

KNOXVILLE *Raceway*

COMPLETE RESULTS FOR 1979

Date (Sanction/Event) – Winners

4/21 (WoO) Sammy Swindell
5/5 – Sonny Smyser
5/12 – Shane Carson
5/19 – Randy Smith
5/26 – Shane Carson
6/2 – Randy Smith
6/9 – Rain
6/16 – John Stevenson
6/23 – Rain
6/30 – Darryl Dawley
7/7 – John Stevenson
7/14 (Twin Features) Randy Smith, Mike Brooks
7/21 – Postponed
7/28 – John Stevenson, Tim Green
8/4 – Tim Green
8/5 – (NAMAR Midgets) Sam Isenhowe
8/8 (Knoxville Nationals Prelim) Steve Kinser
8/9 (Knoxville Nationals Prelim) Rain
8/10 (Knoxville Nationals Prelim) Tim Green, (Non-qualifiers) Gary Patterson, (Mystery Feature) Danny Smith
8/11 (Knoxville Nationals) Ron Shuman
8/18 – Doug Wolfgang
9/1 – Jerry Potter
9/2 – John Stevenson

4/21/79

Knoxville World of Outlaw Cash to Swindell!!

by Ken Sargent

Knoxville, IA – Sammy Swindell shook off bad luck that has haunted him at Knoxville and won the feature event in the World of Outlaws battle at Knoxville, April 21. Swindell turned in the fast time trial lap and won the fifth heat before capturing the 25-lap main event. Swindell had on the front row of the field in the last year's National Championship race, but broke on the first lap. But tonight, his Federal Express racer was flying for all 25 laps. Swindell started eighth by virtue of fast time, moved to 7th on the second lap, and two more spots to fifth on the next lap after a restart. Swindell moved to fourth on the fourth lap, took third on the 7th lap and 2nd one lap later. He then started the chase on Shane Carson that took him eight laps to complete, taking over the lead for good on the 16th lap. Ron Shuman also got by Carson on the 22nd lap to take second, with Carson third. Rick Ferkel finished fourth after starting 11th, and Bobby Marshall completed the top five. Rounding out the top ten were Billy Robison, Jim Linder, Jack Hewitt, Doug Wolfgang and Johnny Beaber.

Beaber won the B and therefore started 21st in the main event field. Two accidents slowed the main event. On the completion of the first lap, Mackie Heimbaugh got upside down coming out of the fourth turn.

Heimbaugh's car was left tailless, but Heimbaugh was not injured. On the restart, the field got in two laps before the yellow came out again when Don Mack got upside down, also in the fourth turn. The accidents were the fifth and sixth of the night. Con Edwards sailed his sprinter out of the ballpark in the third turn during time trials, and Bobby Layne also got upside down in time trials in the first turn. Johnny Anderson, fourth in the Outlaw point standings, was sidelined in the first heat when he got upside down in the third turn. Also sidelined from the top ten was Lee James, who flipped along with Bobby Brutto in the first turn of the fourth heat. Of all the accidents, the only injury sustained was a broken tooth by Bobby Layne. The heat races went to Jerry Stone, Ron Shuman, Lloyd Beckman, Norman Martin and Swindell. Johnny Beaber led the B main from start to finish to win that 15-lap event, and Shuman took first in the trophy dash.

With his second place finish, Shuman retained his World of Outlaws point lead with 1,520 points. Rick Ferkel moved around Doug Wolfgang for second with 1,372 to 1,364 for Wolfgang. 66 cars were on hand for the show with 60 of those completing time trial laps. The Knoxville regular season opener will be on May 5.

Results

Time Trials (Qualifying Order): 1. 91, Sammy Swindell, Memphis, TN (22) 20.316; 2. 49, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (35) 20.659; 3. 19, Bobby Marshall, Dallas, TX (5) 20.735; 4. 75, Ron Shuman, Mesa, AZ (16) 20.781; 5. 22, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (3) 20.798; 6. 11x, Steve Kinser, Bloomington, IN (36) 20.823; 7. 15x, Lee James, Northridge, CA (11) 20.879; 8. 25x, Darryl Dawley, Sioux Falls, SD (7) 20.921; 9. 4x, Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, OK (32) 20.999; 10. 21x, Johnny Anderson, Sacramento, CA (53) 21.004; 11. 43, Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA (25) 21.007; 12. 711, Victor Chudy, Plattsmouth, NE (29) 21.083; 13. 20, Doug Wolfgang, Lincoln, NE (54) 21.127; 14. 3x, Johnny Beaber, Gibsonburg, OH (19) 21.187; 15. 4, Don Mack, East Grand Forks, MN (41) 21.253; 16. 04, Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO (37) 21.257; 17. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (48) 21.296; 18. 0, Rick Ferkel, Findlay, OH (47) 21.340; 19. 4E, Jim Linder, Fremont, OH (20) 21.405; 20. 15, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (52) 21.440; 21. 65, Junior Parkinson, Gladstone, MO (62) 21.459; 22. 97, Bill Mellenberndt, Sioux Falls, SD (39) 21.551; 23. 47, Lloyd Beckman, Lincoln, NE (33) 21.623; 24. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (34) 21.657; 25. 8, Gary Scott, Holts Summit, MO (12) 21.707; 26. 18, Roger Larson, Madison, SD (49) 21.707; 27. 14, JJ Riggins, Lincoln, NE (31) 21.722; 28. 73, Terry Doss, Tulsa, OK (24) 21.747; 29. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (8) 21.821; 30. 28, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (46) 21.957; 31. 25, Butch Bahr, Grand Island, NE (43) 21.830; 32. 86, Bobby Brutto, Des Moines, IA (44) 21.839; 33. 2, Danny Smith, Danville, IN (63) 21.948; 34. 38, Greg Cole, Grand Rapids, MN (6) 21.966; 35. 24, Jerry Stone, Wichita, KS (51) 21.970; 36. 3G, Jim Goettsche, Grand Island, NE (4) 21.971; 37. 33, Jerry Blundy, Dehinda, IL (14) 21.985; 38. 26, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE (9) 21.995; 39. 94, Rick Weld, Kansas City, MO (26) 22.035; 40. 58, Bob Williams, Independence, MO (61) 22.077; 41. 9x, Dale McCarty, Kearney, MO (28) 22.118; 42. 50, Jack Hewitt, Troy, OH (18) 22.155; 43. 4J, Roger Rager, Mound, MN (55) 22.204; 44. 10, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO (57) 22.350; 45. 81, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (27) 22.399; 46. 6, John Coogan, Indianapolis, IN (2) 22.442; 47. 98, Norman Martin, Dallas, TX (56) 22.459; 48. 14x, Barney Bauernfeind, Grandview, MO (30) 22.530; 49. 05, TJ Giddings, Basehor, KS (15) 22.691; 50. 181, Chris Maurer, Colfax, IA (4) 22.730; / 51. 81x, Dean Erfurth, Oregon, WI (17) 22.615; 52. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (13) 22.752; 53. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (42) 22.769; 54. 21, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (23) 22.771; 55. 27, Ed Grant, Canton, IL (38) 22.820; 56. 26, Gary Grissom, Anderson, IN (60) 23.006; 57. KY58, Ken Chapman, Winnipeg, MB, Can. (1) 23.019; 58. 76, Ken Potter, Grandview, MO (45) 23.195; 59. 18x, Bill Hetrick Jr., Carman, IL (50) 23.234; 60. 7x, Lenard McCarl, Des Moines, IA (64) 23.382; 61. 01, Bobby Layne, Kansas City, MO (10) 23.748; 62. 42, Linus Mack, East Grand Forks, MN (58) 25.946; 63. 1, Tim Green, Carmichael, CA (21) NT; 64. 5x, Lynn McIntosh, Thunder Bay, ONT, Can. (59) NT; 65. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (65) NT; 66. 5, Con Edwards, Ankeny, IA (66) NT.

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:44.56: 1. Ron Shuman (3) 2. Steve Kinser (1) 3. Ralph Blackett (5) 4. Bobby Marshall (4) 5. Sammy Swindell (6) 6. Billy Robison (2)

Heat one (started), 10 laps, NT: 1. Jerry Stone (4) 2. Don Mack (8) 3. Billy Robison (10) 4. Mackie Heimbaugh (7) / 5. Sonny Smyser (5) also: Chris Maurer (1), Cliff Woodward (2), Bob Williams (3), Gary Scott (6), Johnny Anderson (9)

Heat two (started), 10 laps, 3:39.67: 1. Ron Shuman (10) 2. Jim Linder (7) 3. Shane Carson (9) 4. Jerry Potter (2) / 5. Johnny Beaber (8) also: TJ Giddings (1), Rick Weld (3), Greg Cole (4), Mike Thomas (5), Stacy Redmond (6)

Heat three (started), 10 laps, 3:43.80: 1. Lloyd Beckman (6) 2. Rick Ferkel (7) 3. Bobby Marshall (10) 4. Doug Wolfgang (8) / 5. Darryl Dawley (9) also: Barney Bauernfeind (1), Roger Rager (2), Rich Brahmer (3), Danny Smith (4), Terry Doss (5)

Heat four (started), 10 laps, NT: 1. Norman Martin (1) 2. Ralph Blackett (10) 3. Jerry Blundy (3) 4. Jack Hewitt (2) / 5. Bill Mellenberndt (6) ... also: Bobby Brutto (4), J.J Riggins (5), Mike Brooks (7), Victor Chudy (8), Lee James (9)

Heat five (started), 10 laps, NT: 1. Sammy Swindell (10) 2. Steve Kinser (9) 3. Butch Bahr (4) 4. Randy Smith (8) / 5. Roger Larson (5) also: John Coogan (1), Dale McCarty (2), Jim Goettsche (3), Jr. Parkinson (6), Eddie Leavitt (7)

B main (started), 15 laps, NT: 1. Johnny Beaber (4) 2. Roger Larson (9) / 3. Darryl Dawley (6) 4. Sonny Smyser (13) 5. Bill Mellenberndt (1) 6. Gary Scott (8) 7. Rich Brahmer (15) 8. JJ Riggins (10) 9. Terry Doss (11) 10. Mike Thomas (12) also: Junior Parkinson (2), Mike Brooks (3), Victor Chudy (5), Stacy Redmond (7), Jim Goettsche (14), Dale McCarty (16), Barney Bauernfeind (17), TJ Giddings (18) DNS – Lee James, Johnny Anderson, Eddie Leavitt, Bobby Brutto, Danny Smith, Greg Cole, Rick Weld, Bob Williams, Roger Rager, Cliff Woodward, John Coogan, Chris Maurer, Dean Erfurth, John McCoy, Adrian Zoutte, Steve Hainline, Ed Grant, Gary Grissom, Ken Chapman, Ken Potter, Bill Hetrick Jr., Lenard McCarl, Bobby Layne, Linus Mack, Tim Green, Lynn McIntosh, John Stevenson, Con Edwards

A main (started), 25 laps, NT: 1. Sammy Swindell (8) 2. Ron Shuman (5) 3. Shane Carson (2) 4. Rick Ferkel (11) 5. Bobby Marshall (6) 6. Billy Robison (4) 7. Jim Linder (12) 8. Jack Hewitt (18) 9. Doug Wolfgang (9) 10. Johnny Beaber (21) 11. Jerry Stone (16) 12. Lloyd Beckman (14) 13. Roger Larson (22) 14. Butch Bahr (15) 15. Jerry Blundy (17) 16. Jerry Potter (19) 17. Steve Kinser (3) 18. Randy Smith (1) 19. Ralph Blackett (7) 20. Norman Martin (20) 21. Don Mack (10) 22. Mackie Heimbaugh (13). **Lap Leaders:** Carson 1-15, S. Swindell 16-25.

5/5/79

Knoxville Opener to Smyser

by Ken Sargent

Knoxville, IA – Sonny Smyser led from start to finish to take home first place in the regular season opener at Knoxville, Iowa, Saturday, May 5. Smyser started the race on the outside of the front row and put the Jim Springer sprinter into the first turn ahead of pole-sitter Randy Smith, who chased Smyser the entire way and finished second. Smyser had to survive two yellow flag to get the victory. The first came on the second lap when Gary Scott brushed the fence and came to a stop in the second turn. Seven laps later, the caution flag came out for Butch Bahr and Tim Green. The two were charging hard to gain the sixth spot when they collided in the second turn. Neither driver was hurt, but it forced Bahr to the sidelines. Both times on the restart, Smyser was able to jump back out and regain his lead over Smith. Four veterans of the Knoxville track took third through sixth. Ralph Blackett was third, followed by Lloyd Beckman, Roger Larson and Bob Williams. Jerry Potter wound up seventh, Victor Chudy was eighth, John Stevenson was ninth and Kim Lingenfelter was tenth. Stevenson and Green came back from the back of the pack on the second restart to claim 12th place. The

two yellow flags in the main event were the only yellow flags of the evening as the night was much in contrast to the World of Outlaws show two weeks ago, where six drivers got upside down.

Green, a relative newcomer to the sprint car scene, had fast time trial with a lap of 20.650. Gary Scott took the five-lap trophy dash, with Potter second. Heat race victories went to Mackie Heimbaugh, Bill Mellenberndt, Larson, Butch Bahr and Eddie Leavitt. Larson's heat race lead came in just two laps and then he held off a charge by Ralph Blackett. Bahr used a last lap pass of Bob Williams to win his heat. John Stevenson was the winner of the 12-lap B main event, with TJ Giddings second. 44 drivers were on hand for the season opener with 43 of those timing in. The crowd on hand was large enough to push next week's purse up \$500 to \$6,500.

Results

Time Trials (Qualifying Order): 1. 55, Tim Green, Sacramento, CA (31) 20.680; 2. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (24) 20.668; 3. 8, Gary Scott, Holts Summit, MO (26) 20.849; 4. 47, Lloyd Beckman, Lincoln, NE (40) 20.939; 5. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (23) 20.944; 6. 10, Jerry Potter, Des Moines, IA (36) 20.987; 7. 49, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (14) 21.008; 8. 43, Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA (16) 21.031; 9. 28, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (4) 21.043; 10. 25, Butch Bahr, Grand Island, NE (28) 21.068; 11. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (22) 21.264; 12. 711, Victor Chudy, Plattsmouth, NE (42) 21.292; 13. 04, Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO (25) 21.322; 14. 49x, Kim Lingenfelter, Norfolk, NE (43) 21.323; 15. 18, Roger Larson, Madison, SD (41) 21.324; 16. 97, Bill Mellenberndt, Sioux Falls, SD (37) 21.413; 17. 26, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE (13) 21.548; 18. \$198, Don Weyrich, Norfolk, NE (1) 21.584; 19. 33, Jerry Blundy, Dehinda, IL (2) 21.796; 20. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (13) 21.892; 21. 7s, Edd French, El Paso, TX (8) 21.898; 22. 35, Dale McCarty, Kearney, MO (17) 21.920; 23. 81, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (32) 21.922; 24. 2, Galen Martin, Fairfield, IA (35) 21.931; 25. 7x, Lenard McCarl, Des Moines, IA (7) 21.984; 26. 05, TJ Giddings, Basehor, KS (15) 21.988; 27. 3G, Jim Goettsche, Grand Island, NE (39) 22.096; 28. 1, Bobby Brutto, San Jose, CA (5) 22.114; 29. 20x, Dick Stoneking, Oquawka, IL (29) 22.192; 30. 181, Chris Maurer, Colfax, IA (30) 22.221; 31. 21, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (33) 22.222; 32. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (27) 22.250; 33. 94, Rick Weld, Kansas City, MO (38) 22.449; 34. 58, Bob Williams, Kansas City, MO (21) 22.470; 35. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (11) 22.655; 36. 54, Dan Shearen, White Bear Lake, MN (19) 22.674; 37. 15, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (3) 22.684; 38. 24, Jim Robinson, Parkville, MO (18) 22.715; 39. 27, Ed Grant, Canton, IL (9) 22.774; 40. 38, Chad Ward, Lathrop, MO (6) 22.814; 41. 47x, Roger Wright, Sugar Creek, MO (34) 23.409; 42. 51, Steve Johnson, Rock Island, IL (20) 23.901; 43. 27x, Mark Shaffer, Newton, IA (10) 24.729; 44. 76, Ken Potter, Grandview, MO (44) NT.

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, NT: 1. Gary Scott (4) 2. Jerry Potter (1) 3. Tim Green (6) 4. Lloyd Beckman (3) 5. John Stevenson (5) 6. Mike Brooks (2)

Slow heat (started), 8 laps, 2:59.76: 1. Mackie Heimbaugh (1) 2. Ed Grant (3) 3. Jim Robinson (2) 4. Chad Ward (4) 5. Roger Wright (5) ... also: Steve Johnson (6), Mark Shaffer (7), Ken Potter (8)

Heat one (started), 8 laps, 2:54.43: 1. Bill Mellenberndt (6) 2. Randy Smith (8) 3. Bobby Brutto (3) 4. Lloyd Beckman (9) 5. Victor Chudy (7) / ... also: Dan Shearen (1), Mike Thomas (2), Galen Martin (4), Adrian Zoutte (5)

Heat two (started), 8 laps, 2:54.07: 1. Roger Larson (6) 2. Ralph Blackett (8) 3. Jerry Blundy (5) 4. Gary Scott (9) 5. Cliff Woodward (4) / ... also: John McCoy (1), Steve Hainline (2), Jim Goettsche (3), Stacy Redmond (7)

Heat three (started), 8 laps, 2:56.08: 1. Butch Bahr (7) 2. Bob Williams (1) 3. Jerry Potter (8) 4. Kim Lingenfelter (6) 5. Don Weyrich (5) / ... also: Chris Maurer (2), TJ Giddings (3), Dale McCarty (4), John Stevenson (9)

Heat four (started), 8 laps, 2:54.60: 1. Eddie Leavitt (6) 2. Lenard McCarl (3) 3. Tim Green (9) 4. Sonny Smyser (7) 5. Mike Brooks (8) / ... also: Rick Weld (1), Dick Stoneking (2), Edd French (4), Rich Brahmer (5)

B main (started), 12 laps, 4:26.09: 1. John Stevenson (6) 2. TJ Giddings (1) / 3. Dale McCarty (2) 4. Stacy Redmond (5) 5. Mike Thomas (11) ... also: Adrian Zoutte (3), Rich Brahmer (4), Jim Goettsche (7), Dick Stoneking (8), Chris Maurer (9), Steve Hainline (10), Rick Weld (12), John McCoy (13), Dan Shearen (14), Mackie Heimbaugh (15), Ed Grant (16) DNS – Galen Martin, Edd French, Jim Robison, Chad Ward, Roger Wright, Steve Johnson, Mark Shaffer, Ken Potter

A main (started), 20 laps, NT: 1. Sonny Smyser (1) 2. Randy Smith (2) 3. Ralph Blackett (3) 4. Lloyd Beckman (6) 5. Roger Larson (13) 6. Bob Williams (20) 7. Jerry Potter (4) 8. Victor Chudy (10) 9. John Stevenson (21) 10. Kim Lingenfelter (12) 11. Jerry Blundy (16) 12. Tim Green (8) 13. Bill Mellenberndt (14) 14. Cliff Woodward (17) 15. Don Weyrich (15) 16. Bobby Brutto (19) 17. Lenard McCarl (18) 18. Mike Brooks (5) 19. Butch Bahr (9) 20-22. Gary Scott (7), Eddie Leavitt (11), TJ Giddings (22). **Lap Leader:** Smyser 1-20.

