

# **KNOXVILLE** *Raceway*

## COMPLETE RESULTS FOR 1978

### **Date (Sanction/Event) – Winners**

5/13 – Lonnie Jensen  
5/19 (AMA Motorcycles) Rain  
5/20 – Doug Wolfgang  
5/27 – Doug Wolfgang  
6/2 (AMA Motorcycles) Bubba Don Shobert, Ronnie Jones, Ty Cawley  
6/3 – Doug Wolfgang  
6/10 – Ralph Blckett  
6/17 – Shane Carson  
6/24 – Sonny Smyser  
7/1 – Rain  
7/2 (afternoon) Shane Carson  
7/2 (night) Doug Wolfgang  
7/8 – Billy Robison  
7/15 (Twin Features) Eddie Leavitt, Mike Brooks  
7/22 – Doug Wolfgang  
7/29 – Mike Brooks  
8/5 – Bobby Marshall  
8/6 (NAMAR Midgets) Jon Backlund  
8/9 (Knoxville Nationals Prelim) Steve Kinser  
8/10 (Knoxville Nationals Prelim) Sammy Swindell  
8/11 (Knoxville Nationals NQ) John Stevenson  
8/12 (Knoxville Nationals) Doug Wolfgang  
8/19 – Shane Carson  
8/26 – Rain  
9/2 – Doug Wolfgang, (Make-up) Ralph Blckett  
9/3 – Mike Brooks

### **5/13/78 (no program)**

#### **Knoxville Opener to Jensen!!!**

by Ken Sargent

Knoxville, IA – Lincoln, Nebraska driver Lonnie Jensen won the 20-lap main event in the season opening sprint car races at the Knoxville, Iowa track Saturday night, May 13. Jensen, a former track champion, led from start to finish in winning the main event. Despite leading all the way, it was by no means an easy win for Jensen. Jimmy Sills and John Stevenson pressed Jensen for much of the race especially on the final ten laps after a restart. The yellow came out on the 11<sup>th</sup> lap for Mike Pinckney, who flipped in the start of the backstretch. He was not injured. Sills applied the pressure first before Stevenson got around him late in the race. Stevenson pulled up very close to Jensen on two occasions and very nearly got by him on the white flag lap. Stevenson

then held on to just win the second spot as Sills nearly pulled even on the final lap to finish third. Gary Scott and Ralph Blackett completed the top five. Jensen picked up \$750 for his first place finish.

National champion and defending track champion, Doug Wolfgang, had the fast time of the night and took first place in the fast heat, but did not start the main event; because of his water pump breaking. Wolfgang's heat race victory was the most exciting finish of the night as he edged JJ Riggins by a nose at the finish line. Other heat race winners were Rick Weld, Blackett, Sills and Gary Dunkle. David Dwyer won the C main and Stevenson took first place in the 10-lap B event. Shane Carson, driving the T&M sprinter that Wolfgang won the track crown in last year, won the 5-lap trophy dash. Pinckney's flip was the only incident other than a couple of minor spins in heat races. 57 cars being on hand and a timing clock that got off to a stubborn start, made for a lengthy program in the season opener.

## Results

**Time Trials:** 1. 4x, Doug Wolfgang, Lincoln, NE (\*) 21.415; 2. 3, Gary Scott, Holts Summit, MO, 21.643; 3. 33x, Greg Cole, Grand Rapids, MN, 21.778; 4. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN, 21.994; 5. 20, Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, OK, 22.063; 6. 86, Jimmy Sills, Sacramento, CA, \*; 7. \* 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. ... 94, Rick Weld, Kansas City, MO; 01, Bobby Layne, Kansas City, MO; 91, Joel Taylor, Milford, IA; 81, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS; 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA; 10, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA; 25, Butch Bahr, Grand Island, NE; 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA; 76, Ken Potter, Kansas City, MO; 21, Tony Webster, Topeka, KS; 1x, Terry Turbak, Sioux Falls, SD; 3x, Gene Gennetten, Parkville, MO; 57, Lonnie Jensen, Lincoln, NE; 14, JJ Riggins, Lincoln, NE; 81x, Lee Osborne, Jamestown, IN; 7x, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA; 98, Gary Dunkle, Lincoln, NE; 47, Mark David, Cedar Falls, IA; 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA; 88, Gene Kester, Bates City, MO; 41, Steve Lewis, Kansas City, MO; 2x, David Dwyer, Columbia, MO; 14x, Bob Williams, Independence, MO; 36, Ed Hickey, McLouth, KS; 45x, David Rupard, Grandview, MO; 1A, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA; 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA; 6x, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE; 97, Bill Mellenberndt, Sioux Falls, SD; 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA; 03, Randy Smith, Des Moines, IA; 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA; 5, Con Edwards, Ankeny, IA; 55, Al Robinson, Lincoln, NE; 15, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO; 120, Dick Stoneking, Oquawka, IL; 9x, Dale McCarty, Kearney, MO; 18, Charlie Swartz, Hendersonville, TN; 28, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO; 18x, Bill Hetrick Jr., Carman, IL; 1, Junior Gutknecht, Pleasantville, IA; 2, Galen Martin, Fairfield, IA; 8, Ron Milton, Jacksonville, IL; 35, Bill Hudson, New Sharon, IA; 10x, Dean Smith, Fort Dodge, IA; 33, Jerry Blundy, Dahinda, IL; 37x, Bennie Treadwell, Topeka, KS; 6, Harvey Grooms, Chillicothe, IA; 99, Dave Engerbretson, Sioux Falls, SD; 17, Rodger Anderson, Waterloo, IA; 90, Tom Maycock, Waverly, MO.

**Trophy Dash, 5 laps, 1:53.12:** 1. Shane Carson (2) 2. Jimmy Sills (1) 3. John Stevenson (3) 4. Gary Scott (5) 5. Greg Cole (4) 6. Doug Wolfgang (6)

**Heat one (started\*), 8 laps, NT:** 1. Rick Weld 2. Bobby Layne 3. Joel Taylor / 4. Billy Robison 5. Stacy Redmond ... also:

**Heat two (started\*), 8 laps, 3:02.86:** 1. Ralph Blackett 2. Butch Bahr 3. Mike Brooks / 4. Ken Potter 5. Tony Webster ... also:

**Heat three (started\*), 8 laps, NT:** 1. Jimmy Sills (6) 2. Terry Turbak 3. Gene Gennetten 4. Gary Scott (8) 5. Lonnie Jensen / ... also:

**Heat four (started\*), 8 laps, 2:59.78:** 1. Doug Wolfgang (8) 2. J.J. Riggins 14 3. Lee Osborne 81x 4. ShaneCarson (6) 5. Mike Pinckney / ... also:

**Heat five – slow heat (started\*), 5 laps, NT:** 1. Gary Dunkle 2. Mark David 3. Adrian Zoutte 4. Gene Kester 5. Steve Lewis ... also:

**C main (started\*), 8 laps, 3:07.70:** 1. David Dwyer 2. Bob Williams 3. Ken Potter 4. Ed Hickey 5. Dave Rupard ... also:

**B main (started\*), 10 laps, 3:40.13:** 1. John Stevenson 2. Mackie Heimbaugh 3. Mike Thomas 4. Rich Brahmmer / 5. Bill Mellenberndt ... also:

**A main (started\*), 20 laps, NT:** 1. Lonnie Jensen 2. John Stevenson 3. Jimmy Sills 4. Gary Scott 5. Ralph Blackett 6. Gene Gennetten 7. JJ Riggins 8. Mike Brooks 9. Lee Osborne 10. Bobby Layne 11. Rich Brahmmer 12. Joel Taylor 13. Mackie Heimbaugh 14. Mike Thomas 15. Shane Carson 16. Mike Pinckney 17. Butch Bahr 18. Terry Turbak 19. Rick Weld DNS – Doug Wolfgang. **Lap Leader:** Jensen 1-20.

**5/19/78**

### **AMA Motorcycles – Feature Postponed to 6/2 Professional Motorcycles Washed Out**

Knoxville, IA – The AMA Motorcycle races held Friday were officially rained out before the feature events were ran, but the small crowd on hand was treated to 21 super-fast races before the rain came. Over 140 racers from 21 different states were on hand for the opening event and many thrills and spills were seen from some of the top pros in the country.

The JAS Productions Cycle corporation has scheduled another Pro Showing of cyclists for June 2 at the Knoxville Raceway with expectations again of almost 150 pro racers being on hand for the event.

**5/20/78**

### **Wolfgang Back in the Winner Circle!!!**

by Ken Sargent

Knoxville, IA – 1977 track champion Doug Wolfgang moved back into familiar ground, the winner's circle, Saturday night, May 20 at the Knoxville Raceway. The 1977 Nationals champion passed Lonnie Jensen on the fifth lap, and led the rest of the way to win by about five lengths over Jensen. Jensen, who won last week's feature, jumped into the lead from his front row position, and he battled Wolfgang hard for five laps before the Lincoln, Nebraska ace got by in the Vise-Grips sprinter.

It capped off an excellent night for Wolfgang, who also won his heat race and the five-lap trophy dash. Gary Scott kept Wolfgang from making it a clean sweep by taking fast time with a lap of 20.923. Scott also took third in the main event, Shane Carson was fourth, with Mike Brooks fifth. The second five in the main was made up of Tom Corbin, John Stevenson, Ralph Blackett, Randy Smith and Don Maxwell.

Wolfgang picked up \$1000 for his victory in the 20-lap feature. Other heat race winners were Mike Pinckney, Jerry Blundy and JJ Riggins. Scott won the 10-lap B main, while the 8-lap C main event went to Cliff Powell. 50 cars were on hand for the evening of racing representing eleven states and the program was run off without any major incident, and the nine event program was completed in less than three hours.

### **Results**

**Time Trials:** 1. 3, Gary Scott, Holts Summit, MO (\*) 20.923; 2. 20, Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, OK, 21.101; 3. 92, Bobby Unser Jr., Albuquerque, NM, 21.441; 4. 86, Jimmy Sills, Sacramento, CA, 21.464; 5. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA, 21.466; 6. 4x, Doug Wolfgang, Lincoln, NE, \*; 7. \* 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. ... 14, JJ Riggins, Lincoln, NE; 5, Con Edwards, Ankeny, IA; 98, Gary Dunkle, Lincoln, NE; 25x, Darryl Dawley, Sioux Falls, SD; 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA; 22, Jerry Blundy, Dahinda, IL; 1A, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA; 6x, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE; 66, Cliff Powell, Hannibal, MO; 1, Junior Gutknecht, Pleasantville, IA; 15, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO; 10, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA; 25, Butch Bahr, Grand Island, NE; 7x, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA; 4J, Tom Corbin, Carrollton, MO; 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA; 57, Lonnie Jensen, Lincoln, NE; 47, Mark David, Cedar Falls, IA; 27, Ed Grant, Canton, IL; 21, Tony Webster, Topeka, KS; 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN; 03, Randy Smith, Des Moines, IA; 71, Don Maxwell, Lincoln, NE; 91, Joel Taylor, Milford, IA; 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA; 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA; 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA; 81, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS; 41, Steve Lewis, Kansas City, MO; 10x, Dean Smith, Fort Dodge, IA; 35, Bill Hudson, New Sharon, IA; 55, Al Robinson, Lincoln, NE; 711, Victor Chudy, Plattsmouth, NE; 39, Terry Taggart, Sioux City, IA; 4, Ted Tinlin, Des Moines, IA; 33, Cliff Blundy, Alpha, IL; 22x, Don Hart, Monmouth, IL; 76 Ken Potter, Grandview, MO; \*, \*, \*, \*, \*, \*.

**Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:49.50:** 1. Doug Wolfgang (1) 2. Mike Brooks (2) 3. Jimmy Sills (3) 4. Shane Carson (5) 5. Gary Scott (6) 6. Bobby Unser Jr. (4)

**Heat one (started\*), 8 laps, 3:03.80:** 1. JJ Riggins 2. Con Edwards 3. Gary Dunkle / 4. Darryl Dawley 5. Adrian Zoutte ... also:

**Heat two (started\*), 8 laps, 3:01.26:** 1. Jerry Blundy 2. Mackie Heimbaugh 3. Rich Brahmer / 4. Cliff Powell 5. Junior Gutknecht ... also:

**Heat three (started\*), 8 laps, 2:57.36:** 1. Doug Wolfgang (6) 2. Jerry Potter 3. Ralph Blackett 4. Shane Carson (8) 5. Butch Bahr / ... also:

**Heat four (started\*), 8 laps, NT:** 1. Mike Pinckney 2. Tom Corbin 3. Stacy Redmond 4. Lonnie Jensen 5. Mike Brooks / ... also:

**C main (started\*), 8 laps, 3:06.97:** 1. Cliff Powell 2. Mark David 3. Ed Grant 4. Tony Webster 5. Adrian Zoutte ... also:

**B main (started\*), 10 laps, NT:** 1. Gary Scott (6) 2. John Stevenson 3. Randy Smith 4. Don Maxwell 5. Joel Taylor 6. Junior Gutknecht / ...

**A main (started\*), 20 laps, NT:** 1. Doug Wolfgang (3) 2. Lonnie Jensen 3. Gary Scott (6) 4. Shane Carson (5) 5. Mike Brooks (4) 6. Tom Corbin 7. John Stevenson 8. Ralph Blackett 9. Randy Smith 10. Don Maxwell 11. Stacy Redmond 12. Gary Dunkle 13. Butch Bahr 14. JJ Riggins 15. Jerry Potter 16. Joel Taylor 17. Rich Brahmer 18. Junior Gutknecht 19. Mackie Heimbaugh 20-22. Jerry Blundy, Con Edwards, Mike Pinckney. **Lap Leaders:** Jensen 1-4, Wolfgang 5-20.

**5/27/78**

**Wolfgang Makes it Two in a Row!!!**  
by Jack Miller

Knoxville, IA – After being shut out of the feature by mechanical difficulties on opening night, defending champion Doug Wolfgang came back last Saturday night to win his second 20-lap feature event in a row.

Driving the Vise-Grips/Speedway Motors sprint, “the Wolf” grabbed the lead on the third lap and was never seriously challenged from that point on. John Stevenson, in the Bethke Sprinter, is still the fastest in the point chase behind Wolfgang. Stevenson, only 20 points behind Doug in the standings, made his first appearance in the winner’s circle at trophy dash time. The fast flying Stevenson is picking up numerous wins around the Midwest and should remain a top contender at Knoxville throughout the season. Finishing behind Wolfgang in the feature event was Stevenson and the super-improved Mike Brooks in the Mickow sprint. Brooks, now third in the point standings after three nights of racing, has become one of the most challenging drivers on the track. An excellent running car and a couple years of experience have put the local driver in constant fast times and among the leaders in all his races.

Oklahoma Cityan, Shane Carson, in the Trostle Racing Chevy had 4<sup>th</sup> fastest time of the night, but failed to qualify for the A main event through his heat race and had to come back through the B. By winning the B main, Carson started in the second row of the main event and seemed to have a sew-up on second place when a cotter pin broke allowing his rollcage and suspension to pull apart and put him out of the race.

The only incident of the night came in the feature event when Junior Gutknecht tangled with another car and flipped off the wall in turn one. Gutknecht’s car was then struck in the front end by Jerry Blundy and hit straight on by Con Edwards. All drivers appeared o.k., but the cars sustained a lot of damage.

## Results

**Time Trials (Qualifying Order):** 1. 4x, Doug Wolfgang, Lincoln, NE (37) 21.505; 2. 3, Gary Scott, Holts Summit, MO (39) 21.591; 3. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (16) 21.873; 4. 20, Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, OK (7) 22.011; 5. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (38) 22.247; 6. 57, Lonnie Jensen, Lincoln, NE (40) 22.278; 7. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (33) 22.428; 8. 7x, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (12) 22.475; 9. 3x, Gene Gennetten, Parkville, MO (30) 22.529; 10. 4J, Tom Corbin, Carrollton, MO (24) 22.572; 11. 71, Don Maxwell, Lincoln, NE (9) 22.595; 12. 03, Randy Smith, Des Moines, IA (31) 22.657; 13. 98, Gary Dunkle, Lincoln, NE (19) 22.673; 14. 28, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (34) 22.709; 15. 1A, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (18) 22.722; 16. 14, JJ Riggins, Lincoln, NE (43) 22.849; 17. 86, Jimmy Sills, Sacramento, CA (6) 22.903; 18. 22, Jerry Blundy, Dahinda, IL (17) 23.189; 19. 17T, Terry Moore, Mesquite, TX (29) 23.206; 20. 33, Cliff Blundy, Alpha, IL (13) 23.218; 21. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (4) 23.295; 22. 15, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO (20) 23.355; 23. 81, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (23) 23.570; 24. 35, Bill Hudson, New Sharon, IA (32) 23.625; 25. 76, Ken Potter, Grandview, MO (42) 23.667; 26. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (41) 23.707; 27. 01, Bobby Layne, Kansas City, MO (2) 23.711; 28. 90, Tom Maycock, Waverly, MO (26) 24.003; 29. 1, Junior Gutknecht, Pleasantville, IA (10) 24.039; 30. 17, Rodger Anderson, Waterloo, IA (36) 24.110; 31. 711, Victor Chudy, Plattsmouth, NE (14) 24.149; 32. 5, Con Edwards, Ankeny, IA (25) 24.187; 33. 22x, Don Hart, Monmouth, IL (15) 24.402; 34. 6, Harvey Grooms, Chillicothe, IA (35) 24.506; 35. 35x, Fred Ream, Green Ridge, MO (27) 24.558; 36. 21, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (5) 24.664; 37. 10x, Dean Smith, Fort Dodge, IA (3) 24.666; 38. 36, Ed Hickey, McLouth, KS (22) 24.801; 39. 27, Ed Grant, Canton, IL (21) 24.892; 40. 47, Mark David, Cedar Falls, IA (28) 24.959; 41. 28x, Steve Morris, West Burlington, IA (44) 25.084; 42. 102, Mel Van Wyk, Des Moines, IA (11) 26.249; 43. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (1) 26.582; 44. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (8) 28.735.

**Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, \*:** 1. John Stevenson (2) 2. Doug Wolfgang (6) 3. Lonnie Jensen (1) 4. Shane Carson (3) 5. Mike Brooks (4) 6. Gary Scott (5)

**Heat one (started), 8 laps, NT:** 1. Jerry Potter (6) 2. Jerry Blundy (8) 3. Con Edwards (1) / 4. Bill Hudson (5) 5. Tom Maycock (3) 6. Cliff Blundy (7) 7. Rodger Anderson (2) 8. Adrian Zoutte (4)

**Heat two (started), 8 laps, 3:04.71:** 1. Junior Gutknecht (2) 2. Bobby Layne (3) 3. Jimmy Sills (8) / 4. Victor Chudy (1) 5. Mike Thomas (6) 6. Ken Potter (4) 7. Billy Robison (5) 8. Terry Moore (7)

**Heat three (started), 8 laps, 3:00.26:** 1. Sonny Smyser (2) 2. JJ Riggins (1) 3. Tom Corbin (4) 4. Randy Smith (3) 5. Lonnie Jensen (6) / 6. Shane Carson (7) 7. Ralph Blackett 7x (5) DNS – Gary Scott

**Heat four (started), 8 laps, 2:58.74:** 1. Doug Wolfgang (8) 2. Mackie Heimbaugh (1) 3. Don Maxwell (3) 4. Mike Brooks (7) 5. John Stevenson (6) / 6. Stacy Redmond (5) ... also: Gary Dunkle (2), Gene Gennetten (4)

**C main, 8 laps, \*:** 1. Victor Chudy (2) 2. Don Hart (5) 3. Steve Hainline (6) 4. Adrian Zoutte (1) / 5. Fred Ream (7) 6. Ed Grant (8) 7. Ed Hickey (9) 8. Rodger Anderson (3) ... also: Harvey Grooms (4), Mark David (10), DNS - Mel Van Wyk, Steve Morris, John McCoy, Tim Deaver, Dean Smith

**B main, 10 laps, \*:** 1. Shane Carson (1) 2. Gene Gennetten (3) 3. Stacy Redmond (2) 4. Billy Robison (7) 5. Bill Hudson (8) 6. Mike Thomas (6) / 7. Ken Potter (9) 8. Don Hart (11) ... also: Terry Moore (4), Cliff Blundy (5), Victor Chudy (10), Steve Hainline (12), Adrian Zoutte (13) DNS – Tom Maycock, Gary Scott, Ralph Blackett, Gary Dunkle

**A main, 20 laps, \*:** 1. Doug Wolfgang (4) 2. John Stevenson (3) 3. Mike Brooks (5) 4. Gene Gennetten (7) 5. Don Maxwell (9) 6. Stacy Redmond (1) 7. Randy Smith (8) 8. Sonny Smyser (11) 9. JJ Riggins (13) 10. Mackie Heimbaugh (10) 11. Bobby Layne (16) 12. Jerry Potter (17) 13. Billy Robison (14) 14. Bill Hudson (19) 15. Shane Carson (2) 16. Mike Thomas (12) 17. Tom Corbin (6) 18. Jerry Blundy (15) 19. Con Edwards (18) 20. Junior Gutknecht (20) DNS – Lonnie Jensen, Jimmy Sills. **Lap Leaders:** Carson 1-2, Wolfgang 3-20.

