

# **KNOXVILLE** *Raceway*

## COMPLETE RESULTS FOR 1977

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

5/7 – Doug Wolfgang  
5/14 – Doug Wolfgang  
5/21 – Rain  
5/28 – Doug Wolfgang  
6/4 – Doug Wolfgang  
6/11 – (Twin Features) Doug Wolfgang x2  
6/18 – Doug Wolfgang  
6/25 – Doug Wolfgang  
7/2 – Doug Wolfgang  
7/3 (Late Models) Steve Keppler  
7/9 – Lloyd Beckman  
7/16 – Lloyd Beckman  
7/23 – Doug Wolfgang  
7/30 – Rain  
8/6 – Jimmy Boyd  
8/8 – (AMA Motorcycles) (Expert Class) Chuck Joyner, (Jr. Class) Joe Perdue, (Novice Class) Rick Fiscel  
8/10 (Knoxville Nationals Prelim) Kenny Weld  
8/11 (Knoxville Nationals Prelim) Ron Shuman  
8/12 (Knoxville Nationals NQ) Dick Gaines  
8/13 (Knoxville Nationals) Doug Wolfgang  
9/4 – Doug Wolfgang  
9/8 (Late Models & Sportsman) Prelims  
9/9 (Late Models & Sportsman) Prelims  
9/10 (Late Models) Curt Hansen, (Sportsman) \*

### **5/7/77**

#### **Wolfgang Wins Opener!!!**

Knoxville, IA – Doug Wolfgang of Des Moines, Saturday night served immediate notice to the competition that he plans a strong defense of his 1976 driving championship here at Knoxville Raceway. For the second year in a row, Wolfgang came home the winner of the opening night feature event at the half-mile oval. Wolfgang started in the sixth spot by virtue of having the fastest time trial of the night, and by the second lap, Doug have moved the Dave Van Patten sprinter into second place behind Lenard McCarl. On the second lap, Wolfgang moved in front of McCarl, who finished second. Don Maxwell of Lincoln, Nebraska finished third, with Mason City's Stacy Redmond passing six cars to finish fourth. Gary Scott was fifth, with the second five made up of Ralph Blackett, Roger Larson, Lloyd Beckman, Lonnie Jensen and JJ Riggins.

Wolfgang won \$500 for his effort in the feature. Wolfgang started the night in high style by taking fast time with a lap of 20.733 seconds. In the trophy dash, Lenard McCarl jumped out to the front spot and held it all the way to win the five-lap event. Heat races went to Gary Johnson of Colfax, Randy Smith of Des Moines, Roger Larson of Madison, South Dakota, Don Maxwell of Lincoln, Nebraska and Mike Thomas of Des Moines. Stacy

Redmond won the consolation event, edging out Ron Milton of Jacksonville, Illinois at the finish line in the most exciting finish of the evening. Milton lost a substantial lead in the race when the yellow flag came out for a spin out on the seventh lap. The only mishap of the night occurred in the third heat of the evening, when Mike Pinckney hit the wall, flipping over his Fred Kain owned sprinter. Pinckney stepped out of the car uninjured, but was taken to Collins Memorial Hospital for observation.

A crowd of 4,000 watched 42 sprinters compete for a purse of \$3,500.