5/12/79

Carson Cops Knoxville Cash!!!!

by Ken Sargent

Knoxville, IA – Shane Carson made his first appearance of the season at Knoxville a successful one as the defending track champion took first place in the twenty-lap main event, Saturday night, May 12. Carson had the second fastest qualifying time of the night and as a result started in the fourth row. By the third lap, he was running second and the eighth lap he slipped by Gary Scott on the low side to take over the lead for good. Tim Green, in only his second sprint car race at Knoxville, finished second. Green was trying for a sweep of the night, having won the trophy dash and his heat race. Green took over the second spot when Mike Brooks dropped out of the event with rear-end problems. At the point, the 18th lap, Carson had things well in hand and won by half a lap over Green. Last week's feature winner, Sonny Smyser, ran third with Ralph Blackett fourth and Darryl Dawley fifth. Dawley was the top passer in the race, starting 20th after winning the B main. Lloyd Beckman took sixth with Randy Smith seventh and completing the top ten were Butch Bahr, Jerry Potter and Mackie Heimbaugh. The 8th place finish by Bahr completed a long night of racing for him, as he had troubles during qualifying and failed to make the qualifying heats. He then won the slow heat, putting him on the tail of the C, which he also won. That victory put him on the back of the B, where he finished third, making the A, where he went from 22nd to 8th.

Carson's ride in the Speedway Motors sprinter was worth \$850. Heat race winners in addition to Green and Bahr were Eddie Leavitt, Gary Scott, Bobby Brutto and Ralph Blackett. Following Dawley in the B were Jerry Potter and Bahr, while Carson ran less than a car length behind Green in the 5-lap trophy dash. Sonny Smyser had the fast time trial among the 47 qualifiers with a lap of 20.651. The only serious incident of the night came in the B main where Adrian Zoutte spun in the third turn and was hit by Dale McCarty, rolling both sprinters. Neither driver was injured, but both cars suffered extensive damage.

Results

Time Trials (Qualifying Order): 1. 28, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (22) 20.651; 2. 4x, Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, OK (39) 20.683; 3. 55, Tim Green, Sacramento, CA (14) 20.697; 4. 43, Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA (37) 20.724; 5. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (9) 20.777; 6. 49, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (13) 20.811; 7. 47, Lloyd Beckman, Lincoln, NE (18) 20.970; 8. 25x, Darryl Dawley, Sioux Falls, SD (49) 21.052; 9. 8, Gary Scott, Holts Summit, MO (41) 21.104; 10. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (6) 21.125; 11. 15, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (10) 21.126; 12. 65, Junior Parkinson, Gladstone, MO (17) 21.141; 13. 10, Jerry Potter, Des Moines, IA (12) 21.187; 14. 711, Victor Chudy, Plattsmouth, NE (42) 21.222; 15. 04, Eddie

Leavitt, Kearney, MO (30) 21.224; 16. \$198, Don Weyrich, Norfolk, NE (31) 21.240; 17. 56, Bill Utz, Sedalia, MO (8) 21.243; 18. 49x, Kim Lingenfelter, Norfolk, NE (20) 21.296; 19. 18, Roger Larson, Madison, SD (28) 21.385; 20. 21, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (40) 21.562; 21. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (44) 21.597; 22. 1, Bobby Brutto, San Jose, CA (23) 21.675; 23. 22, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (26) 21.700; 24. 2, Galen Martin, Fairfield, IA (35) 21.724; 25. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (25) 21.766; 26. 81, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (7) 21.814; 27. 37x, Tony Webster, Topeka, KS (38) 21.919; 28. 91, Rick Weld, Kansas City, MO (36) 22.034; 29. 54, Dan Shearen, Hugo, MN (47) 22.085; 30. 35, Dale McCarty, Kearney, MO (27) 22.088; 31. 44, Jack McCorkell, Redwood Falls, MN (48) 22.094; 32. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (34) 22.153; 33. 7x, Lenard McCarl, Des Moines, IA (11) 22.166; 34. 14x, Barney Bauernfeind, Grandview, MO (15) 22.358; 35. 33, Jerry Blundy, Dehinda, IL (32) 22.411; 36. 181, Chris Maurer, Colfax, IA (43) 22.555; 37. 18x, Bill Hetrick Jr., Carman, IL (5) 22.563; 38. 20x, Dick Stoneking, Oquawka, IL (46) 22.576; 39. 24, Jim Robinson, Parkville, MO (45) 22.647; 40. 27, Ed Grant, Canton, IL (1) 22.692; 41. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (3) 22.759; 42. 5x, John McClure, West Burlington, IA (16) 22.878; 43. 47x, Roger Wright, Sugar Creek, MO (2) 23.174; 44. 25, Butch Bahr, Grand Island, NE (21) 23.319; 45. 22x, Stan Vollenweider, * (24) 23.451; 46. 27x, Mark Shaffer, Newton, IA (4) 23.473; 47. 35x, Ed Pitko, Kansas City, KS (29) 26.022; 48. 97, Bill Mellenberndt, Sioux Falls, SD (19) NT; 49. 58, Bob Williams, Independence, MO (33) NT.

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, *: 1. Tim Green (4) 2. Shane Carson (5) 3. Ralph Blackett (1) 4. Randy Smith (3) 5. Sonny Smyser (6) 6. John Stevenson (2)

Slow heat (started), 8 laps, : 1. Butch Bahr (2) 2. John McCoy (1) 3. Mark Shaffer (4) 4. Stan Vollenweider (5) 5. Ed Pitko (6) ... also: Roger Wright (3) DNS – Bill Mellenberndt, Bob Williams

Heat one (started), 8 laps, : 1. Eddie Leavitt (6) 2. Jerry Blundy (2) 3. Mike Brooks (7) 4. Mike Thomas (4) / 5. Steve Hainline (5) 6. Dale McCarty (3) ... also: Ed Grant (1), John Stevenson (8)

Heat two (started), 8 laps, : 1. Gary Scott (7) 2. Roger Larson (5) 3. Randy Smith (8) 4. Victor Chudy (6) / 5. Barney Bauernfeind (2) 6. Galen Martin (4) 7. Jim Robinson (1) 8. Dan Shearen (3)

Heat three (started), 8 laps, : 1. Tim Green (8) 2. Lenard McCarl (2) 3. Billy Robison (4) 4. Kim Lingenfelter (5) / 5. Jerry Potter (6) 6. Darryl Dawley (7) ... also: Dick Stoneking (1), Rick Weld (3)

Heat four (started), 8 laps, : 1. Bobby Brutto (4) 2. Shane Carson (8) 3. Lloyd Beckman (7) 4. Tony Webster (3) / 5. Junior Parkinson (6) 6. Bill Utz (5) ... also: Bill Hetrick Jr. (1), Adrian Zoutte (2)

Heat five (started), 8 laps, : 1. Ralph Blackett (7) 2. Sonny Smyser (8) 3. Mackie Heimbaugh (6) 4. Jack McCorkell (2) / 5. Don Weyrich (5) 6. Cliff Woodward (3) ... also: Chris Maurer (1), Stacy Redmond (4)

C main (*), *: 1. Butch Bahr 2. Adrian Zoutte / 3. Bill Hetrick Jr. 4. Stacy Redmond 5. Ed Grant ... also: John Stevenson, Dan Shearen, Jim Robinson, Rick Weld, Dick Stoneking, Chris Maurer, Bill Mellenberndt, Bob Williams, John McCoy, Mark Shaffer, Stan Vollenweider, Ed Pitko, Roger Wright

B main (started): 1. Darryl Dawley (4) 2. Jerry Potter (2) 3. Butch Bahr (10) / 4. Junior Parkinson (5) 5. Steve Hainline (1) 6. Don Weyrich (3) ... Also: Cliff Woodward (6), Galen Martin (7), Barney Bauernfeind (8), Dale McCarty (9), Adrian Zoutte (11) DNS – Bill Utz

A main (started), 20 laps, 7:26.77: 1. Shane Carson (7) 2. Tim Green (6) 3. Sonny Smyser (8) 4. Ralph Blackett (4) 5. Darryl Dawley (19) 6. Lloyd Beckman (3) 7. Randy Smith (5) 8. Butch Bahr (21) 9. Jerry Potter (22) 10. Mackie Heimbaugh (9) 11. Victor Chudy (10) 12. Kim Lingenfelter (12) 13. Billy Robison (13) 14. Lenard McCarl (17) 15. Jerry Blundy (20) 16. Bobby Brutto (14) 17. Mike Thomas (16) 18. Jack McCorkell (18) 19. Mike Brooks (1) 20-22. Gary Scott (2), Eddie Leavitt (11), Tony Webster (15) DNS – Roger Larson.

Lap Leaders: Scott 1-7, Carson 8-20.

5/19/79

Randy Smith Wins at Knoxville

by Ken Sargent

Knoxville, IA – Randy Smith survived three yellow flags to take home first place money at Knoxville Saturday night, May 19. Smith started seventh in the feature event and took over the lead from Gary Scott on the 9th lap. Five laps later, the first yellow flag came out, bunching up the field behind Smith and second place runner, Tim Green. The yellow was put out for Ralph Blackett, who got the 49 sprinter into the fourth turn fence. When the green dropped again, the field ran just two laps before the caution flag was out again for Bobby Brutto, who spun in the first turn. Smith again moved out to a slight margin, when the green flag was back out, but only one more lap was run before the yellow was back out for a spin by Gene Gennetten. When the green sailed again, it stayed out this time for the final three laps and Smith fought off a final challenge by Green to win his first feature event at Knoxville, and pocket the \$850 first prize.

Jerry Potter wound up third, with Roger Larson fourth and Billy Robison up from 11th starting spot in fifth. Completing the top ten were Mackie Heimbaugh, Ron Milton, Lloyd Beckman, Terry Doss and Lenard McCarl.

Heat race wins went to John McClure, Beckman, Smith and Victor Chudy. Beckman had the most exciting win of the qualifying heats, holding off a last lap challenge by John Stevenson to win by a nose. Kim Lingenfelter won the 12-lap B main with Gene Gennetten second. Lingenfelter got the lead on the last lap when Sonny Smyser's car finally gave it up. Smyser, the point leader going into the evening, started third and was leading by the second lap. However, about midway through the race, Smyser's #28 car began smoking and sounding rough, but he continued to run strong until the final lap when it let go, giving Lingenfelter the lead. 48 cars were on hand for the evening of racing with 41 cars timing, led by Green's quick lap of 20.804.

Time Trials (Qualifying Order): 1. 55, Tim Green, Carmichael, CA (30) 20.804; 2. 43, Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA (12) 20.891; 3. 10, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO (9) 21.040; 4. 49, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (21) 21.040; 5. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (31) 21.204; 6. 18, Roger Larson, Madison, SD (20) 21.241; 7. 8, Gary Scott, Holts Summit, MO (18) 21.276; 8. 25, Butch Bahr, Grand Island, NE (11) 21.302; 9. 49x, Kim Lingenfelter, Norfolk, NE (14) 21.398; 10. 8x, Ron Milton, Jacksonville, IL (25) 21.425; 11. 98A, Jack McCorkell, Redwood Falls, MN (35) 21.428; 12. 47, Lloyd Beckman, Lincoln, NE (10) 21.514; 13. 21, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (5) 21.549; 14. 28, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (2) 21.570; 15. 22, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (42) 21.621; 16. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (7) 21.653; 17. 15, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (32) 21.663; 18. 26, Rich Brahmmer, Wisner, NE (6) 21.722; 19. 73, Terry Doss, Tulsa, OK (24) 21.804; 20. 1, Bobby Brutto, San Jose, CA (39) 21.867; 21. 33, Jerry Blundy, Dahinda, IL (17) 21.889; 22. 81, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (15) 21.907; 23. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (22) 21.955; 24. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (37) 21.961; 25. 2, Galen Martin, Fairfield, IA (41) 21.964; 26. 3x, Gene Gennetten, Parkville, MO (26) 22.162; 27. 18x, Bill Hetrick Jr., Carman, IL (16) 22.165; 28. 54, Dan Shearen, Hugo, MN (3) 22.189; 29. 711, Victor Chudy, Plattsmouth, NE (23) 22.292; 30. 7x, Lenard McCarl, Des Moines, IA (38) 22.450; 31. 34, Mark David, Cedar Falls, IA (36) 22.532; 32. 76, Ken Potter, Grandview, MO (28) 22.550; 33. 181, Chris Maurer, Colfax, IA (27) 22.679; 34. 5x, John McClure, West Burlington, IA (4) 22.791; 35. 27x, Mark Shaffer, Newton, IA (19) 23.097; 36. 88, Gene Kester, Bates City, MO (8) 23.205; 37. 47x, Roger Wright, Sugar Creek, MO (1) 23.353; 38. 135, Fred Ream, Greenridge, MO (40) 23.532; 39. 41, Steve Lewis, Kansas City, MO (34) 24.020; 40. 15x, Bill Slater, Monmouth, IL (13) 24.068; 41. 35x, Ed Pitko, Kansas City, KS (33) 24.233; 42. 65, Junior Parkinson, Gladstone, MO (29) NT; 43. 05, TJ Giddings, Basehor, KS (43) NT; 44. 58, Bob Williams, Kansas City, MO (44) NT; 45. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (45) NT; 46. *; 47. *; 48. *.

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:46.66: 1. Ralph Blackett (3) 2. Randy Smith (5) 3. Roger Larson (1) 4. Jerry Potter (4) 5. Tim Green (6) 6. Mike Brooks (2)

Slow heat (started), 8 laps, 3:06.32: 1. John McClure (2) 2. Chris Maurer (1) / 3. Steve Lewis (7) 4. Fred Ream (6) 5. Gene Kester (4) ... also: Mark Shaffer (3), Roger Wright (5), Bill Slater (8), Ed Pitko (9) DNS – Junior Parkinson, TJ Giddings, Bob Williams, John McCoy, *, *, *

Heat one (started), 8 laps, 2:57.15: 1. Lloyd Beckman (6) 2. John Stevenson (5) 3. Ralph Blackett (8) 4. Stacy Redmond (3) 5. Bobby Brutto (4) / ... also: Ken Potter (1), Dan Shearen (2), Butch Bahr (7)

Heat two (started), 8 laps, 2:54.51: 1. Billy Robison (5) 2. Jerry Potter (8) 3. Jack McCorkell (6) 4. Gary Scott (7) 5. Terry Doss (4) / ... also: Mark David (1), Bill Hetrick Jr. (2), Mike Thomas (3)

Heat three (started), 8 laps, NT: 1. Randy Smith (8) 2. Roger Larson (7) 3. Lenard McCarl (1) 4. Rich Brahmer (4) 5. Ron Milton (6) / ... also: Gene Gennetten (2), Cliff Woodward (3), Sonny Smyser (5)

Heat four (started), 8 laps, 2:55.51: 1. Victor Chudy (1) 2. Mackie Heimbaugh (4) 3. Tim Green (8) 4. Mike Brooks (7) 5. Jerry Blundy (3) / ... also: Galen Martin (2), Steve Hainline (5), Kim Lingenfelter (6)

B main (started), 12 laps, 4:28.94: 1. Kim Lingenfelter (5) 2. Gene Gennetten (8) / 3. Dan Shearen (10) 4. Cliff Woodward (2) 5. Steve Hainline (4) ... also: Mike Thomas (1), Sonny Smyser (3), Butch Bahr (6), Galen Martin (7), Bill Hetrick Jr. (9), Ken Potter (11), Chris Maurer (12), John McClure (13) DNS – Mark David

A main (started), 20 laps, NT: 1. Randy Smith (7) 2. Tim Green (8) 3. Jerry Potter (6) 4. Roger Larson (3) 5. Billy Robison (11) 6. Mackie Heimbaugh (13) 7. Ron Milton (1) 8. Lloyd Beckman (10) 9. Terry Doss (15) 10. Lenard McCarl (20) 11. Stacy Redmond (18) 12. Gene Gennetten (22) 13. Kim Lingenfelter (21) 14. Bobby Brutto (16) 15. John Stevenson (12) 16. Ralph Blackett (5) 17. Jerry Blundy (17) 18. Mike Brooks (4) 19. Gary Scott (2) 20-22. Jack McCorkell (9), Rich Brahmer (14), Victor Chudy (19). **Lap Leaders:** Scott 1-8, R. Smith 9-20.

5/26/79

Carson Takes Mini-Nationals!!!

by Ken Sargent

Knoxville, IA – Shane Carson got by Roger Larson late in the feature event and went on to take home the \$1,000 first prize to the 9th Annual Mini-Nationals at Knoxville, Saturday, May 26. It was the second feature win in as many appearances for the defending track champion, who also drove the Bill Smith sprinter to a win in his qualifying heat.

Carson started in the fourth row, and quickly moved to the third spot behind Larson and Eddie Leavitt. He had passed Leavitt just before the yellow, but the lap was not completed, so he had to restart in the third spot. The yellow was out for a spin in the third turn by Stacy Redmond, and it was the only caution of the night. Shortly after the restart, Carson got by Leavitt to take over second spot, and then made his late pass of Larson. Larson had led from the start of the race until he was passed by Carson and he wound up second with Leavitt third. Randy Smith was fourth and Kim Lingenfelter would up the top five, followed by Roger Rager, Butch Bahr, Billy Robison and Tim Green. Rager did the top passing job in the feature. Taking over the car qualified by Lenard McCarl, Roger started 20th and passed 13 cars to take home seventh place.

Randy Smith had the first time trial on a track that was heavy after a late afternoon shower. Smith's time was 22.429 seconds. Gary Scott took the five-lap trophy dash with the heats going to Gene Kester, Dale McCarty, Larson, Carson and Tim Green. Bill Mellenberndt chased Stacy Redmond for ten laps of the 12-lap B main and then made a next to last lap pass to win the consolation event. 42 cars were on hand on an evening of threatening weather that held off with the rain, allowing 38 cars to time and run the program off.

