16. 5, Tyler Walker, Los Angeles, CA, 16.228; 17. 20, Danny Lasoski, Higginsville, MO, 16.239; 18. 47, Matt Moro, Des Moines, IA, 16.245; 19. 14aj, Wayne Johnson, Mustang, OK, 16.253; 20. 11H, Paul McMahan, Nashville, TN, 16.263; 21. R19, Randy Anderson, Clarion, IA, 16.266; 22. 1A, Eddie Leavitt, Jr., Knoxville, IA, 16.280; 23. 1X, Randy Hannagan, San Jose, CA, 16.281; 24. 28, Brian Paulus, Mechanicsburg, PA, 16.292; 25. 1W, Chad Meyer, Canton, SD, 16.297; 26. 69, Mike Moore, Des Moines, IA, 16.298; 27. 92, Travis Cram, Snohomish, WA, 16.302; 28. 75, Jesse Hockett, Warsaw, MO, 16.360; 29. 35, Jonathan Allard, Chico, CA, 16.379; 30. 15m, Bobby Mincer, Burlington, IA, 16.390; 31. 11, Steve Kinser, Bloomington, IN, 16.413; 32. 1, Brent Antill, Ankeny, IA, 16.420; 33. 1S, Jaymie Moyle, Sydney, NSW, AUST, 16.436; 34. 83, Tim Shaffer, Aliquippa, PA, 16.444; 35. 56, Chris Walraven, Knoxville, IA, 16.446; 36. 83x, Josh Higday, Des Moines, IA, 16.450; 37. D1, Jesse Giannetto, Palo, IA, 16.463; 38. 5T, Mark Toews, Spirit Lake, IA, 16.472; 39. 66, Brooke Tatnell, Sydney, NSW, AUST, 16.479; 40. 02, Mike Reinke, Howards Grove, WI, 16.486; 41. 8S, Tim St Arnold, Altoona, IA, 16.489; 42. 17G, Ricky Logan, Little Rock, AR, 16.490; 43. 15, Donny Schatz, Minot, ND, 16.513; 44. 60, Colin Northway, Marion, IA, 16.542; 45. 55, Kerry Madsen, Sydney, NSW, AUST, 16.553; 46. 7s, Jason Sides, Bartlett, TN, 16.555; 47. 18, Jason Solwold, Mt. Vernon, WA, 16.587; 48. 24, Terry McCarl, Altoona, IA, 16.588; 49. 21, Daryn Pittman, Owasso, OK, 16.598; 50. 11K, Kraig Kinser, Bloomington, IN, 16.624; 51. 12L, John Lambertz, Sioux Falls, SD, 16.647; 52. 11j, Jeff Johnson, Indianola, IA, 16.671; 53. 2K, Kevin Frey, Mechanicsburg, PA, 16.675; 54. 10, Lynton Jeffrey, Sydney, NSW, AUST, 16.777; 55. 44M, Mark Hurd, Watkins, CO, 16.936; 56. 15x, Jerrel Slinkard, Melcher-Dallas, IA, 16.963; 57. 4M, Shane Stewart, Bixby, OK, 16.990; 58. 14, Randy Martin, California, MO, 16.992; 59. 71R, Ryan Anderson, Charter Oak, IA, 17.206; 60. 35x, Greg Jones, Earlham, IA, 17.206; 61. 7x Larry Ball Jr., Knoxville, IA, 17.540; 62. 71 Robert Bell, Colfax, IA, 17.569; 63. 50 Tyler Houseman, Des Moines, IA, 18.292; 64. 40 Clint Garner, Sioux Falls, SD, 22.124.

First Heat (started), 8 laps, No Time: 1. Danny Lasoski (2) 2. Tyler Walker (3) 3. Brian Paulus (1) 4. Jason Johnson (4) 5. Chad Kemenah (6) / 6. Kerry Madsen (12) 7. Jonathan Allard (8) 8. Calvin Landis (5) 9. Jesse Giannetto (10) 10. Tim St Arnold (11) 11. Jaymie Moyle (9) 12. Chad Meyer (7).

Second Heat (started), 8 laps, 2:14.2: 1. Randy Hannagan (1) 2. Matt Moro (2) 3. Billy Alley (3) 4. Tim Shaffer (9) 5. Jeremy Campbell (6) / 6. Jason Sides (12) 7. Mike Moore (7) 8. Ricky Logan (11) 9. John VanDenBerg (4) 10. Bobby Mincer (8) 11. Mark Toews (10) 12. Jeff Mitrisin (5).

Third Heat (started), 8 laps, No Time: 1. Wayne Johnson (2) 2. Steve Kinser (8) 3. Donny Schatz (9) 4. Tim Kaeding (6) 5. Mark Kinser (3) / 6. Travis Cram (5) 7. Skip Jackson (4) 8. Jason Solwold (11) 9. Chris Walraven (7) 10. Brooke Tatnell (10) 11. Erin Crocker (1) DNS – Eddie Leavitt Jr.

Fourth Heat (started), 8 laps, 2:15.1: 1. Paul McMahan (2) 2. Randy Anderson (1) 3. Jason Meyers (3) 4. Craig Dollansky (5) 5. Terry McCarl (12) / 6. Mike Reinke (10) 7. Colin Northway (11) 8. Jesse Hockett (7) 9. Joey Saldana (6) 10. Brian Brown (4) 11. Brent Antill (8) 12. Josh Higday (9).

D Main (started), 8 laps, 2:18.2: 1. Kraig Kinser (2) 2. Daryn Pittman (1) 3. Shane Stewart (3) 4. Jeff Johnson (4) 5. Larry Ball Jr. (5) / 6. Randy Martin (8) 7. Clint Garner (9) 8. Jerrel Slinkard (6) 9. Robert Bell (10) 10. Tyler Houseman (7) DNS - John Lambertz, Kevin Frey, Lynton Jeffrey, Mark Hurd, Ryan Anderson, Greg Jones, Brian Carlson

C Main (started), 10 laps, No Time: 1. Mike Reinke (6) 2. Josh Higday (2) 3. Ricky Logan (8) 4. Shane Stewart (11) 5. Jason Sides (7) / 6. Kraig Kinser (14) 7. Jason Solwold (12) 8. Kerry Madsen (10) 9. Larry Ball Jr. (13) 10. Chris Walraven (1) 11. Mark Toews (4) 12. Jeff Johnson (15) 13. Colin Northway (5) 14. Daryn

Pittman (9) 15. Tim St Arnold (3) DNS – Jesse Giannetto, Brooke Tatnell.

1st Dash (started), 5 laps, No Time: 1. Mark Kinser (2) 2. Jason Meyers (1) 3. Tim Kaeding (3) 4. Chad Kemenah (4) 5. Paul McMahan (7) 6. Matt Moro (6) 7. Tyler Walker (5) 8. Randy Hannagan (8).

2nd Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:26.6 : 1. Jason Johnson (2) 2. Craig Dollansky (3) 3. Billy Alley (1) 4. Danny Lasoski (5) 5. Jeremy Campbell (4) 6. Wayne Johnson (6) 7. Brian Paulus (8) 8. Randy Anderson (7).

B Main (started), 12 Laps, 3:38.9: 1. Joey Saldana (1) 2. Jason Sides (15) 3. Brian Brown (4) 4. Calvin Landis (3) / 5. Skip Jackson (5) 6. John VanDenBerg (2) 7. Jonathan Allard (11) 8. Jesse Hockett (8) 9. Mike Reinke (13) 10. Shane Stewart (17) 11. Chad Meyer (7) 12. Josh Higday (14) 13. Mike Moore (6) 14. Jaymie Moyle (12) 15. Bobby Mincer (10) 16. Travis Cram (9) 17. Ricky Logan (16) DNS – Brent Antill, Jeff Mitrison, Eddie Leavitt Jr., Erin Crocker.

A Main (started), 25 Laps, No Time: 1. Mark Kinser (1) 2. Chad Kemenah (7) 3. Danny Lasoski (8) 4. Tim Shaffer (21) 5. Tim Kaeding (5) 6. Craig Dollansky (4) 7. Donny Schatz (22) 8. Jason Meyers (3) 9. Steve Kinser (20) 10. Jason Sides (23) 11. Wayne Johnson (12) 12. Randy Hannagan (15) 13. Jason Johnson (2) 14. Daryn Pittman (27) 15. Kerry Madsen (26) 16. Brian Brown (19) 17. Jeremy Campbell (10) 18. Paul McMahan (9) 19. Randy Anderson (16) 20. Kraig Kinser (28) 21. Calvin Landis (18) 22. Billy Alley (6) 23. Joey Saldana (17) 24. Tyler Walker (13) 25. Brian Paulus (14) 26. Terry McCarl (24) 27. Matt Moro (11) 28. Ricky Logan (25).

Lap Leaders: M. Kinser 1-25



Advance Auto Parts 360 Results

First Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 7 laps, No Time: 1. 83, John Kearney, Ozawkie, KS (5*) 2. 24, Eric Vanderploeg, Altoona, IA (4*) 3. 51J, Ryan Jamison, Mediapolis, IA (1*) 4. 8L, Tom Lenz, Strawberry Point, IA (6*) 5. 10, Brad Barickman, Iowa City, IA (2) 6. 2s, John Schulz, West Burlington, IA (3) 7. 14c, Mike Trent, Columbia, MO (10) 8. 7a, Johnny Anderson, Indianola, IA (9) 9. 11m, Troy Meyer, Sioux Falls, SD (8) 10. 22, Rob Edwards, Dubuque, IA (7) 11. 3, Nate VanHaafden, Otley, IA (11).

Second Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 7 laps, 2:05.2: 1. 20, Stevie Walsh, Auckland, New Zealand (3*) 2. 5R, Ryan York, Racine, MN (6*) 3. 53, Joe Beaver, Knoxville, IA (8*) 4. 72, Curtis Boyer, New Haven, MO (10*) 5. 5G, Brett Golik, Newton, IA (11*) 6. 2, Mike Waddell, Des Moines, IA (2) 7. 7c, Chris Morgan, Topeka, KS (5) 8. 51, David Hall, Des Moines, IA (1) 9. 12, Michael Jones, Des Moines, IA (9) 10. 33, Alan Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (7) 11. 5, Rod Richards, Runnells, IA (4).

Third Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 7 laps, No Time: 1. 1, Dave Hesmer, Marshalltown, IA (3*) 2. 99x, Doran Doty, Des Moines, IA (9*) 3. 98, J D Johnson, Wichita, KS (1*) 4. B29, Eric Mason, Knoxville, IA (8*) 5. 56, DJ Heskin, St. Michael, MN (5) 6. 35, Brian Hetrick, Gladstone, IL (7) 7. 6, Mitch Alexander, Knoxville, IA (10) 8. 12x, Jerry Crabb, Des Moines, IA (4) 9. 91, Curtis Thorson, Newton, IA (6) 10. 11, Pete Crall, Desoto, KS (11) 11. 04, Frankie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (2).

Fourth Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 7 laps, No Time: 1. 57x, Jake Peters, Sioux Falls, SD (8*) 2. 9, Rager Phillips, Knoxville, IA (2*) 3. 86, Doug Wilson, Blackwater, MO (10*) 4. 23, Eric Jobe, Kansas City, MO (4) 5. 1z, Dusty Zomer, Brandon, SD (7) 6. 54, Brett Mather, Ames, IA (3) 7. 96, Bronson Maeschen, Pleasantville, IA (1) 8. 84, Dave Heskin, Monticello, MN (5) 9. Y5, Mike Houseman Jr., Des Moines, IA (11) 10. 126, Stacey Alexander, Lacona, IA (9).

C Main (started), 8 laps, 2:23.5: 1. Michael Jones (4) 2. Jerry Crabb (1) 3. Stacey Alexander (8) / 4. Troy Meyer (5) 5. Rob Edwards (7) 6. Alan Zoutte (6) 7. Mike Houseman Jr. (2) 8. Nate VanHaften (9) 9. Dave Heskin (3) DNS – Pete Crall, Curtis Thorson, Rod Richards, Frankie Heimbaugh, Terry Alexander.

B Main (started), 10 laps, No Time: 1. Dusty Zomer (2) 2. Eric Jobe (1) 3. Mike Trent (10) 4. Johnny Anderson (14) / 5. Brett Mather (9) 6. Mitch Alexander (6) 7. David Hall (11) 8. Chris Morgan (12) 9. Brad Barickman (3) 10. Michael Jones (15) 11. Mike Waddell (8) 12. Bronson Maeschen (13) 13. John Schulz (7) 14. Brian Hetrick (5) 15. DJ Heskin (4) 16. Stacey Alexander (16) DNS – Jerry Crabb

A Main (started), 15 laps, No Time: 1. Dave Hesmer (3) 2. Joe Beaver (10) 3. John Kearney (4) 4. Jake Peters (5) 5. Eric VanderPloeg (1) 6. Tom Lenz (7) 7. Doug Wilson (2) 8. Ryan Jamison (14) 9. Eric Mason (12) 10. Eric Jobe (18) 11. Mike Trent (19) 12. Johnny Anderson (20) 13. Brett Golik (15) 14. J D Johnson (16) 15. Rager Phillips (13) 16. Stevie Walsh (8) 17. Dusty Zomer (17) 18. Ryan York (9) 19. Doran Doty (6) 20. Curtis Boyer (11).

Lap Leaders: VanderPloeg 1-11; Hesmer 12-15.

5/8/04

Knoxville Raceway - May 8th, 2004 Carquest/Lion's Club Night

Johnson, Hesmer, Rain are Winners at Knoxville By Bob Wilson

Jason Johnson and David Hesmer won feature events at Knoxville Raceway Saturday night. The rain was a late arrival and it too won out in the end.

In the 410 feature event, Jason Johnson utilized his pole starting position to capture his first career win on Knoxville soil. The win paid the Eunice, Louisiana pilot \$3,000 for his efforts in the Bruce Cox, Full Throttle Racing sprinter.

Johnson had pulled to a ten car-length advantage at the one mile distance and with one more circuit in the books he had roared to a full straight-away lead on second place Chris Walraven. A yellow flag slowed the field of 24 sprinters and brought them to a single file restart in which Johnson again led the way through turn one. Second running Walraven jumped the cushion and lost a number of spots. Jaymie Moyle then held the runner-up spot and took up the chase with Jesse Giannetto and Kerry Madsen following.

One lap later the red flag was displayed for a two car incident in turn three. Colin Northway's machine apparently suffered damage after striking the backstretch fence. When he attempted to negotiate turn three his car dug-in and turned right instead, striking the fence. As the field of onrushing sprint cars came upon the Northway sprinter, Mike Moore had no where to go and ended up striking the sitting Northway. Both cars rode the hook to the pits.

Johnson again led the field on the restart but on the next go around Moyle stole the lead from him in turns three and four and came across the start-finish line on top. The next circuit saw Johnson gain back the point as fourth running Madsen suffered engine problems and pulled into the pits. One lap later the yellow was again displayed for a stopped Terry McCarl who had come from a tenth starting nod to fourth only to lose an engine.

With the top two drivers in 2003 points out of the race and lightning flashing all about, the field once again took the green and ran through lap number ten. That would be the end of the race as the red was displayed shortly thereafter for a Randy Anderson flip in turn two. As the clean-up crews finished their tasks at the scene of the final accident, a light rain began to fall on the half-mile dirt oval. Officials waited briefly to see if the rain would be temporary but finally had to call the event complete at just after the ten o'clock hour.

David Hesmer made it two in a row in the 360 sprint division in his Action Auto Racing, Inc. Eagle. Hesmer, who now has amassed 62 feature event wins here, made it look easy as he placed his sprinter on the cushion of this storied race track and was never headed in the 15-lap event.

Jake Peters trailed Hesmer throughout the event and had to settle for second in the final tally.

With Hesmer just entering lap traffic on the eighth circuit, a yellow flag was thrown for a spun car. The Marshalltown, Iowa native again gained control of the race when it was restarted as Peters, Travis Rilat, Curtis Thorson and John Kearney trailed.

A yellow on lap thirteen and a red on the next go around slowed the event but the win was again in the bag for Hesmer as he led the distance to take the \$1,250 win. Rounding out the top five finishers were Peters, Rilat, Kearney and Johnny Anderson.

Sixth place went to NASCAR star Tony Stewart who guided his own sprinter from a tail-end starting spot to claim that position. Stewart was unable to qualify through his heat event and had to run in the B Main, a race in which he won. Stewart's sixth place finish from a 17th starting spot enabled the asphalt stalwart to gain the Hard Charger award for passing the most cars in the feature event. With a wink and a nod from this reporter, he was paid \$100 for that fete. NASCAR had the weekend off in the traditional respect for Mother's Day.

Carquest/Lion's Club 410 Results

Time Trials (Qualifying position): 1. 24, Terry McCarl, Altoona, IA (30) 15.878; 2. 22, Billy Alley, Lincoln, NE (28) 15.904; 3. D1, Jesse Giannetto, Palo, IA (18) 16.006; 4. 18, Jason Solwold, Mt. Vernon, WA (1) 16.036; 5. 55, Kerry Madsen, Sydney, NSW (31) 16.047; 6. 17G, Ricky Logan, Little Rock, AR (35) 16.15; 7. v10, John VanDenBerg, Oskaloosa, IA (37) 16.157; 8. 70, Calvin Landis, Knoxville, IA (23) 16.167; 9. 75, Jesse Hockett, Warsaw, MO (6) 16.195; 10. 56, Chris Walraven, Knoxville, IA (38) 16.209; 11. 1S, Jaymie Moyle, Sydney, NSW, 16.219; 12. 91, John Sernett, Shakopee, MN, 16.225; 13. 50D, Jason Johnson, Eunice, LA 16.249; 14. 60, Colin Northway, Marion, IA 16.254; 15. 2, Mike Reinke, Howards Grove, WI, 16.294; 16. 2, Skip Jackson, Sydney, NSW, 16.321; 17. 1, Brent Antill, Ankeny, IA, 16.352; 18. 47, Matt Moro, Des Moines, IA, 16.364; 19. 40, Clint Garner, Sioux Falls, SD, 16.364; 20. 14AJ, Wayne Johnson, Mustang, OK, 16.388; 21. 10, Lynton Jeffrey, Sydney, NSW, 16.397; 22. R19, Randy Anderson, Clarion, IA, 16.429; 23. 83, Josh Higday, Des Moines, IA, 16.447; 24. 69, Mike Moore, Des Moines, IA, 16.462; 25. 92, Travis Cram, Snohomish, WA, 16.473; 26. 1A, Eddie Leavitt Jr., Knoxville, IA, 16.57; 27. 14, Randy Martin, California, MO, 16.622; 28. 6R, Roger Rager, Pequot Lakes, MN, 16.633; 29. 15, Bobby Mincer, Burlington, IA, 16.724; 30. 11j, Jeff Johnson, Indianola, IA, 16.886; 31. 35, Greg Jones, Earlham, IA, 17.024; 32. 44M, Mark Hurd, Watkins, CO, 17.059; 33. 15x, Jerrel Slinkard, Melcher-Dallas, IA, 17.084; 34. 7X, Larry Ball Jr., Knoxville, IA, 17.132; 35. 71, Robert Bell, Colfax, IA, 17.245; 36. 50, Tyler Houseman, Des Moines, IA, 17.285; 37. 8S, Tim St Arnold, Altoona, IA, 17.521; 38. 1W, Chad Meyer, Sioux Falls, SD, 17.666.

First Heat (started), 8 laps, No Time: 1. Brent Antill (2) 2. Terry McCarl (6) 3. Jason Johnson (3) 4. Kerry Madsen (5) 5. Lynton Jeffrey (1) / 6. Travis Cram (7) 7. Jesse Hockett (4) 8. Bobby Mincer (8) 9. Jerrel Slinkard (9) 10. Tim St Arnold (10)

Second Heat (started), 8 laps, 2:14.7: 1. Matt Moro (2) 2. Colin Northway (3) 3. Randy Anderson (1) 4. Larry Ball Jr. (9) 5. Chris Walraven (4) / 6. Chad Meyer (10) 7. Jeff Johnson (8) 8. Ricky Logan (5) 9. Billy Alley (6)

10. Eddie Leavitt Jr. (7).

Third Heat (started), 8 laps, 2:16.7: 1. Josh Higday (1) 2. Jesse Giannetto (6) 3. Jaymie Moyle (4) 4. John VanDenBerg (5) 5. Randy Martin (7) / 6. Robert Bell (9) 7. Greg Jones (8) 8. Mike Reinke (3) 9. Clint Garner (2).

Fourth Heat (started), 8 laps, 2:15.1: 1. Wayne Johnson (2) 2. Skip Jackson (3) 3. Jason Solwold (6) 4. John Sernett (4) 5. Calvin Landis (5) / 6. Mike Moore (1) 7. Tyler Houseman (9) 8. Mark Hurd (8) 9. Roger Rager (7).

B Main (started), 12 Laps, No Time: 1. Ricky Logan (2) 2. Jesse Hockett (1) 3. Travis Cram (3) 4. Mike Moore (4) / 5. Chad Meyer (13) 6. Jeff Johnson (5) 7. Bobby Mincer (6) 8. Mark Hurd (7) 9. Tim St Arnold (11) 10. Greg Jones (8) 11. Jerrel Slinkard (10) 12. Robert Bell (9) 13. Tyler Houseman (12) DNS – Clint Garner, Mike Reinke, Billy Alley, Eddie Leavitt Jr., Roger Rager.

A Main (started), 10 Laps, Rain, No Time: 1. Jason Johnson (1) 2. Jaymie Moyle (3) 3. Jesse Giannetto (9) 4. John Sernett (2) 5. John VanDenBerg (6) 6. Skip Jackson (12) 7. Wayne Johnson (15) 8. Travis Cram (23) 9. Calvin Landis (5) 10. Jason Solwold (8) 11. Brent Antill (13) 12. Randy Martin (19) 13. Ricky Logan (21) 14. Lynton Jeffrey (16) 15. Chris Walraven (4) 16. Josh Higday (18) 17. Matt Moro (14) 18. Larry Ball Jr. (20) 19. Randy Anderson (17) 20. Terry McCarl (10) 21. Kerry Madsen (7) 22. Colin Northway (11) 23. Mike Moore (24) 24. Jesse Hockett (22). **Lap Leaders :** Johnson 1-6; Moyle 7; Johnson 8-10

Advance Auto Parts 360 Results

First Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 7 laps, 2:03.7: 1. 54, Brett Mather, Ames, IA (2*) 2. 9, Rager Phillips, Pleasantville, IA (1*) 3. 126, Stacey Alexander, Lacona, IA (9*) 4. 5G, Brett Golik, Newton, IA (3*) 5. 51, David Hall, Des Moines, IA (6) 6. 23, Eric Jobe, Kansas City, MO (7) 7. 20L, Tony Stewart, Cornelius, NC (11) 8. 6, Mitch Alexander, Knoxville, IA (4) 9. 69, Rodney Turner, Audubon, IA (10) 10. 8L, Tom Lenz, Strawberry Point, IA (8) 11. 33, Alan Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (5).

Second Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 7 laps, 2:03.6: 1. 7a, Johnny Anderson, Indianola, IA (4*) 2. 91, Curtis Thorson, Newton, IA (1*) 3. 29, Travis Rilat, Forney, TX (10*) 4. 1, Dave Hesmer, Marshalltown, IA (8*) 5. 14c, Mike Trent, Columbia, MO (7) 6. 5R, Ryan York, Racine, MN (9) 7. 56, DJ Heskin, St. Michael, MN (2) 8. 84, Dave Heskin, Monticello, MN (6) 9. 22N, Nate Mosher, Prairie City, IA (11) 10. 2, Mike Waddell, Des Moines, IA (3) DNS – 12, Michael Jones, Des Moines, IA (5).

Third Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 7 laps, No Time: 1. 83, John Kearney, Ozawkie, KS (6*) 2. 10, Brad Barickman, Iowa City, IA (1*) 3. 1z, Dusty Zomer, Brandon, SD (3*) 4. 24, Eric Vanderploeg, Altoona, IA (4) 5. 71R, Ryan Anderson, Charter Oak, IA (10*) 6. 99x, Doran Doty, Des Moines, IA (8) 7. 51J, Ryan Jamison, Mediapolis, IA (2) 8. 22, Rob Edwards, Dubuque, IA (7) 9. 96, Bronson Maeschen, Pleasantville, IA (9) 10. 72, Curtis Boyer, New Haven, MO (5).

Fourth Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 7 laps, No Time: 1. 57x, Jake Peters, Sioux Falls, SD (5*) 2. 11m, Troy Meyer, Sioux Falls, SD (3*) 3. 2s, John Schulz, West Burlington, IA (4*) 4. 53, Joe Beaver, Knoxville, IA (9*) 5. 20, Stevie Walsh, Auckland, NZ (6) 6. 12x, Jerry Crabb, Des Moines, IA (8) 7. Y5, Mike Houseman Jr., Des Moines, IA (2) 8. B29, Eric Mason, Knoxville, IA (7) 9. 2H, Ryan Voss, Okoboji, IA (10) DNS – 86, Doug Wilson, Blackwater, MO (1).

B Main (started), 10 laps, No Time: 1. Tony Stewart (4) 2. Mike Trent (5) 3. Eric VanderPloeg (1) 4. David Hall (2) / 5. Doran Doty (6) 6. Mitch Alexander (13) 7. Ryan Jamison (11) 8. Eric Jobe (8) 9. Bronson Maeschen (17) 10. Tom Lenz (19) 11. Ryan Voss (20) 12. Rob Edwards (15) 13. DJ Heskin (10) 14. Alan Zoutte (21) 15. Eric Mason (16) 16. Dave Heskin (14) 17. Mike Waddell (22) 18. Nate Mosher (18) 19. Mike Houseman Jr. (12) 20. Jerry Crabb (7) 21. Ryan York (9) 22. Walsh (3) DNS – Rodney Turner, Curtis Boyer, Michael Jones, Doug Wilson.

A Main (started), 15 laps,, No Time: 1. Dave Hesmer (2) 2. Jake Peters (6) 3. Travis Rilat (8) 4. John Kearney (10) 5. Johnny Anderson (9) 6. Tony Stewart (17) 7. Brett Golik (16) 8. Curtis Thorson (3) 9. Mike Trent (18) 10. Stacey Alexander (7) 11. Eric Vanderploeg (19) 12. John Schulz (13) 13. Brad Barickman (1) 14. Troy Meyer (11) 15. Dusty Zomer (15) 16. Rager Phillips (4) 17. David Hall (20) 18. Joe Beaver (14) 19. Brett Mather (5) 20. Ryan Anderson (12). **Lap Leaders:** Hesmer 1-15

5/15/04

**Knoxville Raceway - May 15th, 2004
Maytag IRA vs. Knoxville 410 Shootout**

**(McCarl Shows the Way in IRA Knoxville Challenge Tilt)
By Bob Wilson**



Defending track champion Terry McCarl made amends for a DNF of one week ago as he claimed an Interstate Racing Association feature event win Saturday night at Knoxville Raceway. For McCarl it was career win number thirty-seven at this half-mile oval during the Maytag sponsored night.

At the beginning of the twenty lap feature event, rookie Jason Solwold from the state of Washington took the lead with a turn three and four pass from pole sitter Josh Higday. Higday, who is also a 410 rookie this year, grabbed the lead away from Solwold on the back chute on the next go around. Lap three was just completed

when the yellow flag flew for Eunice, Louisiana's Jason Johnson. What looked to be a blown engine on the Johnson car turned out to be an oil leak problem which he was unable to repair before the pace truck pulled into the pit area.

On the restart, Higday again took the point with McCarl passing Solwold and charging into second. Higday chose to run the cushion on the big half mile while McCarl began to gain ground on the leader by cruising the bottom. McCarl, a five-time track champion here, chose the sixth lap to make his pass as he roared out of turn two from his low route and grabbed the lead running down the back stretch. One lap later the yellow was again displayed for Jesse Giannetto who stalled on the track with driveline problems. The following lap saw a red flag fly for a terrifying wreck involving Kerry Madsen.

Madsen, while entering turn three, made contact with another sprinter and took several hard tumbles before coming to a rest near the turn three high fence. Madsen walked away but his car was heavily damaged.

McCarl resumed his fever pitch when the green flag flew once again. By the half-way point he had developed a twenty car-length lead over second place Travis Cram. Higday had dropped to third with Skip Jackson fourth and Solwold holding down fifth after losing several spots on the lap nine restart.

No one knew it, but the race would now run safely to the finish. McCarl had parked his car on the cushion and was checking out on the 24-car field. Cram could not keep up with the torrid pace that McCarl was producing but the Washington state native was running a clean and solid second place. Higday, a driver who had moved up from the 360 division he had run one year ago, stayed within striking distance of the runner-up machine while Jackson chased Higday at close quarters.

Lap sixteen saw a change in the pace of the race as McCarl finally hit lap traffic and the gap between himself and Cram began to noticeably shrink. One lap later the huge margin that McCarl had developed had shrunk to ten car lengths. That was as close as Cram would ever get as the laps and time ran out.

McCarl's first win of the season here paid the second generation driver \$3,000 for his efforts in his own Wesmar powered Eagle. Cram pocketed \$2,000 for the runner-up spot and Higday saw a \$1,500 pay day for third. Jackson took fourth and \$1,200 while Californian Tim Kaeding captured the fifth spot and \$1,000. Rounding out the top ten finishers were Wayne Johnson, Chad Meyer, Solwold, John VanDenBerg and Colin Northway. Jeff Mitrisin won the Dennison's/VMAC Hard Charger Award by coming from the last row to finish eleventh.

The 360 feature event proved to be an interesting race as two of the winningest drivers in that division's history went head to head in a 15-lap showdown.

Lap one belonged to Eric VanderPloeg but he was quickly overtaken by fellow front row starter Jerry Crabb. A red flag was issued for a Doran Doty wreck on the front chute and when the race resumed in single file, Crabb again had control. Crabb solidly held that spot until the caution flag was shown for a stalled car just after the completion of lap six.



On the restart John Kearney took the lead as he swept low through turns one and two and beat Crabb to the back chute and into turn three. David Hesmer likewise made a pass of Crabb on that lap and the stage was set for the two front runners to battle to the checkered flags.

Placing his Brian Ridge Eagle/Wesmar on the cushion at the half-way point, Kearney led Hesmer by no more than ten car lengths. Jake Peters, a ninth row starter, had clawed his way into third and was in fact trying to position himself to challenge the Hesmer machine.

With four laps to go, Kearney had entered lap traffic and Hesmer now began to maneuver his sprinter to different lines on the track in an attempt to make a run on the first place car.

It was not to be Hesmer's night as the Marshalltown, Iowa native could not catch the Kansan driver ahead of him. Kearney shot across the finish line no more than five car-lengths in front to take the \$1,250 win. Hesmer, who had won the previous two Saturdays here, settled for the \$1,000 second place check. Peters took third as well as the Dennison's/VMAC Hard Charger Award. Mitch Alexander captured fourth, a personal best for the local driver. VanderPloeg settled for fifth. Crabb, Mike Trent, Joe Beaver, Eric Jobe and Dusty Zomer rounded out the top ten finishers.

A total of 108 sprint cars (65 410s and 43 360s) filled the pits during this mid-May annual IRA Challenge event.



Interstate Racing Association (IRA) Maytag 410 Sprints

First Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 10 laps, No Time: 1. 92, Travis Cram, Snohomish, WA (1*) 2. 83, Josh Higday, Des Moines, IA (3*) 3. 47, Matt Moro, Des Moines, IA (5*) 4. 5, Jeff Mitrisin, Oskaloosa, IA (6) 5. v10, John VanDenBerg, Oskaloosa, IA (10*) 6. 70, Calvin Landis, Knoxville, IA (12) 7. 1s, Jaymie Moyle, Sydney, NSW (13) 8. 17G, Ricky Logan, Little Rock, AR (9) 9. 50, Tyler Houseman, Des Moines, IA (8) 10. 85m, Steve Meyer, Sheboygan, WI (11) 11. 15, Bobby Mincer, Burlington, IA (4) 12. 50R, Rusty Egan, Gurnee, IL (7) 13. 53D, Shayne Dayney, Paddock Lake, WI (2).

Second Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 10 laps, No Time: 1. 2, Skip Jackson, Sydney, NSW (11*) 2. 10, Lynton Jeffrey, Sydney, NSW (3*) 3. 50D, Jason Johnson, Eunice, LA (5*) 4. 10c, Jeremy Campbell, Monroe, MI (6) 5. 11J, Jeff Johnson, Indianola, IA (13*) 6. 95, Bill Warren, Beaver Dam, WI (4) 7. 4B, Scott Biertzer, West Bend, WI (8) 8. 53w, Bill Wirth, Cudahy, WI (9) 9. 56, Chris Walraven, Knoxville, IA (7) 10. 96, Joe Symoens, Franksville, WI (1) 11. 75B, Ty Bartz, Howards Grove, WI (10) 12. 1m, Kim Mock, Pleasant Prairie, WI (2) DNS – 21J, John Haeni, Lomira, WI (12).

Third Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 10 laps, 2:50.6: 1. 75, Jesse Hockett, Warsaw, MO (3*) 2. 55, Kerry Madsen, Sydney, NSW (4*) 3. 2w, Scott Neitzel, Beaver Dam, WI (6*) 4. 1w, Chad Meyer, Sioux Falls, SD (10*) 5. 1, Brent Antill, Ankeny, IA (12*) 6. 15x, Jerrel Slinkard, Melcher-Dallas, IA (2) 7. 22, Billy Alley, Lincoln, NE (8) 8. 9, Travis Whitney, Champlin, MN (13) 9. 6K, Kurt Davis, Milwaukee, WI (11) 10. 44, Jason Johnson, Greenfield, WI (1) 11. 83D, Mike Stefka, Racine, WI (5) 12. 44m, Mark Hurd, Watkins, CO (9) DNS – 69, Mike Moore, Des Moines, IA (7).

Fourth Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 10 laps, 2:53.3: 1. D1, Jesse Giannetto, Palo, IA (3*) 2. 24, Terry McCarl, Altoona, IA (5*) 3. 60, Colin Northway, Marion, IA (7*) 4. 14AJ, Wayne Johnson, Mustang, OK (9*) 5. 71R, Ryan Anderson, Charter Oak, IA (2) 6. R19, Randy Anderson, Clarion, IA (6) 7. 77, Wayne Modjeski, Oak Creek, WI (8) 8. 51m, Jim Melis, Glenbeulah, WI (1) 9. 7, Scott Uttech, New Berlin, WI (12) 10. 49, Ryan Irwin, McHenry, IL (10) 11. 9A, Andy Hunt, Randolph, WI (11) 12. Larry Ball Jr., Knoxville, IA (4) 13. 19K, Dan Owings, McHenry, IL (13).

Fifth Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 10 laps, No Time: 1. 18, Jason Solwold, Mt Vernon, WA (1*) 2. 83JR, Tim Kaeding, Campbell, CA (11*) 3. 40, Clint Garner, Sioux Falls, SD (3) 4. 02, Mike Reinke, Howards Grove, WI (5) 5. 6R, Roger Rager, Pequot Lakes, MN (10*) 6. 35, Greg Jones, Earlham, IA (4) 7. 71, Robert Bell, Colfax, IA (6) 8. 1A, Eddie Leavitt, Jr., Knoxville, IA (7) 9. 68, Dave Uttech, Kenosha, WI (12) 10. 4,

Brent Laursen, Osceola, WI (13) 11. 91, John Sernett, Shakopee, MN (8) 12. F22, Scott Young, Union Grove, WI (2) 13. 80K, Mike Kertscher, Fredonia, WI (9).

First B Main (started), 12 laps, 3:38.5: 1. Jeremy Campbell (2) 2. Jeff Mitrisin (1) / 3. Billy Alley (5) 4. Ricky Logan (7) 5. Jim Melis (9) 6. Jerrel Slinkard (3) 7. Chris Walraven (11) 8. John Sernett (16) 9. Jason Johnson (WI) (13) 10. Wayne Modjeski (6) 11. Scott Uttech (8) 12. Mark Hurd (17) 13. Mike Stefka (15) 14. Steve Meyer (12) 15. Brent Laursen (10) 16. Bobby Mincer (14) 17. Scott Young (19) 18. Ryan Anderson (4) 19. Rusty Egan (18) DNS – Mike Reinke, Greg Jones, Dan Owings, Mike Moore.

Second B Main (started), 12, laps, 3:44.9: 1. Calvin Landis (1) 2. Clint Garner (2) / 3. Jaymie Moyle (3) 4. Scott Biertzer (6) 5. Travis Whitney (7) 6. Bill Warren (4) 7. Randy Anderson (5) 8. Kim Mock (14) 9. Tyler Houseman (12) 10. Kurt Davis (13) 11. Dave Uttech (10) 12. Robert Bell (8) 13. Ryan Irwin (15) 14. Eddie Leavitt, Jr. (11) 15. Andy Hunt (16) 16. Bill Wirth (9) DNS – Joe Symoens, Ty Bartz, Shayne Dayney, Larry Ball Jr., Mike Kertscher, John Haeni.

A Main (started), 20 laps, No Time: 1. Terry McCarl (4) 2. Travis Cram (6) 3. Josh Higday (1) 4. Skip Jackson (10) 5. Tim Kaeding (9) 6. Wayne Johnson (16) 7. Chad Meyer (5) 8. Jason Solwold (2) 9. John VanDenBerg (19) 10. Colin Northway (3) 11. Jeff Mitrisin (23) 12. Jesse Hockett (8) 13. Roger Rager (20) 14. Brent Antill (15) 15. Lynton Jeffrey (11) 16. Jeremy Campbell (21) 17. Calvin Landis (22) 18. Matt Moro (17) 19. Clint Garner (24) 20. Scott Neitzel (14) 21. Jeff Johnson (12) 22. Kerry Madsen (13) 23. Jesse Giannetto (7) 24. Jason Johnson (LA) (18). **Lap Leaders :** Solwold 1; Higday 2-5; McCarl 6-20



Advance Auto Parts 360 Sprints



First Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 7 laps, 2:01.1: 1. 83, John Kearney, Ozawkie KS (1*) 2. 20, Stevie Walsh, Auckland, NZ (3*) 3. 99x, Doran Doty, Des Moines, IA (4*) 4. 24, Eric Vanderploeg, Altoona, IA (8*) 5. 69, Rodney Turner, Audubon, IA (9*) 6. 84, Dave Heskin, Monticello, MN (5) 7. 04, Frankie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (10) 8. 22, Rob Edwards, Dubuque, IA (7) 9. 53H, Matt Harms, Peoria, IL (11) 10. 22N, Nate Mosher, Prairie City, IA (6) 11. 8L, Tom Lenz, Strawberry Point, IA (2).

Second Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 7 laps, No Time: 1. 23, Eric Jobe, Kansas City, MO (1*) 2. 1, Dave Hesmer, Marshalltown, IA (8*) 3. 51, David Hall, Des Moines, IA (6*) 4. B29, Eric Mason, Knoxville, IA (5*) 5. 56, DJ Heskin, St. Michael, MN (2) 6. 10, Brad Barickman, Iowa City, IA (9) 7. 2, Mike Waddell, Des Moines, IA (4) 8. 7s, Tim St. Arnold, Altoona, IA (11) 9. 7H, John Hall, Marion, IA (10) 10. 54, Brett Mather, Ames, IA (7) 11. Y5, Mike Houseman Jr., Des Moines, IA (3).

Third Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 7 laps, 2:03.2: 1. 14c, Mike Trent, Columbia, MO (2*) 2. 12, Jerry Crabb, Des Moines, IA (1*) 3. 51J, Ryan Jamison, Mediapolis, IA (4*) 4. 5R, Ryan York, Racine, MN (3) 5. 19, Tracy Nichols, Columbia, MO (10*) 6. 57x, Jake Peters, Sioux Falls, SD (7) 7. 11m, Troy Meyer, Sioux Falls, SD (6) 8. 86, Doug Wilson, Blackwater, MO (8) 9. 8s, Chris Maurer, Colfax, IA (11) 10. 91, Curtis Thorson, Newton, IA (9) 11. 33, Alan Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (5).

Fourth Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 7 laps, 2:03.4: 1. 6, Mitch Alexander, Knoxville, IA (1*) 2. 1z, Dusty Zomer, Sioux Falls, SD (4*) 3. 5G, Brett Golik, Newton, IA (2*) 4. 96, Bronson Maeschen, Pleasantville, IA (3) 5. 7a, Johnny Anderson, Indianola, IA (5) 6. 2s, John Schulz, Burlington, IA (7) 7. 53, Joe Beaver, Knoxville, IA (8) 8. 126, Stacey Alexander, Lacona, IA (6) 9. 9, Rager Philips, Pleasantville, IA (9) 10. 16s, Donnie Steward, Burlington, IA.

B Main (started), 10 laps, No Time: 1. Jake Peters (7) 2. Bronson Maeschen (2) 3. Johnny Anderson (5) 4. Joe Beaver (10) / 5. Tim St. Arnold (12) 6. Stacey Alexander (17) 7. John Schulz (8) 8. Brad Barickman (3) 9. DJ Heskin (4) 10. Frankie Heimbaugh (6) 11. Rob Edwards (14) 12. Troy Meyer (13) 13. Chris Maurer (18) 14. Curtis Thorson (21) 15. Matt Harms (15) 16. Donnie Steward (22) 17. Dave Heskin (9) 18. Alan Zoutte (23) 19. Mike Waddell (11) 20. Nate Mosher (19) 21. Mike Houseman Jr. (24) 22. John Hall (16) 23. Ryan York (1) 24. Rager Phillips (20) DNS – Doug Wilson, Brett Mather, Tom Lenz.

A Main (started), 15 laps, No Time: 1. John Kearney (8) 2. Dave Hesmer (10) 3. Jake Peters (17) 4. Mitch Alexander (6) 5. Eric Vanderploeg (2) 6. Jerry Crabb (1) 7. Mike Trent (9) 8. Joe Beaver (20) 9. Eric Jobe (7) 10. Dusty Zomer (5) 11. Tracy Nichols (13) 12. Johnny Anderson (19) 13. Brett Golik (15) 14. Rodney Turner (14) 15. Bronson Maeschen (18) 16. Stevie Walsh (4) 17. Eric Mason (16) 18. David Hall (3) 19. Ryan Jamison (12) 20. Doran Doty (11). **Lap Leaders:** Vanderploeg 1; Crabb 2-6; Kearney 7-15.

5/22/04



**Knoxville Raceway - May 22nd, 2004
Slideways Karting Center/Pella Printing Night**

**Cram and Kearney are Knoxville Kingpins
By Bob Wilson**

Travis Cram and John Kearney each grabbed feature event wins at Knoxville Raceway Saturday night. Both drivers dodged heavy traffic to win their respective features while the raceway

dodged major Iowa thunderstorms to complete the thirteen event program.

Cram, who led all but the opening lap of the 410 feature event, started in the second row and nearly made a mockery of his competition on this night. By the time he hit lap traffic he had soared to a thirty car-length advantage over his nearest competition Jason Johnson. Once he was in with the back markers though, he guided his J & J self-owned machine masterfully. From lap ten until he finally broke free of the slower cars on the white flag lap, Cram was able to maneuver his sprint car with ease around the half-mile oval. The Ott-powered sprinter seemed to grip any part of the racing surface.

Johnson was never able to mount a threat to Cram but he none the less forged his way through the field of cars to a solid placing in the runner-up slot. Chasing him throughout the 20-lap event was Lynton Jeffrey, another of the many standout Aussie drivers who have made Knoxville their summer home.

When Cram hit the checkered flag, he found himself \$3,000 richer for his efforts in a race which went non-stop. It marked his sixth career win here. Johnson and Jeffrey trailed the Washington state native on this Slideways Karting Center/Pella Printing Night. Defending track champion Terry McCarl came across the stripe fourth and Kerry Madsen rebounded from a string of bad luck to finish fifth. 410 rookie Jesse Giannetto was sixth and Skip Jackson took seventh. Wayne Johnson, Aaron Berryhill and Jaymie Moyle rounded out the top ten finishers.

Kearney, the winner here last week, took the lead on the fourth lap as he dove low in turns one and two and took the top spot from Eric Mason as they ran down the back chute. Kearney, who has made his way out of a self-imposed retirement, seemed to be out for a Saturday night drive in the Brian Ridge Eagle until he suddenly felt the heat from Jake Peters on lap nine. On the following go around those two drivers came past the flagstand nearly side by side with Kearney getting the lap.



With five laps to go, Kearney now had a race on his hands as no more than one car length ever separated the two front runners for the next two laps. If Kearney took to the cushion, Peters would try the low side. When Kearney dove to the bottom, Peters went up high. Both drivers made the positions they took to be the best choice. Yet, each lap showed just how closely matched the cars and drivers were on this night.

When Kearney took the checkered flag, two car lengths ahead of Peters, it was his 15th career win at this legendary dirt oval. Mason crossed the stripe third, a career best for the Knoxville native. Fourth and fifth went to rookie of the year candidates Eric Mason and Dusty Zomer. Rounding out the top ten finishers were Rodney Turner, Tim St. Arnold, Brett Golick, Mike Trent and Brett Mather.

Dennison's/VMAC Hard Charger Awards went to Calvin Landis (410) and Mike Trent (360) as Landis passed twelve cars in the feature event and Trent likewise got by ten. Thirty-eight 360 and thirty-five 410 sprints competed on the evening.



410 sprints

Time Trials (Qualifying position): 1. 22, Billy Alley, Lincoln, NE (6) 16.152; 2. 56, Chris Walraven, Knoxville, IA (3) 16.154; 3. 02, Mike Reinke, Howard's Grove, WI (2) 16.190; 4. 70, Calvin Landis, Knoxville, IA (6) 16.237; 5. 24, Terry McCarl, Altoona, IA (27) 16.253; 6. 71R, Ryan Anderson, Charter Oak, IA (1) 7. 14AJ, Wayne Johnson, Mustang, OK (24) 16.304; 8. 55, Kerry Madsen, Sydney, NSW, AUST (8) 16.364; 9. 50D, Jason Johnson, Eunice, LA (21) 16.366; 10. 75, Jesse Hockett, Warsaw, MO (30) 16.372; 11. 92, Travis Cram, Snohomish, WA, 16.390; 12. 10, Lynton Jeffrey, Sydney, NSW, AUST, 16.403; 13. 17G, Ricky Logan, Little Rock, AR, 16.405; 14. 5J, Jeff Mitrisin, Oskaloosa, IA, 16.409; 15. 97, Aaron Berryhill, Broken Arrow, OK, 16.459; 16. D1, Jesse Giannetto, Palo, IA, 16.468; 17. 1, Brent Antill, Ankeny, IA 16.480; 18. 60, Colin Northway, Marion, IA, 16.481; 19. 1s, Jaymie Moyle, Bridgewater, SA, AUST 16.493; 20. v10, John VanDenBerg, Oskaloosa, IA 16.544; 21. 2, Skip Jackson, Sydney, NSW, AUST, 16.583; 22. R19, Randy Anderson, Clarion, IA, 16.599; 23. 47, Matt Moro, Des Moines, IA, 16.666; 24. 11J, Jeff Johnson, Indianola, IA, 16.670; 25. 15, Bobby Mincer, West Burlington, IA, 16.905; 26. 40, Clint Garner, Sioux Falls, SD, 16.983; 27. 69, Mike Moore, Des Moines, IA 17.018; 28. 7x, Larry Ball, Jr., Knoxville, IA, 17.100; 29. 1w, Chad Meyer, Sioux Falls, SD, 17.111; 30. 50, Tyler Houseman, Des Moines, IA, 17.199; 31. 15x, Jerrel Slinkard, Melcher-Dallas, IA, 17.310; 32. 35, Greg Jones, Earlham, IA, 17.325; 33. 44m, Mark Hurd, Watkins, CO, 17.489; 34. 71, Robert Bell, Colfax, IA, 17.708; 35. 83, Josh Higday, Des Moines, IA, No Time.

First Heat (started), 8 laps, 2:13.7 : 1. Brent Antill (2) 2. Skip Jackson (1) 3. Jason Johnson (4) 4. Terry McCarl (5) 5. Ricky Logan (3) / 6. Chad Meyer (6) 7. Bobby Mincer (7) 7. Mark Hurd (8) DQ (staging) – Billy Alley.

Second Heat (started), 8 laps, 2:14.6 : 1. Randy Anderson (1) 2. Jesse Hockett (4) 3. Jeff Mitrisin (3) 4. Colin Northway (2) 5. Clint Garner (7) / 6. Chris Walraven (6) 7. Ryan Anderson (5) 8. Tyler Houseman (8) 9. Robert Bell (9).

Third Heat (started), 8 laps, 2:14.3: 1. Matt Moro (1) 2. Wayne Johnson (5) 3. Jaymie Moyle (2) 4. Aaron Berryhill (3) 5. Travis Cram (4) / 6. Mike Reinke (6) 7. Mike Moore (7) DNS – Jerrel Slinkard, Josh Higday.

Fourth Heat (started), 8 laps, No Time : 1. John VanDenBerg (2) 2. Jesse Giannetto (3) 3. Jeff Johnson (1) 4. Kerry Madsen (5) 5. Lynton Jeffrey (4) / 6. Calvin Landis (6) 7. Larry Ball, Jr. (7) 8. Greg Jones (8).