**6/2/78**

### **AMA Motorcycles**

**Novice 350 Feature:** 1. Bubba Don Shobert, Lubbock, TX

**Junior 750 Feature:** 1. Ronnie Jones, Oklahoma City, OK

**Expert 750 Feature:** 1. Ty Cawley, Altoona, IA

**6/3/78**

### **Knoxville Mini-National Cash to Wolfgang!!!**

by Ken Sargent

Knoxville, IA – It took a long time to get the feature race run Saturday night, June 3, at Knoxville, but the fans found the wait was well worth it, as Doug Wolfgang, Shane Carson, Mike Brooks and Jimmy Sills put on the best racing show of the season before Wolfgang prevailed. The 25-lap mini-National feature was marred by four yellow flags. The first came on the initial lap when Bill Utz was bumped in the third turn and spun out. Since a lap had not been completed, a complete restart was lined up and as the green flag dropped, an accident developed about six rows back in the pack. The cars of Gary Scott, Tom Corbin, Eddie Leavitt and Billy Robison were involved with Scott getting the worst end of it. Gary's car went into an end flip, but Gary nor any of the other drivers were injured. At this juncture, track officials decided to water the apron of the track, which was creating quite a dust problem. The delay gave Robison and Corbin time to repair their cars as Scott was the only car sidelined by the incident. When the race was finally begun, yellow flags came out on the third and fourth laps for minor spins, but when the green flag dropped the next time, it was for good, and the show was on.

With Jimmy Sills taking the lead from his pole position he led for 11 laps with Wolfgang, Brooks and Carson on his tail. Brooks got around Wolfgang by using the high groove and on the 12<sup>th</sup> lap, Brooks moved past Sills

for the lead. Just two laps later, Wolfgang made his move coming out of the fourth turn and moved the Vise-Grips sprinter into first place to stay. Brooks held second until the last lap when Carson nipped at the wire to take the runner-up spot with Sills winding up fourth. Butch Bahr, who started ninth, wound up fifth, with the second five being made up of John Stevenson, Gene Gennetten, Jerry Potter, Eddie Leavitt and Tom Corbin.

The B main also had an accident on the start of the event. The cars in the second row of the starting grid, Jerry Blundy and Victor Chudy got together, and though they pulled their cars out, cars were going every which way to avoid Chudy and Blundy. Bill Hudson wound up rolling into the fence in turn one. Hudson was taken to a local hospital, treated for very minor injuries and returned to the track.

Don Maxwell had the fast time trial with a lap of 20.892 seconds, but he never got to show his stuff. Maxwell was sidelined in the start of the trophy dash when he was hit in the third turn by another racer. Carson wound up taking the five-lap event. Heat races went to Gene Gennetten, Cliff Blundy, Randy Smith, John Stevenson and John McClure. Hudson won the C main, with Sills taking the 10-lap B event. Wolfgang, who has now won three in a row in defense of his track championship, picked up \$1200 for the feature win that was run before a standing room crowd at the raceway.

## Results

**Time Trials (Qualifying Order):** 1. 71, Don Maxwell, Lincoln, NE (7) 20.892; 2. 57, Lonnie Jensen, Lincoln, NE (38) 20.907; 3. 4x, Doug Wolfgang, Lincoln, NE (40) 20.997; 4. 03, Randy Smith, Des Moines, IA (2) 21.137; 5. 20, Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, OK (15) 21.209; 6. 56, Bill Utz, Sedalia, MO (11) 21.244; 7. 86, Jimmy Sills, Sacramento, CA (23) 21.337; 8. 28, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (16) 21.381; 9. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (28) 21.390; 10. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (33) 21.391; 11. 25, Butch Bahr, Grand Island, NE (24) 21.395; 12. 19, Bobby Marshall, Dallas, TX (27) 21.466; 13. 15, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO (41) 21.482; 14. 7x, Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO (18) 21.566; 15. 22, Jerry Blundy, Dahinda, IL (8) 21.583; 16. 711, Victor Chudy, Plattsmouth, NE (12) 21.586; 17. 98, Gary Dunkle, Lincoln, NE (21) 21.597; 18. 27, Ed Grant, Canton, IL (10) 21.638; 19. 3, Gary Scott, Holts Summit, MO (31) 21.728; 20. 09, Steve Long, Indianapolis, IN (37) 21.733; 21. 81, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (1) 21.749; 22. 2J, JJ Riggins, Lincoln, NE (45) 21.761; 23. 10, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA (43) 21.765; 24. 4J, Tom Corbin, Carrollton, MO (29) 21.773; 25. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (22) 21.804; 26. 5, Con Edwards, Ankeny, IA (34) 21.869; 27. 22x, Don Hart, Monmouth, IL (36) 21.874; 28. 3x, Gene Gennetten, Parkville, MO (30) 21.878; 29. 01, Bobby Layne, Kansas City, MO (4) 21.967; 30. 1A, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (44) 21.979; 31. 33, Cliff Blundy, Alpha, IL (9) 22.055; 32. 6x, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE (32) 22.161; 33. 2, Galen Martin, Fairfield, IA (5) 22.168; 34. 35, Bill Hudson, New Sharon, IA (26) 22.496; 35. 120, Dick Stoneking, Oquawka, IL (20) 22.630; 36. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (14) 22.766; 37. 10x, Dean Smith, Fort Dodge, IA (25) 22.955; 38. 6, Harvey Grooms, Chillicothe, IA (6) 23.021; 39. 90, Tom Maycock, Waverly, MO (39) 23.088; 40. 76, Ken Potter, Grandview, MO (19) 23.112; 41. 9x, Ken McCarty, Kearney, MO (48) 23.162; 42. 5x, John McClure, West Burlington, IA (17) 23.221; 43. 4, Ted Tinlin, Des Moines, IA (35) 23.521; 44. 18, Chris Maurer, Colfax, IA (46) 23.972; 45. 55, Al Robinson, Lincoln, NE (3) 24.224; 46. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (42) 25.097; 47. 39, Terry Taggart, Sioux City, IA (47) 26.514; 48. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (13) NT; 49. 21, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (49) NT; 50. 47, Dan Wallace, Des Moines, IA (50) NT.

**Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:47.07:** 1. Shane Carson (2) 2. Doug Wolfgang (4) 3. Bill Utz (1) 4. Lonnie Jensen (5) 5. Randy Smith (3) 6. Don Maxwell (6)

**Heat one (started), 8 laps, NT:** 1. Gene Gennetten (3) 2. Tom Corbin (5) 3. Mackie Heimbaugh (2) / 4. Steve Long (7) 5. JJ Riggins (6) 6. Con Edwards (4) 7. Ed Grant (8) 8. Rich Brahmer (1)

**Heat two (started), 8 laps, NT:** 1. Cliff Bundy (3) 2. Gary Scott (8) 3. Stacy Redmond (4) / 4. Mike Pinckney (7) 5. Billy Robison (6) ... also: Don Hart (5), Bobby Layne (2), Galen Martin (1) DNS – Gary Dunkle

**Heat three (started), 8 laps, NT:** 1. Randy Smith (7) 2. Eddie Leavitt (2) 3. Bill Utz (6) 4. Bobby Marshall (3) 5. Lonnie Jensen (8) / ... also: Victor Chudy (1), Mike Brooks (4), Sonny Smyser (5)

**Heat four (started), 8 laps, 2:56.98:** 1. John Stevenson (4) 2. Doug Wolfgang (7) 3. Shane Carson (6) 4. Jerry Potter (2) 5. Butch Bahr (3) / ... also: Jerry Blundy (1), Jimmy Sills (5) DNS – Don Maxwell

**Heat five – slow heat (started), 5 laps, 1:58.72:** 1. John McClure (1) 2. Steve Hainline (8) 3. Chris Maurer (3) 4. Al Robinson (4) 5. John McCoy (7) ... also: Ted Tinlin (2), Tim Deaver (5), Terry Taggart (6)

**C main (started), 8 laps, NT:** 1. Bill Hudson (1) 2. Ken McCarty (9) 3. Adrian Zoutte (3) 4. Harvey Grooms (5) / 5. Galen Martin (4) 6. Tom Maycock (10) ... also: Bobby Layne (2), Dick Stoneking (6), Dean Smith (8), Ken Potter (7) DNS – Don Hart, Rich Brahmer

**B main (started), 10 laps, 3:47.11:** 1. Jimmy Sills (1) 2. JJ Riggins (8) 3. Mike Brooks (2) 4. Steve Long (6) 5. Billy Robison (7) 6. Con Edwards (10) / 7. Mike Pinckney (9) ... also: Jerry Blundy (3), Victor Chudy (4), Ed Grant (5), Bill Hudson (11), Ken McCarty (12), Adrian Zoutte (13), Harvey Grooms (14) DNS – Don Maxwell, Sonny Smyser

**A main (started), 25 laps, NT:** 1. Doug Wolfgang (5) 2. Shane Carson (3) 3. Mike Brooks (8) 4. Jimmy Sills (1) 5. Butch Bahr (9) 6. John Stevenson (7) 7. Gene Gennetten (20) 8. Jerry Potter (11) 9. Eddie Leavitt (12) 10. Tom Corbin (17) 11. Mackie Heimbaugh (21) 12. Randy Smith (4) 13. Bobby Marshall (10) 14. Steve Long (14) 15. Con Edwards (19) 16. Cliff Blundy (22) 17. Stacy Redmond (18) 18. JJ Riggins (16) 19. Billy Robison (15) 20. Lonnie Jensen (6) 21. Gary Scott (13) 22. Bill Utz (2). **Lap Leaders:** Sills 1-11, Brooks 12-13, Wolfgang 14-25.

## 6/10/78

### **Knoxville Main to Blackett!!!**

by Ken Sargent

Knoxville, IA – Ralph Blackett led from start to finish to win the 20-lap feature event at Knoxville, Iowa on June 10. Blackett started on the inside front row position and took the lead on the first turn. Mike Brooks, who started fifth, quickly moved into second and the chase was on. While Blackett and Brooks set the pace, Eddie Leavitt was slowly moving through the pack into third place from his 11<sup>th</sup> starting position. On the 9<sup>th</sup> lap, the leaders began to catch up with the back of the pack and on the 11<sup>th</sup> lap, Brooks spun out trying to move through traffic, and Leavitt hit him, forcing both cars out of the running. That moved Jerry Blundy and Gary Scott up behind Blackett, who lost his lead because of the yellow. But with 10 laps remaining, Blackett opened the lead back up and won easily over Scott, who wound up second with Blundy third. Shane Carson and John Stevenson completed the top five. The second five was made up of Butch Bahr, Lonnie Jensen, Kim Lingenfelter, Lloyd Beckman and Randy Smith.

The win by Blackett stopped a three week winning streak by Doug Wolfgang, who missed to show to compete at Ascot in California. Blundy, who was king of the raceway in the 1960's, showed his old form by taking third in the main and copping the checkered flag in the five-lap trophy dash. Eight lap heat races went to Terry Taggart, Dale McCarty, JJ Riggins and Leavitt.

Dean Smith won the 8-lap C main, while Randy Smith was first in the 10-lap B event. The only mishap of the evening occurred on the start of the second heat race when Bobby Layne and Don Hart collided. Hart was sent into the fence and flipped his sprinter several times. Hart was taken to a local hospital for treatment of several cuts and bruises, but no serious injuries. His car was totally demolished, being brought back to the pits in

several pieces. Layne was also not able to restart the heat race. 44 cars were on hand for the nine event program that was completed in less than three hours.

## Results

**Time Trials (Qualifying Order):** 1. 20, Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, OK (12) 20.791; 2. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (8) 20.955; 3. 3, Gary Scott, Holts Summit, MO (42) 20.980; 4. 57, Lonnie Jensen, Lincoln, NE (30) 21.235; 5. 22, Jerry Blundy, Dahinda, IL (18) 21.280; 6. 10, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (23) 21.287; 7. 03, Randy Smith, Des Moines, IA (20) 21.314; 8. 25, Butch Bahr, Grand Island, NE (26) 21.501; 9. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (41) 21.523; 10. 4J, JJ Riggins, Lincoln, NE (39) 21.562; 11. 49, Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO (26) 21.587; 12. 98, Gary Dunkle, Lincoln, NE (4) 21.643; 13. 7x, Lloyd Beckman, Lincoln, NE (37) 21.669; 14. 711, Victor Chudy, Plattsmouth, NE (9) 21.703; 15. 17N, Kim Lingenfelter, Norfolk, NE (24) 21.776; 16. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (31) 21.879; 17. 6x, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE (29) 21.902; 18. 15, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO (28) 21.980; 19. 33, Cliff Blundy, Alpha, IL (14) 21.999; 20. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (7) 22.000; 21. 5, Con Edwards, Ankeny, IA (35) 22.192; 22. 37x, Tony Webster, Topeka, KS (19) 22.193; 23. 28, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (32) 22.245; 24. 33x, Greg Cole, Grand Rapids, MN (6) 22.250; 25. 22x, Don Hart, Monmouth, IL (27) 22.317; 26. 39, Terry Taggart, Sioux City, IA (5) 22.389; 27. 09, Steve Long, Indianapolis, IN (15) 22.414; 28. 01, Bobby Layne, Kansas City, MO (33) 22.462; 29. 81, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (25) 22.470; 30. 9x, Dale McCarty, Kearney, MO (22) 22.666; 31. 120, Dick Stoneking, Oquawka, IL (38) 22.741; 32. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (3) 22.868; 33. 21, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (10) 21.870; 34. 76, Ken Potter, Grandview, MO (13) 22.922; 35. 40, Wayne Kronk, Fulton, MO (21) 22.931; 36. 10x, Dean Smith, Fort Dodge, IA (2) 23.038; 37. 1, Junior Gutknecht, Pleasantville, IA (36) \*; 38. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (17) 23.468; 39. 55, Al Robinson, Lincoln, NE (11) 24.017; 40. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (34) 25.091; 41. 102, Mel Van Wyk, Des Moines, IA (1) 25.723; 42. X, Pat Fielder, Bennett, NE (44) 26.806; 43. \* 44. \*.

**Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:47.92:** 1. Jerry Blundy (2) 2. Gary Scott (4) 3. Shane Carson (6) 4. Mike Brooks (5) 5. Ralph Blackett (1) 6. Lonnie Jensen (3)

**Heat one (started), 8 laps, 3:01.01:** 1. Terry Taggart (4) 2. Jerry Potter (8) 3. Billy Robison (3) / 4. Tony Webster (6) 5. Mike Thomas (7) ... 7. Greg Cole (5) also: Ken Potter (1), Dick Stoneking (2) DNS – Adrian Zoutte

**Heat two (started), 8 laps, 2:57.54:** 1. Dale McCarty (2) 2. Rich Brahmer (8) 3. Steve Hainline (1) / 4. Cliff Bundy (7) 5. Con Edwards (6) 6. Sonny Smyser (5) 7. Bobby Layne (3) 8. Don Hart (4) DNS – Steve Long

**Heat three (started), 8 laps, 3:01.41:** 1. JJ Riggins (4) 2. Mike Brooks (8) 3. Stacy Redmond (1) 4. Lonnie Jensen (7) 5. Butch Bahr (5) / 6. Victor Chudy (2) ... also: Gary Dunkle (3), Ralph Blackett (6)

**Heat four (started), 8 laps, NT:** 1. Eddie Leavitt (3) 2. John Stevenson (4) 3. Kim Lingenfelter (1) 4. Lloyd Beckman (2) 5. Shane Carson (8) / ... also: Randy Smith (5), Jerry Blundy (6), Gary Scott (7)

**C main (started), 8 laps, 3:11.02:** 1. Dean Smith (4) 2. Wayne Kronk (3) / 3. Junior Gutknecht (5) 4. Dick Stoneking (1) 5. Tim Deaver (2) ... also: John McCoy (6), Al Robinson (7), Mel Van Wyk (8), Pat Fielder (9) DNS – Don Hart, Bobby Layne, Ken Potter, Adrian Zoutte, Steve Long, \*, \*

**B main (started), 10 laps, 3:47.05:** 1. Randy Smith (4) 2. Gary Scott (1) 3. Jerry Blundy (2) 4. Ralph Blackett (3) 5. Gary Dunkle (5) 6. Cliff Blundy (7) 7. Tony Webster (10) / ... also: Victor Chudy (6), Mike Thomas (8), Con Edwards (9), Sonny Smyser (11), Greg Cole (12), Dean Smith (13), Wayne Kronk (14)

**A main (started), 20 laps, NT:** 1. Ralph Blackett (1) 2. Gary Scott (4) 3. Jerry Blundy (2) 4. Shane Carson (6) 5. John Stevenson (9) 6. Butch Bahr (8) 7. Lonnie Jensen (3) 8. Kim Lingenfelter (12) 9. Lloyd Beckman (13)

10. Randy Smith (7) 11. Gary Dunkle (10) 12. Tony Webster (20) 13. Stacy Redmond (15) 14. Dale McCarty (19) 15. Billy Robison (16) 16. Cliff Blundy (14) 17. Terry Taggart (17) 18. Mike Brooks (5) 19. Eddie Leavitt (11) 20. Steve Hainline (18) DNS – JJ Riggins, Rich Brahmaer, Jerry Potter. **Lap Leader:** Blackett 1-20.

**6/17/78**

### **Knoxville Main to Carson!!!**

by Ken Sargent

Knoxville, IA – Shane Carson of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, took his first feature event at Knoxville, Iowa by winning the 20-lap main event, Saturday, June 17. Carson, driving the Bob Trostle sprinter, took over the lead on the sixth lap from Jerry Blundy. Lonnie Jensen got by Blundy on the same lap to move into second place, but he couldn't catch Carson even with the help of a yellow flag. The yellow came out on the 17<sup>th</sup> lap for a spin, and allowed Jensen and the rest of the field to pull back up on young Carson. But, when the green dropped, Shane opened the distance back up to win easily. Jensen wound up second, with Randy Smith third, Blundy fourth and Sonny Smyser fifth. Eddie Leavitt put on the best passing show to finish sixth. Leavitt had started the main event in the 20<sup>th</sup> position. The rest of the top ten finishers were Butch Bahr, Bill Mellenberndt, JJ Riggins and John Stevenson.

Carson started the main event in the third position as a result of winning the third heat. A heavy rain late in the afternoon made the track very heavy and the long period of time to iron the track cancelled time trials. Winning the other heats in addition to Carson were Jensen, Blundy and Smith and Smyser. Jensen then won the five-lap trophy dash among the heat race winners.

Cliff Blundy took the 6-lap C main, with the 10-lap B event going to Victor Chudy. After a long wait to iron the track the large crowd watched the 42 car field complete the nine event program in less than two hours without any accidents.

### **Results**

**Heat one (started), 8 laps, 3:01.65:** 1. 57, Lonnie Jensen, Lincoln, NE (1) 2. 97, Bill Mellenberndt, Sioux Falls, SD (8) 3. 15, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO (3) 4. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (5) / 5. 711, Victor Chudy, Plattsmouth, NE (7) 6. 6, Harvey Grooms, Chillicothe, IA (4) 7. 9x, Dale McCarty, Kearney, MO (6) 8. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (2) 9. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (9)

**Heat two (started), 8 laps, 3:02.14:** 1. 22, Jerry Blundy, Dahinda, IL (2) 2. 44, Gary Dunkle, Lincoln, NE (3) 3. 6x, Rich Brahmaer, Wisner, NE (6) 4. 99, Dave Engerbretson, Sioux Falls, SD (8) / 5. 27, Ed Grant, Canton, IL (4) 6. 1, Junior Gutknecht, Pleasantville, IA (5) 7. 33, Cliff Blundy, Alpha, IL (7) 8. 181, Chris Maurer, Colfax, IA (9) 9. 120, Dick Stoneking, Oquawka, IL (1),

**Heat three (started), 8 laps, 2:57.63:** 1. 20, Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, OK (2) 2. 09, Steve Long, Indianapolis, IN (3) 3. 21, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (5) 4. 10, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (7) / 5. 76, Ken Potter, Grandview, MO (8) ... also: 5, Con Edwards, Ankeny, IA (1), 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (4), 7x, Lloyd Beckman, Lincoln, NE (6)

**Heat four (started), 8 laps, 2:57.74:** 1. 98, Randy Smith, Des Moines, IA (2) 2. 19, Bobby Marshall, Dallas, TX (4) 3. 25, Butch Bahr, Grand Island, NE (3) 4. 1A, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (6) / 5. 18x, Bill Hetrick Jr., Carman, IL (1) 6. 81, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (7) 7. 10x, Dean Smith, Fort Dodge, IA (8) 8. 102, Mel Van Wyk, Des Moines, IA (5)

**Heat five (started), 8 laps, 2:58.83:** 1. 28, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (2) 2. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (3) 3. 4J, JJ Riggins, Lincoln, NE (5) 4. 49, Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO (7) / 5. 17N, Kim Lingenfelter, Norfolk, NE (1) 6. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (6) 7. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (4) 8. 2, Galen Martin, Fairfield, IA (8)

**Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:48.60:** 1. Lonnie Jensen (1) 2. Shane Carson (3) 3. Jerry Blundy (2) 4. Randy Smith (4)

**C main (started), 6 laps, 2:19.22:** 1. Cliff Blundy (2) 2. Dale McCarty (5) 3. Dean Smith (4) / 4. John McCoy (1) 5. Galen Martin (7) ... also: Chris Maurer (3), Tim Deaver (6) DNS – Adrian Zoutte, Dick Stoneking, Mike Thomas, Lloyd Beckman, Mel Van Wyk

**B main (started), 10 laps, 3:43.55:** 1. Victor Chudy (1) 2. Mike Brooks (8) 3. Junior Gutknecht (7) / 4. Ed Grant (2) 5. Dale McCarty (11) 6. Jerry Potter (3) ... also: Bill Hetrick Jr. (4), Kim Lingenfelter (5), Harvey Grooms (6), Billy Robison (9), Cliff Blundy (10), Dean Smith (12) DNS – Ken Potter, Con Edwards

**A main (started), 20 laps, NT:** 1. Shane Carson (3) 2. Lonnie Jensen (1) 3. Randy Smith (4) 4. Jerry Blundy (2) 5. Sonny Smyser (5) 6. Eddie Leavitt (19) 7. Butch Bahr (13) 8. Bill Mellenberndt (6) 9. JJ Riggins (14) 10. John Stevenson (9) 11. Jerry Potter (10) 12. Steve Long (8) 13. Rich Brahmer (11) 14. Junior Gutknecht (22) 15. Victor Chudy (20) 16. Gary Dunkle (7) 17. Mackie Heimbaugh (18) 18. Stacy Redmond (15) 19. Steve Hainline (12) 20-22. Ralph Blackett (17), Mike Brooks (21), Dave Engerbretson (16) DNS – Bobby Marshall.  
**Lap Leaders:** J. Blundy 1-5, Carson 6-20.