Results

Time Trials (Qualifying Order): 1. 43, Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA (24) 22.429; 2. 4x, Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, OK (19) 22.459; 3. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (29) 22.649; 4. 25, Butch Bahr, Grand Island, NE (22) 22.844; 5. 8, Gary Scott, Holts Summit, MO (18) 22.849; 6. 1, Bobby Brutto, San Jose, CA (27) 22.858; 7. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (25) 22.979; 8. 49, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (38) 22.984; 9. 47, Lloyd Beckman, Lincoln, NE (32) 22.991; 10. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (5) 23.005; 11. 18, Roger Larson, Madison, SD (16) 23.046; 12. 97, Bill Mellenberndt, Sioux Falls, SD (20) 23.082; 13. 04, Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO (23) 23.139; 14. 22, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (11) 23.202; 15. 49x, Kim Lingenfelter, Norfolk, NE (35) 23.280; 16. 28, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (10) 23.393; 17. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (9) 23.402; 18. 711, Victor Chudy, Plattsmouth, NE (13) 23.475; 19. 33, Jerry Blundy, Dahinda, IL (17) 23.543; 20. 37x, Tony Webster, Topeka, KS (28) 23.710; 21. 55, Tim Green, Carmichael, CA (33) 23.744; 22. 15, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (15) 23.863; 23. 10, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO (6) 23.884; 24. 54, Dan Shearen, Hugo, MN (2) 23.895; 25. 58, Bob Williams, Kansas City, MO (3) 24.124; 26. 7x, Lenard McCarl, Des Moines, IA (12) 24.165; 27. 27x, Mark Shaffer, Newton, IA (31) 24.231; 28. 9x, Dale McCarty, Kearney, MO (26) 24.320; 29. 21, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (8) 24.324; 30. 81, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (7) 24.619; 31. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (4) 24.642; 32. 20x, Dick Stoneking, Oquawka, IL (34) 24.688; 33. 88, Gene Kester, Bates City, MO (37) 24.855; 34. 51, Steve Johnson, Rock Island, IL (36) 25.831; 35. 15x, Bill Slater, Monmouth, IL (21) 25.987; 36. 10x, Dean Smith, Fort Dodge, IA (1) 26.771; 37. 35x, Ed Pitko, Kansas City, KS (14) 28.265; 38. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (30) 30.403; 39. * 40. * 41. * 42. *.

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, *: 1. Gary Scott (2) 2. Mike Brooks (4) 3. Bobby Brutto (1) 4. Butch Bahr (3) 5. Shane Carson (5) 6. Randy Smith (6)

Slow heat (started), 8 laps, *: 1. Gene Kester (1) 2. Steve Johnson (2) / 3. Bill Slater (3) 4. Ed Pitko (5) ... also: Dean Smith (4), Tim Deaver (6), *, *, *, *

Heat one (started), 8 laps, : 1. Dale McCarty (2) 2. Sonny Smyser (5) 3. Dan Shearen (3) 4. Butch Bahr (8) 5. Ralph Blackett (7) / ... also: Dick Stoneking (1), Tony Webster (4), Bill Mellenberndt (6)

Heat two (started), 8 laps, : 1. Roger Larson (4) 2. Mike Brooks (6) 3. Jerry Potter (3) 4. Kim Lingenfelter (5) 5. Mike Thomas 37 (7) / ... also: John McCoy (1), Jerry Blundy (2), Mark Shaffer (8)

Heat three (started), 8 laps, : 1. Shane Carson (6) 2. Billy Robison (5) 3. 7x, Roger Rager, Mound, MN (8) 4. Victor Chudy (2) 5. Mackie Heimbaugh (3) / ... also: Cliff Woodward (1), John Stevenson (4), Bobby Brutto (7)

Heat four (started), 8 laps, : 1. Tim Green (3) 2. Bob Williams (2) 3. Eddie Leavitt (5) 4. Steve Hainline (1) 5. Randy Smith (8) / ... also: Stacy Redmond (4), Lloyd Beckman (6), Gary Scott (7)

B main (started), 12 laps, : 1. Bill Mellenberndt (3) 2. Stacy Redmond (2) / 3. Lloyd Beckman (4) 4. Gary Scott (6) 5. Cliff Woodward (8) ... also: Tony Webster (1), Bobby Brutto (5), Mark Shaffer (7), John McCoy (9), Dick Stoneking (10), Gene Kester (11), Steve Johnson (12)

A main (started), 25 laps, NT: 1. Shane Carson (7) 2. Roger Larson (2) 3. Eddie Leavitt (1) 4. Randy Smith (8) 5. Kim Lingenfelter (10) 6. Mike Brooks (6) 7. Roger Rager (20) 8. Butch Bahr (5) 9. Billy Robison (9) 10. Tim Green (15) 11. Bill Mellenberndt (21) 12. Victor Chudy (12) 13. Jerry Potter (13) 14. Steve Hainline (18) 15. Mike Thomas (4) 16. Ralph Blackett (3) 17. Mackie Heimbaugh (14) 18. Stacy Redmond (22) 19. Dale McCarty (17) 20-22. Sonny Smyser (11), Bob Williams (16), 54, John Stevenson* (19) * - Stevenson subbed for Shearen, who had qualified for the feature. **Lap Leaders:** Larson 1-17, Carson 18-20.

6/2/79

Knoxville Dollars To Smith!!!

by Ken Sargent

Knoxville, IA – Point leader, Randy Smith, posted his second feature win of the season by taking the main event Saturday night, June 2. Smith and Ralph Blackett battled wheel to wheel for most of the race before Smith opened up a slight advantage near the end of the twenty-lap main event.

Blackett started on the pole of the feature and jumped into the lead when the green flag dropped. John Stevenson put on the early challenge using a low groove, while Blackett ran against the cushion and the two went side by side through the turns for the first few laps. Smith, meanwhile, was working his way up from his fourth row starting point and moved past Blackett on the eighth lap to take over the lead. Two laps later, Blackett moved back in front for one lap before Smith took over first for good. Blackett wound up second with Stevenson hanging on for third. Mackie Heimbaugh and Roger Larson completed the top five. Lloyd Beckman, who was trying for a sweep after his trophy dash and heat race win, headed up the second five. Jerry Potter was seventh, Lenard McCarl, up from 14th, was 8th, with Mike Thomas and Chris Maurer completing the top ten.

Heat race wins went to Smith, Larson, Jerry Potter and Beckman. Victor Chudy of Plattsmouth, Nebraska, hit the first turn fence on the fourth lap of the third heat sending his mount into a series of rolls. Despite losing his helmet during the series of flips, Chudy was lucky to escape with two broken ribs and some other lacerations. He was taken to Memorial Hospital to be held overnight for observation.

Following Beckman in the trophy dash, were Mackie Heimbaugh and fast timer Tim Green. Green clocked in at 20.348 to set the pace for the 34 cars on hand. John McCoy took the 12-lap B main with Dean Erfurth second.

Results

Time Trials (Qualifying Order): 1. 55, Tim Green, Carmichael, CA (31) 20.348; 2. 10, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO (1) 20.354; 3. 43, Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA (15) 20.439; 4. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (13) 20.553; 5. 47, Lloyd Beckman, Lincoln, NE (5) 20.649; 6. 15, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (20) 20.681; 7. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (26) 20.711; 8. 18, Roger Larson, Madison, SD (25) 20.728; 9. 49, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (16) 20.758; 10. 711, Victor Chudy, Plattsmouth, NE (27) 20.800; 11. 33, Jerry Blundy, Dehinda, IL (2) 20.958; 12. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (28) 21.133; 13. 1, Bobby Brutto, San Jose, CA (32) 21.162; 14. 21, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (6) 21.205; 15. 81, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (4) 21.371; 16. 2, Galen Martin, Fairfield, IA (7) 21.388; 17. 7x, Lenard McCarl, Des Moines, IA (10) 21.488; 18. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (24) 21.581; 19. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (3) 21.631; 20. 20x, Dick Stoneking, Oquawka, IL (14) 21.656; 21. 76, Ken Potter, Grandview, MO (18) 21.672; 22. 25x, Darryl Dawley, Sioux Falls, SD (17) 21.731; 23. 34, Mark David, Cedar Falls, IA (19) 21.955; 24. 181, Chris Maurer, Colfax, IA (22) 21.964; 25. 27, Ed Grant, Canton, IL (30) 22.064; 26. 27x, Mark Shaffer, Newton, IA (21) 22.108; 27. 81x, Dean Erfurth, Madison, WI (11) 22.975; 28. 15x, Bill Slater, Monmouth, IL (23) 23.168; 29. 4A, Mike Shafer, Grand Island, NE (9) 23.489; 30. 10x, Dean Smith, Fort Dodge, IA (29) 23.724; 31. 35x, Ed Pitko, Kansas City, KS (12) 24.232; 32. 5, Mike O'Leary, Peoria, IL (8) 26.554; 33. 17, Bill Randleman, Jefferson, IA (33) 29.101; 34. *.

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, *: 1. Lloyd Beckman (2) 2. Mackie Heimbaugh (1) 3. Tim Green (6) 4. Randy Smith (4) 5. Jerry Potter (5) 6. Mike Brooks (3)

Heat one (started), 8 laps, *: 1. Roger Larson (6) 2. Mike Brooks (7) 3. Mike Thomas (5) 4. Chris Maurer (2) / 5. Dick Stoneking (3) ... also: Bill Slater (1), Galen Martin (4), Mike O'Leary (6), Bill Randleman (9)

Heat two (started), 8 laps, : 1. Randy Smith (6) 2. John Stevenson (7) 3. Jerry Blundy (4) 4. Cliff Woodward (5) / 5. John McCoy (2) ... also: Ed Pitko (1), Mark David (3), Dean Erfurth (8) DNS - *

Heat three (started), 8 laps, : 1. Jerry Potter (8) 2. Mackie Heimbaugh (7) 3. Stacy Redmond (4) 4. Steve Hainline (5) / 5. Darryl Dawley (3) ... also: Dean Smith (1), Mark Shaffer (2), Victor Chudy (6)

Heat four (started), 8 laps, : 1. Lloyd Beckman (6) 2. Bobby Brutto (4) 3. Lenard McCarl (3) 4. Ralph Blackett (5) / 5. Ken Potter (2) ... also: Ed Grant (1), Tim Green (7), Mike Shafer (8)

B main (started), 12 laps, : 1. John McCoy (4) 2. Dean Erfurth (8) 3. Galen Martin (5) 4. Ed Grant (1) / 5. Bill Slater (9) ... also: Darryl Dawley (2), Ken Potter (3), Tim Green (6), Dean Smith (7), Ed Pitko (10), Mike O'Leary (11), Mike Shafer (12) DNS – Victor Chudy, Mark David, Mark Shaffer, Dick Stoneking, Bill Randleman, *

A main (started), 20 laps, : 1. Randy Smith (7) 2. Ralph Blackett (1) 3. John Stevenson (3) 4. Mackie Heimbaugh (4) 5. Roger Larson (2) 6. Lloyd Beckman (5) 7. Jerry Potter (8) 8. Lenard McCarl (14) 9. Mike Thomas (10) 10. Chris Maurer (16) 11. John McCoy (17) 12. Ed Grant (20) 13. Galen Martin (19) 14. Jerry Blundy (9) 15. Cliff Woodward (13) 16. Dean Erfurth (18) 17. Mike Brooks (6) 18. Bobby Brutto (11) 19. Steve Hainline (12) 20. Stacy Redmond (15). **Lap Leaders:** Blackett 1-7, R. Smith 8-9, Blackett 10, R. Smith 11-20.

6/9/79

Rain

6/16/79

Stevenson Captures First Place in Feature

by Ken Sargent

Knoxville, IA – John Stevenson captured first place in the feature event Saturday night June 16th in one of the most exciting feature events in years on the half-mile oval. Four different drivers held the lead during the twelve laps, with Stevenson and Shane Carson spending most of the final 5 laps in a side by side battle. On the start, Lloyd Beckman jumped from the second row into the lead and led from the first two laps when the yellow flag came out for a spin. On the restart, Beckman led the next four before Billy Robison took over for the next two laps. On the fifth lap, Stevenson, who started 9th, moved from fourth to second place and one lap later took over the lead from Robison. Two laps later, Carson was challenging Stevenson and on the 11th lap, he took over the lead with a low side pass. It was then Stevenson's turn to do the chasing and he did for five laps until he too, used a low side pass to take over the lead on the 17th circuit. At this time, Tim Green also moved into the picture and was right on the tail of both drivers, but could not get by.

On the 18th lap, Butch Bahr nipped the fence in the third turn, bringing out the yellow, and setting the stage for a two-lap dash to the finish. When the green came back out, Stevenson was able to hold off Carson and win by a couple of car lengths with Carson second and Tim Green third. Billy Robison and Lloyd Beckman completed the top five. Randy Smith was sixth, up from 12th starting position, with Ralph Blackett seventh, Darryl Dawley eighth, Rich Brahmer was ninth and Bobby Brutto completed the top ten. Stevenson's exciting victory was worth \$850 and was his first regular season win at Knoxville.

The heat races also provided some excitement, as Randy Smith broke a two-year old record for an eight-lap heat race with his win in the third heat. Smith had to hold off Stevenson on the last lap to win in 2:49.61, almost a full second ahead of Butch Bahr's old record. Other heat race wins went to Eddie Leavitt, Ralph Blackett, and

Lloyd Beckman. Beckman also captured the five-lap trophy dash for the second week in a row. Darryl Dawley turned in the fastest qualifying lap of the 45 cars in the field with a lap of 20.745.

Time Trials (Qualifying Order): 1. 25x, Darryl Dawley, Sioux Falls, SD (24) 20.745; 2. 55, Tim Green, Carmichael, CA (25) 20.863; 3. 49, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (29) 20.869; 4. 4x, Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, OK (31) 20.988; 5. 47, Lloyd Beckman, Lincoln, NE (16) 21.037; 6. 25, Butch Bahr, Grand Island, NE (26) 21.057; 7. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (30) 21.132; 8. 15, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (38) 21.187; 9. 22, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (14) 21.197; 10. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (15) 21.219; 11. 33, Jerry Blundy, Dahinda, IL (18) 21.317; 12. 65, Junior Parkinson, Gladstone, MO (21) 21.341; 13. 7x, Lenard McCarl, Des Moines, IA (34) 21.353; 14. 43, Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA (1) 21.404; 15. 1A, Bobby Brutto, San Jose, CA (22) 21.405; 16. 18, Roger Larson, Madison, SD (23) 21.470; 17. .28, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (40) 21.476; 18. 4J, Tom Corbin, Carrollton, MO (41) 21.531; 19. 21, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (43) 21.546; 20. 49x, Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO (12) 21.549; 21. 20x, Dick Stoneking, Oquawka, IL (36) 21.853; 22. 39, Terry Taggart, Sioux City, IA (27) 21.857; 23. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (37) 22.009; 24. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (11) 22.039; 25. 2, Galen Martin, Fairfield, IA (8) 22.057; 26. 18x, Bill Hetrick Jr., Carman, IL (3) 22.121; 27. 181, Chris Maurer, Colfax, IA (20) 22.221; 28. 26, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE (33) 22.284; 29. 27, Ed Grant, Canton, IL (39) 22.335; 30. 3G, Jim Goettsche, Grand Island, NE (13) 22.408; 31. 125, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (10) 22.557; 32. 76, Ken Potter, Grandview, MO (7) 22.585; 33. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (17) 23.028; 34. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (6) 23.029; 35. 27x, Mark Shaffer, Newton, IA (9) 23.239; 36. 34, Mark David, Huxley, IA (42) 23.648; 37. 95R, Jeff Rice, Topeka, KS (4) 23.730; 38. 10x, Dean Smith, Fort Dodge, IA (28) 23.850; 39. 15x, Bill Slater, Monmouth, IL (5) 23.861; 40. 14, Barney Bauernfeind, Grandview, MO (35) 24.411; 41. 35x, Ed Pitko, Kansas City, KS (32) 24.606; 42. 81x, Dean Erfurth, Madison, WI (2) 25.055; 43. 54, Dan Shearen, Hugo, MN (19) NT; 44. 8, Gary Scott, Holts Summit, MO (44) NT; 45. *.

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, *: 1. Lloyd Beckman (2) 2. Shane Carson (3) 3. Butch Bahr 25 (1) 4. Tim Green (5) 5. Darryl Dawley (6) 6. Ralph Blackett (4)

Heat one (started), 8 laps, *: 1. Eddie Leavitt (5) 2. Shane Carson (8) 3. Mike Thomas (4) 4. Roger Larson (6) 5. Mackie Heimbaugh (7) / ... also: Jeff Rice (1), Adrian Zoutte (2), Ed Grant (3), Dean Smith (9) DNS – Junior Parkinson, Barney Bauernfeind, *

Heat two (started), 8 laps, : 1. Ralph Blackett (9) 2. Steve Hainline (5) 3. Jerry Blundy (7) 4. Bobby Brutto (6) 5. Bill Hetrick Jr. (4) / ... also: Mark David (1), Ken Potter (2), Rich Brahmer (3), Mike Brooks (8) DNS – Bill Slater, Dean Erfurth

Heat three (started), 8 laps, 2:49.61 (NTR): 1. Randy Smith (6) 2. John Stevenson (5) 3. Tim Green (9) 4. Butch Bahr (8) 5. Cliff Woodward (2) / ... also: Chris Maurer (1), Tom Corbin (3), Terry Taggart (4), Mark Shaffer (7) DNS – Bill Slater, Dan Shearen

Heat four (started), 8 laps, : 1. Lloyd Beckman (6) 2. Billy Robison (7) 3. Lenard McCarl (4) 4. Darryl Dawley (8) 5. Sonny Smyser (5) / ... also: John McCoy (1), Dick Stoneking (2), Galen Martin (3), Ed Pitko (9) DNS – Jim Goettsche, Gary Scott

B main (started), 12 laps, : 1. Mike Brooks (6) 2. Tom Corbin (5) 3. Rich Brahmer (1) / 4. Galen Martin (3) 5. Dick Stoneking (4) ... also: Chris Maurer (2), Ed Grant (7), Ken Potter (8), Adrian Zoutte (9), John McCoy (10), Mark Shaffer (11), Mark David (12), Jeff Rice (13), Bill Slater (14), Ed Pitko (15), Dean Erfurth (16), Dan Shearen (17) DNS – Junior Parkinson, Terry Taggart, Stacy Redmond, Jim Goettsche, Dean Smith, Barney Bauernfeind, Gary Scott, *

A main (started), 20 laps, NT: 1. John Stevenson (9) 2. Shane Carson (5) 3. Tim Green (7) 4. Billy Robison (1) 5. Lloyd Beckman (4) 6. Randy Smith (12) 7. Ralph Blackett (6) 8. Darryl Dawley (8) 9. Rich Brahmer (21) 10. Bobby Brutto (13) 11. Steve Hainline (16) 12. Mike Thomas (17) 13. Butch Bahr (3) 14. Sonny Smyser (15)

15. Roger Larson (14) 16. Tom Corbin (22) 17. Cliff Woodward (20) 18. Mike Brooks (19) 19. Jerry Blundy (10) 20-22. Mackie Heimbaugh (2), Lenard McCarl (11), Bill Hetrick Jr. (18) DNS – Eddie Leavitt. **Lap Leaders:** Beckman 1-3, Robison 4-5, Stevenson 6-10, Carson 11-16, Stevenson 17-20.