B Main (started), 12 laps, No Time : 1. Mike Reinke (1) 2. Chris Walraven (2) 3. Calvin Landis (4) 4. Larry Ball, Jr. (8) / 5. Billy Alley (13) 6. Ryan Anderson (3) 7. Chad Meyer (7) 8. Mike Moore (5) 9. Mark Hurd (9)

10. Robert Bell (11) 11. Greg Jones (12) 12. Tyler Houseman (10) 13. Bobby Mincer (6) DNS – Jerrel Slinkard, Josh Higday.

A Main (started), 20 laps, : 1. Travis Cram (3) 2. Jason Johnson (5) 3. Lynton Jeffrey (2) 4. Terry McCarl (8) 5. Kerry Madsen (6) 6. Jesse Giannetto (11) 7. Skip Jackson (16) 8. Wayne Johnson (7) 9. Aaron Berryhill (10) 10. Jaymie Moyle (14) 11. Calvin Landis (23) 12. Jesse Hockett (4) 13. Matt Moro (18) 14. John VanDenBerg (15) 15. Colin Northway (13) 16. Jeff Mitrison (9) 17. Mike Reinke (21) 18. Randy Anderson (17) 19. Ricky Logan (1) 20. Larry Ball, Jr. (24) 21. Clint Garner (20) 22. Chris Walraven (22) 23. Jeff Johnson (19) 24. Brent Antill (12). **Lap Leaders:** Jeffrey 1; Cram 2-20.



Advance Auto Parts 360 Sprints

First Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 7 laps, 2:04.3: 1. 24, Eric Vanderploeg, Altoona, IA (2*) 2. 57x, Jake Peters, Sioux Falls, SD (5*) 3. 2s, John Schulz, West Burlington, IA (1*) 4. 1, Dave Hesmer, Marshalltown, IA (7*) 5. 11m, Troy Meyer, Sioux Falls, SD (4) 6. 14c, Mike Trent, Columbia, MO (3) 7. 7a, Johnny Anderson, Indianola, IA (9) 8. 126, Stacey Alexander, Lacona, IA (8) 9. 22N, Nate Mosher, Prairie City, IA (6) 10. 22, Rob Edwards, Dubuque, IA (10).

Second Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 7 laps, 2:05.1 : 1. 86, Doug Wilson, Blackwater, MO (2*) 2. 23, Eric Jobe, Kansas City, MO (1*) 3. 83, John Kearney, Ozawkie, KS (8*) 4. 9, Rager Philips, Knoxville, IA (4*) 5. 33, Alan Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (3) 6. 91, Curtis Thorson, Newton, IA (5) 7. 96, Bronson Maeschen, Knoxville, IA (7) 8. 12x, Jerry Crabb, Des Moines, IA (9) 9. 11, Pete Crall, DeSoto, KS (10) 10. 8s, Chris Maurer, Colfax, IA (6).

Third Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 7 laps, No Time : 1. 69, Rodney Turner, Audubon, IA (1*) 2. 20, Stevie Walsh, Auckland, NZ (2*) 3. 5G, Brett Golik, Newton, IA (3*) 4. 10, Brad Barickman, Iowa City, IA (4*) 5. 53, Joe Beaver, Knoxville, IA (5) 6. 7H, John Hall, Marion, IA (7) 7. 2, Mike Waddell, Des Moines, IA (8) 8. 5R, Ryan York, Racine, MN (6) 9. 84, Dave Heskin, Monticello, MN (9).

Fourth Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 7 laps, 2:04.2 : 1. 1z, Dusty Zomer, Sioux Falls, SD (3*) 2. 7s, Tim St. Arnold, Des Moines, IA (1*) 3. B29, Eric Mason, Knoxville, IA (6*) 4. 56, DJ Heskin, St. Michael, MN (4*) 5. 6, Mitch Alexander, Knoxville, IA (5) 6. 54, Brett Mather, Ames, IA (9) 7. 51J, Ryan Jamison, Mediapolis, IA (7) 8. 04, Frankie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (8) 9. Y5, Mike Houseman Jr., Des Moines, IA (2).

B Main (started), 10 laps, No Time: 1. Brett Mather (1) 2. Joe Beaver (4) 3. Mike Trent (7) 4. Stacey Alexander (14) / 5. Troy Meyer (2) 6. Mitch Alexander (5) 7. Johnny Anderson (8) 8. John Hall (6) 9. Curtis Thorson (9) 10. Pete Crall (17) 11. Frankie Heimbaugh (16) 12. Alan Zoutte (3) 13. Bronson Maeschen (11) 14. Chris Maurer (22) 15. Rob Edwards (21) 16. Mike Waddell (10) 17. Dave Heskin (19) 18. Ryan Jamison (12) 19. Jerry Crabb (13) 20. Mike Houseman Jr. (20) 21. Ryan York (15) 22. Nate Mosher (18).

A Main (started), 15 laps, No Time : 1. John Kearney (4) 2. Jake Peters (6) 3. Eric Mason (2) 4. Dusty Zomer (8) 5. Eric Jobe (1) 6. Rodney Turner (3) 7. Tim St. Arnold (10) 8. Brett Golik (13) 9. Mike Trent (19) 10. Brett Mather (17) 11. Doug Wilson (5) 12. Stacey Alexander (20) 13. John Schulz (12) 14. Eric Vanderploeg (7) 15. Dave Hesmer (11) 16. DJ Heskin (16) 17. Stevie Walsh (9) 18. Brad Barickman (15) 19. Joe Beaver (18) 20. Rager Phillips (14). **Lap Leaders :** Eric Mason 1-3; Kearney 4-15.

5/29/04

McCarl continues Knoxville mastery with O'Reilly Sprint Bandits win

by Lonnie Wheatley

KNOXVILLE, Iowa -- Less than 48 hours after suffering kidney stone ailments, Terry McCarl battled past Wayne Johnson on the tenth round en route to winning Saturday night's 25-lap O'Reilly Sprint Bandits feature at Knoxville Raceway.

Originally slated to start sixth, McCarl dodged a wild opening lap crash that wiped out front row starters Shane Stewart and Mike Reinke along with Jesse Hockett and Tim St. Arnold, then chased down early pacesetter Johnson on his way to his 38th career Knoxville Raceway triumph.

After earning the pole position by virtue of wins in both his heat race and qualifying race, current Sprint Bandits point leader Stewart led the field to the green flag with Reinke alongside. The pair battled wheel-to-wheel until tangling entering turn three, with Stewart flipping wildly. As the entire field checked up, 20th-starter Hockett and 24th-starter St. Arnold taking rough rides as well. Although all four drivers were done for the night, there were no injuries.

Johnson assumed the pole position on the restart and outgunned fellow front row starter Larry Ball, Jr., to lead the field into turn one. McCarl raced into second down the backstretch on the opening round, with Kerry Madsen taking over third as the first lap was completed.

Johnson established nearly a half straightaway lead in the early rounds until a lap seven bobble in turns one and two allowed McCarl to close the gap. McCarl briefly slid into the lead in turns three and four, only to have Johnson fight off the challenge to retain command.

Johnson's lead was short-lived however, as McCarl battled into the lead for good on the tenth round. As McCarl set the pace, current track point leader Travis Cram was on the move, racing past Madsen for third on the 12th round then overtaking Johnson for second several laps later.

Cram was no match for McCarl however, as the five-time Knoxville Raceway track champion raced to the checkered flag with a 2.986-second advantage aboard the Wesmar-powered Bosma Poultry/Country Builders Construction/Big Game Tree Stands No. 24 Eagle.

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Terry McCarl won Saturday night's 25-lap O'Reilly Sprint Bandits feature at Knoxville Raceway. (Lonnie Wheatley photo)

Cram settled for second, with Johnson crossing the stripe in third. Madsen claimed fourth, with Ball rounding out the top five. Completing the top ten were Skip Jackson, Jaymie Moyle, 17th-starter Jason Johnson, Aaron Berryhill and Randy Anderson.

After the initial red flag, the entire 25-lap distance was completed in just over 8 minutes, at 8:11.126.

Stewart, Moyle, Jason Johnson and Berryhill claimed heat race victories for the stout 43-car field, with Stewart, Wayne Johnson, Billy Alley and Chris Walraven topping the qualifying races. Matt Moro and Hockett claimed victory honors in the twin 12-lap B Mains.

RESULTS

FIRST CLASSIC TRAILERS HEAT (started), 8 laps: 1. 4m, Shane Stewart, Bixby, OK (2) 2. 75, Jesse Hockett, Warsaw, MO (1) 3. 7x, Larry Ball, Jr., Knoxville, IA (7) 4. 11J, Jeff Johnson, Indianola, IA (5) 5. 36, Jason Martin, Liberal, KS (9) 6. 83, Josh Higday, Des Moines, IA (11) 7. F22, Scott Young, Union Grove, WI (6) 8. v10, John VanDenBerg, Oskaloosa, IA (8) 9. 50, Tyler Houseman, Des Moines, IA (10) 10. 71, Robert Bell, Colfax, IA (4) 11. 50z, Zach Chappell, Talala, OK (3).

SECOND CLASSIC TRAILERS HEAT (started), 8 laps: 1. 1s, Jaymie Moyle, Bridgewater, SA (2) 2. 10, Lynton Jeffrey, Sydney, NSW (1) 3. 2, Skip Jackson, Sydney, NSW (5) 4. R19, Randy Anderson, Clarion, IA (3) 5. 29, Travis Rilat, Forney, TX (6) 6. 8s, Tim St. Arnold, Altoona, IA (10) 7. 92, Travis Cram, Snohomish, WA (11) 8. 61J, Danny Jennings, Oklahoma City, OK (9) 9. 70, Calvin Landis, Knoxville, IA (7) 10. 44m, Mark Hurd, Watkins, CO (4) 11. 11f, Foster Landon, Collinsville, OK (8).

THIRD CLASSIC TRAILERS HEAT (started), 8 laps: 1. 50d, Jason Johnson, Eunice, LA (2) 2. 5J, Jeff Mitrisin, Oskaloosa, IA (4) 3. 55, Kerry Madsen, Sydney, NSW (6) 4. 14AJ, Wayne Johnson, Mustang, OK (5) 5. D1, Jesse Giannetto, Palo, IA (8) 6. 15x, Jerrel Slinkard, Melcher-Dallas, IA (1) 7. 47, Matt Moro, Des Moines, IA (11) 8. 71R, Ryan Anderson, Charter Oak, IA (10) 9. 40, Clint Garner, Sioux Falls, SD (7) 10. 22, Billy Alley, Lincoln, NE (9) 11. 35, Greg Jones, Earlham, IA (3).

FOURTH CLASSIC TRAILERS HEAT (started), 8 laps: 1. 97, Aaron Berryhill, Broken Arrow, OK (2) 2. 60, Colin Northway, Marion, IA (1) 3. 17G, Ricky Logan, Little Rock, AR (3) 4. 24, Terry McCarl, Altoona, IA (6) 5. 02, Mike Reinke, Howards Grove, WI (10) 6. 1, Brent Antill, Ankeny, IA (8) 7. 21s, Jay Landolt, Woodriver, IL (4) 8. 69, Mike Moore, Des Moines, IA (9) 9. 1A, Eddie Leavitt, Jr., Knoxville, IA (7) 10. 56, Chris Walraven, Knoxville, IA (5).

FIRST QUALIFYING RACE (started, *qualified for feature), 8 laps : 1. Shane Stewart (11*) 2. Zach Chappell (1) 3. Larry Ball, Jr. (10*) 4. Josh Higday (7*) 5. Jason Martin (8*) 6. Tyler Houseman (3) 7. Robert Bell (2) DNS - Jay Landolt, Brent Antill, Tim St. Arnold, Lynton Jeffrey.

SECOND QUALIFYING RACE (started, *qualified for feature), 8 laps : 1. Wayne Johnson (7*) 2. Foster Landon (1) 3. Jerrel Slinkard (5*) 4. Ricky Logan (8*) 5. Skip Jackson (9*) 6. Jaymie Moyle (11) 7. Travis Rilat (6) 8. Danny Jennings (4) 9. Jeff Mitrisin (10*) 10. Mark Hurd (2) DNS - Calvin Landis (3).

THIRD QUALIFYING RACE (started, *qualified for feature), 8 laps: 1. Billy Alley (2) 2. Travis Cram (6*) 3. Terry McCarl (8*) 4. Kerry Madsen (10*) 5. Clint Garner (3) 6. Colin Northway (9*) 7. Mike Moore (4) 8. Scott Young (5) 9. Jason Johnson (11*) 10. Greg Jones (1) 11. Jesse Giannetto (7).

FOURTH QUALIFYING RACE (started, *qualified for feature), 8 laps: 1. Chris Walraven (1) 2. Mike Reinke (8*) 3. Eddie Leavitt, Jr. (2) 4. Randy Anderson (6*) 5. Matt Moro (5) 6. John VanDenBerg (3) 7.

Aaron Berryhill (10*) 8. Ryan Anderson (4) 9. Jesse Hockett (9) 10. Jeff Johnson (7).

FIRST "B" FEATURE (started), 12 laps: 1. Matt Moro (1) 2. Travis Rilat (3) 3. Zach Chappell (4) / 4. John VanDenBerg (6) 5. Chris Walraven (2) 6. Scott Young (8) 7. Calvin Landis (10) 8. Lynton Jeffrey (11) 9. Jeff Johnson (5) 10. Danny Jennings (9) 11. Mike Moore (7) DNS – Brent Antill, Mark Hurd.

SECOND "B" FEATURE (started), 12 laps: 1. Jesse Hockett (2) 2. Billy Alley (1) 3. Tim St. Arnold (9) / 4. Clint Garner (5) 5. Foster Landon (4) 6. Ryan Anderson (8) 7. Eddie Leavitt, Jr. (3) 8. Robert Bell (7) 9. Tyler Houseman (6) DNS - Jesse Giannetto, Greg Jones, Jay Landolt.

"A" FEATURE (started), 25 laps: 1. Terry McCarl (6) 2. Travis Cram (8) 3. Wayne Johnson (3) 4. Kerry Madsen (5) 5. Larry Ball, Jr. (4) 6. Skip Jackson (10) 7. Jaymie Moyle (7) 8. Jason Johnson (17) 9. Aaron Berryhill (11) 10. Randy Anderson (13) 11. Colin Northway (12) 12. Ricky Logan (9) 13. Billy Alley (22) 14. Travis Rilat (21) 15. Zach Chappell (23) 16. Jeff Mitrison (18) 17. Josh Higday (14) 18. Jason Martin (15) 19. Jerrel Slinkard (16) 20. Matt Moro (19) 21. Shane Stewart (1) 22. Mike Reinke (2) 23. Jesse Hockett (20) 24. Tim St. Arnold (24). **Lap Leaders:** Wayne Johnson 1-9, Terry McCarl 10-25.

Vanderploeg victorious in Knoxville 360 tilt

by Bob Wilson

KNOXVILLE, Iowa -- The Advance Auto Parts Knoxville 360s were snake-bitten Saturday night at Knoxville Raceway as a three-car crash on the front chute red flagged the event just as it went green. Involved in the wreck were Dusty Zomer, Jake Peters, who was running second in the season's points standings, and Bronson Maeschen. Only Maeschen restarted.

When the race went green again Brad Barickman led the way for the first two laps. Suddenly, as he entered the third lap, he slowed in turn one and stopped on the cushion in turn two. He did not restart.

When the 15-lap race resumed, it would go non-stop to the finish. Eric VanderPloeg driving a Josh Higday owned sprinter, took the point and soon developed a 20 car-length lead. VanderPloeg sailed around the top as did second and third place runners Mike Trent and Dave Hesmer. Hesmer, a heady driver, gained two spots on the restart after the Barickman incident placing him in contention, at least, for the win. Most of the cars had driven to the top and to the cushion as nothing was left on the bottom. Hesmer took the runner-up spot with a maneuver in turns one and two on the ninth go around.

VanderPloeg, who had graduated just weeks ago as valedictorian of his senior class, seemed to have the race in command until he began to hit the back markers of the 20-car event. With slower cars impeding his progress, the black machine of Dave Hesmer began to close in on the frontrunner. The two top cars raced into the white flag lap nose to tail. VanderPloeg was able to keep his wits and cool and stayed on the cushion while Hesmer made a last effort in the final turns to run the bottom in an attempt to find an advantage. It was to no avail as VanderPloeg drove to a five car-length win, his first ever here. The win paid the teenager \$1,250.

Hesmer, the all-time leading 360 feature event winner here, was second, Joe Beaver who gained thirteen spots in the race took third as well as the Dennison's-VMAC Hard Charger Award. Trent salvaged fourth and Brett Mather drove a steady race to take fifth. John Kearney, the points leader here was sixth as New Zealander Stevie Walsh took seventh. Jon Schulz, Troy Meyer and Eric Mason rounded out the top ten finishers.

RESULTS

FIRST HEAT (started, *qualified for feature), 7 Laps, No Time: 1. 57x, Jake Peters, Sioux Falls, SD (2*) 2.

14c, Mike Trent, Columbia, MO (3*) 3. 23, Eric Jobe, Kansas City, MO (8*) 4. 1z, Dusty Zomer, Brandon, SD (6*) 5. 6, Mitch Alexander, Knoxville, IA (5) 6. 22N, Nate Mosher, Prairie City, IA (7) 7. 9, Rager Phillips, Pleasantville, IA (4) 8. 2s, John Schulz (1).

SECOND HEAT (started, *qualified for feature), 7 Laps, No Time: 1. 83, John Kearney, Ozawkie, KS (5*) 2. 24, Eric Vanderploeg, Altoona, IA (1*) 3. 04, Frankie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (2*) 4. 5G, Brett Golik, Newton, IA (3*) 5. B29, Eric Mason, Knoxville, IA (8*) 6. 91, Curtis Thorson, Newton, IA (4) 7. 51J, Ryan Jamison, Mediapolis, IA (6) 8. Y5, Mike Houseman Jr., Des Moines, IA (7).

THIRD HEAT (started, *qualified for feature), 7 laps, No Time: 1. 1, Dave Hesmer, Marshalltown, IA (5*) 2. 54, Brett Mather, Ames, IA (2*) 3. 96, Bronson Maeschen, Pleasantville, IA (1*) 4. 7a, Johnny Anderson, Indianola, IA (3) 5. 53, Joe Beaver, Knoxville, IA (7) 6. 51, David Hall, Des Moines, IA (8) 7. 22, Rob Edwards, Dubuque, IA (6) 8. 126, Stacey Alexander, Lacona, IA (4).

FOURTH HEAT (started, *qualified for feature), 7 Laps, 2:13.5: 1. 11m, Troy Meyer, Sioux Falls, SD (2*) 2. 20, Stevie Walsh, Auckland, NZ (1*) 3. 10, Brad Barickman, Iowa City, IA (5*) 4. 86, Doug Wilson, Blackwater, MO (6*) 5. 33, Alan Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (7) 6. 2, Mike Waddell, Des Moines, IA (4) 7. 69, Rodney Turner, Audubon, IA (3).

B MAIN (started), 12 Laps, No Time: 1. Joe Beaver (2) 2. Johnny Anderson (1) 3. Mitch Alexander (4) 4. John Schulz (13) / 5. Stacey Alexander (15) 6. Rodney Turner (12) 7. David Hall (5) 8. Nate Mosher (6) 9. Alan Zoutte (3) 10. Curtis Thorson (7) 11. Rob Edwards (11) 12. Mike Waddell (8) 13. Rager Phillips (9) 14. Mike Houseman Jr. (14) 15. Ryan Jamison (10).

A MAIN (started), 15 laps, No Time: 1. Eric Vanderploeg (4) 2. Dave Hesmer (9) 3. Joe Beaver (17) 4. Mike Trent (5) 5. Brett Mather (3) 6. John Kearney (10) 7. Stevie Walsh (2) 8. John Schulz (20) 9. Troy Meyer (6) 10. Eric Mason (15) 11. Doug Wilson (14) 12. Eric Jobe (7) 13. Brett Golik (16) 14. Mitch Alexander (19) 15. Johnny Anderson (18) 16. Bronson Maeschen (13) 17. Frankie Heimbaugh (12) 18. Brad Barickman (1) 19. Jake Peters (8) 20. Dusty Zomer (11). **Lap Leaders :** Barickman 1-2, VanderPloeg 3-15.

6/4/04

Sills defends Masters Classic crown

by Bob Wilson

KNOXVILLE, Iowa -- Californian Jimmy Sills defended his Hoosier Midwest Masters Classic Championship at Knoxville Raceway Friday night.

Sills started on the pole of the 22-lap 12th annual event for 360 winged sprints and right away showed the field of 23 cars who was going to be in charge. As Roger Rager and Keith Kauffman fought it out for the runner-up spot, Sills began to pull away.

A yellow flag on lap 3 for fourth-running Jerry Potter bunched the field together and slowed the Sills' attack of the Knoxville half-mile oval.

No one knew it, but that caution would be the only slow-down of this eleven mile race.

When the race restarted, Sills changed his line on the "big half" by showing Kauffman, who got by Rager in a turn 3-4 maneuver to take second, the tail tank of the #20 George Lasoski Eagle in the high groove. Kauffman

immediately drove to the bottom in an attempt to find a faster line.

By lap 6 Sills had entered lapped traffic and with the completion of one more circuit he had developed a lead of nearly half a straightaway. Following Sills' machine were Kauffman, Rager and Chuck Gurney as all four drivers chose the cushion for speed if it was available in the traffic situations.

At the halfway point, Sills was still riding the top of the track and Kauffman was on the bottom. With lapped traffic to hinder their progress, Sills was still able to pull out to a full straightaway advantage.

Lap 16 saw the fleet Sills trapped in very heavy lapped traffic but he masterfully drove right through it. On the next go around Kauffman came upon the same bunch of cars and he too was able to get by the back markers.

As the laps began to wind down Sills looked to be the winner as his margin over Kauffman continued to grow. When the checkered finally flew on the Sills machine, Kauffman was running the low side of turns three and four.

It was a \$3,000 win for the man hailing from the Sacramento area.

Kauffman, a multi-time track champ in area tracks in Pennsylvania, took second and Roger Rager, who won this event in 1999 and 2001, finished third.

Chuck Gurney, the 1985 Rookie of the Knoxville Nationals was fourth. Mike Peters, a regular here at this Knoxville facility in the 1980s took fifth. Rounding out the top 10 finishers were Bobby Thompson, Jerry Crabb, Midge Miller, Chris Maurer and Gerry Robison.

The Masters Classic is an event solely involving drivers who are 50 years of age or older. Interestingly, both Kauffman and Gurney will be inducted into the prestigious National Sprint Car Hall of Fame during those ceremonies tomorrow (Saturday, June 5).

RESULTS

12th Annual Hoosier Tire Midwest Masters Classic - 360 Sprints

TIME TRIALS (Qualifying order): 1. 126, Jerry Potter, Pleasant Hill, MO (8) 17.323; 2. 10, Chuck Gurney, Livermore, CA (17) 17.418; 3. 6r, Roger Rager, Pequot Lakes, MN (16) 17.485; 5. 49, Mike Peters, Wichita, KS (4) 17.512; 6. 4, Keith Kauffman, Mifflintown, PA (14) 17.611; 7. 20, Jimmy Sills, Elverta, CA (23) 17.797; 8. 66, Roger Fickett, Boiling Springs, PA (5) 17.867; 9. 48, Bobby Thompson, Des Moines, IA (2) 17.867; 10. 12X, Jerry Crabb, Des Moines, IA (10) 17.891; 11. 8, Midge Miller, Willingboro, NJ (18) 17.945; 12. 84, David Heskin, Monticello, MN, 17.977; 13. 8s, Chris Maurer, Colfax, IA, 17.980; 14. 04, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA, 18.176; 15. F4, Gerry Robison, Dublin, PA, 18.327; 16. 61, Ernest Jennings, Norman, OK, 18.468; 17. 24, Randy Droescher, Larchwood, IA; 18. 30, Rick England, Wichita, KS, 18.582; 19. 97, Rick Sorem, Big Lake, MN, 18.590; 20. 7s, Paul Crusan, Mitchellville, IA, 18.875; 21. 33, Bill Smith, Worthington, MN, 18.923; 22. 101, Chuck McGillivray, Madison, SD, 19.627; 23. 15, James Bevan, Valley Falls, KS, 21.283, 24. DQ (light) - 00, Wayne Reutimann, Zephyrhills, FL, 17.425.

FIRST HEAT (started), 7 laps, No Time: 1. Randy Droescher (1) 2. Mike Peters (5) 3. Midge Miller (3) 4. Jerry Potter (6) 5. Mackie Heimbaugh (2) 6. Roger Fickett (4) 7. Paul Crusan (7) 8. James Bevan (8).

SECOND HEAT (started), 7 laps, 2:10.6: 1. Keith Kauffman (5) 2. Gerry Robison (2) 3. Chuck Gurney (6) 4. Bobby Thompson (4) 5. Wayne Reutimann (8) 6. Rick England (1) 7. Dave Heskin (3) 8. Bill Smith (7).

THIRD HEAT (started), 7 laps, 2:10.1: 1. Roger Rager (6) 2. Jimmy Sills (5) 3. Jerry Crabb (4) 4. Chris Maurer (3) 5. Earnest Jennings (2) 6. Rick Sorem (1) 7. Chuck McGillivray (7).

MASTERS CLASSIC CHAMPIONSHIP (started), 22 laps, no time: 1. Jimmy Sills (1) 2. Keith Kauffman (2) 3. Roger Rager (4) 4. Chuck Gurney (5) 5. Mike Peters (3) 6. Bobby Thompson (8) 7. Jerry Crabb (9) 8. Midge Miller (10) 9. Chris Maurer (12) 10. Gerry Robison (14) 11. Wayne Reutimann (19) 12. Rick England (17) 13. Randy Droescher (16) 14. Roger Fickett (7) 15. Dave Heskin (11) 16. Chuck McGillivray (22) 17. Rick Sorem (18) 18. Mackie Heimbaugh (13) 19. Bill Smith (21) 20. Earnest Jennings (15) 21. Paul Crusan (20) 22. James Bevan (23) 23. Jerry Potter (6). **Lap Leader:** Sills 1-22.

Coons captures "King Doodlebug" crown

by Bob Wilson

KNOXVILLE, Iowa -- Jerry Coons Jr. of Arizona drove to the "King Doodlebug" crown at Knoxville Raceway Friday night.

Coons' win in the King Doodlebug race for midget cars in the third annual Pepsi-Mountain Dew event came after a persistent and hard fought drive by the Arizona driver.

Front row starter Critter Malone took charge of the 15-lap event at the outset. By the second go around, the only slowdown of the race came when Brad Kuhn stopped his car on the track by the turn four pit gate.

As his car was being attended to, Scott Hatton, who set a track record in his eight-lap heat race, pulled into the work area. He too did not restart.

When the green again flew, Malone parked his machine on the cushion as that seemed to be the fastest way around the track. Lap five saw Coons, who was chasing Malone closely in second place, jump the cushion and loose valuable speed. The miscue forced Coons to drop back considerably as he found Josh Wise ready to battle him for that spot.

With all top cars on the cushion, the race began to show who was truly fastest. Within three laps of his miscue, Coons was once again on Malone's tail, no more than one or two car-lengths at most separating them. The Tucson pilot kept the pressure on lap after lap in his Stealth/Fontana machine.

As the cars took the white flag, Coons, who had tried the low groove on the previous lap on the final curves, had one final trick up his sleeve. When the two frontrunners headed into turns 3-4, Coons again shot to the bottom in a bonsai move with Malone solidly on top. When they exited out of turn four heading for the checkered flag, Coons had a slight advantage in the drag race to the flagstand. In the end, the USAC/Badger Midgets runner crossed the stripe no more than a half-car length ahead of the Malone car.

The exciting win paid the 2003 Chili Bowl preliminary feature event winner \$1,000 for his efforts as well as naming him to a long and illustrious line of "King Doodlebug" champions.

Malone's bitter pill to swallow was a check for \$600 as Josh Wise, who chased the front duo throughout the race, was third. Mike Hess and Damion Gardner rounded out the top five finishers.

RESULTS

Pepsi/Mountain Dew Midget Championship - Preliminary Events

FIRST HEAT (started, *qualified for Saturday's feature), 8 laps, no time: 1. 11, Davey Ray, Loves Park, IL (5*) 2. 3, Brandon Waelti, Sun Prairie, WI (1*) 3. 99B, Brad Kuhn, Avon, IN (6*) 4. 20s, Josh Wise, Riverside, CA (7*) 5. 30, Craig Carey, Riverton, IL (8) 6. 10R, Derek Rossio, Clinton, IL (2) 7. 7F, Aaron Fiscus, Madison, WI (3) 8. 7B, Joe Boyles, Greenwood, MO (4) 9. 71, Chad Branson, Sherman, IL (9).

SECOND HEAT (started, *qualified for Saturday's feature), 8 laps, no time: 1. 2K, Danny Stratton, Fontana, CA (5*) 2. 81, Chad DeSelle, Sun Prairie, WI (3*) 3. 96, Cody Brewer, Choctaw, OK (1*) 4. 20, Cody Weisensel, Sun Prairie, WI (7*) 5. 2, Dave Shirk, Mohnton, PA (8) 6. 5, Steve Buckwalter, Royersford, PA (6) 7. 10, Greg Leatherberry, Sun Prairie, WI (9) 8. 4, Don Droud Jr., Lincoln, NE (4) DNS – 2I, Luke Icke, Denver CO (2).

THIRD HEAT (started, *qualified for Saturday's feature), 8 laps, no time: 1. 7, Critter Malone, Speedway, IN (1*) 2. 94, Brian Gerster, Wolbelsville, IN (4*) 3. 31, Don Lehmann, Springfield, IL (2*) 4. 55, Steve Knepper, Belleville, IL (8*) 5. 40, Michael Kendall, Brownsburg, IN (3) 6. 18, Matt Hummel, Indianapolis, IN (6) 7. 5MA, Mallory Armfield, St. Joseph, MO (5) 8. 4D, Bruce Donaldson, St. Charles, MO (7).

FOURTH HEAT (started, *qualified for Saturday's feature), 8 laps, 2:49.4 (new track record): 1. 15, Scott Hatton, Roscoe, IL (6*) 2. 50, Kevin Doty, Burlington, IA (1*) 3. 23, Jerry Coons Jr., Tucson, AZ (7*) 4. 51, Ryan Durst, Lincoln, NE (2*) 5. 51H, Mike Hess, Petersburg, IL (5) 6. 99, Corey Weyant, Springfield, MO (8) 7. 21, John Jones, Blue Mounds, WI (3) 8. 87, Harley Sloten, Menasha, WI (4).

FIFTH HEAT (started, *qualified for Saturday's feature), 8 laps, 2:55.6: 1. 25, Damion Gardner, Concord, CA (4*) 2. 97J, Roger Rager, Pequot Lakes, MN (1*) 3. 22, Ray Bull, Bloomsburg, PA (3*) 4. 12, Rick England, Wichita, KS (6*) 5. 43, Buddy Leubke, Stoughton, WI (8) 6. 79, Jim Doyle, Ft. Lupton, CO (7) 7. 97, Tim Siner, Waterloo, IL (5) 8. 95J, Rik Forbes, Omaha, NE (2).

KING DOODLEBUG (started), 15 laps, no time: 1. Jerry Coons Jr. (6) 2. Critter Malone (2) 3. Josh Wise (13) 4. Mike Hess (5) 5. Damion Gardner (12) 6. Chad DeSelle (8) 7. Ray Bull (7) 8. Rik Forbes (10) 9. Aaron Fiscus (1) 10. Steve Knepper (11) 11. Craig Carey (4) 12. Danny Stratton (14) 13. Scott Hatton (15) 14. Brad Kuhn (9) 15. Davey Ray (3). **Lap Leaders: Malone 1-14, Coons 15.**

6/5/04

Antill surprises Sprints, Coons is Midget King at Knoxville

by Bob Wilson

KNOXVILLE, Iowa -- Brent Antill scored a last lap pass to capture the 410 winged-sprint car feature event at Knoxville Raceway Saturday night and Jerry Coons, Jr. took the 3rd Annual Pepsi/Mt. Dew Midget Championship. The race events marked the closure of the annual National Sprint Car Hall of Fame induction weekend.

For Antill the victory was so sweet as the Knoxville regular did not make the previous week's feature event due to a rules violation. One week later he stood in victory lane, \$3,000 richer for his efforts.

The twenty lap feature event looked as if it may never get started as the first two attempts saw five cars eliminated due to accidents, but when it finally went green, front row starter Travis Cram took control and rocketed away from the 24-car field. Calvin Landis chased him for one lap until Antill got by him on the second go around. The third lap spelled disaster for third running Landis as he spun above the cushion and came to a halt. He restarted on the tail.

The single-file restart once again found Cram roar away from the field and also saw Antill lose his runner-up spot to Matt Moro. By lap six, Terry McCarl also made a pass of Antill, relegating him to fourth. At the half-way point Cram had soared to nearly a two turn lead over Moro, McCarl and Antill and it looked as if there would be no catching him on this night.

Lap eleven saw the yellow flag displayed for the McCarl car which had stopped at the pit entrance just inside turn four. His crew worked furiously to remove mud which had packed in the right-rear wheel. He was able to restart on the tail.

Again Cram pulled away from the field with ease once the race went green only to lose that advantage to a yellow flag and a Jesse Hockett encounter with the big fences in turn four on the fifteenth circuit.

With just five laps to go after the restart, Cram resumed to point as Antill passed Moro to take second. The runner-up spot looked to be the best Antill could gain as Cram again was the class of the field in the final laps.

Cram had taken the white flag and was scooting down the backstretch when disaster struck the Washington state native. His car noticeably slowed going into turn three, its engine starved for fuel. As he coasted through the final turn of this historic half-mile oval, it was obvious that Antill was catching him, and catching him fast.

As both cars came down the front chute, it was clear that Antill would overtake the hapless Cram machine. As they neared the finish line the fleet Antill overtook and passed Cram to win by not more than a car length. It was his seventh career win here and his first this season aboard the Jordan Brothers Maxim. Following the top two cars on this Kin Folks 410 event were Moro, Skip Jackson from a 13th start and Brooke Tatnell from 19th. That drive gave Tatnell the Dennison's-VMAC Hard Charger award for the night. Rounding out the top ten finishers were Jaymie Moyle, Jesse Giannetto, Jason Johnson, Billy Alley and Landis. McCarl reported in at eleventh.

The Pepsi/Mt. Dew Midget Championship was all Jerry Coons, Jr. as the Tucson, Arizona driver who was crowned "King Doodlebug" on the previous night of preliminary qualifications, led flag to flag to take the 25-lap event. The two-day program, sanctioned by ARDC, Badger, MARA and Rocky Mountain Midget Associations successfully drew a stellar field of cars and drivers to this central Iowa racing facility.

Coons, who started on the front row of the thirty car field, took the lead as he exited turn two and shot down the back chute on the opening lap. Only a lap six red flag for a two-car skirmish in turn four involving Josh Wise and Damion Garner who were battling for eighth, slowed the event. The single file restart saw Coons again pull away from the field as he parked his Stealth/Fontana-engined machine on the cushion and begin his march to the checkered flag.

By lap ten, some of the stars who had started in the rear of the field had begun to make their way to the front. Noticeably former Knoxville sprint driver Don Droud, Jr. had pulled into the top ten from a 21st starting spot. But even the Droud charge as well as for second running Davey Ray seemed to be no challenge for the Coons machine which was glued to the track.

With just five laps to go, Ray sprouted a new tactic and placed his car on the bottom of the half mile oval. The strategy worked as clearly he was making laps faster than Coons and the margin began to narrow. By lap 22 the gap between first and second was a mere 10 car lengths. One lap later Ray had made the low groove assault pay off as he neared within just three car lengths.

Lap cars would play a big part in how this 3rd annual event would play out as the back markers just ahead of Ray were circling on the bottom too. Though Ray was able to pull even with Coons on the back chute on the

twenty-third go around he was not able to make a pass as slower cars impeded his progress on the low side.

At the finish, Coons had worked his way back to an 8-10 car length advantage to carry home the \$4,000 first place check. Ray settled for a \$3,000 runner-up pay day and last year's winner, Chad DeSelle gained \$2,000 for his efforts. Kevin Doty and Brian Gerster completed the top five. Scott Hatton and Critter Malone were sixth and seventh respectively. Droud placed a respectable eighth and Aaron Fiscus took passing honors by coming from 26th to ninth. Ray Bull completed the top ten. Twenty-five cars were still running when the checkered flag waved.

Inducted into the National Sprint Car Hall of Fame in afternoon ceremonies at the Dyer-Hudson Hall on the Marion County fairgrounds during the afternoon were Chuck Amati, Sherman "Red" Campbell, Chuck Gurney, Keith Kauffman, Brian Saulpaugh, Bob Slater, Billy Wilkerson, Jim Culbert, Ralph Morgan, "Boston" Louie Seymour, Walter E. Bull, Bruce Craig, R. Keith Hall and Don Peabody.

RESULTS

Knoxville 410 Sprints

Time Trials (Qualifying order): 1. 24, Terry McCarl, Altoona, IA, 16.093 (4) 2. 02, Mike Reinke, Howards Grove, WI, 16.115 (18) 3. 56, Chris Walraven, Knoxville, IA (1) 16.208; 4. 4K, Keith Kauffman, Mifflintown, PA (21) 16.234; 5. v10, John VanDenBerg, Oskaloosa, IA (10) 16.263; 6. D1, Jesse Giannetto, Palo, IA (17) 16.295; 7. 4J, Jon Agan, Knoxville, IA (7) 16.326; 8. 1s, Jaymie Moyle, Bridgewater, SA, AUST (44) 16.357; 9. 47, Matt Moro, Des Moines, IA (3) 16.367; 10. 10, Lynton Jeffery, Sydney, NSW, AUST (31) 16.367; 11. 70, Calvin Landis, Phoenix, AZ, 16.371; 12. 92, Travis Cram, Snohomish, WA, 16.400; 13. 1, Brent Antill, Ankeny, IA, 16.408; 14. 50D, Jason Johnson, Eunice, LA, 16.415; 15. 75, Jesse Hockett, Warsaw, MO, 16.452; 16. 55, Kerry Madsen, Sydney, NSW, AUST, 16.467; 17. 2, Skip Jackson, Sydney, NSW, AUST, 16.484; 18. 14AJ, Wayne Johnson, Mustang, OK, 16.503; 19. 2K, Kevin Frey, Mechanicsburg, PA, 16.506; 20. 60, Colin Northway, Marion, IA, 16.592; 21. 40, Clint Garner, Sioux Falls, SD, 16.600; 22. 17G, Ricky Logan, Little Rock, AR, 16.616; 23. 83, Josh Higday, Des Moines, IA, 16.618; 24. R19, Randy Anderson, Clarion, IA, 16.618; 25. 15, Bobby Mincer, West Burlington, IA; 26. 66, Brooke Tatnell, Sydney, NSW, AUST, 16.627; 27. 6R, Roger Rager, Pequot Lakes, MN, 16.635; 28. 97, Aaron Berryhill, Broken Arrow, OK, 16.639; 29. 1A, Eddie Leavitt, Jr., Knoxville, IA, 16.668; 30. 22, Billy Alley, Lincoln, NE, 16.680; 31. 1w, Chad Meyer, Sioux Falls, SD, 16.717; 32. 71R, Ryan Anderson, Charter Oak, IA, 16.754; 33. 53, Joe Beaver, Knoxville, IA, 16.758; 34. 7a, Johnny Anderson, Indianola, IA, 16.760; 35. 11J, Jeff Johnson, Indianola, IA, 16.794; 36. 7x, Larry Ball, Jr., Knoxville, IA, 16.824; 37. F22, Scott Young, Union Grove, WI 16.960; 38. 69, Mike Moore, Des Moines, IA, 17.016; 39. 44m, Mark Hurd, Watkins, CO, 17.115; 40. 15x, Jerrel Slinkard, Melcher-Dallas, IA, 17.217; 41. 8s, Tim St. Arnold, Mitchellville, IA, 17.345; 42. 35, Greg Jones, Earlham, IA, 17.394; 43. 71, Robert Bell, Colfax, IA, 17.456; 44. 50, Tyler Houseman, Des Moines, IA, 17.504.

First Heat (started), 8 laps, 2:15.5: 1. Skip Jackson (2) 2. Matt Moro (4) 3. Terry McCarl (6) 4. Brent Antill (3) 5. Clint Garner (1) / 6. John VanDenBerg (5) 7. Joe Beaver (9) 8. Tim St. Arnold (8) 9. Bobby Mincer (7) 10. Eddie Leavitt, Jr. (8) DNS – Scott Young.

Second Heat (started), 8 laps, 2:15.8: 1. Jason Johnson (1) 2. Wayne Johnson (2) 3. Jesse Giannetto (3) 4. Brooke Tatnell (5) 5. Mike Reinke (6) / 6. Lynton Jeffrey (4) 7. Billy Alley (8) 8. Johnny Anderson (7) 9. Mike Moore (10) 10. Greg Jones (9) DNS – Ricky Logan.

Third Heat (started), 8 laps, 2:14.1: 1. Josh Higday (1) 2. Kevin Frey (2) 3. Calvin Landis (4) 4. Jesse Hockett (3) 5. Chris Walraven (6) / 6. Jeff Johnson (9) 7. Chad Meyer (8) 8. Roger Rager (7) 9. Mark Hurd (10) 10. Robert Bell (11) 11. Jon Agan (5).

Fourth Heat (started), 8 laps, No Time: 1. Randy Anderson (1) 2. Travis Cram (4) 3. Jaymie Moyle (5) 4. Keith Kauffman (6) 5. Larry Ball, Jr. (9) 6. Jerrel Slinkard (10) 7. Tyler Houseman (11) 8. Colin Northway (2) 9. Kerry Madsen (3) 10. Ryan Anderson (8) 11. Aaron Berryhill (7).

B Main (started), 12 laps, No Time: 1. Kerry Madsen (2) 2. Billy Alley (6) 3. Ricky Logan (18) 4. Johnny Anderson (10) / 5. Chad Meyer (9) 6. Tim St. Arnold (14) 7. Mike Moore (15) 8. Bobby Mincer (4) 9. Tyler Houseman (20) 10. Mark Hurd (12) 11. Robert Bell (16) 12. Joe Beaver (11) 13. Roger Rager (7) 14. John VanDenBerg (1) 15. Jeff Johnson (13) 16. Greg Jones (19) 17. Jerrel Slinkard (17) 18. Lynton Jeffrey (3) 19. Ryan Anderson (8) 20. Colin Northway (5) DNS – Jon Agan, Aaron Berryhill, Scott Young, Eddie Leavitt Jr.

A Main (started), 20 laps, No Time : 1. Brent Antill (1) 2. Travis Cram (2) 3. Matt Moro (4) 4. Skip Jackson (13) 5. Brooke Tatnell (19) 6. Jaymie Moyle (5) 7. Jesse Giannetto (6) 8. Jason Johnson (11) 9. Billy Alley (22) 10. Calvin Landis (3) 11. Terry McCarl (10) 12. Clint Garner (16) 13. Johnny Anderson (24) 14. Mike Reinke (9) 15. Randy Anderson (18) 16. Chris Walraven (8) 17. Kevin Frey (15) 18. Jesse Hockett (12) 19. Keith Kauffman (7) 20. Larry Ball, Jr. (20) 21. Wayne Johnson (14) 22. Josh Higday (17) 23. Ricky Logan (23) 24. Kerry Madsen (21). **Lap Leaders:** Cram 1-19; Antill 20

Pepsi/Mt. Dew Midget Championship

Dash (started), 6 laps, 2:06.6: 1. 11, Davey Ray, Davenport, IA (1) 2. 23, Jerry Coons, Jr., Tucson, AZ (5) 3. 81, Chad DeSelle, Sun Prairie, WI (2) 4. 97J, Roger Rager, Pequot Lakes, MN (3) 5. 94, Brian Gerster, Wobelsville, IN (9) 6. 15, Scott Hatton, Roscoe, IL (8) 7. 25, Damion Gardner, Concord, CA (7) 8. 99B, Brad Kuhn, Avon, IN (4) 9. 7, Critter Malone, Speedway, IN (6) DNS – 2K, Danny Stratton, Fontana, CA.

First B Main (started), 12 laps, No Time: 1. 30, Craig Carey, Riverton, IL (1) 2. 5, Steve Buckwalter, Royersferd, Pa (5) 3. 40, Michael Kendall, Brownsburg, IN (2) / 4. 7F, Aaron Fiscus, Madison, WI (6) 5. 71, Mike Hess, Petersburg, IL (10) 6. 87, Harley Slotten, Menasha, WI (8) 7. 97, Tim Siner, Waterloo, IL (7) 8. 2I, Luke Icke, Denver, CO (9) 9. 10R, Derek Rossio, Clinton, IL (4) 10. 99, Korey Weyant, Springfield, IL (3) DNS – 4D, Bruce Donaldson, St. Charles, MO.

Second B Main (started), 12 laps, No Time: 1. 4, Don Droud, Jr., Lincoln, NE (7) 2. 95J, Rik Forbes, Omaha, NE (9) / 3. 18, Matt Hummel, Indianapolis, IN (2) 4. 21, John Jones, Blue Mounds, WI (5) 5. 2, Dave Shirk, Mohnton, PA (1) 6. 43, Buddy Leubke, Stoughton, WI (6) 7. 5MA, Mallory Armfield, St. Joseph, MO (4) 8. 79, Jim Doyle, Ft. Lupton, CO (3) 9. 4AJ, Billy Wood, Kenosha, WI (8) DNS – 10, Greg Leatherberry, Sun Prairie, WI.

Championship Feature (started), 25 laps, No Time: 1. Jerry Coons, Jr. (2) 2. Davey Ray (1) 3. Chad DeSelle (3) 4. 50, Kevin Doty, Burlington, IA (11) 5. Brian Gerster (5) 6. Scott Hatton (6) 7. Critter Malone (9) 8. Don Droud, Jr. (21) 9. Aaron Fiscus (26) 10. 22, Ray Bull, Bloomsburg, PA (17) 11. Mike Hess (27) 12. Craig Carey (20) 13. Brad Kuhn (8) 14. John Jones (30) 15. 55, Steve Knepper, Belleville, IL (14) 16. Rik Forbes (23) 17. Michael Kendall (24) 18. Tim Siner (29) 19. Damion Gardner (7) 20. Steve Buckwalter (22) 21. 3, Brandon Waelti, Sun Prairie, WI (10) 22. 96, Cody Brewer, Choctaw, OK (16) 23. 20, Cody Weisensel, Sun Prairie, WI (13) 24. 12, Rick England, Wichita, KS (18) 25. Dave Shirk (25) 26. Jim Doyle (28) 27. Roger Rager (4) 28. 51, Ryan Durst, Lincoln, NE (19) 29. 31, Don Lehmann, Springfield, IL (15) 30. 20s, Josh Wise, Riverside, CA (12). **Lap Leader:** Coons, Jr. 1-25

6/11/04

Jason Johnson takes 360 Nationals prelim as rain claims one too

by Bob Wilson

KNOXVILLE, Iowa -- The second feature event of the 14th Annual Advance Auto Parts 360 Knoxville Nationals fell to rain, but before the big drops fell, Jason Johnson captured the first qualifying A Main at this central Iowa racing facility on Friday night. The racing was for qualifying positions for Saturday night's championship program. Race officials made the decision to run the rained-out feature right after 410 time trials on Saturday.

For Johnson, who started 12th, the win was not an easy one and he needed some luck to make it to the winner's circle. It was his second win here this season after driving the same Bruce Cox Full Throttle Racing sprinter to victory in Knoxville's 410 division nearly one month ago.

The 20-lap feature got underway with pole sitter Garry Lee Maier scooting to the front with Brent Antill chasing him at close quarters. The cushion appeared to be the fastest way around the big Knoxville half-mile oval and so Maier placed his sprinter there with Antill running no less than ten car lengths behind him.

In the early portion of this race Johnny Anderson held down the third spot with Zach Chappell and Tony Bruce Jr. following. By lap six, three new players forged into contention. Shane Stewart, Johnson and Terry McCarl had come roaring from their starting nods to make their presence felt in the 24-car field.

Stewart, began to challenge Antill soon after the front runners entered lap traffic on the eighth go around. Stewart, who appeared to be the fastest car on the track, had come from a fourth row start and when he was not in traffic he utilized the low groove to make his attack and move forward. With the race half complete, Stewart tried a high-side pass of Antill as the duo roared down the front chute. The two cars came together and Stewart got the worst of it as his car flipped solidly some thirty yards in front of the flagstand. Antill was able to restart but he had suffered damage to his racer and later pulled in to the pits.

When the race restarted, Maier found himself now being chased by Johnson, McCarl and Chappell. Maier was in control of the race at this point but good fortune had just about run out for the two-time champion (1992 and 1993). Just after the fourteenth lap was completed, the yellow flag was displayed for debris on the race track. It turned out to be a torsion arm off of Maier's car. Having caused the caution, Maier was sent to the tail of the field after making quick repairs.