**6/24/78**

### **Smyser a Winner At Knoxville!!!**

by Ken Sargent

Knoxville, IA – A new face was welcomed into the winner's circle June 24, as Sonny Smyser won the main event Saturday night at Knoxville, Iowa. Smyser led from start to finish in getting his first ever feature win at Knoxville. Smyser, in the Jim Springer sprinter, had only one anxious moment that came when he was trying to lap a slower car in the second turn and almost spun out. The bobble allowed second place runner Mike Brooks to pull up close, but when both drivers got by the lapped car, Smyser opened his lead back up. Brooks wound up second, his highest finish ever with Lonnie Jensen, JJ Riggins and Ralph Blackett completing the top five. Eddie Leavitt ran sixth, with John Stevenson seventh, and finishing out the top ten were Jerry Blundy, Steve Hainline and Gene Gennetten.

Leavitt had the fast time trial of the evening, covering the half-mile oval in a time of 21.194 seconds. Jimmy Sills took the five-lap trophy dash over the other top five timers. Eight lap heat races went to Bill Mellenberndt, Stacy Redmond, Butch Bahr and Don Maxwell. Mellenberndt's win was the most exciting of the heat races as the Sioux Falls, South Dakota ace went from the back of the pack to win. Junior Gutknecht won the 8-lap C main and Jensen took the 10-lap B main. Trophy dash winner Sills was running third in the B main when a ring gear pinion went out, forcing him out for the night.

Smyser picked up \$1000 for his main event win over the field of 48 cars. The yellow flag for Sills in the B was the only caution flag of the evening, as time trials and the eight event program was completed in two and a half hours. The fine crowd on hand helped push next week's purse to \$8000.

### **Results**

**Time Trials (Qualifying Order):** 1. 49, Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO (43) 21.194; 2. 20, Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, OK (29) 21.221; 3. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (18) 21.237; 4. 57, Lonnie Jensen, Lincoln, NE (34) 21.444; 5. 86, Jimmy Sills, Sacramento, CA (39) 21.451; 6. 28, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (25) 21.458; 7. 4J, JJ Riggins, Lincoln, NE (4) 21.471; 8. 10, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (36) 21.477; 9. 22, Jerry Blundy, Dahinda, IL (28) 21.646; 10. 250, Lloyd Beckman, Lincoln, NE (7) 21.669; 11. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (12) 21.712; 12. 21, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (38) 21.782; 13. 71, Don Maxwell, Lincoln, NE (21) 21.826; 14. 25, Butch Bahr, Grand Island, NE (47) 21.858; 15. 3x, Gene Gennetten, Parkville, MO (23) 21.909; 16. 98, Randy Smith, Des Moines, IA (42) 21.909; 17. 17N, Kim Lingenfelter, Norfolk, NE (2) 22.004; 18. 97, Bill Mellenberndt, Sioux Falls, SD (9) 22.035; 19. 7x, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (3) 22.039; 20. 33, Cliff Blundy, Alpha, IL (165) 22.060; 21. 5, Con Edwards, Ankeny, IA (1) 22.102; 22. 9x, Dale McCarty, Kearney, MO (33) 22.133; 23. 59, Dennis Olsen, Braham, MN (37) 22.154; 24. 94, Rick Weld, Kansas City, MO (15) 22.228; 25. 14x, Bob Williams, Independence, MO (44) 22.322; 26. 39, Terry Taggart, Sioux City, IA (14) 22.343; 27. 1, Junior Gutknecht, Pleasantville, IA (41) 22.347; 28. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (6) 22.358; 29. 1A, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (20) 22.373; 30. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (5) 22.405; 31. 6x, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE (10) 22.421; 32. 78, Roger Wright, Sugar Creek, MO (22) 22.673; 33. 18x, Bill Hetrick Jr., Carman, IL (27) 22.681; 34. 27, Ed Grant, Canton, IL (46) 22.789; 35. 81, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO (19) 22.799; 36. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (8) 22.922; 37. 181, Chris Maurer, Colfax, IA (32) 23.034; 38. 35, Fred Ream, Green Ridge, MO (40) 23.263; 39. 120, Dick Stoneking, Oquawka, IL (11) 23.379; 40. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (30) 23.483; 41. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (35) 23.624; 42. 76, Ken Potter, Grandview, MO (26) 23.630; 43. 125, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (13) 23.795; 44. 10x, Dean Smith, Fort Dodge, IA (24) 23.803; 45. 37x, Tony Webster, Topeka, KS (17) NT; 46. 21x, WM Kerr, Bonaparte, IA (31) NT; 47. 16, Dave Butler, Cedar Rapids, IA (45) NT; 48. 05, TJ Giddings, Basehor, KS (48) NT.

**Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:47.27:** 1. Jimmy Sills (2) 2. Sonny Smyser (1) 3. Lonnie Jensen (3) 4. Eddie Leavitt (6) 5. Shane Carson (5) 6. Mike Brooks (4)

**Heat one (started), 8 laps, 2:59.90:** 1. Bill Mellenberndt (8) 2. Rich Brahmer (2) 3. Roger Wright (1) / 4. Terry Taggart (4) 5. Rick Weld (5) ... also: Mackie Heimbaugh (3), Dale McCarty (6), Cliff Bundy (7) DNS – Mike Thomas

**Heat two (started), 8 laps, 3:00.60:** 1. Stacy Redmond (2) 2. Con Edwards (6) 3. Dennis Olsen (5) / 4. Kim Lingenfelter (8) 5. Bob Williams (4) ... also: Ed Grant (1), Junior Gutknecht (3), Bill Hetrick Jr. (7) DNS – Billy Robison

**Heat three (started), 8 laps, 2:58.16:** 1. Butch Bahr (2) 2. Randy Smith (1) 3. Ralph Blackett (5) 4. Shane Carson (8) 5. Steve Hainline (3) / ... also: Lloyd Beckman (4), Sonny Smyser (6), Lonnie Jensen (7)

**Heat four (started), 8 laps, 2:55.67:** 1. Don Maxwell (2) 2. John Stevenson (3) 3. JJ Riggins (5) 4. Eddie Leavitt (8) 5. Jerry Blundy (4) / ... also: Gene Gennetten (1), Jimmy Sills (6), Mike Brooks (7)

**C main (started), 8 laps, 2:58.78:** 1. Junior Gutknecht (2) 2. Terry Taggart (1) 3. Jerry Potter (6) / 4. Cliff Woodward (8) 5. Mackie Heimbaugh (3) ... also: Ed Grant (4), Bill Hetrick Jr. (5), Adrian Zoutte (7), Chris Maurer (9), Tim Deaver (10), Dick Stoneking (11) DNS – Fred Ream, John McCoy, Ken Potter, Dean Smith, Tony Webster, WM Kerr, Dave Butler, TJ Giddings

**B main (started), 10 laps, NT:** 1. Lonnie Jensen (2) 2. Mike Brooks (1) 3. Sonny Smyser (4) 4. Kim Lingenfelter (6) 5. Gene Gennetten (7) 6. Cliff Blundy (8) / ... also: Jimmy Sills (3), Lloyd Beckman (5), Billy Robison (9), Dale McCarty (10), Jerry Potter (11), Terry Taggart (12) DNS – Junior Gutknecht, Rick Weld, Bob Williams

**A main (started), 20 laps, 7:14.22:** 1. Sonny Smyser (2) 2. Mike Brooks (4) 3. Lonnie Jensen (3) 4. JJ Riggins (1) 5. Ralph Blackett (7) 6. Eddie Leavitt (6) 7. John Stevenson (9) 8. Jerry Blundy (8) 9. Steve Hainline (10) 10. Gene Gennetten (13) 11. Butch Bahr (12) 12. Kim Lingenfelter (15) 13. Randy Smith (14) 14. Con Edwards (18) 15. Stacy Redmond (20) 16. Dennis Olsen (19) 17. Cliff Blundy (17) 18. Rich Brahmaer (21) 19. Bill Mellenberndt (16) 20. Shane Carson (5) 21. Roger Wright (22) 22. Don Maxwell (11). **Lap Leader:** Smyser 1-20.

**7/1/78**

**Rain**

**7/2/78 (afternoon)**

**Carson Mid-Season Champion at Knoxville!!!**

by Ken Sargent

Knoxville, IA – Shane Carson took the Mid-Season Championship in a rare afternoon race at the Knoxville speedway, Sunday afternoon, July 2. Carson started in the sixth position and moved around Mackie Heimbaugh on the seventh lap to take the lead for good. It was the second win in as many starts for Carson in the Bob Trostle “flying wedge” sprinter. Heimbaugh drove an excellent race to finish second, but the real show was for third place, where John Stevenson, Kim Lingenfelter and Gary Dunkle battled for much of the race. On the 18<sup>th</sup> lap, Stevenson moved around the pair to finish third with Lingenfelter fourth and Dunkle fifth. It was quite a passing show for Stevenson on a dry-slick track that was not conducive to passing. The St. Paul ace wound up third after starting tenth, Sonny Smyser was sixth with Butch Bahr, Randy Smith, Doug Wolfgang and Billy Robison completing the top ten.

The victory for Carson pocketed him \$1,350 and allowed him to stretch his narrow five point lead to 55 over the second place man in the point race, Stevenson. Carson also set fast time of the day with a lap of 21.564. Heimbaugh took the five-lap trophy dash. Heat race wins went to Jimmy Sills, Cliff Blundy, Robison and Stevenson. Con Edwards won the 8-lap C main, with Jimmy Boyd putting on a good passing show to win the 10-lap B main event. Boyd started seventh in the event, and came on to win. 50 cars were on hand for the show on a hot, windy day that dried the track quickly, but there were no incidents except for a couple of minor spins.

**Results**

**Time Trials (Qualifying Order):** 1. 20, Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, OK (11) 21.564; 2. 25, Butch Bahr, Grand Island, NE (18) 21.845; 3. 17N, Kim Lingenfelter, Norfolk, NE (8) 21.923; 4. 28, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (12) 21.934; 5. 122, Gary Dunkle, Lincoln, NE (9) 22.052; 6. 1A, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (1) 22.176; 7. 27, Ed Grant, Canton, IL (7) 22.183; 8. 14x, Bob Williams, Independence, MO (4) 22.326; 9. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (6) 22.351; 10. 7x, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (19) 22.359; 11. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (34) 22.416; 12. 05, TJ Giddings, Basehor, KS (21) 22.420; 13. 98, Randy Smith, Des Moines, IA (25) 22.444; 14. 3x, Gene Gennetten, Parkville, MO (17) 22.491; 15. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (10) 22.501; 16. 71, Don Maxwell, Lincoln, NE (35) 22.502; 17. 121, Jimmy Boyd, Dixon, CA (39) 22.567; 18. 81, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO (15) 22.581; 19. 4x, Doug Wolfgang, Lincoln, NE (45) 22.766; 20. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (3) 22.798; 21. 10, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (43) 23.005; 22. 35x, Fred Ream, Green Ridge, MO (13) 23.008; 23. 6x, Rich Brahmaer, Wisner, NE (29) 23.011; 24. 120, Dick Stoneking, Oquawka, IL (2) 23.033; 25. 57, Lonnie Jensen, Lincoln, NE (38) 23.062; 26. 7s, Edd French, Colleyville, TX (28) 23.084; 27. 86x, Ray Rodden, Kleberg, TX (16) 23.085; 28. 125, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (30) 23.153; 29. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (26) 23.201; 30. 86, Jimmy Sills, Sacramento,

CA (46) 23.324; 31. 33, Cliff Blundy, Alpha, IL (27) 23.423; 32. 39, Terry Taggart, Sioux City, IA (36) 23.492; 33. 5, Con Edwards, Ankeny, IA (32) 23.514; 34. 2J, JJ Riggins, Lincoln, NE (24) 23.553; 35. 11E, Joe McCarthy, El Paso, TX (33) 23.557; 36. 9x, Dale McCarty, Kearney, MO (14) 23.627; 37. 1n, Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO (23) 23.649; 38. 27x, John Johnson, Independence, MO (40) 23.748; 39. 2, Galen Martin, Fairfield, IA (20) 23.832; 40. 40, Wayne Kronk, Fulton, MO (41) 23.904; 41. 21, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (47) 24.334; 42. 76, Ken Potter, Grandview, MO (31) 24.489; 43. 102, Mel Van Wyk, Des Moines, IA (44) 24.503; 44. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (42) 24.580; 45. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (37) 24.830; 46. 35, Mike O'Leary, Peoria, IL (22) 27.515; 47. 1, Junior Gutknecht, Pleasantville, IA (5) NT; 48. 22, Jerry Blundy, Dahinda, IL (48) NT; 49. 21x, WM Kerr, Bonaparte, IA (49) NT; 50. \*.

**Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:59.78:** 1. Mackie Heimbaugh (1) 2. Gary Dunkle (2) 3. Sonny Smyser (3) 4. Butch Bahr (5) 5. Shane Carson (6) 6. Kim Lingenfelter (4)

**Heat one (started), 8 laps, NT:** 1. Jimmy Sills (2) 2. Edd French (4) 3. Cliff Woodward (3) / 4. Jerry Potter (8) 5. Terry Taggart (1) ... also: Dick Stoneking (5), Fred Ream (6), John McCoy (7)

**Heat two (started), 8 laps, 3:13.34:** 1. Cliff Blundy (1) 2. Mike Brooks (2) 3. Doug Wolfgang (7) / 4. Rich Brahmer (5) 5. Ralph Blackett (6) ... also: Ray Rodden (3), Lonnie Jensen (4), Jimmy Boyd (8)

**Heat three (started), 8 laps, NT:** 1. Billy Robison (4) 2. Gene Gennetten (2) 3. Bob Williams (5) 4. Sonny Smyser (7) 5. Butch Bahr (8) / ... also: Don Maxwell (1), TJ Giddings (3), Mackie Heimbaugh (6)

**Heat four (started), 8 laps, 3:10.29:** 1. John Stevenson (3) 2. Randy Smith (2) 3. Stacy Redmond (4) 4. Gary Dunkle (6) 5. Shane Carson (8) / ... also: Mike Thomas (1), Ed Grant (5), Kim Lingenfelter (7)

**C main (started), 8 laps, 3:15.04:** 1. Con Edwards (2) 2. Joe McCarthy (4) 3. JJ Riggins (5) / 4. John Johnson (6) 5. Dick Stoneking (1) 6. Terry Taggart (3) ... also: Steve Hainline (7), Wayne Kronk (8), Adrian Zoutte (9), Ken Potter (10), Tim Deaver (11), Mel Van Wyk (12) DNS – Eddie Leavitt, Galen Martin, Lonnie Jensen, Ray Rodden, Dale McCarty, Mike O'Leary, Junior Gutknecht, Jerry Blundy, WM Kerr

**B main (started), 10 laps, NT:** 1. Jimmy Boyd (7) 2. Kim Lingenfelter (1) 3. Mackie Heimbaugh (2) 4. Jerry Potter (6) 5. Rich Brahmer (10) 6. JJ Riggins (14) / ... also: Ed Grant (3), TJ Giddings (4), John McCoy (9), Ralph Blackett (8), Fred Ream (11), Con Edwards (13), Joe McCarthy (12) DNS – Don Maxwell, Mike Thomas

**A main (started), 20 laps, 8:08.27:** 1. Shane Carson (6) 2. Mackie Heimbaugh (1) 3. John Stevenson (10) 4. Kim Lingenfelter (4) 5. Gary Dunkle (2) 6. Sonny Smyser (3) 7. Butch Bahr (5) 8. Randy Smith (11) 9. Doug Wolfgang (15) 10. Billy Robison (9) 11. Gene Gennetten (12) 12. Stacy Redmond (8) 13. Jimmy Sills (18) 14. Mike Brooks (19) 15. Rich Brahmer (14) 16. JJ Riggins (20) 17. Cliff Blundy (21) 18. Bob Williams (7) 19. Cliff Woodward (16) 20-21. Boyd (13), French (17) DNS – Jerry Potter. **Lap Leaders:** Heimbaugh 1-6, Carson 7-20.

## 7/2/78 (evening)

### Wolfgang Returns to the Winner's Circle at Knoxville!!!

by Ken Sargent

Knoxville, IA – Doug Wolfgang won his fourth feature of the season by taking the main event Sunday night July 2, at Knoxville, Iowa. Wolfgang survived a first lap wreck to take the main that was red flagged to a halt on the 19<sup>th</sup> lap. On the start of the event, Kim Lingenfelter jumped into the lead from his outside front row position with Jimmy Boyd right on his tail, literally. The two cars bumped, sending Boyd sideways with a field of 20 cars behind him going every which way to try to avoid him. Wolfgang did the job by climbing the fence

and driving on the first turn wall for a short time to get around Boyd. The incident sidelined Boyd, Lingenfelter, Mike Brooks and Joe McCarthy. Brooks, Boyd and Lingenfelter were all ahead of Wolfgang in the starting order so the Lincoln ace moved up into the second row. When the race was restarted, Jimmy Sills jumped out in front with Wolfgang in hot pursuit. The pair dueled side by side for two laps, with Wolfgang taking the lead just as they crossed the line at the end of the second lap. From three, Wolfie was flying low, lapping ten of the 17 cars left in the field before the red flag came out on the 19<sup>th</sup> lap. Shane Carson, who won the afternoon show, moved past Sills to take second place money with Sills in the show position. JJ Riggins was fourth with Randy Smith fifth. In the second five, it was John Stevenson, Ralph Blackett, Mike Thomas, Billy Robison and Tom Corbin.

Earlier in the evening, Brooks had set the fast time with a lap of 22.071, with Edd French taking the five-lap trophy dash. Eight-lap heat events went to Cliff Woodward, Steve Hainline, Billy Robison and Sonny Smyser. Hainline put on the best passing show in the heats, starting sixth in the event he won. Victor Chudy won the eight-lap C main with the ten-lap B event going to Shane Carson. Wolfgang picked up \$1000 for the win.

The red flag came out on the 19<sup>th</sup> lap for Don Maxwell and Lonnie Jensen who collided coming out of turn two. Jensen was taken to a local hospital for observation. After the field of 44 drivers was paid, the Marion County Fairboard donated the rest of the ticket money to the Iowa Kidney Foundation. Fairboard president Worth Darnell presented a check of \$3000 to the very worthy cause.

## Results

**Time Trials (Qualifying Order):** 1. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (22) 22.071; 2. 20, Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, OK (36) 22.206; 3. 86, Jimmy Sills, Sacramento, CA (29) 22.396; 4. 4J, JJ Riggins, Lincoln, NE (42) 22.408; 5. 7s, Edd French, Colleyville, TX (27) 22.428; 6. 17N, Kim Lingenfelter, Norfolk, NE (33) 22.642; 7. 121, Jimmy Boyd, Dixon, CA (21) 22.685; 8. 122, Gary Dunkle, Lincoln, NE (28) 22.719; 9. 10, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (30) 22.764; 10. 4x, Doug Wolfgang, Lincoln, NE (4) 22.772; 11. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (31) 22.778; 12. 98, Randy Smith, Des Moines, IA (34) 23.032; 13. 71, Don Maxwell, Lincoln, NE (16) 23.085; 14. 7x, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (19) 23.146; 15. 28, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (6) 23.179; 16. 11E, Joe McCarthy, El Paso, TX (23) 23.193; 17. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (18) 23.195; 18. 25, Butch Bahr, Grand Island, NE (11) 23.253; 19. 22, Jerry Blundy, Dahinda, IL (14) 23.372; 20. 57, Lonnie Jensen, Lincoln, NE (3) 23.545; 21. 21, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (15) 23.591; 22. 3x, Gene Gennetten, Parkville, MO (39) 23.668; 23. 1n, Tom Corbin, Carrollton, MO (12) 23.750; 24. 81, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO (24) 23.844; 25. 1A, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (25) 23.976; 26. 5, Con Edwards, Ankeny, IA (9) 24.125; 27. 05, TJ Giddings, Basehor, KS (41) 24.189; 28. 711, Victor Chudy, Plattsmouth, NE (2) 24.343; 29. 76, Ken Potter, Grandview, MO (35) 24.435; 30. 125, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (32) 24.544; 31. 33, Cliff Blundy, Alpha, IL (20) 24.625; 32. 120, Dick Stoneking, Oquawka, IL (38) 24.713; 33. 39, Terry Taggart, Sioux City, IA (17) 24.779; 34. 27, Ed Grant, Canton, IL (7) 25.039; 35. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (10) 25.329; 36. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (37) 25.353; 37. 27x, John Johnson, Independence, MO (8) 25.393; 38. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (13) 26.084; 39. 102, Mel Van Wyk, Des Moines, IA (5) 27.237; 40. 4, Ted Tinlin, Urbandale, IA (40) 27.507; 41. 21x, WM Kerr, Bonaparte, IA (26) 28.693; 42. 35, Mike O'Leary, Peoria, IL (1) 32.967; 43. \* 44. \*.

**Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:59.76:** 1. Edd French (2) 2. Kim Lingenfelter (1) 3. Mike Brooks (6) 4. Jimmy Sills (4) 5. JJ Riggins (3) 6. Shane Carson (5)

**Heat one (started), 8 laps, 3:17.10:** 1. Cliff Woodward (2) 2. Con Edwards (4) 3. Lonnie Jensen (7) / 4. Butch Bahr (8) 5. Victor Chudy (3) ... also: Dick Stoneking (1), Jerry Potter (5), Gene Gennetten (6)

**Heat two (started), 8 laps, 3:10.47:** 1. Steve Hainline (6) 2. John Stevenson (8) 3. Ken Potter (2) / 4. Cliff Blundy (1) 5. TJ Giddings (3) ... also: Mackie Heimbaugh (4), Tom Corbin (5), Jerry Blundy (7)

**Heat three (started), 8 laps, 3:05.74:** 1. Billy Robison (2) 2. Doug Wolfgang (4) 3. Joe McCarthy (1) 4. Randy Smith (3) 5. Kim Lingenfelter (6) / ... also: Gary Dunkle (5), JJ Riggins (7), Shane Carson (8)

**Heat four (started), 8 laps, 3:02.19:** 1. Sonny Smyser (1) 2. Don Maxwell (2) 3. Mike Brooks (8) 4. Ralph Blackett (4) 5. Jimmy Boyd (5) / ... also: Mike Thomas (3), Edd French (6), Jimmy Sills (7)

**C main (started), 8 laps, 3:04.40:** 1. Victor Chudy (2) 2. TJ Giddings (1) 3. Cliff Blundy (3) 4. Dick Stoneking (4) / 5. Ed Grant (5) ... also: Adrian Zoutte (6), Tim Deaver (7), John Johnson (8), John McCoy (9), Mel Van Wyk (10), WM Kerr (11) DNS – Terry Taggart, Ted Tinlin, Mike O’Leary, \*, \*

**B main (started), 10 laps, 3:45.21:** 1. Shane Carson (1) 2. Jimmy Sills (2) 3. JJ Riggins (3) 4. Mike Thomas (6) 5. Tom Corbin (8) 6. TJ Giddings (13) / ... also: Edd French (4), Gary Dunkle (5), Butch Bahr (7), Gene Gennetten (9), Victor Chudy (10), Mackie Heimbaugh (11), Cliff Blundy (12), Dick Stoneking (14) DNS – Jerry Blundy, Jerry Potter

**A main (started), 18 laps, NT:** 1. Doug Wolfgang (8) 2. Shane Carson (5) 3. Jimmy Sills (4) 4. JJ Riggins (3) 5. Randy Smith (10) 6. John Stevenson (15) 7. Ralph Blackett (7) 8. Mike Thomas (9) 9. Billy Robison (12) 10. Tom Corbin (18) 11. Sonny Smyser (13) 12. Steve Hainline (17) 13-18. Don Maxwell (11), Lonnie Jensen (16), Con Edwards (19), TJ Giddings (20), Ken Potter (21), Cliff Woodward (22) 19. Jimmy Boyd (1) 20. Kim Lingenfelter (2) 21. Mike Brooks (6) 22. Joe McCarthy (14). **Lap Leaders:** Sills 1, Wolfgang 2-18.

**7/8/78**

### **Robison Wins At Knoxville!!!**

by Ken Sargent

Knoxville, IA – Another newcomer was ushered into the winner’s circle Saturday night, July 8 at Knoxville, as Kansan Billy Robison drove to victory in the Lenard McCarl sprinter. Robison started on the outside of the front row with Ralph Blackett on the inside. Robison won the race to the corner when the green fell and led from wire to wire to get the victory. Blackett drove all twenty laps on Robison’s bumper and on the 17<sup>th</sup> lap, Blackett made his effort to pass Robison when he cut to the inside and pulled alongside Robison. However, the track was faster on the outside and Robison held off the challenge as they headed into the back chute. The win for Robison ended a five-year drought at Knoxville. Blackett wound up second, with Mike Brooks right on his tail to take third. Randy Smith was fourth and Jimmy Sills wound up fifth. Shane Carson put on the best passing show to wind up sixth. The point leader started the main event in the 11<sup>th</sup> spot. Completing the top ten were Jimmy Boyd, Butch Bahr, Tom Corbin and John Stevenson.

Stevenson had the fast time trial of the evening with a lap of 21.057 seconds. Blackett took the five-lap trophy dash. The eight-lap heat races had a tough time getting completed. In the first heat, Wayne Kronk got upside down in turn one. Kronk was not injured, but his car was through for the night. On the restart, Bill Hetrick Jr. went on to win. In the second heat, misfortune fell on the start, as someone got out of position and JJ Riggins ran over a wheel, sending his mount into a flip into the first turn fence. Riggins suffered a compound fracture of his left arm, along with several cuts and was taken to a Des Moines hospital. Dennis Olsen went on to win that heat race on the restart. Shane Carson won the third heat, but it too was not without a yellow flag. The caution flag came out for Eddie Leavitt in the second lap, when he lost a wheel. The fourth heat was the only one to go eight consecutive laps with Butch Bahr making a last lap pass to overtake Con Edwards, who wound up third when Jimmy Boyd also got around on the last lap.

Dean Smith took the eight-lap C main with the ten-lap B event going to Randy Smith. A field of 40 cars was on hand for the evening of racing.

## Results

**Time Trials (Qualifying Order):** 1. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (12) 21.057; 2. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (31) 21.162; 3. 98, Randy Smith, Des Moines, IA (15) 21.197; 4. 4J, Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO (28) 21.250; 5. 7x, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (37) 21.273; 6. 10, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (19) 21.337; 7. 121, Jimmy Boyd, Dixon, CA (6) 21.373; 8. 28, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (24) 21.426; 9. 86, Jimmy Sills, Sacramento, CA (16) 21.455; 10. 21, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (30) 21.459; 11. 5, Con Edwards, Ankeny, IA (36) 21.478; 12. 20, Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, OK (23) 21.487; 13. 25, Butch Bahr, Grand Island, NE (7) 21.571; 14. 6x, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE (4) 21.703; 15. 22, Jerry Blundy, Dahinda, IL (27) 21.708; 16. 27, Ed Grant, Canton, IL (35) 21.772; 17. 2J, JJ Riggins, Lincoln, NE (29) 21.800; 18. 1n, Tom Corbin, Carrollton, MO (17) 21.825; 19. 17x, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO (3) 21.837; 20. 711, Victor Chudy, Plattsmouth, NE (32) 21.863; 21. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (21) 21.979; 22. 1A, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (9) 21.981; 23. 25x, Darryl Dawley, Sioux Falls, SD (40) 21.990; 24. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (5) 22.022; 25. 59, Dennis Olsen, Braham, MN (25) 22.172; 26. 33, Cliff Blundy, Alpha, IL (8) 22.249; 27. 122, Gary Dunkle, Lincoln, NE (38) 22.254; 28. 40, Wayne Kronk, Fulton, MO (18) 22.471; 29. 120, Dick Stoneking, Oquawka, IL (14) 22.765; 30. 18x, Bill Hetrick Jr., Carman, IL (10) 22.803; 31. 28x, Steve Morris, West Burlington, IA (26) 22.882; 32. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (22) 22.938; 33. 10x, Dean Smith, Fort Dodge, IA (39) 23.069; 34. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (20) 23.081; 35. 181, Chris Maurer, Colfax, IA (33) 23.098; 36. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (13) 23.319; 37. 17, Roger Anderson, Waterloo, IA (34) 23.489; 38. 102, Mel Van Wyk, Des Moines, IA (2) 23.763; 39. 55, Al Robinson, Lincoln, NE (11) 24.427; 40. 21x, WM Kerr, Bonaparte, IA (1) 25.894.

**Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, NT:** 1. Ralph Blackett (1) 2. Randy Smith (4) 3. John Stevenson (6) 4. Al Robison (2) 5. Mike Brooks (5) 6. Eddie Leavitt (3)

**Heat one (started), 8 laps, NT:** 1. Bill Hetrick Jr. (2) 2. Stacy Redmond (5) 3. Mackie Heimbaugh (6) / 4. Tom Corbin (8) 5. Victor Chudy (7) ... also: John McCoy (1), Wayne Kronk (3), Cliff Blundy (4)

**Heat two (started), 8 laps, NT:** 1. Dennis Olsen (4) 2. Jerry Potter (7) 3. Gary Dunkle (3) / 4. Dick Stoneking (2) 5. Mike Thomas (6) ... also: Steve Morris (1), Darryl Dawley (5), JJ Riggins (8)

**Heat three (started), 8 laps, NT:** 1. Shane Carson (3) 2. Mike Brooks (8) 3. Rich Brahmer (2) 4. Ralph Blackett (6) 5. Steve Hainline (4) / ... also: Ed Grant (1), Sonny Smyser (5), Eddie Leavitt (7)

**Heat four (started), 8 laps, 3:01.44:** 1. Butch Bahr (2) 2. Jimmy Boyd (5) 3. Con Edwards (3) 4. Jimmy Sills (4) 5. John Stevenson (8) / ... also: Jerry Blundy (1), Billy Robison (6), Randy Smith (7)

**C main (started), 8 laps, 3:08.40:** 1. Dean Smith (2) 2. John McCoy (1) 3. Tim Deaver (3) 4. Chris Maurer (4) / 5. Roger Anderson (5) ... also: Mel Van Wyk (6), Al Robinson (7), WM Kerr (8) DNS – Adrian Zoutte

**B main (started), 10 laps, NT:** 1. Randy Smith (1) 2. Billy Robison (3) 3. Eddie Leavitt (2) 4. Tom Corbin (7) 5. Victor Chudy (8) 6. Ed Grant (6) / ... also: Sonny Smyser (4), Jerry Blundy (5), Mike Thomas (9), Cliff Blundy (10), Dick Stoneking (11), Tim Deaver (12), Dean Smith (13), Chris Maurer (14) DNS – JJ Riggins, Darryl Dawley, Wayne Kronk, Steve Morris, John McCoy

**A main (started), 20 laps, 7:47.34:** 1. Billy Robison (2) 2. Ralph Blackett (1) 3. Mike Brooks (5) 4. Randy Smith (4) 5. Jimmy Sills (8) 6. Shane Carson (11) 7. Jimmy Boyd (7) 8. Butch Bahr (12) 9. Tom Corbin (15) 10. John Stevenson (6) 11. Jerry Potter (16) 12. Ed Grant (14) 13. Con Edwards (10) 14. Rich Brahmer (13) 15. Gary Dunkle (21) 16. Victor Chudy (17) 17. Mackie Heimbaugh (18) 18. Dennis Olsen (20) 19. Steve Hainline (9) 20-22. Eddie Leavitt (3), Stacy Redmond (19), Bill Hetrick Jr. (22). **Lap Leader:** Robison 1-20.

7/15/78

## Leavitt, Brooks Win Twin 16's!!!

by Ken Sargent

Knoxville, IA – Eddie Leavitt and Mike Brooks were the winners of twin 16 feature events on a fast race track at Knoxville, Iowa, Saturday, July 15. Leavitt breezed to a relatively easy win in the first feature leading all 16 laps to take the checkered ahead of Brooks, Shane Carson, Jack McCorkell and Dennis Olsen. Ralph Blackett and John Stevenson put on a good passing show in the event. The pair qualified through the B main and therefore started on the rear of the 18-car field. They moved up ten spots in the 16 laps. Blackett finished ninth and Stevenson was 10<sup>th</sup>.

The finish order of the first feature was inverted to start the second event putting the winners on the rear and starting the passing show. Leavitt and Brooks wasted no time starting through the pack. With just three laps gone, Brooks was 10<sup>th</sup> and Leavitt 13<sup>th</sup>. Three laps later, Leavitt was in the sixth spot with Brooks seventh. In the second turn of the next lap, Lloyd Beckman, running in the second spot, spun out in the second turn and the 16 cars all went looking for a place to get around him. Leavitt was the first to not find room, hitting Beckman's racer and that took care of any chance Leavitt had for winning both feature events. Mike Thomas rolled over another sprinter, but with some quick work in the pits, was able to continue. The accident sidelined Beckman, Leavitt and Con Edwards. On the restart, leader Bob Meli was able to hold off Ralph Blackett for just one lap and the Des Moines driver moved in the lead with Brooks, John Stevenson and Shane Carson, also up from the back, hot on his tail. The four put on an excellent show, with Brooks getting by Blackett on the 13<sup>th</sup> lap and going on to win. Carson also got by Blackett to take second place, with Blackett winding up third and Stevenson fourth. Jack McCorkell wound up fifth.

Knoxville's ambulance and fire crews put in some outstanding work earlier in the evening. During hot laps, Johnny Coogan of Indianapolis, Indiana ran over the wheel of another racer and flipped about ten times down the back straightaway. Coogan was unconscious and not breathing when the rescue team reached him and revived him. Coogan was taken to the hospital and later came to suffering only some head bruises and other minor injuries and vowing to return to the track.

Then, in the first heat race, Steve Morris of West Burlington, Iowa, hit the fence in turn three, rolling his sprinter a couple of times and then his car burst into flames. The fire crew was on the scene immediately extinguishing the blaze, and Morris was helped from the car, and incredibly was not burned or injured. Mike Thomas went on to win the eight-lap heat race with other winners in the heats being Jerry Richert, Beckman and Leavitt. Leavitt went from the rear to win his heat race.

Billy Robison was the winner of the five-lap trophy dash, setting a new track record for the event. Rich Brahmaer won a heat for non-qualifiers and Brooks had the fast time trial of the night with a lap of 20.720. He was the last car to go out for qualifying. 42 cars were on hand for the twin feature program.

## Results

**Time Trials (Qualifying Order):** 1. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (39) 20.720; 2. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (25) 20.751; 3. 49, Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO (12) 21.000; 4. 20, Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, OK (24) 21.044; 5. 711, Victor Chudy, Plattsmouth, NE (34) 21.097; 6. 7x, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (26) 21.144; 7. 10, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (38) 21.166; 8. 98, Randy Smith, Des Moines, IA (1) 21.244; 9. 98A, Jack McCorkell, Redwood Falls, MN (8) 21.321; 10. 02, Lloyd Beckman, Lincoln, NE (28) 21.365; 11. 1, Junior Gutknecht, Pleasantville, IA (31) 21.390; 12. 59, Dennis Olsen, Braham, MN (27) 21.435; 13. 122, Gary Dunkle, Lincoln, NE (2) 21.493; 14. 27, Ed Grant, Canton, IL (13) 21.513; 15. 5, Con Edwards, Ankeny, IA (6) 21.631; 16. 21, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (11) 21.645; 17. 2, Galen Martin, Fairfield, IA (21) 21.645; 18.

37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (23) 21.646; 19. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (30) 21.759; 20. 39, Terry Taggart, Sioux City, IA (10) 21.885; 21. 62, Jerry Richert, Forest Lake, MN (16) 21.889; 22. 1A, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (37) 21.911; 23. 54, Dan Shearen, White Bear Lake, MN (36) 22.149; 24. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (19) 22.153; 25. 18x, Bill Hetrick Jr., Carman, IL (5) 22.368; 26. 28x, Steve Morris, West Burlington, IA (17) 22.405; 27. 44, Bob Meli, Temple City, CA (33) 22.454; 28. 120, Dick Stoneking, Oquawka, IL (9) 22.596; 29. 10x, Dean Smith, Fort Dodge, IA (15) 22.751; 30. 15x, Dennis Tempero, Fort Collins, CO (35) 23.001; 31. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (20) 23.027; 32. 17, Roger Anderson, Waterloo, IA (4) 23.049; 33. 102, Mel Van Wyk, Des Moines, IA (22) 23.344; 34. 181, Chris Maurer, Colfax, IA (3) 23.377; 35. 55, Al Robinson, Lincoln, NE (32) 24.482; 36. 67, Rick Stepanek, Minneapolis, MN (29) 25.565; 37. 04, Andy Morrissey, Oneida, IL (18) 26.333; 38. 03, Kim Shearer, \* (7) NT; 39. 33, Cliff Blundy, Alpha, IL (14) NT; 40. 6x, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE (40) NT; 41. \*, Johnny Coogan, Indianapolis, IN (40) NT; 42. \*.

**Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:42.86 (NTR):** 1. Billy Robison (1) 2. Eddie Leavitt (4) 3. Victor Chudy (2) 4. John Stevenson (5) 5. Shane Carson (3) 6. Mike Brooks (6)

**Heat one (started), 8 laps, NT:** 1. Mike Thomas (8) 2. Dick Stoneking (3) 3. Adrian Zoutte (5) / 4. Roger Anderson (1) 5. Dennis Tempero (2) ... also: Steve Morris (4), Mackie Heimbaugh (6), Terry Taggart (7)

**Heat two (started), 8 laps, NT:** 1. Jerry Richert (6) 2. Bob Meli (3) 3. Dean Smith (2) / 4. Galen Martin (8) 5. Tim Deaver (1) ... also: Bill Hetrick Jr. (4), Dan Shearen (5), John McCoy (7)

**Heat three (started), 8 laps, 2:54.25:** 1. Lloyd Beckman (4) 2. Steve Hainline (1) 3. Dennis Olsen (3) 4. Shane Carson (7) 5. Ed Grant (2) / ... also: Randy Smith (5), Billy Robison (6), John Stevenson (8)

**Heat four (started), 8 laps, 2:53.69:** 1. Eddie Leavitt (7) 2. Con Edwards (1) 3. Gary Dunkle (2) 4. Jack McCorkell (4) 5. Mike Brooks (8) / ... also: Junior Gutknecht (3), Ralph Blackett (5), Victor Chudy (6)

**Slow Heat (started), 6 laps, NT:** 1. Rich Brahmer (4) 2. Chris Maurer (2) 3. Mel Van Wyk (1) 4. Rick Stepanek (6) 5. Al Robinson (3) 6. Andy Morrissey (5)

**B main (started), 10 laps, 3:35.13:** 1. Ralph Blackett (3) 2. John Stevenson (1) / 3. Billy Robison (2) 4. Junior Gutknecht (5) 5. Galen Martin (6) ... also: Randy Smith (4), John McCoy (7), Dan Shearen (8), Bill Hetrick Jr. (9), Dennis Tempero (10), Tim Deaver (11) DNS – Victor Chudy, Terry Taggart, Mackie Heimbaugh, Steve Morris, Roger Anderson

**A main #1 (started), 16 laps, 5:43.78 (NTR):** 1. Eddie Leavitt (2) 2. Mike Brooks (1) 3. Shane Carson (3) 4. Jack McCorkell (4) 5. Dennis Olsen (6) 6. Gary Dunkle (7) 7. Lloyd Beckman (5) 8. Steve Hainline (10) 9. Ralph Blackett (17) 10. John Stevenson (18) 11. Con Edwards (9) 12. Mike Thomas (11) 13. Jerry Richert (12) 14. Ed Grant (8) 15. Bob Meli (14) 16. Dick Stoneking (15) 17. Adrian Zoutte (13) 18. Dean Smith (16). **Lap Leader:** Leavitt 1-16.

**A main #2 (started), 16 laps, NT:** 1. Mike Brooks (17) 2. Shane Carson (16) 3. Ralph Blackett (10) 4. John Stevenson (9) 5. Jack McCorkell (15) 6. Jerry Richert (6) 7. Bob Meli (4) 8. Mike Thomas (7) 9. Steve Hainline (11) 10. Gary Dunkle (13) 11. Dennis Olsen (14) 12. Dick Stoneking (3) 13. Ed Grant (5) 14. Dean Smith (1) 15. Adrian Zoutte (2) 16. Lloyd Beckman (12) 17. Eddie Leavitt (18) 18. Con Edwards (8). **Lap Leaders:** D. Smith 1-6, Meli 7, Blackett 8-12, Brooks 13-16.