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Rain

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Dawley Returns to Knoxville's Winner's Circle

by Ken Sargent

Knoxville, IA – Darryl Dawley ended a four-year drought at the Knoxville Raceway by capturing the Mid-Season Championship, Saturday night, June 30. Dawley started in the second row, and chased pole-sitter, John Stevenson, for the first eight laps before Stevenson dropped from out with a broken ring gear and pinion. Dawley inherited the lead, but had it for just one lap before a yellow flag came out for Bobby Brutto in the fourth turn. On the restart, Dawley rebuilt his lead over Tim Green and led the rest of the way, holding off a late charge from Green on the final two laps. Fast timer, Roger Larson, was third, followed by Gary Scott and Randy Smith in the top five. Eddie Leavitt was sixth, up from the 12th starting spot, seventh was Tom Corbin, with Mackie Heimbaugh, Lloyd Beckman and Johnny Anderson completing the top ten. The feature win was Dawley's first at Knoxville since 1975 and was worth \$1,200.

Heat races went to Mark Shaffer, Steve Hainline, Eddie Leavitt, Ralph Blackett and Gary Scott. Blackett's win was the only thing that kept Dawley from a clean sweep as Darryl ran second in the heat race and led from flag to flag in winning the five-lap trophy dash. Larson's quick lap during time trials was 20.630. The 12-lap B main went to Bobby Brutto with a late pass of Terry Taggart.

In addition to watching the field of 41 cars compete, the large crowd on hand also got to see many former drivers who were on hand for "Old Timers" night and the induction of the first 18 members of the Hall of Fame. The drivers inducted represented 158 feature victories at Knoxville and included Greg and Ken Weld, Kenny Crook, Dean Sylvester, Danny Richardson, Bud McCune, Gordon Woolley, Earl Wagner, Ken Gritz, Dick Sutcliffe and Thad Doshier. Also inducted into the Hall of Fame were mechanics Taylor "Pappy" Weld, Bob Trostle, Fred Kain, Wayne House, John Leverone and former promoter, Marion Robinson.

Results

Time Trials (Qualifying Order): 1. 18, Roger Larson, Madison, SD (19) 20.630; 2. 43, Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA (29) 20.663; 3. 22, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (35) 20.706; 4. 55, Tim Green, Carmichael, CA (38) 20.873; 5. 8, Gary Scott, Holts Summit, MO (37) 21.015; 6. 25x, Darryl Dawley, Sioux Falls, SD (18) 21.021; 7. 58, Tom Corbin, Carrollton, MO (28) 21.087; 8. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (17) 21.098; 9. 1A, Bobby Brutto, San Jose, CA (34) 21.258; 10. 49, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (25) 21.262; 11. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (4) 21.271; 12. 47, Lloyd Beckman, Lincoln, NE (5) 21.273; 13. 25, Rick Weld, Kansas City, MO (40) 21.393; 14. 15, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (31) 21.416; 15. 49x, Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO (3) 21.420; 16. 10, Johnny Anderson, Sacramento, CA (11) 21.452; 17. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (23) 21.471; 18. 7x, Lenard McCarl, Des Moines, IA (9) 21.503; 19. 26, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE (21) 21.594; 20. 21, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (1) 21.634; 21. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (30) 21.661; 22. 39, Terry Taggart, Sioux City, IA (8) 21.707; 23. 34, Mark David, Huxley, IA (36) 21.708; 24. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (33) 21.922; 25. 125, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (27) 22.017; 26. 2, Galen Martin, Fairfield, IA (39) 22.230; 27. 27, Ed Grant, Canton, IL (6) 22.438; 28. 181, Chris Maurer, Colfax, IA (12) 22.473; 29. 76, Ken Potter, Grandview, MO (24) 22.490; 30. 4A, Mike Shafer, Grand Island, NE (7) 22.493; 31. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (20) 22.528; 32. 14x, Barney Bauernfeind, Grandview, MO (13)

22.575; 33. 18x, Bill Hetrick Jr., Carman, IL (15) 22.673; 34. 94, Jim Braden, Kansas City, MO (32) 22.696; 35. 20x, Dick Stoneking, Oquawka, IL (2) 22.775; 36. 27x, Mark Shaffer, Newton, IA (10) 22.837; 37. 99, Jan Opperman, Noxon, MT (16) 22.865; 38. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (14) 23.885; 39. 35x, Ed Pitko, Kansas City, KS (22) 24.340; 40. 28, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (26) NT; 41. *.

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, *: 1. Darryl Dawley (1) 2. Gary Scott (2) 3. Tim Green (3) 4. Billy Robison (4) 5. Randy Smith (5) 6. Roger Larson (6)

Slow heat (started), 8 laps, : 1. Mark Shaffer (4) 2. Dick Stoneking (3) / 3. Bill Hetrick Jr. (1) 4. Ed Pitko (7) 5. Jim Braden (2) ... also: Jan Opperman (5), Tim Deaver (6) DNS – Sonny Smyser, *

Heat one (started), 8 laps, : 1. Steve Hainline (4) 2. Tim Green (8) 3. Lloyd Beckman (6) 4. John Stevenson (7) 5. Johnny Anderson (5) / ... also: Barney Bauernfeind (1), Chris Maurer (2), Adrian Zoutte (3)

Heat two (started), 8 laps, : 1. Eddie Leavitt (5) 2. Mike Brooks (6) 3. Billy Robison (8) 4. Rich Brahmer (4) 5. Tom Corbin (7) / ... also: John McCoy (1), Ed Grant (2), Mark David (3)

Heat three (started), 8 laps, : 1. Ralph Blackett (6) 2. Darryl Dawley (7) 3. Mackie Heimbaugh (5) 4. Lenard McCarl (4) 5. Randy Smith (8) / ... also: Mike Shafer (1), Galen Martin (2), Terry Taggart (3)

Heat four (started), 8 laps, : 1. Gary Scott (7) 2. Cliff Woodward (2) 3. Roger Larson (8) 4. Rick Weld (5) 5. Mike Thomas (4) / ... also: Ken Potter (1), Stacy Redmond (3), Bobby Brutto (6)

B main (started), 12 laps, : 1. Bobby Brutto (6) 2. Chris Maurer (8) 3. Mark David (3) / 4. Terry Taggart (4) 5. Ed Grant (7) ... also: Galen Martin (1), Adrian Zoutte (2), Stacy Redmond (5), Ken Potter (9), John McCoy (10), Barney Bauernfeind (11), Mark Shaffer (12), Dick Stoneking (13) DNS – Ed Grant

A main (started), 20 laps, NT: 1. Darryl Dawley (3) 2. Tim Green (5) 3. Roger Larson (8) 4. Gary Scott (4) 5. Randy Smith (7) 6. Eddie Leavitt (12) 7. Tom Corbin (2) 8. Mackie Heimbaugh (13) 9. Lloyd Beckman (11) 10. Johnny Anderson (15) 11. Rich Brahmer (16) 12. Mike Thomas (14) 13. Lenard McCarl (17) 14. Chris Maurer (21) 15. Mike Brooks (10) 16. Cliff Woodward (18) 17. Ralph Blackett (9) 18. Steve Hainline (19) 19. Billy Robison (6) 20. Mark David (22) 21. Bobby Brutto (18) 22. John Stevenson (1) DNS – Rick Weld. **Lap**

Leaders: Stevenson 1-8, Dawley 9-25.

7/7/79

Stevenson Wins Tragedy Marred Feature At Knoxville!!!

by Ken Sargent

Knoxville, IA – Two fatalities marred John Stevenson's feature win at the Knoxville Raceway Saturday night, July 7. Darryl Dawley, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Roger Larson of Madison, South Dakota were killed in a front straightaway crash at the start of the feature event. Larson appeared to get sideways in the front straightaway and as he began to flip he was hit by Dawley, who in turn, was hit by Eddie Leavitt. Leavitt was also hospitalized along with Chris Maurer, who hit an infield fence avoiding the crash.

When the race was restarted, Stevenson jumped out into the lead, only to see the caution flag when he came around. The yellow was out for Johnny Anderson, who had brushed the third turn fence. When the green came back out, Stevenson again bolted into the lead with Ralph Blackett running second. Mackie Heimbaugh moved past Blackett on the sixth lap, but one lap later, the yellow was out for Heimbaugh as he came to a stop on the front straightaway after mechanical problems. With 14 laps remaining, Stevenson set sail when the green came back out and led the rest of the way to win over Mike Brooks, who was closing up third with Doug Wolfgang fourth. Wolfgang had taken over for an injured Steve Hainline, and started from the rear of the field. Randy

Smith would up fifth, followed by Lloyd Beckman, Junior Parkinson, Stacy Redmond, Billy Robison and Tom Corbin. The feature event win was the second of the season for Stevenson.

The race track was in excellent condition as sixteen drivers timed in the 20 second bracket, headed by Eddie Leavitt's lap of 20.432. The track also led two record setting wins for Randy Smith. Smith won the five-lap trophy dash in a record time of 1:42.45, breaking the old record held by Billy Robison. Then in his heat, Smith nearly shaved a second off his month old record, winning in 2:48.95. Other heat race wins went to Larson, Robison and Leavitt. Junior Parkinson won the 12-lap B main.

Larson and Dawley were both regular racers at Knoxville. Larson had not missed a show this season, posting second and third place finishes in feature events and standing third in the point standings. Dawley, just last week won the feature, his first at the track since 1974. The deaths were the first at Knoxville since Bert Sonner was killed on the opening night of the 1974 season.

Time Trials (Qualifying Order): 1. 49x, Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO (7) 20.432; 2. 21, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (14) 20.470; 3. 47, Lloyd Beckman, Lincoln, NE (2) 20.482; 4. 55, Tim Green, Carmichael, CA (8) 20.596; 5. 25x, Darryl Dawley, Sioux Falls, SD (23) 20.615; 6. 43, Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA (12) 20.616; 7. 10, Johnny Anderson, Sacramento, CA (37) 20.618; 8. 18, Roger Larson, Madison, SD (3) 20.666; 9. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (4) 20.673; 10. 49, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (34) 20.699; 11. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (1) 20.708; 12. 24x, Jerry Stone, Wichita, KS (29) 20.737; 13. 15, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (27) 20.863; 14. 8, Gary Scott, Holts Summit, MO (26) 20.946; 15. 22, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (19) 20.994; 16. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (22) 20.998; 17. 65, Junior Parkinson, Gladstone, MO (13) 21.049; 18. 58, Tom Corbin, Carrollton, MO (36) 21.054; 19. 1A, Bobby Brutto, San Jose, CA (32) 21.179; 20. 7x, Lenard McCarl, Des Moines, IA (15) 21.287; 21. 181, Chris Maurer, Colfax, IA (28) 21.312; 22. 20x, Dick Stoneking, Oquawka, IL (20) 21.533; 23. 81, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (5) 21.584; 24. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (6) 21.616; 25. 34, Mark David, Huxley, IA (38) 21.648; 26. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (31) 21.663; 27. 3, Gene Gennetten, Parkville, MO (11) 21.690; 28. 39, Terry Taggart, Sioux City, IA (18) 21.739; 29. 26, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE (9) 21.755; 30. 711, Victor Chudy, Plattsmouth, NE (10) 21.824; 31. 1, Rick Weld, Kansas City, MO (24) 21.863; 32. 14x, Barney Bauernfeind, Grandview, MO (17) 22.032; 33. 76, Ken Potter, Grandview, MO (33) 22.150; 34. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (30) 22.192; 35. 18x, Bill Hetrick Jr., Carman, IL (21) 22.223; 36. 27, Ed Grant, Canton, IL (25) 22.380; 37. 41, Steve Lewis, Kansas City, MO (35) 22.983; 38. 99, Doug Wolfgang, Sioux Falls, SD (16) NT.

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:42.45 (NTR): 1. Randy Smith (1) 2. Tim Green (3) 3. Steve Hainline (5) 4. Eddie Leavitt (6) 5. Lloyd Beckman (4) 6. Darryl Dawley (2)

Heat one (started), 8 laps, *: 1. Roger Larson (8) 2. Terry Taggart (3) 3. Mike Thomas (4) 4. Ed Grant (1) 5. Stacy Redmond (6) / ... also: Barney Bauernfeind (2), Lenard McCarl (5), Jerry Stone (7), Tim Green (9)

Heat two (started), 8 laps, : 1. Billy Robison (6) 2. Mike Brooks (7) 3. Lloyd Beckman (9) 4. Johnny Anderson (8) 5. Cliff Woodward (4) / ... also: Bill Hetrick Jr. (1), Rick Weld (2), Gene Gennetten (3), Bobby Brutto (5)

Heat three (started), 8 laps, 2:48.95 (NTR): 1. Randy Smith (6) 2. Steve Hainline (8) 3. Victor Chudy (2) 4. Tom Corbin (5) 5. Ralph Blackett (7) / ... also: John McCoy (1), Adrian Zoutte (3), Dick Stoneking (4) DNS – Gary Scott, Doug Wolfgang

Heat four (started), 8 laps, : 1. Eddie Leavitt (10) 2. Chris Maurer (5) 3. Darryl Dawley (9) 4. John Stevenson (8) 5. Mackie Heimbaugh (7) / ... also: Steve Lewis (1), Ken Potter (2), Rich Brahmer (3), Mark David (4), Junior Parkinson (6)

B main (started), 12 laps, : 1. Junior Parkinson (6) 2. Gene Gennetten (2) 3. Dick Stoneking (4) / 4. Rick Weld (5) 5. Adrian Zoutte (1) ... also: Bobby Brutto (3), Bill Hetrick Jr. (7), John McCoy (8) DNS – Tim Green, Jerry Stone, Gary Scott, Lenard McCarl, Mark David, Rich Brahmer, Barney Bauernfeind, Ken Potter, Steve Lewis, Doug Wolfgang

A main (started), 20 laps, NT: 1. John Stevenson (2) 2. Mike Brooks (9) 3. Ralph Blackett (1) 4. 21, Doug Wolfgang (subbed for Hainline) (19) 5. Randy Smith (5) 6. Lloyd Beckman (7) 7. Junior Parkinson (20) 8. Wayne Redmond (12) 9. Billy Robison (11) 10. Tom Corbin (13) 11. Gene Gennetten (21) 12. Mike Thomas (15) 13. Dick Stoneking (22) 14. Ed Grant (18) 15. Terry Taggart (16) 16. Victor Chudy (17) 17. Mackie Heimbaugh (10) 18. Johnny Anderson (4) 19. Eddie Leavitt (8) 20. Roger Larson (3) 21. Darryl Dawley (6) 22. Chris Maurer (14) DNS – Cliff Woodward, Steve Hainline. **Lap Leader:** Stevenson 1-20.

7/14/79

Smith and Brooks Win Twin Features at Knoxville!!!!

by Ken Sargent

Knoxville, IA – Randy Smith and Mike Brooks posted feature wins in the twin 16 features at Knoxville, Saturday night, July 14. Smith, who turned in the fast time trial with a lap of 20.787, started on the pole of the first feature and led from start to finish to take the \$800 first prize. The yellow came out with the white flag as Bill Hetrick Jr. came to a stop on the end of the back straightaway. Eddie Leavitt started outside of Smith and chased him all the way to take second place. John Stevenson and Mike Brooks started third and fourth and finished there, with Lloyd Beckman fifth. In the second five were Ralph Blackett, Bobby Brutto, Jerry Blundy, Mike Thomas and Stacy Redmond.

The finish order of the first feature was inverted to start the second main event, putting Smith behind a field of 14 other cars. On the start, Brooks charged from his 12th place starting position and was running fourth at the end of the first lap. He moved to second behind Bill Hetrick Jr. on the next go-around, and took over the lead for good on the third lap, surviving a caution flag that came out after six laps and trimmed his lead over second place finisher, Jerry Blundy. John Stevenson had just gotten around Blundy on the 14th lap for second place, when his engine let go in a puff of smoke. Eddie Leavitt used a last lap pass of Ralph Blackett to take third, moving up 11 spots from his 14th starting position. Smith came from the back of the pack to finish fifth in the second feature. Heading up the second five were Beckman, Redmond, Hetrick, Mark Shaffer and Dick Stoneking.

The three heat race wins went to Tim Green, Beckman and Blundy. The 8-lap B main went to Ed Grant with a last lap pass of John McCoy. McCoy's engine gave up on the last lap and he coasted across, edging out Eddie Pitko for the third spot. The feature victories over the field of 27 cars were worth \$800 each to Smith and Brooks.

Time Trials (Qualifying Order): 1. 43, Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA (26) 20.787; 2. 49x, Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO (9) 21.042; 3. 55, Tim Green, Carmichael, CA (18) 21.087; 4. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (24) 21.352; 5. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (13) 21.417; 6. 49, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (14) 21.578; 7. 73, Terry Doss, Tulsa, OK (23) 21.630; 8. 47, Lloyd Beckman, Lincoln, NE (10) 21.666; 9. 39, Terry Taggart, Sioux City, IA (2) 21.696; 10. 1A, Bobby Brutto, San Jose, CA (7) 21.791; 11. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (3) 21.829; 12. 21, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (20) 21.834; 13. 33, Jerry Blundy, Dahinda, IL (11) 21.933; 14. 6x, Ronnie Daniels, Memphis, TN (1) 21.955; 15. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (6) 22.021; 16. 27, Ed Grant, Canton, IL (17) 22.268; 17. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (16) 22.283; 18. 14x, Barney Bauernfeind, Grandview, MO (21) 22.517; 19. 18x, Bill Hetrick Jr., Carman, IL (12) 22.654; 20. 27x, Mark Shaffer, Newton, IA (15) 22.728; 21. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (22) 23.103; 22. 20x, Dick Stoneking, Oquawka, IL (4) 23.122; 23. 00, Bobby Ensminger, Burlington, IA (8) 23.149; 24. 35x, Ed Pitko,

Kansas City, KS (5) 24.237; 25. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (19) 24.263; 26. 3x, Dean Smith, Fort Dodge, IA (25) 26.789; 27. 26, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE (27) NT.