## Results

**Time Trial (Qualifying Order):** 1. 20, Doug Wolfgang, Des Moines, IA (17) 20.733; 2. 98, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA (1) 20.769; 3. 49, Lloyd Beckman, Lincoln, NE (6) 20.911; 4. 3, Gary Scott, Holts Summit, MO (2) 20.987; 5. 57, Lonnie Jensen, Lincoln, NE (9) 21.010; 6. 7x, Lenard McCarl, Des Moines, IA (12) 21.133; 7. 22, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (24) 21.198; 8. 14, JJ Riggins, Lincoln, NE (21) 21.254; 9. 44, Don Maxwell, Lincoln, NE (34) 21.415; 10. 4x, Roger Larson, Madison, SD (18) 21.420; 11. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (15) 21.552; 12. 25x, Darryl Dawley, Sioux Falls, SD (36) 21.719; 13. 3m, Ron Milton, Jacksonville, IL (38) 21.819; 14. 13, David Dwyer, Columbia, MO (29) 21.869; 15. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (35) 21.917; 16. 25, Butch Bahr, Grand Island, NE (39) 21.930; 17. 33x, George Lasoski, Dover, MO (23) 21.980; 18. 33, Jerry Blundy, Dahinda, IL (16) 21.992; 19. 76, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (28) 22.003; 20. 100, Roger Mulder, Sioux Falls, SD (37) 22.023; 21. 77x, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (33) 22.094; 22. 59, Dennis Olson, Braham, MN (25) 22.111; 23. 1x, Randy Smith, Des Moines, IA (20) 22.148; 24. 15, Tom Maycock, Waverly, MO (19) 22.322; 25. 2, Galen Martin, Fairfield, IA (13) 22.340; 26. 30, Gary Johnson, Colfax, IA (26) 22.401; 27. 44x, Bob Thoman, Higginsville, MO (10) 22.549; 28. 77, Junior Gutknecht, Pleasantville, IA (14) 22.785; 29. 82, Steve Morris, Burlington, IA (3) 22.982; 30. 6, John McClure, Burlington, IA (8) 23.026; 31. 88, Gene Kester, Bates City, MO (5) 23.081; 32. 27, Ed Grant, Canton, IL (4) 23.094; 33. 00, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE (32) 23.113; 34. 9, Doug Toepper, St. Paul, MN (30) 23.269; 35. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (7) 23.340; 36. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (41) 23.408; 37. 10x, Dean Smith, Fort Dodge, IA (22) 23.498; 38. 41, Steve Lewis, Kansas City, MO (27) 23.667; 39. 111, Al Murie, Raytown, MO (11) 23.934; 40. 21, Mark David, Cedar Falls, IA (31) 26.251; 41. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (42) NT; ... also: 18, Doug Wolfgang (40) 21.050.

**Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:46.38:** 1. Lenard McCarl (1) 2. Gary Scott (3) 3. Doug Wolfgang (6) 4. Mike Pinckney (5) 5. Lloyd Beckman (4) 6. Lonnie Jensen (2)

**Heat one (started), 8 laps, 3:00.14:** 1. Gary Johnson (4) 2. Roger Mulder (5) 3. Jerry Blundy (7) / 4. Junior Gutknecht (1) 5. John McClure (2) 6. Tom Maycock (3) 7. Dennis Olson (6) DNS – Ed Grant

**Heat two (started), 8 laps, 2:59.31:** 1. Randy Smith (5) 2. Mackie Heimbaugh (7) 3. Steve Morris (2) / 4. Gene Kester (1) 5. George Lasoski (8) ... also: Sonny Smyser (6), Galen Martin (4), Bob Thoman (3)

**Heat three (started), 8 laps, NT:** 1. Roger Larson (4) 2. Lenard McCarl (6) 3. Butch Bahr (1) 4. David Dwyer (2) 5. Gary Scott (7) / 6. JJ Riggins (5) 7. Darryl Dawley (3) 8. Mike Pinckney (8)

**Heat four (started), 8 laps, 2:51.02:** 1. Don Maxwell (4) 2. Ralph Blackett (5) 3. Doug Wolfgang (8) 4. John Stevenson (1) 5. Lloyd Beckman (7) / 6. Lonnie Jensen (6) 7. Stacy Redmond (3) 8. Ron Milton (2)

**“Slow” Heat (started), 8 laps, 3:04.60:** 1. Mike Thomas (3) 2. Rich Brahmer (8) 3. Steve Lewis (1) 4. Adrian Zoutte (6) 5. Doug Toepper (5) 6. Al Murie (2) 7. Dean Smith (4) 8. Mike Brooks (7) DNS – Mark David

**B main (started), 10 laps, NT:** 1. Stacy Redmond (3) 2. Ron Milton (1) 3. JJ Riggins (4) 4. Lonnie Jensen (5) / 5. Darryl Dawley (2) 6. Tom Maycock (10) 7. Junior Gutknecht (13) 8. Dennis Olson (9) ... also: Mike

Pinckney (6), George Lasoski (7), Sonny Smyser (8), Galen Martin (11), Bob Thoman (12), John McClure (14), Gene Kester (15), Ed Grant (16)