**7/22/78**

**Knoxville Cash to Wolfgang!!!**

by Ken Sargent

Knoxville, IA – Doug Wolfgang returned to the Knoxville Raceway after an absence of a few weeks and wasted no time in going back to the winner's circle, as he took the twenty-lap main event, Saturday night, July 22. Wolfgang started in the sixth position and by the second turn of the first lap, had the Bill Smith, Vise-Grips sprinter in the front spot. Wolfgang was stretching the lead when the yellow came out after two laps for a spin by Jerry Blundy. On the restarts, Wolfie wasted no time in opening things back up to win by about 15 car lengths over Shane Carson. He wound up lapping ten of the 22 cars in the field. The real race was for third place behind Wolfgang and Carson. Bill Mellenberndt, Eddie Leavitt, Butch Bahr and Jimmy Sills staged quite a battle in the last few laps for the third spot, with show money finally going to Mellenberndt ahead of Leavitt and Bahr. Sills Headed up the second five, followed by Mike Brooks, Jerry Potter, Jimmy Boyd and Lloyd Beckman.

Earlier in the evening, Carson had the fast time trial with a lap of 20.637, the fast lap this season to date. Leavitt won the five-lap trophy dash in an exciting finish just ahead of Wolfgang. Eight-lap heat victories went to Ralph Blackett, Steve Hainline, Wolfgang and Jack McCorkell. Blackett and Wolfgang both came from the back of the pack to win their heats. Galen Martin took the checkered flag in the eight-lap C main, with Jerry Potter taking the ten-lap B main. Wolfgang topped a field of 49 sprinters to take the first place money of \$1000. The drivers completed the evening without any incidents and Wolfgang took the checkered just over two and a half hours after time trials had started.

## Results

**Time Trials (Qualifying Order):** 1. 20, Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, OK (8) 20.637; 2. 98, Randy Smith, Des Moines, IA (1) 20.703; 3. 28, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (4) 20.744; 4. 4x, Doug Wolfgang, Lincoln, NE (7) 20.745; 5. 49, Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO (3) 20.753; 6. 97, Bill Mellenberndt, Sioux Falls, SD (18) 20.764; 7. 25, Butch Bahr, Grand Island, NE (22) 20.868; 8. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (2) 21.096; 9. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (32) 21.141; 10. 17, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO (17) 21.155; 11. 59, Dennis Olsen, Braham, MN (16) 21.184; 12. 86, Jimmy Sills, Sacramento, CA (40) 21.193; 13. 17N, Kim Lingenfelter, Norfolk, NE (11) 21.198; 14. 02, Lloyd Beckman, Lincoln, NE (12) 21.201; 15. 98A, Jack McCorkell, Redwood Falls, MN (14) 21.224; 16. 121, Jimmy Boyd, Dixon, CA (33) 21.248; 17. 47, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA (38) 21.250; 18. 10, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (29) 21.284; 19. 122, Gary Dunkle, Lincoln, NE (9) 21.445; 20. 6x, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE (19) 21.530; 21. 21, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (20) 21.551; 22. 57, Lonnie Jensen, Lincoln, NE (41) 21.563; 23. 1, Junior Gutknecht, Pleasantville, IA (25) 21.672; 24. 71, Gary Scott, Holts Summit, MO (24) 21.786; 25. 22, Jerry Blundy, Dahinda, IL (28) 21.807; 26. 91, Joel Taylor, Milford, IA (43) 21.847; 27. 33, Cliff Blundy, Alpha, IL (23) 21.952; 28. 1A, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (30) 22.034; 29. 15, TJ Giddings, Basehor, KS (10) 22.063; 30. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (27) 22.072; 31. 2, Galen Martin, Fairfield, IA (31) 22.191; 32. 120, Dick Stoneking, Oquawka, IL (6) 22.213; 33. 27, Ed Grant, Canton, IL (36) 22.468; 34. 2x, Jerry Frantsen, Windom, MN (44) 22.436; 35. 1x, Terry Turbak, Sioux Falls, SD (26) 22.531; 36. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (37) 22.538; 37. 44x, Curtis Evans, Hardin, MO (21) 22.703; 38. 54, Dan Shearen, White Bear Lake, MN (34) 22.869; 39. 17, Roger Anderson, Waterloo, IA (35) 22.896; 40. 81, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (42) 23.305; 41. M1, Bob Marshall, Fort Dodge, IA (39) 24.996; 42. 5, Con Edwards, Ankeny, IA (5) NT; 43. 10x, Dean Smith, Fort Dodge, IA (13) NT; 44. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (15) NT; 45. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (45) NT; 46. \* 47. \* 48. \* 49. \*.

**Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, NT:** 1. Eddie Leavitt (2) 2. Doug Wolfgang (3) 3. Shane Carson (6) 4. Bill Mellenberndt (1) 5. Sonny Smyser (4) 6. Randy Smith (5)

**Heat one (started), 8 laps, NT:** 1. Ralph Blackett (8) 2. Jerry Blundy (5) 3. Rich Brahmer (7) / 4. Lonnie Jensen (6) 5. Cliff Blundy (4) ... also: Ed Grant (1), Galen Martin (2), TJ Giddings (3) DNS – Gary Scott

**Heat two (started), 8 laps, 3:01.93:** 1. Steve Hainline (6) 2. Joel Taylor (4) 3. Mackie Heimbaugh (3) / 4. Dick Stoneking (1) 5. Adrian Zoutte (2) ... also: Junior Gutknecht (5), Gary Dunkle (7), Mike Pinckney (8)

**Heat three (started), 8 laps, 2:54.17:** 1. Doug Wolfgang (7) 2. Jimmy Boyd (1) 3. Jimmy Sills (3) 4. Bill Mellenberndt (6) 5. Lloyd Beckman (2) / ... also: Jerry Potter (4), Mike Thomas (5) DNS – Randy Smith

**Heat four (started), 8 laps, 2:57.50:** 1. Jack McCorkell (1) 2. Butch Bahr (5) 3. Mike Brooks (4) 4. Shane Carson (8) 5. Kim Lingenfelter (2) / 6. Eddie Leavitt (6) ... also: Dennis Olsen 59 (3), Sonny Smyser (7)

**C main (started), 8 laps, 3:06.08:** 1. Galen Martin (3) 2. Ed Grant (1) 3. Terry Turbak (6) 4. Cliff Woodward (11) / 5. Dick Stoneking (2) ... also: Adrian Zoutte (4), Jerry Frantsen (5), Tim Deaver (7), Dan Shearen (8), Roger Anderson (9), John McCoy (10), Bob Marshall (12) DNS – Curtis Evans, Dean Smith, Con Edwards, John Stevenson

**B main (started), 10 laps, NT:** 1. Jerry Potter (3) 2. Mike Pinckney (1) 3. Eddie Leavitt (5) 4. Mike Thomas (4) 5. Dennis Olsen (2) 6. Cliff Blundy (8) / ... also: Sonny Smyser (6), Gary Dunkle (7), Junior Gutknecht (9), Galen Martin (10), TJ Giddings (11), Terry Turbak (12), Ed Grant (13), Cliff Woodward (14) DNS – Randy Smith, Lonnie Jensen, Gary Scott

**A main (started), 20 laps, NT:** 1. Doug Wolfgang (5) 2. Shane Carson (6) 3. Bill Mellenberndt (3) 4. Eddie Leavitt (4) 5. Butch Bahr (2) 6. Jimmy Sills (9) 7. Mike Brooks (7) 8. Jerry Potter (8) 9. Jimmy Boyd (13) 10. Lloyd Beckman (11) 11. Ralph Blackett (15) 12. Jack McCorkell (12) 13. Mike Pinckney (14) 14. Rich Brahmer (16) 15. Dennis Olsen (21) 16. Mike Thomas (1) 17. Mackie Heimbaugh (20) 18. Steve Hainline (17) 19. Kim Lingenfelter (10) 20-22. Jerry Blundy (18), Joel Taylor (19), Cliff Blundy (22). **Lap Leader:** Wolfgang 1-20.

**7/29/78**

### **It's Brooks Wire to Wire At Knoxville!!!**

by Ken Sargent

Knoxville, IA – Mike Brooks led all the way to win the 20-lap feature event Saturday night, July 29 at Knoxville. Brooks battled John Stevenson for the lead through the first two turns of the opening lap before he grabbed it for good and started opening up some daylight. Brooks had about a straightaway lead when the yellow flag came out on the 15<sup>th</sup> lap when Jerry Blundy and Dave Engerbretson got together in the third turn. Neither driver was injured, but neither was able to restart. When the green came back out, Brooks held on to his lead to get his second victory of the season at Knoxville. John Stevenson wound up second with Bobby Marshall third, Jimmy Sills fourth and Kim Lingenfelter fifth. In the second five were Lee Osborne, Steve Hainline, Shane Carson, Gary Scott and Mike Thomas.

The 8<sup>th</sup> place finish for Carson was accomplished the hard way. Carson had second fast time, but then had motor problems and while the heats were being run, the Bob Trostle crew made an engine change and got the car finished just in time for the B main event, where he ran sixth to qualify for the final spot in the main event. Starting on the tail, he passed 14 cars to finish eighth. Not as fortunate was Lealand McSpadden. The "Tempe Tornado" set fast time and set a new track record in winning the ten-lap B main event. Starting sixth in the main event, McSpadden was not able to restart.

Billy Robison, earlier in the evening won the five-lap trophy dash, with heat races going to Dave Engerbretson, Rick Weld, Mike Thomas and Scott. Stacy Redmond won the 8-lap C main, surviving a yellow flag when John McCoy got upside down. McCoy was not injured in the mishap, and that along with the yellow in the A main were the only caution flags of the night for the 51 car field.

## Results

**Time Trials (Qualifying Order):** 1. 75, Lealand McSpadden, Tempe, AZ (2) 21.005; 2. 20, Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, OK (7) 21.049; 3. 19, Bobby Marshall, Dallas, TX (3) 21.090; 4. 49, Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO (37) 21.189; 5. 47, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA (9) 21.225; 6. 7x, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (38) 21.241; 7. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (23) 21.282; 8. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (1) 21.357; 9. 86, Jimmy Sills, Sacramento, CA (28) 21.367; 10. 40, Lee Osborne, Jamestown, IN (15) 21.387; 11. 121, Jimmy Boyd, Dixon, CA (29) 21.394; 12. 21, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (39) 21.432; 13. 71, Gary Scott, Holts Summit, MO (25) 21.441; 14. 17N, Kim Lingenfelter, Norfolk, NE (43) 21.453; 15. 10, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (16) 21.520; 16. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (31) 21.658; 17. 97, Bill Mellenberndt, Sioux Falls, SD (12) 21.666; 18. 02, Lloyd Beckman, Lincoln, NE (10) 21.684; 19. 25, Butch Bahr, Grand Island, NE (33) 21.685; 20. 1, Junior Gutknecht, Pleasantville, IA (32) 21.785; 21. 1A, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (21) 21.849; 22. 98, Randy Smith, Des Moines, IA (11) 21.878; 23. 22, Jerry Blundy, Dahinda, IL (22) 21.943; 24. 8, Ron Milton, Jacksonville, IL (36) 21.961; 25. 122, Gary Dunkle, Lincoln, NE (18) 21.964; 26. 1n, Tom Corbin, Carrollton, MO (30) 21.982; 27. 99, Dave Engerbretson, Sioux Falls, SD (6) 22.065; 28. 6x, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE (4) 22.078; 29. 92, Fred Brownfield, Everett, WA (8) 22.198; 30. 6, Rick Weld, Kansas City, MO (45) 22.236; 31. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (41) 22.308; 32. 27, Ed Grant, Canton, IL (20) 22.513; 33. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (27) 22.530; 34. 54, Dan Shearen, White Bear Lake, MN (34) 22.736; 35. 36, Ed Hickey, McLouth, KS (19) 22.769; 36. 81, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (35) 22.937; 37. 120, Dick Stoneking, Oquawka, IL (17) 22.941; 38. 181, Chris Maurer, Colfax, IA (42) 23.141; 39. 102, Mel Van Wyk, Des Moines, IA (44) 23.391; 40. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (46) 23.409; 41. 15x, Dennis Tempero, Fort Collins, CO (40) 23.468; 42. 76, Ken Potter, Grandview, MO (47) 23.621; 43. 10x, Dean Smith, Fort Dodge, IA (24) 23.933; 44. 17, Roger Anderson, Waterloo, IA (26) 24.166; 45. M1, Bob Marshall, Fort Dodge, IA (14) 24.453; 46. 29, Doug Toepper, St. Paul, MN (5) 25.544; 47. 55, Al Robinson, Lincoln, NE (13) 25.849; 48. \* 49. \* 50. \* 51. \*.

**Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:46.99:** 1. Billy Robison (1) 2. Mike Pinckney (2) 3. Bobby Marshall (4) 4. Eddie Leavitt (3) 5. Shane Carson (5) 6. Lealand McSpadden (6)

**Heat one (started), 8 laps, 2:55.28:** 1. Dave Engerbretson (4) 2. Jerry Blundy (6) 3. Gary Dunkle (5) / 4. Butch Bahr (8) 5. Mackie Heimbaugh (7) 6. Fred Brownfield (3) 7. Stacy Redmond (1) 8. Adrian Zoutte (2) DNS – Lloyd Beckman

**Heat two (started), 8 laps, 2:57.21:** 1. Rick Weld (2) 2. Ed Grant (1) 3. Tom Corbin (4) / 4. Ron Milton (5) 5. Bill Mellenberndt (7) 6. Randy Smith (6) 7. Rich Brahmer (3) DNS - Junior Gutknecht

**Heat three (started), 8 laps, 2:55.32:** 1. Mike Thomas (1) 2. Lee Osborne (4) 3. Billy Robison (6) 4. Kim Lingenfelter (2) 5. Steve Hainline (3) / 6. Eddie Leavitt (5) 7. Shane Carson (7) DNS – John Stevenson

**Heat four (started), 8 laps, 2:55.50:** 1. Gary Scott (2) 2. Ralph Blackett (1) 3. Jimmy Sills (4) 4. Mike Pinckney (6) 5. Jimmy Boyd (3) / 6. Lealand McSpadden (8) 7. Mike Brooks (5) 8. Bobby Marshall (7)

**C main (started), 8 laps, NT:** 1. Stacy Redmond (1) 2. Fred Brownfield (3) 3. Cliff Woodward (7) 4. Ken Potter (12) / 5. Ed Hickey (4) 6. Dick Stoneking (6) 7. Dan Shearen (5) 8. Dean Smith (13) 9. Chris Maurer (9) 10. Dennis Tempero (10) 11. Mel Van Wyk (8) 12. Rich Brahmer (2) 13. John McCoy (11) DNS – Adrian Zoutte, Ken Potter, Roger Anderson

**B main (started), 10 laps, 3:30.40:** 1. Lealand McSpadden (6) 2. John Stevenson (1) 3. Mike Brooks (2) 4. Bobby Marshall (4) 5. Eddie Leavitt (3) 6. Shane Carson (5) / 7. Bill Mellenberndt (7) 8. Butch Bahr (8) 9. Mackie Heimbaugh (10) 10. Randy Smith (11) 11. Ron Milton (12) 12. Junior Gutknecht (9) 13. Fred Brownfield (14) ... also: Stacy Redmond (13), Ken Potter (15), Cliff Woodward (16)

**A main (started), 20 laps, NT:** 1. Mike Brooks (2) 2. John Stevenson (1) 3. Bobby Marshall (5) 4. Jimmy Sills (7) 5. Kim Lingenfelter (12) 6. Lee Osborne (8) 7. Steve Hainline (10) 8. Shane Carson (22) 9. Gary Scott (11) 10. Mike Thomas (14) 11. Gary Dunkle (16) 12. Ralph Blackett (13) 13. Tom Corbin (17) 14. Ed Grant (20) 15. Billy Robison (3) 16. Jerry Blundy (15) 17. Dave Engerbretson (18) 18. Rick Weld (19) 19. Jimmy Boyd (9) 20. Eddie Leavitt (21) 21. Mike Pinckney (4) 22. Lealand McSpadden (22). **Lap Leader:** Brooks 1-20.

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**Results**

**Time Trials (Qualifying Order):** 1. 20, Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, OK (29) 20.683; 2. 19, Bobby Marshall, Dallas, TX (14) 20.760; 3. 71, Gary Scott, Holts Summit, MO (28) 20.926; 4. 98, Randy Smith, Des Moines, IA (13) 20.994; 5. 1n, Tom Corbin, Carrollton, MO (1) 21.024; 6. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (21) 21.026; 7. 711, Victor Chudy, Plattsmouth, NE (19) 21.098; 8. 7x, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (15) 21.139; 9. 57, Lonnie Jensen, Lincoln, NE (24) 21.153; 10. 98A, Jack McCorkell, Redwood Falls, MN (35) 21.172; 11. 17N, Kim Lingenfelter, Norfolk, NE (12) 21.178; 12. 121, Jimmy Boyd, Dixon, CA (2) 21.203; 13. 1, Junior Gutknecht, Pleasantville, IA (7) 21.244; 14. 42, Ken Schrader, Fenton, MO (22) 21.288; 15. 49, Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO (40) 21.375; 16. 20x, Mike Shaw, Northridge, CA (10) 21.377; 17. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (27) 21.385; 18. 47, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA (43) 21.391; 19. 15, Lee James, Northridge, CA (20) 21.439; 20. 21, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (41) 21.508; 21. 17T, Terry Moore, Mesquite, TX (25) 21.689; 22. 59, Dennis Olsen, Braham, MN (6) 21.781; 23. 125, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (31) 21.869; 24. 6x, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE (11) 21.883; 25. 1A, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (5) 21.955; 26. 62, Jerry Richert, Forest Lake, MN (9) 21.981; 27. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (8) 21.983; 28. 5, Con Edwards, Ankeny, IA (17) 22.036; 29. 99, Dave Engerbretson, Sioux Falls, SD (16) 22.101; 30. 122, Gary Dunkle, Lincoln, NE (18) 22.118; 31. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (42) 22.145; 32. 86x, Ray Rodden, Kleberg, TX (38) 22.185; 33. 76, Ken Potter, Grandview, MO (36) 22.416; 34. 102, Mel Van Wyk, Des Moines, IA (37) 22.478; 35. 54, Dan Shearen, White Bear Lake, MN (23) 22.483; 36. 181, Chris Maurer, Colfax, IA (32) 22.509; 37. 36, Ed Hickey, McLouth, KS (30) 22.717; 38. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (4) 22.736; 39. 1x, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (34) 22.967; 40. 10x, Dean Smith, Fort Dodge, IA (44) 23.004; 41. 17, Roger Anderson, Waterloo, IA (3) 23.189; 42. 55, Al Robinson, Lincoln, NE (26) 24.162; 43. 77, Chuck Robinett, Midwest City, OK (39) 24.176; 44. 4, Ted Tinlin, Urbandale, IA (33) NT; 45. 10, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (45) NT.

**Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, \*:** 1. Tom Corbin (2) 2. John Stevenson (1) 3. Gary Scott (4) 4. Randy Smith (3) 5. Shane Carson (6) 6. Bobby Marshall (5)

**Heat one (started), 8 laps, \*:** 1. Steve Hainline (7) 2. Ken Potter (1) 3. Dave Engerbretson (3) / 4. Ray Rodden (2) 5. Rich Brahmer (5) 6. Dennis Olsen (6) ... also: Con Edwards (4), Mike Pinckney (8) DNS – Jerry Richert

**Heat two (started), 8 laps, \*:** 1. Mackie Heimbaugh (4) 2. Gary Dunkle (2) 3. Adrian Zoutte (1) / 4. Stacy Redmond (3) 5. Lee James (7) 6. Terry Moore (6) 7. Mike Thomas (8) 8. Cliff Woodward (5)

**Heat three (started), 8 laps, \*:** 1. Ken Schrader (2) 2. Mike Shaw (1) 3. Jimmy Boyd (3) 4. Jack McCorkell (4) 5. Billy Robison (5) / ... also: John Stevenson (6), Randy Smith (7), Bobby Marshall (8)

**Heat four (started), 8 laps, \*:** 1. Junior Gutknecht (2) 2. Kim Lingenfelter (3) 3. Shane Carson (8) 4. Eddie Leavitt (1) 5. Victor Chudy (5) / ... also: Lonnie Jensen (4), Tom Corbin (6), Gary Scott (7)

**C main (started), 8 laps, \*:** 1. Stacy Redmond (2) 2. Ray Rodden (4) / 3. Dan Shearen (6) 4. Chris Maurer (5) 5. John McCoy (10) 6. Roger Anderson (12) ... also: Con Edwards (1), Mel Van Wyk (3), Ed Hickey (8), Tim Deaver (7), Dean Smith (9), Al Robinson (11) DNS – Jerry Richert

**B main (started), 10 laps, \*:** 1. John Stevenson (2) 2. Bobby Marshall (6) 3. Tom Corbin (3) 4. Lonnie Jensen (1) 5. Lee James (8) 6. Gary Scott (5) 7. Mike Thomas (7) / ... also: Randy Smith (4), Terry Moore (9), Dennis Olsen (10), Cliff Woodward (11), Rich Brahmaer (12), Stacy Redmond (13), Ray Rodden (14) DNS – Mike Pinckney

**A main (started), 20 laps, \*:** 1. Bobby Marshall (5) 2. John Stevenson (3) 3. Shane Carson (6) 4. Tom Corbin (4) 5. Billy Robison (1) 6. Jack McCorkell (8) 7. Jimmy Boyd (10) 8. Victor Chudy (2) 9. Kim Lingenfelter (9) 10. Steve Hainline (13) 11. Lee James (19) 12. Junior Gutknecht (11) 13. Mike Thomas (21) 14. Gary Dunkle (15) 15. Ken Potter (20) 16. Adrian Zoutte (17) 17. Mackie Heimbaugh (16) 18. Lonnie Jensen (7) 19. Gary Scott (22) 20-22. Ken Schrader (12), Dave Engerbretson (18), Mike Shaw (14) DNS – Eddie Leavitt. Lap Leaders: , Marshall -20.