Heat one (started), 8 laps, 2:53.40: 1. Tim Green (6) 2. Mike Thomas (2) 3. Terry Taggart (4) 4. Ralph Blackett (7) 5. Barney Bauernfeind (3) / 6. Ed Pitko (1)... also: Steve Hainline (5), Tim Deaver (8) DNS – Adrian Zoutte

Heat two (started), 8 laps, : 1. Lloyd Beckman (6) 2. Eddie Leavitt (8) 3. John Stevenson (7) 4. Stacy Redmond (5) 5. Mark Shaffer (2) / 6. Bobby Ensminger (1) ... also: John McCoy (3), Ronnie Daniels (4) DNS – Dean Smith

Heat three (started), 8 laps, 2:53.74: 1. Jerry Blundy (4) 2. Mike Brooks (7) 3. Bobby Brutto (5) 4. Randy Smith (8) 5. Bill Hetrick Jr. (2) / 6. Dick Stoneking (1) 7. Ed Grant (3) 8. Terry Doss (6) DNS – Rich Brahmer

B main (started), 8 laps, : 1. Ed Grant (1) 2. Dick Stoneking (3) 3. John McCoy (2) 4. Ed Pitko (5) / 5. Bobby Ensminger (4) 6. Rich Brahmer (6) DNS - Terry Doss, Steve Hainline, Ronnie Daniels, Adrian Zoutte, Tim Deaver, Dean Smith

A main #1 (started), 16 laps, NT: 1. Randy Smith (1) 2. Eddie Leavitt (2) 3. John Stevenson (5) 4. Mike Brooks (4) 5. Lloyd Beckman (7) 6. Ralph Blackett (6) 7. Bobby Brutto (9) 8. Jerry Blundy (11) 9. Mike Thomas (12) 10. Stacy Redmond (10) 11. Ed Grant (16) 12. Mark Shaffer (15) 13. Dick Stoneking (17) 14. Bill Hetrick Jr. (14) 15. Ed Pitko (18) 16. Barney Bauernfeind (13) DNS – Tim Green, Terry Taggart, John McCoy.
Lap Leader: R. Smith 1-16.

A main #2 (started), 16 laps, NT: 1. Mike Brooks (12) 2. Jerry Blundy (10) 3. Eddie Leavitt (14) 4. Ralph Blackett (10) 5. Randy Smith (15) 6. Lloyd Beckman (11) 7. Stacy Redmond (6) 8. Bill Hetrick Jr. (2) 9. Mark Shaffer (4) 10. Dick Stoneking (3) 11. Ed Grant (5) 12. Ed Pitko (1) 13. John Stevenson (13) 14. Bobby Brutto (9) 15. Mike Thomas (7) DNS – Terry Taggart, Tim Green, Barney Bauernfeind. **Lap Leaders:** Hetrick 1-2, Brooks 3-16.

7/21/79

Driver Killed in Knoxville Flag Stand Crash - wing

by Ken Sargent

Knoxville, IA – Driver Dick Stoneking of Oquawka, Illinois lost his life Saturday night July 21 in a straightaway crash. Stoneking was running in the back of the field in the B main when he lost control of his sprinter at the start of the front straightaway. The car began flipping, hit the outside guardrail and went into the flag stand. Flagman Gary Johnson and assistant Steve Coon were both knocked to the raceway. Johnson and Coon were both hospitalized, Johnson, with back and leg injuries, and Coon with an arm and hip injuries. The 26 year old Stoneking, who was trapped in the car for a short time, died at Collins Memorial Hospital in Knoxville. The races were called off after the crash, because there was no way to flag the races, and there were hot power lines dangling from the flag stand that had stood for twenty years.

The crash caused the postponement of a feature with winged sprint cars. The sprinters were running the wings for the first time in several years. Ten drivers in all, broke the old track record set in 1973 by Ken Weld. Jimmy Sills had the fastest lap of the 31 cars on hand with a time of 19.024 seconds. Randy Smith led from start to finish to win the five-lap trophy dash. Heat race wins went to Mark Shaffer, Ralph Blackett, Tim Green and Bobby Brutto. Brutto's heat was the quickest of the four, with a time of 2:38.12, or less than twenty seconds a lap. The times were about a second per lap quicker than the usual weekly races without the wings. Mike Thomas was declared the winner of the B main that was scored by its one completed lap. The feature event will be made up as part of the next week's program.

Stoneking, a regular driver at Knoxville, was not among the drivers racing with the wings on. He was running by himself at the time of the crash and no other cars were involved. Stoneking had been in racing for six years and had been on hand every week at Knoxville this season. His death is the third this season at Knoxville. South Dakota drivers Roger Larson and Darryl Dawley were fatally injured on July 7.

Time Trials (Qualifying Order): 1. 83, Jimmy Sills, Sacramento, CA (2) 19.024 (NTR); 2. 55, Tim Green, Carmichael, CA (17) 19.038; 3. 24x, Jerry Stone, Wichita, KS (7) 19.051; 4. 4x, Doug Wolfgang, Sioux Falls, SD (27) 19.085; 5. 20, Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, OK (20) 19.111; 6. 43, Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA (5) 19.168; 7. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (12) 19.185; 8. 49x, Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO (19) 19.352; 9. 49, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (24) 19.470; 10. 12, Mike Brooks, Des Moines, IA (16) 19.482; 11. 91, Joel Taylor, Okoboji, IA (15) 19.507; 12. 58, Tom Corbin, Carrollton, MO (1) 19.600; 13. 47, Bobby Brutto, San Jose, CA (30) 19.667; 14. 1, Rick Weld, Kansas City, MO (4) 19.784; 15. 3, Gene Gennetten, Parkville, MO (14) 19.915; 16. 10, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA (8) 20.007; 17. 15, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (25) 20.025; 18. 711, Victor Chudy, Plattsmouth, NE (23) 20.208; 19. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (21) 20.378; 20. 57, Lloyd Beckman, Lincoln, NE (6) 20.447; 21. 7x, Lenard McCarl, Des Moines, IA (3) 20.496; 22. 28x, Bob Christian, Clayton, IN (28) 20.736; 23. 86, Butch Bahr, Grand Island, NE (11) 20.814; 24. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (18) 20.869; 25. 27x, Mark Shaffer, Newton, IA (9) 21.278; 26. 20x, Dick Stoneking, Oquawka, IL (22) 21.455; 27. 33, Jerry Blundy, Dahinda, IL (13) 21.624; 28. 18x, Bill Hetrick Jr., Carman, IL (26) 21.649; 29. 40x, Ron Wiuff, St. Paul, MN (29) 22.041; 30. 3x, Dean Smith, Fort Dodge, IA (10) 23.416; 31. *.

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:34.55 (NTR): 1. Randy Smith (2) 2. John Stevenson (1) 3. Doug Wolfgang (3) 4. Tim Green (5) 5. Jimmy Sills (6) 6. Jerry Stone (4) DNS – Shane Carson

Slow heat (started), 8 laps, 2:52.94: 1. Mark Shaffer (1) 2. Dick Stoneking (2) 3. Ron Wiuff (5) 4. Bill Hetrick Jr. (4) 5. Dean Smith (6) 6. Jerry Blundy (3) DNS - *

Heat one (started), 8 laps, 2:42.79: 1. Ralph Blackett (6) 2. Jerry Stone (7) 3. Randy Smith (5) 4. Tom Corbin (3) 5. Victor Chudy (1) / ... also: Lenard McCarl (2), Gene Gennetten (4) DNS – Adrian Zoutte

Heat two (started), 8 laps, 2:41.40: 1. Tim Green (8) 2. Rick Weld (4) 3. Eddie Leavitt (6) 4. Lloyd Beckman (2) 5. Shane Carson (7) / 6. Butch Bahr (1) 7. Mackie Heimbaugh (3) 8. Joel Taylor (5)

Heat three (started), 8 laps, 2:38.12 (NTR): 1. Bobby Brutto (4) 2. John Stevenson (6) 3. Doug Wolfgang (7) 4. Jimmy Sills (8) 5. Mike Pinckney (3) / ... also: Bob Christian (1), Mike Thomas (2), Mike Brooks (5)

B main (started), 1 lap, NT: 1. Mike Thomas (2) 2. Mackie Heimbaugh (3) 3. Butch Bahr (1) / 4. Gene Gennetten (4) 5. Joel Taylor (5) ... also: Mike Brooks (6), Mark Shaffer (7), Dick Stoneking (8), Ron Wiuff (9), Bill Hetrick Jr. (10), Dean Smith (11) DNS – Lenard McCarl, Adrian Zoutte, Jerry Blundy, *

A main postponed to 7/28/79

7/28/79

Stevenson and Green Take Features at Knoxville!!!

by Ken Sargent

Knoxville, IA – John Stevenson won the makeup feature and Tim Green the regular main event in a busy night of racing at Knoxville, Saturday, July 28. Stevenson started off the night by posting fast time with a lap of 20.451 seconds, and then led from flag to flag to win the first feature event. The 20-lap run was a makeup of the July 21 feature event that was not run because of a crash that took out the flagstand. Stevenson started on the outside of the front row, immediately took command, and posted a new record time in winning the twenty-lap event. Shane Carson was second, with Jerry Stone third, Doug Wolfgang fourth, and Tim Green fifth.

Eddie Leavitt headed up the second five. Leavitt lost three spots on the last lap when he got caught in traffic. Rounding out the top ten were Ralph Blackett, Randy Smith, Jimmy Sills and Bobby Brutto.

In the regular program, Green gave an indication of things to come when he took first place in the five-lap trophy dash from his second row starting spot. Green also won his heat from the back of the pack, with other heat race victories going to Gene Gennetten, Gary Scott, Jerry Stone and Stevenson. Jimmy Sills took the 12-lap B main event, with Billy Robison second.

In the feature, Randy Smith moved into the lead from his front row starting spot and led for the first eight laps. On the ninth lap, Green had a good lead built up when the yellow came out for Junior Parkinson on the 15th lap. This allowed Smith and Shane Carson to close up on Green, but when the racing resumed, Green sailed back out in front to post his first feature victory of the season here. Smith fought off a challenge from Carson to finish second with Doug Wolfgang fourth and Stevenson fifth. Leavitt headed up the second five for the second time in the evening, with Rick Weld seventh, Billy Robison moved from the back of the field to finish eighth and Don Mack and Ralph Blackett completed the top ten.

Steve Lewis was involved in the only accident of the night. Lewis rolled his sprinter over on the front straightaway at the start of the first heat. Lewis was not injured in the crash, but the damage to his car sidelined him for the night.

Results

Time Trials (Qualifying Order): 1. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (37) 20.451; 2. 22, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (22) 20.536; 3. 4x, Doug Wolfgang, Sioux Falls, SD (26) 20.798; 4. 55, Tim Green, Carmichael, CA (18) 20.869; 5. 47, Bobby Brutto, San Jose, CA (20) 20.964; 6. 49, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (43) 20.980; 7. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (27) 21.025; 8. 20, Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, OK (24) 21.043; 9. 4, Don Mack, East Grand Forks, MN (34) 21.057; 10. 05, Lynn McIntosh, Thunder Bay, ONT, Can. (36) 21.314; 11. 43, Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA (33) 21.337; 12. 49x, Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO (1) 21.356; 13. 1, Rick Weld, Kansas City, MO (38) 21.390; 14. 24x, Jerry Stone, Wichita, KS (31) 21.395; 15. 10, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA (5) 21.398; 16. 21, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (18) 21.512; 17. 1x, Bob Geldner, St. Peter, MN (40) 21.518; 18. 83, Jimmy Sills, Sacramento, CA (6) 21.545; 19. 57, Lloyd Beckman, Lincoln, NE (13) 21.583; 20. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (30) 21.601; 21. 81, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (11) 21.624; 22. 65, Junior Parkinson, Gladstone, MO (17) 21.643; 23. 8, Gary Scott, Holts Summit, MO (35) 21.706; 24. 33, Jerry Blundy, Dahinda, IL (23) 21.714; 25. 33P, Kelly Potter, Kansas City, MO (21) 21.727; 26. 15, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (25) 21.741; 27. 58, Tom Corbin, Carrollton, MO (15) 21.773; 28. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (41) 21.963; 29. 711, Victor Chudy, Plattsmouth, NE (9) 22.061; 30. 88x, Bob Hop, Mendota, MN (32) 22.088; 31. 7x, Lenard McCarl, Des Moines, IA (16) 22.104; 32. 86, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (3) 22.210; 33. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (42) 22.395; 34. 26, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE (14) 22.515; 35. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (28) 22.544; 36. 27, Ed Grant, Canton, IL (10) 22.852; 37. 27x, Mark Shaffer, Newton, IA (7) 22.883; 38. 54, Dan Shearen, Hugo, MN (12) 23.213; 39. 3, Gene Gennetten, Parkville, MO (39) 23.263; 40. 91, Joel Taylor, Okoboji, IA (29) 23.315; 41. 11x, Al Archdale, Peoria, IL (8) 24.010; 42. 41, Steve Lewis, Kansas City, MO (2) 24.133; 43. 3x, Dean Smith, Fort Dodge, IA (4) 25.002.

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, *: 1. Tim Green (4) 2. Ralph Blackett (2) 3. Bobby Brutto (3) 4. Billy Robison (6) 5. Mike Brooks (1) 6. Doug Wolfgang (5) DNS – John Stevenson

A main makeup from July 21 (started), 20 laps, 7:07.67 (NTR): 1. John Stevenson (2) 2. Shane Carson (4) 3. Jerry Stone (6) 4. Doug Wolfgang (5) 5. Tim Green (7) 6. Eddie Leavitt (1) 7. Ralph Blackett (9) 8. Randy Smith (3) 9. Jimmy Sills (8) 10. Bobby Brutto (13) 11. Tom Corbin (10) 12. Rick Weld (12) 13. Mike Pinckney (13) 14. Mackie Heimbaugh (17) 15. Lloyd Beckman (15) 16. Sonny Smyser (18) 17. Mike Thomas (16) 18. Victor Chudy (14). **Lap Leader:** Stevenson 1-20.

Slow heat (started), 8 laps, 2:59.32: 1. Gene Gennetten (3) 2. Joel Taylor (4) 3. Dan Shearen (2) 4. Mark Shaffer (1) / 5. Dean Smith (7) 6. Al Archdale (5) 7. Steve Lewis (6)

Heat one (started), 8 laps, 2:52.54: 1. Tim Green (9) 2. Sonny Smyser (2) 3. Shane Carson (8) 4. Eddie Leavitt (7) 5. Stacy Redmond (3) / ... also: Ed Grant (1), Jerry Blundy (4), Mike Thomas (5), Steve Hainline (6)

Heat two (started), 8 laps, 2:51.45: 1. Gary Scott (4) 2. Doug Wolfgang (9) 3. Tom Corbin (3) 4. Mike Brooks (8) 5. Randy Smith (7) / ... also: Adrian Zoutte (1), Lenard McCarl (2), Lloyd Beckman (5), Mike Pinckney (6)

Heat three (started), 8 laps, 2:54.15: 1. Jerry Stone (6) 2. Junior Parkinson (4) 3. Ralph Blackett (8) 4. Mackie Heimbaugh (3) 5. Rich Brahmer (1) / ... also: Bob Hop (2), Jimmy Sills (5), Lynn McIntosh (7), Billy Robison (9)

Heat four (started), 8 laps, 2:54.22: 1. John Stevenson (8) 2. Rick Weld (4) 3. Bob Geldner (5) 4. Cliff Woodward (2) 5. Don Mack (7) / ... also: John McCoy (1), Kelly Potter (3), Bobby Brutto (6) DNS – Victor Chudy

B main (started), 12 laps, NT: 1. Jimmy Sills (2) 2. Billy Robison (6) 3. Lloyd Beckman (1) / 4. Mike Pinckney (4) 5. Jerry Blundy (8) 6. Lynn McIntosh (5) 7. Steve Hainline (3) 8. Gene Gennetten (15) 9. Mike Thomas (7) 10. Kelly Potter (9) 11. Dan Shearen (17) 12. Adrian Zoutte (13) 13. Joel Taylor (16) 14. John McCoy (12) 15. Ed Grant (14) 16. Lenard McCarl (11) 17. Bob Hop (10) 18. Mark Shaffer (18) DNS – Bobby Brutto, Victor Chudy

A main (started), 20 laps, NT: 1. Tim Green (6) 2. Randy Smith (1) 3. Shane Carson (3) 4. Doug Wolfgang (7) 5. John Stevenson (8) 6. Eddie Leavitt (9) 7. Rick Weld (10) 8. Billy Robison (21) 9. Don Mack (2) 10. Ralph Blackett (5) 11. Cliff Woodward (13) 12. Bob Geldner (12) 13. Jimmy Sills (20) 14. Sonny Smyser (18) 15. Jerry Stone (11) 16. Rich Brahmer (19) 17. Stacy Redmond (17) 18. Lloyd Beckman (22) 19. Mackie Heimbaugh (16) 20-22. Mike Brooks (4), Junior Parkinson (14), Gary Scott (15) DNS – Tom Corbin. **Lap Leaders:** R. Smith 1-8, Green 9-20.

8/4/79

Green Wins Second Feature in a Row!

by Ken Sargent

Knoxville, IA – Tim Green slipped by Eddie Leavitt on the 18th lap and went on to win the 20-lap feature, his second in a row at Knoxville, Saturday, August 4.

Green chased Leavitt throughout the race and had to sit patiently behind him during several laps that were run because of four yellow flags.

Leavitt jumped into the lead from his first row starting spot and led for two laps over Mike Brooks before the yellow flag came out for Mackie Heimbaugh.

On the restart, several cars made passes before the green flag came out, but the race went on for three more laps. At that point, Brooks hooked a rut in the first turn and upset the Mickow Corp. sprinter. He was hospitalized with a broken shoulder blade.

The green flag was dropped, but stayed out only two laps before another spin brought the caution flag out. After a restart, the flag was out for one lap before the caution flag made another appearance.

With 12 laps to go, the green flag was out to stay, and the battle was on between Green and Leavitt. Green tried the high side and low side for nine laps and finally got by as the cars came out of the second turn on the 18th lap.

Leavitt held on for second with Randy Smith third, John Stevenson in fourth, and Billy Robison fifth. Rounding out the top ten were Ralph Blackett, Mackie Heimbaugh, Bill Marshall, Mike Pinckney and Jerry Stone.

Heimbaugh and Stone both turned in impressive passing jobs during the feature. Heimbaugh moved from the back of the pack after a spin from his seventh place spot. Stone qualified through the B main and started dead last. He made it to 10th place in eight laps, but a yellow came out and he went to the back once again. He came back to 10th in the remaining 12 laps.

Green was one of several drivers who passed on the first restart, before the green came out and he was up front where most of the crowd could see it. His win was an unpopular one with the fans.

But the Des Moines driver turned in an impressive night of driving the made for an exciting trophy dash, heat race and wheel-to-wheel race with Leavitt during the feature.