One more caution would force the race to go yellow but that slow down did not seem to slow down Johnson's quest for the checkered flag. McCarl tried to slide the leading Johnson but it was to no avail as Johnson quickly pulled out and away to win by 20 car lengths on the final lap. The Eunice, Louisiana driver was paid \$2,000 for his first ever 360 division win here. McCarl took second and \$1,500 while Chappell garnered \$1,000 for third. First-time racer here, Roger Crockett was fourth and former event champion (1998) Gary Wright was fifth. Rounding out the top ten were Matt Moro, David Hesmer (from 22nd), Tim St. Arnold (from 24th) Sean McClelland and Brett Mather.

Ten qualifying heat events were staged earlier in the evening. Winners were Tony Bruce Jr., Johnny Anderson, Rob Edwards, Garry Lee Maier, Sean McClelland, Brad Barickman, Randi Miller, Stacey Alexander, Joe Beaver and John Kearney. The two C Mains were captured by Travis Rilat and Jaymie Moyle. Brian Brown and Brett Mather won B Mains. A total of 89 cars from 14 states plus Canada, Australia and New Zealand competed during the night.

KNOXVILLE RACEWAY - Knoxville, Iowa
14th annual Advance Auto Parts 360 Knoxville Nationals

June 11, 2004
Preliminary events

First Heat (started, *qualified for 1st feature), 10 laps, No Time: 1. 18, Tony Bruce, Jr., Liberal KS (1*) 2. 2m, Matt Moro, Des Moines, IA (2*) 3. 50z, Zach Chappell, Talala, OK (10*) 4. 56, D.J. Heskin, Monticello, MN (4*) 5. 6, Mitchell Alexander, Knoxville, IA (8*) 6. 19, Tracy Nichols, Columbia, MO (6) 7. 7, Dave Becker, Belle Plaine, MN (5) 8. 77x, William Eggimann, Jackson, MN (9) 9. 51J, Ryan Jamison, Mediapolis, IA (3) DNS – v10, John VanDenBerg, Oskaloosa, IA (7).

Second Heat (started, *qualified for 1st feature), 10 laps, 2:59.7: 1. 7a, Johnny Anderson, Indianola, IA (1*) 2. 2H, Ryan Voss, Okobojo, IA (3*) 3. 10x, Brent Antill, Ankeny, IA (7*) 4. 20, Stevie Walsh, Auckland, NI, New Zealand (4*) 5. 54, Brett Mather, Ames, IA (5) 6. 94s, Natalie Sather, Fargo, ND (9) 7. 96, Bronson Maeschen, Pleasantville, IA (8) 8. 99x, Doran Doty, Des Moines, IA (2) 9. 21, Keith Fridlington, Shawnee, KS (6).

Third Heat (started, *qualified for 1st feature), 10 laps, No Time: 1. R22, Rob Edwards, Dubuque, IA (2*) 2. 3, A.G. Rains, West Memphis, AR (4*) 3. X, Chuck Swenson, Watertown, SD (3*) 4. 57, Roger Crockett, Eugene, OR (9*) 5. 1w, Chad Meyer, Canton, SD (6) 6. 5G, Brett Golik, Newton, IA (7) 7. 2s, John Schulz, West Burlington, IA (5) 8. 15H, Sam Hafertepe, Sunnyvale, TX (8) 9. 2, Mike Waddell, Des Moines, IA (1).

Fourth Heat (started, *qualified for 1st feature), 10 laps, 2:56.1: 1. 11x, Garry Lee Maier, Cimarron, KS (1*) 2. 50D, Jason Johnson, Eunice, LA (3*) 3. D1, Jesse Giannetto, Palo, IA (2*) 4. 9x, Gary Wright, Hooks, TX (4*) 5. 8s, Tim St. Arnold, Des Moines, IA (5) 6. 26K, Marshall Skinner, West Memphis, AR (7) 7. 53H, Matt Harms, Morton, IL (6) 8. 12, Brock Dump, Lennox, SD (9) 9. 5, Rod Richards, Runnells, IA (8).

Fifth Heat (started, *qualified for 1st feature), 10 laps, 3:01.3: 1. 1z, Sean McClelland, Tulsa, OK (1*) 2. 4m, Shane Stewart, Bixby, OK (8*) 3. 1m, Terry McCarl, Altoona, IA (6*) 4. 11F, Foster Landon, Collinsville, OK (3) 5. 1, David Hesmer, Marshalltown, IA (5) 6. 51, David Hall, Des Moines, IA (2) 7. 24, Eric Vanderploeg, Altoona, IA (4) 8. 69, Rodney Turner, Hamlin, IA (9) 9. F4, Jaymie Moyle, Bridgewater, SA, AUST (7).

Sixth Heat (started, *qualified for 2nd feature), 10 laps, 2:55.3: 1. 10J, Jeff Mitrisin, Oskaloosa, IA (4*) 2. 77, Terry Alexander, Knoxville, IA (1*) 3. 14AJ, Wayne Johnson, Mustang, OK (5*) 4. 57x, Jake Peters, Sioux Falls, SD (7*) 5. 15, Brian Brown, Higginsville, MO (6) 6. 7x, Larry Ball, Jr., Knoxville, IA (9) 7. 9, Rager Phillips, Pleasantville, IA (8) 8. 7c, Chris Morgan, Topeka, KS (3) DNS - Curtis Thorson, Newton, IA (2).

Seventh Heat (started, *qualified for 2nd feature), 10 laps, 2:57.0: 1. 2D, Randi Miller, Rapid City, SD (6*) 2. 5R, Ryan York, Racine, MN (2*) 3. 6R, Roger Rager, Pequot Lakes, MN (7*) 4. 97, Aaron Berryhill, Broken Arrow, OK (8*) 5. 14, Randy Martin, California, MO (5) 6. B29, Eric Mason, Knoxville, IA (9) 7. 1z, Dusty Zomer, Brandon, SD (1) 8. 0, Glenn Styres, Six Nations, ONT, CAN (3) 9. 97x, Alan Gilbertson, Kasson, MN (4).

Eighth Heat (started, *qualified for 2nd feature), 10 laps, No Time: 1. 126, Stacey Alexander, Lacona, IA (4*) 2. 1B, Brett Geldner, St. Peter, MN (2*) 3. 04, Frankie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (1*) 4. 23, Eric Jobe, Kansas City, MO (7*) 5. 86, Doug Wilson, Blackwater, MO (9*) 6. 61a, Toby Brown, Carthage, MO (3) 7. Y5, Mike Houseman Jr., Des Moines, IA (5) 8. 29N, Larry Neighbors, Oklahoma City, OK (8) 9. 29, Travis Rilat, Forney, TX (6).

Ninth Heat (started, *qualified for 2nd feature), 10 laps, 3:01.8: 1. 53, Joe Beaver, Knoxville, IA (1*) 2. 92, Travis Cram, Snohomish, WA (5*) 3. 11m, Troy Meyer, Sioux Falls, SD (3*) 4. 14c, Mike Trent, Rockeport, MO (4) 5. 7H, John Hall, Marion, IA (2) 6. 94, Cody Branchcomb, Sapulpa, OK (7) 7. 22N, Nate Mosher, Prairie City, IA (8) 8. 37, Sye Anderson, Brainerd, MN (6).

Tenth Heat (started, *qualified for 2nd feature), 10 laps, 2:59.6: 1. 83, John Kearney, Valley Fall, KS (5*) 2. 22, Billy Alley, Lincoln, NE (4*) 3. 55, Kerry Madsen, Sydney, NSW, AUST (7*) 4. 91x, Darren Stewart, Bixby, OK (6*) 5. 33, Alan Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (2) 6. 48, Dennis Moore, Jr., Grinnell, IA (8) 7. 11, Pete Crall, De Soto, KS (1) DNS – 23x, Jimmy Taylor, Oklahoma City, OK (3).

First C Main (started), 10 laps, 3:01.7 : 1. Jaymie Moyle (8) 2. William Eggimann (2) / 3. Rodney Turner (1) 4. Ryan Jamison (5) 5. John VanDenBerg (9) 6. Doran Doty (6) 7. Sam Hafertepe Jr. (4) 8. Rod Richards (7) 9. Keith Fridlington (4).

Second C Main (started), 6 laps, 1:49.1 : 1. Travis Rilat (3) 2. Jimmy Taylor (2) 3. Curtis Thorson (4) 4. Sye Anderson (1) DNS - Glenn Styres, Larry Neighbors, Alan Gilbertson.

First B Main (started), 12 laps, No Time : 1. Brett Mather (4) 2. David Hesmer (6) 3. Foster Landon (1) 4. Tim St. Arnold (5) / 5. Chad Meyer (3) 6. Eric Vanderploeg (15) 7. Jaymie Moyle (17) 8. David Hall (10) 9. Tracy Nichols (9) 10. John Schulz (10) 11. Brett Golik (11) 12. Brock Dump (16) 13. Dave Becker (12) 14. Matt Harms (14) 15. William Eggimann (18) 16. Natalie Sather (2) 17. Marshall Skinner (8) 18. Bronson Maeschen (11).

Second B Main (started), 12 laps, 3:46.3 : 1. Brian Brown (3) 2. Mike Trent (1) 3. Larry Ball, Jr. (4) 4. Randy Martin (5) / 5. Travis Rilat (17) 6. Cody Branchcomb (8) 7. Dusty Zomer (13) 8. John Hall (6) 9. Toby Brown (9) 10. Alan Zoutte (7) 11. Nate Mosher (11) 12. Jimmy Taylor (18) 13. Dennis Moore Jr. (10) 14. Eric Mason (2) 15. Mike Houseman Jr. (14) 16. Rager Phillips (12) 17. Chris Morgan (16) 18. Pete Crall (15).

First A Main (started), 20 laps, No Time: 1. Jason Johnson (12) 2. Terry McCarl (13) 3. Zach Chappell (7) 4. Roger Crockett (11) 5. Gary Wright (20) 6. Matt Moro (14) 7. David Hesmer (22) 8. Tim St. Arnold (24) 9. Sean McClelland (9) 10. Brett Mather (21) 11. Garry Lee Maier (1) 12. Johnny Anderson (4) 13. Tony Bruce, Jr. (5) 14. Mitchell Alexander (17) 15. Ryan Voss (10) 16. Jesse Giannetto (16) 17. Chuck Swenson (15) 18. A.G. Rains (2) 19. Foster Landon (23) 20. Rob Edwards (6) 21. Stevie Walsh (19) 22. Brent Antill (3) 23. Shane Stewart (8) 24. D.J. Heskin (18). **Lap Leaders:** Maier 1-14; Johnson 15-20

Second A Main, 20 laps, : 1. RAIN

6/12/04

Rain claims 14th annual Knoxville 360 Nationals

by Bob Wilson

KNOXVILLE, Iowa -- The 12th annual Advance Auto Parts 360 Knoxville Nationals fell to rain Saturday night at Knoxville Raceway. The event was called by Race Director Ralph Capitani at 11:00 p.m. as a slow moving rain event enveloped this mid-Iowa fairgrounds. It will not be rescheduled this year.

Before the rains came, the track was able to run the rained-out Friday night A Feature from this rain-plagued race meet.

In that 20-lap feature event Billy Alley led all but the opening lap to claim the \$2,000 to win ASCS (American Sprint Car Series) sanctioned national event. Alley started on the pole but lost the first round to fellow front row starter John Kearney. On the second lap Alley edged Kearney by a car length to take the lead heading into the first turn. Kearney got loose in turn three trying to keep up the pace and Alley was able to get away from him as they roared down the backstretch.

By the eighth lap when Alley entered into lap traffic, he had extended his lead to 15 car lengths, mainly by riding the cushion. A brief evening shower at the five o'clock hour had placed more water on the track than race officials had hoped for and had delayed the starting time of the racing as well. The extra water seemed to make the top groove the fastest line around this historical half-mile oval. Alley took advantage of that as did Roger Rager who passed Kearney for the runner-up spot on the next lap. Kearney did not give the second spot up easily as he battled with Rager for several laps to gain it back.

As the race continued in lap traffic, Alley favored the high groove in turns one and two but dove to the bottom in turns three and four. He was able to keep one or two lapped cars between himself and Rager. What the race seemed to boil down to was a race between the 21-year-old Alley (his birthday was Friday) and the 55-year-old Rager. With Rager being the 1975 Knoxville Raceway track champion and Alley claiming the track championship in the 2003 360 division, both men had had many laps on this track. Whoever handled the traffic

best would win this race as both cars appeared to be fairly equal.

Just before the red flag flew on lap 17, Alley had extended his lead to 20 car lengths over Rager. The stoppage came when Stacey Alexander struck the fence in turn two. Observers speculated that Alexander's engine had "let go" contributing to the incident. On the restart Jeff Mitrisin also struck that same fenced area just below the National Sprint Car Hall of Fame and Museum.

When the race resumed, Alley again held the point with third place Kearney diving below Rager in turns one and two to grab the runner-up spot. For whatever reason, Rager began to fade and no longer was a threat to Alley.

With two laps left, Alley held a slim five car-length lead over Kearney. An open track afforded the Lincoln, Nebraska youth to go full tilt on the high cushion. In the end, Kearney was not able to catch the Alley machine and fell ten car-lengths short at the checkers. For Alley, it was his fifth career win here and would have qualified him for the front row along side Eunice, Louisiana's Jason Johnson in the rain-canceled championship feature.

Wayne Johnson came across the stripe for third, Aaron Berryhill (a sixth row starter) was fourth and Rager settled for fifth. Rounding out the top ten finishers in this A Feature were Joe Beaver, Travis Cram, Jake Peters, Eric Jobe and Randy Martin.

Additional championship events that were able to be staged saw Ryan Jamison win the E Main and John Schulz take the D Main. The remainder of the program was canceled.

The Knoxville 410 winged sprints were able to stage one event before the rains came. Terry McCarl was the class of the field in qualifying time trials but the heat races were victims to the rain as well.

Advance Auto Parts 360 Nationals June 12, 2004

(Preliminary rained-out feature from Friday night)

Second A Main (started), 20 laps, No Time: 1. 22, Billy Alley, Lincoln, NE (1) 2. 83, John Kearney (2) 3. 14AJ, Wayne Johnson, Mustang, OK (10) 4. 97, Aaron Berryhill, Broken Arrow, OK (14) 5. 6R, Roger Rager, Pequot Lakes, MN (4) 6. 53, Joe Beaver, Knoxville, IA (3) 7. 92, Travis Cram, Snohomish, WA (5) 8. 57x, Jake Peters, Sioux Falls, SD (14) 9. 23, Eric Jobe, Kansas City, MO (15) 10. 14, Randy Martin, California, MO (24) 11. 55, Kerry Madsen, Sydney, NSW, AUST (19) 12. 7x, Larry Ball, Jr., Knoxville, IA (23) 13. 77, Terry Alexander, Knoxville, IA (9) 14. 5R, Ryan York, Racine, MN (11) 15. 15, Brian Brown, Higginsville, MO (21) 16. 11m, Troy Meyer, Sioux Falls, SD (18) 17. 14c, Mike Trent, Rockeport MO (22) 18. 86, Doug Wilson, Blackwater, MO (17) 19. 1B, Brett Geldner, St. Peter, MN (13) 20. 10J, Jeff Mitrisin, Oskaloosa, IA (6) 21. 126, Stacey Alexander, Lacona, IA (7) 22. 04, Frankie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (16) 23. 91x, Darren Stewart, Bixby, OK (20) 24. 2D, Randi Miller, Rapid City, SD (8). **Lap Leaders:** Kearney 1; Alley 2-20

(Saturday events)

E Main (started), 2 laps, 52.7 New Track Record: 1. 51J, Ryan Jamison, Burlington, IA (1) 2. 15x, Sam Hafertepe, Jr., Sunnyvale, TX (3) 3. 97x, Alan Gilbertson, Kasson, MN (2) / DNS – 99x, Doran Doty, Des Moines, IA, 5, Rod Richards, Runnells, IA, 21, Keith Fridlington, Shawnee, KS, v10, John VanDenBerg, Oskaloosa, IA.

D Main, 10 laps, No Time: 1. 2s, John Schulz, Burlington, IA (1) 2. 12, Brock Dump, Lennox SD (7) 3. Ryan Jamison (19) / 4. 48, Dennis Moore, Jr., Grinnell, IA (2) 5. 37, Sye Anderson, Brainerd, MN (12) 6. B29, Eric Mason, Knoxville, IA (5) 7. 96, Bronson Maeschen, Pleasantville, IA (13) 8. 91, Curtis Thorson, Newton, IA (17) 9. Sam Hafertepe, Jr. (16) 10. 53H, Matt Harms, Morton, IL (8) 11. 7, Dave Becker, Belle Plaine, MN (6)

12. 94s, Natalie Sather, Fargo, ND (9) 13. 9, Rager Phillips, Pleasantville, IA (11) 14. 11, Pete Crall, De Soto, KS (10) 15. 69, Rodney Turner, Hamlin, IA (15) 16. 0, Glenn Styres, Six Nations, ONT, CAN (14) 17. 22N, Nate Mosher, Prairie City, IA (3) 18. 23x, Jimmy Taylor, Oklahoma City, OK (4) 19. Alan Gilbertson (18) DNS – Y5, Mike Houseman Jr., Des Moines, IA, 77x, William Eggimann Jr., Jackson, MN, 7c, Chris Morgan, Topeka, KS.

C Main, 12 laps, : 1. RAIN

B Main, 15 laps, : 1. RAIN

Advance Auto Parts 360 Nationals Championship, 25 laps: 1. RAIN

(Program completed 8/6/04)

Knoxville Raceway 410 sprints

Time Trials (Qualifying order): 1. 24, Terry McCarl, Altoona, IA (21) 16.209; 2. 17G, Ricky Logan, Little Rock, AR, 16.328; 3. D1, Jesse Giannetto, Palo, IA, 16.457; 4. 22, Billy Alley, Lincoln, NE, 16.530; 5. 2, Skip Jackson, Sydney, NSW, AUST, 16.623; 6. 55, Kerry Madsen, Sydney, NSW, AUST, 16.666; 7. 97, Aaron Berryhill, Broken Arrow, OK, 16.760; 8. 1s, Jaymie Moyle, Bridgewater, SA, AUST, 16.760; 9. 1, Brent Antill, Ankeny, IA, 16.860; 10. 50D, Jason Johnson, Eunice, LA, 16.873; 11. 70, Calvin Landis, Knoxville, IA, 16.882; 12. 66, Brooke Tatnell, Sydney, NSW, AUST, 16.883; 13. 40, Clint Garner, Sioux Falls, SD, 16.897; 14. 10, Lynton Jeffery, Sydney, NSW, AUST, 16.897; 15. 75, Jesse Hockett, Warsaw, MO, 16.903; 16. 83, Josh Higday, Des Moines, IA, 16.909; 17. R19, Randy Anderson, Clarion, IA, 16.948; 18. 92, Travis Cram, Snohomish, WA, 16.971; 19. 47, Matt Moro, Des Moines, IA, 16.993; 20. 56, Chris Walraven, Knoxville, IA, 17.046; 21. 14AJ, Wayne Johnson, Mustang, OK, 17.058; 22. v10, John VanDenBerg, Oskaloosa, IA, 17.134; 23. 5J, Jeff Mitrisin, Oskaloosa, IA, 17.162; 24. 02, Mike Reinke, Howard's Grove, WI, 17.167; 25. 69, Mike Moore, Des Moines, IA, 17.232; 26. 8s, Tim St. Arnold, Des Moines, IA, 17.266; 27. 11J, Jeff Johnson, Indianola, IA, 17.332; 28. 26, Marshall Skinner, West Memphis, AR, 17.444; 29. 35, Bob Weuve, Newton, IA, 17.561; 30. 29, Travis Rilat, Forney, TX, 17.567; 31. 71R, Ryan Anderson, Charter Oak, IA, 17.613; 32. 1w, Chad Meyer, Sioux Falls, SD, 17.618; 33. 44m, Mark Hurd, Watkins, CO, 17.643; 34. 15x, Jerrel Slinkard, Melcher-Dallas, IA, 17.812; 35. 7x, Larry Ball, Jr., Knoxville, IA, 18.065; 36. 50, Tyler Houseman, Des Moines, IA, 18.180; 37. 71, Robert Bell, Colfax, IA, 18.316; 38. 60, Colin Northway, Marion, IA, 21.393.

First Heat, 8 laps, : RAIN

6/19/04

Cram and Kearney Extend Point Leads With Knoxville Sprint Wins

Knoxville, Iowa - June 19 - Travis Cram (410s) and John Kearny (360s) each grabbed feature event wins during the annual Hall of Fame Night at Knoxville Raceway Saturday. Both drivers are the current leaders in the season-long points standings at this Central Iowa race facility after this Justice Brothers Mid-Season Championship race.

Cram's win came during a thrilling 25-lap feature that went non-stop. He took the lead from his second row starting nod as he flew down the back chute on the half-mile oval once the race was waved green. Cram chose his line wisely as all the front runners headed to the low groove after the field of 24 cars began to sort out. Unlike the feature event for the 360 sprint cars where all the top runners drove immediately to the cushion, Cram darted to the bottom with Jaymie Moyle to his rear.

Moyle made a good chase of it as he stayed within striking distance of Cram's Don Ott powered J&J sprinter. As they headed into lap traffic on the seventh circuit, Cram's 15 car-length advantage began to melt away. The Snohomish, Washington driver later reported from the victory stand that he had started experimenting with different grooves.



By the tenth go around, Moyle was nose to tail with Cram as they roared past the flagstand. Running into turns one and two, Moyle was able to stick his sprinter under the Cram machine and take the lead as they headed down the backstretch in traffic. Five laps later Cram repaid the pass with one of his own but this time he took the lead coming out of turn two on the high side.

With heavy lap traffic building in front of the leaders and most drivers opting to use the low groove, the first ten cars began to stack up closely together. This situation created intense and close racing for all involved. On lap 18 one could nearly throw a blanket over the top ten runners, but as they began to sort through the back markers, that too changed. Jason Johnson got by Moyle. Matt Moro, Mike Reinke and Ricky Logan were right there with the leaders too.

Lap 20 saw Cram and Johnson only five car-lengths apart. With this mid-season race adding an extra five tours of this historic oval, Cram was still in a dog-fight for the \$3,500 first place check. He was able to pull away slightly from the Eunice, Louisiana pilot but then another group of lap cars blocked Cram's certain win. As they crossed the start-finish line for the last lap they were nose to tail. Heading into turns one and two the two drivers were side by side.

Cram was either faster or had the better of the two lines as he emerged the leader heading down the backstretch. When the checkered flags flew, no less than five car lengths separated the top two finishers and gave Cram his 7th career win here. Johnson settled for the \$3,000 pay day while Moyle took home \$2,000. Moro and Reinke were paid \$1,500 and \$1,200 respectively. Rounding out the top ten finishers of this hotly contested race were Wayne Johnson, Ricky Logan, Tim St. Arnold, Skip Jackson and Jesse Hockett.

The 20-lap Advance Auto Parts 360 feature event was also barnburner, but pole sitter Eric VanderPloeg made it appear to be a run away at first. VanderPloeg parked his sprinter on the cushion and proceeded to leave the field in his dust. John Kearney was his nearest challenger but by lap six he had fallen behind by 25 car lengths. Two laps later he began to noticeably slow and by the ninth go around Kearney had caught and passed the hapless VanderPloeg machine which later stalled in turn four while trying to make it back to the pit area. During the yellow flag laps, a light rain began to fall; an event that has become all too familiar on Saturday nights here. The precipitation caused a ten minute delay.

When the race restarted, Kearney held the point position. Jake Peters, a fourth row starter had now come into the picture with a pass to gain second spot from rookie Eric Jobe. Peters looked like he might make a race of it and he didn't let the fans down as the 12th lap saw Kearney slowed by a lap car. Peters immediately caught the leader and trailed by only five car lengths. Around the half-mile oval the two cars raced on the cushion which was within feet of Knoxville's famous white fences.



With traffic serving as the foil, both Kearney and Peters put on driving exhibitions in the final stages. Although most eyes were placed on those two drivers, Jobe was not out of the chase by any means.

In the end, Kearney managed a five car-length separation to take his third win of the season here and his 16th career win at Knoxville. The chase to take second saw Peters edge Jobe by a mere .001 of a second as reported by the transponder system. Fourth place went to another rookie Dusty Zomer and fifth was taken by David

Hall. Frankie Heimbaugh, Ryan Jamison, Joe Beaver, Mike Trent and Dave Hesmer from a B Main transfer rounded out the top ten finishers. The Dennison's/VMAC Hard Charger awards went to Madsen (410s) and Zomer in the 360s.

During trackside ceremonies, the Knoxville Raceway added four new people to its Hall of Fame. 2004 inductees were Naomie Grimes (Walcott, Iowa) a former track official, Larry Jasper (Martinsburg, Iowa) a long-time builder and mechanic, Mike Thomas (Des Moines, Iowa) a thirty-year competitor here and Tom Savage (Sioux Falls, SD) an author and writer covering the racing scene since the mid 1960s.

KNOXVILLE RACEWAY, Knoxville, Iowa
June 19, 2004
Results



Time Trials 410 Sprints (Qualifying order): 1. 55, Kerry Madsen, Sydney, NSW, AUST (3) 16.187; 2. 14AJ, Wayne Johnson, Mustang, OK (1) 16.345; 3. 50D, Jason Johnson, Eunice, LA (7) 16.441; 4. 92, Travis Cram, Snohomish, WA (2) 16.500; 5. 47, Matt Moro, Des Moines, IA (27) 16.541; 6. 5J, Jeff Mitrisin, Oskaloosa, IA (4) 16.565; 7. 1s, Jaymie Moyle, Bridgewater, SA, AUST (30) 15.570; 8. 02, Mike Reinke, Howards Grove, WI (14) 16.580; 9. 8s, Tim St. Arnold, Des Moines, IA (22) 16.605; 10. 10, Lynton Jeffery, Sydney, NSW, AUST (29) 16.612; 11. 22, Billy Alley, Lincoln, NE, 16.617; 12. 1, Brent Antill, Ankeny, IA, 16.622; 13. 17G, Ricky Logan, Little Rock, AR, 16.628; 14. 2, Skip Jackson, Sydney, NSW, AUST, 16.638; 15. 4, Jon Agan, Knoxville, IA, 16.646; 16. 56, Chris Walraven, Knoxville, IA, 16.670; 17. v10, John VanDenBerg, Oskaloosa, IA, 16.671; 18. 75, Jesse Hockett, Warsaw, MO, 16.696; 19. 91, John Sernett, Shakopee, MN, 16.698; 20. 1w, Chad Meyer, Sioux Falls, SD, 16.701; 21. D1, Jesse Giannetto, Palo, IA, 16.754; 22. 83, Josh Higday, Des Moines, IA, 16.800; 23. 40, Clint Garner, Sioux Falls, SD, 16.910; 24. R19, Randy Anderson, Clarion, IA, 16.947; 25. 70, Calvin Landis, Knoxville, IA, 16.974; 26. 24, Terry McCarl, Altoona, IA, 17.008; 27. 6R, Roger Rager, Pequot Lakes, MN, 17.240; 28. 20AU, Troy Little, Sydney, NSW, AUST, 17.310; 29. 15x, Jerrel Slinkard, Melcher-Dallas, IA, 17.337; 30. 44m, Mark Hurd, Watkins, CO, 17.339; 31. 50, Tyler Houseman, Des Moines, IA, 17.428; 32. 35, Bob Weuve, Newton, IA, 17.612; 33. 11J, Jeff Johnson, Indianola, IA, 18.062; 34. 71, Robert Bell, Colfax, IA.

First Heat (started), 8 laps, 2:22.5: 1. Tim St. Arnold (4) 2. Jesse Giannetto (1) 3. Ricky Logan (3) 4. Calvin Landis (7) 5. Matt Moro (5) / 6. Jerrel Slinkard (6) 7. Jeff Johnson (8) 8. John VanDenBerg (2) DNS - Kerry Madsen.

Second Heat (started), 8 laps, No Time: 1. Josh Higday (1) 2. Jesse Hockett (2) 3. Skip Jackson (3) 4. Terry McCarl (7) 5. Wayne Johnson (6) / 6. Jeff Mitrisin (5) 7. Lynton Jeffrey (4) 8. Mark Hurd (8) 9. Robert Bell (9).

Third Heat (started), 8 laps, 2:25.2: 1. Jaymie Moyle (3) 2. Billy Alley (4) 3. John Sernett (2) 4. Jason Johnson (6) 5. Tyler Houseman (5) / 6. Clint Garner (1) DNS – Jon Agan, Roger Rager, Colin Northway.

Fourth Heat (started), 8 laps, No Time: 1. Randy Anderson (1) 2. Chad Meyer (2) 3. Brent Antill (4) 4. Travis Cram (6) 5. Mike Reinke (5) / 6. Chris Walraven (3) 7. Troy Little (7) 8. Bob Weuve (8).

B Main (started), 12 laps, 3:55.6: 1. Jeff Mitrisin (1) 2. Lynton Jeffrey (2) 3. John VanDenBerg (4) 4. Kerry Madsen (12) / 5. Clint Garner (5) 6. Troy Little (6) 7. Jon Agan (11) 8. Chris Walraven (3) 9. Jerrel Slinkard (7) 10. Jeff Johnson (10) 11. Mark Hurd (8) 12. Robert Bell (9) DNS – Bob Weuve, Roger Rager, Colin Northway.

A Main (started), 25 laps, 7:47.7: 1. Travis Cram (4) 2. Jason Johnson (5) 3. Jaymie Moyle (2) 4. Matt Moro (3) 5. Mike Reinke (1) 6. Wayne Johnson (6) 7. Ricky Logan (10) 8. Tim St. Arnold (7) 9. Skip Jackson (11) 10. Jesse Hockett (12) 11. Billy Alley (8) 12. Kerry Madsen (22) 13. Lynton Jeffrey (20) 14. John Sernett (13) 15. Randy Anderson (15) 16. Chad Meyer (14) 17. Terry McCarl (23) 18. Jeff Mitrisin (17) 19. John VanDenBerg (19) 20. Calvin Landis (18) 21. Brent Antill (9) 22. Jesse Giannetto (21) 23. Josh Higday (16) 24. Tyler Houseman (24). **Lap Leaders:** Cram 1-10; Moyle 11-15; Cram 16-25



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First Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 7 laps, 2:08.4: 1. 04, Frankie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (1*) 2. 24, Eric Vanderploeg, Altoona, IA (4*) 3. 22, Rob Edwards, Dubuque, IA (2*) 4. 1z, Dusty Zomer, Sioux Falls, SD (6*) 5. B29, Eric Mason, Knoxville, IA (8*) 6. 54, Brett Mather, Ames, IA (7) 7. Y5, Mike Houseman Jr., Des Moines, IA (5) 8. 15, Bobby Mincer, West Burlington, IA (9) DNS – 86, Doug Wilson, Blackwater, MO (3).

Second Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 7 laps, No Time: 1. 2s, John Schulz, West Burlington, IA (2*) 2. 23, Eric Jobe, Kansas City, MO (5*) 3. 51, Dave Hall, Des Moines, IA (7*) 4. 5G, Brett Golik, Newton, IA (6*) 5. 56, D.J. Heskin, St. Michael, MN (3) 6. 91, Curtis Thorson, Newton, IA (1) 7. 77, Terry Alexander, Knoxville, IA (9) 8. 7x, Larry Ball, Jr. Knoxville, IA (8) 9. 96, Bronson Maeschen, Pleasantville, IA (4).

Third Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 7 laps, No Time: 1. 57x, Jake Peters, Sioux Falls, SD (1*) 2. 53, Joe Beaver, Knoxville, IA (6*) 3. 51J, Ryan Jamison, Mediapolis, IA (7*) 4. 20, Stevie Walsh, Auckland, NI, New Zealand (3) 5. 12x, Jerry Crabb, Des Moines, IA (9*) 6. 9, Rager Phillips, Knoxville, IA (5) 7. 11m, Troy Meyer, Sioux Falls, SD (2) 8. 10, Michael Jones, Des Moines, IA (4) 9. 77J, Jarod Smith, Altoona, IA (8).

Fourth Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 7 laps, 2:08.2: 1. 14c, Mike Trent, Columbia, MO (1*) 2. 83, John Kearney, Valley Falls, KS (6*) 3. 6, Mitchell Alexander, Knoxville, IA (2*) 4. 7a, Johnny Anderson, Indianola, IA (4) 5. 1, David Hesmer, Marshalltown, IA (7) 6. 126, Stacey Alexander, Lacona, IA (3) 7. 99x, Doran Doty, Des Moines, IA (8) 8. 33, Alan Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (5) 9. 3, Nate VanHaften, Otley, IA (9).

B Main (started), 10 laps, No Time: 1. David Hesmer (3) 2. Johnny Anderson (2) 3. Brett Mather (5) 4. Stacey Alexander (9) / 5. Curtis Thorson (6) 6. Troy Meyer (12) 7. Stevie Walsh (1) 8. Terry Alexander (7) 9. Alan Zoutte (13) 10. Bronson Maeschen (14) 11. Rager Phillips (8) 12. Doran Doty (10) 13. D.J. Heskin (4) 14. Mike Houseman Jr. (11) 15. Nate VanHaften (15) DNS – Michael Jones, Doug Wilson, Larry Ball Jr., Bobby Mincer, Jarod Smith.

A Main (started), 20 laps, No Time: 1. John Kearney (5) 2. Jake Peters (8) 3. Eric Jobe (3) 4. Dusty Zomer (12) 5. Dave Hall (7) 6. Frankie Heimbaugh (2) 7. Ryan Jamison (7) 8. Joe Beaver (6) 9. Mike Trent (10) 10. David Hesmer (15) 11. Johnny Anderson (18) 12. Curtis Thorson (19) 13. Jerry Crabb (14) 14. Stacey Alexander (20) 15. Brett Mather (17) 16. John Schulz (4) 17. Rob Edwards (11) 18. Brett Golik (13) 19. Eric Mason (16) 20. Eric Vanderploeg (1) DNS - Mitch Alexander. **Lap Leaders:** Vanderploeg 1-8 Kearney 9-20.

6/25/04

Saldana grabs WoO Knoxville NAPA Classic prelim

by Bob Wilson

KNOXVILLE, Iowa -- Joey Saldana led every lap in capturing the World of Outlaws (WoO) NAPA Classic preliminary feature event at Knoxville Raceway Friday night. The win marked the third career victory for the second generation driver on this Marion County Fairgrounds half-mile oval.

Saldana, who started on the pole position quickly moved to the front after the green flag flew on the 20-lap event. He zoomed to the cushion and pulled away from his nearest competitor and fellow front-row starter, Craig Dollansky. By the fifth circuit he had soared to a 30 car-length advantage while still riding the cushion with Dollansky, Danny Lasoski, Steve Kinser and Ricky Logan in tow.

Lap nine saw Saldana head into lap traffic as he continued to drive his Woodward Maxim/Fisher on the cushion. With the back markers slowing his progress, Dollansky was able to cut the margin to ten car lengths in two laps. An additional mile showed Dollansky chewing the lead to only five car lengths and within striking distance. As the front two cars roared past the flagstand completing the fifteenth go around, it was nearly a dead heat with Saldana claiming the lap by a wheel width.

With the race so close and the cushion now open, Saldana again headed to that spot near the high fences and was able to place a car between himself and Dollansky. That seemed to seal the fate of this race as the Brownsburg, Indiana driver was not hard pressed by anyone for the remainder of the 10-mile sprint.

Steve Kinser made his presence felt when he passed Dollansky on lap 18 after getting by Lasoski two laps prior to that. The WoO King and 12-time Knoxville Nationals champion seemed to have found a new line through turns three and four by driving mid-groove through three and low into and out of four. With this line Kinser was actually able to cut the distance on the leader. However, the laps had run out and Saldana was too far ahead in this final stage.

Saldana's run gained him a \$5,000 payday while Kinser took home \$3,000. Dollansky faded to third just ahead of Lasoski. Sammy Swindell, who set the standard in qualifying time trials came from the sixth row to take fifth. Rounding out the top ten finishers were Donny Schatz, Tim Shaffer, Kerry Madsen, Logan and Brian Paulus.

Notes of interest were Mark Kinser missing his qualifying heat due to engine problems. He managed to get into the A Feature by winning the B Feature but finished 20th overall. Mark captured the April WoO opener here. Knoxville regular and defending track champion, Terry McCarl timed poorly but was able to dash forward in his heat race to gain a transfer spot in the feature. Two laps from the finish his car's rear end broke sending the local driver into a series of tumbles in turn one. He was not injured. Knoxville 410 points leader, Travis Cram, failed to make it out of the B Main. Finally, Randy Anderson, who was clearly on his way to a win in the first heat, lost an engine and retired to the pit area.

In the companion Advance Auto Parts 360 sprint feature, David Hesmer claimed his 62nd division leading feature event in that league's 15-lap A Main. The big surprise to most observers was watching David Hall claim the first seven go arounds before Hesmer took the point.

Hesmer, who is a master of this historic oval, methodically picked off one driver at a time from his third row starting nod. It was on the eighth go around that he slid Hall in turns three and four to take the lead, a position in

which he was never challenged to the end.

As the race wound down, Hesmer was engulfed by heavy lap traffic but the Marshalltown native used his years of experience to get by those back markers. Observing the field of cars, one could see that those sprinters which were chasing him were unable to gain, let alone pose a threat on this night. A yellow flag, two laps from the end, made now difference as Hesmer again roared away from the field on the single-file restart.

Hesmer received \$1,250 for his efforts. Jon Schulz made a last lap pass of Hall to take home \$1,000 as Hall pocketed \$700 for his career best runner-up finish. Joe Beaver was fourth and Jake Peters finished fifth. Rookie Eric Jobe, Johnny Anderson, Mike Trent, Brett Mather and Eric VanderPloeg completed the top ten finishers. John Kearney, the current Knoxville 360 point leader was eleventh after transferring from the B Main.

KNOXVILLE RACEWAY, Knoxville, Iowa
World of Outlaws NAPA Classic prelims
June 25, 2004

Time Trials (Qualifying order): 1. 12x, Sammy Swindell, Germantown, TN, 16.204 (22) 2. 50D, Jason Johnson, Eunice, LA (24) 16.230; 3. 83, Mark Kinser, Oolitic, IN (12) 16.242; 4. 2, Joey Saldana, Brownsburg, IN, 16.261 (45) 5. 20, Danny Lasoski, Dover, MO (3) 16.283; 6. 47, Matt Moro, Des Moines, IA (37) 16.352; 7. 14AJ, Wayne Johnson, Mustang, OK (39) 16.359; 8. 11, Steve Kinser, Bloomington, IN (19) 16.384; 9. 17G, Ricky Logan, Little Rock, AR (35) 16.426; 10. 7, Craig Dollansky, Elk River, MN (13) 16.428; 11. 6, Tim Shaffer, Aliquippa, PA, 16.434; 12. 22, Billy Alley, Lincoln, NE, 16.444; 13. 11K, Kraig Kinser, Bloomington, IN, 16.447; 14. 83x, Josh Higday, Des Moines, IA, 16.451; 15. 1, Brent Antill, Ankeny, IA, 16.494; 16. 4m, Shane Stewart, Bixby, OK, 16.510; 17. 55, Kerry Madsen, Sydney, NSW, AUST, 16.523; 18. 15, Donny Schatz, Minot, ND, 16.527; 19. 28, Brian Paulus, Mechanicsburg, PA, 16.530; 20. 66, Brooke Tatnell, Sydney, NSW, AUST, 16.535; 21. 7TW, Brandon Wimmer, Fairmont, IN, 16.525; 22. 02, Mike Reinke, Howards Grove, WI, 16.555; 23. D1, Jesse Giannetto, Palo, IA, 16.561; 24. R19, Randy Anderson, Clarion, IA, 16.562; 25. 11H, Paul McMahan, Nashville, TN, 16.568; 26. 92, Travis Cram, Snohomish, WA, 16.597; 27. 2AU, Skip Jackson, Sydney, NSW, AUST, 16.612; 28. 1s, Jaymie Moyle, Knoxville, IA, 16.663; 29. 70, Calvin Landis, Knoxville, IA, 16.667; 30. 21, Daryn Pittman, Owasso, OK, 16.693; 31. 10, Lynton Jeffrey, Sydney, NSW, AUST, 16.724; 32. 60, Colin Northway, Marion, IA, 16.765; 33. 5J, Jeff Mitrisin, Oskaloosa, IA, 16.768; 34. 16, Erin Crocker, Wilbraham, MA, 16.771; 35. v10, John VanDenBerg, Oskaloosa, IA, 16.844; 36. 14, Jason Meyers, Clovis, CA, 16.854; 37. 24, Terry McCarl, Altoona, IA, 16.883; 38. 40, Clint Garner, Sioux Falls, SD, 16.957; 39. 20AU, Troy Little, Sydney, NSW, AUST, 17.047; 40. 8s, Tim St. Arnold, Des Moines, IA, 17.074; 41. 69, Mike Moore, Des Moines, IA, 17.086; 42. 11J, Jeff Johnson, Indianola, IA, 17.090; 43. 7s, Jason Sides, Bartlett, TN, 17.096; 44. 15x, Jerrel Slinkard, Melcher-Dallas, IA, 17.233; 45. 56, Chris Walraven, Knoxville, IA, 17.332; 46. 7x, Larry Ball, Jr., Knoxville, IA, 17.513; 47. 44m, 44m, Mark Hurd, Watkins, CO, 17.661; 48. 50, Tyler Houseman, Des Moines, IA, 17.747; 49. 71, Robert Bell, Colfax, IA, 17.760.

First Heat (started), 8 laps, No Time: 1. Ricky Logan (4) 2. Sammy Swindell (6) 3. Steve Kinser (5) 4. Paul McMahan (7) 5. Kerry Madsen (2) / 6. Shane Stewart (3) 7. Calvin Landis (8) 8. Mike Moore (11) 9. Jeff Mitrisin (9) 10. Robert Bell (13) 11. Terry McCarl (10) 12. Randy Anderson (1) DQ - Chris Walraven (12).

Second Heat (started), 8 laps, 2:15.7: 1. Donny Schatz (2) 2. Craig Dollansky (4) 3. Jason Johnson (6) 4. Jesse Giannetto (1) 5. Brent Antill (3) / 6. Wayne Johnson (5) 7. Daryn Pittman (8) 8. Travis Cram (7) 9. Clint Garner (10) 10. Erin Crocker (9) 11. Larry Ball, Jr. (12) 12. Jeff Johnson (11).

Third Heat (started), 8 laps, No Time: 1. Mike Reinke (1) 2. Brian Paulus (2) 3. Tim Shaffer (4) 4. Skip Jackson (7) 5. Matt Moro (5) / 6. Josh Higday (3) 7. Troy Little (8) 8. Jason Sides (11) 9. Lynton Jeffrey (6) 10. John VanDenBerg (9) 11. Mark Hurd (10) DNS – Mark Kinser.

Fourth Heat (started), 8 laps, No Time: 1. Danny Lasoski (5) 2. Brooke Tatnell (2) 3. Billy Alley (4) 4. Jason Meyers (7) 5. Joey Saldana (6) / 6. Brandon Wimmer (1) 7. Tim St. Arnold (10) 8. Kraig Kinser (3) 9. Jerrel Slinkard (9) 10. Tyler Houseman (11) 11. Colin Northway (8) DNS – Jaymie Moyle.

First Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:26.9: 1. Joey Saldana (3) 2. Ricky Logan (1) 3. Matt Moro (2) 4. Donny Schatz (7) 5. Tim Shaffer (5) 6. Sammy Swindell (4) 7. Brent Antill (6) 8. Brooke Tatnell (8).

Second Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:25.6: 1. Craig Dollansky (1) 2. Steve Kinser (2) 3. Danny Lasoski (3) 4. Jason Johnson (4) 5. Kerry Madsen (6) 6. Brian Paulus (7) 7. Mike Reinke (8) 8. Billy Alley (5).

C Main (started), 8 laps, No Time: 1. Jason Sides (5) 2. Mike Moore (3) / 3. Jerrel Slinkard (6) 4. Jeff Johnson (4) 5. Robert Bell (10) 6. Tyler Houseman (7) 7. Mark Hurd (8) 8. Troy Little (1) 9. Tim St. Arnold (2) 10. Chris Walraven (9) DNS – Larry Ball Jr.

B Main (started), 12 laps, No Time: 1. Mark Kinser (1) 2. Kraig Kinser (3) 3. Daryn Pittman (10) 4. Shane Stewart (5) 5. Jason Sides (15) / 6. Travis Cram (8) 7. Clint Garner (14) 8. Josh Higday (4) 9. Calvin Landis (9) 10. John VanDenBerg (13) 11. Mike Moore (16) 12. Brandon Wimmer (6) 13. Erin Crocker (12) 14. Lynton Jeffrey (11) 15. Randy Anderson (7) 16. Wayne Johnson (2) DNS – Colin Northway, Jeff Mitrisin.

A Main (started), 20 laps, 6:27.2: 1. Joey Saldana (1) 2. Steve Kinser (4) 3. Craig Dollansky (2) 4. Danny Lasoski (6) 5. Sammy Swindell (11) 6. Donny Schatz (7) 7. Tim Shaffer (9) 8. Kerry Madsen (10) 9. Ricky Logan (3) 10. Brian Paulus (12) 11. Matt Moro (5) 12. Jason Johnson (8) 13. Jason Meyers (22) 14. Daryn Pittman (23) 15. Mike Reinke (14) 16. Brooke Tatnell (15) 17. Kraig Kinser (18) 18. Paul McMahan (21) 19. Jason Sides (24) 20. Mark Kinser (17) 21. Skip Jackson (20) 22. Shane Stewart (19) 23. Billy Alley (16) 24. Brent Antill (13) DNS – Jesse Giannetto. **Lap Leaders:** Saldana 1-20

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First Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 7 laps, 2:02.3: 1. 11m, Troy Meyer, Sioux Falls, SD (1*) 2. 7a, Johnny Anderson, Indianola, IA (4*) 3. 24, Eric VanderPloeg, Altoona, IA (8*) 4. 04, Frankie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (2*) 5. 12x, Jerry Crabb, Des Moines, IA (6) 6. B29, Eric Mason, Knoxville, IA (7) 7. 22, Rob Edwards, Dubuque, IA (3) 8. 8L, Tom Lenz, Strawberry Point, IA (5) 9. 3, Nate VanHaaften, Otley, IA (9).

Second Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 7 laps, No Time: 1. 9, Rager Phillips, Knoxville, IA (1*) 2. 91, Curtis Thorson, Newton, IA (2*) 3. 23, Eric Jobe, Kansas City, MO (4*) 4. 2s, John Schulz, West Burlington, IA (8*) 5. 77, Terry Alexander, Knoxville, IA (3) 6. 20, Stevie Walsh, Auckland, NI, New Zealand (5) 7. 99x, Doran Doty, Des Moines, IA (7) 8. Y5, Mike Houseman Jr., Des Moines, IA (6).

Third Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 7 laps, No Time: 1. 54, Brett Mather, Ames, IA (2*) 2. 51, David Hall, Des Moines, IA (1*) 3. 1, Dave Hesmer, Marshalltown, IA (7*) 4. 51J, Ryan Jamison, Mediapolis, IA (4*) 5. 126, Stacey Alexander, Lacona, IA (6) 6. 96, Bronson Maeschen, Knoxville, IA (3) 7. 33, Alan Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (5) 8. 11, Pete Crall, DeSoto, KS (8).

Fourth Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 7 laps, 2:04.3: 1. 53, Joe Beaver, Knoxville, IA (2*) 2. 57x, Jake Peters, Sioux Falls, SD (3*) 3. 5G, Brett Golik, Newton, IA (1*) 4. 14c, Mike Trent, Columbia, MO (6*) 5. 83, John Kearney, Valley Falls, KS (5) 6. 1z, Dusty Zomer, Sioux Falls, SD (7) 7. 6, Mitch Alexander, Knoxville, IA (4) 8. 77J, Jarod Smith, Altoona, IA (8).

B Main (started), 10 laps, No Time: 1. John Kearney (4) 2. Dusty Zomer (6) 3. Tom Lenz (13) 4. Doran Doty (10) / 5. Stacey Alexander (2) 6. Bronson Maeschen (8) 7. Terry Alexander (3) 8. Rob Edwards (9) 9. Jerry Crabb (1) 10. Stevie Walsh (7) 11. Alan Zoutte (11) 12. Mike Houseman Jr. (12) 13. Pete Crall (15) 14. Jarod Smith (14) 15. Nate VanHaaften (16) 16. Eric Mason (5) DNS – Mitch Alexander.