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**NAMAR Midgets**

**Time Trials:** 1. Jim McVey, Independence, MO, 23.37; 2. Jon Backlund, Kansas City, KS

**Heat one, 8 laps:** 1. Stan Fox, Janesville, WI

**Heat two, 8 laps:** 1. Jerry Russell, Springfield, IL

**Heat three, 8 laps:** 1. Sam Isenhower, Lebanon, IN

**Trophy Dash:** 1. Duke DeRosa, Springfield, IL

**Consolation:** 1. Jerry Hipple, Waterman, IL

**Feature:** 1. Jon Backlund

**8/9/78**

**Kinser Takes Opening Feature of Knoxville Nationals!!!**

by Ken Sargent

Knoxville, IA – Outlaw driver Steve Kinser took the twenty-lap feature event Wednesday night in the opening night of qualifying for the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual National Championship and in doing so, he became the top qualifier of the Wednesday program. The Bloomington, Indiana driver had fifth fastest time trial, putting his car in the third row of the feature. He had moved up to second behind Charlie Swartz, when his car popped out of gear and he dropped to sixth. But, with a little help from yellow flags, he was able to move back up to second place, and inherited the lead when Swartz's rear-end let go. That ended Swartz's hopes of taking the top spot in qualifying. Swartz, in the Loretta Lynn Special, started in front and several times opened up a big lead only to have the yellow flag come out for a car stopped on the track or spinning out. The caution flag was out five times in the 20-lap feature event. Shane Carson took second in the main, with third going to Mike Brooks. Rick Ferkel wound up fourth after starting dead last in the 20-car field. Mike Shaw completed the top five. In the second five were Billy Robison, Lee James, Terry Taggart, Tom Corbin and Edd French. Swartz, who led for 17 laps, wound up 13<sup>th</sup> after breaking down.

Jimmy Sills won the 15-lap B main, with 10-lap heats going to Carson, Jack Hewitt, Sills and Randy Smith. Smith's heat win was the most exciting of the prelim races. Smith started in front and built a good lead before the yellow allowed the field to close. On the restart, Smith held off all-stars Kinser, Swartz and Ferkel. 60 cars of the over 140 entered, signed in with 56 timing. Under the point system, the top ten qualifiers were Kinser 489, Carson 484, Robison 478, Brooks 477, Shaw 471, Swartz 470, Scott 468, James 459, Corbin 448, McCorkell 445 and Ferkel 445.

## Results

**Time Trials:** 1. 18, Charlie Swartz, Hendersonville, TN (\*) 20.854; 2. 19, Bobby Marshall, Dallas, TX, 20.862; 3. 71, Gary Scott, Holts Summit, MO, 20.939; 4. 7x, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS, 21.007; 5. 11x, Steve Kinser, Bloomington, IN, 21.017; 6. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA, 21.031; 7. 20x, Mike Shaw, Northridge, CA, 21.112; 8. 20, Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, OK, 21.182; 9. 7, Edd French, Colleyville, TX, 21.196; 10. 4J, Roger Rager, Mound, MN, 21.519; 11. 98A, Jack McCorkell, Redwood Falls, MN, 21.344; 12. 80, Bill Marshall, Grapevine, TX, 21.356; 13. 1n, Tom Corbin, Carrollton, MO, 21.401; 14. 15, Lee James, Northridge, CA, 21.415; 15. 100, Terry Gray, Memphis, TN, 21.515; 16. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA, 21.563; 17. 6x, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE, 21.571; 18. 39, Terry Taggart, Sioux City, IA, 21.576; 19. 50, Jack Hewitt, Troy, OH, 21.586; 20. 49x, Ron Shuman, Tempe, AZ, 21.685; 21. 0, Rick Ferkel, Findlay, OH, 21.687; 22. 86, Jimmy Sills, Sacramento, CA, 21.689; 23. 17T, Terry Moore, Bellmire, TX, 21.707; 24. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA, 21.731; 25. 21, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA, 21.755; 26. 8A, Jerry Miller, Phoenix, AZ, 21.759; 27. 4, Randy Kinser, Bloomington, IN, 21.771; 28. 46, Larry Gates, St. Joe, IN, 21.807; 29. 122, Gary Dunkle, Lincoln, NE, 21.912; 30. 58, Rick Goade, Fullerton, CA, 21.977; 31. 2A, Al Liskai, Fostoria, OH, 21.995; 32. 11N, Doug James, Seattle, WA, 22.005; 33. 98, Randy Smith, Des Moines, IA, 22.008; 34. 9, Rickey Hood, Memphis, TN, 22.020; 35. 87, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO, 22.114; 36. 05, TJ Giddings, Basehor, KS, 22.200; 37. 1A, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA, 22.203; 38. 114, Darryl Daugherty, Findlay, OH, 22.204; 39. 43, Chris Dukes, Findlay, OH, 22.243; 40. 5, Con Edwards, Ankeny, IA, 22.320; / 41. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA, 22.395; 42. 44, Steve Liskai, Rollersville, OH, 22.464; 43. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA, 22.484; 44. 25, Butch Bahr, Grand Island, NE, 22.492; 45. 120, Dick Stoneking, Oquawka, IL, 22.500; 46. 36, Ed Hickey, Topeka, KS, 22.545; 47. 127, Buck Boughan, Lima, OH, 22.629; 48. 91x, Frank Weiss, Calgary, ALB, Can., 22.713; 49. 84, Ron Fisher, Kokomo, IN, 22.723; 50. 38A, Ron Daniels, Memphis, TN, 22.813; 51. 88, Skip Miller, Fostoria, OH, 22.876; 52. 32, Jim Goettsche, Grand Island, NE, 23.033; 53. 95, Jeff Rice, Topeka, KS, 23.139; 54. 10x, Dean Smith, Fort Dodge, IA, 23.501; 55. 93, Steve Johnson, Orion, IL, 23.883; 56. 55, Al Robinson, Lincoln, NE, 24.987; 57. \* 58. \* 59. \* 60. \*.

**Heat one (started), 10 laps, 3:41.52:** 1. Shane Carson (9) 2. Ron Shuman (6) 3. Billy Robison (10) 4. Larry Gates (4) 5. Con Edwards (1) 6. Doug James (3) 7. Bill Marshall (8) 8. Mike Thomas (5) 9. TJ Giddings (2) 10. Stacy Redmond (7)

**Heat two (started), 10 laps, 3:41.33:** 1. Jack Hewitt (6) 2. Jack McCorkell (8) 3. Gary Scott (10) 4. Mike Shaw (9) 5. Cliff Woodward (2) 6. Terry Gray (7) 7. Chris Dukes (1) 8. Al Liskai (3) 9. Terry Moore (5) 10. Randy Kinser (4)

**Heat three (started), 10 laps, 3:44.06:** 1. Jimmy Sills (5) 2. Lee James (7) 3. Rickey Hood (2) 4. Mike Brooks (9) 5. Rick Goade (3) 6. Terry Taggart (6) 7. Roger Rager (8) 8. Bobby Marshall (10) 9. Jerry Miller (4) 10. Darryl Daugherty (1)

**Heat four (started), 10 laps, NT:** 1. Randy Smith (2) 2. Steve Kinser (9) 3. Charlie Swartz (10) 4. Rick Ferkel (5) 5. Tom Corbin (7) 6. Steve Hainline (4) 7. Gary Dunkle (3) 8. Edd French (8) 9. Mackie Heimbaugh (1) 10. Rich Brahmer (6)

**B main (started), 12 laps, 4:25.78 (NTR):** 1. Jimmy Sills (1) 2. Larry Gates (7) 3. Steve Hainline (4) 4. Randy Smith (12) 5. Terry Moore (2) 6. Mike Thomas (3) 7. Rickey Hood (13) 8. Jerry Miller (5) 9. Doug James (11) 10. Rick Goade (9) 11. Cliff Woodward (14) .... Also: Randy Kinser (6), Gary Dunkle (8), Al Liskai (10), TJ Giddings (15), Mackie Heimbaugh (16), Chris Dukes (17), Con Edwards (18), Adrian Zoutte (19), Steve Liskai (20) DNS – Darryl Daugherty

**A main (started), 20 laps, NT:** 1. Steve Kinser (5) 2. Shane Carson (8) 3. Mike Brooks (6) 4. Rick Ferkel (20) 5. Mike Shaw (7) 6. Billy Robison (4) 7. Lee James (14) 8. Terry Taggart (16) 9. Tom Corbin (13) 10. Edd French (9) 11. Jack Hewitt (19) 12. Gary Scott (3) 13. Charlie Swartz (1) 14. Terry Gray (15) 15. Bill Marshall (12) 16. Rich Brahmer (17) 17. Jack McCorkell (11) 18. Roger Rager (10) 19. Ron Shuman (18) 20. Bobby Marshall (2) DNS – Stacy Redmond. **Lap Leaders:** Swartz 1-17, S. Kinser 18-20.

**8/10/78**

### **Swindell Wins Feature and Takes Pole in Knoxville Nationals!!!**

by Ken Sargent

Knoxville, IA – Sammy Swindell compiled 498 points out of a possible 500 in the Thursday night qualifying at the 18<sup>th</sup> Knoxville Nationals by taking second fast time, first in his heat, and the twenty-lap feature event. Swindell, starting front row outside in the main event, won the race to the first corner over Doug Wolfgang, and led all twenty laps of the main event. Swindell started to build a good lead over Wolfgang when the yellow came out for a spin. On the restart, Swindell opened things up again, but late in the race when he started to lap cars, Wolfgang began to close. Wolfgang was doing a better job of passing cars and nearly got by Swindell on the 18<sup>th</sup> lap, but the Memphis, Tennessee ace kept the Bruce Cogle sponsored car in front at the checker. Eddie Leavitt was third in the main event, running a very quick and steady race. Bubby Jones and Larry Clark completed the top five. Ron Milton led the second five finishers, with Danny Smith, Jimmy Boyd, Junior Gutknecht and Buster Venard completing the top ten.

The feature was plenty exciting, but the best show of the night came in the fourth heat race. Paul Pitzer moved quickly into the lead from his second row starting position and built up a good lead. Wolfgang started last in the event, and it took him about four laps to get to the second spot. He quickly closed the gap, but in the remaining five laps, he could not get by as the pair had the crowd going wild. Pitzer then came right back out and won the 12-lap B main. Other heat winners were Swindell, Bobby Adkins and Gary Patterson. 73 drivers completed qualifications, bringing the two-day total to 129. The top ten qualifiers from Thursday night are Sammy Swindell 498, Wolfgang 495, Leavitt 484, Jones 479, Clark 470, Danny Smith 469, Milton 469, Boyd 453, Allen 441 and Venard 439.

### **Results**

**Time Trials:** 1. 4x, Doug Wolfgang, Lincoln, NE (\*) 20.848; 2. 44x, Sammy Swindell, Memphis, TN, 20.869; 3. 4Y, Danny Smith, Danville, IN, 20.923; 4. 49, Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO, 20.942; 5. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN, 21.113; 6. 78A, Larry Clark, Tolleson, AZ, 21.217; 7. 14A, Bubby Jones, Danville, IL, 21.232; 8. 40, Lee Osborne, Jamestown, IN, 21.250; 9. 186, Tom Rush, Melbourne, NSW, Aust., 21.308; 10. 8, Ron Milton, Jacksonville, IL, 21.315; 11. 02, Lloyd Beckman, Lincoln, NE, 21.355; 12. 7c, Buster Venard, Tustin, CA, 21.378; 13. 21c, Jimmy Boyd, Dixon, CA, 21.407; 14. 28x, Dub May, Hanover, PA, 21.417; 15. 6A, Roger Rager, Mound, MN, 21.519; 16. 1P, Bobby Allen, Hanover, PA, 21.533; 17. 91, Joel Taylor, Milford, IA, 21.577; 18. 76c, Billy Allen, San Diego, CA, 21.581; 19. 41, Ken Schrader, Fenton, MO, 21.607; 20. 1, Junior Gutknecht, Pleasantville, IA, 21.610; 21. 12x, Rick Ungar, Belpre, OH, 21.637; 22. 17x, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO, 21.661; 23. 28, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO, 21.677; 24. 51, Wayne Bennett, Phoenix, AZ, 21.700; 25. 66, Steve Smith, New Oxford, PA, 21.713; 26. M1, Dave Ellis, Pacheco, CA, 21.751; 27. 181, Bobby Adkins, Indianapolis, IN, 21.754; 28. 59, Dennis Olsen, Braham, MN, 21.806; 29. 29, Paul Pitzer, Seven

Valleys, PA, 21.850; 30. 2x, Bob Williams, Independence, MO, 21.877; 31. 81x, Gary Griffith, Sandusky, OH, 21.881; 32. 97, Bill Mellenberndt, Sioux Falls, SD, 21.895; 33. 33, Cliff Blundy, Alpha, IL, 21.908; 34. 711, Victor Chudy, Plattsmouth, NE, 21.929; 35. 92, Bobby Unser Jr., Albuquerque, NM, 21.936; 36. 3c, Gary Patterson, Sacramento, CA, 21.967; 37. 2, Galen Martin, Fairfield, IA, 21.984; 38. 42, Jeff Swindell, Memphis, TN, 21.998; 39. 99, Mark David, Cedar Falls, IA, 22.010; 40. 17N, Kim Lingenfelter, Norfolk, NE, 22.021; / 41. 3x, Gene Gennetten, Parkville, MO, 22.023; 42. 86x, Ray Rodden, Dallas, TX, 22.070; 43. 40x, Curt Waters, El Cajon, CA, 22.100; 44. 66x, Ralph Quarterson, Sharon, PA, 22.130; 45. 22, Jerry Blundy, Dahinda, IL, 22.145; 46. 42x, Tim Bookmiller, Kokomo, IN, 22.185; 47. 3, Robert Smith, Gibsonton, FL, 22.245; 48. 57, Norman Martin, Dallas, TX, 22.285; 49. 09, Steve Long, Indianapolis, IN, 22.303; 50. 27x, Bob Thoman, Higginsville, MO, 22.319; 51. 64, Phil Howe, Jacksonville, IL, 22.397; 52. 99x, Hooker Hood, Memphis, TN, 22.418; 53. 65, Junior Parkinson, Kansas City, MO, 22.466; 54. 15x, Don Hart, Monmouth, IL, 22.555; 55. 6, Rick Weld, Kansas City, MO, 22.466; 56. 129, Ron Williams, North Platte, NE, 22.710; 57. 23, Denny Stewart, Charleston, IL, 22.791; 58. 221, Mike Johnson, Martinsville, IN, 22.846; 59. 9x, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA, 22.856; 60. 84x, Jan Opperman, Noxon, MT, 22.882 61. 76, Ken Potter, Grandview, MO, 22.886; 62. 90, Tom Maycock, Waverly, MO, 22.933; 63. 96, Jim Braden, Kansas City, MO, 22.960; 64. 16x, Ray Welneck, Dallas, TX, 23.091; 65. 1x, Terry Turbak, Sioux Falls, SD, 23.142; 66. 18x, Bill Hetrick Jr., Carman, IL, 23.165; 67. 27, Ed Grant, Canton, IL, 23.434; 68. 77, Chuck Robinette, Midwest City, OK, 24.014; 69. 54, Roger Hurst, Kansas City, MO, 24.266; 70. 33x, Greg Cole, Grand Rapids, MN, 26.160; 71. \*; 72. \*; 73. \*.

**Heat one (started), 10 laps, NT:** 1. Gary Patterson (2) 2. Wayne Bennett (5) 3. Eddie Leavitt (10) 4. Bobby Allen (7) 5. Kim Lingenfelter (1) 6. Junior Gutknecht (6) 7. Bill Mellenberndt (3) 8. Buster Venard (8) 9. Dennis Olsen (4) 10. Lee Osborne (9)

**Heat two (started), 10 laps, NT:** 1. Bobby Adkins (4) 2. Bubby Jones (9) 3. Ken Schrader (6) 4. Gary Griffith (3) 5. Lloyd Beckman (8) 6. Danny Smith (10) ... also: Dave Engerbretson (1), Bobby Unser Jr. (2), Sonny Smyser (5), Roger Rager (7)

**Heat three (started), 10 laps, NT:** 1. Sammy Swindell (10) 2. Ron Milton (8) 3. Victor Chudy (2) 4. Jerry Potter (5) 5. Larry Clark (9) ... 7. Billy Allen (6) 8. Bob Williams (3) ... also: Jeff Swindell (1), Dave Ellis (4), Dub May (7)

**Heat four (started), 10 laps, 3:42.54:** 1. Paul Pitzer (3) 2. Doug Wolfgang (10) 3. Steve Smith (4) 4. Jimmy Boyd (7) 5. Cliff Blundy (2) 6. Joel Taylor (6) ... 10. Rick Ungar (5) ... also: Galen Martin (1), Tom Rush (8), John Stevenson (9)

**B main (started), 12 laps, NT:** 1. Paul Pitzer (3) 2. Bobby Adkins (1) 3. Bob Williams (6) 4. Gary Griffith (5) 5. Victor Chudy (10) 6. Gary Patterson (12) 7. Kim Lingenfelter (16) 8. Gene Gennetten (15) 9. Dennis Olsen (4) 10. Bill Mellenberndt (8) 11. Cliff Blundy (7) ... also: Dave Ellis (2), Bobby Unser Jr. (9), Galen Martin (11), Dave Engerbretson (13), Jeff Swindell (14), Curt Waters (17), Ray Rodden (18), Jerry Blundy (19), Ralph Quarterson (20)

**A main (started), 20 laps, NT:** 1. Sammy Swindell (2) 2. Doug Wolfgang (1) 3. Eddie Leavitt (4) 4. Bubby Jones (5) 5. Larry Clark (6) 6. Ron Milton (8) 7. Danny Smith (3) 8. Jimmy Boyd (9) 9. Junior Gutknecht (16) 10. Buster Venard (10) 11. Bobby Allen (12) 12. Wayne Bennett (20) 13. Jerry Potter (18) 14. Ken Schrader (13) 15. Joel Taylor (11) 16. Rick Ungar (15) 17. Billy Allen (14) 18. Sonny Smyser (17) 19. Steve Smith (19) 20. Lloyd Beckman (7) DNS – John Stevenson, Lee Osborne, Tom Rush, Dub May, Roger Rager. **Lap Leader:** S. Swindell 1-20.

**8/11/78**

**Stevenson Takes Friday Night Feature!!!**

by Ken Sargent

Knoxville, IA – John Stevenson, Knoxville regular for several seasons, captured his first ever feature win at Knoxville by taking the 20-lap main event Friday night in the race for drivers who missed the Saturday night field. Stevenson was in the Friday night show because he had motor trouble after qualifying on Thursday night. The St. Paul ace started the main event in the second row, and on the first lap moved into the second spot behind pole-sitter Steve Liskai. On the third lap, Stevenson went by for the lead. Liskai challenged back on the next lap, but Stevenson held on and then began to open a lead. He steadily increased it as the twenty-lap race went by without a caution flag. Curt Waters, who started eighth, did a good passing job to wind up second in the main event. Stevenson and Waters now advance into the tail of the C main event on Saturday night. Gene Gennetten wound up third, with Liskai holding on for fourth. In the fifth spot, was the man who did the best passing job of the night, Ralph Blackett. Blackett started 16<sup>th</sup> and passed 11 cars to take the fifth spot. Tim Bookmiller headed up the second five, followed by Jeff Swindell, Ray Rodden, Steve Long and Buck Boughan.

The drivers were lined up by points from their qualifying nights, with Al Liskai winning the trophy dash for the top six men on hand. Eight-lap heat race wins went to Rick Weld, Gennetten, Steve Long, Blackett and Norman Martin. Gennetten won his heat race coming from the back of the pack. Buck Boughan took the twelve-lap B main, with Galen Martin second. The drivers did an outstanding job on the third night of the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual show, as the caution flag came out just twice in the entire program, and both times were for minor spins.