Green chased Brooks for the final few laps of the trophy dash, but couldn't get by and then tangled with Don Maxwell in the heat race. Other heat race winners were Jerry Stone, Rick Weld, Terry Taggart and Bill Mellenberndt. Mike Thomas won the B main, while Stone was second and Gary Scott third.

Results

Time Trials (Qualifying Order): 1. 22, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (16) 20.403; 2. 47, Bobby Brutto, San Jose, CA (31) 20.565; 3. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (33) 20.634; 4. 55, Tim Green, Carmichael, CA (38) 20.666; 5. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (34) 20.760; 6. 21, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (35) 20.865; 7. 57, Lloyd Beckman, Lincoln, NE (17) 20.868; 8. 49x, Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO (19) 20.890; 9. 49, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (32) 20.899; 10. 43, Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA (27) 20.907; 11. 10, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA (29) 20.958; 12. 58, Tom Corbin, Carrollton, MO (36) 21.040; 13. 8, Gary Scott, Holts Summit, MO (13) 21.042; 14. 86, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (12) 21.054; 15. 15, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (30) 21.074; 16. 18, Bill Marshall, Arlington, TX (18) 21.134; 17. 97, Bill Mellenberndt, Sioux Falls, SD (7) 21.149; 18. 88x, Bob Hop, Mendota, MN (3) 21.440; 19. 2x, Joe McCarthy, El Paso, TX (26) 21.445; 20. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (8) 21.446; 21. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (25) 21.468; 22. 99, Dave Engerbretson, Sioux Falls, SD (1) 21.513; 23. 1, Rick Weld, Kansas City, MO (37) 21.516; 24. 711, Victor Chudy, Plattsmouth, NE (5) 21.597; 25. 7x, Lenard McCarl, Des Moines, IA (10) 21.601; 26. 39, Terry Taggart, Sioux City, IA (24) 21.604; 27. 34, Mark David, Huxley, IA (6) 21.626; 28. 33P, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO (39) 21.666; 29. 54, Dan Shearen, Hugo, MN (15) 21.805; 30. 05, Lynn McIntosh, Thunder Bay, ONT, Can. (23) 21.805; 31. 22A, TR Stump, Phoenix, AZ (41) 21.844; 32. 16, Don Maxwell, Lincoln, NE (40) 21.925; 33. 24x, Jerry Stone, Wichita, KS (28) 22.066; 34. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (22) 22.316; 35. 27x, Mark Shaffer, Newton, IA (2) 22.349; 36. 54x, Roger Hurst, Kansas City, MO (9) 22.350; 37. 76, Ken Potter, Grandview, MO (21) 22.611; 38. 98A, Darrell Dockery, Phoenix, AZ (43) 22.798; 39. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (11) 23.101; 40. 3x, Dean Smith, Fort Dodge, IA (14) 24.007; 41. 2J, Jerry Sanford, Roca, NE (4) 26.230; 42. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (20) NT; 43. 71, Mike Sweeney, Carson, CA (42) NT.

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:44.24: 1. Mike Brooks (2) 2. Tim Green (3) 3. Steve Hainline (1) 4. John Stevenson (4) ... also: Bobby Brutto (5), Billy Robison (6)

Slow Heat (started), 8 laps, *: 1. Jerry Stone (1) 2. Mark Shaffer (3) 3. Adrian Zoutte (2) 4. Roger Hurst (4) / 5. Jerry Sanford (9) ... also: Ken Potter (5), Darrell Dockery (6), Tim Deaver (7), Dean Smith (8), John McCoy (10), Mike Sweeney (11)

Heat one (started), 8 laps, 2:50.25: 1. Don Maxwell (1) 2. Tim Green (8) 3. Eddie Leavitt (7) 4. Bill Marshall (5) 5. Jerry Potter (2) / ... also: Victor Chudy (3), Stacy Redmond (4), Tom Corbin (6)

Heat two (started), 8 laps, 2:51.91: 1. Rick Weld (3) 2. Joe McCarthy (4) 3. Mackie Heimbaugh (5) 4. John Stevenson (8) 5. Mike Pinckney (6) / ... also: TR Stump (1), Mark David (2), Lloyd Beckman (7)

Heat three (started), 8 laps, 2:52.90: 1. Terry Taggart (2) 2. Bob Hop (4) 3. Randy Smith (6) 4. Bobby Brutto (7) 5. Steve Hainline (5) / ... also: Dave Engerbretson (1), Sonny Smyser (3) DNS – Lynn McIntosh

Heat four (started), 8 laps, 2:53.67: 1. Bill Mellenberndt (4) 2. Lenard McCarl (2) 3. Ralph Blackett (6) 4. Billy Robison (8) 5. Mike Brooks (7) / ... also: Dan Shearen (1), Mike Thomas (3), Gary Scott (5)

B main (started), 12 laps, 4:21.06: 1. Mike Thomas (1) 2. Jerry Stone (11) / 3. Gary Scott (4) 4. Stacy Redmond (2) 5. Dan Shearen (10) ... also: Sonny Smyser (3), Tom Corbin (5), Lloyd Beckman (6), Dan Engerbretson (7), Victor Chudy (8), Mark David (9), Mark Shaffer (12), Adrian Zoutte (13), Roger Hurst (14) DNS – Lynn McIntosh, TR Stump

A main (started), 20 laps, *: 1. Tim Green (5) 2. Eddie Leavitt (2) 3. Randy Smith (9) 4. John Stevenson (6) 5. Billy Robison (8) 6. Ralph Blackett (1) 7. Mackie Heimbaugh (11) 8. Bill Marshall (12) 9. Mike Pinckney (10) 10. Jerry Stone (22) 11. Bob Hop (14) 12. Bill Mellenberndt (13) 13. Bobby Brutto (7) 14. Rick Weld (16) 15. Mike Thomas (21) 16. Steve Hainline (3) 17. Terry Taggart (18) 18. Don Maxwell (20) 19. Jerry Potter (19) 20. Joe McCarthy (15) 21. Mike Brooks (4) 22. Lenard McCarl (17). **Lap Leaders:** Leavitt 1-17, Green 18-20.

8/5/79

Isenhower Awarded Win after Backlund DQed

by DJ McCool

Knoxville, IA – Jon Backlund returned to the Knoxville Raceway Sunday, August 5, and kicked off Nationals week with his second Knoxville midget sprint car feature victory in a row.

Driving a new car this year, owned by Dave Wait and Mike Heileman of Cedar Falls, Backlund won the trophy dash and the third heat before taking the feature race.

Chad Ward, Lathrop, Missouri, and Tom Corcoran, Joliet, Illinois, took turns holding the early lead, and Backlund passed Sam Isenhower to move up to second place. Just before a yellow flag came out, Backlund took the lead for good.

Ward and Corcoran battled for third and fourth, while Isenhower had the second spot sewed up.

Isenhower was the fastest timer among the 38 cars with a 22.615 clocking. Terry Wente, St. Louis, had a 22.942, Backlund logged a 23.091, and Corcoran had a 23.249.

Heat race victories went to Isenhower, Ward and Backlund, who also won the trophy dash. Kenny Haynes, Bradley, Illinois, won the consolation race.

Backlund was DQed later and Isenhower was awarded the victory.

NAMAR Midget Results

Time Trials: 1. Sam Isenhower, Lebanon, Indiana, 22.615; 2. Terry Wente, St. Louis, MO, 22.910; 3. Jon Backlund, Kansas City, KS, 23.090; 4. Tom Cochran, *, 23.24; 5-38. *

Trophy Dash, 4 laps, *: 1. Jon Backlund 2. Sam Isenhower 3. Howard House, Kansas City, MO ...*

Heat one, 8 laps, : 1. Sam Isenhower 2. Gary Schooley 3. Jerry Manns 4. Tom Cochran 5. Jerry Hipple, Waterman, IL ...

Heat two, 8 laps, : 1. Chad Ward, Lathrop, MO 2. Terry Wentz, St. Louis, MO 3. Dave Hell 4. Ron Eden, Crawfordsville, IN 5. Gordy Ward, Lafayette, IN ...

Heat three, 8 laps, : 1. Jon Backlund 2. Howard House 3. Ron Mullen, Jackson Center, OH 4. Bill Mehner, Danville, IN 5. Les Scott, Ossian, IN ...

B main, 10 laps, : 1. Kenny Haynes, Bourbonnais, IL 2. * Burnett 3. * Kowolski 4. Jim McVay, Independence, MO 5. * Shuck ...

A main, 20 laps, : 1. Sam Isenhower 2. Chad Ward 3. Tom Cochran 4. Terry Wentz 5. Howard House 6. Kenny Haynes ... DQ*? – Jon Backlund (crossed 1st)

8/8/79

Kinser Cops Opener, Carson is Quick!

by Bill Hill

Knoxville, IA – That “Hurrying Hoosier”, Steve Kinser, continues to match the weather with a hot streak of his own, as consecutive win number eight came up Wednesday night, August 8, during the opening round of the 19th Annual Knoxville Nationals sprint car championship.

Once again, under the auspices of the World of Outlaws, the evening provided the fans with some of the most competitive racing ever seen here by this scribe, and the safest too. The track was in great shape and between it and the driving talent, only a couple of minor caution flags were unfurled.

Kinser, in the Gaerte Engines #11x, which is owned by the Kinser Brothers and was built and is wrenched by Karl Kinser, started the 20-lap A main in fifth spot. By the fourth circuit, Steve was making a three-way fight for the lead with first place Shane Carson in the Visegrips #20 and Knoxville point leader, Randy Smith, in the Gatrel's Landscaping #43.

On the eighth tour, Kinser went into second, proceeded to catch up to Carson, and using a low pass with the help of a slower car, took over the vanguard on the 12th go-around.

The next couple of laps were hectic as the leaders threaded their way through heavy traffic, and Carson almost regained position one. After that, the field spread out and Kinser screamed on in for an almost unbelievable finish.

Phoenix flagman Rusty Miner, subbing for the injured Gary Johnson, gave the white flag to the wrong car, as he dropped it in front of Shane Carson, who was behind Kinser with a lapped car between them.

Miner then threw the checkered to Carson also. Kinser knew who won, however, and pulled into victory lane.

Behind Carson came Larry Clark in the Auto Shack #78, Randy Smith, Danny Smith in the Blue Max Performance Center #19, John Stevenson in the Titan Models/Vadnais Inn #31, Rick Ferkel in the Kear's Speed Shop #0, Jerry Stone in the Grand Prix Auto/C&D Automotive #24x, Lee James in the Pettet #15x and Eddie Leavitt in the Morris Chevrolet #49.

Al Liskai won the B main in the Buckeye Farmers #2A. That was very unpopular with the large crowd because many thought he jumped the gun on a green to take over first, but the officials said no.

Heats went to Jack McCorkell in the Halsten Motors #98 and Carson, who also set quick time.

For the night's work, Kinser was credited with 489 points in the Knoxville point system which determines the starting lineup for Saturday's program. However, six of those 489 points were taken away because officials said Kinser jumped the green flag during the restart of a heat. He was penalized two spots in that heat.

If the penalty would not have been levied, Kinser would have tied Randy Smith for second place in the Wednesday night standings with 489. Smith finished fourth in the feature and was second fastest qualifier. Kinser argued with officials about the decision to penalize him, but to no avail. Kinser said he didn't think he had jumped the green flag.

Notes from DJ McCool

Knoxville, IA – Steve Kinser grabbed the lead from Shane Carson on the 10th lap and won the feature of the first night of qualifying for the 19th Annual Nationals, Wednesday, August 8.

Carson was the pole-sitter after he logged a 20.430 time trial lap. He grabbed a fast lead and fought off Randy Smith for the first 10 laps.

Kinser used a low side pass on the first turn to take second from Smith and passed Carson for the lead and eventual win.

Carson had a strong qualifying night with the fastest qualifying time, a fourth heat victory and a runner-up spot in the main for 498 of a possible 500 points.

Randy Smith owned the second fastest time of the 53 cars that timed. Danny Smith was third, Larry Clark was fourth and Kinser was fifth.

Several drivers were in the 20 second time trial area, and among them was Dub May, who nicked the first turn fence, but still logged a 20.944.

Jack McCorkell put his sprinter into the lead early in the first heat, but slowed down when Jeff Swindell clipped the wall. He went on to win his heat as did John Stevenson, who passed several cars to win the heat. Dockery and Carson also won heats.

Gene Gennetten took the lead in the B main and Mike Pinckney was second while Al Liskai was challenging for one of the spots.

Gennetten got into trouble on the second turn and this gave Liskai a big lead margin and the victory.

After the main had been completed, Kinser, the current World of Outlaws point leader, stood by his car sipping a cold beer while he signed autographs. "We made the right moves at the right time," he said.

Starting in Ohio, Kinser has picked up seven features in a row including victories at Topeka, Kansas as well as Knoxville.

Shane Carson gave the fans plenty to yell about Wednesday night as he captured the fastest time with a 20.430 time, a heat race win, and took second in the main for a total of 498 points.

Heat race victories went to Jack McCorkell, John Stevenson, Darrell Dockerty and Carson, who had to fight off Rick Ferkel and Steve Kinser for the victory.

After a restart, Al Liskai had an easy time coasting to a victory in the B main. Mike Pinckney was second and Leroy Van Connett took third.

Results

Time Trials: 1. 20, Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, OK (*) 20.430; 2. 43, Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA, 20.465; 3. 19, Danny Smith, Danville, IN, 20.494; 4. 78, Larry Clark, Tolleson, AZ, 20.504; 5. 11x, Steve Kinser, Bloomington, IN, 20.515; 6. 24x, Jerry Stone, Wichita, KS, 20.591; 7. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN, 20.617; 8. 8, Gary Scott, Holts Summit, MO, 20.724; 9. 0, Rick Ferkel, Findlay, OH, 20.754; 10. 49x, Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO, 20.783; 11. 15x, Lee James, Northridge, CA, 20.835; 12. 67, Jeff Swindell, Memphis, TN, 20.846; 13. 4, Buster Venard, Tustin, CA, 20.914; 14. 18, Dub May, Hanover, PA, 20.944; 15. 76c, Bubby Jones, Danville, IL, 20.948; 16. 3x, Jack Hewitt, Troy, OH, 20.953; 17. 34, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO, 20.964; 18. 33, Jerry Blundy, Dehinda, IL, 20.982; 19. 1A, Bobby Brutto, San Jose, CA, 21.000; 20. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA, 21.011; 21. 26, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE, 21.055; 22. 21N, Leroy Van Connett, Galt, CA, 21.127; 23. 10, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA, 21.179; 24. 3, Gene Gennetten, Parkville, MO, 21.200; 25. 39, Terry Taggart, Sioux City, IA, 21.217; 26. 7x, Lenard McCarl, Des Moines, IA, 21.312; 27. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA, 21.314; 28. 98A, Jack McCorkell, Redwood Falls, MN, 21.338; 29. 2A, Al Liskai, Fostoria, OH, 21.393; 30. 1, Rick Weld, Kansas City, MO, 21.420; 31. 57A, Louie Mann, Kokomo, IN, 21.496; 32. 22A, TR Stump, Phoenix, AZ, 21.505; 33. 99, Dave Engerbretson, Sioux Falls, SD, 21.638; 34. 98, Darrell Dockery, Phoenix, AZ, 21.662; 35. 10A, Terry Gray, Memphis, TN, 21.690; 36. 54, Dan Shearen, White Bear Lake, MN, 21.853; 37. 17x, Ron Fisher, Kokomo, IN, 21.873; 38. 29, Ron Williams, North Platte, NE, 21.903; 39. 76, Ken Potter, Grandview, MO, 22.075; 40. 81x, Dean Erfurth, Oregon, WI, 22.251; 41. 35x, Eddie Pitko, Kansas City, KS, 22.286; / 42. 13, Jack Schostag, St. Paul, MN, 22.307; 43. 71, Mike Sweeney, Carson, CA, 22.379; 44. 18c, Rodger Wright, Sugar Creek, MO, 22.527; 45. 18x, Bill Hetrick Jr., Carman, IL, 22.560; 46. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA, 22.624; 47. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA, 22.718; 48. 75, Tom Crump, Greenwood, IN, 22.747; 49. 4A, Mike Shafer, Grand Island, NE, 22.897; 50. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA, 23.017; 51. 63, Scott Carson, Seattle, WA, 23.194.

Heat one (started), 10 laps, *: 1. Jack McCorkell (4) 2. Larry Clark (10) 3. Gene Gennetten (5) 4. Jack Hewitt (7) 5. Dan Shearen (2) 6. Gary Scott (9) 7. TR Stump (3) 8. Dean Erfurth (1) 9. Stacy Redmond (6) 10. Jeff Swindell (8)

Heat two (started), 10 laps, *: 1. John Stevenson (9) 2. Danny Smith (10) 3. Mike Pinckney (5) 4. Lee James (8) 5. Bobby Brutto (6) 6. Terry Gray (2) 7. Mike Thomas (4) 8. Louie Mann (3) 9. Ken Potter (1) 10. Bubby Jones (7)

Heat three (started), 10 laps, *: 1. Darrell Dockery (2) 2. Randy Smith (10) 3. Jerry Stone (7) 4. Eddie Leavitt (8) 5. Lenard McCarl (4) 6. Rick Weld (3) 7. Jerry Blundy (6) 8. Ron Williams (1) 9. Leroy Van Connett (5) 10. Eddie Pitko (9) DNS – Dub May

Heat four (started), 10 laps, *: 1. Shane Carson (10) 2. Buster Venard (7) 3. Rick Ferkel (8) 4. (penalized two spots for jumping) Steve Kinser (9) 5. Dave Engerbretson (2) 6. Sonny Smyser (6) 7. Al Liskai (3) 8. Ron Fisher (1) 9. Rich Brahmer (5) 10. Terry Taggart (4)

B main (started), 12 laps, *: 1. Al Liskai (6) 2. Mike Pinckney (2) 3. Leroy Van Connett (1) 4. Jack McCorkell (7) 5. Rick Weld (9) 6. Mike Thomas (4) 7. Lenard McCarl (5) 8. Darrell Dockery (13) 9. Dan Shearen (15) 10. Dave Engerbretson (10) 11. Louie Mann (8) 12. Terry Gray (12) 13. Gene Gennetten (3) 14. Ron Williams (16) 15. Ron Fisher (14) 16. TR Stump (11) DNS – Terry Taggart

A main (started), 20 laps, *: 1. Steve Kinser (5) 2. Shane Carson (1) 3. Larry Clark (4) 4. Randy Smith (2) 5. Danny Smith (3) 6. John Stevenson (7) 7. Rick Ferkel (9) 8. Jerry Stone (6) 9. Lee James (11) 10. Eddie Leavitt (10) 11. Jack Hewitt (15) 12. Bubby Jones (14) 13. Buster Venard (13) 14. Sonny Smyser (16) 15. Bobby Brutto (18) 16. Jerry Blundy (17) 17. Jeff Swindell (12) 18. Rich Brahmer (20) 19. Stacy Redmond (19) 20. Gary Scott (8) DNS – Dub May. **Lap Leaders:** Carson 1-11, S. Kinser 12-20.