A Main (started), 15 laps, No Time: 1. David Hesmer (6) 2. Jon Schulz (3) 3. David Hall (2) 4. Joe Beaver (10) 5. Jake Peters (5) 6. Eric Jobe (1) 7. Johnny Anderson (8) 8. Mike Trent (14) 9. Brett Mather (11) 10. Eric Vanderploeg (12) 11. John Kearney (17) 12. Dusty Zomer (18) 13. Ryan Jamison (16) 14. Troy Meyer (9) 15. Doran Doty (20) 16. Frankie Heimbaugh (15) 17. Curtis Thorson (4) 18. Rager Phillips (7) 19. Tom Lenz (19) 20. Brett Golik (13). **Lap Leaders:** Hall 1-7; Hesmer 8-15

6/26/04

Dollansky wins a wild one at WoO Knoxville NAPA Classic

by Bob Wilson

KNOXVILLE, Iowa -- How does one write about a race in which Joey Saldana looked to be the winner, but wasn't. Or, Steve Kinser seemed to be coming and coming and cutting the gap, but he didn't win either. And Mark Kinser took the lead in the final laps, and he too was not the winner. So how did Dollansky manage to take the \$20,000 to win event?

It was one of the wildest races and finishes at Knoxville Raceway in many years. It was the second night of the World of Outlaws Knoxville NAPA Classic and it was, as track announcer Tony Bokhoven says, "A gem-dandy of a race!"

Everyone should have guessed at the start that this race was going to be different. Immediately Saldana jumped from his pole position start to grab the lead but it was all for naught as a red flag flew from the flagstand for a three-car skirmish at the giant scoreboard between turns three and four. Tim Shaffer, Terry McCarl and Brooke Tatnell were all involved and stopped at that spot. Shaffer and Tatnell were able to restart but McCarl continued his streak of bad luck for the weekend and rode the tow hook to the pits.

A complete restart saw Saldana again quickly jump to the top of this half-mile oval and ride the limited cushion in first place. Dollansky chased the fleet Saldana in second as Donny Schatz, Steve Kinser, Jason Meyers, Brian Paulus, Danny Lasoski and Sammy Swindell also cruised around the top in that order. Saldana, who looked strong here all weekend marched out to a ten car-length advantage before coming upon lap traffic on the ninth circuit.

With back markers providing the perfect foil, Dollansky and Kinser slowly could very well have closed the gap on Saldana, but Joey would have none of it and kept them at that same 10 car-length distance. Kinser, however, did cut the gap between himself and Dollansky as the top cars flew full bore into the turns up against Knoxville's famous white fences. Kinser kept trying to slide Dollansky in the turns but he always came up short in his efforts

At the half-way point, Saldana looked like a winner as he had pulled to a twenty car-length advantage. That comfortable lead was about to melt to zero as the yellow flag flew for Swindell who had spun his sprinter to a stop in turn two.

On the single-file restart, Saldana once again was the master of this mid-Iowa half-mile oval. Kinser was especially brutal with a slide job coming out of turn two as he squeezed Dollansky against the backstretch fence and gained that runner-up spot. Although his masterful moves had gained him second place, Saldana had pulled out by thirty car lengths. Everyone anticipated what Kinser would do when and if he caught the fleet Saldana.

Saldana had roared past the flagstand to complete the twenty-second lap and as Kinser exited turn four to pick up the chase he began to noticeably slow and just managed to edge Dollansky at the stripe. Kinser slowed further going into turn, a trail of liquid followed his car. It was later reported that he had lost an engine. The Kinser incident did not bring out the caution flag as "The King" was able to make it to the infield on limited power.

With Kinser out of the picture, Saldana seemed to be home free. His lead had grown enormously. As he would exit turn two, second-running Dollansky would be entering turn one. But, this was about to change as he began to be slowed by the lap traffic he was encountering. On the 28th lap Dollansky had closed the gap to ten car lengths. It was down to five by the completion of lap thirty-two.

Was Dollansky actually picking up the pace in the chase to catch Saldana or was Saldana actually slowing?

That was the question and it was answered on the 34th lap as Saldana slowed on the back chute allowing the Karavan Maxim/Fisher machine to fly past him and take the lead. One lap later Saldana stopped at the pit entrance bringing out the yellow flag. In the pit work area he attempted to get fuel but the WoO rule would not allow it during a caution period. They pushed his car to his pit bay as he was done for the evening.

When the race again went green, Tim Shaffer crashed hard into the turn two fence to force a red flag situation. All cars pitted enabling crews to add more fuel. Two cars changed right-rear tires and were relegated to the tail of the restart. At this point, the race was five laps from conclusion and some teams opted not to add fuel, considering the race was nearly complete.

The race event managed only one more lap when the yellow flew again. This time it was for 17 year-old Brandon Wimmer who was stopped in turn four. One more lap was completed and the yellow flag flew yet another time. Brian Paulus had stopped at the back pit gate having lost a right-rear tire. During this slow-down, it must be noted that Mark Kinser had roared into the runner-up spot and by the looks of his late-race advancements, he had plenty of power to make fast work of the leading Dollansky. Laps 38 and 39 saw Kinser try to take the bottom away from Dollansky. If he could do this, it looked like the race would be his.

With only one lap to go, Dollansky was doing all he could to block Kinser who had climbed right on his tail. Suddenly the yellow flag flew again, for Wayne Johnson who had run out of fuel. The restart saw Kinser again try low in turns one and two in order to send Dollansky to second and again a yellow flag was waved on the lap. Jason Meyers had a flat right-rear tire. The following restart saw Paulus and Knoxville track regular Travis Cram get together at the flagstand with Cram heading the infield for a right-rear tire. Schatz and Paul McMahan also came pitside at this juncture. McMahan needed fuel and Schatz needed the tread of a right rear.

The final two-lap dash to end the race finally came about as Kinser took the lead coming out of turn two on the restart. He kept that spot and was able to build a nice lead over Dollansky when he finally took the checkers. But alas, the finish of this race was not what the crowd witnessed as at the scales Kinser was light on weight and was disqualified from the event. That meant that Dollansky, who met the 1375 weight minimum, would be awarded the win even though he had finished second. Even fifth finishing Swindell was DQ'd for being too light. It is said that a sprinter can loose 20-30 pounds in weight in tires alone at the completion of an event like this.

With the attrition rate being so high, only eleven cars out of the 24 starters were running at the end, most being victims of fuel or tires. Somehow Dollansky managed to finish on tires that were bare to the thread. Second went to Lasoski and a surprising third place showing was garnered by the very last starter, Skip Jackson. Jackson made his way to the front by running the low groove the entire race. Another Knoxville regular, Matt Moro took fourth and Daryn Pittman was fifth. Rounding out the top ten in the race were Jason Meyers, Shane Stewart, Brooke Tatnell, Schatz and Paulus. It was Dollansky's eleventh career feature event win here.

KNOXVILLE RACEWAY, Knoxville, Iowa
World of Outlaws NAPA Classic finals
June 26, 2004

Time Trials (Qualifying order): 1. v10, John VanDenBerg, Oskaloosa, IA (10) 16.281; 2. 83, Mark Kinser, Oolitic, IN, 16.308 (2) 3. 17G, Ricky Logan, Little Rock, AR (6) 16.339; 4. 28, Brian Paulus, Mechanicsburg, PA (1) 16.384; 5. 15, Donny Schatz, Minot, ND (5) 16.476; 6. 14, Jason Meyers, Clovis, CA, 16.535 (18) 7. 12x, Sammy Swindell, Germantown, TN (43) 16.580; 8. 92, Travis Cram, Snohomish, WA (17) 16.609; 9. 7s, Jason Sides, Bartlett, TN (9) 16.622; 10. 21, Daryn Pittman, Owasso, OK (4) 16.649; 11. 1, Brent Antill, Ankeny, IA, 16.681; 12. 47, Matt Moro, Des Moines, IA, 16.712; 13. 5J, Jeff Mitrison, Oskaloosa, IA, 16.751; 14. 24, Terry McCarl, Altoona, IA, 16.758; 15. 11H, Paul McMahan, Nashville, TN, 16.802; 16. 16, Erin Crocker, Wilbraham, MA, 16.825; 17. 7TW, Brandon Wimmer, Fairmount, IN, 16.832; 18. 4m, Shane Stewart,

Bixby, OK, 16.835; 19. 14AJ, Wayne Johnson, Mustang, OK, 16.858; 20. 1s, Jaymie Moyle, Knoxville, IA, 16.891; 21. 10, Lynton Jeffrey, Sydney, NSW, AUST, 16.893; 22. 50D, Jason Johnson, Eunice, LA, 16.903; 23. 6, Tim Shaffer, Aliquippa, PA, 16.906; 24. D1, Jesse Giannetto, Palo, IA, 16.933; 25. 11K, Kraig Kinser, Bloomington, IN, 16.995; 26. 66, Brooke Tatnell, Sydney, NSW, AUST, 16.960; 27. R19, Randy Anderson, Clarion, IA, 16.997; 28. 55, Kerry Madsen, Sydney, NSW, AUST, 16.999; 29. 2AU, Skip Jackson, Sydney, NSW, AUST, 17.054; 30. 22, Billy Alley, Lincoln, NE, 17.100; 31. 02, Mike Reinke, Howards Grove, WI, 17.111; 32. 8s, Tim St. Arnold, Des Moines, IA, 17.116; 33. 56, Chris Walraven, Knoxville, IA, 17.126; 34. 44m, Mark Hurd, Watkins, CO, 17.137; 35. 70, Calvin Landis, Knoxville, IA, 17.176; 36. 71R, Ryan Anderson, Charter Oak, IA, 17.285; 37. 7a, Johnny Anderson, Indianola, IA, 17.285; 38. 40, Clint Garner, Sioux Falls, SD, 17.295; 39. 69, Mike Moore, Des Moines, IA, 17.308; 40. 53, Joe Beaver, Knoxville, IA, 17.480; 41. 11J, Jeff Johnson, Indianola, IA, 17.906; 42. 50, Tyler Houseman, Des Moines, IA, 18.124; 43. 71, Robert Bell, Colfax, IA, 44. 35, Greg Jones, Earlham, IA, 18.861; No Time: 60, Colin Northway, Marion, IA; 15x, Jerrel Slinkard, Melcher-Dallas, IA. **Qualified from Friday night:** 2, Joey Saldana, Brownsburg, IN; 11, Steve Kinser, Bloomington, IN; 7, Craig Dollansky, Elk River, MN; 20, Danny Lasoski, Dover, MO.

First Heat (started), 8 laps, 2:22.2: 1. Jason Sides (2) 2. Erin Crocker (1) 3. Travis Cram (3) 4. Brandon Wimmer (5) / 5. Skip Jackson (8) 6. Kraig Kinser (7) 7. Lynton Jeffrey (6) 8. John VanDenBerg (4) 9. Johnny Anderson (10) 10. Jeff Johnson (9) DNS – Chris Walraven.

Second Heat (started), 8 laps, 2:21.0: 1. Paul McMahan (1) 2. Sammy Swindell (3) 3. Shane Stewart (5) 4. Daryn Pittman (2) / 5. Brooke Tatnell (7) 6. Mark Kinser (4) 7. Clint Garner (10) 8. Jason Johnson (6) 9. Billy Alley (8) 10. Mark Hurd (9) 11. Tyler Houseman (11).

Third Heat (started), 8 laps, No Time: 1. Terry McCarl (1) 2. Brent Antill (2) 3. Jason Meyers (3) 4. Tim Shaffer (6) / 5. Ricky Logan (4) 6. Calvin Landis (9) 7. Mike Reinke (8) 8. Randy Anderson (7) 9. Mike Moore (10) 10. Wayne Johnson (5) 11. Robert Bell (11).

Fourth Heat (started), 8 laps, No Time: 1. Donny Schatz (3) 2. Matt Moro (2) 3. Jaymie Moyle (5) 4. Brian Paulus (4) / 5. Kerry Madsen (7) 6. Jesse Giannetto (6) 7. Joe Beaver (10) 8. Ryan Anderson (9) 9. Greg Jones (11) 10. Tim St. Arnold (8) 11. Jeff Mitrison (1).

C Main (started), 10 laps, 3:11.6: 1. Clint Garner (6) 2. Calvin Landis (3) / 3. Johnny Anderson (5) 4. Mark Hurd (2) 5. Chris Walraven (1) 6. Ryan Anderson (4) 7. Mike Moore (7) 8. Joe Beaver (8) 9. Jeff Johnson (9) 10. Tyler Houseman (10) 11. Robert Bell (11) DNS – Greg Jones.

Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:30.3: 1. Joey Saldana (1) 2. Danny Lasoski (4) 3. Craig Dollansky (3) 4. Donny Schatz (6) 5. Jason Meyers (7) 6. Sammy Swindell (8) 7. Steve Kinser (2) 8. Brian Paulus (5).

B Main (started), 12 laps, No Time: 1. Mark Kinser (2) 2. Wayne Johnson (5) 3. Skip Jackson (13) 4. Brooke Tatnell (10) / 5. Kerry Madsen (12) 6. Jason Johnson (7) 7. Kraig Kinser (9) 8. John VanDenBerg (1) 9. Calvin Landis (16) 10. Ricky Logan (3) 11. Jesse Giannetto (8) 12. Lynton Jeffery (6) 13. Randy Anderson (11) 14. Clint Garner (17) 15. Billy Alley (14) 16. Mike Reinke (15) 17. Jeff Mitrison (4) DNS – Tim St. Arnold.

A Main (started), 40 laps, No Time: 1. Craig Dollansky (3) 2. Danny Lasoski (2) 3. Skip Jackson (24) 4. Matt Moro (14) 5. Daryn Pittman (12) 6. Jason Meyers (5) 7. Shane Stewart (19) 8. Brook Tatnell (23) 9. Donny Schatz (4) 10. Brian Paulus (8) 11. Brent Antill (13) 12. Jason Sides (11) 13. Paul McMahan (16) 14. Travis Cram (10) 15. Wayne Johnson (20) 16. Erin Crocker (17) 17. Brandon Wimmer (18) 18. Tim Shaffer (22) 19. Joey Saldana (1) 20. Steve Kinser (7) 21. Jaymie Moyle (21) 22. Terry McCarl (15) DQ (Light) - Mark Kinser (9, crossed 1st); Sammy Swindell (6, crossed 5th). **Lap Leaders:** Saldana 1-33; Dollansky 34-40.

7/3/04

Rain

7/10/04

Four races, four faces in Knoxville Raceway winners circle

by Bob Wilson

KNOXVILLE, Iowa -- The annual Wells Fargo Twin Features events saw four different drivers take feature event wins at this central Iowa race facility. Terry McCarl and Skip Jackson captured feature events for the 410 sprints while John Kearney and Jake Peters won in the 360 division.

For McCarl it marked his 39th career win here and tied him with Sammy Swindell for fifth on Knoxville's all-time winner's list. It was a race in which he led the entire 16-lap distance from a front row starting nod. His closest challenger for the eight-mile sprint was Matt Moro who stayed within striking distance for the first ten laps. At the completion of that distance a yellow was thrown for points leader Travis Cram who had stopped on the track in turn four. It was later learned that Cram's engine had let go and he was done for the evening.

On the restart, it was Wayne Johnson who began to show his power by passing Moro on the next go around as he took up the chase of McCarl. This shortened event distance played against Johnson as even though he closed the gap on the defending track champ, he fell short at the finish line by five car lengths. Jesse Giannetto came on strong late to take third, Moro held for fourth and California visitor Randy Hannagan was fifth. Passing honors for the night went to sixth place finisher, Kerry Madsen who came from the tail of the twenty-car field after transferring from the B Main. Madsen started from the tail of the B and finished third in that 20-car field too.

In the second 410 feature event, Jeff Mitrisin took the early lead from his front row starting spot. Brent Antill chased him early until Skip Jackson got by for second on the fifth lap. Jackson, who likes the low line around the big half mile, was on a rail as he quickly cut the Mitrisin margin down and drove right by him on the ninth circuit. Somewhere along the way, Mitrisin's nose wing had sustained severe damage forcing that driver to have his hand's full with an ill-handling car. From that point on, there was no catching the Sydney Sider, Jackson.

While Jackson was taking the lead, a wild fight for positions broke out in the mid-pack. These were cars who had finished high in the first sixteen lapper and were trying to march forward. Most notable among them were McCarl, Wayne Johnson, Madsen, Giannetto and Hannagan. No position was safe while the green flag was still flying.

With just two laps to go, the caution flew for Don Droud Jr. who had stopped in turn four with a flat right-rear tire. Jackson's huge lead was now down to a nose-to-tail single file restart for a two-lap sprint to the finish.

When the green once again flew, Jackson was able to hold his spot but Mitrisin and Billy Alley who had been running second and third, lost those spots to Jaymie Moyle and Wayne Johnson. On the final lap Johnson passed Moyle to take his second runner-up finish of the evening. Alley was fourth and Mitrisin came across the stripe fifth.

In the first Advance Auto Parts 360 12-lap feature the win looked like it would be going to Brett Mather, a front row starter. He held the top spot from the front row after the second lap and began to extend that lead. Suddenly, just when it appeared that he would cash the winning paycheck, he came upon the back markers of the event and was caught by the division's points leader, John Kearney. Kearney made a pass and took the lead on the final lap, but the maneuver did not count as a yellow flag was shown for a stopped car on the track.

On the restart, Kearney and Mather raced side by side for the entire distance around Knoxville's famed half mile with Kearney taking the point at the flag stand. He would hold that position and win over Mather by eight car lengths, marking his 17th career win here and fourth this season. Rookie Dusty Zomer finished in third, a career best for him here. Eric VanderPloeg and Josh Higday completed the top five finishers.

With the starting positions for the second feature being the reverse order of the finish of this first feature, Knoxville rookie Rager Phillips grabbed the lead from his pole position and was well on his way to a win until a red flag was brought out by a three-car crash along the front stretch fence on the fourth lap. That wreck involved Troy Meyer, Mitch Alexander and Eric VanderPloeg. None of the three could restart. The night was also a bad one for David Hesmer who crashed on the opening lap of the race.

The restart saw fourth row starter Brett Golik suddenly surge into second and he began to challenge Phillips for the top spot. For five laps the rookie held Golik at bay as the challenger would duck low in turns one and two and the leader would ride the cushion. Finally on the tenth go around Golik took the lead with that maneuver.

All the while, Jake Peters was quietly coming forward from his sixth row start. On lap eleven he took second from Phillips. On the white flag lap he dove low in turns one and two and made the pass of Golik with relative ease. It was then a sprint to the finish line.

At the finish it was Peters (his second career win here), Golik and Phillips. Pete Crall managed a career best finish with fourth and Ryan Jamison took fifth.

KNOXVILLE RACEWAY, Knoxville, Iowa

July 10, 2004

Results 410 sprints

Time Trials (Qualifying order): 1. 2K, Kevin Frey, Mechanicsburg, PA (6) 16.179; 2. 47, Matt Moro, Des Moines, IA (1) 16.181; 3. 24, Terry McCarl, Altoona, IA (4) 16.218; 4. 10, Lynton Jeffrey, Sydney, NSW, AUST (27) 16.255; 5. 1x, Randy Hannagan, San Jose, CA (5) 16.277; 6. 71R, Ryan Anderson, Charter Oak, IA (14) 16.341; 7. 55, Kerry Madsen, Sydney, NSW, AUST (8) 16.349; 8. 7x, Ricky Logan, Little Rock, AR (26) 16.393; 9. 83, Don Droud, Jr., Lincoln, NE (21) 16.413; 10. v10, John VanDenBerg, Oskaloosa, IA (28) 16.437; 11. 92, Travis Cram, Snohomish, WA, 16.446; 12. 14AJ, Wayne Johnson, Mustang, OK, 16.459; 13. 5J, Jeff Mitrisin, Oskaloosa, IA, 16.471; 14. D1, Jesse Giannetto, Palo, IA, 16.477; 15. 60, Colin Northway, Marion, IA, 16.498; 16. 91, John Sernett, Shakopee, MN, 16.571; 17. 70, Calvin Landis, Knoxville, IA, 16.574; 18. 02x, Manny Rockhold, Pekin, IL, 16.663; 19. 17G, Randy Anderson, Clarion, IA, 16.596; 20. 1s, Jaymie Moyle, Bridgewater, SA, AUST. 16.649; 21. 02, Mike Reinke, Howard's Grove, WI, 16.663; 22. 1, Brent Antill, Ankeny, IA, 16.671; 23. 50D, Jason Johnson, Eunice, LA, 16.694; 24. 2, Skip Jackson, Sydney, NSW, AUST, 16.728; 25. 56, Chris Walraven, Knoxville, IA, 16.821; 26. 11J, Jeff Johnson, Indianola, IA, 16.875; 27. 69, Mike Moore, Des Moines, IA, 19.949; 28. 1w, Chad Meyer, Sioux Falls, SD, 16.957; 29. 8s, Tim St. Arnold, Des Moines, IA, 16.995; 30. 40, Clint Garner, Sioux Falls, SD, 17.011; 31. 15x, Jerrel Slinkard, Melcher-Dallas, IA, 17.042; 32. 35, Greg Jones, Earlham, IA, 17.260; 33. 44m, Mark Hurd, Watkins, CO, 17.507; 34. 20AU, Troy Little, Sydney, NSW, AUST, 17.567; 35. 71, Robert Bell, Colfax, IA, 18.123; 36. 22, Billy Alley, Lincoln, NE, 18.858; 37. 50, Tyler Houseman, Des Moines, IA, 21.451.

First Heat (started), 8 laps, 2:15.5: 1. Mike Reinke (1) 2. Calvin Landis (2) 3. Don Droud, Jr. (4) 4. Randy Hannagan (5) / 5. Jeff Mitrisin (3) 6. Tim St. Arnold (8) 7. Chris Walraven (7) 8. Kevin Frey (6) 9. Mark Hurd (9) DNS – Tyler Houseman.

Second Heat (started), 8 laps, 2:16.3: 1. Brent Antill (1) 2. Jesse Giannetto (3) 3. Manny Rockhold (2) 4. Matt Moro (6) / 5. John VanDenBerg (4) 6. Clint Garner (8) 7. Jeff Johnson (7) 8. Ryan Anderson (5) 9. Troy Little (9).

Third Heat (started), 8 laps, 2:16.2: 1. Terry McCarl (6) 2. Jason Johnson (1) 3. Travis Cram (4) 4. Randy Anderson (2) / 5. Colin Northway (3) 6. Jerrel Slinkard (7) 7. Robert Bell (5) DQ (staging) – Kerry Madsen, Mike Moore.

Fourth Heat (started), 8 laps, No Time: 1. Skip Jackson (1) 2. Jaymie Moyle (2) 3. Wayne Johnson (4) 4. Billy Alley (9) / 5. John Sernett (3) 6. Chad Meyer (7) 7. Lynton Jeffrey (6) 8. Ricky Logan (5) 9. Greg Jones (8).

B Main (started), 12 laps, No Time: 1. John VanDenBerg (5) 2. Kevin Frey (1) 3. Kerry Madsen (16) 4. Jeff Mitrisin (4) / 5. Colin Northway (7) 6. John Sernett (6) 7. Ryan Anderson (3) 8. Chad Meyer (11) 9. Jeff Johnson (8) 10. Chris Walraven (9) 11. Troy Little (17) 12. Robert Bell (14) 13. Mark Hurd (12) 14. Tim St. Arnold (10) 15. Clint Garner (13) 16. Ricky Logan (2) 17. Greg Jones (15) 18. Tyler Houseman (18).

First A Main (started), 16 laps, No Time: 1. Terry McCarl (2) 2. Wayne Johnson (6) 3. Jesse Giannetto (7) 4. Matt Moro (1) 5. Randy Hannagan (3) 6. Kerry Madsen (19) 7. Randy Anderson (10) 8. Don Droud, Jr. (4) 9. Jason Johnson (14) 10. John VanDenBerg (17) 11. Mike Reinke (12) 12. Manny Rockhold (9) 13. Billy Alley (16) 14. Skip Jackson (15) 15. Jaymie Moyle (11) 16. Jeff Mitrisin (20) 17. Brent Antill (13) 18. Travis Cram (5) 19. Kevin Frey (18) 20. Calvin Landis (8). **Lap Leader:** McCarl 1-16

Second A Main (started), 16 laps, No Time: 1. Skip Jackson (4) 2. Wayne Johnson (16) 3. Jaymie Moyle (3) 4. Billy Alley (5) 5. Jeff Mitrisin (2) 6. Jason Johnson (9) 7. Terry McCarl (17) 8. Kerry Madsen (12) 9. Mike Reinke (7) 10. John VanDenBerg (8) 11. Randy Hannagan (13) 12. Jesse Giannetto (15) 13. Manny Rockhold (6) 14. Matt Moro (14) 15. Brent Antill (1) 16. Colin Northway (19) 17. Randy Anderson (11) 18. Don Droud, Jr. (10) 19. John Sernett (20) 20. Kevin Frey (18) DNS – Calvin Landis, Travis Cram. **Lap Leaders:** Mitrisin 1-8; Jackson 9-16

Advance Auto Parts 360 Sprints

First Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 7 laps, 2:03.0: 1. 83, John Kearney, Valley Falls, KS (2*) 2. 24, Eric Vanderploeg, Altoona, IA (1*) 3. 126, Stacey Alexander, Lacona, IA (6*) 4. 12x, Jerry Crabb, Des Moines, IA (3*) 5. 11, Pete Crall, DeSoto, IA (7*) 6. 99x, Doran Doty, Des Moines, IA (5) 7. 5, Mike Houseman, Des Moines, IA (10) 8. 77J, Jarod Smith, Altoona, IA (8) 9. 33, Alan Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (4) DNS – 69, Rodney Turner, Audubon, IA (9).

Second Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 7 laps, No Time: 1. 54, Brett Mather, Ames, IA (3*) 2. 10, Josh Higday, Des Moines, IA (4*) 3. 9, Rager Phillips, Pleasantville, IA (1*) 4. 51J, Ryan Jamison, Mediapolis, IA (5*) 5. 23, Eric Jobe, Kansas City, MO (6) 6. 22, Rob Edwards, Dubuque, IA (7) 7. 84, DJ Heskin, St. Michael, MN (10) 8. 91, Curtis Thorson, Newton, IA (8) 9. Y5, Mike Houseman Jr., Des Moines, IA (2) DNS – 22N, Nate Mosher, Prairie City, IA (9).

Third Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 7 laps, 2:05.1: 1. 57x, Jake Peters, Sioux Falls, SD (1*) 2. 2s, John Schulz, West Burlington, IA (2*) 3. 1z, Dusty Zomer, Sioux Falls, SD (6*) 4. 1, Dave Hesmer, Marshalltown, IA (4) 5. 5J, Larry Ball, Jr., Knoxville, IA (9*) 6. 96, Bronson Maeschen, Pleasantville, IA (7) 7. 51, David Hall, Des Moines, IA (5) 8. B29, Eric Mason, Knoxville, IA (8) 9. 3, Nate VanHaaften, Otley, IA (10) 10. 20, Stevie Walsh, Auckland, NI, New Zealand (3).

Fourth Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 7 laps, 2:08.4: 1. 6, Mitch Alexander, Knoxville, IA (4*) 2. 11m, Troy Meyer, Sioux Falls, SD (2*) 3. 53, Joe Beaver, Knoxville, IA (5*) 4. 04, Frankie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (3) 5. 5G, Brett Golik, Newton, IA (6) 6. 14c, Mike Trent, Columbia, MO (7) 7. 77, Terry Alexander, Knoxville, IA (8) 8. 7H, John Hall, Marion, IA (9) DNS – 7a, Johnny Anderson, Indianola, IA (1).

B Main (started), 10 laps, No Time: 1. Dave Hesmer (1) 2. Frankie Heimbaugh (2) 3. Mike Trent (10) 4. Brett Golik (4) / 5. Eric Jobe (3) 6. Doran Doty (7) 7. Terry Alexander (11) 8. Dave Hall (12) 9. Bronson Maeschen (6) 10. Johnny Anderson (18) 11. John Hall (14) 12. Rob Edwards (5) 13. DJ Heskin (9) 14. Nate VanHaaften (17) 15. Jarod Smith (13) 16. Eric Mason (15) 17. Nate Mosher (19) 18. Mike Houseman (8) 19. Stevie Walsh (16) DNS – Curtis Thorson, Alan Zoutte, Mike Houseman Jr., Rodney Turner.

First A Main (started), 12 laps, No Time: 1. John Kearney (3) 2. Brett Mather (2) 3. Dusty Zomer (7) 4. Eric Vanderploeg (8) 5. Josh Higday (4) 6. Jake Peters (5) 7. Mitch Alexander (1) 8. Joe Beaver (13) 9. Brett Golik (20) 10. Troy Meyer (10) 11. Ryan Jamison (14) 12. Mike Trent (19) 13. Frankie Heimbaugh (18) 14. Jerry Crabb (15) 15. Pete Crall (16) 16. Rager Phillips (11) 17. Larry Ball, Jr. (12) 18. John Schulz (9) 19. Stacey Alexander (6) 20. David Hesmer (17). **Lap Leaders:** Alexander 1; Mather 2-11; Kearney 12

Second A Main (started), 12 laps, : 1. Jake Peters (11) 2. Brett Golik (8) 3. Rager Phillips (1) 4. Pete Crall (2) 5. Ryan Jamison (6) 6. Mike Trent (5) 7. John Kearney (16) 8. Frankie Heimbaugh (4) 9. Stacey Alexander (19) 10. Dusty Zomer (14) 11. Joe Beaver (9) 12. Josh Higday (12) 13. John Schulz (18) 14. Jerry Crabb (3) 15. Brett Mather (15) 16. Eric Jobe (19) 17. Doran Doty (20) 18. Troy Meyer (7) 19. Mitch Alexander (10) 20. Eric Vanderploeg (12) DNS – Larry Ball Jr., Dave Hesmer. **Lap Leaders:** Phillips 1-9; Golik 10-11; Peters 12

7/17/04

KNOXVILLE RACEWAY, Knoxville, IA

July 17, 2004

By Bob Wilson

McCarl Takes 40th Career Win at Knoxville; 200th Career Too

Knoxville, Iowa - Terry McCarl captured his 40th career feature event at Knoxville Raceway Saturday night during the annual Marion County Fair and at the same time won a milestone 200th overall career feature. In 360 sprints, Jake Peters continued on his roll by capturing the feature event for that division.



Mike Reinke grabbed the lead from his pole position at the start of the 20-lap feature event. Right away Wayne Johnson and McCarl began to pace him around the big half-mile oval. Reinke and McCarl rode the high groove while Johnson chose the bottom of the track. McCarl moved by Johnson on the fourth circuit after those two had staged a torrid battle for the runner-up spot.

Reinke managed his greatest lead on the fifth go around as he led McCarl by ten car lengths. At this point the race had boiled down to a three-car shoot out with McCarl gunning ever closer to Reinke and Johnson waiting in the wings.

It was the eighth circuit that McCarl gained the top spot when he dashed low in turns three and four and Reinke kept to the cushion. The maneuver came in heavy lap traffic and when McCarl exited turn four he had the lead.

In a race that went non-stop McCarl began to extend his lead over Reinke even though they were traveling in heavy lap traffic. By tap twelve he had extended that advantage to nearly a straight away lead. At the same time Johnson had made a pass of Reinke for the second spot.

With the race seeing no yellow or reds, McCarl began to make a rout of the event as he continued to press the lap traffic. In the end, the defending track champion took the \$3,000 to win feature by nearly half a lap. Johnson was second, Reinke took third, Brian Brown ran fourth and Skip Jackson came from fourteenth to place fifth. Rounding out the top ten finishers were Billy Alley, Ricky Logan, Matt Moro, Calvin Landis and Clint Garner.



The Peters win in the Advance Auto Parts 360 division was nearly a runaway too as he grabbed the lead on the third circuit from David Hesmer and began to build an insurmountable advantage in the 15-lap event. Lap six saw him head Hesmer by fifteen car lengths and as he edged into lap traffic he was able to maneuver his sprinter to an even greater margin.

By the time the race hit lap eleven, Peters had blown the field away and sat on a full straight away lead though he was still running in lap traffic. What could have been the biggest runaway of the season came to a halt with just two laps to go as a yellow flag came out for a stalled car on the track.

On the restart Peters again took control of the race as the fleet South Dakotan pulled away from Josh Higday who had made a pass of Hesmer for second. With no one in his way he cruised to the win as Higday and Hesmer chased him to the finish line. John Kearney took fourth and Stacey Alexander took passing honors by finishing fifth after starting fourteenth. Bret Mather, Johnny Anderson, Eric VanderPloeg, John Schulz and Joe Beaver completed the top ten finishers.



Results 410 sprints

Time Trials (Qualifying order): 1. 24, Terry McCarl, Altoona, IA (2) 15.654; 2. 83, Don Droud, Jr., Lincoln, NE (1) 15.815; 3. 71R, Ryan Anderson, Charter Oak, IA (3) 15.886; 4. 14AJ, Wayne Johnson, Mustang, OK (9) 15.897; 5. 56, Chris Walraven, Knoxville, IA (7) 15.925; 6. 5J, Jeff Mitrison, Oskaloosa, IA (22) 15.964; 7. v10, John VanDenBerg, Oskaloosa, IA (12) 15.981; 8. 7x, Ricky Logan, Little Rock, AR (6) 16.023; 9. 91, John Sernett, Shakopee, MN (19) 16.055; 10. 02, Mike Reinke, Howards Grove, WI (5) 16.060; 11. 22, Billy Alley, Lincoln, NE, 16.075; 12. 1, Brent Antill, Ankeny, IA, 16.076; 13. 40, Clint Garner, Sioux Falls, SD, 16.104; 14. 47, Matt Moro, Des Moines, IA, 16.104; 15. R19, Brian Brown, Higginsville, MO, 16.139; 16. 50D, Jason Johnson, Eunice, LA, 16.191; 17. 8s, Tim St. Arnold, Des Moines, IA, 16.220; 18. 1s, Jaymie Moyle, Bridgewater, SA, AUST, 16.228; 19. 2, Skip Jackson, Sydney, NSW, AUST, 16.246; 20. 70, Calvin Landis, Knoxville, IA, 16.285; 21. 17G, Randy Anderson, Clarion, IA, 16.314; 22. 10, Lynton Jeffrey, Sydney, NSW, AUST, 16.342; 23. 11J, Jeff Johnson, Indianola, IA, 16.351; 24. 02x, Manny Rockhold, Pekin, IL, 16.371; 25. 75, Jesse Hockett, Warsaw, MO, 16.380; 26. 60, Colin Northway, Marion, IA, 16.426; 27. 4, Jon Agan, Knoxville, IA, 16.429; 28. 92, Travis Cram, Snohomish, WA, 16.434; 29. D1, Larry Ball, Jr., Knoxville, IA, 16.473; 30. 1w, Chad Meyer, Sioux Falls, SD, 16.614; 31. 69, Mike Moore, Des Moines, IA, 16.661; 32. 44G, Kaley Gharst, Decatur, IL, 16.909; 33. 44m, Mark Hurd, Watkins, CO, 17.272; 34. 71, Robert Bell, Colfax, IA, 18.103; 35. 35, Greg Jones, Earlham, IA, No Time; 36. 17, Marty Perovich, Sydney, NSW, AUST, No Time; 37. 50, Tyler Houseman, Runnells, IA, No Time.

First Heat (started), 8 laps, 2:14.3: 1. Tim St. Arnold (2) 2. Randy Anderson (1) 3. Terry McCarl (6) 4. Matt Moro (3) 5. John Sernett (4) / 6. Larry Ball, Jr. (8) 7. Jesse Hockett (7) 8. Chris Walraven (5) 9. Mark Hurd (9) DNS – Tyler Houseman.

Second Heat (started), 8 laps, 2:15.6: 1. Jaymie Moyle (2) 2. Lynton Jeffrey (1) 3. Mike Reinke (4) 4. Clint Garner (3) 5. Colin Northway (7) / 6. Chad Meyer (8) 7. Don Droud, Jr. (6) 8. Jeff Mitrison (5) 9. Robert Bell (9).

Third Heat (started), 8 laps, No Time: 1. Skip Jackson (2) 2. Brian Brown (3) 3. Billy Alley (4) 4. Ryan Anderson (6) 5. Jon Agan (7) / 6. Jeff Johnson (1) 7. Mike Moore (8) 8. John VanDenBerg (5) DNS – Greg Jones.

Fourth Heat (started), 8 laps, No Time: 1. Calvin Landis (2) 2. Ricky Logan (5) 3. Wayne Johnson (6) 4. Manny Rockhold (1) 5. Brent Antill (6) / 6. Travis Cram (7) 7. Kaley Gharst (8) 8. Jason Johnson (3) DNS – Marty Perovich.

B Main (started), 12 laps, No Time: 1. John VanDenBerg (4) 2. Jesse Hockett (7) 3. Jason Johnson (5) 4. Jeff Mitrising (3) 5. Travis Cram (8) / 6. Don Droud, Jr. (1) 7. Chad Meyer (10) 8. Chris Walraven (2) 9. Larry Ball, Jr. (9) 10. Kaley Gharst (12) 11. Jeff Johnson (6) 12. Marty Perovich (16) 13. Greg Jones (15) 14. Robert Bell (14) 15. Mike Moore (11) 16. Mark Hurd (13) DNS – Tyler Houseman.

A Main (started), 20 laps, 6:31.5: 1. Terry McCarl (6) 2. Wayne Johnson (4) 3. Mike Reinke (1) 4. Brian Brown (11) 5. Skip Jackson (14) 6. Billy Alley (7) 7. Ricky Logan (3) 8. Matt Moro (9) 9. Calvin Landis (11) 10. Clint Garner (10) 11. Tim St. Arnold (12) 12. John Sernett (2) 13. Jeff Mitrising (24) 14. Brent Antill (8) 15. Jesse Hockett (22) 16. Travis Cram (21) 17. John VanDenBerg (19) 18. Lynton Jeffrey (17) 19. Jon Agan (20) 20. Jaymie Moyle (13) 21. Colin Northway (23) 22. Randy Anderson (16) 23. Manny Rockhold (18) 24. Ryan Anderson (5) DNS – Jason Johnson. **Lap Leaders:** Reinke 1-7; McCarl 8-20



Advance Auto Parts 360 sprints

First Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 7 laps, 2:03.8: 1. 24, Eric VanderPloeg, Altoona, IA (2*) 2. 5, Mike Houseman, Des Moines, IA (3*) 3. 53, Joe Beaver, Knoxville, IA (5*) 4. 2s, John Schulz, West Burlington, IA (4*) 5. 23, Eric Jobe, Kansas City, MO (7*) 6. 5G, Brett Golik, Newton, IA (8) 7. 51J, Ryan Jamison, Mediapolis, IA (9) 8. 22N, Nate Mosher, Prairie City, IA (1) 9. 15, Will Bevan, Ozawkie, KS (11) 10. 5R, Ryan York, Racine, MN (10) 11. 77J, Jarod Smith, Altoona, IA (6).

Second Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 7 laps, No Time: 1. 10, Josh Higday, Des Moines, IA (1*) 2. 54, Brett Mather, Ames, IA (4*) 3. 1z, Dusty Zomer, Sioux Falls, SD (6*) 4. 22, Rob Edwards, Dubuque, IA (7*) 5. 51, Dave Hall, Des Moines, IA (2) 6. Y5, Mike Houseman Jr., Des Moines, IA (9) 7. 11L, Jeremy Lowe, Medford, OR (10) 8. 11m, Troy Meyer, Sioux Falls, SD (3) 9. 56, DJ Heskin, St. Michael, MN (5) 10. 3, Nate VanHaften, Otley, IA (11) DNS – 91, Curtis Thorson, Newton, IA (8).

Third Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 7 laps, 2:01.2: 1. 57x, Jake Peters, Sioux Falls, SD (4*) 2. 7H, John Hall, Marion, IA (3*) 3. 20, Stevie Walsh, Auckland, NI, New Zealand (2*) 4. 7a, Johnny Anderson, Indianola, IA (6*) 5. 14c, Mike Trent, Columbia, MO (9) 6. 11, Pete Crall, DeSoto, KS (5) 7. 6, Mitch Alexander, Knoxville, IA (7) 8. 9, Rager Phillips, Pleasantville, IA (8) 9. 4G, Justin Parrish, Indianola, IA (10) DNS – 04, Frankie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (1).

Fourth Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 7 laps, 2:04.2: 1. 83, John Kearney, Valley Falls, KS (3*) 2. 1, David Hesmer, Marshalltown, IA (4*) 3. 126, Stacey Alexander, Lacona, IA (1*) 4. 12x, Jerry Crabb, Des Moines, IA (2) 5. 77, Terry Alexander, Knoxville, IA (6) 6. 96, Bronson Maeschen, Knoxville, IA (8) 7. B29, Eric Mason, Knoxville, IA (7) 8. 16s, Donnie Steward, West Burlington, IA (9) 9. 49, Josh Schneiderman, West Burlington, IA (10) 10. 33, Alan Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (5).

C Main (started), 6 laps, No Time: 1. Rager Phillips (1) 2. Ryan York (5) 3. DJ Heskin (3) / 4. Josh Schneiderman (2) 5. Justin Parrish (4) 6. Nate Van Haaften (6) DNS – Alan Zoutte, Frankie Heimbaugh, Jarod Smith, Curtis Thorson.

B Main (started), 10 laps, 3:14.8: 1. Jerry Crabb (2) 2. Mike Trent (1) 3. Bronson Maeschen (7) 4. Brett Golik (5) / 5. Dave Hall (6) 6. Mitch Alexander (11) 7. Terry Alexander (4) 8. Ryan York (16) 9. Ryan Jamison (8) 10. Rager Phillips (17) 11. Eric Mason (10) 12. DJ Heskin (18) 13. Nate Mosher (12) 14. Donnie Steward (13) 15. Will Bevan (15) 16. Troy Meyer (14) 17. Mike Houseman Jr. (3) 18. Pete Crall (9) DNS – Jeremy Lowe.

A Main (started), 15 laps, No Time: 1. Jake Peters (6) 2. Josh Higday (3) 3. David Hesmer (1) 4. John Kearney (5) 5. Stacey Alexander (14) 6. Bret Mather (2) 7. Johnny Anderson (13) 8. Eric VanderPloeg (4) 9. John Schulz (15) 10. Joe Beaver (9) 11. Mike Houseman (7) 12. Dusty Zomer (8) 13. Stevie Walsh (12) 14. Eric Jobe (16) 15. Brett Golik (20) 16. Rob Edwards (11) 17. Jerry Crabb (17) 18. Bronson Maeschen (19) 19. John Hall (10) 20. Mike Trent (18). **Lap Leaders:** Hesmer 1-2; Peters 3-15

7/23/04

McCarl and Madsen Take Knoxville Summer Classic Preliminary Features

By Bob Wilson



Knoxville, Iowa - July 23 - Terry McCarl and Kerry Madsen each captured feature event wins at the 4th annual Knoxville Raceway Summer Classic presented by Iowa Telecom Friday night at this central Iowa racing facility. The wins paid each driver \$3,000 for their 20-lap efforts.

For McCarl, it was his fifth feature event win at this historic oval this season while Madsen recorded his first of the season here.

Shane Stewart grabbed the lead in the first feature event from his pole position start. Through two yellow flag periods Stewart established leads of up to 20-car lengths and seemed to have the

field covered for the distance.

Meanwhile, in back of him a tremendous battle broke out for the next three spots as Tim St. Arnold, Billy Alley and McCarl contested second through fourth. No positions changed, until Stewart and the threesome behind him entered lap traffic just after the half-way point. Right away McCarl got by Alley and then one lap later he disposed of St. Arnold. Just after these passes the third caution of the race slowed the field to a single file alignment.

At this point it should be noted that Dean Jacobs had zoomed to 5th after starting 18th. Likewise, Chad Kemenah, who started 19th was running 8th.

On the restart, Stewart led one more lap until McCarl got by him on the 16th circuit with a slide job in turns one and two. Once in front, McCarl parked his car on the cushion and pulled away from the field to record his 41st career win here in his self-owned Eagle-Wesmar.

Stewart took second and \$2,000 and Alley was third for \$1,500. Jacobs claimed fourth and Kemenah took fifth. Rounding out the top ten finishers were St. Arnold, Colin Northway, Kim Mock, Jesse Giannetto and Jesse Hockett who came from the rear after blowing a tire and bringing out the yellow on lap two.

In the second feature which went non-stop, Matt Moro grabbed the initial lead as he swept out of turn four on the first lap. Moro looked very fast and began to pull away from the 24-car field when all of a sudden when he came down the front stretch he slowed markedly, taking the flag, but also pulling to the infield on the exit road with mechanical problems.

With Moro gone, second runner Clint Garner enjoyed the top spot for one lap until Madsen pulled along side and passed him on the back chute on the following lap. From that point, the race belonged to Madsen as he began to stretch his margin out to 25-car lengths.

Just after the half-way point, Madsen began to hit the back markers but on this night he would take no prisoners as he scorched through the slower cars with Garner still running second and Wayne Johnson third.



Johnson grabbed the runner-up spot on lap fourteen but he was unable to mount a challenge to the Madsen onslaught as they raced through the final laps of the ten-mile sprint. Skip Jackson also made a pass of Garner two laps later to place third. And that is how the top four finished with Madsen's Vermeer Cool-Shaver leading the way to the checkered flags. Jaymie Moyle was fifth.

Jac Haudenschild, Travis Cram, Mike Reinke, Randy Hannagan, and Jeremy Campbell completed the top ten finishers on a racetrack made heavy by a light shower just after the five o'clock hour and nearly two inches of precipitation over the previous twenty-four hours.

Eighty sprint cars representing the All Stars, IRA, NCRA, NMRA and Knoxville competed in the fourteen event program. No time trials were held.

KNOXVILLE RACEWAY - Knoxville, Iowa
4th annual Summer Classic
presented by Iowa Telecom
July 23, 2004
Preliminary events

First Heat (started, *qualified for 1st feature), 8 laps, 2:11.8: 1. 4B, Scott Biertzer, West Bend, WI (2*) 2. 75, Jesse Hockett, Warsaw, MO (4*) 3. 56, Chris Walraven, Knoxville, IA (3*) 4. 7x, Ricky Logan, Little Rock, AR (5*) 5. D1, Jesse Giannetto, Palo, IA (8*) 6. 63R, Barry Rubel, Burton, OH (1) 7. 63, Greg Wilson, Benton Ridge, OH (7) 8. 85m, Steve Meyer, Sheboygan, Falls, WI (6).

Second Heat (started, *qualified for 1st feature), 8 laps, 2:06.4: 1. 22, Billy Alley, Lincoln, NE (2*) 2. 24,, Terry McCarl, Altoona, IA (4*) 3. 60, Colin Northway, Marion, IA (1*) 4. 51, Dean Jacobs, Wooster, OH (5*) 5. 10, Lynton Jeffrey, Sydney, NSW, AUST (7*) 6. 97, Aaron Berryhill, Broken Arrow, OK (8) 7. 29, Eddie Lynch, Springfield, IL (6) 8. 49, Ryan Irwin, McHenry, IL (3).

Third Heat (started, *qualified for 1st feature), 8 laps, 2:11.0: 1. 4m, Shane Stewart, Bixby, OK (7*) 2. 8s, Tim St. Arnold, Mitchellville, IA (5*) 3. 15s, Jerrel Slinkard, Melcher-Dallas, IA (1*) 4. 11B, Brock Mayes, Bucyrus, OH (3) 5. 69, Mike Moore, Des Moines, IA (8) 6. 77, Wayne Modjeski, Oak Creek, WI (4) 7. 50, Tyler Houseman, Des Moines, IA (6) 8. 6K, Kurt Davis, Milwaukee, WI (2).

Fourth Heat (started, *qualified for 1st feature), 8 laps, 2:10.2: 1. 66, Brooke Tatnell, Sydney, NSW, AUST (1*) 2. 71R, Ryan Anderson, Charter Oak, IA (2*) 3. 9, Travis Whitney, Champlin, MN (6*) 4. 91, John Sernett, Shakopee, MN (3) 5. 80K, Mike Kertscher, Fillmore, WI (4) 6. 6, Bill Rose, Plainfield, IN (8) 7. 68, Dave Uttech, Kenosha, WI (5) 8. 2w, Scott Neitzel, Beaver Dam, WI (7).

Fifth Heat (started, *qualified for 1st feature), 8 laps, No Time: 1. 11J, Jeff Johnson, Indianola, IA (2*) 2. 44G, Kaley Gharst, Decatur, IL (1*) 3. 1m, Kim Mock, Fondulac, WI (6*) 4. 15K, Chad Kemenah, Findley, OH (5*) 5. 27, Patrick Bourke, Edwards, CO (3) 6. 75x, Ty Bartz, Howards Grove, WI (4) 7. 71, Robert Bell, Colfax, IA (7) 8. 4w, Matt Wasmund, Jackson, MN (8).

Sixth Heat (started, *qualified for 2nd feature), 8 laps, 2:11.8: 1. 40, Clint Garner, Sioux Falls, SD (4*) 2. 55, Kerry Madsen, Sydney, NSW, AUST (6*) 3. 1w, Chad Meyer, Sioux Falls, SD (3*) 4. 92, Travis Cram, Snohomish, WA (8*) 5. 1x, Randy Hannagan, San Jose, CA (7*) 6. 4J, Jon Agan, Knoxville, IA (5) 7. 50E, Rusty Egan, Gurnee, IL (1) 8. 7, Scott Uttech, New Berlin, WI (2).