## Results

**Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:56.66:** 1. 2A, Al Liskai, Fostoria, OH (2) 2. 122, Gary Dunkle, Lincoln, NE (5) 3. 05, TJ Giddings, Basehor, KS (1) 4. 4, Randy Kinser, Bloomington, IN (6) 5. 42, Jeff Swindell, Memphis, TN (4) 6. 5, Con Edwards, Ankeny, IA (3)

**Heat one (started), 8 laps, 2:52.92:** 1. 6, Rick Weld, Kansas City, MO (2) 2. 38A, Ronnie Daniels, Memphis, TN (4) 3. 44, Steve Liskai, Rollersville, OH (7) 4. 32, Jim Goettsche, Grand Island, NE 32 (3) / 5. Al Liskai (8) ... also: 84x, Jan Opperman, Noxon, MT (1), 127, Buck Boughan, Lima, OH (5), 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (6)

**Heat two (started), 8 laps, 2:54.78:** 1. 3x, Gene Gennetten, Parkville, MO (7) 2. 64, Phil Howe, Jacksonville, IL (3) 3. 9x, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (1) 4. 27x, Bob Thoman, Higginsville, MO (4) / 5. 36, Ed Hickey, Topeka, KS (5) ... also: 93, Steve Johnson, Orion, IL (2), 22, Jerry Blundy, Dahinda, IL (6), Con Edwards (8), 16x, Ray Welneck, Dallas, TX (9)

**Heat three (started), 8 laps, NT:** 1. 09, Steve Long, Indianapolis, IN (4) 2. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (7) 3. 42x, Tim Bookmiller, Kokomo, IN (5) 4. Jeff Swindell (8) / 5. 88, Skip Miller, Fostoria, OH (3) ... also: 221, Mike Johnson, Martinsville, IN (1), 10x, Dean Smith, Fort Dodge, IA (2), 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (6), 18x, Bill Hetrick Jr., Carman, IL (9)

**Heat four (started), 8 laps, 2:53.04:** 1. 10, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (3) 2. 40x, Curt Waters, El Cajon, CA (4) 3. Gary Dunkle (6) 4. 129, Ron Williams, North Platte, NE (1) / 5. 76, Ken Potter, Grandview, MO (8) ... also: 91x, Frank Weiss, Calgary, ALB, Can. (2), 120, Dick Stoneking, Oquawka, IL (5), 2, Galen Martin, Fairfield, IA (7)

**Heat five (started), 8 laps, NT:** 1. 57, Norman Martin, Dallas, TX (4) 2. 66x, Ralph Quarterson, Sharon, PA (5) 3. 95, Jeff Rice, Topeka, KS (2) 4. 86x, Ray Rodden, Dallas, TX (6) / 5. Randy Kinser (8) ... also: 55, Al Robinson, Lincoln, NE (1), 25, Butch Bahr, Grand Island, NE (3), TJ Giddings (7), 54, Roger Hurst, Kansas City, MO (9)

**B main (started), 12 laps, NT:** 1. Buck Boughan (9) 2. Galen Martin (2) / 3. Steve Liskai (4) 4. Randy Kinser (6) 5. Frank Weiss (10) 6. Ed Hickey (8) 7. Skip Miller (11) 8. Dean Smith (12) 9. Bill Hetrick Jr. (17) 10. Jan Opperman (14) ... also: Tim Deaver (1), TJ Giddings (3), Con Edwards (5), Dick Stoneking (7), Mike Johnson (13), 96, Jim Braden, Kansas City, MO (15), Ray Welnack (16), Adrian Zoutte (18), Roger Hurst (19), Al Robinson (20) DNS – Ken Potter, Steve Johnson, Jerry Blundy, Butch Bahr

**A main (started), 20 laps, 7:25.88:** 1. John Stevenson (3) 2. Curt Waters (8) 3. Gene Gennetten (2) 4. Steve Liskai (1) 5. Ralph Blackett (16) 6. Tim Bookmiller (10) 7. Jeff Swindell (5) 8. Ray Rodden (7) 9. Steve Long (13) 10. Buck Boughan (11) 11. Rick Weld (20) 12. Ron Williams (21) 13. Ronnie Daniels (15) 14. Bob Thoman (14) 15. Jeff Rice (19) 16. Galen Martin (4) 17. Jim Goettsche (18) 18. John McCoy (22) 19. Ralph Quarterson (9) 20. Norman Martin (12) 21. Gary Dunkle (6) 22. Phil Howe (17). **Lap Leaders:** S. Liskai 1-2, Stevenson 3-20.

**8/12/78**

### **Wolfgang Takes Second Nationals Championship!!!**

by Ken Sargent

Knoxville, IA – Leading from flag to flag, Doug Wolfgang reported as Nationals Champion in the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Sprint Car Championships at the Knoxville Raceway. Wolfgang, starting on the outside front row, beat pole-sitter Sammy Swindell to the first turn to take the lead. With one lap completed, Swindell's rear-end went out and he was unable to clear the track, bringing out the yellow flag. Swindell had come from sixth position earlier in the evening to win the 5-lap A Trophy Dash, but the breakdown washed out any chances he had of taking the National Championship. On the restart, Wolfgang held the lead with Steve Kinser running second and Eddie Leavitt third. The trio stayed just that way until the 11<sup>th</sup> lap when the yellow came out again, this time for Mike Shaw. Again on the restart, Wolfgang sailed into the lead with Kinser in hot pursuit. The leaders were just beginning to lap cars and Kinser was closing on Wolfgang when the yellow flag came out again. This yellow flag was out for a safety inspection on the Charlie Swartz car as he had been throwing sparks. They yellow came out on the 24<sup>th</sup> lap, and in the final six laps, Wolfgang was able to hold his lead and win by about three car lengths over Kinser. Eddie Leavitt wound up third, with Shane Carson fourth and Danny Smith fifth. Jack Hewitt, who started 20<sup>th</sup>, did an outstanding job of passing to finish sixth. The rest of the top ten was Charlie Swartz, Bobby Allen from the back of the pack, Bubby Jones and Billy Robison.

By having the Vise-Grips sprinter in the lead all thirty laps, Wolfgang picked up \$1500 in lap money to bring his winnings from the purse to \$7,970 for the four day show. First prize from the championship event was \$5,000. Contingency money will probably put Wolfgang's winnings over \$10,000. With his win, the Lincoln, Nebraska driver becomes only the third driver in 18 years to win back to back championships, the first having been accomplished by Leavitt and Kenny Weld. After the race, Wolfgang said that he had lost his brakes about midway through the race. He said this caused him problems when he began to lap cars and that was why he went high in turn one on the 23<sup>rd</sup> lap, nearly allowing Kinser to get by. He added that the yellow flag on the 24<sup>th</sup> lap made things easier since he didn't have to worry about passing lapped cars.

Men who started up front won the B and C main championships, but drivers coming from the back stole the show. Paul Pitzer won the 15-lap C event, with Randy Smith second and Larry Gates third. Bill Mellenberndt turned in the best passing job finishing sixth after starting 18<sup>th</sup>. Bobby Allen breezed to victory in the 22-lap B championship with Buster Venard second and in third place was C main winner Pitzer. The Pennsylvania driver moved the Weikert Livestock car through the pack, starting 20<sup>th</sup>. In addition to Swindell, trophy dash winners were Edd French in the B dash and Randy Smith in the 5-lap C dash event.

A standing room only crowd watched the field of 62 drivers completed the show with only one major accident. That came in the C main, where Gary Patterson collided with Randy Smith. Patterson had started tenth and

moved to the third spot, and was challenging Smith for second in the front straightaway, when the two collided, sending Patterson sideways. The California driver was able to regain control, but was not able to dodge a light pole in the infield. Patterson was not injured, but was through for the evening.

## 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Knoxville Nationals Results

**C Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:49.11:** 1. 98, Randy Smith, Des Moines, IA (1) 2. 46, Larry Gates, St. Joe, IN (3) 3. 21, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (4) 4. 29, Paul Pitzer, Seven Valleys, PA (6) 5. 81x, Gary Griffith, Sandusky, OH (2) 6. 181, Bobby Adkins, Indianapolis, IN (5)

**B Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:51.88:** 1. 7, Edd French, Colleyville, TX (3) 2. 80, Bill Marshall, Grapevine, TX (2) 3. 1P, Bobby Allen, Hanover, PA (5) 4. 39, Terry Taggart, Sioux City, IA (1) 5. 7c, Buster Venard, Tustin, CA (4) 6. 19, Bobby Marshall, Dallas, TX (6)

**A Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:47.75:** 1. 44x, Sammy Swindell, Memphis, TN (5) 2. 11x, Steve Kinser, Bloomington, IN (3) 3. 4x, Doug Wolfgang, Lincoln, NE (6) 4. 14A, Bubby Jones, Danville, IL (2) 5. 49, Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO (4) 6. 20, Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, OK (1)

**C main (started), 15 laps, NT:** 1. Paul Pitzer (2) 2. Randy Smith (5) 3. Larry Gates (3) 4. Bobby Adkins (1) 5. Steve Hainline (4) / 6. 97, Bill Mellenberndt, Sioux Falls, SD (18) 7. 711, Victor Chudy, Plattsmouth, NE (7) 8. 2x, Bob Williams, Independence, MO (9) 9. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (19) 10. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (8) 11. 17N, Kim Lingenfelter, Norfolk, NE (20) 12. 58, Rick Goade, Fullerton, CA (14) 13. 8A, Jerry Miller, Phoenix, AZ (11) 14. 3x, Gene Gennetten, Parkville, MO (21) 15. 11N, Doug James, Seattle, WA (13) 16. 87, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (17) 17. 59, Dennis Olsen, Braham, MN (16) 18. 33, Cliff Blundy, Alpha, IL (15) 19. 3c, Gary Patterson, Sacramento, CA (10) 20. Gary Griffith (6) 21. 40x, Curt Waters, El Cajon, CA (22) 22. 9, Rickey Hood, Memphis, TN (12) DNS – 17T, Terry Moore, Bellmire, TX

**B main (started), 22 laps, NT:** 1. Bobby Allen (1) 2. Buster Venard (2) / 3. Paul Pitzer (19) 4. 49x, Ron Shuman, Tempe, AZ (10) 5. 100, Terry Gray, Memphis, TN (6) 6. 66, Steve Smith, New Oxford, PA (15) 7. Randy Smith (18) 8. 41, Ken Schrader, Fulton, MO (5) 9. Terry Taggart (3) 10. Bill Marshall (4) 11. 12x, Rick Ungar, Belpre, OH (16) 12. 76c, Billy Allen, San Diego, CA (13) 13. Steve Hainline (22) 14. 6x, Rich Brahmmer, Wisner, NE (12) 15. 02, Lloyd Beckman, Lincoln, NE (8) 16. 28, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (17) 17. 51, Wayne Bennett, Phoenix, AZ (9) 18. 17x, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO (11) 19. 1, Junior Gutknecht, Pleasantville, IA (7) 20. Larry Gates (21) 21. Bobby Adkins (20) 22. 86, Jimmy Sills, Sacramento, CA (14) DNS – Edd French, 91, Joel Taylor, Milford, IA, Bobby Marshall

**A main (started), 30 laps, NT:** 1. Doug Wolfgang (2) 2. Steve Kinser (3) 3. Eddie Leavitt (4) 4. Shane Carson (5) 5. 4Y, Danny Smith, Danville, IN (12) 6. 50, Jack Hewitt, Troy, OH (20) 7. 18, Charlie Swartz, Hendersonville, TN (10) 8. Bobby Allen (21) 9. Bubby Jones (6) 10. 7x, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (7) 11. Buster Venard (22) 12. 8, Ron Milton, Jacksonville, IL (13) 13. 1n, Tom Corbin, Carrollton, MO (17) 14. 98A, Jack McCorkell, Redwood Falls, MN (18) 15. 21c, Jimmy Boyd, Dixon, CA (16) 16. 15, Lee James, Northridge, CA (15) 17. 78A, Larry Clark, Tolleson, AZ (11) 18. 0, Rick Ferkel, Findlay, OH (19) 19. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (8) 20. 20x, Mike Shaw, Northridge, CA (9) 21. 71, Gary Scott, Holts Summit, MO (14) 22. Sammy Swindell (1). **Lap Leader:** Wolfgang 1-30.

## 8/19/78

### Carson Wins Accident Marred Knoxville Main!!!

Knoxville, IA – Young second year driver, Shane Carson, driving the Trostle Racing team sprint car won the \$1,000 top money in an accident plagued main event Saturday night at the fast Knoxville, Iowa Raceway.

Carson grabbed the lead from Mackie Heimbaugh on lap number four of the 20-lap feature event just as Heimbaugh in the Kain #98 tagged the front wall coming out of the fourth turn. Heimbaugh began a series of end over end sideways flips down the high-speed front straightaway. Ralph Blackett, in the Long & Tuttle sprinter ran over one of the other cars spinning to avoid Heimbaugh and Blackett rolled 10 to 15 times on towards the first turn. In the midst of all the flying parts and pieces, Californian Mike Shaw smashed into an inside light pole, knocking electrical wires all across the track.

Earlier in the evening, Nebraskan Kim Lingenfelter totally destroyed his sprint car in a wild series of flips down the back straight. All drivers came through the melee apparently okay with only Lingenfelter being hospitalized with head injuries.

With the season championship still ahead, the point chase will come down to the last two Saturday nights of racing. Minnesotan John Stevenson and local favorite Mike Brooks are close in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## Results

**Time Trials (Qualifying Order):** 1. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (4) 20.829; 2. 47, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA (13) 20.983; 3. 7x, Randy Smith, Des Moines, IA (30) 21.124; 4. 49, Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO (25) 21.145; 5. 20, Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, OK (6) 21.216; 6. 17N, Kim Lingenfelter, Norfolk, NE (19) 21.282; 7. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (21) 21.313; 8. 98, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (31) 21.318; 9. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (11) 21.386; 10. 10, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (2) 21.429; 11. 7, Buster Venard, Tustin, CA (28) 21.430; 12. 20x, Mike Shaw, Northridge, CA (23) 21.447; 13. 711, Victor Chudy, Plattsmouth, NE (7) 21.452; 14. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (8) 21.592; 15. 21, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (10) 21.637; 16. 6x, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE (16) 21.659; 17. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (26) 21.836; 18. 27, Ed Grant, Canton, IL (9) 21.936; 19. 5, Con Edwards, Ankeny, IA (12) 22.066; 20. 2, Galen Martin, Fairfield, IA (15) 22.072; 21. 120, Dick Stoneking, Oquawka, IL (27) 22.321; 22. 76, Ken Potter, Grandview, MO (14) 22.355; 23. 33, Cliff Blundy, Alpha, IL (29) 22.373; 24. 181, Chris Maurer, Colfax, IA (32) 22.563; 25. 36, Ed Hickey, McLouth, KS (1) 22.639; 26. 102, Mel Van Wyk, Des Moines, IA (20) 22.990; 27. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (24) 23.040; 28. 00, Bobby Ensminger, Burlington, IA (18) 23.233; 29. 17, Roger Anderson, Waterloo, IA (5) 23.263; 30. 135, Mike O'Leary, Peoria, IL (17) 24.698; 31. 10x, Dean Smith, Fort Dodge, IA (3) 25.307; 32. X, Pat Fielder, Bennett, NE (22) 25.745.

**Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, \*:** 1. Shane Carson (2) 2. Randy Smith (4) 3. Eddie Leavitt (3) 4. Mike Brooks (6) 5. Mike Pinckney (5) 6. Kim Lingenfelter (1)

**Heat one (started), 8 laps, \*:** 1. Ken Potter (6) 2. Chris Maurer (5) 3. Ed Grant (8) / 4. Mel Van Wyk (4) ... also: Pat Fielder (1), Mike O'Leary (2), Bobby Ensminger (3), Galen Martin (7)

**Heat two (started), 8 laps, \*:** 1. Cliff Blundy (5) 2. Con Edwards (7) 3. Roger Anderson (2) / 4. Ed Hickey (4) 5. Dick Stoneking (6) ... also: Dean Smith (1), Tim Deaver (3), Adrian Zoutte (8)

**Heat three (started), 8 laps, \*:** 1. Ralph Blackett (4) 2. Stacy Redmond (2) 3. Mike Shaw (3) 4. Mackie Heimbaugh (5) 5. Mike Pinckney (8) / ... also: Rich Brahmer (1), Eddie Leavitt (7), Kim Lingenfelter (6)

**Heat four (started), 8 laps, \*:** 1. Victor Chudy (2) 2. John Stevenson (5) 3. Shane Carson (6) 4. Steve Hainline (1) 5. Buster Venard (3) / ... also: Mike Thomas (4), Randy Smith (7), Mike Brooks (8)

**B main (started), 10 laps, \*:** 1. Mike Brooks (6) 2. Mike Thomas (3) 3. Randy Smith (5) 4. Rich Brahmer (2) 5. Dick Stoneking (8) 6. Bobby Ensminger (12) / ... also: Adrian Zoutte (1), Eddie Leavitt (4), Galen Martin (7), Ed Hickey (9), Mel Van Wyk (10), Tim Deaver (11), Dean Smith (13), Pat Fielder (14) DNS – Kim Lingenfelter, Mike O'Leary

**A main (started), 20 laps, NT:** 1. Shane Carson (3) 2. John Stevenson (2) 3. Mike Pinckney (5) 4. Mike Brooks (6) 5. Randy Smith (4) 6. Buster Venard (9) 7. Mike Thomas (7) 8. Victor Chudy (11) 9. Con Edwards (16) 10. Steve Hainline (13) 11. Stacy Redmond (12) 12. Ed Grant (15) 13. Cliff Blundy (18) 14. Chris Maurer (19) 15. Dick Stoneking (21) 16. Bobby Ensminger (22) 17. Ken Potter (17) 18. Rich Brahmer (14) 19. Roger Anderson (20) 20-22. Mackie Heimbaugh (1), Ralph Blackett (8), Mike Shaw (10). **Lap Leaders:** Heimbaugh 1-3, Carson 4-20.

**8/26/78**

### **Rain Washes Out Knoxville Feature!!!**

Knoxville, IA – A dark sky that had threatened all night long finally let loose, washing out the B main and the twenty-lap feature event, Saturday night, August 26, at Knoxville. The rain washed out what was shaping up as a battle between Doug Wolfgang and John Stevenson. Those two drivers had highlighted the show through time trials, the trophy dash and the four heat races.

Stevenson set the quick time trial with a lap of 20.764, while Wolfgang had the sixth fastest time. The two-time Nationals Champion did that going out last in the field of 34 drivers, after arriving late to the track. In the five-lap trophy dash, Stevenson came from the sixth starting position to win over Eddie Leavitt and Shane Carson. Stevenson worked his way to third in the fourth heat from the last starting position, but from there he was not able to get around Steve Hainline and Mike Pinckney. Hainline led all the way until the last straightaway when Pinckney won the drag race to the line to take the checkered flag. Bobby Layne took the first heat race, surviving a delay that was caused when Mike O'Leary took out a light pole in the fourth turn. O'Leary was not injured in the mishap. The second heat race went to Jerry Potter in an easy win by about half a lap.

The rain washed out any driver accumulation of points, but the feature will be made up next week during the final weekend of racing. The twenty-lap main event will follow next Saturday night's time trials, offering fans three feature events in two nights of racing as the Knoxville sprint car season comes to a close.

### **Results**

**Time Trials (Qualifying Order):** 1. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (28) 20.764; 2. 20, Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, OK (21) 21.008; 3. 7x, Randy Smith, Des Moines, IA (2) 21.099; 4. 49, Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO (23) 21.116; 5. 10, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (29) 21.139; 6. 4x, Doug Wolfgang, Lincoln, NE (31) 21.170; 7. 47, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA (12) 21.263; 8. 28, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (10) 21.452; 9. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (25) 21.608; 10. 98, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (32) 21.685; 11. 21, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (7) 21.782; 12. 3, Gary Scott, Holts Summit, MO (1) 21.783; 13. 36, Ed Hickey, McLouth, KS (5) 21.793; 14. 2x, Bob Williams, Independence, MO (9) 21.817; 15. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (26) 21.841; 16. 27, Ed Grant, Canton, IL (24) 21.866; 17. 81, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (18) 21.881; 18. 711, Victor Chudy, Plattsmouth, NE (13) 21.909; 19. 5, Con Edwards, Ankeny, IA (17) 21.973; 20. 25, Butch Bahr, Grand Island, NE (11) 22.072; 21. 18x, Bill Hetrick Jr., Carman, IL (30) 22.197; 22. 9x, Dale McCarty, Kearney, MO (16) 22.208; 23. 17x, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO (4) 22.233; 24. 86x, Norman Martin, Dallas, TX (3) 22.259; 25. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (14) 22.450; 26. 181, Chris Maurer, Colfax, IA (15) 22.482; 27. 15x, Dick Stoneking, Oquawka, IL (8) 22.516; 28. 01, Bobby Layne, Kansas City, MO (33) 22.792; 29. 76, Ken Potter, Grandview, MO (6) 22.930; 30. 17, Roger Anderson, Waterloo, IA (27) 23.053; 31. 10x, Dean Smith, Fort Dodge, IA (22) 23.461; 32. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (19) 24.989; 33. 135, Mike O'Leary, Peoria, IL (20) 25.426; 34. \*.

**Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, NT:** 1. Wolfgang 4x (1) 2. Stevenson 31 (6) 3. Blackett 10 (2) 4. R. Smith 7x (4) 5. Carson 20 (5) 6. Leavitt 49 (3)

**Heat one (started), 8 laps, NT:** 1. Bobby Layne 01 (3) 2. Norm Martin 86x (5) 3. Victor Chudy 711 (8) / 4. Dale McCarty 9x (6) 5. Butch Bahr 25 (7) .... Also: John McCoy 9 (1), Rodger Anderson 17 (2), Chris Maurer 181 (4)

**Heat two (started), 8 laps, NT:** 1. Jerry Potter 17x (5) 2. Con Edwards 5 (7) 3. Cliff Woodward 81 (8) / 4. Dick Stoneking 15x (3) 5. Adrian Zoutte 11 (4) .... Also: Dean Smith 10x (1), Ken Potter 76 (2), Bill Hetrick 18x (6) DNS - \*

**Heat three (started), 8 laps, 2:53.58:** 1. Wolfgang (6) 2. Leavitt (7) 3. Carson (8) 4. Heimbaugh 98 (4) 5. Smyser 28 (5) / .... Also: Ed Grant 27 (1), Bob Williams 2x (2), Gary Scott 3 (3)

**Heat four (started), 8 laps, NT:** 1. Pinckney 47 (5) 2. Steve Hainline 21 (3) 3. Stevenson (8) 4. Redmond 61 (4) 5. Blackett 10 (6) .... Also: Mike Thomas 37 (1), Ed Hickey 36 (2), R. Smith (7)

**Rain came before the B main could be run. Make-up features were held on 9/2/78.**

**9/2/78**

### **Wolfgang and Blackett Knoxville Doubleheader Winners!!!**

by Ken Sargent

Knoxville, IA – Doug Wolfgang and Ralph Blackett both posted flag to flag wins and the Knoxville Raceway, Saturday night, September 2. Wolfgang won the regular program feature, while Blackett's came in the makeup of last week's rainout.