8/9/79

Rain and Blackout Postpones B and A mains to Friday!

by Bill Hill

Knoxville, IA – At 10:35 p.m. Thursday night, August 9, a fierce rainstorm hit the Marion County Fairgrounds, wiping out both the A and B mains during the second round of the Knoxville Nationals. Time Trials and the heats were run, however, eliminating a giant-sized headache for the management on Friday night. The missing mains were rescheduled then.

Although the track was not quite in as good a shape as it was the night before, cooperation from the races themselves was nil, and the show did drag on. Besides a number of yellow flags, a total of five drivers got upside down.

The crashing started in hot laps when Rick Ungar rolled the Hones Racing Engines #58 in the second turn. That was followed by Gary Grissom, who crashed hard in the Golden Eagle Insurance #05 in the first corner and Bob Hop, who went over once in the Justice Brothers #88x in the third turn, both during qualifying.

In the first heat, a couple of cars hit coming off the fourth turn and Jeff Rice in the Smokie Rice Garage #95R rolled a couple of times. Finally, at the start of the second heat, Chuck Gurney in the Swenson #99x, hit the first turn fence and took a wild ride. All the drivers were unhurt and out of their cars almost before they came to a halt.

Heats were very competitive and were won by Mackie Heimbaugh in the A&B Farms #15, Doug Wolfgang in the Speedway Motors #4x, Bill Thrasher in the PCA Lounge #9x and Tim Green in the Jensen Construction Co. #55.

Green also set quick time and won his heat from the last spot, duplicating Shane Carson's feat of the previous night.

Results

Time Trials: 1. 55, Tim Green, Carmichael, CA (*) 20.527; 2. 1N, Al Hagar, Fostoria, OH, 20.997; 3. 47, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO, 21.103; 4. 97, Bill Mellenberndt, Sioux Falls, SD, 21.111; 5. 75A, Ron Shuman, Mesa, AZ, 21.165; 6. 91, Sammy Swindell, Memphis, TN, 21.220; 7. 98x, Norman Martin, Dallas, TX, 21.258; 8. 73, Terry Doss, Tulsa, OK, 21.265; 9. 49, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA, 21.274; 10. 22, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS, 21.278; 11. 4x, Doug Wolfgang, Sioux Falls, SD, 21.352; 12. 2, Garry Rush, Sydney, NSW, Aust., 21.422; 13. 81, Lee Osborne, Jamestown, IN, 21.433; 14. 86x, Hoyett Hodnett, Memphis, TN, 21.475; 15. 33P, Ken Potter, Grandview, MO, 21.494; 16. 29x, Paul Pitzer, Seven Valleys, PA, 21.429; 17. 2c, Dean Thompson, Carson, CA, 21.593; 18. 1x, Bob Geldner, St. Peter, MN, 21.628; 19. 99x, Chuck Gurney, Livermore, CA, 21.637; 20. 37c, Bill Antonelli, Sacramento, CA, 21.649; 21. 2x, Joe McCarthy, El Paso, TX, 21.771; 22. 1a, Bobby Allen, Hanover, PA, 21.819; 23. 57, Lloyd Beckman, Lincoln, NE, 21.845; 24. 65, Junior Parkinson, Gladstone, MO, 21.943; 25. 54A, Don Reiners, Sioux Falls, SD, 22.050; 26. M1, Terry Taggart, Sioux City, IA, 22.058; 27. 8x, Bill Marshall, Arlington, TX, 22.281; 28. 79, Mike Johnson, Martinsville, IN, 22.342; 29. 21, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA, 22.354; 30. 66x, John Beaber, Gibsonburg, OH, 22.375; 31. 6x, Ronnie Daniels, Memphis, TN, 22.376; 32. 42, Joe Gillentine, Memphis, TN, 22.410; 33. 60, Mike Sellberg, Brooklyn Park,

MN, 22.426; 34. 99A, Wayne Bennett, Phoenix, AZ, 22.440; 35. 16, Johnny Anderson, Sacramento, CA, 22.470; 36. 15, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA, 22.505; 37. 86, Ray Rodden, Dallas, TX, 22.567; 38. 9x, Bill Thrasher, Fort Worth, TX, 22.664; 39. 4J, Gary Patterson, Sacramento, CA, 22.745; 40. 24, Charlie Lucas, Dallas, TX, 22.830; 41. 95R, Jeff Rice, Topeka, KS, 22.956; / 42. 02, Bob Carico, South Point, OH, 23.246; 43. 12, Bill Cohee, Topeka, KS, 23.276; 44. 3m, Butch Fedewa, Lansing, MI, 23.405; 45. 27x, Mark Shaffer, Newton, IA, 23.413; 46. 51, Steve Johnson, Orion, IL, 23.515; 47. 9A, John Naida, Monroe, MI, 23.754; 48. 2J, Jerry Sanford, Roca, NE, 24.725; 49. 58, Rick Ungar, Memphis, TN (49) NT; 50. 05, Gary Grissom, Anderson, IN (50) NT; 51. 88x, Bob Hop, Mendota, MN (51) NT.

Heat one (started), 10 laps, *: 1. Mackie Heimbaugh (2) 2. Garry Rush (8) 3. Mike Johnson (4) 4. Terry Doss (7) 5. Bill Mellenberndt (10) 6. Paul Pitzer (5) 7. Bill Antonelli (6) 8. Charlie Lucas (1) 9. Joe Gillentine (3) 10. Jeff Rice (9) DNS – Junior Parkinson

Heat two (started), 10 laps, *: 1. Doug Wolfgang (8) 2. Johnny Anderson (2) 3. Lloyd Beckman (5) 4. Norman Martin (9) 5. Jerry Potter (10) 6. Gary Patterson (1) 7. Ken Potter (7) 8. Bill Marshall (4) 9. Ronnie Daniels (3) 10. Chuck Gurney (6)

Heat three (started), 10 laps, *: 1. Bill Thrasher (1) 2. Bob Geldner (6) 3. Billy Robison (8) 4. Hoyett Hodnett (7) 5. Al Hagar (10) 6. Johnny Beaber (3) 7. Terry Taggart (4) 8. Sammy Swindell (9) 9. Bobby Allen (5) 10. Wayne Bennett (2)

Heat four (started), 10 laps, *: 1. Tim Green (10) 2. Ron Shuman (9) 3. Don Reiners (4) 4. Ralph Blackett (8) 5. Lee Osborne (7) 6. Ray Rodden (1) 7. Dean Thompson (6) 8. Steve Hainline (3) 9. Mike Sellberg (2) 10. Joe McCarthy (5)

(Remainder of program postponed to 8/10 due to rain and blackout)

8/10/79

Green, Patterson, Smith Score!

by Bill Hill

Knoxville, IA – The rain was gone and it was cold, but the large crowd was kept warm by some good old fashioned dirt track racing Friday night during the third round of the Knoxville Nationals as Tim Green, Gary Patterson and Danny Smith each won a main event.

It was a great card for the money with plenty of wheel-to-wheel racing and numerous lead changes.

Green, in the Jensen Construction Co. #55 which is owned by Serace, Inc., built by Bob Trostle and wrenched by Kenny Woodruff, scored a wire-to-wire victory in the makeup A main to put himself on the pole for Saturday night's big feature.

Most of his competition came from Ron Shuman in the Auto Shack #75, who jumped from fifth to second in two circuits and stayed close the rest of the way.

Finishing third was two-time National victor Doug Wolfgang, who started tenth in the Speedway Motors #4x. Doug lost his hood late in the 20-lap event, but that didn't seem to slow him down. Rounding out the top five were Paul Pitzer in the Weikert's Livestock #29, who started 15th, and Ralph Blackett in the Scotch Grove Racing #49, who started eighth. Green, incidentally, started on the pole.

A regular A main was won by Gary Patterson in the Maaco Auto Painting #4J, a Maxwell built car which is owned by Fred Aden and wrenched by he and Bob Davis. Patterson had an extremely good night as he also won a heat and then went from 16th to fifth in the special Mystery Feature.

Gary started fourth in the 20-lapper and had the lead halfway down the back chute on that initial circuit. Behind him, the action was fierce with the front row starting duo of Wayne Bennett in the S&L Electric #99A, and Ron Williams in his own #29 trading positions with each go-around.

At the checkered and behind Bennett and Williams came Joe Gillentine in the Bruce Cogle Ford/Art's Automotive #42 and TR Stump in the Republic Drywall #22A.

As the race ended, another car came down into seventh-running Dan Shearen in the Baco Manufacturing and Machine #54, and he flipped violently several times, scattering fiberglass all over the place. Shearen, who was having a fine evening with trophy dash and heat race wins, was taken to the hospital for a checkup, but was found to be in good shape and released.

Early in the race, there was another red flag when several cars collided but no one was hurt.

The Mystery Feature was a 20-lap added attraction. The 20-car lineup was drawn from a hat containing the top 30 qualifiers from each night. A total of ten from each evening were picked.

Danny Smith, in the Blue Max Performance Center #19, a Bob Marshall owned machine which was built by he and Tom Sanders and is wrenched by he and Craig Lamont, started on the pole but didn't lead all the way.

Until the 13th tour, however, he had a commanding advantage while Eddie Leavitt in the Morris Chevrolet Co. #49x and Blackett battled side-by-side. Then Bennett exploded a motor in a show of flame and the red came out. He was not hurt.

Under the next green, Leavitt was all over Smith for two laps before taking the lead for another two. Finally, Smith roared back into P-1 on the outside and that's the way it ended. Blackett was third with first alternate Jerry Stone coming from 20th to fourth after giving the Grand Prix Auto/C&D Automotive #24x a superb ride. Patterson was fifth.

Don Reiners, in the DeVries Carpet Service #54A won the makeup B main, while the other heats went to Williams and Bob Hop in the Justice Brothers #88x.

Results

(postponed program from 8/9)

B main (started), 12 laps, *: 1. 54A, Don Reiners, Sioux Falls, SD (2) 2. 57, Lloyd Beckman, Lincoln, NE (1) 3. 21, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (6) 4. M1, Terry Taggart, Sioux City, IA (3) 5. 15, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (9) 6. 6x, Ronnie Daniels, Memphis, TN (8) 7. 8x, Bill Marshall, Arlington, TX (4) 8. 66x, Johnny Beaber, Gibsonburg, OH (7) ... * 13. 79, Mike Johnson, Martinsville, IN (5) 14. 16, Johnny Anderson, Sacramento, CA (10) ... DNS – 42, Joe Gillentine, Memphis, TN, 60, Mike Sellberg, Brooklyn Park, MN, 99A, Wayne Bennett, Phoenix, AZ, 86, Ray Rodden, Dallas, TX, 9x, Bill Thrasher, Fort Worth, TX, 4J, Gary Patterson, Sacramento, CA, 65, Junior Parkinson, Gladstone, MO

A main (started), 20 laps, *: 1. 55, Tim Green, Sacramento, CA (1) 2. 75, Ron Shuman, Mesa, AZ (5) 3. 4x, Doug Wolfgang, Sioux Falls, SD (11) 4. 29x, Paul Pitzer, Seven Valleys, PA (14) 5. 49, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (9) 6. 47, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO (3) 7. 2x, Joe McCarthy, El Paso, TX (18) 8. 1x, Bob Geldner, St. Peter, MN (16) 9. 81, Lee Osborne, Jamestown, IN (13) 10. 37c, Bill Antonelli, Sacramento, CA

(19) 11. 97, Bill Mellenberndt, Sioux Falls, SD (4) 12. 33P, Ken Potter, Grandview, MO (15) 13. 2c, Dean Thompson, Carson, CA (17) 14. 2, Garry Rush, Sydney, NSW, Aust. (10) 15. 86x, Hoyett Hodnett, Memphis, TN (12) 16. 1n, Al Hagar, Fostoria, OH (2) 17. 1a, Bobby Allen, Hanover, PA (20) 18. 91, Sammy Swindell, Memphis, TN (6) 19. 22, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (8) 20. 98x, Norman Martin, Dallas, TX (7) DNS – 73, Terry Doss, Tulsa, OK, 99x, Chuck Gurney, Livermore, CA. **Lap Leader:** Green 1-20.

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Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, NT: 1. 54A, Don Reiners, Sioux Falls, SD (6) 2. 57A, Louie Mann, Kokomo, IN (5) 3. 10A, Terry Gray, Memphis, TN (2) ... also: 60, Mike Sellberg, Brooklyn Park, MN (1), 9x, Bill Thrasher, Fort Worth, TX (3), 42, Joe Gillentine, Memphis, TN (4)

Heat one (started), 10 laps, NT: 1. 4J, Gary Patterson, Sacramento, CA (7) 2. 9A, John Naida, Monroe, MI (2) 3. 76, Ken Potter, Grandview, MO (5) 4. 24, Charlie Lucas, Dallas, TX (6) 5. 12, Bill Cohee, Topeka, KS (4) ... also: 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (1), 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (3), Bill Thrasher (8)

Heat two (started), 10 laps, NT: 1. 29, Ron Williams, North Platte, NE (6) 2. 27x, Mark Shaffer, Newton, IA (3) 3. 71, Mike Sweeney, Carson, CA (4) 4. Joe Gillentine (8) 5. 95R, Jeff Rice, Topeka, KS (5) ... also: 4A, Mike Shafer, Grand Island, NE (1), 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (2), 86, Ray Rodden, Dallas, TX (7)

Heat three (started), 10 laps, 4:02.6: 1. 88x, Bob Hop, Mendota, MN (2) 2. 99A, Wayne Bennett, Phoenix, AZ (6) 3. Louie Mann (8) 4. 3m, Butch Fedewa, Lansing, MI (3) 5. Mike Sellberg (7) ... also: 2J, Jerry Sanford, Roca, NE (1), 02, Bob Carico, South Point, OH (4), 35x, Eddie Pitko, Kansas City, KS (5)

Heat four (started), 10 laps, NT: 1. Dan Shearen (8) 2. 81x, Dean Erfurth, Oregon, WI (5) 3. 22A, TR Stump, Phoenix, AZ (6) 4. 18c, Rodger Wright, Sugar Creek, MO (3) 5. 13, Jack Schostag, St. Paul, MN (4) ... also: 75, Tom Crump, Greenwood, IN (1), 51, Steve Johnson, Orion, IL (2), Terry Gray (7)

A main (started), 20 laps, *: 1. Gary Patterson (4) 2. Wayne Bennett (2) 3. Ron Williams (1) 4. Joe Gillentine (6) 5. TR Stump (3) 6. Bob Hop (19) 7. Dan Shearen (8) 8. 05, Gary Grissom, Anderson, IN* 9. Terry Gray (21) 10. Louie Mann (7) ... also: Mike Sellberg (5), Charlie Lucas (9), Dean Erfurth (10), Jeff Rice (11), Ken Potter (12), Jack Schostag (13), Mike Sweeney (14), Rodger Wright (15), Butch Fedewa (16), Mark Shaffer (17), Adrian Zoutte (18), John Naida (20), Eddie Pitko (22), Bob Carico (23), Bill Cohee (24). **Lap Leader:** Patterson 1-20.

Mystery Feature (started), 20 laps, *: 1. 19, Danny Smith, Danville, IN (1) 2. 49x, Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO (3) 3. 49, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (2) 4. 24x, Jerry Stone, Wichita, KS (22) 5. Gary Patterson (16) 6. 29x, Paul Pitzer, Seven Valleys, PA (20) 7. 21, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (10) 8. 43, Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA (19) 9. 66x, Johnny Beaver, Gibsonburg, OH (14) 10. 7x, Lenard McCarl, Des Moines, IA (13) ... also: 1N, Al Hagar, Fostoria, OH (4), 33, Jerry Blundy, Dehinda, IL (5), 98x, Norman Martin, Dallas, TX (6), 26, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE (7), 2x, Joe McCarthy, El Paso, TX (8), 10, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA (9), 98A, Jack McCorkell, Redwood Falls, MN (11), 86x, Hoyett Hodnett, Memphis, TN (12), 98, Darrell Dockery, Phoenix, AZ (15), 99, Dave Engerbretson, Sioux Falls, SD (17), Wayne Bennett (18), 6x, Ronnie Daniels, Memphis, TN (21). **Lap Leaders:** D. Smith 1-14, Leavitt 15-16, D. Smith 17-20.

8/11/79

19th Knoxville Nationals to Ron Shuman!!!

by Ken Sargent

Knoxville, IA – “The Flying Shoe”, Ron Shuman, was flying in high gear Saturday night and claimed the \$5,000 first prize at the 19th Annual Knoxville Nationals. Shuman, in the Auto Shack 75, started in the third row of the 30-lap event. In the early laps, he trailed pole-sitter Tim Green and Shane Carson. After moving by

Carson for second place, he drew behind Green when the yellow flag came out on the ninth lap for Danny Smith. Shuman dove under Green on the restart, but the 55 car remained in the lead when the cars came out of the curve into the back straightaway. Shuman then trailed Green until the 14th lap when Green's engine began to sour. One lap later, Shuman took over the lead and Green headed for the pits with a broken rocker arm stud. Shuman then sailed home to the victory surviving a caution flag on the 24th lap for Doug Wolfgang. Knoxville season point leader Randy Smith brought home second place and Shuman credited Smith with helping him to the victory. Randy had tried the low groove attempting to pass Shuman when he was running second in the early going. After seeing Smith's challenge, Shuman moved down to the low groove and found it was the quicker way around the race track. Sam Swindell turned in the outstanding passing performance to finish third. Swindell started on the tail of the field after winning the B, and he used both the high and low groove to wind his way through the field of cars. John Stevenson was fourth and Shane Carson fifth.

Heading up the second five was Danny Smith, who came from the back of the pack after the yellow flag was thrown for him on the ninth lap. Rounding out the top ten were Australian Garry Rush, Ralph Blackett, Lee James and Larry Clark.

In addition to the \$5,000 first place prize, Shuman picked up \$800 in lap money and an estimated \$1,250 in contingency money. Along with his earlier qualifying winnings, his four day total was estimated at \$7,920.

Mike Pinckney was the winner in the 16-lap C main that had Knoxville regulars taking the first four spots. Following Pinckney across the line were Mackie Heimbaugh, Steve Hainline, Lenard McCarl and Al Liskai. Pinckney took over the lead on the fifth lap when leader Leroy Van Connett dropped out. Pinckney then opened up a big edge, winning by a full straightaway.

The five-lap dash events got things underway with Pinckney taking the C dash, Billy Robison the B dash and Shane Carson the A. Robison's win was one of the most exciting races of the night as Robison made a last lap pass on Lee Osborne to get the win.