Seventh Heat (started, *qualified for 2nd feature), 8 laps, No Time: 1. 53, Joe Beaver, Knoxville, IA (1*) 2. R19, Jason Solwold, Mt. Vernon, WA (4*) 3. 1, Brent Antill, Ankeny, IA (3*) 4. 44m, Mark Hurd, Watkins, Co (5*) 5. 4A, Adam Jones, Wright City, MO (7) 6. 9A, Andy Hunt, Randolph, WI (2) 7. 19K, Dan Owings, McHenry, IL (6) 8. v10, John VanDenBerg, Oskaloosa, IA (8).

Eighth Heat (started, *qualified for 2nd feature), 8 laps, No Time: 1. 1s, Jaymie Moyle, Bridgewater, SA, AUST (1*) 2. 83, Don Droud, Jr., Lincoln, NE (4*) 3. 2, Skip Jackson, Sydney, NSW, AUST (8*) 4. 95, Bill Warren, Beaver Dam, WI (2) 5. 83D, Mike Stefka, Racine, WI (3) 6. 35, Greg Jones, Earlham, IA (5) 7. 20AZ, Steve Martin, Phoenix, AZ (7) 8. 70, Calvin Landis, Knoxville, IA (6).

Ninth Heat (started, *qualified for 2nd feature), 8 laps, 2:11.5: 1. 10c, Jeremy Campbell, Monroe, MI (1*) 2. 47, Matt Moro, Des Moines, IA (8*) 3. 4, Danny Smith, Danville, IN (4*) 4. 02, Mike Reinke, Howard's Grove, WI (5*) 5. 17AU, Marty Perovich, Sydney, NSW, AUST (2) 6. 7a, Johnny Anderson, Indianola, IA (3) 7. 2H, Tim Hunter, Millersburg, OH (7) 8. 70x, Phil Gressman, Helena, OH (6).

Tenth Heat (started, *qualified for 2nd feature), 8 laps, No Time: 1. 14AJ, Wayne Johnson, Mustang, OK (2*) 2. 5, Jac Haudenschild, Wooster, OH (1*) 3. 21AZ, Jeff Slinkard, Tempe, AZ (3*) 4. 71m, Paul May, Terre Haute, IN (5*) 5. 91x, Jack Dubin, Delavin, WI (8) 6. 92D, Daron Clayton, Sikeston, MO (4) 7. 50D, Jason Johnson, Eunice, LA (6) DNS – 17G, Jeff Mitrisin, Oskaloosa, IA (7).

First B Main (started), 12 laps, No Time: 1. Aaron Berryhill (4) 2. Brock Mayes (1) 3. Mike Moore (3) 4. Bill Rose (6) / 5. Mike Kertscher (5) 6. Greg Wilson (9) 7. Dave Uttech (12) 8. Patrick Bourke (7) 9. Eddie Lynch (10) 10. Robert Bell (13) 11. Ryan Irwin (15) 12. Kurt Davis (16) 13. Ty Bartz (8) 14. Scott Neitzel (17) 15. John Sernett (2) 16. Tyler Houseman (11) 17. Steve Meyer (14) DNS – Barry Ruble, Wayne Modjeski, Matt Wasmund.

Second B Main (started), 12 laps, No Time: 1. John VanDenBerg (14) 2. Mike Stefka (3) 3. Bill Warren (2) 4. Jon Agan (5) / 5. Jeff Mitrisin (18) 6. Tim Hunter (13) 7. Johnny Anderson (8) 8. Adam Jones (1) 9. Greg Jones (7) 10. Scott Uttech (15) 11. Andy Hunt (6) 12. Steve Martin (12) 13. Rusty Egan (10) 14. Jack Dubin (19) 15. Dan Owings (11) 16. Phil Gressman (16) 17. Daron Clayton (9) 18. Marty Perovich (4) 19. Calvin Landis (17) DNS – Jason Johnson.



First A Main (started), 20 laps, No Time: 1. Terry McCarl (7) 2. Shane Stewart (1) 3. Billy Alley (3) 4. Dean Jacobs (18) 5. Chad Kemenah (19) 6. Tim St. Arnold (4) 7. Colin Northway (14) 8. Kim Mock (10) 9. Jesse Giannetto (17) 10. Jesse Hockett (6) 11. Ricky Logan (16) 12. Travis Whitney (9) 13. Aaron Berryhill

(21) 14. Lynton Jeffrey (20) 15. Chris Walraven (13) 16. Bill Rose (24) 17. Mike Moore (23) 18. Brock Mayes (22) 19. Scott Bierter (2) 20. Jerrel Slinkard (15) 21. Ryan Anderson (11) 22. Jeff Johnson (5) 23. Kaley Gharst (12) 24. Brooke Tatnell (8). **Lap Leaders:** Stewart 1-15; McCarl 16-20



Second A Main (started), 20 laps, No Time: 1. Kerry Madsen (3) 2. Wayne Johnson (5) 3. Skip Jackson (4) 4. Clint Garner (2) 5. Jaymie Moyle (8) 6. Jac Haudenschild (12) 7. Travis Cram (11) 8. Mike Reinke (18) 9. Randy Hannagan (20) 10. Jeremy Campbell (10) 11. Jason Solwold (7) 12. Danny Smith (13) 13. Chad Meyer (14) 14. Brent Antill (15) 15. John VanDenBerg (21) 16. Don Droud, Jr. (9) 17. Paul May (19) 18. Jon Agan (24) 19. Bill Warren (23) 20. Mark Hurd (17) 21. Mike Stefka (22) 22. Joe Beaver (6) 23. Matt Moro (1) 24. Jeff Slinkard (16). **Lap Leaders:** Moro 1-5; Garner 6; Madsen 7-20

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Summer Classic – Rain

7/31/04

Johnson, Hesmer are Knoxville Sprint victors

by Bob Wilson

KNOXVILLE, Iowa -- Okalahoma's Wayne Johnson and Iowa's David Hesmer won feature event victories at Knoxville Raceway Saturday night. The wins were significant as this raceway heads into next week's conclusion of the Advance Auto Parts 360 Knoxville Nationals on August 6 and the Brodix Tournament of Champions for 360s on August 8, while the Knoxville Nationals on August 11-14 will determine a new 410 champion.

For Johnson, the win did not come soon enough as he had finished in the runner-up position in the last four outings here at this mid-Iowa racing facility. As Johnson told the large front stretch crowd in a post-race interview, "Four seconds sucks!"

The twenty-lap feature event saw pole sitter Matt Moro get the jump at the start and lead the first five circuits. Moro rode the big half-mile oval on the cushion near the fences where the track actually registers as a five-eighth mile distance while Johnson chose the very bottom where the half-mile is measured. Moro was only able to get a ten car-length margin in these early laps and saw that melt to nothing when a yellow was displayed for Jaymie Moyle who stopped on the grass between turns three and four on the sixth lap.

When the race resumed, Johnson made his move in turns one and two with a perfect slide job and once in front of Moro he too went to the cushion. On the next go around Terry McCarl made a pass of Moro to take the second spot and the stage was set for what was certainly the most exciting finish of the year.

With McCarl in second, everyone knew they were in for a wild ride for the remainder of the race. Besides, as it turned out, no more cautions would slow the contest, but no one knew that fact at this time.

With the top four cars on the cushion near the fence (Johnson, McCarl, Moro and Californian Tim Kaeding), Kerry Madsen jumped into the mix in fifth after starting 13th. That was the way they continued to run past the

five-mile mark. McCarl was unable to make up the gap between himself and Johnson but everyone anticipated what would happen when the frontrunners hit lap traffic.

On lap thirteen that happened and it was nearly disastrous for Johnson as he jumped the cushion in turn four allowing McCarl to make up the entire gap at once. As those two headed into turns one and two of the fourteenth lap, McCarl slid Johnson to take the point. Johnson would not be denied and continued on the high side absolutely on the wall of turn two. As he exited that turn he again had the lead and roared into turn three still on the cushion. McCarl went low to look for an advantage there but was not able to make his charm work on the pole.

Those two drivers continued that way as no more than five car-lengths ever separated them until they had nearly completed the seventeenth lap. That is when Johnson again jumped the cushion in turn four and McCarl got by on the low side to take that lap. Heading into turns one and two Johnson paid McCarl a courtesy call with a slide that found his Fatt Fro Motorsports Eagle motoring into the lead down the back chute.

The final laps saw a nose to tail battle between those two in traffic with no outcome certain at all. When they came out of the final turn it was Johnson high and McCarl low and it was a drag race to the checkers with Johnson winning by no more than a nose wing. In fact, the transponder system showed the Johnson win to be .030 of a second.

When Johnson pulled into victory lane he slung his helmet out of the cockpit, managed a quick exit of his sprint car and climbed the front stretch catch fence, much to the joy of the crowd. The win paid him \$3,000. McCarl settled for the \$2,000 second place check with Moro taking home \$1,500 for third. Kerry Madsen and Skip Jackson, both of whom are Australians rounded out the top five. Kaeding, Travis Cram, Billy Alley, John VanDenBerg and Jeff Mitrisin completed the top ten.

In the 15-lap 360 sprint feature, David Hesmer put one more notch in a long list of feature event wins as he captured the A Main for that division. Hesmer lead all but the opening lap and was in control of the event to the finish. A couple of cautions slowed the race but each time Hesmer was able to pull away from the competition. The win marked the 63rd win for the Action Auto Parts Eagle and fourth here this season.

Second went to Larry Ball, Jr. who drove a heady race to gain the runner-up finish. Ball first worked on Frankie Heimbaugh for numerous laps before taking third for good on the seventh lap. He then went to work on Josh Higday and took the number two spot after a lap eleven restart. For all of his efforts he was not able to make a dent in the Hesmer lead and would have finished in that spot but lost it to Higday on the final lap. Running fourth was current points leader John Kearney as fifth place finisher Jake Peters had to transfer out of a B Main win to start on the tail of the feature. Heimbaugh, Johnny Anderson, Mike Trent, Darren Stewart and Eric VanderPloeg completed the final ten.

Forty-three 410s and forty-four 360s competed on this night.

RESULTS

410 Sprints Results

Time Trials (Qualifying order): 1. 24, Terry McCarl, Altoona, IA (11) 15.716; 2. 50D, Jason Johnson, Eunice, LA (9) 15.840; 3. 83JR, Tim Kaeding, San Jose, CA (25) 15.862; 4. 2, Skip Jackson, Sydney, NSW, AUST (5) 15.973; 5. 83m, Max Dumesny, Sydney, NSW, AUST (4) 15.981; 6. 22, Billy Alley, Lincoln, NE (13) 16.012; 7. 14AJ, Wayne Johnson, Mustang, OK (16) 16.017; 8. 12x, Blake Feese, Saybrook, IL (7) 16.027; 9. 10, Lynton Jeffrey, Sydney, NSW, AUST (20) 16.073; 10. 02, Mike Reinke, Howards Grove, WI (14) 16.111; 11. 47, Matt Moro, Des Moines, IA, 16.102; 12. D1, Jesse Giannetto, Palo, IA, 16.158; 13. 1s, Jaymie Moyle,

Bridgewater, SA, AUST, 16.159; 14. 20AU, Troy Little, Sydney, NSW, AUST, 16.159; 15. 7x, Ricky Logan, Little Rock, AR, 16.226; 16. 1, Brent Antill, Ankeny, IA, 16.241; 17. 75, Jesse Hockett, Warsaw, MO, 16.299; 18. 17G, Jeff Mitrisin, Oskaloosa, IA, 16.305; 19. R19, Jason Solwold, Sedro-Wooley, WA, 16.330; 20. 60, Colin Northway, Marion, IA, 16.349; 21. F22, Scott Young, Union Grove, WI, 16.350; 22. 55, Kerry Madsen, Sydney, NSW, AUST, 16.336; 23. 92, Travis Cram, Snohomish, WA, 16.376; 24. 8s, Tim St. Arnold, Mitchellville, IA, 16.378; 25. 83, Brooke Tatnell, Sydney, NSW, AUST, 16.382; 26. 40, Clint Garner, Sioux Falls, SD, 16.392; 27. 71R, Ryan Anderson, Charter Oak, IA, 16.394; 28. v10, John VanDenBerg, Oskaloosa, IA, 16.500; 29. 70, Calvin Landis, Knoxville, IA, 16.524; 30. 56, Chris Walraven, Knoxville, IA, 16.602; 31. 0, Dennis Moore, Jr., Grinnell, IA, 16.602; 32. 44m, Mark Hurd, Watkins, CO, 16.721; 33. 11J, Jeff Johnson, Indianola, IA, 16.738; 34. 44G, Kaley Gharst, Decatur, IL, 16.772; 35. 21s, Jay Landolt, Woodriver, IL, 16.791; 36. 35, Greg Jones, Earlham, IA, 16.893; 37. 69, Mike Moore, Des Moines, IA, 16.899; 38. 1A, Larry Pinegar II, Des Moines, IA, 16.941; 39. 1w, Chad Meyer, Sioux Falls, SD, 16.997; 40. 15s, Jerrel Slinkard, Melcher-Dallas, IA, 17.220; 41. 17AU, Marty Perovich, Sydney, NSW, AUST, 17.296; 42. 71, Robert Bell, Colfax, IA, 17.669; 43. 50, Tyler Houseman, Runnells, IA, 18.262.

First Heat (started), 8 laps, No Time: 1. Jaymie Moyle (1) 2. Jesse Hockett (2) 3. Lynton Jeffrey (4) 4. Terry McCarl (6) 5. Brooke Tatnell (5) / 6. Max Dumesny (3) 7. Jeff Johnson (7) 8. Calvin Landis (8) 9. Mike Moore (9) 10. Marty Perovich (10) DNS – Scott Young.

Second Heat (started), 8 laps, No Time: 1. Kerry Madsen (1) 2. Jeff Mitrisin (2) 3. Mike Reinke (4) 4. Billy Alley (5) 5. Clint Garner (7) / 6. Troy Little (3) 7. Chris Walraven (8) 8. Kaley Gharst (9) 9. Robert Bell (11) 10. Jason Johnson (6) 11. Larry Pinegar II (10).

Third Heat (started), 8 laps, No Time: 1. Travis Cram (1) 2. Matt Moro (4) 3. Tim Kaeding (6) 4. Wayne Johnson (5) 5. Dennis Moore, Jr. (8) / 6. Jason Solwold (2) 7. Ricky Logan (3) 8. Ryan Anderson (7) 9. Chad Meyer (10) 10. Jay Landolt (9) 11. Tyler Houseman (11).

Fourth Heat (started), 8 laps, 2:18.0: 1. Tim St. Arnold (1) 2. Brent Antill (3) 3. Skip Jackson (6) 4. Colin Northway (2) 5. John VanDenBerg (7) / 6. Blake Feese (5) 7. Jesse Giannetto (4) 8. Mark Hurd (8) 9. Greg Jones (9) 10. Jerrel Slinkard (10).

B Main (started), 12 laps, No Time: 1. Blake Feese (1) 2. Jason Solwold (5) 3. Jesse Giannetto (4) 4. Calvin Landis (7) / 5. Ricky Logan (6) 6. Troy Little (3) 7. Max Dumesny (2) 8. Chris Walraven (10) 9. Chad Meyer (18) 10. Jeff Johnson (12) 11. Larry Pinegar II (15) 12. Mike Moore (16) 13. Jay Landolt (14) 14. Kaley Gharst (11) 15. Robert Bell (17) 16. Ryan Anderson (8) 17. Greg Jones (13) 18. Tyler Houseman (20) 19. Marty Perovich (19) 20. Mark Hurd (9).

A Main (started), 20 laps, No Time: 1. Wayne Johnson (4) 2. Terry McCarl (8) 3. Matt Moro (1) 4. Kerry Madsen (12) 5. Skip Jackson (6) 6. Tim Kaeding (7) 7. Travis Cram (15) 8. Billy Alley (5) 9. John VanDenBerg (19) 10. Jeff Mitrisin (12) 11. Jesse Giannetto (23) 12. Jesse Hockett (11) 13. Calvin Landis (24) 14. Brooke Tatnell (17) 15. Tim St. Arnold (16) 16. Brent Antill (10) 17. Lynton Jeffrey (3) 18. Clint Garner (18) 19. Jason Solwold (22) 20. Blake Feese (21) 21. Colin Northway (13) 22. Dennis Moore, Jr. (20) 23. Mike Reinke (2) 24. Jaymie Moyle (9). **Lap Leaders:** Moro 1-5; W. Johnson 6-16; McCarl 17; W. Johnson 17-20

Advance Auto Parts 360 Sprints

First Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 7 laps, 2:03.9: 1. 7a, Johnny Anderson, Indianola, IA (5*) 2. B29, Eric Mason, Knoxville, IA (1*) 3. 22, Rob Edwards, Dubuque, IA (3*) 4. 14c, Mike Trent, Columbia, MO (7*) 5. 5J, Larry Ball, Jr., Knoxville, IA (11*) 6. 23, Eric Jobe, Kansas City, MO (8) 7. 6, Mitch Alexander, Knoxville, IA (6) 8. 12x, Jerry Crabb, Des Moines, IA (4) 9. 5, Mike Houseman, Des Moines, IA (9) 10. Y5, Mike Houseman Jr., Des Moines, IA (2) 11. 2H, Ryan Voss, Okoboji, IA (10).

Second Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 7 laps, No Time: 1. 04, Frankie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (1*) 2. 83, John Kearney, Valley Falls, KS (6*) 3. 24, Eric Vanderploeg, Altoona, IA (4*) 4. 77, Terry Alexander, Knoxville, IA (3*) 5. 54, Brett Mather, Ames, IA (7) 6. 5R, Ryan York, Racine, WI (5) 7. 56, DJ Heskin, St. Michael, MN (2) 8. 15, Bobby Mincer, West Burlington, IA (10) 9. 16s, Donnie Steward, West Burlington, IA (8) 10. 126, Stacey Alexander, Lacona, IA (9) 11. 41, Gary Moyer, Des Moines, IA (11).

Third Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 7 laps, 2:03.4: 1. 10, Josh Higday, Des Moines, IA (1*) 2. 1, David Hesmer, Marshalltown, IA (6*) 3. 96, Bronson Maeschen, Pleasantville, IA (2*) 4. 53, Joe Beaver, Lincoln, NE (4) 5. 57x, Jake Peters, Sioux Falls, SD (7) 6. 7H, John Hall, Marion, IA (8) 7. 1z, Dusty Zomer, Sioux Falls, SD (5) 8. 91x, Darren Stewart, Bixby, OK (11) 9. 51, David Hall, Des Moines, IA (3) 10. 86, Doug Wilson, Blackwater, MO (10) 11. 11, Pete Crall, DeSoto, KS (9).

Fourth Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 7 laps, No Time: 1. 20, Stevie Walsh, Auckland, SI, New Zealand (1*) 2. 2s, John Schulz, West Burlington, IA (2*) 3. 91, Curtis Thorson, Newton, IA (4*) 4. 9, Rager Phillips, Pleasantville, IA (5*) 5. 11m, Troy Meyer, Sioux Falls, SD (7) 6. 51J, Ryan Jamison, Mediapolis, IA (8) 7. 5G, Brett Golik, Newton, IA (9) 8. 5B, Rick Ideus, Lincoln, NE (10) 9. 22N, Nate Mosher, Prairie City, IA (3) 10. 3, Nate VanHaaften, Otley, IA (6).

C Main (started), 8 laps, No Time: 1. Rick Ideus (1) 2. Mike Houseman (3) / 3. Jerry Crabb (2) 4. Stacey Alexander (8) 5. Doug Wilson (9) 6. Pete Crall (13) 7. Dave Hall (5) 8. Donnie Steward (4) 9. Mike Houseman Jr. (7) 10. Ryan Voss (11) 11. Nate Van Haaften (10) 12. Gary Moyer (12) 13. Nate Mosher (6).

B Main (started), 10 laps, No Time : 1. Jake Peters (3) 2. Brett Mather (2) 3. Darren Stewart (10) 4. Joe Beaver (2) / 5. Eric Jobe (5) 6. Brett Golik (9) 7. Ryan Jamison (7) 8. Bobby Mincer (13) 9. John Hall (6) 10. Rick Ideus (15) 11. Mike Houseman (16) 12. Mitch Alexander (11) 13. Troy Meyer (4) 14. DJ Heskin (12) 15. Ryan York (8) 16. Dusty Zomer (14).

A Main (started), 15 laps, No Time: 1. David Hesmer (6) 2. Josh Higday (4) 3. Larry Ball, Jr. (1) 4. John Kearney (7) 5. Jake Peters (17) 6. Frankie Heimbaugh (5) 7. Johnny Anderson (8) 8. Mike Trent (10) 9. Darren Stewart (19) 10. Eric VanderPloeg (11) 11. Brett Mather (18) 12. Rager Phillips (15) 13. Eric Mason (2) 14. Rob Edwards (13) 15. Terry Alexander (16) 16. Curtis Thorson (12) 17. Bronson Maeschen (15) 18. John Schulz (9) 19. Stevie Walsh (3) 20. Joe Beaver (20). **Lap Leaders:** Higday 1; Hesmer 2-15

7/27/04

Clark outclasses field in Harris Clash at Knoxville

by Bob Wilson

KNOXVILLE, Iowa -- Gary Clark made the tow from Walker, Missouri pay off as he captured the 13th annual Harris Clash at Knoxville Raceway Tuesday night. The race had been postponed from July 22 due to rain.

Clark, who sat on the outside of the front row, took the lead on the first lap and never looked back even though the race saw three yellow slow-down periods. The first caution came just five laps into the 25-lap event when Johnny Saathoff stopped near the pit gate in turn four. He did not return to the track.

Clark continued his leading ways when the race resumed and found a comfortable groove on the pole around the half-mile oval. Jimmy Gustin trailed him at a distance with young Todd Shute in third and Jake Durbin following in fourth.

With 81 cars running qualifying events, the track had developed into a two groove surface by feature time as most drivers chose the bottom as the quick way around

At the ten lap mark with Clark holding a 25 car-length advantage, the yellow was displayed for fifth running Jeff Anderson who had stopped in turn four. He did not restart.

On the restart Clark again pulled away but things were changing behind him. Shute and Gustin were in a battle for the runner-up spot which Shute ended up taking. Phil Penney moved up to fourth and Jeff Stephens showed as fifth on the giant scoreboard in turns three and four.

With fifteen laps down, Clark lead the 28 car field by ten car lengths as sixth running Kevin Larkins drove to the cushion at the top of the track to make his final run. Most eyes focused on Larkins as the Nebraska driver seemed to be slightly faster than those cars at the bottom. When the last yellow flew on the 19th go around, Larkins had made it from a sixth row start to hold down the fourth spot. That same yellow saw Clark's huge lead of nearly an entire straightaway shrink to a nose to tail restart.

Clark again stood on the gas when the race resumed and again he pulled away in his DirtWorks modified from Shute, who trailed in second. The focus, however, was on Larkins on the high cushion and Greg Metz who had also joined him there. Both drivers made a pass of Shute on the twenty-third go around sending him to fourth.

With the laps winding down, no one was able to match the power that Clark was showing. He came across the finish line fifteen car lengths ahead of second place Larkins to take the \$2,000 first place prize money. Larkins was paid \$1,700. Metz (\$1,500) was a close third and Shute (\$1,300) took fourth. Jeff Stephens, who started in the ninth row finished fifth and garnered \$1,100. Sixth went to Ken Bryant who took passing honors for the event after having started in the 24th spot. Rick Stephan, Penny, Gustin and Troy Cordes rounded out the top ten finishers.

Qualifying heat races went to Penney, Josh Truman, Shute, Jeff Anderson, Clark, Pat Graham, Durbin, and Jimmy Gustin. B Main events went to David Brown, Jeff Stephens, Stephan and Cordes.

A companion division of Karl Chevrolet Dirt Trucks also contested a three-event race card. Mike Stark of Des Moines took the 16-lap feature event as qualifying heats went to Ben Nading and Pat Fagen.

RESULTS

13th annual Harris Clash Knoxville Raceway, Knoxville, Iowa July 27, 2004

First Heat, 8 laps, 3:07.0: 1. Phil Penny, 2. Johnny Saathoff; 3. Kendall Sather; 4. Matt Richards; Scotty Brown; 6. Todd Luther; 7. Matt Bonine; 8. Melissa Johnson; 9. Jason Rold; 10. Joey Roberts; 11. Al Hejna.

Second Heat, 8 laps, 3:05.9: 1. Josh Truman; 2. John Davis; 3. Jeff Stephens; 4. Richie Gustin; 5. John Logue; 6. Barry Sandeman; 7. Jerry Hoffman; 8. Cale Sponsler; 9. Jeff James; 10. James Slawson.

Third Heat, 8 laps, 3:12.7: 1. Todd Shute; 2. Kevin Larkins; 3. Charlie Thomas; 4. Cory Wray; 5. John Yaw; 6. Greg Query.

Fourth Heat, 8 laps, 3:06.3: 1. Jeff Anderson; 2. Jerry King; 3. Tony Hofbauer; 4. Ricky Stephan; 5. Tim Murty; 6. Todd Holman; 7. Mark Daughenbaugh; 8. Josh Gilman; 9. Alison Quick; 10. Jon Schwartz.

Fifth Heat, 8 laps, 3:11.0: 1. Gary Clark; 2. Pete Hutzel; 3. Reese Coffee; 4. Troy Cordes; 5. Jeremy Tibben; 6. Brian Foote; 7. Rod Scheuermann; 8. Rom Lathrop; 9. Rod Clement; 10. Hugh Eddy.

Sixth Heat, 8 laps, No Time: 1. Pat Graham; 2. Ryan Lundy; 3. Jason Stringer; 4. Mike O'Lear; 5. Jon Orwig; 6. Bill Osbahr; 7. Darren Huntley; 8. Greg Cox; 9. Steve Glenn; 10. Russell Stewart.

Seventh Heat, 8 laps, No Time: 1. Jake Durbin; 2. Adam Larson; 3. David Brown; 4. Terry Hurt; 5. James Allbee; 6. Gene Stigall; 7. Danny Wallace; 8. Jason Friesen; 9. Dean Wray.

Eighth Heat, 8 laps, 3:12.8: 1. Jimmy Gustin; 2. Greg Metz; 3. Ken Bryant; 4. Denny Stoneburner; 5. Mike Albertson; 6. Joe McBirnie; 7. Chris Alcorn; 8. Mike Molle; 9. Brad Madsen; 10. Kyle Baxter.

Dirt Truck Heat One, 6 laps, No Time: 1. Ben Nading; 2. Mike Stark; 3. Carl Knight; 4. Rick Clark; 5. Jack Vincent; 6. Mark Fee; 7. Lou Sipolt; 8. Jeff Luke; 9. Jim Philipsen; 10. Jason Vincent.

Dirt Truck Heat Two, 6 laps, 2:31.1: 1. Pat Fagen; 2. Bret Moyer; 3. Matt Waugh; 4. Al Thayer; 5. Bill Hull; 6. Mike Fagen; 7. Mike Spinks; 8. Matt McBride; 9. Mark Brittain; 10. Carl Moyer.

First B Main, 10 laps, 4:01.7: 1. Jeff Stephens; 2. Scotty Brown; 3. Matt Richards; 4. John Logue; 5. Richie Gustin; 6. Barry Sandeman; 7. Matt Bonine; 8. Jerry Hoffman; 9. James Slawson; 10. Jason Rold; 11. Jeff James; 12. Cale Sponsler; 13. Melissa Johnson; 14. Kendall Sather.

Second B Main, 10 laps, No Time: 1. Ricky Stephan; 2. Charlie Thomas; 3. Travis Olson; 4. Greg Query; 5. Tim Murty; 6. Todd Holman; 7. Cory Wray; 8. Alison Quick; 9. Tony Hofmayer; 10. Shane Paris; 11. John Yaw; 12. Mark Daughenbaugh; 13. Josh Gilman.

Third B Main, 10 laps, No Time: 1. Troy Cordes; 2. Rod Scheurman; 3. Reese Coffee; 4. Greg Cox; 5. Jeremy Tibben; 6. Rod Clement; 7. Rom Lathrop; 8. Hugh Eddy; 9. Jon Orwig; 10. Steve Glenn; 11. Jason Stringer; 12. Micheal O'Lear; 13. Brian Foote.

Fourth B Main, 10 laps, 4:08.0: 1. David Brown; 2. Ken Bryant; 3. Denny Stoneburner; 4. Mike Albertson; 5. Jason Friesen; 6. Terry Hurt; 7. Mike Hughes; 8. Chris Alcorn; 9. Danny Wallace; 10. Mike Molle; 11. James Allbee; 12. Dean Wray; 13. Gene Stigall; 14. Kyle Baxter; 15. Brad Madsen; 16. Joe McBirnie.

Dirt Truck Feature, 16 laps, No Time: 1. Mike Stark; 2. Bret Moyer; 3. Matt Waugh; 4. Mark Fee; 5. Jack Vincent; 6. Al Thayer; 7. Pat Fagen; 8. Rick Clark; 9. Ben Nading; 10. Lou Sipolt; 11. Bill Hull; 12. Mike Spinks; 13. Mike Fagen; 14. Carl Knight; 15. Carl Moyer; 16. Jeff Luke; 17. Matt McBride; 18. Jim Philipsen.
Lap Leaders: Mike Stark 1-16

13th annual Harris Clash A Main, 25 laps, No Time: 1. Gary Clark; 2. Kevin Larkins; 3. Greg Metz; 4. Todd Shute; 5. Jeff Stephens; 6. Ken Bryant; 7. Rick Stephan; 8. Phil Penney; 9. Jimmy Gustin; 10. Troy Cordes; 11. Matt Richards; 12. Jake Durbin; 13. John Davis; 14. David Brown; 15. Scotty Brown; 16. Jerry King; 17. Josh Truman; 18. Adam Larson; 19. Denny Stoneburner; 20. Charlie Thomas; 21. Travis Olson; 22. Pete Hutzel; 23. Pat Graham; 24. Rod Scheuermann; 25. Reese Coffee; 26. Jeff Anderson; 27. Ryan Lundy; 28. Johnny Saathoff.
Lap Leader: Clark 1-25

8/6/04

Alley wins Knoxville 360 Nationals eight weeks later

by Bob Wilson

KNOXVILLE, Iowa -- Billy Alley will bring the trophy back to the state of Nebraska as he captured the 14th annual Advance Auto Parts 360 Knoxville Nationals. The Lincoln driver led from start to finish in capturing the championship race which was rain-delayed from June 12 of this summer. The win paid the young driver \$10,000.

The 25-lap race got off to a scary beginning as front-row starter John Kearney spun his fast machine on the low side of turn four. All on-rushing cars managed to miss him and he was sent to the tail for the restart.

That moved Alley to the front row and when the race was again underway, he jumped to the point where he stayed for the duration. At the end of the second circuit David Hesmer stopped in turn one with front end damage which brought out the yellow flag. Hesmer's crew was unable to repair the damage in time and the 1991 and 1997 event champion had to settle for a last place finish.



Terry McCarl (1M) battles with Zach Chappell at the start of Friday night's 360 Nationals main event. (Photo credit: Doug Johnson)

In the early portion of the race Alley used a groove which saw him run low around the entire half-mile oval. Then, suddenly he switched to the cushion in turns three and four and stayed there until he hit lap traffic. Meanwhile a wild battle for the runner-up spot ensued behind him with Jason Johnson, Terry McCarl, Zach Chappell and Wayne Johnson all jockeying for that position. Jason Johnson held it for most of this time, but ever so tenuously. Behind him McCarl and Chappell fought fiercely for third with McCarl finally winning out. Wayne Johnson passed Chappell on the seventh go around.

Lap 10 saw a caution thrown for Kerry Madsen who had stopped on the front chute apron. It was learned that Madsen's hydraulics system had ruptured and was throwing fluid into the cockpit. He was not able to make repairs quickly enough to rejoin the field.

When the race restarted, Alley again took control with the same line which had successfully shown him the way to the front on this historic county fairgrounds. McCarl made a pass of Jason Johnson to take second at the completion of the tenth lap. The next five laps were fairly uneventful but it must be noted that Jake Peters, an eighth row starter, had clawed his way into fifth. At this juncture Alley was a good twenty car-lengths ahead of the runner-up McCarl.



Jake Peters worked his way up from his 17th starting spot to a fifth place finish in Friday night's 360 Nationals main event. (Photo credit: Doug Johnson)

The 16th circuit saw Alley finally hit lap traffic and he began to change the lines he was running with his Eagle/Wesmar. He seemed to be equally suited to any groove on the track in his Billy Alley Enterprises sprinter, the same car which he had piloted to the June 12 360 Nationals preliminary feature win.

With the race beginning to wind down, heavy lap traffic came into play on lap twenty one. Wayne Johnson made a quick pass of McCarl on that lap but McCarl retook that spot on the next circuit. Though McCarl and Johnson were in a furious battle for the second spot, they were still able to make up some of the distance which Alley had put on them. With two laps to go, McCarl was still within striking distance, but he would get no further as Alley would have no part of it and roared to the checkered flag to win by twenty car lengths. The final lap also saw Johnson again pass McCarl to grab the \$6,000 runner-up check. McCarl settled for third and \$3,000.



Gary Wright battles with Jake Peters during the "A" main of the 360 Nationals at the Knoxville Raceway. (Photo credit: Doug Johnson)

Jason Johnson took fourth and Jake Peters stayed in fifth. Gary Wright and Zach Chappell, two ASCS (American Sprint Car Series, the sanctioning body for this event) regulars, finished sixth and seventh. Brian Brown, the winner of the B Main who started twentieth, drove to eighth. Garry Lee Maier, a fourteenth position

starter was ninth and Travis Rilat, who started dead last finished tenth.

Brown won the B Main handily and again drove a heady race in that event by taking the lead on the ninth tour after starting fifteenth. Shane Stewart was disqualified from his win of the C Main when his car did not make weight inspection. Frankie Heimbaugh was awarded the win for that event.



Brian Brown won the "B" main during Friday night's 360 Nationals at the Knoxville Raceway. (Photo credit: Doug Johnson)

Two companion divisions also accompanied the format for this Friday night event. Bart Andrews won the non-winged Thunder 305s. The winged Midwest 305s saw Bronson Maeschen take that part of the card.

RESULTS

Advance Auto Parts 360 Nationals June 12, 2004

(Preliminary rained-out feature from Friday night)

Second A Main (started), 20 laps, No Time: 1. 22, Billy Alley, Lincoln, NE (1) 2. 83, John Kearney (2) 3. 14AJ, Wayne Johnson, Mustang, OK (10) 4. 97, Aaron Berryhill, Broken Arrow, OK (14) 5. 6R, Roger Rager, Pequot Lakes, MN (4) 6. 53, Joe Beaver, Knoxville, IA (3) 7. 92, Travis Cram, Snohomish, WA (5) 8. 57x, Jake Peters, Sioux Falls, SD (14) 9. 23, Eric Jobe, Kansas City, MO (15) 10. 14, Randy Martin, California, MO (24) 11. 55, Kerry Madsen, Sydney, NSW, AUST (19) 12. 7x, Larry Ball, Jr., Knoxville, IA (23) 13. 77, Terry Alexander, Knoxville, IA (9) 14. 5R, Ryan York, Racine, MN (11) 15. 15, Brian Brown, Higginsville, MO (21) 16. 11m, Troy Meyer, Sioux Falls, SD (18) 17. 14c, Mike Trent, Rockeport MO (22) 18. 86, Doug Wilson, Blackwater, MO (17) 19. 1B, Brett Geldner, St. Peter, MN (13) 20. 10J, Jeff Mitrisin, Oskaloosa, IA (6) 21. 126, Stacey Alexander, Lacona, IA (7) 22. 04, Frankie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (16) 23. 91x, Darren Stewart, Bixby, OK (20) 24. 2D, Randi Miller, Rapid City, SD (8). **Lap Leaders:** Kearney 1; Alley 2-20

(Saturday 6/12/04 events)

E Main (started), 2 laps, 52.7 New Track Record: 1. 51J, Ryan Jamison, Burlington, IA (1) 2. 15x, Sam Hafertepe, Jr., Sunnyvale, TX (3) 3. 97x, Alan Gilbertson, Kasson, MN (2) / DNS – 99x, Doran Doty, Des Moines, IA, 5, Rod Richards, Runnells, IA, 21, Keith Fridlington, Shawnee, KS, v10, John VanDenBerg, Oskaloosa, IA.

D Main, 10 laps, No Time: 1. 2s, John Schulz, Burlington, IA (1) 2. 12, Brock Dump, Lennox SD (7) 3. Ryan Jamison (19) / 4. 48, Dennis Moore, Jr., Grinnell, IA (2) 5. 37, Sye Anderson, Brainerd, MN (12) 6. B29, Eric

Mason, Knoxville, IA (5) 7. 96, Bronson Maeschen, Pleasantville, IA (13) 8. 91, Curtis Thorson, Newton, IA (17) 9. Sam Hafertepe, Jr. (16) 10. 53H, Matt Harms, Morton, IL (8) 11. 7, Dave Becker, Belle Plaine, MN (6) 12. 94s, Natalie Sather, Fargo, ND (9) 13. 9, Rager Phillips, Pleasantville, IA (11) 14. 11, Pete Crall, De Soto, KS (10) 15. 69, Rodney Turner, Hamlin, IA (15) 16. 0, Glenn Styres, Six Nations, ONT, CAN (14) 17. 22N, Nate Mosher, Prairie City, IA (3) 18. 23x, Jimmy Taylor, Oklahoma City, OK (4) 19. Alan Gilbertson (18) DNS – Y5, Mike Houseman Jr., Des Moines, IA, 77x, William Eggimann Jr., Jackson, MN, 7c, Chris Morgan, Topeka, KS.

(Completion of rain-postponed 360 Nationals: August 6)

C Main (started), 12 laps, No Time: 1. 04, Frankie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (4) 2. 86, Doug Wilson, Blackwater, MO (1) 3. 10, Brent Antill, Ankeny, IA (3) 4. 24, Eric Vanderploeg, Altoona, IA (9) 5. 51, Dave Hall, Des Moines, IA (2) 6. 20, Stevie Walsh, Auckland, NI, New Zealand (5) 7. 1z, Dusty Zomer, Sioux Falls, SD (11) 8. 29, Travis Rilat, Forney, TX (13) / 9. 2s, John Schulz, West Burlington, IA (15) 10. F4, Jaymie Moyle, Bridgewater, SA, AUST (14) 11. 94, Cody Branchcomb, Sapulpa, OK (7) 12. 61A, Toby Brown, Carthage, MO (12) 13. 51J, Ryan Jamison, Mediapolis, IA (16) 14. 96, Bronson Maeschen, Knoxville, IA (17) 15. 9, Rager Phillips, Pleasantville, IA (19) 16. 91, Curtis Thorson, Newton, IA (18) 17. 7H, John Hall, Marion, IA (8) 18. 91x, Darren Stewart, Bixby, OK (6) DQ (Light, crossed 1st) 4m, Shane Stewart, Bixby, OK.

B Main (started), 15 laps, No Time: 1. 21, Brian Brown, Higginsville, MO (15) 2. 8s, Tim St. Arnold, Des Moines, IA (1) 3. 55, Kerry Madsen, Sydney, NSW, AUST (2) 4. 5J, Larry Ball Jr., Knoxville, IA (10) 5. 29, Travis Rilat, Forney, TX (24) / 6. D1, Jesse Giannetto, Palo, IA (7) 7. Eric Vanderploeg, Altoona, IA (20) 8. 04, Frankie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (18) 9. 11m, Troy Meyer, Sioux Falls, SD (8) 10. 126, Stacey Alexander, Lacona, IA (16) 11. 86, Doug Wilson, Blackwater, MO (19) 12. 1B, Brett Geldner, St. Peter, MN (14) 13. 51, David Hall, Des Moines, IA (21) 14. 20, Stevie Walsh, Auckland, NI, New Zealand (22) 15. 1z, Dusty Zomer, Sioux Falls, SD (23) 16. 22, Rob Edwards, Dubuque, IA (12) 17. 10, Jeff Mitrison, Oskaloosa, IA (13) 18. 77, Terry Alexander, Knoxville, IA (3) 19. 3, A.G. Rains, West Memphis, AR (9) 20. 6, Mitch Alexander, Knoxville, IA (11) 21. 54, Brett Mather, Ames, IA (5) 22. 5R, Ryan York, Racine, MN (4) 23. 10, Brent Antill, Ankeny, IA (19) 24. 2H, Ryan Voss, Okoboji, IA (6).

ADVANCE AUTO PARTS 360 NATIONALS CHAMPIONSHIP (started), 25 laps, No Time: 1. 22, Billy Alley, Lincoln NE (3) 2. 14AJ, Wayne Johnson, Mustang, OK (6) 3. 1m, Terry McCarl, Altoona, IA (4) 4. 50D, Jason Johnson, Eunice, LA (2) 5. 57x, Jake Peters, Sioux Falls, SD (17) 6. 9x, Gary Wright, Hooks, TX (14) 7. 50z, Zach Chappell, Talala, OK (5) 8. Brian Brown (20) 9. 11x, Garry Lee Maier, Cimarron, KS (15) 10. Travis Rilat (24) 11. 97, Aaron Berryhill, Broken Arrow, OK (11) 12. 53, Joe Beaver, Knoxville, IA (7) 13. 7a, Johnny Anderson, Indianola, IA (16) 14. Larry Ball Jr. (23) 15. Tim St. Arnold (21) 16. 6R, Roger Rager, Pequot Lakes, MN (9) 17. 83, John Kearney, Valley Falls, KS (1) 18. 57, Roger Crockett, Eugene, OR (10) 19. 2m, Matt Moro, Des Moines, IA (8) 20. 18, Tony Bruce Jr., Liberal, KS (18) 21. 23, Eric Jobe, Kansas City, MO (19) 22. 1x, Sean McClelland, Tulsa, OK (12) 23. Kerry Madsen (22) 24. 1, David Hesmer, Marshalltown, IA (17). **Lap Leaders:** Alley 1-25

Midwest 305 Winged Sprints

FIRST HEAT, 5 laps, No Time: 1. Lewis Lynch, Glenwood, MO; 2. Lyle Sylvester, Bondurant, IA; 3. Matt Stephenson, Altoona, IA; 4. Bob Hildreth, Iowa Falls, IA; 5. Larry Webb, Des Moines, IA; 6. Kevin Tanner, Russell, IA.

SECOND HEAT, 5 laps, 1:31.8: 1. Bronson Maeschen, Knoxville, IA; 2. Jerry Crabb, Des Moines, IA; 3. Rod Richards, Des Moines, IA; 4. Chris Martinez, Des Moines, IA; 5. Drew Lewis, Runnells, IA; 6. Chuck Graves, Chariton, IA.

A MAIN, 10 laps, No Time: 1. Bronson Maeschen; 2. Jerry Crabb; 3. Lewis Lynch; 4. Bob Hildreth; 5. Matt Stephenson; 6. Chris Martinez; 7. Lyle Sylvester; 8. Drew Lewis; 9. Larry Webb.

Lap Leaders: Maeschen 1-10

Thunder 305 Non-Winged Sprints

FIRST HEAT, 5 laps, 1:44.8: 1. Bob Thompson, Des Moines, IA; 2. Bob Hildreth, Iowa Falls, IA; 3. Matt Stephenson, Altoona, IA; 4. Bart Andrews, Muscatine, IA; 5. Rob Kubli, Milo, IA; 6. Dave Farren, Des Moines, IA; 7. Don Dawson II, Indianola, IA; 8. Larry Webb, Des Moines, IA

SECOND HEAT, 5 laps, 1:49.5: 1. Jerry Crabb, Des Moines, IA; 2. John Helm, Gallatin, MO; 3. Nate Van Haaften, Prairie City, IA; 4. Tom Lenz, Strawberry Point, IA; 5. Bob Lamb, Mitchellville, IA; 6. Shawn Deman, Lacona, IA; 7. Drew Lewis, Runnells, IA.

A MAIN, 10 laps, No Time : 1. Bart Andrews; 2. Bobby Thompson; 3. Bob Lamb; 4. Jerry Crabb; 5. Matt Stephenson; 6. Dave Farren; 7. Rob Kubli; 8. Nate Van Haaften; 9. Shawn Deman; 10. Drew Lewis; 11. Don Dawson II; 12. Tom Lenz; 13. Lyle Sylvester; 14. John Helm; 15. Bob Hildreth.

Lap Leaders: Lamb 1; Thompson 2-10.

8/7/04

Kaeding, Hesmer capture feature wins at Knoxville Raceway

by Bob Wilson

KNOXVILLE, Iowa -- Brent Kaeding and David Hesmer each captured feature events during Casey's Night Before the Brodix Tournament at Knoxville Raceway Saturday night. Kaeding's win was his second ever here in the 410 sprint division while Hesmer's was a division leading 64th in the 360 sprint class.

Kaeding, who won this very event two years ago, utilized the low groove to grab the lead on the opening lap from a second row start. He had pulled out to a near-thirty car-length advantage by the end of the third lap when a yellow was displayed for a stopped car on the track at the pit entrance. When the race was resumed a quick red was thrown for Skip Jackson who had been clipped by another car and had struck the third turn fence. A rarity for Jackson, he was towed to the pits ending his night.

The next attempt to restart the race was successful as Kaeding again assumed the lead with McCarl looking to slide him in turns one and two. The maneuver was unsuccessful and as they shot down the back chute, from out of nowhere third running Brian Brown roared past McCarl as they headed into the third turn. With Kaeding in first, Brown in second and McCarl in third, the scene was set for a run to the checkered flags of the twenty lap event.

Kaeding was content to define his fast line on the cushion of the big half-mile oval. Brown found a groove to his liking by running the bottom in turns one and two and the top in three and four. McCarl chose the same line as Kaeding. When the leader finally entered lap traffic on the ninth circuit, Brown was within ten car-lengths of him. McCarl was the same distance behind Brown.

Just past the half-way point, the trio at the front entered heavy traffic and Kaeding's lead quickly narrowed. Brown was running nose to tail with the leader on the back stretch of lap fifteen and failed at a slide job in turns three and four for the lead. The following lap saw those same two drivers running side by side down the back stretch and as they flew pall mall into turn three, neither was aware that Max Dumesny had spun into the fence

at the giant scoreboard. Kaeding managed to miss him but Brown clipped him slightly driving the left-side nerf bar into the left-rear tire. As the cars circled the track under yellow, streams of white smoke erupted from Brown's tire. He was pulled in for a safety check and track officials decided it was too dangerous for him to continue that way. Once Brown's crew replaced the tire and bent the bar back into place, he returned to the track but had to restart on the tail. He would finish 12th.

With just three laps to go, Kaeding again placed his Roth Eagle/Shaver on the cushion and kept a ten car-length distance between himself and McCarl who rode the pole for the remainder of the race. The Knoxville points leader made one final stab at the Californian but it was not enough as Kaeding came across the stripe first to garner the \$3,000 winner's check. McCarl settled for second and \$2,000 while Shane Stewart, an eighth row starter took third and \$1,500. Billy Alley, a ninth row starter was fourth and Calvin Landis finished fifth. Rounding out the top ten finishers were Clint Garner, Tim St. Arnold, Kerry Madsen, Brook Tatnell (from the tail) and Jesse Giannetto.

In the 20-lap 360 division feature event, Darren Stewart grabbed a second lap lead from Tony Bruce, Jr. and utilized the high cushion to keep Bruce, Jr., who was running the bottom, at bay. Although Bruce kept it close, David Hesmer got by him for the runner-up position and the seventh circuit. One lap later disaster struck Stewart.

As he entered turn three he seemed to lose control of his sprinter in what looked like 'a run-in' with the inside berm. As Hesmer flew by him on the outside, Stewart tried to correct his car but simply could not keep it from executing a slow tip over. He could not restart.

On the restart of this eighth lap, Cody Branchcomb took a hard tumble down the front chute just past the flag stand finally ending up in turn one. He was stunned and rode with the ambulance crew to the infield. No further report was known.

When the race resumed with Hesmer in the lead, Gary Wright made an immediate pass of Bruce for second as did Jake Peters one lap later. All four drivers rode the cushion as the fastest way around with the exception of Peters who chose the low side in turns one and two.

At the end of fifteen laps, Hesmer could only claim an eight car-length advantage against this stellar field of drivers from throughout the nation, headed here for the Brodix Tournament of Champions on the following night.

Lap sixteen saw Hesmer put to lapped cars between himself and Wright but Wright made quick work of them and lost no ground on the front runner. Peters as well kept pace and was still a contender if only he could get the break he needed.

It wasn't to be on this night as Hesmer continued his dominance of this historic Central Iowa county fairgrounds when he came across the finish line with ten car-lengths separating himself and runner-up Wright. Peters flashed by just two and a half seconds after Hesmer took the \$2,500 checkered flag. Wright was paid \$1,500 and Peters pocketed \$1,000. The top of the purse payoff was substantially helped by monetary additions from Hilborn Fuel Injection and Engler Fuel Injection.

Running fourth was Garry Lee Maier who took all passing honors after starting 18th. Fifth went to Joe Beaver. Bruce, Jr., John Schulz, Josh Higday, John Kearney (who like Maurer was another B Main transfer) and Knoxville rookie Dusty Zomer formed the top ten finishers.