Wolfgang started outside front row of the main event by virtue of sixth fastest time trial. When the green fell, he beat John Stevenson to the first turn and was on his way. Stevenson stayed right with the two-time National Champion until very late in the race when Wolfgang built an advantage going through traffic. The victory was Wolfgang's seventh feature win of the year here, and in winning, he posted the fastest main event time of the season. Stevenson held on to finish second, with Mike Brooks third. Lloyd Beckman was fourth and Shane Carson completed the top five.

Mike Pinckney headed the second five, followed by Eddie Leavitt, Victory Chudy, Butch Bahr and Stacy Redmond. Earlier in the evening, Gary Scott set the fast time trial with a lap of 21.156; however Scott's night came to an abrupt end in the fourth heat when he ran over the wheel of Billy Robison's racer. As a result, Scott went into the first turn fence and came down in front of Robison. Scott was okay, but Robison suffered a broken rib in the accident. Blackett went on to take the eight-lap heat race. Other heat race winners were Con Edwards, Jeff Rice and Leavitt.

Cliff Woodward made a last lap at the finish pass to edge Ed Hickey for the C main event and Stevenson led wire to wire in easily winning the B. Mike Brooks went from his second row starting position to first in half a lap as he won the five-lap trophy dash.

In the second feature event, Blackett and Leavitt were the front row starters with Shane Carson and John Stevenson in the second run. The four fought tooth and nail for the first five laps with Blackett and Leavitt out in front of Carson and Stevenson.

On the sixth lap, an incident in the back of the pack brought out the yellow. Edwards and Steve Hainline got upside down and Ed Hickey went flying right side up. The melee sidelined all three drivers with Edwards taken

to the hospital for a checkup. When the green came back out, the four top drivers continued their battle. Carson and Leavitt exchanged bumps on the seventh lap, but both were able to keep control and continue.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> lap, Stevenson's motor expired ending a busy evening for the St. Paul ace. He was running his third straight event, having to run the B to qualify for the first main event. That left Leavitt and Carson to challenge Blackett on the 15<sup>th</sup> lap. But two laps later, Leavitt was sent to the sidelines and Blackett held off Carson the rest of the way for his second Knoxville win of the season.

Butch Bahr, who started last in the field of 16, wound up third, with Sonny Smyser and Stacy Redmond completing the top five. Mike Pinckney headed up the second ten, with Bob Williams seventh and Mike Thomas, Jerry Potter and Cliff Woodward completing the top ten. Carson, with his fifth place finish in the first feature, wound up with a total of 2,745 points to win the season point race. John Stevenson wound up second with 2,485 and Mike Brooks was third with 2,330.

## Results

**Time Trials (Qualifying Order):** 1. 3, Gary Scott, Holts Summit, MO (34) 21.165; 2. 57, Lloyd Beckman, Lincoln, NE (31) 21.231; 3. 20, Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, OK (48) 21.295; 4. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (35) 21.456; 5. 711, Victor Chudy, Plattsmouth, NE (38) 21.462; 6. 4x, Doug Wolfgang, Lincoln, NE (19) 21.563; 7. 22, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (44) 21.569; 8. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (4) 21.668; 9. 47, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA (10) 21.673; 10. 2x, Bob Williams, Independence, MO (32) 21.681; 11. 98, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (42) 21.820; 12. 7x, Randy Smith, Des Moines, IA (23) 21.838; 13. 10, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (22) 21.846; 14. 28, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (28) 21.846; 15. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (3) 21.959; 16. 49, Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO (9) 21.992; 17. 25, Butch Bahr, Grand Island, NE (14) 22.081; 18. 3G, Jim Goettsche, Grand Island, NE (39) 22.126; 19. 21, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (12) 22.197; 20. 17, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO (16) 22.216; 21. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (30) 22.230; 22. 3x, Gene Gennetten, Parkville, MO (5) 22.334; 23. 15x, Dick Stoneking, Oquawka, IL (41) 22.384; 24. 181, Chris Maurer, Colfax, IA (29) 22.511; 25. 1A, Tom Corbin, Carrollton, MO (26) 22.562; 26. 14, Lonnie Jensen, Lincoln, NE (24) 22.598; 27. 39, Terry Taggart, Sioux City, IA (20) 22.615; 28. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (43) 22.635; 29. 95, Jeff Rice, Topeka, KS (40) 22.677; 30. 5, Con Edwards, Ankeny, IA (2) 22.681; 31. 9x, Dale McCarty, Kearney, MO (15) 22.822; 32. 117, John Johnson, Independence, MO (37) 22.837; 33. 81, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (21) 22.887; 34. 36, Ed Hickey, McLouth, KS (11) 22.954; 35. 2, Galen Martin, Fairfield, IA (27) 23.126; 36. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (13) 23.230; 37. 45, Dave Rupard, Grandview, MO (46) 23.281; 38. 6, Rick Weld, Kansas City, MO (36) 23.444; 39. 40, Wayne Kronk, Fulton, MO (17) 23.619; 40. 17, Roger Anderson, Waterloo, IA (6) 23.652; 41. 54, Roger Hurst, Kansas City, MO (25) 24.179; 42. 18x, Bill Hetrick Jr., Carman, IL (8) 24.447; 43. 76, Ken Potter, Grandview, MO (7) 24.821; 44. 00, Dean Chadd, Lincoln, NE (33) 25.448; 45. 16, Dave Butler, Cedar Rapids, IA (45) 25.826; 46. 10x, Dean Smith, Fort Dodge, IA (1) 27.539; 47. 34, Mark David, Cedar Falls, IA (19) NT; 48. 33, Cliff Blundy, Alpha, IL (47) NT.

**Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, \*:** 1. Mike Brooks (3) 2. Doug Wolfgang (1) 3. Shane Carson (4) 4. Victor Chudy (2) 5. Gary Scott (6) 6. Lloyd Beckman (5)

**Heat one (started), 8 laps, \*:** 1. Con Edwards (2) 2. Gene Gennetten (6) 3. John Johnson (1) / 4. Lonnie Jensen (4) 5. Roger Anderson (7) ... also: Adrian Zoutte (3), Chris Maurer (5), Jim Goettsche (8) DNS – Jerry Potter

**Heat two (started), 8 laps, \*:** 1. Jeff Rice (2) 2. Steve Hainline (7) 3. Terry Taggart (3) / 4. Mike Thomas (6) 5. Butch Bahr (8) ... also: Dale McCarty (1), Tom Corbin (4), Dick Stoneking (5)

**Heat three (started), 8 laps, \*:** 1. Eddie Leavitt (1) 2. Doug Wolfgang (6) 3. Bob Williams (4) 4. Mike Brooks (7) 5. Lloyd Beckman (8) / ... also: Sonny Smyser (2), Randy Smith (3), John Stevenson (5)

**Heat four (started), 8 laps, \*:** 1. Ralph Blackett (2) 2. Shane Carson (7) 3. Mike Pinckney (4) 4. Stacy Redmond (1) 5. Victor Chudy (6) / ... also: Mackie Heimbaugh (3), Billy Robison (5), Gary Scott (8)

**C main, 8 laps, \*:** 1. Cliff Woodward (1) 2. Ed Hickey (2) / ... also: Galen Martin (3), John McCoy (4), Dave Rupard (5), Rick Weld (6), Wayne Kronk (7), Roger Anderson (8), Roger Hurst (9), Bill Hetrick Jr. (10), Ken Potter (11), Dean Chadd (12)

**B main (started), 10 laps, \*:** 1. John Stevenson (1) 2. Jim Goettsche (4) 3. Butch Bahr (3) 4. Mike Thomas (6) 5. Lonnie Jensen (10) 6. Jerry Potter (5) / ... also: Sonny Smyser (2), Dick Stoneking (7), Chris Maurer (8), Tom Corbin (9), Adrian Zoutte (11), Dale McCarty (12), Cliff Woodward (13), Ed Hickey (14) DNS – Gary Scott, Mackie Heimbaugh, Randy Smith, Billy Robison

**A main (started), 20 laps, \*:** 1. Doug Wolfgang (2) 2. John Stevenson (1) 3. Mike Brooks (4) 4. Lloyd Beckman (6) 5. Shane Carson (5) 6. Mike Pinckney (7) 7. Eddie Leavitt (11) 8. Victor Chudy (3) 9. Butch Bahr (12) 10. Stacy Redmond (10) 11. Ralph Blackett (9) 12. Mike Thomas (15) 13. Steve Hainline (14) 14. Con Edwards (19) 15. Lonnie Jensen (21) .... 18. Gene Gennetten (16) .... 20-22. Terry Taggart (17), Jerry Potter (22) Also: Bob Williams (8), Jim Goettsche (13), Jeff Rice (18), John Johnson (20). **Lap Leader:** Wolfgang 1-20.

**Make-up A main from 8/26/78 (started), 20 laps, NT:** 1. Ralph Blackett (2) 2. Shane Carson (3) 3. Butch Bahr (17) 4. Sonny Smyser (8) 5. Stacy Redmond (7) 6. Mike Pinckney (5) 7. Bob Williams (11) 8. Mike Thomas (14) 9. Jerry Potter (18) 10. Cliff Woodward (13) 11. Eddie Leavitt (1) 12. John Stevenson (6) 13. Steve Hainline (9) 14. Con Edwards (15) 15. Ed Hickey (12) 16. Mackie Heimbaugh (10) DNS – 86x, Norman Martin, Dallas, TX, 01, Bobby Layne, Kansas City, MO, Doug Wolfgang, Victor Chudy, Randy Smith. **Lap Leader:** Blackett 1-20.

**9/3/78**

### **Knoxville Season Championship to Mike Brooks!!!**

by Ken Sargent

Knoxville, IA – The Knoxville season came to a dramatic end Sunday night, September 3 as Mike Brooks made a last lap pass to claim the season championship race. Brooks went around leader Jerry Potter on the second turn of the last lap to take over the front spot. Track point champion, Shane Carson, also got around Potter to take the runner-up spot. It was a bitter pill to swallow for Potter who had driven a beautiful race for 19 laps.

Potter started lapping cars on the ninth lap of the feature event and had done an excellent job of passing traffic until the last lap when a slow car did him in, as Brooks sailed by in his high groove. For Brooks, the victory was the third of the year for the Knoxville driver and was worth \$1,200 to him.

Behind Carson and Potter came trophy dash winner Jimmy Sills and fast time qualifier John Stevenson. Ralph Blackett led the second five, followed by Mike Pinckney, Mackie Heimbaugh, Butch Bahr and Cliff Woodward. Two drivers took nasty spills in the heat races.

In the first heat, a three-car spin in the third turn resulted in Jeff Rice taking a hard hit from Roger Anderson, and doing a slow roll. Rice was shaken up enough to be taken to the hospital, but he was found to be okay and later returned to the racetrack. Dave Rupard then held on after the restart to take the first heat victory.

Woodward won the second heat with Eddie Leavitt taking his third and Mackie Heimbaugh the fourth. Lloyd Beckman got upside down in the Richardson sprinter on the first lap of the third heat. Beckman was riding the high groove and trying to make a move on leader Stacy Redmond, when he either hit a rut or tapped Redmond's

wheel and sent the car flying. The ageless Beckman walked from the crash. Roger Hurst won the 8-lap C main, with Ralph Blackett posting a 10-lap victory in the B. 42 cars were on hand for the season ending race.

## Results

**Time Trials (Qualifying Order):** 1. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (27) 20.731; 2. 4x, Doug Wolfgang, Lincoln, NE (3) 20.754; 3. 20, Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, OK (26) 20.909; 4. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (25) 21.013; 5. 17x, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO (37) 21.076; 6. 4J, Jimmy Sills, Sacramento, CA (34) 21.113; 7. 47, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA (2) 21.149; 8. 10, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (16) 21.178; 9. 7x, Randy Smith, Des Moines, IA (7) 21.197; 10. 49, Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO (19) 21.198; 11. 28, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (36) 21.286; 12. 57, Lloyd Beckman, Lincoln, NE (20) 21.356; 13. 98, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (10) 21.447; 14. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (28) 21.456; 15. 25, Butch Bahr, Grand Island, NE (24) 21.754; 16. 14, Lonnie Jensen, Lincoln, NE (17) 21.829; 17. 2x, Bob Williams, Independence, MO (33) 21.932; 18. 76, Ken Potter, Grandview, MO (22) 21.943; 19. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (15) 21.973; 20. 2, Galen Martin, Fairfield, IA (14) 21.988; 21. 9x, Dale McCarty, Kearney, MO (11) 22.095; 22. 39, Terry Taggart, Sioux City, IA (39) 22.113; 23. 95R, Jeff Rice, Topeka, KS (38) 22.142; 24. 3G, Jim Goettsche, Grand Island, NE (9) 22.147; 25. 117, John Johnson, Independence, MO (12) 22.189; 26. 81, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (21) 22.229; 27. 33, Cliff Blundy, Alpha, IL (30) 22.288; 28. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (5) 22.299; 29. 6, Rick Weld, Kansas City, MO (23) 22.364; 30. 15x, Dick Stoneking, Oquawka, IL (35) 22.436; 31. 45, Dave Rupard, Grandview, MO (32) 22.453; 32. 18x, Bill Hetrick Jr., Carman, IL (29) 22.531; 33. 17, Roger Anderson, Waterloo, IA (13) 22.764; 34. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (31) 23.083; 35. 54, Roger Hurst, Kansas City, MO (8) 23.120; 36. 40, Wayne Kronk, Fulton, MO (6) 23.126; 37. 69, Roger Clark, Milan, IL (40) 23.619; 38. 00, Dean Chadd, Lincoln, NE (1) 23.672; 39. 10x, Dean Smith, Fort Dodge, IA (18) 24.419; 40. 16, Dave Butler, Cedar Rapids, IA (4) 25.728; 41. \* 42. \*.

**Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, \*:** 1. Jimmy Sills (1) 2. Doug Wolfgang (5) 3. Jerry Potter (2) 4. Mike Brooks (3) 5. John Stevenson (6) 6. Shane Carson (4)

**Heat one (started), 8 laps, \*:** 1. Dave Rupard (2) 2. Cliff Blundy (4) 3. Rick Weld (3) / 4. Ken Potter (8) ... also: Roger Anderson (1), John Johnson (5), Jeff Rice (6), Galen Martin (7) DNS – Terry Taggart

**Heat two (started), 8 laps, \*:** 1. Cliff Woodward (4) 2. Bob Williams (8) 3. Dick Stoneking (2) / 4. Jim Goettsche (5) ... also: Bill Hetrick Jr. (1), Adrian Zoutte (3), Dale McCarty (6), Mike Thomas (7)

**Heat three (started), 8 laps, \*:** 1. Eddie Leavitt (4) 2. Doug Wolfgang (8) 3. Stacy Redmond (2) 4. Mike Brooks (7) 5. Jimmy Sills (6) / 6. Ralph Blackett 10 (5) ... also: Lonnie Jensen (1), Lloyd Beckman (3)

**Heat four (started), 8 laps, \*:** 1. Mackie Heimbaugh (2) 2. Randy Smith (4) 3. John Stevenson (8) 4. Shane Carson (7) 5. Butch Bahr (1) / 6. Jerry Potter (6) ... also: Sonny Smyser (3), Mike Pinckney (5)

**C main (started), 8 laps, \*:** 1. Roger Hurst (3) 2. Roger Clark (5) 3. Wayne Kronk (4) / Also: Bill Hetrick Jr. (1), John McCoy (2), Dean Chadd (6), Dean Smith (7), Dave Butler (8) DNS – Roger Anderson, \*, \*

**B main (started), 10 laps, \*:** 1. Ralph Blackett (4) 2. Mike Pinckney (5) 3. Jerry Potter (6) 4. Dale McCarty (9) 5. Lonnie Jensen (2) 6. Ken Potter (1) / ... also: Sonny Smyser (3), Mike Thomas (7), Galen Martin (8), Jim Goettsche (10), Adrian Zoutte (11), Roger Hurst (12), Roger Clark (13), Wayne Kronk (14) DNS – Lloyd Beckman, Jeff Rice, John Johnson, Terry Taggart

**A main (started), 20 laps, \*:** 1. Mike Brooks (3) 2. Shane Carson (4) 3. Jerry Potter (2) 4. Jimmy Sills (1) 5. John Stevenson (6) 6. Ralph Blackett (8) 7. Mike Pinckney (7) 8. Mackie Heimbaugh (11) 9. Butch Bahr (13) 10. Cliff Woodward (16) 11. Stacy Redmond (12) 12. Ken Potter (22) 13. Dale McCarty (15) 14. Lonnie Jensen

(21) 15. Rick Weld (18) 16. Dick Stoneking (19) 17. Cliff Blundy (17) 18. Doug Wolfgang (5) ... also: Randy Smith (9), Eddie Leavitt (10), Bob Williams (14), Dave Rupard (20). **Lap Leaders:** J. Potter 1-19, Brooks 20.

### 1978 410 Final Point Standings and Feature Winners:

Driver	Feature Wins (Feature Laps Led*)	Points	Primary car(s)
1. Shane Carson	3 (48)	2745	Trostle 20
2. John Stevenson	1 (18)	2485	Bethke 31
3. Mike Brooks	3 (27)	2330	Mickow 12
4. Doug Wolfgang	7 (133)	1510	Smith 4x
5. Ralph Blackett	2 (45)	1385	Tuttle/Long 10
6. Randy Smith	-	1340	Kain 98, McCarl 7x
7. Lonnie Jensen	1 (24)	1240	Richardson 57
8. Eddie Leavitt	1 (16)	1125	Rogers 49
9. Butch Bahr	-	1110	Bahr Engineering 25
10. Jimmy Sills	0 (12)	1030	JLA Racing 86
11. Gary Scott	-	975	Scott 3, Maxwell 71
12. Billy Robison	1 (20)	860	McCarl 7x, Robison 81
13. Mackie Heimbaugh	0 (9)	800	Arend 1A, Kain 98
14. Sonny Smyser	1 (20)	785	Springer 28
15. Stacy Redmond	-	755	Van Horn's 61
16. Steve Hainline	-	735	Shaffer 21
17. Jerry Blundy	0 (5)	725	Metcalf 22
17. Gary Dunkle	-	725	Kain 98, DaBruzzi 122
19. J.J. Riggins	-	720	Riggins 14, Aden 4J
20. Kim Lingenfelter	-	695	17N
21. Mike Thomas	-	657.5	Norden Steering 37
22. Tom Corbin	-	655	Aden 4J, Nance 1N
23. Gene Gennetten	-	640	Gennetten 3x
24. Jerry Potter	0 (19)	635	A&B Farms 15, Grimes 17
25. Mike Pinckney	-	575	McCarl 7x, Sonner 47
26. Bobby Marshall	1 (1)	570	Brake-O 19
27. Con Edwards	-	562.5	Serace Racing 5
28. Victor Chudy	-	550	Chudy 711
29. Rich Brahmer	-	525	Sinner 6x
30. Lloyd Beckman	-	487.5	French 24, 02
31. Jimmy Boyd	-	435	Woodruff 21
32. Bill Mellenberndt	-	385	Mellenberndt 97
33. Ed Grant	-	367.5	Bond 27
34. Jack McCorkell	-	365	98A
34. Cliff Blundy	-	365	McBride & Shoff 33
36. Don Maxwell	-	335	Maxwell 71
37. Junior Gutknecht	-	325	Brooks-Jordan 1
38. Adrian Zoutte	-	295	Lu-Ge's Speakeasy 11
39. Dennis Ols3n	-	280	Stull & Olds 59
40. Ken Potter	-	270	Seidenkranz 76
41. Dick Stoneking	-	260	Stoneking 120
42. Lee Osborne	-	235	40
43. Dean Smith	-	230	Smith 10x
44. Bobby Layne	-	200	Layne 01

45. John McCoy	-	195	Cyclone Racing 9
46. Chris Maurer	-	185	Maurer 181
47. Tim Deaver	-	180	Deaver 48
48. Dale McCarty	-	165	McCarty 9x
48. Terry Taggart	-	165	Taggart 39
50. Roger Anderson	-	160	Anderson 17

**Other Feature Winners (lap leaders):** Sammy Swindell 1 (20), Steve Kinser 1 (3), Charlie Swartz 0 (17), Danny Smith 0 (6), Steve Liskai 0 (2), Bob Meli 0 (1)

**\*Incomplete Data**