The only mishap of the evening occurred on the very first lap of racing as Don Reiners and Lloyd Beckman tangled in the first turn on the start of the C dash and both rolled over easy. Neither driver was injured, but the cars were finished for the evening.

A crowd estimated at 15,000 including Iowa Governor Robert Ray watched the final night of racing.

19th Annual Knoxville Nationals Results

C Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, *: 1. 10, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA (1) 2. 21N, Leroy Van Connett, Galt, CA (5) 3. 7x, Lenard McCarl, Des Moines, IA (6) 4. 98A, Jack McCorkell, Redwood Falls, MN (4) 5. 57, Lloyd Beckman, Lincoln, NE (2) 6. 54A, Don Reiners, Sioux Falls, SD (3)

B Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, *: 1. 22, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (5) 2. 81, Lee Osborne, Jamestown, IN (2) 3. 91x, Sammy Swindell, Memphis, TN (6) 4. 1x, Bob Geldner, St. Peter, MN (1) 5. 98x, Norman Martin, Dallas, TX (4) 6. 3x, Jack Hewitt, Troy, OH (3) DNS – 86x, Hoyett Hodnett, Memphis, TN

A Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, *: 1. 20, Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, OK (2) 2. 55, Tim Green, Carmichael, CA (1) 3. 43, Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA (3) 4. 78, Larry Clark, Tolleson, AZ (4) 5. 75A, Ron Shuman, Mesa, AZ (5) 6. 19, Danny Smith, Danville, IN (6)

C main (started), 16 laps, 5:53.04: 1. Mike Pinckney (1) / 2. 15, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (6) 3. 21, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (10) 4. Lenard McCarl (3) 5. 2A, Al Liskai, Fostoria, OH (4) 6. 4J, Gary Patterson, Sacramento, CA (13) 7. M1, Terry Taggart, Sioux City, IA (5) 8. 99, Dave Engerbretson, Sioux Falls, SD (12) 9. 98, Darrell Dockery, Phoenix, AZ (8) 10. 1, Rick Weld, Kansas City, MO (9) 11. 66x, Johnny

Beaber, Gibsonburg, OH (11) 12. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (7) 13. 10A, Terry Gray, Memphis, TN (17) 14. 42, Joe Gillentine, Memphis, TN (15) 15. 9x, Bill Thrasher, Fort Worth, TX (16) 16. 16c, Johnny Anderson, Sacramento, CA (14) 17. 99A, Wayne Bennett, Phoenix, AZ (18) 18. Leroy Van Connett (2) DNS – Lloyd Beckman, Don Reiners, Jack McCorkell, 3, Gene Gennetten, Parkville, MO, 8x, Bill Marshall, Arlington, TX, 6x, Ronnie Daniels, Memphis, TN

B main (started), 22 laps, *: 1. Sammy Swindell (6) 2. Lee Osborne (2) / 3. Jack Hewitt (3) 4. 26, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE (15) 5. Billy Robison (5) 6. 2c, Dean Thompson, Carson, CA (9) 7. 8, Gary Scott, Holts Summit, MO (7) 8. Bob Geldner (1) 9. 2x, Joe McCarthy, El Paso, TX (13) 10. 67, Jeff Swindell, Memphis, TN (14) 11. 1A, Bobby Brutto, San Jose, CA (11) 12. Mike Pinckney (17) 13. 76c, Bubby Jones, Danville, IL (12) 14. Norman Martin (4) 15. 33P, Ken Potter, Grandview, MO (8) 16. 37c, Bill Antonelli, Sacramento, CA (10) 17. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (16) 18. 1a, Bobby Allen, Hanover, PA (18) DNS – Hoyett Hodnett, 34, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO, 33, Jerry Blundy, Dehinda, IL, Mackie Heimbaugh

19th Annual Knoxville National Championship (started), 30 laps, NT: 1. Ron Shuman (5) 2. Randy Smith (3) 3. Sammy Swindell (21) 4. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (8) 5. Shane Carson (2) 6. Danny Smith (6) 7. 2, Garry Rush, Sydney, NSW, Aust. (19) 8. 49, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (12) 9. 15x, Lee James, Northridge, CA (17) 10. Larry Clark (4) 11. 4, Buster Venard, Tustin, CA (18) 12. 29x, Paul Pitzer, Seven Valleys, PA (20) 13. 47, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO (10) 14. 97, Bill Mellenberndt, Sioux Falls, SD (14) 15. 1N, Al Hagar, Fostoria, OH (15) 16. Lee Osborne (22) 17. 4x, Doug Wolfgang, Sioux Falls, SD (9) 18. Tim Green (1) 19. 11x, Steve Kinser, Bloomington, IN (7) 20. 49x, Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO (16) 21. 0, Rick Ferkel, Findlay, OH (13) DNS – 24x, Jerry Stone, Wichita, KS. **Lap Leaders:** Green 1-14, Shuman 15-30.

8/18/79

Wolfgang Wins Knoxville Benefit Race!!!

by Donna Vert

Knoxville, IA – Doug Wolfgang returned to the winner's circle at Knoxville Raceway Saturday night, August 18. Doug started in the fourth row, due to the fast time trial and took the lead on the 8th lap of the Community Hospital Benefit Race. Tim Green took advantage of lap traffic to close in on Wolfgang and was a challenge for the remainder of the race. Ralph Blackett held on to third place and was followed to the checkered by Rick Weld and John Stevenson for the top five.

Heat races went to Mark Shaffer, Shane Carson and Randy Smith. Tim Green starting on the rear of the field, succeeded in passing all cars except Mackie Heimbaugh in the Australian Pursuit. Trophy dash winner Steve Hainline started on the rear of the field and was able to work his way through to an eleventh spot finish.

Results

Time Trials*: 1. 4x, Doug Wolfgang, Sioux Falls, SD (*) 21.012; 2. 55, Tim Green, Carmichael, CA; 3. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN; 4. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA; 5. 21, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA; 6. 57, Lloyd Beckman, Lincoln, NE; 7. 47, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO; 8. 49, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA; 9. 1, Rick Weld, Kansas City, MO; 10. 43, Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA; 11. 15, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA; 12. 7x, Lenard McCarl, Des Moines, IA; 13. 20, Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, OK; 14. 181, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO; 15. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA; 16. 18x, Bill Hetrick Jr., Carman, IL; 17. 27x, Mark Shaffer, Newton, IA; 18. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA.

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, *: 1. Steve Hainline (2) 2. Stacy Redmond (3) 3. Doug Wolfgang (6) 4. Tim Green (5) 5. John Stevenson (4) 6. Lloyd Beckman (1)

Slow heat (started), 8 laps, *: 1. Mark Shaffer (2) 2. Mike Thomas (3) 3. Sonny Smyser (5) 4. Bill Hetrick Jr. (4) 5. John McCoy (1)

Heat one (started), 8 laps, *: 1. Shane Carson (1) 2. Doug Wolfgang (7) 3. Jerry Potter (4) 4. Mackie Heimbaugh (2) 5. Rick Weld (3) 6. John Stevenson (6) 7. Steve Hainline (5)

Heat two (started), 8 laps, *: 1. Randy Smith (2) 2. Tim Green (6) 3. Ralph Blackett (3) 4. Lloyd Beckman (4) 5. Lenard McCarl (1) 6. Stacy Redmond (5)

Australian Pursuit (started), 6 laps, *: 1. Mackie Heimbaugh (1) 2. Tim Green (9) 3. Randy Smith (2) 4. Jerry Potter (4) 5. Steven Hainline (6) 6. John Stevenson (8) ... also: Ralph Blackett (3), Lloyd Beckman (5), Stacy Redmond (7), Doug Wolfgang (10)

A main (started), 20 laps, *: 1. Doug Wolfgang (8) 2. Tim Green (7) 3. Ralph Blackett (2) 4. Rick Weld (1) 5. John Stevenson (6) 6. Jerry Potter (3) 7. Shane Carson (12) 8. Randy Smith (9) 9. Lloyd Beckman (4) 10. Stacy Redmond (5) 11. Steve Hainline (17) ... also: Mackie Heimbaugh (10), Lenard McCarl (11), Sonny Smyser (13), Mike Thomas (14), Bill Hetrick Jr. (15), Mark Shaffer (16), John McCoy (18). **Lap Leaders:** Blackett 1-7, Wolfgang 8-20.

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Results

Time Trials*: 1. 49, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (*) 21.462; 2. 55, Tim Green, Carmichael, CA, 21.479; 3. 49x, Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO, 21.485; 4. 22, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS, 21.551; 5. 20, Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, OK, 21.637; 6. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN, 21.646; 7. 47, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO; 8. 43, Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA; 9. 10, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA; 10. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA; 11. 24x, Jerry Stone, Wichita, KS; 12. 21, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA; 13. 39, Terry Taggart, Sioux City, IA; 14. 57, Lloyd Beckman, Lincoln, NE; 15. 33, Jerry Blundy, Dahinda, IL; 16. 34, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO; 17. 1, Rick Weld, Kansas City, MO; 18. 35, Dale McCarty, Kearney, MO; 19. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA; 20. 81, Kim Lingenfelter, Norfolk, NE; 21. 76, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA; 22. 40, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA; 23. 181, Chris Maurer, Colfax, IA; 24. 18x, Bill Hetrick Jr., Carman, IL; 25. 27x, Mark Shaffer, Newton, IA; 26. 00, Bobby Ensminger, Burlington, IA; 27. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA; 28. 33P, Ken Potter, Grandview, MO; 29. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA; 30. 7x, Lenard McCarl, Des Moines, IA; 31. 15, Art Coons, Des Moines, IA.

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:45.93: 1. Shane Carson (2) 2. John Stevenson (1) 3. Tim Green (5) 4. Ralph Blackett (6) 5. Billy Robison (3) 6. Eddie Leavitt (4)

Slow Heat (started), 8 laps, NT: 1. Bobby Ensminger (2) 2. Ken Potter (4) 3. Mark Shaffer (1) 4. Art Coons (7) 5. Tim Deaver (5) 6. John McCoy (3) 7. Lenard McCarl (6)

Heat one (started), 8 laps, 2:57.70: 1. Jerry Blundy (4) 2. Mike Pinckney (6) 3. Steve Hainline (5) 4. Eddie Leavitt (8) 5. John Stevenson (7) 6. Mackie Heimbaugh (2) / ... also: Bill Hetrick Jr. (1), Dale McCarty (3)

Heat two (started), 8 laps, 2:57.74: 1. Shane Carson (7) 2. Lloyd Beckman (4) 3. Rick Weld (3) 4. Kim Lingenfelter (2) 5. Jerry Stone (5) 6. Randy Smith (6) / ... also: Chris Maurer (1), Tim Green (8)

Heat three (started), 8 laps, 2:56.95: 1. Mike Brooks (1) 2. Mike Thomas (2) 3. Terry Taggart (4) 4. Stacy Redmond (5) 5. Jerry Potter (6) 6. Billy Robison (7) / ... also: Sonny Smyser (3), Ralph Blackett (8)

B main (started), 12 laps, 4:25.66: 1. Sonny Smyser (4) 2. Ralph Blackett (6) 3. Chris Maurer (2) 4. Dale McCarty (3) 5. Mark Shaffer (7) / ... also: Bill Hetrick Jr. (1), Tim Green (5), Bobby Ensminger (8), John McCoy (9), Ken Potter (10), Tim Deaver (11), Lenard McCarl (12), Art Coons (13)

A main (started), 20 laps, *: 1. Jerry Potter (4) 2. Mike Pinckney (2) 3. Billy Robison (7) 4. Randy Smith (3) 5. Jerry Stone (9) 6. Steve Hainline (10) ... also: Stacy Redmond (1), John Stevenson (5), Shane Carson (6), Eddie Leavitt (8), Terry Taggart (11), Lloyd Beckman (12), Jerry Blundy (13), Rick Weld (14), Mike Thomas (15), Kim Lingenfelter (16), Mackie Heimbaugh (17), Sonny Smyser (18), Ralph Blackett (19), Chris Maurer (20), Dale McCarty (21), Mark Shaffer (22) DNS – Mike Brooks. Lap Leaders: J. Potter -20.

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Results

Time Trials (Qualifying Order): 1. 49x, Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO (19) 20.307; 2. 49, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (17) 20.423; 3. 20, Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, OK (11) 20.437; 4. 43, Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA (26) 20.469; 5. 47, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO (29) 20.494; 6. 34, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (27) 20.565; 7. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (7) 20.725; 8. 57, Lloyd Beckman, Lincoln, NE (24) 20.750; 9. 10, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA (18) 20.867; 10. 24x, Jerry Stone, Wichita, KS (4) 20.868; 11. 21, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (20) 20.992; 12. 81, Kim Lingenfelter, Norfolk, NE (10) 21.187; 13. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (9) 21.204; 14. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (2) 21.329; 15. 1, Rick Weld, Kansas City, MO (14) 21.371; 16. 39, Terry Taggart, Sioux City, IA (25) 21.405; 17. 33, Jerry Blundy, Dahinda, IL (1) 21.408; 18. 7x, Lenard McCarl, Des Moines, IA (28) 21.413; 19. 35, Dale McCarty, Kearney, MO (6) 21.444; 20. 26, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE (21) 21.471; 21. 33P, Ken Potter, Grandview, MO (31) 21.602; 22. 181, Chris Maurer, Colfax, IA (12) 21.622; 23. 27x, Mark Shaffer, Newton, IA (8) 21.770; 24. 18x, Bill Hetrick Jr., Carman, IL (15) 21.860; 25. 88, Gene Kester, Bates City, MO (23) 21.977; 26. 76, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (5) 22.257; 27. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (22) 22.359; 28. 15, Art Coons, Des Moines, IA (13) 22.477; 29. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (16) 22.878; 30. 00, Bobby Ensminger, Burlington, IA (3) 22.885; 31. 40, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (30) NT.

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:41.99 (NTR): 1. Jerry Potter (2) 2. Sonny Smyser (1) 3. Shane Carson (4) 4. Eddie Leavitt (6) 5. Randy Smith (3) 6. Ralph Blackett (5)

Slow Heat (started), 8 laps, *: 1. Gene Kester (1) 2. Art Coons (5) 3. Tim Deaver (4) 4. Bobby Ensminger (3) 5. Mackie Heimbaugh (2) DNS – John McCoy, Mike Brooks

Heat one (started), 8 laps, 2:51.18: 1. Shane Carson (8) 2. Rick Weld (4) 3. Sonny Smyser (7) 4. Mike Pinckney (6) 5. Kim Lingenfelter (5) 6. Bill Hetrick Jr. (1) / ... also: Ken Potter (2), Lenard McCarl (3)

Heat two (started), 8 laps, 2:51.68: 1. Rich Brahmer (2) 2. Mike Thomas (4) 3. Jerry Blundy (3) 4. Lloyd Beckman (6) 5. Ralph Blackett (8) 6. Jerry Potter (7) / ... also: Mark Shaffer (1), Steve Hainline (5)

Heat three (started), 8 laps, 2:55.47: 1. Jerry Stone (5) 2. Dale McCarty (2) 3. John Stevenson (6) 4. Eddie Leavitt (8) 5. Randy Smith (7) 6. Terry Taggart (3) ... also: Chris Maurer (1), Stacy Redmond (4)

B main (started), 10 laps, 3:38.51: 1. Steve Hainline (4) 2. Chris Maurer (3) 3. Mark Shaffer (2) 4. Stacy Redmond (5) 5. Art Coons (8) / ... also: Gene Kester (1), Tim Deaver (6), John McCoy (7), Bobby Ensminger (9) DNS – Lenard McCarl, Ken Potter, Mackie Heimbaugh, Mike Brooks

A main (started), 20 laps, *: 1. John Stevenson (2) 2. Shane Carson (6) 3. Lloyd Beckman (1) 4. Jerry Potter (4) 5. Sonny Smyser (3) 6. Eddie Leavitt (8) 7. Jerry Stone (9) 8. Randy Smith (5) 9. Ralph Blackett (7) 10. Kim Lingenfelter (10) 11. Steve Hainline (18) 12. Terry Taggart (13) 13. Mike Thomas (11) 14. Stacy Redmond (21) 15. Dale McCarty (15) 16. Chris Maurer (19) 17. Mark Shaffer (20) 18. Bill Hetrick Jr. (17) 19. Art Coons (22)

20. Jerry Blundy (14) 21. Rich Brahmaer (16) 22. Rick Weld (12) DNS – Mike Pinckney. Lap Leaders: Stevenson -20.

1979 410 Final Point Standings and Feature Winners:

Driver	Feature Wins (Feature Laps Led*)	Points	Primary car(s)
1. Randy Smith	3 (48)	2635	Graham 43
2. Tim Green	3 (50)	2115	Jensen Construction 55
3. Ralph Blackett	0 (15)	1875	Rogers 49
4. John Stevenson	4 (58)	1855	Bethke 31
5. Lloyd Beckman	0 (3)	1525	Sonner 47, Beckman 57
6. Eddie Leavitt	0 (19)	1460	Morris 49x
7. Shane Carson	2 (48)	1345	Trostle 20, Smith 4x
8. Mike Brooks	1 (14)	1240	Mickow Corp. 12
9. Billy Robison	0 (2)	1195	Derry 22
10. Roger Larson	0 (17)	1085	Larson 18
11. Jerry Potter	1 (1)	945	Tuttle & Easter 10, Sonner 47
12. Mackie Heimbaugh	-	930	A&B Farms 15
13. Mike Thomas	-	810	Thomas 37
14. Sonny Smyser	1 (20)	790	Springer 28, Kain 34, Smith 86
15. Bobby Brutto	-	780	Arend 1A, Jordan 1, Sonner 47
16. Jerry Blundy	-	740	Shoff 33
17. Darryl Dawley	1 (17)	620	Dawley 25x
18. Stacy Redmond	-	600	Redmond 61
19. Steve Hainline	-	585	Shaffer 21
20. Jerry Stone	-	555	Edens 24x
21. Doug Wolfgang	1 (13)	530	Smith 4x
22. Lenard McCarl	-	525	McCarl 7x
23. Gary Scott	0 (15)	500	Greenway 8
24. Kim Lingenfelter	-	440	Morris 49x
25. Butch Bahr	-	430	Bahr 25
26. Victor Chudy	-	425	Chudy 711
27. Rick Weld	-	400	Jordan 1, Weld 94
28. Mark Shaffer	-	395	Shaffer 27x
29. Mike Pinckney	-	390	Tuttle & Easter 10
30. Tom Corbin	-	375	Corbin 58

Other Feature Winners (lap leaders): Gary Patterson 1 (20), Danny Smith 1 (18), Ron Shuman 1 (16), Sammy Swindell 1 (10), Steve Kinser 1 (9), Bill Hetrick Jr. 0 (2)

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