Sixty-five 360 sprints and forty-eight 410 sprints crowded the pit area just one week before the 44th annual Knoxville Nationals crowns a new Saturday night champion.

RESULTS

Casey's Night 410 Sprints

Time Trials (Qualifying order): 1. 50D, Jason Johnson, Eunice, LA (1) 15.644; 2. 91, John Sernett, Shakopee, MN (16) 15.647; 3. 20AU, Troy Little, Sydney, NSW, AUST (6) 15.689; 4. 21B, Brian Brown, Higginsville, MO, 15.738 (36) 5. 71R, Ryan Anderson, Charter Oak, IA (9) 15.747; 6. 24, Terry McCarl, Altoona, IA (40) 15.751 7. 1, Brent Antill, Ankeny, IA (4) 15.755; 8. 11, Roger Crockett, Eugene, OR (2) 15.832; 9. 83JR, Tim Kaeding, San Jose, CA (7) 15.864; 10. 83m, Max Dumesny, Nelson, NSW, AUST (27) 15.882; 11. 18, Stephen Allard, Chico, CA, 15.887; 12. 8s, Tim St. Arnold, Des Moines, IA, 15.887; 13. 70, Calvin Landis, Knoxville, IA, 15.920; 14. 56, Chris Walraven, Knoxville, IA, 15.945; 15. 2, Skip Jackson, Sydney, NSW, AUST, 15.953; 16. 37, Cameron Dodson, Greenfield, IN, 15.954; 17. 50z, Zach Chappell, Talala, OK, 15.963; 18. 10, Lynton Jeffrey, Sydney, NSW, AUST, 15.973; 19. 47, Matt Moro, Des Moines, IA, 15.978; 20. 2K, Kevin Frey, Mechanicsburg, PA, 15.992; 21. 40, Clint Garner, Sioux Falls, SD, 16.005; 22. 4m, Shane Stewart, Bixby, OK, 16.036; 23. 7x, Ricky Logan, Little Rock, AR, 16.051; 24. 55, Kerry Madsen, Sydney, NSW, AUST, 16.074; 25. 0, Dennis Moore, Jr., Grinnell, IA, 16.080; 26. 77m, Mike Benson, Calistoga, CA, 16.112; 27. 22, Billy Alley, Lincoln, NE, 16.117; 28. 60, Colin Northway, Marion, IA, 16.143; 29. 69, Mike Moore, Des Moines, IA, 16.151; 30. 66, Brooke Tatnell, Sydney, NSW, AUST, 16.183; 31. D1, Jesse Giannetto, Palo, IA, 16.184; 32. 17G, Jeff Mitrisin, Oskaloosa, IA, 16.197; 33. 14AJ, Wayne Johnson, Mustang, OK, 16.215; 34. 1A, Larry Pinegar II, Des Moines, IA, 16.219; 35. 12, John Lambertz, Sioux Falls, SD, 16.227; 36. 1w, Chad Meyer, Sioux Falls, SD, 16.242; 37. R19, Jason Solwold, Mt. Vernon, WA, 16.254; 38. 92, Travis Cram, Snohomish, WA, 16.274; 39. 17AU, Marty Perovich, Sydney, NSW, AUST; 40. 7a, Eric Vanderploeg, Altoona, IA, 16.396; 41. 11J, Jeff Johnson, Indianola, IA, 16.554; 42. v10, Jaymie Moyle, Bridgewater, SA, AUST, 16.604; 43. 15s, Jerrel Slinkard, Melcher-Dallas, IA, 16.779; 44. 71, Robert Bell, Colfax, IA, 17.454; 45. 35, Greg Jones, Earlham, IA, 17.994; 46. 50, Tyler Houseman, Des Moines, IA, 18.425; 47. 44m, Mark Hurd, Watkins, CO, No Time.

First Heat (started), 8 laps, 2:11.8: 1. Tim Kaeding (4) 2. Clint Garner (1) 3. Jason Johnson (6) 4. Calvin Landis (3) 5. Zach Chappell (2) / 6. Dennis Moore, Jr. (7) 7. Wayne Johnson (9) 8. Ryan Anderson (5) 9. Jason Solwold (10) 10. Mike Moore (8) 11. Jeff Johnson (11) DNS – Greg Jones.

Second Heat (started), 8 laps, 2:10.8: 1. Shane Stewart (1) 2. Lynton Jeffrey (2) 3. Terry McCarl (5) 4. Chris Walraven (3) 5. Max Dumesny (4) / 6. Travis Cram (10) 7. John Sernett (6) 8. Larry Pinegar II (9) 9. Mike Benson (7) 10. Tyler Houseman (11) 11. Brooke Tatnell (8) DNS – Jaymie Moyle.

Third Heat (started), 8 laps, 2:13.9: 1. Skip Jackson (3) 2. Matt Moro (2) 3. Ricky Logan (1) 4. Billy Alley (7) 5. Jesse Giannetto (8) / 6. Brent Antill (5) 7. John Lambertz (9) 8. Troy Little (6) 9. Mark Hurd (11) 10. Stephen Allard (4) 11. Marty Perovich (10) DNS – Jerrel Slinkard.

Fourth Heat (started), 8 laps, 2:11.5: 1. Kerry Madsen (1) 2. Kevin Frey (2) 3. Brian Brown (6) 4. St. Arnold (4) 5. Jeff Mitrisin (8) / 6. Cameron Dodson (3) 7. Roger Crockett (5) 8. Chad Meyer (9) 9. Colin Northway (7) 10. Eric Vanderploeg (10) 11. Robert Bell (11).

C Main (started), 8 laps, No Time: 1. Chad Meyer (2) 2. Jason Solwold (3) 3. John Lambertz (1) / 4. Travis Cram (4) 5. Jeff Johnson (7) 6. Greg Jones (8) 7. Tyler Houseman (6) 8. v10, Clyde Nagel, Lancaster, MO (9) 9. Marty Perovich (5) DNS – Eric Vanderploeg, Robert Bell, Mark Hurd, Jerrel Slinkard.

B Main (started), 12 laps, No Time : 1. Brent Antill (4) 2. John Sernett (1) 3. Wayne Johnson (13) 4. Brooke Tatnell (10) / 5. Jason Solwold (14) 6. Troy Little (2) 7. Larry Pinegar II (8) 8. Chad Meyer (15) 9. Ryan Anderson (3) 10. Roger Crockett (5) 11. John Lambertz (16) 12. Mike Benson (9) 13. Mike Moore (11) 14.

Cameron Dodson (7) 15. Dennis Moore, Jr. (6) 16. Colin Northway (8) DNS – Stephen Allard.

A Main (started), 20 laps, No Time: 1. Tim Kaeding (3) 2. Terry McCarl (4) 3. Shane Stewart (15) 4. Billy Alley (18) 5. Calvin Landis (7) 6. Clint Garner (14) 7. Tim St. Arnold (1) 8. Kerry Madsen (17) 9. Brooke Tatnell (24) 10. Jesse Giannetto (23) 11. Wayne Johnson (21) 12. Brian Brown (5) 13. Zach Chappell (10) 14. Lynton Jeffrey (11) 15. Jason Johnson (6) 16. Jeff Mitrison (20) 17. Chris Walraven (8) 18. Ricky Logan (16) 19. Max Dumesny (2) 20. John Sernett (22) 21. Brent Antill (19) 22. Kevin Frey (13) 23. Matt Moro (12) 24. Skip Jackson (9). **Lap Leaders:** Kaeding 1-20

360 Sprints

First Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 8 laps, 2:18.8: 1. 04, Frankie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (2*) 2. 5, Dave Glennon, Casselton, ND (1*) 3. 126, Stacey Alexander, Milo, IA (4*) 4. 73, Kramer Williamson, Palmyra, PA (6) 5. 18w, Kevin Welsh, Far Hills, NJ (7) 6. 51, David Hall, Des Moines, IA (10) 7. 54, Brett Mather, Ames, IA (5) 8. 7B, Dave Becker, Belle Plaine, MN (3) 9. 3, Matt Sutton, Macomb, IL (8) 10. 49, Josh Schneiderman, West Burlington, IA (9) 11. 53H, Matt Harms, Morton, IL (11).

Second Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 8 laps, 2:19.2: 1. 1, Dave Hesmer, Marshalltown, IA (5*) 2. 53, Joe Beaver, Knoxville, IA (3*) 3. 91x, Darren Stewart, Bixby, OK (10*) 4. 11m, Troy Meyer, Sioux Falls, SD (7) 5. 96, Bronson Maeschen, Knoxville, IA (6) 6. 15, Bobby Mincer, Morning Sun, IA (4) 7. 38m, Nick Mulheim, Navarre, OH (11) 8. 25, Warren Mahoney, Ridgetown, ONT, CAN (2) 9. 2H, Ryan Voss, Okoboji, IA (8) 10. 17J, Jerry Brey, Billings, MT (9) DNS – 52, Mark Broughman, Hillsdale, MI (1).

Third Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 8 laps, 2:19.7: 1. 18, Tony Bruce, Jr., Liberal, KS (1*) 2. 94, Cody Branchcomb, Sapulpa, OK (2*) 3. 7, Darren Long, Elida, OH (4*) 4. 11x, Garry Lee Maier, Cimmaron, KS (5) 5. 6, Mitch Alexander, Knoxville, IA (3) 6. 6G, Cody Geldart, Mossley, ONT, CAN (7) 7. 5R, Ryan York, Racine, MN (9) 8. 7a, Johnny Anderson, Indianola, IA (8) 9. 9, Rager Phillips, Pleasantville, IA (11) 10. 9c, Tony Crank, Sedalia, MO (6) 11. 36, Justin Newberry, West Burlington, IA (10).

Fourth Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 8 laps, No Time: 1. 54N, Dain Naida, Belleville, MI (2*) 2. 1x, Sean McClelland, Collinsville, OK (1*) 3. 77, Ray Allen Kulhanek, Danberry, TX (3*) 4. 83, John Kearney, Valley Falls, KS (5) 5. 20, Stevie Walsh, Auckland, NI, New Zealand (4) 6. 50, Manny Rockhold, Pekin, IL (7) 7. 84, Chris Roseland, Carter Lake, IA (8) 8. 51J, Ryan Jamison, Mediapolis, IA (9) 9. 5J, Larry Ball, Jr., Knoxville, IA (10) 10. 62B, Steve Leiber, Bluffton, OH (6) 11. 29, Travis Rilat, Forney, TX (11).

Fifth Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 8 laps, 2:19.3: 1. 10, Josh Higday, Des Moines, IA (1*) 2. 2s, John Schulz, West Burlington, IA (3*) 3. 21H, Terry Hinck, Boonville, MO (8*) 4. 6R, Roger Rager, Pequot Lakes, MN (9) 5. 94s, Natalie Sather, Fargo, ND (2) 6. 11P, Preston Peebles II, Lubbock, TX (4) 7. 13, Seth Brahmmer, Wisner, NE (6) 8. 5H, Bobby Hawks, Jacksonville, IL (5) 9. B29, Eric Mason, Knoxville, IA (10) 10. 0, Glen Styres, Ohsweken, ONT, CAN (7) 11. 85, Dustin Daggett, Portland, MI (11).

Sixth Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 8 laps, 2:19.3: 1. 9x, Gary Wright, Hooks, TX (1*) 2. 57x, Jake Peters, Sioux Falls, SD (2*) 3. 1z, Dusty Zomer, Sioux Falls, SD (4*) 4. 72, Phil Dietz, Billings, MT (3) 5. 86, Doug Wilson, Blackwater, MO (5) 6. 23, Eric Jobe, Kansas City, MO (7) 7. 5G, Bret Golik, Newton, IA (8) 8. 5B, Rick Ideus, Lincoln, NE (9) 9. 16s, Donnie Steward, West Burlington, IA (10) 10. 35, Brian Hetrick, Stronghurst, IL (6).

First B Main (started), 12 laps, No Time : 1. Troy Meyer (2) 2. Nick Mulheim (5) / 3. Brett Mather (8) 4. Dave Becker (7) 5. Bobby Mincer (6) 6. Kramer Williamson (1) 7. Matt Sutton (9) 8. Josh Schneiderman (11) 9. Jerry Brey (14) 10. Ryan Voss (12) 11. David Hall (4) 12. Matt Harms (13) 13. Mark Broughman (15) 14. Warren Mahoney (10) 15. Bronson Maeschen (3) DNS – Kevin Welsh.

Second B Main (started), 12 laps, No Time: 1. Garry Lee Maier (1) 2. John Kearney (2) / 3. Cody Geldart (3) 4. Manny Rockhold (6) 5. Ryan York (5) 6. Rager Phillips (9) 7. Chris Roseland (8) 8. Steve Leiber (14) 9. Tony Crank (11) 10. Justin Newberry (13) 11. Ryan Jamison (7) 12. Johnny Anderson (10) 13. Stevie Walsh (4) 14. Larry Ball, Jr. (12) DNS - Mitch Alexander, Travis Rilat.

Third B Main (started), 12 laps, No Time: 1. Eric Jobe (5) 2. Dustin Daggett (14) / 3. Rick Ideus (9) 4. Roger Rager (1) 5. Bobby Hawks (10) 6. Doug Wilson (4) 7. Phil Dietz (2) 8. Seth Brahmer (8) 9. Preston Peebles II (6) 10. Glenn Styres (13) 11. Natalie Sather (3) 12. Donnie Steward (12) 13. Eric Mason (11) 14. Bret Golik (7) DNS – Brian Hetrick.

A Main (started), 20 laps, No Time: 1. David Hesmer (5) 2. Gary Wright (6) 3. Jake Peters (12) 4. Garry Lee Maier (18) 5. Joe Beaver (11) 6. Tony Bruce, Jr. (1) 7. John Schulz (9) 8. Josh Higday (7) 9. John Kearney (23) 10. Dusty Zomer (17) 11. Nick Mulheim (20) 12. Stacey Alexander (15) 13. Darren Long (14) 14. Eric Jobe (21) 15. Sean McClelland (13) 16. Terry Hinck (2) 17. Troy Meyer (19) 18. Dustin Daggett (22) 19. Dave Glennon (8) 20. Dain Naida (3) 21. Cody Branchcomb (10) 22. Darren Stewart (4) 23. Ray Allen Kulhanek (17) DNS - Frankie Heimbaugh. **Lap Leaders:** Bruce, Jr. 1; Stewart 2-7; Hesmer 8-20

8/8/04

Langerud is victor in sixth Brodix Tournament of Champions

by Bob Wilson

KNOXVILLE, Iowa -- Loren Langerud of Harwood, N.D., outclassed a field of thirty 360 sprint cars to capture the sixth annual Brodix Tournament of Champions at Knoxville Raceway Sunday night. Langerud, a competitor in the WISSOTA 360 Sprint Series, received the biggest paycheck of his career when he was paid \$4,000 for the 30-lap run.



Brodix Tournament of Champions winner Loren Langerud (center) is joined on the podium by runner-up Roger Crockett (left) and third-place finisher Garry Lee Maier (right). (Photo credit: Lonnie Wheatley)

Eugene, Ore.'s Roger Crockett took the lead on the first lap as he came out of turn four with young Eric Jobe of Missouri on his tail in the low groove. Jobe stayed with the West Coaster in the first five laps as Langerud and Illinois' Manny Rockhold rounded out the top four positions. Placings five through seven were in flux as Joe Beaver, David Hesmer and Zach Chappell were in constant battle for those spots.

At the completion of lap five, a yellow flag flew for debris on the track placing the field in a single-file restart. Two additional yellows had plagued the start of the race in single-car incidents but miraculously the spun cars were missed by all onrushing traffic.

When the race resumed, Langerud shot low in turns one and two to get by Jobe as he began to take up the chase of Crockett. Crockett toured the cushion of the world-famous Knoxville half mile and set sail with Langerud in tow. Though the track was clear he could manage only a ten car-length advantage over the man who was chasing him. Jobe stayed close but Beaver made a pass of him on the seventh go around. One lap later Hesmer moved into fourth sending Jobe back one more spot.

With ten laps in the books, Crockett was in front of Langerud by only eight car lengths followed by Beaver, Hesmer, Jobe and Darren Stewart. Two more laps saw this five-some of cars head into lap traffic and also saw Hesmer get by Beaver as they roared down the back chute. Lap fourteen was a wild affair as the top four cars were separated by no more than a car length between each competitor. And it was also that lap that saw Langerud take the lead for good in his self-owned J&J/Ostrich. He had just gone past the half-way point on the sixteenth circuit when a yellow was displayed for two spun cars at the giant scoreboard. Randy Martin was able to continue in the race but Jesse Giannetto rode the tow hook to the pits.

The restart saw Langerud hold the point but Iowa's David Hesmer made a pass to take the second position. Once the running order sorted out, the top runners placed their sprinters on the cushion in an all-out charge around the 5/8th mile at the fences.

Beaver, a hometown Knoxville native dropped from the event just at the end of the 20th circuit. At this point no more than 8-10 car lengths separated Langerud and Hesmer. Finally, things looked as if they would sort out substantially on lap 23 when the front runners again encountered the back markers. One more circuit saw heavy lap traffic as the top cars sorted through with professional skill. Hesmer split between two cars on the backstretch of the 24th lap to stay right on the back bumper but this was not to be his night as on the next go around he pulled into the pits with ignition problems. That same lap also saw Jake Peters exit as well.

With Hesmer gone, Oklahoma's Darren Stewart took up the chase for the lead and trail Langerud closely. Lap 28 actually saw him get by Langerud in turns three and four with a dive to the low side as the leader rode the top. The pass would not count as it was negated by a caution flag for a stalled car against Knoxville's famous fences in turn four.

The single-file restart saw Langerud get a great start on Stewart as the final laps began to wind down. When they came past the flagstand, fifth running Gary Wright slowed and pulled into the pits. Langerud kept his cool and the lead to fly past the finish line a good ten car-lengths ahead of Stewart.

During the post-race weigh-in at the scales, Stewart was found to be light and was disqualified from the finish. Second was awarded to Crockett as well as \$3,000 with third place and \$2,000 going to Kansan Garry Lee Maier. Zach Chappell of Oklahoma took fourth and Texan Travis Rilat, a ninth row starter, finished fifth. Completing the top ten finisher were Larry Ball Jr., Manny Rockhold, Jobe, Rick Ideus (started 22nd) and Roger Rager.

A total of 67 invitations were extended to eligible sprint car competitors from sixteen 360-cubic-sprint car sanctioning organizations in the United States and Canada.

RESULTS

FIRST HEAT (started, *qualified for feature, Organization), 10 laps, 2:48.8: 1. 53, Joe Beaver, Knoxville, IA (2*, KNOX) 2. 56, Loren Langerud, Harwood, ND (4*, WISSOTA) 3. 16s, Donnie Steward, West Burlington, IA (1, SIA) 4. 11x, Garry Lee Maier, Cimmaron, KS (8*, ASCS) 5. 11P, Preston Peebles II, Lubbock, TX (6, ASCS-S) 6. 2s, John Schulz, West Burlington, IA (7, SIA) 7. 5G, Brett Golik, Newton, IA (9, KNOX) 8. 9c, Tony Crank, Sedalia, MO (12, WOW) 9. 72, Phil Dietz, Billings, MT (5, MST) 10. 51J, Ryan Jamison, Mediapolis, IA (3, SIA) 11. 7, Darren Long, Elida, OH (10, NRA) 12. 35, Brian Hetrick, Stronghurst, IL (11, SIA).

SECOND HEAT (started, *qualified for feature, Organization), 10 laps, 2:52.0: 1. 54, Brett Mather, Ames, IA (2*, KNOX) 2. 5, Dave Glennon, Casselton, ND (1*, WISSOTA) 3. 6R, Roger Rager, Pequot Lakes, IA (5*, WISSOTA) 4. 18, Tony Bruce Jr., Liberal, KS (6, ASCS-S) 5. 5B, Rick Ideus, Lincoln, NE (7, EAGLE) 6. 3, Matt Sutton, Macomb, IL (3, SIA) 7. 13, Seth Brahmer, Wisner, NE (11, EAGLE) 8. 85, Dustin Daggett, Portland, MI (12, SOD) 9. 94s, Natalie Sather, Fargo, ND (10, ASCS) 10. 27, Brad Wright, Weeping Water, NE (9, EAGLE) 11. 7B, Dave Becker, Belle Plaine, MN (4, WISSOTA).

THIRD HEAT (started, *qualified for feature, Organization), 10 laps, 2:53.1: 1. 11, Roger Crockett, Eugene, OR (1*, NST) 2. 6G, Cody Geldart, Moesley, ONT, CAN (3*, SOS) 3. 50z, Zach Chappell, Talala, OK (6*, ASCS) 4. 14, Randy Martin, California, MO (9, WOW) 5. 19, Tracy Nichols, Columbia, MO (5, WOW) 6. 15, Bobby Mincer, Morning Sun, IA (4, SIA) 7. 73, Kramer Williamson, Palmyra, PA (11, URC) 8. 17J, Jerry Brey, Billings, MT (8, MST) 9. 53H, Matt Harms, Morton, IL (7, SIA) 10. 52, Mark Broughman, Hillsdale, MI (2, SOD) DQ (staging) – 77, Ray Allen Kulhanek, Danberry, TX (10, ASCS-GS).

FOURTH HEAT (started, *qualified for feature, Organization), 10 laps, 2:55.1: 1. 23, Eric Jobe, Kansas City, MO (1*, KNOX) 2. 23x, Mike Trent, Rocheport, MO (3*, KNOX) 3. B29, Eric Mason, Knoxville, IA (2, KNOX) 4. 29, Travis Rilat, Forney, TX (8*, ASCS) 5. 57x, Jake Peters, Sioux Falls, SD (7, KNOX) 6. 1x, Sean McClelland, Tulsa, OK (4, ASCS-S) 7. 5H, Bobby Hawks, Jacksonville, IL (5, SIA) 8. 20, Stevie Walsh, Auckland, NI, New Zealand (6, SIA) 9. 62B, Steve Leiber, Bluffton, OH (10, NRA) 10. 83, John Kearney, Valley Falls, KS (11, KNOX) 11. 94, Cody Branchcomb, Sapulpa, OK (9, ASCS).

FIFTH HEAT (started, *qualified for feaure, Organization), 10 laps, No 2:53.1: 1. 50, Manny Rockhold, Pekin, IL (2*, SIA) 2. 21H, Terry Hinck, Boonville, MO (3*, WOW) 3. 38m, Nick Mulheim, Navarre, OH (1, SOD) 4. 126, Stacey Alexander, Lacona, IA (8*, KNOX) 5. 9, Gary Wright, Hooks, TX (11, ASCS) 6. 0, Glenn Styres, Ohsweken, ONT, CAN (6, SOS) 7. 84, Chris Roseland, Carter Lake, IA (5, EAGLE) 8. 18w, Kevin Welsh, Far Hills, NJ (9, URC) 9. 3R, A.G. Rains, West Memphis, AR (10, ASCS) 10. 6, Mitch Alexander, Knoxville, IA (7, KNOX) 11. 82, Jason Danley, Lincoln, NE (4, EAGLE).

SIXTH HEAT (started, *qualified for feature), 10 laps, 2:52.2: 1. 1, Dave Hesmer, Marshalltown, IA (1*, KNOX) 2. 91x, Darren Stewart, Bixby, OK (3*, ASCS) 3. 5J, Larry Ball Jr., Knoxville, IA (6*, SIA) 4. 45, Jeff Lowery, Eagle, NE (2, EAGLE) 5. D1, Jesse Giannetto, Palo, IA (11, SIA) 6. 24, Eric Vanderploeg, Altoona, IA (10, KNOX) 7. 7a, Johnny Anderson, Indianola, IA (7, KNOX) 8. 54N, Dain Naida, Belleville, MI (9, SOD) 9. 36, Justin Newberry, West Burlington, IA (8, SIA) 10. 61a, Toby Brown, Carthage, MO (4, ASCS).

FIRST B MAIN (started), 15 laps, No Time: 1. Rick Ideus (3) 2. Dustin Daggett (10) / 3. Brett Golik (7) 4. Tony Bruce Jr. (2) 5. John Schulz (6) 6. Phil Dietz (12) 7. Donnie Steward (1) 8. Matt Sutton (9) 9. Preston Peebles II (4) 10. Natalie Sather (11) 11. Tony Crank (8) 12. Josh Schneiderman (14) 13. Brad Wright (15) 14. Brian Hetrick (13) 15. Seth Brahmer (5) DNS – Ryan Jamison, Darren Long, Dave Becker.

SECOND B MAIN (started), 15 laps, No Time: 1. Randy Martin (1) 2. Jake Peters (3) / 3. John Kearney (13) 4. Tracy Nichols (4) 5. Stevie Walsh (10) 6. Jerry Brey (9) 7. Cody Branchcomb (15) 8. Ray Allen Kulhanek

(16) 9. Steve Leiber (11) 10. Sean McClelland (7) 11. Mark Broughman (14) 12. Matt Harms (12) 13. Bobby Hawks (8) 14. Eric Mason (2) 15. Bobby Mincer (6) 16. Kramer Williamson (5).

THIRD B MAIN (started), 15 laps, No Time: 1. Gary Wright (1) 2. Jesse Giannetto (2) / 3. Johnny Anderson (8) 4. Kevin Welsh (9) 5. Jeff Lowery (4) 6. Eric Vanderploeg (5) 7. Chris Roseland (7) 8. Jason Danley, Lincoln, NE (15) 9. Glen Styres (6) 10. Mitch Alexander (14) 11. Warren Mahoney (12) 12. Dain Naida (10) 13. Justin Newberry (13) 14. Nick Mulheim (3) 15. A.G. Rains (11) DNS – Toby Brown.

BRODIX TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS A MAIN (started), 30 laps, No Time: 1. Loren Langerud (3) 2. Roger Crockett (2) 3. Garry Lee Maier (14) 4. Zach Chappell (9) 5. Travis Rilat (17) 6. Larry Ball Jr. (13) 7. Manny Rockhold (4) 8. Eric Jobe (1) 9. Rick Ideus (22) 10. Roger Rager (16) 11. Kevin Welsh (26) 12. Cody Geldart (8) 13. Dave Glennon (15) 14. Stacey Alexander (18) 15. Jerry Brey (25) 16. Ray Allen Kulhanek (28) 17. Steve Leiber (29) 18. Brett Mather (5) 19. Mike Trent (10) 20. Gary Wright (20) 21. Dustin Daggett (24) 22. Dave Hesmer (7) 23. Jake Peters (23) 24. Joe Beaver (6) 25. Randy Martin (19) 26. Jason Danley (30) 27. Sean McClelland (27) 28. Jesse Giannetto (21) 29. Terry Hinck (11) DQ (Light, crossed 2nd)- Darren Stewart (12).
Lap Leaders: Crockett 1-13, Langerud 14-30.

ToC team scoring: 1. ASCS - 93 2. Knoxville - 89 3. WISSOTA - 69 4. Sprint Invaders - 52 5. NST - 29 6. Eagle - 27 7. URC - 20 8. SOS - 19 9. MST - 16 10. ASCS - GS - 15 11. NRA - 14 12. SOD - 10 13. WOW - 8 14. ASCS - S - 4

8/11/04

Kaeding takes Knoxville Nationals opener

KNOXVILLE, Iowa -- The first night of the Knoxville Nationals could be classified as a new episode of the "Twilight Zone." The 83JR Dennis Roth owned HR Cattle Eagle of Tim Kaeding scored an electrifying preliminary win to take home the first place stake of \$12,000.



RACETRACHER PHOTOS
Tim Kaeding celebrates in victory lane after he scored an electrifying win to take home the first place stake of \$12,000 on the first preliminary night of the 44th

Annual Knoxville Nationals.

“I want to thank my crew and Dennis Roth,” exclaimed an elated Kaeding. “These fans got to see a great show and I want to thank them for supporting us. That was fun man and I hope to do this on Saturday! Chad (Meyer 1W) missed the cushion and I went under him hoping to stick and it did.”



Tim Kaeding in action Wednesday night at the Knoxville Nationals. (Racetracker Photos)

The night began with a fast lap by the newly painted Hawaiian Tropic Maxim of Craig Dollansky. Dollansky sported a lap of 15.359 but failed to transfer from his heat. Eventually a strong run in the A Main put "The Crowd Pleaser" in a great position in qualifying points.

Steve Kinser and Sammy Swindell, the dynamic duo of Knoxville lore, took some licks and made fantastic runs from the back that eventually ended in disappointment. Kinser, who charged hard from the B Main and from 24th to 11th in four laps in the A main, succumbed to a sour motor, no doubt from having to push his Quaker State Maxim all night.

In a special 14-lap non-wing invitational, the top 10 finishers from Tuesday's Ultimate Challenge at the Southern Iowa Speedway were inverted and four provisionals were added in the race with a \$17,000+ purse. Sammy Swindell earned \$5,000 by putting the field away in the non-stop affair.



Sammy Swindell in victory lane after winning the non-wing invitational race.

Tomorrow will bring another day of qualifying action from Knoxville that will set the stage for a weekend that will be like no other Nationals. Many of the results of the top guns will have to be rectified in order for these teams to make the feature of the historic ½ mile.

RESULTS

Time Trials (Qualifying Order): 1. 7, Craig Dollansky, Elk River, MN (18) 15.359, 2. 7s, Jason Sides, Ellendale, TN (2) 15.401, 3. 88H, Fred Rahmer, Salfordville, PA (24) 15.412, 4. 1J, Brent Antill, Ankeny, IA (4) 15.438, 5. 2, Joey Saldana, Brownsburg, IN (12) 15.443, 6. 2L, Ed Lynch Jr., Apollo, PA (17) 15.454, 7. 15K, Chad Kemenah, Findlay, OH (28) 15.471, 8. 72, Dale Blaney, Fowler, OH (1) 15.495, 9. 22, Billy Alley, Lincoln, NE (13) 15.499, 10. 21B, Brian Brown, Higginsville, MO (20) 15.518, 11. 50D, Jason Johnson, Eunice, LA (16) 15.520, 12. 10c, Jeremy Campbell, Monroe, MI (19) 15.615, 13. 5w, Lucas Wolfe, Mechanicsburg, PA (8) 15.632, 14. 1x, Randy Hannagan, Pittsboro, IN (29) 15.632, 15. 15, Donny Schatz, Fargo, ND (27) 15.636, 16. 56, Chris Walraven, Knoxville, IA (56) 15.640, 17. 1s, Jaymie Moyle, Knoxville, IA (11) 15.646, 18. 80K, Mike Kertscher, Fredonia, WI (3) 15.667, 19. 12, Greg Hodnett, Memphis, TN (55) 15.679, 20. 56L, Loren Langerud, Harwood, ND (32) 15.715, 21. 97, Aaron Berryhill, Broken Arrow, OK (43) 15.724, 22. 47, Matt Moro, Des Moines, IA (38) 15.735, 23. 83JR, Tim Kaeding, San Jose, CA (39) 15.739, 24. 1, Sammy Swindell, Bartlett, TN (46) 15.747, 25. 1w, Chad Meyer, Sioux Falls, SD (23) 15.756, 26. 1z, Mark Smith, Newville, PA (33) 15.758, 27. 70, Calvin Landis, Knoxville, IA (44) 15.763, 28. 6R, Roger Rager, Pequot Lakes, MN (10) 15.771, 29. 7TW, Brandon Wimmer, Fairmont, IN (5) 15.773, 30. 11, Steve Kinser, Bloomington, IN (51) 15.780, 31. 11c, Roger Crockett, Eugene, OR (9) 15.798, 32. 9T, Travis Whitney, Champlin, MN (37) 15.802, 33. 60, Colin Northway, Marion, IA (57) 15.830, 34. 02, Mike Reinke, Howards Grove, WI (7) 15.840, 35. 70x, Phil Gressman, Helena, OH (36) 15.890, 36. R19, Jason Solwold, Mt. Vernon, WA (31) 15.900, 37. 91, John Sernett, Shakopee, MN (30) 15.903, 38. 77, Lance Dewease, Fayetteville, PA (49) 15.928, 39. 6, Tim Shaffer, Aliquippa, PA (50) 15.941, 40. 4m, Shane Stewart, Bixby, OK (62) 15.955, 41. 71R, Ryan Anderson, Charter Oak, IA (35) 15.966, 42. 56x, Ralph Spithaler Jr., Evans City, PA (6) 15.995, 43. 4, Danny Smith, Danville, IN (26) 15.995, 44. 3, Bob Bennett, New Cumberland, PA (14) 15.998, 45. 35A, Danny Wood, Norman, OK (25) 16.003, 46. 2K, Kevin Frey, Chambersburg, PA (52) 16.009, 47. 29, Travis Rilat, Forney, TX (15) 16.021, 48. 44, Chad Hill, Cowansville, PA (48) 16.051, 49. 66, Brooke Tatnell, San Souci, NSW (58) 16.107, 50. 24J, Josh Higday, Des Moines, IA (54) 16.251, 51. 15x, Bobby Mincer, Morning Sun, IA (34) 16.263, 52. 98, Mike Lutz, Mercer, PA (22) 16.302, 53. 11J, Jeff Johnson, Indianola, IA (42)

16.353, 54. 44J, C.J. Johnson, Quinta, KS (53) 16.353, 55. 15s, Jerrel Slinkard, Melcher-Dallas, IA (41) 16.391, 56. 20s, Stevie Walsh, Auckland, SI, NZ (59) 16.579, 57. 6B, Bill Rose, Plainfield, IN (61) 16.571, 58. X, Chuck Swenson, Watertown, SD (45) 16.654, 59. 35, Greg Jones, Earlham, IA (21) 16.881, 60. 75AC, Ty Bartz, Sheboygan Falls, WI (40) 17.116, 61. 33, Brent Matus, Wampum, Pa (47) 17.611, 62. 17J, Jerry Brey, Billings, MT (60) 17.667, 63. 9G, Gary Wright, Hooks, TX, NT.

LAST CHANCE HEAT (started), 8 laps, 2:17.2: 1. Bill Rose (7) 2. Mike Lutz (2) 3. Bobby Mincer (1) 4. Jeff Johnson (3) 5. Jerrel Slinkard (5) 6. Chuck Swenson (8) 7. Greg Jones (9) 8. Brent Matus (11) / 9. Ty Bartz (10) 10. C.J. Johnson (4) 11. Stevie Walsh (6) DNS – Jerry Brey, Gary Wright.

FIRST HEAT (started), 10 laps, 2:46.7: 1. Kevin Frey (1) 2. Jason Solwold (3) 3. Roger Crockett (4) 4. Aaron Berryhill (6) / 5. Jason Johnson (8) 6. Craig Dollansky (10) 7. Mark Smith (5) 8. Ed Lynch Jr. (9) / 9. Ryan Anderson (2) 10. Chris Walraven (7).

SECOND HEAT (started), 10 laps, 2:47.9: 1. Calvin Landis (5) 2. Chad Kemenah (9) 3. Ralph Spithaler (2) 4. Travis Whitney (4) / 5. Travis Rilat (1) 6. Jason Sides (10) 7. Matt Moro (6) 8. Jeremy Campbell (8) / 9. John Sernett (3) 10. Jaymie Moyle (7).

THIRD HEAT (started), 10 laps, NT: 1. Danny Smith (2) 2. Lance Dewease (3) 3. Tim Kaeding (6) 4. Fred Rahmer (10) / 5. Lucas Wolfe (8) 6. Dale Blaney (9) 7. Chad Hill (1) 8. Mike Kertscher (7) / 9. Roger Rager (5) 10. Colin Northway (4).

FOURTH HEAT (started), 10 laps, NT: 1. Tim Shaffer (3) 2. Brooke Tatnell (1) 3. Greg Hodnett (7) 4. Randy Hannagan (8) / 5. Billy Alley (9) 6. Mike Reinke (4) 7. Brent Antill (10) 8. Brandon Wimmer (5) / 9. Sammy Swindell (6) 10. Bob Bennett (2).

FIFTH HEAT (started), 10 laps, NT: 1. Chad Meyer (6) 2. Danny Wood (2) 3. Shane Stewart (3) 4. Donny Schatz (8) / 5. Steve Kinser (5) 6. Brian Brown (9) 7. Loren Langerud (7) 8. Josh Higday (1) / 9. Phil Gressman (4) 10. Joey Saldana (10).

C MAIN (started), 10 laps, 2:50.4: 1. Sammy Swindell (4) 2. Chris Walraven (2) / 3. Colin Northway (6) 4. John Sernett (8) 5. Phil Gressman (5) 6. Ryan Anderson (7) 7. Mike Lutz (10) 8. Bill Rose (9) 9. Jeff Johnson (12) 10. Bobby Mincer (11) 11. Jerrel Slinkard (13) 12. Chuck Swenson (14) 13. Greg Jones (15) 14. Brent Matus (16) 15. Roger Rager (3) 16. Jaymie Moyle (1) DNS - Joey Saldana, Bob Bennett.

B MAIN (started), 12 laps, NT: 1. Jason Sides (2) 2. Craig Dollansky (1) 3. Brent Antill (3) 4. Steve Kinser (16) / 5. Billy Alley (6) 6. Ed Lynch Jr. (4) 7. Brian Brown (7) 8. Dale Blaney (5) 9. Mark Smith (14) 10. Loren Langerud (12) 11. Mike Kertscher (11) 12. Lucas Wolfe (10) 13. Brandon Wimmer (13) 14. Josh Higday (20) 15. Jeremy Campbell (9) 16. Travis Rilat (18) 17. Chad Hill (17) 18. Chris Walraven (21) 19. Sammy Swindell (19) 20. Jason Johnson (8) 21. Mike Reinke (15) DNS – 22. Matt Moro.

RICH ZIMMERMAN NON-WING CHALLENGE (started), 14 laps, 5:09.3: 1. 11, Sammy Swindell (1) 2. 54, Matt Westfall, Ludlow Falls, OH (2) 3. 2B, Levi Jones, Olney, IL (5) 4. 50z, Zach Chappell, Talala, OK (8) 5. 2, Dave Darland, Kokomo, IN (6) 6. 50, Damion Gardner, Concord, CA (11) 7. 75, J.J. Yeley, Phoenix, AZ (13) 8. 5, Jac Haudenschild, Wooster, OH (4) 9. 10, Jon Stanbrough, Jamestown, IN (7) 10. 75J, Jesse Hockett, Warsaw, MO (9) 11. 21, Cory Kruseman, Ventura, CA (3) 12. 70, Dickie Gaines, Mitchell, IN (10) 13. 2A, Rickie Gaunt, Torrance, CA (12) 14. 8A, Charles Davis Jr., Buckeye, AZ (14).

A MAIN (started), 20 laps, NT: 1. Tim Kaeding (2) 2. Donny Schatz (5) 3. Chad Meyer (1) 4. Greg Hodnett (4) 5. Tim Shaffer (14) 6. Chad Kemenah (7) 7. Fred Rahmer (8) 8. Brooke Tatnell (20) 9. Shane Stewart (15) 10. Randy Hannagan (6) 11. Craig Dollansky (22) 12. Lance Dewease (13) 13. Calvin Landis (9) 14. Brent

Antill (23) 15. Jason Sides (21) 16. Jason Solwold (12) 17. Danny Smith (17) 18. Aaron Berryhill (3) 19. Roger Crockett (10) 20. Danny Wood (18) 21. Travis Whitney (11) 22. Ralph Spithaler (16) 23. Kevin Frey (19) 24. Steve Kinser (24). **Lap Leaders:** Meyer 1-13, Kaeding 14-20.

Wednesday Qualifying Points (unofficial): 1. Rahmer 475, 2. Kemenah 475, 3. Dollansky 465, 4. Schatz 461, 5. Sides 455, 6. Hodnett 452, 7. Antill 450, 8. Kaeding 450, 9. Meyer 448, 10. Hannagan 447, 11. Landis 424, 12. Berryhill 417, 13. Shaffer 416, 14. Alley 414, 15. Lynch 409, 16. Blaney 407, 17. Brown 405, 18. Dewease 401, 19. Stewart 400, 20. Crockett 398, 21. Solwold 397, 22. Wolfe 392, 23. Whitney 389, 24. Tatnell 387, 25. S. Kinser 384, 26. D. Smith 384, 27. Jason Johnson 380, 28. Campbell 379, 29. Langerud 376, 30. Kertscher 375, 31. Wood 371, 32. Spithaler 370, 33. M. Smith 366, 34. Frey 366, 35. Walraven 359, 36. Wimmer 349, 37. Moro 348, 38. Swindell 344, 39. Saldana 333, 40. Reinke 329, 41. Rilat 316, 42. Moyle 311, 43. Hill 306, 44. Northway 305, 45. Higday 305, 46. Gressman 300, 47. Sernett 298, 48. Rager 294, 49. Ryan Anderson 286, 50. Bennett 253, 51. Lutz 233, 52. Mincer 226, 53. Rose 224, 54. Jeff Johnson 221, 55. Slinkard 210, 56. Swenson 199, 57. Jones 192, 58. Matus 183, 59. C.J. Johnson 117, 60. Walsh 110, 61. Bartz 108, 62. Brey 78, 63. Wright 0.

8/12/04

Lasoski takes night two at Knoxville Nationals

by Brad Vores

KNOXVILLE, Iowa -- Danny Lasoski put himself into position to claim another Knoxville Nationals title. The Higginsville, Mo. driver raced to the win in Thursday night qualifying action at Knoxville Raceway, taking the lead with six laps remaining and then holding off Jason Meyers for the \$12,000 prize.



Danny Lasoski won the Thursday night feature at the Knoxville Nationals. (Racetracker Photos)

By virtue of his win, combined with his time trial and heat race finish, Lasoski earned the most points following

the two nights of qualifying action for the 44th annual event presented by the Midwest Ford Dealers.

"Its called Tony Stewart Motorsports," stated Lasoski. "He's got a great team here."

Lasoski started third in the 20-lap A Main as Meyers ran away from the front row. Lasoski took second spot from Knoxville regular Jon VanDenBerg on lap six but Meyers was way out front. Knoxville point leader Terry McCarl raced into third place with eight laps down and challenged Lasoski for second place. Meyers was in heavy traffic on lap 13 and that was the break Lasoski needed to make the race winning move in turn four.



Danny Lasoski in action Thursday night at the Knoxville Nationals. (Racetracker Photos)

"Jason was setting a good pace out there but we just caught him in traffic," Lasoski said. "I did everything I could. He's got a good team, we've got a good team and we're hoping for big things come Saturday."

Meyers closed back in on the J.D. Byrider, Home Depot No. 20 sprinter with two laps remaining but Lasoski prevailed at the checkered flag. Meyers, of Clovis, Calif. was second with Altoona, Iowa's McCarl third.

Holmesville, Ohio's Kenny Jacobs brought the Jim and Sandy Kline owned sprinter home in the fourth spot ahead of Oskaloosa, Iowa's VanDenBerg. Sixth went to Jesse Hockett with Jeff Shepard finishing seventh in the Barry Jackson JEI Chassis house car. Eighth was Blake Feese over 23rd starter Kerry Madsen and B-Main winner Mark Kinser.

Paul McMahan set fast time over the 66-car field in time trials with a lap of 15.300 seconds. McMahan then took a spectacular flip during the first heat race and was transported to the hospital. No further updates were available.

Heat race wins went to Manny Rockhold, Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Lasoski, Daryn Pittman and Jon Agan.

Clint Garner won the C-Main and Mark Kinser topped the B-Main.

Lasoski, McCarl, Jacobs, Hockett, Fred Rahmer, Chad Kemenah, Meyers, Craig Dollansky, Donny Schatz, M. Kinser, Wayne Johnson, Jason Sides, VanDenBerg, Shepard, Greg Hodnett, Brent Antill, Tim Kaeding, Chad Meyer, Randy Hannagan and K. Kinser are the top 20 in points following the two nights and will comprise the

top 20 starters in Saturday's Knoxville Nationals finale.

RESULTS

Time Trials (Qualifying Order): 1. 11H, Paul McMahan, Nashville, TN (1) 15.300 2. 83, Mark Kinser, Oolitic, IN (4) 15.346 3. 11K, Kraig Kinser, Bloomington, IN (9) 15.350 4. 75, Jesse Hockett, Warsaw, MO (6) 15.366 5. 24, Terry McCarl, Altoona, IA (60) 15.444 6. 14AJ, Wayne Johnson, Mustang, OK (22) 15.462 7. 22, Kenny Jacobs, Holmesville, OH (16) 15.513 8. 20, Danny Lasoski, Dover, MO (48) 15.530 9. 17G, Jeff Mitrising, Oskaloosa, IA (39) 15.550 10. 77X, Mike Benson, Calistoga, CA (18) 15.572 11. 20AU, Troy Little, Sydney, NSW (10) 15.621 12. 51, Dean Jacobs, Wooster, OH (30) 15.621 13. 28, Brian Paulus, Mechanicsburg, PA (2) 15.625 14. 14, Jason Meyers, Clovis, CA (17) 15.625 15. V10, John VanDenBerg, Oskaloosa, IA (55) 15.632 16. 8, Jeff Shepard, Upperco, MD (34) 15.642 17. 40, Clint Garner, Sioux Falls, SD (28) 15.645 18. 14M, Randy Martin, California, MO (24) 15.661 19. 0, Dennis Moore Jr., Grinnell, IA (25) 15.690 20. 9x, Rob Chaney, Wooster, OH (8) 15.697 21. 55, Kerry Madsen, Sydney, NSW (54) 15.699 22. 92, Travis Cram, Snohomish, WA (7) 15.764 23. 83M, Max Dumesny, Nelson, NSW (26) 15.786 24. 16, Erin Crocker, Wilbraham, MA (62) 15.769 25. 12J, John Lambertz, Sioux Falls, SD (53) 15.789 26. 8S, Tim St Arnold, Altoona, IA (13) 15.793 27. 5, Jac Haudenschild, Wooster, OH (35) 15.797 28. 2AU, Skip Jackson, Sydney, NSW (65) 15.813 29. 5T, Mark Toews, Spirit Lake, IA (31) 15.813 30. 10, Lynton Jeffrey, Sydney, NSW (36) 15.814 31. 11x, Garry Lee Maier, Cimarron, KS (27) 15.820 32. 18a, Stephen Allard, Chico, CA (32) 15.825 33. 12x, Blake Feese, Saybrook, IL (43) 15.827 34. 9, Rager Phillips, Pleasantville, IA (3) 15.834 35. 12h, Jarrod Hull, Sikeston, MO (20) 15.849 36. 18, Brian Carlson, Linden, IN (42) 15.853 37. 4k, Kelly Kinser, Bloomington, IN (29) 15.862 38. 2h, Tim Hunter, Millersburg, OH (51) 15.864 39. 17au, Marty Perovich, Sydney, NSW (19) 15.886 40. D1, Jesse Giannetto, Palo, IA (12) 15.898 41. 02x, Manny Rockhold, Pekin, IL (61) 15.907 42. 17H, Peter Attard, Sydney, NSW (23) 15.917 43. 1a, Larry Pinegar II, Des Moines, IA (52) 15.959 44. 21, Daryn Pittman, Owasso, OK (57) 15.987 45. 4J, Jon Agan, Knoxville, IA (40) 15.998 46. 4w, Matt Wasmund, Jackson, MN (49) 16.042 47. 40R, Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Olive Branch, MS (44) 16.065 48. 1m, Kim Mock, Pleasant Prairie, WI (46) 16.088 49. 77m, Wayne Modjeski, Oak Creek, WI (15) 16.123 50. 69, Mike Moore, Des Moines, IA (50) 16.207 51. 13, Seth Brahmmer, Wisner, NE (37) 16.218 52. 37, Cameron Dodson, Greenfield, IN (56) 16.241 53. 94B, Cody Branchcomb, Sapulpa, OK (64) 16.268 54. 50z, Zach Chappell, Talala, OK (45) 16.286 55. 72x, Curtis Boyer, New Haven, MO (38) 16.298 56. 7a, Johnny Anderson, Indianola, IA (47) 16.320 57. 11w, Rob Tvedte, Spirit Lake, IA (11) 16.421 58. 24V, Eric Vanderploeg, Altoona, IA (58) 16.516 59. 14s, Sean Walden, Bentonville, AR (41) 16.702 60. 59, Jim Moughan, Springfield, IL (59) 16.803 61. Ox, Andy McKisson, Strattanville, PA (21) 16.902 62. 44M, Mark Hurd, Watkins, CO (63) 17.034 63. 71x, Robert Bell, Colfax, IA (33) 18.609 64. 50, Tyler Houseman, Des Moines, IA (14) 18.985 65. 33M, Joe Butera, Wampum, PA (5) 19.644 66. 7x, Ricky Logan, Little Rock, AR, NT.

LAST CHANCE HEAT (started), 8 laps, 2:13.2: 1. Cameron Dodson (2) 2. Zach Chappell (4) 3. Curtis Boyer (5) 4. Eric Vanderploeg (8) 5. Rob Tvedte (7) 6. Cody Branchcomb (3) 7. Johnny Anderson (6) 8. Seth Brahmmer (1) / 9. Jim Moughan (10) 10. Andy McKisson (11) 11. Robert Bell (13) 12. Mark Hurd (12) 13. Joe Butera (14) 14. Sean Walden (9) DNS – Tyler Houseman, Ricky Logan.

FIRST HEAT (started), 10 laps, No Time: 1. Manny Rockhold (2) 2. Jeff Shepard (7) 3. Wayne Johnson (9) 4. Tim St. Arnold (5) / 5. Matt Wasmund (1) 6. Garry Lee Maier (4) 7. Kerry Madsen (6) 8. Brian Carlson (3) / 9. Troy Little (8) 10. Paul McMahan (10).

SECOND HEAT (started), 10 laps, 2:45.9: 1. Ricky Stenhouse Jr. (1) 2. Peter Attard (2) 3. Kenny Jacobs (9) 4. Kelly Kinser (3) / 5. Stephen Allard (4) 6. Travis Cram (6) 7. Dean Jacobs (8) 8. Mark Kinser (10) / 9. Clint Garner (7) 10. Jac Haudenschild (5).

THIRD HEAT (started), 10 laps, No Time: 1. Danny Lasoski (9) 2. Blake Feese (4) 3. Skip Jackson (5) 4.

Kraig Kinser (10) / 5. Max Dumesny (6) 6. Larry Pinegar II (2) 7. Kim Mock (1) 8. Brian Paulus (8) / 9. Tim Hunter (3) 10. Randy Martin (7).

FOURTH HEAT (started), 10 laps, No Time: 1. Daryn Pittman (2) 2. Jason Meyers (8) 3. Erin Crocker (6) 4. Jesse Hockett (10) / 5. Dennis Moore Jr. (7) 6. Rager Phillips (4) 7. Jeff Mitrisin (9) 8. Marty Perovich (3) / 9. Wayne Modjeski (1) 10. Mark Toews (5).

FIFTH HEAT (started), 10 laps, 2:44.4: 1. Jon Agan (2) 2. Jesse Giannetto (3) 3. Terry McCarl (10) 4. John VanDenBerg (8) / 5. Lynton Jeffrey (5) 6. Jerrod Hull (4) 7. Rob Chaney (7) 8. Mike Moore (1) / 9. John Lambertz (6) DNS – Mike Benson (9).

C MAIN (started), 10 laps, 2:47.5: 1. Clint Garner (2) 2. Jac Haudenschild (3) / 3. Zach Chappell (10) 4. Troy Little (1) 5. John Lambertz (4) 6. Cameron Dodson (5) 7. Eric Vanderploeg (12) 8. Curtis Boyer (7) 9. Mark Toews (6) 10. Cody Branchcomb (14) 11. Johnny Anderson (11) 12. Wayne Modjeski (8) 13. Seth Brahmmer (13) 14. Rob Tvedte (9).

B MAIN (started), 12 laps, No Time: 1. Mark Kinser (1) 2. Jeff Mitrisin (2) 3. Kerry Madsen (7) 4. Brian Paulus (4) / 5. Dennis Moore Jr. (5) 6. Dean Jacobs (3) 7. Rob Chaney (6) 8. Travis Cram (8) 9. Max Dumesny (9) 10. Lynton Jeffrey (10) 11. Jerrod Hull (14) 12. Stephen Allard (12) 13. Garry Lee Maier (11) 14. Marty Perovich (16) 15. Larry Pinegar II (15) 16. Rager Phillips (13) 17. Kim Mock (17) 18. Matt Wasmund (18) 19. Mike Moore (20) 20. Clint Garner (19) 21. Jac Haudenschild (21) DNS – 22. Brian Carlson.

A MAIN (started), 20 laps, 5:54.7: 1. Danny Lasoski (3) 2. Jason Meyers (2) 3. Terry McCarl (6) 4. Kenny Jacobs (4) 5. John VanDenBerg (1) 6. Jesse Hockett (7) 7. Jeff Shepard (9) 8. Blake Feese (13) 9. Kerry Madsen (23) 10. Mark Kinser (21) 11. Daryn Pittman (18) 12. Erin Crocker (10) 13. Brian Paulus (24) 14. Wayne Johnson (5) 15. Skip Jackson (12) 16. Jeff Mitrisin (22) 17. Jesse Giannetto (15) 18. Kelly Kinser (14) 19. Manny Rockhold (16) 20. Jon Agan (19) 21. Peter Attard (17) 22. Ricky Stenhouse Jr. (20) 23. Kraig Kinser (8) 24. Tim St. Arnold (11). **Lap Leaders:** Meyers 1-13, Lasoski 14-20.

Qualifying points (top 20) after first two nights: 20 Danny Lasoski 486, 24 Terry McCarl 482, 22J Kenny Jacobs 476, 75 Jesse Hockett 475, 88H Fred Rahmer 475, 15K Chad Kemenah 475, 14 Jason Meyers 469, 7 Craig Dollansky 465, 15 Donny Schatz 461, 83 Mark Kinser 459, 14AJ Wayne Johnson 458, 7S Jason Sides 455, V10 John Vandenberg 455, 8 Jeff Shepard 455, 12 Greg Hodnett 452, 1J Brent Antill 450, 83JR Tim Kaeding 450, 1W Chad Meyer 448, 1X Randy Hannagan 447, 11K Kraig Kinser 443.

8/13/04

Cram claims Friday feature at Knoxville

by Stacy Ervin

KNOXVILLE, Iowa -- Knoxville regular Travis Cram picked up a win in the non-qualifiers feature at the 2004 Knoxville Nationals on Friday, August 13, at the Knoxville Raceway. Cram, who is originally from Washington state, had been the Knoxville 410 points leader through mid-season this year, but has suffered a slump since early July.



Travis Cram won Friday nights feature at the Knoxville Nationals.

Other big winners on Friday night at the Nationals were Donny Schatz, who won the A Scramble, and Daryn Pittman, who won the Kele World Challenge. Scrambles are held for the top 10 drivers locked into Saturday program. The points accrued by those 10 drivers in each of three separate races determine who will start Saturday's A, B and C features in the top five rows.

The Kele World Challenge is a special race for international drivers who qualify at various events in America and Australia. The 20-lap race, which comes with much fanfare at the Nationals, pays \$10,000 to the winner.



Daryn Pittman won the Kele World Challenge

presented by Fleet Buying Group Friday night at Knoxville Raceway.

In the 20-lap non-qualifiers feature, Cram started on the outside pole and watched as polesitter Jeremy Campbell took off with the lead for the first two circuits around the hallowed half-mile.

The two raced side-by-side for those two laps before the yellow came out for a slowing Lynton Jeffrey. When the race restarted, Cram put a slide job on Campbell in turn four and took over the top spot.

From there, Cram held on to the lead as the race continued green. During the middle part of the race, Sammy Swindell took over the second spot from Campbell and began to chase down Cram. Swindell and Cram raced side-by-side for a while before Cram was able to use traffic and put distance between himself and the 1983 Knoxville Nationals champion.



Travis Cram in action Friday night at the Knoxville Nationals.

On the final circuit, Swindell began to close again, particularly when Cram nearly lost control and smacked the fence while negotiating heavy traffic. But Cram held off Swindell and took a popular win for the local fans.

Non-qualifiers heat races were won by Campbell, Cram, Jeffrey, Loren Langerud and Mark Smith. Eric VanderPloeg won the C-Main while Garry Lee Maier won the B-Main.

There was real drama following the 12-lap A Scramble, which was won by Schatz. Danny Lasoski, who is considered the odds-on favorite to win another Nationals title this year, came across the line in fifth place. However, Lasoski failed to go directly to the scales after the race and was disqualified. That put him 10th in the 10-car field when the final results were tabulated.

Skip Jackson won the B Scramble. Steve Kinser, who before the Nationals had been considered a favorite with Lasoski, won the C Scramble.

Only two drivers went for upside-down rides on Friday night. In the first heat race, Knoxville regulars Jeff Johnson and Larry Pinegar tangled at the start and the contact sent Johnson flipping in turn two. In nearly the same spot in the second heat race, John Lambertz jumped the inside berm and flipped.

RESULTS

FIRST HEAT (started), 8 laps, 2:06.1: 1. 10c, Jeremy Campbell, Monroe, MI (1) 2. 1, Sammy Swindell, Germantown, TN (5) 3. 17H, Peter Attard, Sydney, NSW, Australia (2) 4. 2K, Kevin Frey, Mechanicsburg, PA (3) / 5. 72x, Curtis Boyer, New Haven, MO (9) 6. 44, Chad Hill, Cowansville, PA (7) 7. 15s, Jerrel Slinkard, Melcher-Dallas, IA (11) 8. 6B, Bill Rose, Plainfield, IN (8) / 9. 18A, Stephen Allard, Chico, CA (4) 10. 1A, Larry Pinegar II, Des Moines, IA (6) 11. 11J, Jeff Johnson, Indianola, IA (10).

SECOND HEAT (started), 8 laps, No Time: 1. 92, Travis Cram, Snohomish, WA (1) 2. 40R, Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Olive Branch, MS (3) 3. 37, Cameron Dodson, Greenfield, IN (9) 4. 4J, Jon Agan, Knoxville, IA (2) / 5. 11x, Garry Lee Maier, Cimarron, KS (4) 6. 18, Brian Carlson, Linden, IN (11) 7. 1m, Kim Mock, Pleasant Prairie, WI (7) 8. 9, Rager Phillips, Knoxville, IA (5) / 9. 24v, Eric Vanderploeg, Altoona, IA (10) 10. 12J, John Lambertz, Sioux Falls, SD (6) 11. 91, John Sernett, Shakopee, MN (8).

THIRD HEAT (started), 8 laps, 2:08.2: 1. 10, Lynton Jeffrey, Sydney, NSW, Australia (3) 2. 83m, Max Dumesny, Nelson, NSW, Australia (1) 3. 2, Joey Saldana, Brownsburg, IN (8) 4. 60, Colin Northway, Marion, IA (6) / 5. 20AU, Troy Little, Sydney, NSW, AUST (4) 6. 29, Travis Rilat, Forney, TX (5) 7. 50z, Zach Chappell, Talala, OK (9) 8. 94, Cody Branchcomb, Sapulpa, OK (10) / 9. 69, Mike Moore, Des Moines, IA (7) 10. 35A, Danny Wood, Norman, OK (2).

FOURTH HEAT (started), 8 laps, No Time: 1. 56L, Loren Langerud, Harwood, ND (1) 2. 7TW, Brandon Wimmer, Fairmount, IN (4) 3. 56, Chris Walraven, Knoxville, IA (3) 4. 24J, Josh Higday, Des Moines, IA (7) / 5. 02, Mike Reinke, Howards Grove, WI (5) 6. 56x, Ralph Spithaler, Evans City, PA (2) 7. 6R, Roger Rager, Pequot Lakes, MN (8) 8. 98, Mike Lutz, Mercer, PA (10) / 9. 4w, Matt Wasmund, Jackson, MN (6) 10. 77m, Wayne Modjeski, Oak Creek, WI (9).

FIFTH HEAT (started), 8 laps, 2:11.1: 1. 1z, Mark Smith, Newville, PA (2) 2. 40, Clint Garner, Sioux Falls, SD (3) 3. 80K, Mike Kertscher, Fredonia, WI (1) 4. 71R, Ryan Anderson, Charter Oak, IA (8) / 5. 12H, Jerrod Hull, Sikeston, MO (4) 6. 17AU, Marty Perovich, Sydney, NSW, Australia (5) 7. 1s, Jaymie Moyle, Bridgewater, SA, Australia (6) 8. 15x, Bobby Mincer, Morning Sun, IA (10) / 9. 5T, Mark Toews, Spirit Lake, IA (7) 10. 47, Matt Moro, Des Moines, IA (9).

C MAIN (started), 6 laps, 1:39.8: 1. Eric Vanderploeg (2) 2. Matt Wasmund (4) 3. Mark Toews (3) / 4. Larry Pinegar II (6) 5. Mike Moore (1) 6. John Lambertz (5) 7. Wayne Modjeski (7) DNS – Stephen Allard, Danny Wood, Matt Moro, Jeff Johnson, John Sernett.

B MAIN (started), 12 laps, No Time: 1. Garry Lee Maier (2) 2. Troy Little (3) 3. Travis Rilat (6) 4. Mike Reinke (4) / 5. Curtis Boyer (1) 6. Zach Chappell (13) 7. Marty Perovich (8) 8. Brian Carlson (7) 9. Jaymie Moyle (15) 10. Mike Lutz (19) 11. Kim Mock (10) 12. Bill Rose (14) 13. Cody Branchcomb (16) 14. Bobby Mincer (18) 15. Mark Toews (22) 16. Eric Vanderploeg (21) 17. Matt Wasmund (20) 18. Jerrel Slinkard (11) 19. Rager Phillips (17) 20. Jerrod Hull (5) 21. Ralph Spithaler Jr. (9) 22. Roger Rager (12) DNS – Chad Hill.

A MAIN (started), 20 laps, No Time: 1. Travis Cram (2) 2. Sammy Swindell (6) 3. Jeremy Campbell (1) 4. Joey Saldana (13) 5. Mark Smith (5) 6. Max Dumesny (8) 7. Loren Langerud (4) 8. Brandon Wimmer (9) 9. Garry Lee Maier (21) 10. Clint Garner (10) 11. Cameron Dodson (12) 12. Travis Rilat (23) 13. Mike Kertscher (15) 14. Troy Little (22) 15. Mike Reinke (24) 16. Chris Walraven (14) 17. Jon Agan (17) 18. Josh Higday (19) 19. Ryan Anderson (20) 20. Ricky Stenhouse Jr. (7) 21. Peter Attard (11) 22. Kevin Frey (16) 23. Lynton

Jeffrey (3) 24. Colin Northway (18). **Lap Leaders:** Campbell 1-2, Cram 3-20.

KELE WORLD CHALLENGE (started), 12 laps, No Time: 1. 21, Daryn Pittman, Owasso, OK (10) 2. 66, Brooke Tatnell, San Souci, NSW, Australia (9) 3. 2, Joey Saldana, Brownsburg, IN (2) 4. 1J, Brent Antill, Ankeny, IA (14) 5. 1s, Jaymie Moyle, Bridgewater, SA, Australia (3) 6. 83m, Max Dumesny, Nelson, NSW, Australia (6) 7. 55, Kerry Madsen, Sydney, NSW, Australia (15) 8. 16, Erin Crocker, Wilbraham, MA (12) 9. 20AU, Troy Little, Sydney, NSW, Australia (4) 10. 10, Lynton, Jeffrey, Sydney, NSW, Australia (7) 11. 2K, Ricky Logan, Little Rock, AR (16) 12. 2AU, Skip Jackson, Sydney, NSW, Australia (10) 13. 20s, Stevie Walsh, Auckland, NI, New Zealand (1) 14. 22, Billy Alley, Lincoln, NE (13) 15. 17AU, Marty Perovich, Sydney, NSW, Australia (5) 16. 4m, Shane Stewart, Bixby, OK (11) DNS – 29, Travis Rilat, Forney, TX.

C SCRAMBLE (started), 12 laps, 3:25.5: 1. 11, Steve Kinser, Bloomington, IN (4) 2. 9x, Rob Chaney, Wooster, OH (1) 3. 4, Danny Smith, Danville, IN (2) 4. 66, Brooke Tatnell, San Souci, NSW, Australia (6) 5. D1, Jesse Giannetto, Palo, IA (7) 6. 21, Daryn Pittman, Owasso, OK (10) 7. 9T, Travis Whitney, Fridley, MN (8) 8. 4K, Kelly Kinser, Bloomington, IN (5) 9. 5w, Lucas Wolfe, Mechanicsburg, PA (9) 10. 02x, Manny Rockhold, Pekin, IL (3).

B SCRAMBLE (started), 12 laps, 3:29.6: 1. 2AU, Skip Jackson, Sydney, NSW, Australia (1) 2. 6, Tim Shaffer, Aliquippa, PA (4) 3. 55, Kerry Madsen, Sydney, NSW, Australia (8) 4. 28, Brian Paulus, Mechanicsburg, PA (9) 5. 22, Billy Alley, Lincoln, NE (2) 6. 70, Calvin Landis, Knoxville, IA (6) 7. 12x, Blake Feese, Saybrook, IL (3) 8. 17G, Jeff Mitrisin, Oskaloosa, IA (10) 9. 16, Erin Crocker, Wilbraham, MA (7) 10. 97, Aaron Berryhill, Broken Arrow, OK (5).

A SCRAMBLE (started), 12 laps, No Time: 1. 15, Donny Schatz, Fargo, ND (2) 2. 83, Mark Kinser, Oolitic, IN (1) 3. 14, Jason Meyers, Clovis, CA (4) 4. 15K, Chad Kemenah, Findlay, OH (5) 5. 22J, Kenny Jacobs, Holmesville, OH (8) 6. 7, Craig Dollansky, Elk River, MN (3) 7. 24, Terry McCarl, Altoona, IA (9) 8. 75, Jesse Hockett, Warsaw, MO (7) 9. 88H, Fred Rahmer, Salfordville, PA (6) DQ (scales) - 10. Danny Lasoski, Dover, MO (10).

8/14/04

Lasoski chalks up #4 at Knoxville

by Jeff Nun, WhoWon.com

KNOXVILLE, Iowa -- It was supposed to be Terry McCarl's party Saturday night at the 44th Annual Knoxville Nationals.

Somebody forgot to remind Danny Lasoski.

McCarl, the pole sitter and sentimental favorite to win this year's granddaddy of all sprint car races, held a comfortable lead over the field of 24 starters for the first half of the 30-lap main event. After a caution at the midway point, Lasoski slid underneath McCarl to take the lead and sped away to win his fourth Knoxville Nationals crown.



Danny Lasoski picked up his fourth Knoxville Nationals title Saturday night. (Racetracker Photos)

While "The Dude" maneuvered through traffic to drive away from the pack during the last half of the race, the no. 24 Big Game Tree Stands Eagle that carried McCarl to his sixth track championship this season lost its muscle as "T-Mac" faded to fifth by the end of the race.

For Lasoski, car owner Tony Stewart and his no. 20 J.D. Byrider team, it was their second straight Nationals title at the half-mile speedplant. For the Dover, Mo. veteran driver it was his 82nd overall career win at Knoxville -- the most by any driver.

Chad Kemenah of Findlay, Ohio finished second for his best showing at the event, while Jeff Sheppard of Upperco, Md. was third. Jason Meyers of Clovis, Calif. finished fourth.

While the 25,000-plus onlookers kept one eye on the lead duo's battle in the A Main, they also saw thrilling runs by Shane Stewart and 12-time Knoxville Nationals winner Steve Kinser. Kinser made his way into the A Main by winning the C Main, then powering through the B Main field to finish third. By the end of the A Main, Kinser had earned himself an eighth-place paycheck.

Stewart followed Kinser in the B Main, taking the fourth and final transfer spot with a last-lap pass of Brian Brown. By the time flagman Doug Clark's checkered flags waved over the A Main, Stewart had earned himself the Hard Charger award by coming from the 24th starting spot to finish seventh.

Brian Paulus captured the night's B Main. Kim Mock won the E Main while Cameron Dodson won the D Main.

Jason Solwold of Mt. Vernon, Wash. finished 14th in the B Main and earned the Knoxville Nationals Rookie of the Year honors.

RESULTS

E MAIN (started), 10 laps, No Time: 1. 1m, Kim Mock, Pleasant Prairie, WI (1) 2. 6B, Bill Rose, Plainfield, MN (2) 3. 94, Cody Branchcomb, Sapulpa, OK (3) 4. 47, Matt Moro, Des Moines, IA (17) 5. 15x, Bobby Mincer, Morning Sun, IA (4) / 6. 12H, Jerrod Hull, Sikeston, MO (8) 7. 69, Mike Moore, Des Moines, IA (13) 8. 12J, John Lambertz, Sioux Falls, SD (8) 9. 77m, Wayne Modjeski, Oak Creek, WI (15) 10. 15s, Jerrel Slinkard, Melcher-Dallas, IA (8) 11. 91, John Sernett, Shakopee, MN (16) 12. 5T, Mark Toews, Spirit Lake, IA

(5) 13. 4w, Matt Wasmund, Jackson, MN (7) 14. 6R, Roger Rager, Pequot Lakes, MN (11) 15. 44, Chad Hill, Cowansville, PA (14) 16. 11J, Jeff Johnson, Indianola, IA (12) 17. 9, Rager Phillips, Knoxville, IA (9) DNS – 24v, Eric Vanderploeg, Altoona, IA, 1A, Larry Pinegar II, Des Moines, IA, 35A, Danny Wood, Norman, OK.

D MAIN (started), 12 laps, No Time: 1. 37, Cameron Dodson, Greenfield, IN (1) 2. 20AU, Troy Little, Sydney, NSW, AUST (4) 3. 56, Chris Walraven, Knoxville, IA (6) / 4. 02, Mike Reinke, Howards Grove, WI (5) 5. 80K, Mike Kertscher, Fredonia, WI (3) 6. 10, Lynton Jeffrey, Sydney, NSW, AUST (11) 7. 40R, Ricky Stenhouse, Jr., Olive Branch, MS (10) 8. 1s, Jaymie Moyle, Bridgewater, SA, AUST (15) 9. 98, Mike Lutz, Mercer, PA (18) 10. 4J, Jon Agan, Knoxville, IA (7) 11. 18, Brian Carlson, Linden, IN (16) 12. Bill Rose (20) 13. Bobby Mincer (21) 14. 71R, Ryan Anderson, Charter Oak, IA (9) 15. Cody Branchcomb (19) 16. 29, Travis Rilat, Forney, TX (2) 17. 24J, Josh Higday, Des Moines, IA (8) 18. 50z, Zach Chappell, Talala, OK (14) 19. Matt Moro (22) 20. 2K, Kevin Frey, Mechanicsburg, PA (12) 21. 72x, Curtis Boyer, New Haven, MO (13) 22. Kim Mock (17) DNS – 17H, Peter Attard, Sydney, NSW, AUST., 60, Colin Northway, Marion, IA, 17AU, Marty Perovich, Sydney, NSW, AUST.

C MAIN (started), 15 laps, No Time: 1. 11, Steve Kinser, Bloomington, IN (2) 2. 66, Brooke Tatnell, San Souci, NSW, AUST (3) / 3. 21, Daryn Pittman, Owasso, OK (1) 4. 5w, Lucas Wolfe, Mechanicsburg, PA (8) 5. 92, Travis Cram, Snohomish, WA (11) 6. 4K, Kelly Kinser, Bloomington, IN (9) 7. 4, Danny Smith, Danville, IN (6) 8. 10c, Jeremy Campbell, Monroe, MI (13) 9. 02x, Manny Rockhold, Pekin, IL (10) 10. 1z, Mark Smith, Newville, PA (15) 11. 7TW, Brandon, Wimmer, Fairmount, IN (16) 12. 40, Clint Garner, Sioux Falls, SD (18) 13. 9x, Rob Chaney, Wooster, OH (5) 14. Troy Little (20) 15. 56L, Loren Langerud, Harwood, ND (17) 16. Cameron Dodson (21) 17. 1, Sammy Swindell, Germantown, TN (12) 18. 11x, Garry Lee Maier, Cimarron, KS (19) 19. D1, Jesse Giannetto, Palo, IA (4) 20. 9T, Travis Whitney, Fridley, MN (7) 21. Chris Walraven (22) 22. 2, Joey Saldana, Brownsburg, IN (14) DNS – 83m, Max Dumesny, Nelson, NSW, AUST.

B MAIN (started), 22 laps, No Time: 1. 28, Brian Paulus, Mechanicsburg, PA (1) 2. 6, Tim Shaffer, Aliquippa, PA (4) 3. Steve Kinser (21) 4. 4m, Shane Stewart, Bixby, OK (16) / 5. 21B, Brian Brown, Higginsville, MO (13) 6. 12x, Blake Feese, Saybrook, IL (8) 7. 2AU, Skip Jackson, Sydney, NSW, AUST (6) 8. 17G, Jeff Mitrisin, Oskaloosa, IA (3) 9. 16, Erin Crocker, Wilbraham, MA (7) 10. 70, Calvin Landis, Knoxville, IA (5) 11. 51, Dean Jacobs, Wooster, OH (15) 12. Brooke Tatnell (22) 13. 77, Lance Dewease, Fayetteville, PA (14) 14. R19, Jason Solwold, Mount Vernon, WA (18) 15. 55, Kerry Madsen, Sydney, NSW, AUST (2) 16. 2L, Ed Lynch, Jr., Apollo, PA (11) 17. 72, Dale Blaney, Fowler, OH (12) 18. 8s, Tim St. Arnold, Mitchellville, IA (19) 19. 11c, Roger Crockett, Eugene, OR (17) 20. 97, Aaron Berryhill, Broken Arrow, OK (10) 21. 0, Dennis Moore, Jr., Grinnell, IA (20) 22. 22, Billy Alley, Lincoln, NE (9).

NATIONALS CHAMPIONSHIP A MAIN (started), 30 laps, No Time: 1. 20, Danny Lasoski, Dover, MO (4) 2. 15K, Chad Kemenah, Findlay, OH (3) 3. 8, Jeff Shepard, Upperco, MD (14) 4. 14, Jason Meyers, Clovis, CA (5) 5. 24, Terry McCarl, Altoona, IA (1) 6. 7, Craig Dollansky, Elk River, MN (10) 7. Shane Stewart (24) 8. Steve Kinser (23) 9. 83, Mark Kinser, Oolitic, IN (9) 10. v10, John VanDenBerg, Oskaloosa, IA (13) 11. 88H, Fred Rahmer, Salfordville, PA (8) 12. 15, Donny Schatz, Fargo, ND (6) 13. 14AJ, Wayne Johnson, Mustang, OK (11) 14. 22J, Kenny Jacobs, Holmesville, OH (2) 15. Tim Shaffer (22) 16. Brian Paulus (21) 17. 75, Jesse Hockett, Warsaw, MO (7) 18. 83JR, Tim Kaeding, San Jose, CA (17) 19. 1J, Brent Antill, Ankeny, IA (16) 20. 7s, Jason Sides, Ellendale, TN (12) 21. 11K, Kraig Kinser, Bloomington, IN (20) 22. 1w, Chad Meyer, Canton, SD (18) 23. 12, Greg Hodnett, Memphis, TN (15) 24. 1x, Randy Hannagan, San Jose, CA (19). **Lap Leaders:** McCarl 1-15, Lasoski 16-20.

8/28/04

Antill, Hesmer take Knoxville season-ending Sprint features

by Bob Wilson

KNOXVILLE, Iowa -- Brent Antill and David Hesmer each captured feature events Saturday night as Knoxville Raceway completed its 51st season of weekly racing. Terry McCarl and Jake Peters were unofficially declared track champions in 410 and 360 sprints respectively.

Antill led all twenty-five laps of the 410 season finale but it was a hard fought victory for the driver of the Jordan Brothers Maxim.

Starting on the pole of the 24-car field, Antill was able to fend off Brian Brown in turns one and two when the race went green. Lap three saw the race go red as Ryan Anderson lost control of his sprinter at the scoreboard when something broke in the steering. He was unable to restart. The red flag had also been displayed on the aborted initial start when Jason Johnson and Wayne Johnson wrecked in separate incidents in turn two of the big Knoxville half mile. Somehow Randy Martin sustained damage and he too did not take the green again.

On the restart, Matt Moro made a pass of Brown in turns three and four to take the runner-up spot. 2004 rookies Jesse Hockett and Billy Alley rounded out the top five runners at this point. With the green flag waving and the track clear, Moro stayed with Antill and trailed by no more than five car lengths. As the race headed to the completion of four miles, Moro nearly looped his car on the low side of turn four. Moro saved his spot but fell behind by 20 car lengths. That margin prevailed until lap twelve when the yellow flag came out for Travis Cram, who had stopped on the track because his nose wing had flipped up. It was also at this point that Hockett, running fifth, came to the pits with a broken header.

With this short break in the action, it must be noted that Blake Feese, who started 22nd, was now running sixth, a phenomenal drive at this near half-way point.

When the race resumed, Antill once again took charge of the front with Moro just behind and ready to make a move should Antill falter. Alley was third and at lap fourteen Feese was in fourth. With the front runners riding the cushion on a very fast track due to several days of rain, Moro could not make up the distance between himself and Antill. With just five laps to go, Antill's margin had grown to 10 car lengths.

With the race drawing to a conclusion and the leaders in lap traffic, Moro was able to make up some of the distance but he fell five car-lengths short at the checkers. Antill collected \$4,000 for his eighth career win here and Moro received \$3,000 for his efforts. Feese was third and pocketed \$2,000. Alley and Calvin Landis completed the top five. Brown, Mike Reinke, Clint Garner, Brooke Tatnell and Terry McCarl formed the top ten finishers.

McCarl, who had to transfer to the championship feature by winning the B Main, was unofficially declared track champion, thus taking an unprecedented 6th straight title.

Hesmer's win in the 360 sprint column marked his 65th at this central-Iowa racing facility. Although he started on the pole of the 20-lap feature event, fellow front row starter and Knoxville rookie Dusty Zomer gave him all he wanted during the event. With the race showing two yellow flag periods and on red flag stoppage, Zomer was always there to give Hesmer a challenge.

The other story to this race involved the points race for the championship between John Kearney and Jake Peters. Coming into the evening's racing Kearney had only a one point advantage over Peters. The two drivers started near the tail of the 24-car field. As the race proceeded, Kearney made a pass of Peters and that in itself was enough to take the championship if it remained that way. But things are never that simple as Kearney

dropped from the event on the fifteenth lap with drive line problems. With Kearney's exit, the 360 track title for 2004 is unofficially in Peters' hands.

As the 360 feature event headed to a conclusion, fate again entered the picture in the form of a caution flag with two laps to go, thus giving Zomer one final chance to overtake Hesmer. It was not to be on this night, however, as Hesmer took the win by about ten car lengths, marking his sixth of the season here. He received \$1,500 at the pay window. \$1,250 went to second running Zomer and John Schulz took \$1,000 for third. Frankie Heimbaugh and Josh Higday completed the top five. Rounding out the top ten were Ryan Jamison, Eric VanderPloeg, Peters, Joe Beaver from dead last and Bronson Maeschen.

At intermission during the evening, the drivers went through the grandstand, the grandstand suites and the National Sprint Car Hall of Fame to take a collection for injured Missouri driver Curtis Boyer. Boyer sustained life-threatening injuries two weeks ago at this track during the annual Knoxville Nationals. No donation count was available at this writing. It must be reported that David Hesmer, who won more than \$400 in the nightly 50-50 drawing, donated that sum to the Boyer recovery fund. For those wishing to donate to the Curtis Boyer recovery fund, please go to the Knoxville Raceway web site (KNOXRACE@Knoxvillraceway.com) for instructions on how to share some of your life's good fortune with the Boyer family. Several friends of Curtis Boyer spoke to the grandstand gathering during the evening as they reported that his recovery has been slow but that in recent days he has made positive progress.

RESULTS

410 SPRINTS

TIME TRIALS (Qualifying Order): 1. 24, Terry McCarl, Altoona, IA (7) 15.178; 2. 75, Jesse Hockett, Warsaw, MO (13) 15.190; 3. v10, John VanDenBerg, Oskaloosa, IA (18) 15.249; 4. 14AJ, Wayne Johnson, Mustang, OK (11) 15.296; 5. 47, Matt Moro, Des Moines, IA (29) 15.376; 6. 12x, Blake Feese, Saybrook, IL (9) 15.431; 7. 22, Billy Alley, Lincoln, NE (27) 15.454; 8. R19, Brian Brown, Higginsville, MO (10) 15.485; 9. 1, Brent Antill, Ankeny, IA (15) 15.494; 10. 40, Clint Garner, Sioux Falls, SD (3) 15.513; 11. 71R, Ryan Anderson, Charter Oak, IA, 15.531; 12. 10, Lynton Jeffrey, Sydney, NSW, AUST, 15.572; 13. 02, Mike Reinke, Howards Grove, WI, 15.603; 14. 55, Kerry Madsen, Sydney, NSW, AUST; 15. 1s, Jaymie Moyle, Bridgewater, SA, AUST, 15.634; 16. 8s, Tim St. Arnold, Mitchellville, IA, 15.643; 17. 70, Calvin Landis, Knoxville, IA, 15.668; 18. 14, Randy Martin, California, MO, 15.711; 19. 92, Travis Cram, Snohomish, WA, 15.716; 20. 50D, Jason Johnson, Eunice, LA, 15.742; 21. 66, Brooke Tatnell, San Souci, NSW, AUST, 15.744; 22. 2, Skip Jackson, Sydney, NSW, AUST, 15.758; 23. 17G, Jeff Mitrisin, Oskaloosa, IA, 15.793; 24. 7x, Ricky Logan, Little Rock, AR, 15.797; 25. 56, Chris Walraven, Knoxville, IA, 15.798; 26. 1w, Chad Meyer, Sioux Falls, SD, 15.903; 27. 11J, Jeff Johnson, Indianola, IA, 16.019; 28. 35, Greg Jones, Earlham, IA, 16.082; 29. 69, Mike Moore, Des Moines, IA, 16.135; 30. D1, Jesse Giannetto, Palo, IA, 16.252; 31. 44m, Mark Hurd, Watkins, CO, 16.279; 32. 71, Robert Bell, Colfax, IA, 16.917; 33. 50, Tyler Houseman, Des Moines, IA, 18.381; 34. 15s, Jerrel Slinkard, Melcher-Dallas, IA, NT.

FIRST HEAT (started), 8 laps, 2:09.0: 1. Brooke Tatnell (1) 2. Calvin Landis (2) 3. Matt Moro (5) 4. Mike Reinke (3) 5. Brent Antill (4) / 6. Terry McCarl (6) 7. Mike Moore (8) 8. Chris Walraven (7) 9. Tyler Houseman (9).

SECOND HEAT (started), 8 laps, No Time: 1. Skip Jackson (1) 2. Randy Martin (2) 3. Jesse Hockett (6) 4. Kerry Madsen (3) 5. Clint Garner (4) / 6. Chad Meyer (7) 7. Blake Feese (5) DNS – Jesse Giannetto, Jerrel Slinkard.

THIRD HEAT (started), 8 laps, 2:08.6: 1. Travis Cram (2) 2. Ryan Anderson (4) 3. Jaymie Moyle (3) 4. Billy Alley (5) 5. Jeff Mitrisin (1) / 6. Jeff Johnson (7) 7. Mark Hurd (6) DNS – John VanDenBerg.

FOURTH HEAT (started), 8 laps, 2:09.1: 1. Jason Johnson (1) 2. Tim St. Arnold (3) 3. Ricky Logan (1) 4. Brian Brown (5) 5. Wayne Johnson (6) / 6. Lynton Jeffrey (4) 7. Greg Jones (7) 8. Robert Bell (8).

B MAIN (started), 12 laps, No Time: 1. Terry McCarl (1) 2. Blake Feese (2) 3. Lynton Jeffrey (3) 4. Chad Meyer (5) 5. Chris Walraven (4) / 6. Jeff Johnson (6) 7. Mike Moore (8) 8. Jesse Giannetto (12) 9. Greg Jones (7) 10. Robert Bell (10) 11. Mark Hurd (9) 12. Tyler Houseman (11) DNS – John VanDenBerg, Jerrel Slinkard.

A MAIN (started), 25 laps, No Time: 1. Brent Antill (1) 2. Matt Moro (4) 3. Blake Feese (22) 4. Billy Alley (3) 5. Calvin Landis (13) 6. Brian Brown (2) 7. Mike Reinke (9) 8. Clint Garner (7) 9. Brooke Tatnell (15) 10. Terry McCarl (19) 11. Lynton Jeffrey (21) 12. Chad Meyer (24) 13. Tim St. Arnold (12) 14. Skip Jackson (18) 15. Jaymie Moyle (11) 16. Kerry Madsen (10) 17. Travis Cram (15) 18. Jesse Hockett (6) 19. Ricky Logan (20) 20. Ryan Anderson (8) 21. Chris Walraven (23) 22. Randy Martin (14) 23. Wayne Johnson (5) 24. Jason Johnson (16) DNS – Jeff Mitrising. **Lap Leader:** Antill 1-25

ADVANCE AUTO PARTS 360 SPRINTS

FIRST HEAT (started, *qualified for feature), 7 laps, No Time: 1. 51J, Ryan Jamison, Mediapolis, IA (2*) 2. 1z, Dusty Zomer, Sioux Falls, SD (4*) 3. 5, Mike Houseman, Des Moines, IA (1*) 4. 23, Eric Jobe, Kansas City, MO (3*) 5. B29, Eric Mason, Knoxville, IA (8*) 6. 56, D.J. Heskin, St. Michael, MN (7) 7. 77J, Jarod Smith, Altoona, IA (11) 8. 5x, Rod Richards, Des Moines, IA (5) 9. 11L, Jeremy Lowe, Medford, OR (10) 10. 53, Joe Beaver, Knoxville, IA (9) DNS – 9, Rager Phillips, Pleasantville, IA (6).

SECOND HEAT (started, *qualified for feature), 7 laps, 1:58.0: 1. 10, Josh Higday, Des Moines, IA (2*) 2. 1, David Hesmer, Marshalltown, IA (4*) 3. 126, Stacey Alexander, Lacona, IA (1*) 4. 91, Curtis Thorson, Newton, IA (5*) 5. 57x, Jake Peters, Sioux Falls, SD (7*) 6. 83, John Kearney, Valley Falls, KS (9*) 7. 5R, Ryan York, Racine, MN (6) 8. 5B, Rick Ideus, Lincoln, NE (8) 9. 22, Rob Edwards, Dubuque, IA (3) 10. 69, Rodney Turner, Audubon, IA (10) 11. 3, Nate VanHaaften, Otley, IA (11).

THIRD HEAT (started, *qualified for feature), 7 laps, 2:00.2: 1. 04, Frankie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (2*) 2. 86, Doug Wilson, Blackwater, MO (1*) 3. 96, Bronson Maeschen, Pleasantville, IA (7*) 4. 20, Stevie Walsh, Auckland, NI, New Zealand (8*) 5. 11m, Troy Meyer, Sioux Falls, SD (9*) 6. 7a, Johnny Anderson, Indianola, IA (5) 7. 22N, Nate Mosher, Prairie City, IA (4) 8. Y5, Mike Houseman Jr., Des Moines, IA (3) 9. F4, Eddie Leavitt Jr., Knoxville, IA (10) 10. 12x, Jerry Crabb, Des Moines, IA (6).

FOURTH HEAT (started, *qualified for feature), 7 laps, No Time: 1. 24, Eric Vanderploeg, Altoona, IA (1*) 2. 51, Dave Hall, Des Moines, IA (4*) 3. 2s, John Schulz, West Burlington, IA (8*) 4. 5J, Larry Ball Jr., Knoxville, IA (5*) 5. 54, Brett Mather, Ames, IA (6) 6. 5G, Brett Golik, Newton, IA (9) 7. 14c, Mike Trent, Columbia, MO (7) 8. 49, Josh Schneiderman, West Burlington, IA (10) 9. 7H, John Hall, Marion, IA (3) 10. 77, Mitch Alexander, Knoxville, IA (2).

B MAIN (started), 10 laps, 2:52.7: 1. Brett Mather (1) 2. Brett Golik (2) 3. Mike Trent (8) 4. Ryan York (6) 5. Joe Beaver (17) / 6. Jarod Smith (4) 7. Johnny Anderson (5) 8. D.J. Heskin (3) 9. Josh Schneiderman (9) 10. Rick Ideus (11) 11. Mike Houseman Jr. (12) 12. Mitch Alexander (18) 13. Eddie Leavitt Jr. (13) 14. Nate Mosher (7) 15. Rob Edwards (15) 16. Jeremy Lowe (14) 17. Nate Van Haaften (19) 18. Rod Richards (10) 19. Rodney Turner (16) DNS – John Hall, Jerry Crabb, Rager Phillips.

A MAIN (started), 20 laps, No Time: 1. David Hesmer (1) 2. Dusty Zomer (2) 3. John Schulz (3) 4. Frankie Heimbaugh (4) 5. Josh Higday (5) 6. Ryan Jamison (6) 7. Eric Vanderploeg (8) 8. Jake Peters (18) 9. Joe Beaver (23) 10. Bronson Maeschen (7) 11. Larry Ball Jr. (16) 12. Mike Trent (21) 13. Mike Houseman (12) 14. David Hall (9) 15. Doug Wilson (10) 16. Curtis Thorson (15) 17. Stevie Walsh (11) 18. Eric Jobe (17) 19. Bret

Mather (19) 20. John Kearney (20) 21. Brett Golik (22) 22. Troy Meyer (14) 23. Ryan York (24) 24. Stacey Alexander (13) DNS – Eric Mason. **Lap Leader:** Hesmer 1-20

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9/18/04

Murty motors to Stocksville Nationals triumph

by Bob Wilson

KNOXVILLE, Iowa -- Damon Marty of Chelsea, Iowa captured the 2nd annual Stocksville Nationals Champion for IMCA stock cars at Knoxville Raceway Saturday night. A field of 52 cars was on hand to contest the second annual event.

Clayton Deppe jumped from his front row starting position when the race went green to take the lead going into the first turn. Right away he nearly spun into the infield in turn two and lost nearly fifteen positions. He soon went to the pit area with a flat tire. That gave the lead and the first lap to Mike McClure. McClure would lead only that lap as Marty took lap two by the nose cover of his car.

From then on it was all Marty as he continued to lead the 25-lap championship through six yellow slow-down periods to the end and the \$1,250 pay day.

In the early portion of the race Marty used the low portion of the big Knoxville half mile to lead the pack of 28 starters. As the race continued he and most of the field moved up to the cushion which on this night was just above midway to the tall turn fences. He was followed in the race but never seriously challenged.

The sixth lap restart saw Jay Schmidt take over the runner-up spot from McClure as Rick Brown was running fourth. Two laps later McClure spun and was sent to the rear. On the ensuing restart, Schmidt tried to put the nose of his car under Marty but it was to no avail on this night.

When another yellow was thrown on lap sixteen, the cars again formed for a single file restart. This time it was Brown's turn to make a move as he was able to place his car under that of Schmidt. For two laps the two cars ran nearly evenly until Brown claimed the position for good on lap eighteen.

As the laps wound down Brown seemed to be catching Marty, especially in the turns. And when the final yellow flag was thrown on the white flag lap, it looked as if Brown might have received the break he needed.

The final restart saw Marty hold his lead and hold off Brown as well, as he sailed across the finish line to take the double checkered flags. Brown settled for the runner-up spot and McClure was third. Cliff Gray took fourth and seventeenth starter, Jarod Weepie finished fifth.

In the companion National Dirt Truck Racing Association series event, Mike Stark of West Des Moines captured the 15-lap feature event. Carl Moyer, who had the lead at the outset from his third row starting nod, nearly spun in turn two of the fourth lap and lost the top spot to Stark. Stark then led the rest of the way to take the win.

Lou Sipolt made a pass of Moyer on the eleventh go around to grab the runner-up spot. Just as the race was

drawing to a finish a red flag was thrown and the scattered field came to a halt. When trucks again took the green on the restart, Ben Nading passed the Moyer truck to place him in fourth. Moyer, who looked strong in his qualifying heat and at the start of the feature, was obviously down on power.

With this final restart in the books, Stark led Sipolt, Nading and Moyer to the checkered flags. Rick Clark rounded out the top five finishers. 16 NDTR trucks entered the evening's racing events.

RESULTS

IMCA Stock Cars

FIRST HEAT, 6 laps, 2:41.2: 1. Steve Jackson; 2. Cliff Gray; 3. Dale Woodard.

SECOND HEAT, 6 laps, 2:40.8: 1. Richard Quail; 2. Matt Pinegar; 3. Tyler McClure.

THIRD HEAT, 6 laps, 2:35.1: 1. John Hunnell; 2. Mike McClure; 3. Donnie Bown.

FOURTH HEAT, 6 laps, 2:31.5: 1. Jay Schmidt; 2. Kevin Booy; 3. Tracy Gienger.

FIFTH HEAT, 6 laps, 2:32.2: 1. Rick Brown; 2. Damon Murty; 3. Jarod Weepie.

SIXTH HEAT, 6 laps, 2:35.2: 1. Tony Bass; 2. Clayton Deppe; 3. Rob Schneider.

FIRST B MAIN, 12 laps, No Time: 1. Larry Silbauch; 2. Josh Daniels; 3. Rod Olson; 4. Jason Mallicoat; 5. Luke Veren; 6. Don Vis; 7. Matt Schwandt; 8. Paul Zimmerman; 9. Scott Halverson; 10. Aaron Wendel.

SECOND B MAIN, 12 laps, No Time: 1. Jason Schlanoen; 2. Tim French; 3. Danny Hill; 4. Mike Todd; 5. Greg Shephard; 6. John Watson; 7. Steve Campbell; 8. Jason Murray; 9. Jarron Wiechert; 10. Don Kanselaar.

CHAMPIONSHIP A MAIN, 25 laps, No Time: 1. Damon Marty; 2. Rick Brown; 3. Jay Schmidt; 4. Cliff Gray; 5. Jarod Weepie; 6. Dale Woodard; 7. Tracy Gienger; 8. Tim French; 9. Mike Todd; 10. Josh Daniels; 11. Greg Shephard; 12. Rod Olson; 13. Matt Pinegar; 14. Jason Schlangen; 15. Tyler McClure; 16. Tony Bass; 17. Richard Quail; 18. Kevin Booy; 19. Mike McClure; 20. Donnie Bown; 21. Larry Sulbanch; 22. John Hunnell; 23. Luke Veren; 24. Steve Jackson; 25. Rob Schneider; 26. Danny Hill; 27. Jason Mallicoat; 28. Clayton Deppe.
Lap Leaders: Mike McClure 1; Marty 2-25.

National Dirt Truck Racing Association Series

FIRST HEAT, 6 laps, No Time: 1. Carl Moyer; 2. Lou Sipolt; Bret Moyer.

SECOND HEAT, 6 laps, No Time: 1.. Mike Stark; 2. Rick Clark; 3. Matt McBride.

A MAIN, 20 laps, No Time: 1. Mike Stark; 2. Lou Sipolt; 3. Ben Nading; 4. Carl Moyer; 5. Rick Clark; 6. Al Thayer; 7. Jeff Luke; 8. Matt McBride; 9. Bret Moyer; 10. Bill Hull; 11. Matt Saffell; 12. Jim Philipsen; 13. Josh Hull. **Lap Leaders :** C. Moyer 1-3; Stark 4-20.

9/25/04

Hughes repeats in Mods while Donlan is Hobby Stock victor in Knoxville's Fall Jamboree

by Bob Wilson

KNOXVILLE, Iowa -- Mike Hughes of Rose Hill repeated as the champion in the Modifieds and Kevin Donlan of Mabel, Minnesota was victorious in Hobby Stocks during Knoxville Raceway's Fall Jamboree Round III Saturday night at the Marion County Fairgrounds. The event was a companion series to one staged at the Iowa State Fairgrounds Speedway just 24-hours earlier featuring modifieds and hobby stocks.

Hughes, who started in the fifth row, was not a factor in the race until late. Yellow flags enabled him to catch the leaders in the late stages to make his run for the \$1,000 checkered flag.

In the 25-lap Modified feature, Mark Elliott grabbed the lead from the front row of the 24-car field. Right behind him was Todd Shute and Joe McBirnie. All three drivers placed their cars on the cushion as the fast way around the big Knoxville half mile. With Elliott leading, Shute and McBirnie fought it out for the runner-up spot. It wasn't until the tail end of the eighth circuit that McBirnie bested Shute after the latter jumped the cushion in turns three and four. By then, Elliott had soared to an entire front stretch lead.

Elliott entered lap traffic on the 12th circuit with McBirnie and Shute trailing. A wild fight for third had broken out between Melvin Densberger, Hughes and Brad Pinkerton as that trio was at times three wide in the turns. Just as quickly as that battle started, it came to a halt as the yellow flag was displayed for a stalled car in turn two.

Through two restarts Elliott held the lead and when the race finally stayed green with ten laps to go, he found himself with new company on his bumper. Pinkerton and Hughes trailed the Elliott modified closely. Pinkerton tried to make a gain by racing on the bottom in turns three and four. However, the fast way around on this evening was at the top and Pinkerton soon moved up high when his strategy did not work and he had lost second to Hughes.

With the laps winding down, the fans could see that the top three cars were the ones to watch as the winner would be coming from that group. Lap 22 saw that trio run past the flagstand nose to tail and into turn one. Again at the end of the 24th circuit it was Elliott, Hughes and Pinkerton with little or no room between the bumpers.

So why didn't Elliott win?

As the same three cars shot down the back chute and into turn three, Hughes drove his modified hard and low into the turn and surprised everyone by taking the lead as he drifted cleanly up to the cushion heading into the final turn. With the hammers down, all three cars roared down the front chute with Hughes leading and taking the win. Two car lengths back was Elliott with Pinkerton gaining a solid third. Another Elliott, Dennis was fourth and Tony Hofbauer, who started sixteenth, was fifth.

In the 20-lap Hobby Stock main, Kevin Donlan led the final four circuits to gain a hard fought win over Greg Johnson, Adam Speicher and Kevin Leiran. Leiran looked to be the winner but a poor restart on the seventeenth lap enable Donlan to take the lead which he held to the checkers. Leiran made a final move to take back the lead as he dove low in turns one and two but the strategy backfired as he fell to fourth.

Sixty-two hobby stocks and forty-two modifieds participated on the evening.

RESULTS

Modifieds

First Heat, 8 laps, 3:09.6: 1. Jon Orwig, Ottumwa; 2. Jason Stringer, Marshalltown; 3. Dennis Elliott, Mount Ayr; 4. Denny Banks, Washington; 5. Son Densberger, Malcolm, NE.

Second Heat, 8 laps, 3:06.2: 1. Josh Truman, Indianola; 2. Joe McBirnie, Boone; 3. Brad Pinkerton, New Sharon; 4. Travis Olson, Bondurant; 5. John Davis, Altoona.

Third Heat, 8 laps, 3:04.5: 1. Todd Shute, Des Moines; 2. Shane Paris, Muscatine; 3. Melvin Densberger, Malcolm, NE; 4. Casey Lancaster, Glenwood, MO; 5. Danny Lorton, Moberly, MO.

Fourth Heat, 8 laps, 3:06.4: 1. Mike Hughes, Rose Hill; 2. Rod Scheurermann, Scranton; 3. Mark Elliott, Webster City; 4. Tony Hofbauer, Ames; 5. Cale Sponsler.

B Main, 10 laps, No Time: 1. Ken Bryant, Ottumwa; 2. Kendall Sather, Ankeny; 3. Dave Doughty, Fort Dodge; 4. David Brown, Kellogg; 5. Dave Farren Jr., Des Moines; 6. Brad Moriarty, Des Moines; 7. Derlin Johnson, Trenton, MO; 8. Jack Larson, Afton; 9. Jason Collins, Marshalltown; 10. Tom Lathrop, Ottumwa.

A Main, 25 laps, No Time: 1. Mike Hughes; 2. Mark Elliott; 3. Brad Pinkerton; 4. Dennis Elliott; 5. Tony Hofbauer; 6. Melvin Densberger; 7. John Davis; 8. Kendall Sather; 9. Denny Banks; 10. Jon Orwig; 11. Casey Lancaster; 12. Rod Scheueman; 13. David Brown; 14. Danny Lorton; 15. Joe McBirnie; 16. Cale Sponsler; 17. Jason Stringer; 18. Don Densberger; 19. Josh Truman; 20. Eric Dailey; 21. Dave Doughty; 22. Todd Shute; 23. Ken Bryant; 24. Shane Paris.
Lap Leaders: Elliott 1-24; Hughes 25.

Hobby Stocks

First Heat, 6 laps, 2:37.6: 1. Shay Curtin, Waukon; 2. Tim Breuer, Burlington; 3. Brandon Wear, Camp Point, IL; 4. Dennis Greenfield, Ottumwa.

Second Heat, 6 laps, No Time: 1. Kevin Leiran, Wakaun; 2. John Oliver Jr., Danville; 3. Adam Speicher; Fredericksburg; 4. Mitch Hauden, Decorah.

Third Heat, 6 laps, 2:32.9: 1. Mark Steinke, Gibson; 2. Bobby Greene, Eddyville; 3. Greg Johnson, Burlington; 4. Jim Nelson, Des Moines.

Fourth Heat, 6 laps, No Time: 1. Adam Hagen, West Des Moines; 2. Kevin Campbell, Hawkeye; 3. Dustin Griffiths, Ottumwa; 4. Chris Wibbell, Dallas City, IL.

Fifth Heat, 6 laps, No Time: 1. Kevin Donlan, Mabel, MN; 2. Jacob Murray, Hartford; 3. Steve Curtis, Grimes; 4. Steve Jones, Ames.

Sixth Heat, 6 laps, 2:36.1: 1. Bud Johnson, Sumner; 2. Neil Follett, Conrad; 3. Bill Bonnett, Knoxville; 4. Terry Rachels, Knoxville.

First B Main, 8 laps, No Time: 1. Mitch Houden, Decorah; 2. Bryan Webb, Decorah; 3. Kirk Kinsley, Wapello; 4. Nathan Wood, Sigourney; 5. Kevin Sather, Ankeny; 6. Dustin Ver Steeg, Oskaloosa; 7. Matt Jones, Waukon; 8. Dennis Greenfield, Ottumwa; 9. Jim Nelson, Des Moines; 10. Justin Maschke, Knoxville.

Second B Main, 8 laps, No Time: 1. Steve Jones, Ames; 2. Dustin Griffiths, Ottumwa; 3. Bob Kibbe, Salem; 4. Randy Casner, Milo; 5. Mark Wirth, Chariton; 6. Toby Vande Kamp, Knoxville; 7. Rory Borsheim, Decorah;

8. Jamie Daughenbaugh, Des Moines; 9. Jeramie Kane, Milo; 10. Todd Bass, Des Moines.

A Main, 20 laps, No Time: 1. Kevin Donlan; 2. Greg Johnson; 3. Adam Specher; 4. Kevin Leiran; 5. Bud Johnson; 6. Steve Curtis; 7. Bryan Webb; 8. Shay Curtin; 9. Chris Wibbell; 10. Bob Kibbe; 11. Kirk Kinsley; 12. Neil Follett; 13. Kevin Campbell; 14. Tim Breuer; 15. Steve Jones; 16. Adam Hagen; 17. Mitch Houden; 18. Dustin Griffiths; 19. John Oliver Jr.; 20. Bill Bonnett; 21. Jacob Murray; 22. Mark Steinke; 23. Bobby Greene; 24. (DNS) Brandon Wear. **Lap Leaders:** Campbell 1-2; Curtin 3-9; Leiran 10-16; Donlan 17-20.

10/14/04

**(Darren Miller Captures Stacker2 Xtreme National Opener)
By Bob Wilson**

Knoxville, Iowa - October 14 - Darren Miller of Chadwick, Illinois won the Thursday night preliminary feature event of the inaugural Stacker2 Xtreme DirtCar Nationals at Knoxville Raceway Thursday night. Miller, a regular on the Xtreme National Tour led all thirty laps of the event.

For Miller, the win did not come easily as he had company throughout the fifteen-mile race on this historic half-mile dirt oval. He took the immediate lead at the drop of the green flag but was pressed right off the bat by Brian Birkhofer, a fellow Xtreme National competitor from Muscatine, Iowa and a fellow front row starter of this event. Birkhofer jumped the cushion in turn four on the initial lap allowing Miller to take lap one.

This early portion of the race saw Birkhofer with his hands full as Earl Pearson, Jr. of Jacksonville, Florida challenged him for the runner-up spot lap after lap. Pearson, the newly crowned series champ seemed to put the nose of his car under Birkhofer on every turn. That hotly contested battle allowed Miller to briefly pull away from those two.

Lap four saw the first of four caution flags as Jeep Van Wormer, a Pineconning, Michigan Xtremes, strike the fence between turns three and four after jumping the cushion. He did not restart.

On the restart, Miller again took command but Pearson, who had been third, fell to fifth and had to begin to work his way back to the front. This again allowed Miller to slowly march away from his nearest competitor, Birkhofer. By lap ten he had managed a near-fifteen car length advantage.

As Miller enjoyed some breathing room, Pearson had again worked his way to third and again proceeded to give Birkhofer fits. The runner-up spot exchanged hands on lap nine as that tour of the track fell to Pearson. Lap ten went to Birkhofer.

The yellow flag came out on the next circuit as Chris Spieker stopped up against the Knoxville tall fence near the pit gate in turn four. He did not restart.

When the race resumed, Miller again was in command. Pearson put on a driving exhibition as he rode the low route around the Knoxville oval with this strategy paying off on lap twelve when he finally took the runner-up spot for good at this juncture of the race. Birkhofer stayed close though as he tried without success to regain that coveted spot.

With Pearson on the bottom and Miller about half way up on the track riding the cushion, an exciting fight broke out for the lead. Miller was never able to pull away nor was Pearson able to put any distance between himself and Birkhofer. Those three drivers roared around the track with each man hell bent to take the checkered flag first.

Just as Miller was heading into lap traffic at the ten-mile mark, the caution flag flew for Brian Harris who was stalled on the track and slowing the field.

The resumption of the race saw Pearson give Miller his greatest fight of the night. On the lap 21 restart Pearson actually took the lead through turns one and two with his low line on the track. Miller, who seemed to have the engine to come off the turns with amazing force all night, again grabbed the top spot as they ran down the back chute. It seemed that Pearson was not about to allow Miller to get away this time.

While the top two fought it out for the lead, it was Birkhofer who had a battle on his hands as a poor restart saw him drop to about mid-pack. After running so strongly for most of the race he had now fallen out of contention. Lap twenty-five found the hapless Birkhofer stopped on the track, bringing out the final yellow of the night. It was apparent when he came into the work area that he was concerned about his tires, as if sheet metal had created a problem.

On the final restart, Miller who had taken the high line on previous restarts, dove low in turn four and succeeded in cutting off Pearson who had decided that line was his. The two came together momentarily which allowed Matt Miller of Arlington, Ohio to grab the runner-up position. With just six laps to go, it was like a trophy dash run to the finish.

Darren Miller again resumed the lead with Matt Miller in tow. Pearson followed in third while Ray Cook of Brasstown, North Carolina trailed in fourth.

And that's the way it would finish as D. Miller stormed across the finish line to take the \$6,000 winner's check. Second through fourth remained the same as Denny Eckrich of Tiffin, Iowa grabbed fifth. Rounding out the top ten finishers were Justin Allgaier (Springfield, Illinois), Dennis Erb, Jr. (Carpentersville, Illinois), Scott James (Lawrenceburg, Indiana), Mike Johnson (Clovis, California) and Lance Matthees (Winona, Minnesota). Johnson came from the final row of the 24-car field after transferring out of the B Main.

98 cars from twenty-two states and one province of Canada went through qualifying time trials. Fourteen drivers broke the existing one-lap track record with Earl Pearson, Jr. dropping the mark to 18.401.

Time Trials: 1. 1, Earl Pearson Jr., Jacksonville, FL, 18.401 (NTR); 2. 71, Don O'Neal, Martinville, IN, 18.593; 3. 32D, Darren Miller, Chadwick, IL, 18.636; 4. 2, Brady Smith, Solon Springs, WI, 18.706; 5. 50x, Denny Eckrich, Tiffin, IA, 18.731; 6. 11, Pat Doar, New Richmond, WI, 18.744; 7. 53, Ray Cook, Brasstown, NC, 18.749; 8. 25, Shane Clanton, Locust Grove, GA, 18.803; 9. 7, Matt Miller, Arlington, OH, 18.805; 10. 19J, Davey Johnson, Greensburg, PA, 18.862; 11. 83, Scott James, Lawrenceburg, IN, 18.874; 12. 17B, Jeff Bair, Solon, IA, 18.894; 13. 15B, Brian Birkhofer, Muscatine, IA, 18.896; 14. 2R, Tommy Rowe, Doniphan, NE, 18.913; 15. 1A, Justin Allgaier, Springfield, IL, 18.923; 16. 23, Patrick Sheltra, Indiantown, FL, 18.924; 17. 4, Greg Johnson, Lima, OH, 18.931; 18. 0, Steve Shaver, Parkersburg, WV, 18.937; 19. 9, Billy Drake, Bloomington, IL, 18.973; 20. 99, Donnie Moran, Dresden, OH, 18.979; 21. 55, Jeep Van Wormer, Pineconning, MI, 18.992; 22. 12, Doug Dodd, Cambridge, OH, 19.026; 23. 1K, John Anderson, Omaha, NE, 19.050; 24. 25th, Bill Frye, Greenbriar, AR, 19.071; 25. 42, Tom Darbyshire, Yarmouth, IA, 19.074; 26. 5m, John VanDenBerg, Oskaloosa, IA, 19.159; 27. 30v, Mark Voigt, Marine, IL, 19.177; 28. 5J, Jay Johnson, West Burlington, IA, 19.197; 29. 90, Lance Matthees, Winona, MN, 19.201; 30. 14, Boone McLaughlin, Mediapolis, IA, 19.210; 31. 2T, DJ Troutman, Hyndman, PA, 19.213; 32. 51, Matt Furman, Iowa City, IA, 19.248; 33. 9z, Jayme Zidar, Greenfield, WI, 19.250; 34. C9, Steve Casebolt Jr., Richmond, IN, 19.262; 35. 28E, Dennis Erb, Carpentersville, IL, 19.276; 36. 28m, Jimmy Mars, Elk Mound, WI, 19.311; 37. 31, Jason Utter, Columbus Junction, IA, 19.325; 38. 07, Kelly Boen, Henderson, CO, 19.327; 39. 56, Chris Spieker, Massena, IA, 19.333; 40. 25H, Kerry Hansen, Spencer, WI, 19.346; 41. L88, Larry Clawson, North Kansas City, MO, 19.399; 42. 37x, Mike Smith, Jewell, IA, 19.401; 43. 3L, Matt Taylor, Springfield, IL, 19.438; 44. 45, Denny Woodworth,

Mendon, IL, 19.471; 45. 74, Russ Scheffler, Waukesha, WI, 19.472; 46. 75, Terry Phillips, Springfield, MO, 19.478; 47. 5E, Eric Jacobson, Watsonville, CA, 19.480; 48. 33, Nick Marolf, Moscow, IA, 19.481; 49. 11D, David Smith, Inman, SC, 19.511; 50. 7T, Dave Troutman, Hyndman, PA, 19.513; 51. 2JX, Mike Johnson, Clovis, CA, 19.536; 52. 0T, Troy Olson, Fargo, ND, 19.540; 53. 21H, Brian Harris, Davenport, IA, 19.547; 54. 02, Jason Flory, Creston, OH, 19.593; 55. 37, Rob Mayea, Bend, OR, 19.659; 56. 5K, Eddie Kirchoff, Gillette, WY, 19.695; 57. 45x, Tommy Elston, Keokuk, IA, 19.714; 58. 24, Rusty Patterson, Mason City, IA, 19.740; 59. 59, Bill Cunningham, Jefferson, OH, 19.749; 60. 00, Mitch Johnson, Hixon, ND, 19.762; 61. 114, Randall Chupp, Troutman, NC, 19.766; 62. 1H, John Henkemeyer, Sauk Rapids, MN, 19.795; 63. 5B, Brenton Slocum, Burlington, IA, 19.901; 64. 1m, Rob Moss, Iowa City, IA, 20.047; 65. 99J, Johnny Johnson, West Burlington, IA, 20.066; 66. 72, John Mason, Millersburg, OH, 20.075; 67. 56w, Gary Webb, Blue Grass, IA, 20.084; 68. 77K, Scott Peltz, Cadiz, OH, 20.096; 69. 99D, Darrell DeFrance, Marshalltown, IA, 20.118; 70. 30, Jeremy Shank, Salem, OR, 20.145; 71. 92, Delbert Smith, Wichita, KS, 20.157; 72. F15, Justin Fegers, Mound, MN, 20.196; 73. 71H, Rick Hanestad, Boyceville, WI, 20.249; 74. 97, Greg Walters, Portland, OR, 20.270; 75. 77D, Gene Day, Lebanon, OR, 20.315; 76. 5, John Duty, Portland, OR, 20.370; 77. 36, Darin Meierotto, Ashland, WI, 20.438; 78. 35, Dan Miller, Brush Prairie, WA, 20.439; 79. 14m, Reid Millard, Jefferson City, MO, 20.461; 80. 28x, Bill Reed, Knoxville, TN, 20.505; 81. 55N, Ed Nelson, Van Meter, IA, 20.577; 82. 77, Jerry Schram, Vancouver, WA, 20.628; 83. 41, Jason Wines, Lebanon, OR, 20.646; 84. 41E, Jim Kelly, Newaygo, MI, 20.696; 85. 3v, Casey Vitale, Lebanon, OR, 20.741; 86. 50, Russ Sell, Brownsville, OR, 20.756; 87. 2m, Dustin Mooneyham, Aurora, MO, 20.887; 88. 34, Scott Byram, Toledo, OR, 20.939; 89. 25s, Chris Smyser, Lancaster, MO, 20.959; 90. 17m, Mike Miller, Springfield, OR, 20.978; 91. 31s, Bill Stettner, Inver Grove Heights, MN, 20.994; 92. 22s, Jimmy Schram, Vancouver, WA, 21.030; 93. 04, David Newquist, Durham, CA, 21.047; 94. 76, Jason Johnson, Portland, OR, 21.209; 95. 1x1, Sonny Conley, Paden City, WV, 21.391; 96. 58, Dave Eckrich, Oxford, IA, NT; 97. 28, Eddie Carrier Jr., Salt Rock, WV, NT; 98. 10, Mike Balcaen, Winnipeg, ONT, Can., NT.

Results (Odd Numbered Qualifiers)

First Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 10 laps, No Time: 1. Jeep Van Wormer (8*) 2. Earl Pearson, Jr. (10*) 3. Delbert Smith (3) 4. Ed Nelson (2) 5. Larry Clawson (6*) 6. Scott James (9*) 7. Mike Johnson (5) 8. D.J. Troutman (7*) 9. Bill Stettner (1) 10. Randall Chupp (4).

Second Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 10 laps, No Time: 1. Brian Harris (5) 2. Brenton Slocum (4) 3. Brian Birkhofer (9*) 4. John Anderson (8*) 5. Matt Taylor (6) 6. Jayme Zidar (7*) 7. Rick Hanestad (3) 8. Darren Miller (10*) 9. David Newquist (1) 10. Jason Wines (2).

Third Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 10 laps, No Time: 1. Denny Eckrich (10*) 2. Dennis Erb (7*) 3. Justin Allgaier (9*) 4. Russ Scheffler (6) 5. Johnny Johnson (4) 6. Sonny Conley (1) 7. Rob Mayea (5) 8. Casey Vitale (2) 9. Gene Day (3) 10. Tom Darbyshire (8*).

Fourth Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 10 laps, 3:26.5: 1. Dustin Mooneyham (1) 2. Tommy Elston (4) 3. Greg Johnson (8*) 4. Ray Cook (9*) 5. Darin Meierotto (2) 6. Mark Voigt (7*) 7. Eric Jacobsen (5) 8. Eddie Carrier, Jr. (10) 9. Gary Webb (3) 10. Jason Utter (7).

Fifth Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 10 laps, 3:24.9: 1. Matt Miller (9*) 2. Billy Drake (8*) 3. Bill Cunningham (4) 4. Chris Smyser (1) 5. Lance Matthees (7*) 6. Chris Spieker (6*) 7. Reid Millard (2) 8. Darrel DeFrance (3) 9. David Smith (5).

YJ Stinger Dash (started), 6 laps, No Time: 1. Darren Miller (2) 2. Brian Birkhofer (1) 3. Matt Miller (4) 4. Earl Pearson, Jr. (6) 5. Ray Cook (3) 6. Denny Eckrich (5).

C Main (started), 8 laps, 2:36.5: 1. Eddie Carrier, Jr. (6) 2. Chris Smyser (3) 3. Reid Millard (2) 4. Dustin Mooneyham (1) / 5. Sonny Conley (4) 6. Bill Stettner (5) DNS – Casey Vitale, Jason Wines, David Newquist.

B Main (started), 15 laps, No Time: 1. Brian Harris (4) 2. Matt Taylor (1) 3. Mike Johnson (7) 4. Eddie Carrier, Jr. (19) / 5. Tommy Elston (6) 6. Jason Utter (3) 7. Randall Chupp (23) 8. Gary Webb (14) 9. Delbert Smith (13) 10. Eric Jacobsen (5) 11. Chris Smyser (20) 12. Rick Hanestad (16) 13. Dustin Mooneyham (22) 14. Reid Millard (21) 15. David Smith (8) 16. Brenton Slocum (10) 17. Darin Meierotto (17) 18. Darrel DeFrance

(15) 19. Rob Mayea (11) 20. Johnny Johnson (12) 21. Ed Nelson (18) 22. Russ Scheffler (2) 23. Bill Cunningham (9) DNS - Gene Day.

A Main (started), 30 laps No Time: 1. Darren Miller (1) 2. Matt Miller (3) 3. Earl Pearson, Jr. (4) 4. Ray Cook (5) 5. Denny Eckrich (6) 6. Justin Allgaier (7) 7. Dennis Erb (15) 8. Scott James (8) 9. Mike Johnson (23) 10. Lance Matthees (14) 11. Mark Voigt (13) 12. Eddie Carrier, Jr. (24) 13. Brian Birkhofer (2) 14. Matt Taylor (22) 15. John Anderson (12) 16. Jayme Zidar (17) 17. Greg Johnson (9) 18. Larry Clawson (20) 19. Tom Darbyshire (16) 20. Brian Harris (21) 21. Billy Drake (10) 22. D.J. Troutman (18) 23. Chris Spieker (19) 24. Jeep Van Wormer (11). **Lap Leader:** D. Miller 1-30

10/15/04

Mars takes night 2 at Stacker 2 Xtreme National Finals

by Bret Emrick

KNOXVILLE, Iowa -- Jimmy Mars of Elk Mound, WI captured the Stacker 2® Xtreme DirtCar Series sanctioned second night of the three-day \$185,000 “Xtreme National Finals” Friday at Knoxville Raceway in Knoxville, IA pocketing \$6,000 for his efforts in the 30 lap qualifying feature event. Driving the Stacker2®/Heeg Well Drilling/Deppe Enterprises No. 28M Jimmy Mars Racing MasterSbilt Race Cars/Pro Power Racing Chevrolet Monte Carlo, the “Ice Man”, who started 15th, raced past Don O’Neal exiting turn four while working lap 28 in heavy lapped traffic to snare the lead and eventual win. O’Neal tried to sweep to the outside of the lapped traffic when Mars made his challenge slamming the outside retaining wall causing extensive damage to his car. O’Neal gathered his car back up but slipped to fourth when the checkered flag fell. Brady Smith rode home second 2.330 seconds behind Mars with 11th starting Bill Frye third, O’Neal fourth and 24th starting Justin Fegers fifth. Rounding out the top ten finishers were early race leader Shane Clanton in sixth followed by 20th starting Donnie Moran, Doug Dodd, Steve Shaver and Jay Johnson.

“It’s definitely nice to win here at Knoxville”, stated the very happy winner. “But, until we see how the points shake out I don’t really know if I can say I’m happy because I’ve got a feeling we didn’t get enough points to make the main event tomorrow night. I guess you can say it’s best to be sitting second when your racing lapped traffic. You know, those guys didn’t do us any favors tonight. I realize they’re racing for position but..... I knew Don was going to run the top of the race track and his car was really good up there. The lapped traffic held him up which allowed me to slip underneath of him in turn three. I just decided I would keep it underneath of Don and unfortunately for him but fortunately for me it worked out. The track was just super tonight. You could race anywhere you wanted to.”

Davey Johnson and Clanton brought the 24 car starting field to the green flag with Clanton grabbing the lead exiting turn two followed by the third starting O’Neal, Clanton, Pat Doar and Smith. Before lap 2 could be recorded contact between Terry Phillips and Kenny Hansen entering turn three sent both cars into the outside retaining wall. Both cars suffered too much damage to continue. Clanton used the double-file restart to pull out a slight advantage over O’Neal once the race resumed as Smith shot past Doar for fourth. O’Neal put heavy pressure on Clanton snaring the lead exiting turn two while working lap 4 to become the new race leader.

O’Neal opened up a sizeable advantage on Clanton for the next several laps as the field used every inch of the black gumbo-clay oval trading positions nearly every lap. O’Neal entered lapped traffic just past the lap 10 mark as Mars cracked the top ten. Working lap 13 O’Neal swept to the outside of Steve Casebolt entering turn three with slight contact between the two sending Casebolt spinning to a stop to bring out the caution. On the restart Johnson made a strong move to the outside of Clanton for the second spot actually nosing ahead exiting turn two but that all changed as the driveshaft broke on Johnson’s car bringing the yellow flag right back out and dropping Johnson from the event.

O'Neal again showed his muscle on the restart but behind him the field scrambled as Clanton suffered engine woes dropping him to fifth as smoke rolled from underneath of his car. At the halfway point O'Neal enjoyed a healthy margin on Smith with Mars now third, Frye fourth and Clanton fifth followed by Shaver in sixth then Doar, John Van Den Berg, Fegers and Moran. The caution would wave again on lap 16 when Matt Furman spun in turn two.

Mars shot past Smith for the runner-up spot on the restart and began to track down O'Neal. By lap 20 Mars had closed to within .4 of a second on O'Neal and with five circuits to go and whittled the lead down to .2 of a second. O'Neal caught the back of the field with three laps remaining allowing Mars to use the bottom groove to stick the nose of his car underneath of O'Neal. Entering turn three O'Neal ran the extreme outside edge with lapped traffic to the inside and in front of the leader with Mars running virtually on the bottom. O'Neal tried to squeeze between a lapped car and the wall exiting turn four but O'Neal ran out of room smacking the wall a ton continuing on despite the heavy damage to his car as Mars grabbed the lead with Smith and Frye also shooting by O'Neal.

Fegers opened up the second qualifying night by grabbing the MSD IGNITION Heat Race with Denny Woodworth taking the JE PISTONS Heat Race, Terry Phillips the WRISCO INDUSTRIES Heat Race, Clanton the BERT TRANSMISSION Heat Race and the final heat race fell to Hansen. Jimmy Schram copped the "C" Main while the SUNOCO RACE FUELS "B" Main going to Phillips and the YJ STINGER EXTREME ENERGY DRINK Dash falling to Johnson.

With points being awarded for RINGERS GLOVES Time Trials, the heat races and the Main events over the first two nights of qualifying the top 7 in points from each qualifying night received starting positions in Saturday's 100 lap - \$35,000 to win main event. Earl Pearson Jr. will start from the pole in the main event with Brady Smith alongside. Row two will be comprised of Denny Eckrich and Don O'Neal. Row three will be Matt Miller and Shane Clanton, row four is Darren Miller and Ray Cook, row five is Pat Doar and Justin Allgaier, row six is Scott James and Steve Shaver while row seven is Doug Dodd and Bill Frye.

Saturday's racing program will begin at 7:00p.m. with a "F" Main followed by the "E" Main, "D" Main, "C" Main and "B" Main. The top four finishers in each preliminary main will advance to the next preliminary main with the top four finishers from the "B" Main making the "Xtreme National Finals" feature race. Two Stacker 2® XDCS point provisionals and one point provisional from the Northern XDCS, Southern XDCS, Western XDCS, Pacific Coast XDCS and Xtreme Weekly Series will fill out the starting field for the main event.

Stacker2 Xtreme DirtCar National Finals Results October 15, 2004

First Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 10 laps, 3:25.4: 1. F15, Justin Fegers, Mound, MN (3) 2. 51, Matt Furman, Iowa City, IA (7*) 3. Doug Dodd, Cambridge, OH (8*) 4. 71, Don O'Neal, Martinville, IN (10*) 5. 37x, Mike Smith, Jewel, IA (6) 6. 17B, Jeff Bair, Solon, IA (9*) 7. 1H, John Henkemeyer, Sauk Rapids, MN (4) 8. 0T, Troy Olson, Fargo, ND (5) 9. 22s, Jimmy Schram, Vancouver, WA (1) 10. 77, Jerry Schram, Vancouver, WA (2).

Second Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 10 laps, No Time: 1. 45, Denny Woodworth, Mendon, IL (6) 2. 2, Brady Smith, Solon Springs, WI (10*) 3. 25th, Bill Frye, Greenbriar, AR (8*) 4. 2R, Tommy Rowe, Doniphan, NE (9*) 5. C9, Steve Casebolt Jr., Richmond, IN (7*) 6. 76, Jason Johnson, Portland, OR (1) 7. 97, Greg Walters, Portland, OR (3) 8. 02, Jason Flory, Creston, OH (5) 9. 41E, Jim Kelly, Newaygo, MI (2) 10. 1m, Rob Moss, Iowa City, IA (4).

Third Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 10 laps, 3:25.3: 1. 75, Terry Phillips, Springfield, MO (5) 2. 11, Pat Doar, New Richmond, WI (9*) 3. 28m, Jimmy Mars, Elk Mound, WI (6*) 4. 5m, John VanDenBerg, Oskaloosa, IA (7*) 5. 72, John Mason, Millersburg, OH (3) 6. 23, Patrick Sheltra, Indiantown, FL (8*) 7. 5K,

Eddie Kirchoff, Gillett, WY (4) 8. 5, John Duty, Portland, OR (2) 9. 50, Russ Sell, Brownsville, OR (1).

Fourth Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 10 laps, 3:25.6: 1. 25, Shane Clanton, Locust Grove, GA (9*) 2. 0, Steve Shaver, Parkersburg, WV (8*) 3. 07, Kelly Boen, Henderson, CO (6*) 4. 5J, Jay Johnson, West Burlington, IA (7*) 5. 35, Dan Miller, Brush Prairie, WA (2) 6. 33, Nick Marolf, Moscow, IA (5) 7. 77K, Scott Peltz, Cadiz, OH (3) 8. 24, Rusty Patterson, Mason City, IA (4) 9. 34, Scott Byram, Toledo, OR (1) 10. 10, Mike Balcaen, Winnipeg, ONT, Can (10).

Fifth Heat (started, *qualified for feature), 10 laps, No Time: 1. 25H, Kerry Hansen, Spencer, WI (6*) 2. 19J, Davey Johnson, Greensburg, PA (9*) 3. 7T, Dave Troutman, Hyndman, PA (5) 4. 14, Boone McLaughlin, Mediapolis, IA (7*) 5. 00, Mitch Johnson, Hixon, ND (4) 6. 28x, Bill Reed, Knoxville, TN (2) 7. 30, Jeremy Shank, Salem, OR (3) 8. 17m, Mike Miller, Springfield, OR (1) 9. 99, Donnie Moran, Dresden, OH (8*) DNS – 58, Dave Eckrich, Oxford, IA.

YJ Stinger Dash (started), 6 laps, No Time : 1. Davey Johnson (2) 2. Shane Clanton (3) 3. Don O'Neal (5) 4. Brady Smith (6) 5. Pat Doar (4) 6. Tommy Rowe (1).

C Main (started), 8 laps, No Time: 1. Jimmy Schram (5) 2. Jerry Schram (1) 3. Jason Johnson (4) 4. Mike Miller (3) / 5. Scott Byram (2) DNS – Jim Kelly, Russ Sell, Mike Balcaen.

B Main (started), 15 laps, No Time: 1. Terry Phillips (2) 2. Mitch Johnson (9) 3. Mike Smith (3) 4. Justin Fegers (13) / 5. Troy Olson (6) 6. John Mason (12) 7. Rusty Patterson (10) 8. Scott Peltz (14) 9. John Henkemeyer (11) 10. Rob Moss (15) 11. Mike Miller (24) 12. Greg Walters (17) 13. Eddie Kirchoff (8) 14. John Duty (19) 15. Bill Reed (20) 16. Dan Miller (18) 17. Jeremy Shank (16) 18. Jerry Schram (22) 19. Jason Johnson (23) 20. Jimmy Schram (21) 21. Dave Troutman (4) 22. Denny Woodworth (1) 23. Nick Marolf (5) 24. Jason Flory (7).

A Main (started), 30 laps, No Time: 1. Jimmy Mars (16) 2. Brady Smith (4) 3. Bill Frye (11) 4. Don O'Neal (3) 5. Justin Fegers (23) 6. Shane Clanton (2) 7. Donnie Moran (24) 8. Doug Dodd (10) 9. Steve Shaver (8) 10. Jay Johnson (13) 11. Kelly Boen (19) 12. Pat Doar (5) 13. Patrick Sheltra (9) 14. John VanDenBerg (12) 15. Jeff Bair (7) 16. Mitch Johnson (21) 17. Boone McLaughlin (15) 18. Tommy Rowe (6) 19. Mike Smith (22) 20. Matt Furman (14) 21. Steve Casebolt Jr. (17) 22. Davey Johnson (1) 23. Kerry Hansen (18) 24. Terry Phillips (20). **Lap Leaders:** Shane Clanton 1-4; Don O'Neal 5-27; Jimmy Mars 28-30.

10/16/04

**(Iowa Boy Brian Birkhofer is Xtreme National Champ at Knoxville)
By Bob Wilson**

Knoxville, Iowa (October 16) - Brian Birkhofer saved his best till last as he took the lead late in the Stacker2 Xtreme DirtCar National finals at Knoxville Raceway Saturday night and captured the \$35,000-to- win season finale. Birkhofer, who hails from Muscatine, Iowa grabbed the lead on lap 84 after Darren Miller (Chadwick, Ill.) jumped the cushion as he was making his exit out of turn four. Miller had led the 100 lapper from lap 38.

Earl Pearson, Jr. ((Jacksonville, Fl.) looked like the man to beat as he led the early portion of the race from his pole position start. Miller was soon in contention too and was never more than 8 car lengths behind on the big Knoxville half mile.

The first of several race yellows flew on lap 24 and on the ensuing Delaware double-file restart, Danny Eckrich (Tiffin, Iowa) grabbed the lead as he followed a line on the high side of the track. Pearson stayed close but was soon passed by Miller and that trio of cars all settled for the top of the track at this stage of the race.

Just as the race went past the one-third stage, a caution flag flew for a stalled Steve Clanton (Locust Grove, Ga.) Clanton, who was chasing the Rookie of the Year honors had sustained severe damage to the right front of his late model machine. He needed to finish twentieth or better in order to earn that distinction. As it turned out, Clanton reentered the race, was never a factor but did finish 11th (four laps down) to win the rookie title.

When the race resumed, Eckrich again held down the top spot but was chased closely by Miller and Pearson. As they hit the backstretch on lap 38, Eckrich became impeded by lap traffic as Miller and Pearson slipped by him heading into turn three. Another yellow was displayed two laps later and when the race went green again Eckrich regained the runner-up spot. That position would be short-lived for him as he struck the backstretch fence while dicing for the lead and dropped to fourth on the 45th go around.

Shortly thereafter, Scott James (Lawrenceburg, Ind.) brought out yet another yellow when he stopped in turn two right in front of the National Sprint Car Hall of Fame & Museum. At this near-half way point of the race, twenty cars were left running on the track.

On the restart, Miller again resumed control of the race as Steve Shaver (Parkersburg, WV) jumped to second. Although Birkhofer, an eighth row starter, had been running strongly near the front of the pack, his presence wasn't felt until right at the half-way point when he drove into the second spot. At that point he began to trail Miller by no more than a single car length as that duo circled the historic Knoxville oval on the cushion, no more than the width of their late model machines from the storied tall, white fences. Pearson followed but was an entire straight away behind.

Just before lap 60, Don O'Neal brought out the caution as he was stalled in turn four. He returned to the race and became the 11th car on the lead lap. The ensuing restart saw Miller lead with Birkhofer in second and Matt Miller (Arlington, Oh.) taking over third. And that's the way they ran with Pearson in fourth until he jumped the cushion allowing Ray Cook (Brasstown, N.C.) and Shaver to get by him.

As the race went past the 70 lap mark a violent wreck in turn three brought out the red flag. Involved in the skirmish were O'Neal, Jimmy Mars (Elk Mound, WI,) and John VanDenBerg (Oskaloosa, Iowa). Both VanDenBerg and Mars ejected themselves from their severely damaged machines and promptly marched toward the O'Neal car. Both drivers were extremely emotional about the incident and had to be restrained by track personnel and police deputies.

With just one quarter of the race remaining, Miller continued to hold the point position with Birkhofer never more than two car lengths behind. Both drivers masterfully toured the Knoxville dirt oval in a near-synchronized dance as they roared ever closer to the checkered flag.

Just after lap 80 the frontrunners came upon lap traffic once again but since the field had been narrowed to only fifteen running cars, that would not become a factor. Third running Shaver and fourth place Pearson were fighting their own battle but were more than a front chute behind the top two cars.

It was lap 84 which provide the winning move as Birkhofer drove by the Miller car as they exited turn four. No one knew it at the time but that would be the final pass for the lead of the 50-mile chase even though the final caution flew just one lap later. With nine cars on the lead lap, Pearson again regained the runner-up spot but could not stay with the fleet Birkhofer as the popular Hawkeye-state driver began to pull away from the remaining field of cars.

In the end, Birkhofer took the double checkered flags at the finish line as Pearson and Miller flew by the giant score board positioned between turns three and four as they eventually gained second and third. Shaver was fourth and M. Miller took fifth. Rounding out the top ten were Donnie Moran (Dresden, Oh.), Justin Allgaier (Springfield, Ill.), Eckrich, Doug Dodd (Cambridge, Oh.) and Eric Jacobson (Watsonville, Calif.).

Four additional races were contested as Birkhofer won the B Main, Steve Casebolt (Richmond, Ind.) took the C Main, David Smith (Inman, S. C.) was the victor in the D Main and Eddie Carrier, Jr. (Salt Rock, W. Va.) won the opening E Main. Thirteen states were represented in competition on this final night before the cameras of the Speed Channel.

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Stacker2 Xtreme DirtCar National Championship
October 16, 2004

E Main (started), 10 laps, No Time: 1. 28, Eddie Carrier, Jr., Salt Rock, WV (1) 2. 36, Darin Meierotto, Ashland, WI (2) 3. 25s, Chris Smyser, Lancaster, MO (7) 4. 35, Dan Miller, Brush Prairie, WA (3) 5. 77, Jerry Schram, Vancouver, WA (9) 6. 5, John Duty, Portland, OR (5) 7. 2m, Dustin Mooneyham, Aurora, MO (4) / 8. 17m, Mike Miller, Springfield, OR (8) 9. 1x1, Sonny Conley, Paden City, WV (16) 10. 50, Russ Sell, Brownsville, OR (15) 11. 76, Jason Johnson, Portland, OR (10) 12. 31s, Bill Stettner, Inver Grove Heights, MN (17) 13. 41, Jason Wines, Lebanon, OR (14) 14. 41E, Jim Kelly, Newaygo, MI (10) 15. 22s, Jimmy Schram, Vancouver, WA (8) 16. 04, David Newquist, Durham, CA (18) 17. 28x, Bill Reed, Knoxville, TN (6) 18. 3v, Casey Vitak, Lebanon, OR (12) DNS – 14m, Reid Millard, Jefferson City, MO, 55N, Ed Nelson, Van Meter, IA, 77D, Gene Day, Lebanon, OR, 34, Scott Byram, Toledo, OR, 10, Mike Balcaen, Winnepeg, ONT, Can.

D Main (started), 12 laps, No Time: 1. 11D, David Smith, Inman, SC (2) 2. 72, John Mason, Millersburg, OH (4) 3. 114, Randall Chupp, Troutman, NC (6) 4. 1H, John Henkemeyer, Sauk Rapids, MN (5) 5. 5K, Eddie Kirchoff, Gillette, WY (3) 6. 56w, Gary Webb, Blue Grass, IA (10) 7. Chris Smyser (19) / 8. 02, Jason Flory, Creston, OH (12) 9. 24, Rusty Patterson, Mason City, IA (1) 10. 71H, Rick Hanestad, Boyceville, WI (13) 11. Dustin Mooneyham (23) 12. Dan Miller (20) 13. 99D, Darrel DeFrance, Marshalltown, IA (16) 14. John Duty (22) 15. 97, Greg Walters, Portland, OR (14) 16. Jerry Schram (21) 17. 30, Jeremy Shank, Salem, OR (15) 18. 37, Rob Mayea, Bend, OR (7) 19. Darin Meierotto (18) 20. 92, Delbert Smith, Wichita, KS (8) 21. 1m, Rob Moss, Iowa City, IA (11) 22. Eddie Carrier, Jr. (17) 23. 77K, Scott Peltz, Cadiz, OH (9) DNS – 59, Bill Cunningham, Jefferson, OH, 33, Nick Marolf, Moscow, IA, 5B, Brenton Slocum, Burlington, IA, 99J, Johnny Johnson, West Burlington, IA. (Kirchoff was disqualified for running an illegal tire and was placed last.)

C Main (started), 15 laps, No Time: 1. C9, Steve Casebolt, Richmond, IN (2) 2. 3L, Matt Taylor, Springfield, IL (4) 3. 56, Chris Spieker, Massena, IA (9) 4. Randall Chupp (22) 5. 31, Jason Utter, Columbus Junction, IA (12) 6. 74, Russ Scheffler, Waukesha, WI (18) 7. 45x, Tommy Elston, Keokuk, IA (14) / 8. L88, Larry Clawson, North Kansas City, MO (6) 9. John Henkemeyer (23) 10. John Mason (21) 11. Chris Smyser (24) 12. 0T, Troy Olson, Fargo, ND (17) 13. 00, Mitch Johnson, Hixon, ND (13) 14. 2JX, Mike Johnson, Clovis, CA (8) 15. 5E, Eric Jacobsen, Watsonville, CA (16) 16. 45, Denny Woodworth, Mendon, IL (15) 17. 25H, Kerry Hansen, Spencer, WI (3) 18. 42, Tom Darbyshire, Yarmouth, IA (1) 19. 21H, Brian Harris, Davenport, IA (10) 20. F15, Justin Fegers, Mound, MN (11) 21. 37x, Mike Smith, Jewel, IA (7) 22. 2T, D.J. Troutman, Hyndman, PA (5) 23. David Smith (20) 24. 7T, Dave Troutman, Hyndman, PA (19) DNS – 75, Terry Phillips, Springfield, MO, 56w, Gary Webb, Blue Grass, IA.

B Main (started), 20 laps, No Time: 1. 15B, Brian Birkhofer, Muscatine, IA (1) 2. 19J, Davey Johnson, Greensburg, PA (2) 3. 5m, John VanDenBerg, Oskaloosa, IA (9) 4. 23, Patrick Sheltra, Indiantown, FL (3) / 5. 9, Billy Drake, Bloomington, IL (7) 6. 1K, John Anderson, Omaha, NE (10) 7. 90, Lance Matthees, Winona, MN (11) 8. Greg Johnson, Lima, OH (6) 9. Randall Chupp (22) 10. Jason Utter (21) 11. 14, Boone McLaughlin, Mediapolis, IA (13) 12. Chris Spieker (19) 13. Russ Schleffler (24) 14. Tommy Elston (23) 15. 28E, Dennis Erb Jr., Carpentersville, IL (12) 16. 2R, Tommy Rowe, Doniphan, NE (4) 17. 55, Jeep Van Wormer, Pineconning, MI (14) 18. 99, Donnie Moran, Dresden, OH (5) 19. Steve Casebolt Jr. (17) 20. 28m, Jimmy Mars, Elk Mound, WI (8) 21. 51, Matt Furman, Iowa City, IA (15) 22. 30v, Mark Voigt, Marine, IL (16) 23. 9z, Jayme Zidar, Greenfield, WI (18) 24. Matt Taylor (20) DNS – 17B, Jeff Bair, Solon, IA, 5J, Jay Johnson, West Burlington, IA, 07, Kelly Boen, Henderson, CO.

Championship A Main (started), 100 laps, No Time: 1. Brian Birkhofer (15) 2. 1, Earl Pearson, Jr., Jacksonville, FL (1) 3. 32D, Darren Miller, Chadwick, IL (7) 4. 0, Steve Shaver, Parkersburg, WV (12) 5. 7, Matt Miller, Arlington, OH (5) 6. Donnie Moran (20p) 7. 1A, Justin Allgaier, Springfield, IL (10) 8. 50x, Denny Eckrich, Tiffin, IA (3) 9. 12, Doug Dodd, Cambridge, OH (14) 10. Eric Jacobsen (24p) 11. 25, Shane

Clanton, Locust Grove, GA (6) 12. 53, Ray Cook, Brasstown, NC (8) 13. David Smith (22p) 14. Jeremy Shank (23p) 15. Steve Casebolt (21p) 16. 71, Don O'Neal, Martinville, IN (4) 17. Jimmy Mars (19p) 18. John VanDenBerg (17) 19. Patrick Sheltra (18) 20. 11, Pat Doar, New Richmond, WI (9) 21. 83, Scott James, Lawrenceburg, IN (11) 22. 25th, Bill Frye, Greenbriar, AR (13) 23. 2, Brady Smith, Solon Springs, WI (2) 24. Scott Peltz (25p) 25. Davey Johnson (16). **Lap Leaders:** Smith 1; Pearson, Jr. 2-24; Eckrich 25- 37; D. Miller 38-83; Birkhofer 84-100.

2004 410 Final Point Standings and Feature Winners:

Driver	Feature Wins	Points	Primary car(s)	(Feature Laps Led)
1. Terry McCarl		5 (81)	2710	McCarl 24
2. Wayne Johnson		1 (23)	2320	FattFro 14AJ
3. Skip Jackson		1 (8)	2255	J & S Motorsports 2
4. Travis Cram		3 (71)	1980	Cram 92
5. Matt Moro		0 (5)	1910	Sonner 47
6. Jason Johnson		1 (9)	1830	Cox 50D
7. Billy Alley		-	1755	Alley 22
8. Kerry Madsen		1 (14)	1715	Vermeer 55
9. Jaymie Moyle		0 (6)	1710	Stroud 1s
10. Jesse Giannetto		-	1490	Giannetto D1
11. Brent Antill		2 (26)	1405	Jordan 1
12. Mike Reinke		0 (7)	1360	Cowman 02
13. Calvin Landis		-	1355	Landis 70
14. John VanDenBerg		-	1200	Carter v10
15. Lynton Jeffrey		0 (1)	1165	VanderEcken 10
16. Clint Garner		-	1135	Garner 40
Jeff Mitrison		0 (8)	1135	Own 5J, Gifford 17G
18. Ricky Logan		-	1115	Gifford 17G, McCarl 7x
19. Tim St. Arnold		-	940	Kinnsey 8s
20. Randy Anderson		-	880	Carnahan R19
21. Colin Northway		-	875	Northway 60
22. Jesse Hockett		-	870	VKCC Motorsports 75
23. Chris Walraven		-	820	Walraven 56
24. Josh Higday		0 (4)	655	Ridge 83
25. Jeff Johnson		-	650	Phillips 11J
26. Jerrel Slinkard		-	620	Slinkard 15s
27. Chad Meyer		0 (13)	610	Julius 1w
28. Tyler Houseman		-	600	Houseman 50
29. Mike Moore		-	585	Moore 69
Robert Bell		-	585	Bell 71
31. Mark Hurd		-	580	Hurd 44m
32. Larry Ball Jr.		-	530	McCarl 7x
33. Ryan Anderson		-	440	Anderson 71R
34. Greg Jones		-	425	Jones 35

Other 410 Feature Winners (Laps Led): Tim Kaeding 2 (27), Danny Lasoski 2 (22), Joey Saldana 1 (53), Mark Kinser 1 (25), Craig Dollansky 1 (7), Shane Stewart 0 (15), Jason Meyers 0 (13), Jeremy Campbell 0 (2), Jason Solwold 0 (1).

2004 360 Final Point Standings and Feature Winners:

Driver	Feature Wins	Points	Primary car(s)	(Feature Laps Led)
1. Jake Peters		2 (14)	1230	Peters 57x
2. David Hesmer		6 (75)	1197	Hesmer 1
3. John Kearney		4 (35)	1194	Ridge 83
4. Eric Vanderploeg		1 (33)	847	Vanderploeg 24
5. Mike Trent		-	785	Cooper 14c
6. Dusty Zomer		-	784	Zomer 1z
7. Joe Beaver		-	778	Beaver 53
8. Brett Mather		0 (10)	700	Burnham 54
9. John Schulz		-	637	Schneiderman 2s
10. Eric Jobe		-	630	Jobe 23
11. Brett Golik		0 (2)	604	Golik 5G
12. Johnny Anderson		-	602	Anderson 7a
13. Ryan Jamison		-	511	Jamison 51J
14. Frankie Heimbaugh		-	509	Heimbaugh 04
15. Eric Mason		0 (3)	448	Mason B29
16. Stacey Alexander		-	426	Alexander 126
17. Stevie Walsh		-	420	KIDD 20
18. Dave Hall		0 (7)	417	Hall 51
19. Rager Phillips		0 (9)	415	Phillips 9
20. Mitchell Alexander		0 (1)	390	Alexander 6
21. Troy Meyer		-	372	Meyer 11m
22. Bronson Maeschen		-	342	Maeschen 96
23. Jerry Crabb		0 (5)	340	Crabb 12x
24. Curtis Thorson		-	326	Thorson 91
25. Rob Edwards		-	246	Edwards 22
26. Doug Wilson		-	235	Smith 86
27. DJ Heskin		-	220	Heskin 56
28. Mike Houseman Jr.		-	175	Houseman Y5
29. Brad Barickman		0 (2)	170	Wares 10
30. Doran Doty		-	169	Plate 99x
31. Rodney Turner		-	167	Turner 69
32. Alan Zoutte		-	159	Zoutte 33
33. Ryan York		-	147	York 5R
34. Dave Heskin		-	100	Heskin 84

Other 360 Feature Winners (Laps Led): Billy Alley 2 (44), Jimmy Sills 1 (22), Loren Langerud 1 (17), Jason Johnson 1 (6), Garry Lee Maier 0 (14), Roger Crockett 0 (13), Darren Stewart 0 (6), Josh Higday 0 (1), Tony Bruce Jr. 0 (1).