**A main (started), 20 laps, 7:10.36:** 1. Doug Wolfgang (6) 2. Lenard McCarl (2) 3. Don Maxwell (8) 4. Stacy Redmond (10) 5. Gary Scott (4) 6. Ralph Blackett (1) 7. Roger Larson (9) 8. Lloyd Beckman (5) 9. Lonnie Jensen (3) 10. JJ Riggins (7) 11. Butch Bahr (14) 12. Roger Mulder (15) 13. Jerry Blundy (13) 14. David Dwyer (12) 15. Mackie Heimbaugh (16) 16. John Stevenson (11) 17. Gary Johnson (17) 18. Randy Smith (18) 19. Steve Morris (19) DNS – Ron Milton. **Lap Leaders:** McCarl 1, Wolfgang 2-20.

**5/14/77**

### **The Wolf Gobbles Up Another Win!!!**

by Ken Sargent

Knoxville, IA – Doug Wolfgang made it two features in a row at the Knoxville Raceway by winning the main event Saturday night, May 14. Wolfgang, starting sixth by virtue of fast time, moved quickly to the second spot by the first lap and after a spin out, moved past Ralph Blackett to gain the number one spot by the second turn and he held the lead the rest of the way. The start of the feature caused the only yellow flag of the evening. Jerry Blundy was bumped in turn two while jockeying for position, and was forced out into the fence. Blundy was not hurt but was sidelined for the remainder of the race. On the second try at the start, Bob Hop of Mendota, Minnesota, lost a wheel coming out of turn four, sidelining him for the main. The third time was the charm with the green coming down and Blackett moving on the number one spot. On the second lap, Butch Bahr got a little sideways in the first turn and was bumped by Randy Smith and both went easily into the fence. Neither driver was injured and Bahr returned to the race. On the restart, Wolfgang made his move and gained the lead. Blackett held the second spot until the fifth lap, when Don Maxwell went around him and went on to finish second.

42 cars and drivers signed in with 38 timing before an estimated crowd of 4,000 fans.

### **Results**

**Time Trials (Qualifying Order):** 1. 20, Doug Wolfgang, Des Moines, IA (22) 20.385; 2. 49, Lloyd Beckman, Lincoln, NE (5) 20.564; 3. 34, Gary Dunkle, Lincoln, NE (23) 20.570; 4. 57, Lonnie Jensen, Lincoln, NE (12) 20.689; 5. 28, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (29) 20.878; 6. 44, Don Maxwell, Lincoln, NE (34) 20.883; 7. 3, Holts Summit, MO (6) 20.968; 8. 4x, Roger Larson, Madison, SD (26) 21.036; 9. 1x, Randy Smith, Des Moines, IA (21) 21.045; 10. 7x, Lenard McCarl, Des Moines, IA (7) 21.058; 11. 25, Butch Bahr, Grand Island, NE (1) 21.115; 12. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (11) 21.211; 13. 7, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (10) 21.258; 14. 76, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (20) 21.489; 15. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (31) 21.491; 16. 33, Jerry Blundy, Dahinda, IL (30) 21.619; 17. 13, David Dwyer, Columbia, MO (41) 21.634; 18. 86, Bob Williams, Kansas City, MO (14) 21.641; 19. 14, JJ Riggins, Lincoln, NE (32) 21.651; 20. 44x, Bob Thoman, Higginsville, MO (37) 21.715; 21. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (4) 22.003; 22. 15, Tom Maycock, Waverly, MO (39) 22.062; 23. 2, Galen Martin, Fairfield, IA (18) 22.109; 24. 88, Gene Kester, Bates City, MO (24) 22.179; 25. 30, Gary Johnson, Colfax, IA (25) 22.202; 26. 27, Ed Grant, Canton, IL (19) 22.250; 27. 00, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE (2) 22.268; 28. 21, Mark David, Cedar Falls, IA (15) 22.362; 29. 176, Bob Hop, Mendota, MN (13) 22.369; 30. 82, Steve Morris, Burlington, IA (8) 22.428; 31. 42, Phil LaGore, Marshall, MO (40) 22.462; 32. 77, Junior Gutknecht, Pleasantville, IA (36) 22.659; 33. 2x, Bill Miller, Prairie City, IA (28) 22.777; 34. 35, Harvey Grooms, Ottumwa, IA (33) 22.779; 35. 10x, Dean Smith, Fort Dodge, IA (27) 22.917; 36. 6, John McClure, Burlington, IA (38) 23.674; 37. 102, Mel Van Wyk, Des Moines, IA (35) 23.887; 38. 111, Al Murie, Raytown, MO (3) 24.489; 39. 121, Jim Hetrick, Gladstone, IL (9) NT; 40. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (16) NT; 41. 23, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (17) NT; 42. \*.

**Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:44.33:** 1. Gary Dunkle (4) 2. Doug Wolfgang (6) 3. Ralph Blackett (2) 4. Lonnie Jensen (3) 5. Lloyd Beckman (5) 6. Don Maxwell (1)

**Heat one (started), 8 laps, 2:59.14:** 1. Bob Hop (2) 2. Bob Williams (7) 3. Bob Thoman (5) / 4. Junior Gutknecht (1) 5. Gene Kester (3) 6. Tom Maycock (6) 7. Ed Grant (4) DNS – Phil LaGore, Mark David

**Heat two (started), 8 laps, 2:58.75:** 1. JJ Riggins (7) 2. Gary Johnson (4) 3. Mike Thomas (6) / 4. David Dwyer (8) 5. Steve Morris (2) 6. Rich Brahmer (1) 7. Galen Martin (5) 8. Mark David (3)

**Heat three (started), 8 laps, 2:50.40:** 1. Butch Bahr (2) 2. Don Maxwell (4) 3. Lloyd Beckman (6) 4. Jerry Blundy (1) 5. Roger Larson (5) / 6. Lonnie Jensen (7) 7. Billy Robison (3) DNS – Mike Brooks

**Heat four (started), 8 laps, 2:51.32:** 1. Doug Wolfgang (8) 2. Lenard McCarl (4) 3. Gary Scott (5) 4. Gary Dunkle (7) 5. Ralph Blackett (6) / 6. Randy Smith (1) 7. Mackie Heimbaugh (2) 8. Stacy Redmond (3)

**B main (started), 10 laps, 3:38.16:** 1. Lonnie Jensen (4) 2. David Dwyer (1) 3. Randy Smith (2) 4. Stacy Redmond (5) 5. Tom Maycock (7) / 6. Rich Brahmer (12) 7. Mark David (11) 8. Steve Morris (10) 9. Galen Martin (6) 10. Phil LaGore (13) 11. Ed Grant (8) 12. Harvey Grooms (15) ... also: Mike Brooks (3), Gene Kester (9), Junior Gutknecht (14) DNS – Mackie Heimbaugh, Billy Robison, Bill Miller

**A main (started), 20 laps, NT:** 1. Doug Wolfgang (6) 2. Don Maxwell (2) 3. Lonnie Jensen (4) 4. Gary Scott (1) 5. Lenard McCarl (9) 6. Roger Larson (7) 7. Butch Bahr (10) 8. Lloyd Beckman (5) 9. David Dwyer (13) 10. Gary Johnson (19) 11. Stacy Redmond (11) 12. JJ Riggins (15) 13. Mike Thomas (17) 14. Bob Thoman (16) 15. Rich Brahmer (20) 16. Ralph Blackett (3) 17. Tom Maycock (18) 18. Bob Williams (14) 19-21. Randy Smith (8), Jerry Blundy (12), Bob Hop (21). DNS - Gary Dunkle. **Lap Leaders:** Blackett 1, Wolfgang 2-20.

**5/21/77**

### **Wolfgang Wins With Quick Time at Knoxville**

Knoxville, IA – Doug Wolfgang of Des Moines won \$1,000 by racing the fastest one-lap time trial at Knoxville Raceway Saturday in a program that was shortened because of rain.

Four races were completed before the rain started and since four races is considered a full program, Wolfgang got the full purse even though the feature never was run.

He had the top time trial lap of 21.066 seconds and was awarded the feature purse on the basis of that finish. Don Maxwell of Lincoln, Nebraska was second in the time trials, and Shane Carson of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma finished third.

Lonnie Jensen of Lincoln, Nebraska won the trophy dash, Mike Pinckney of Des Moines the first heat and Mike Thomas of Des Moines the second heat.

### **Results**

**Time Trials (Qualifying Order):** 1. 20, Doug Wolfgang, Des Moines, IA (28) 21.066; 2. 44, Don Maxwell, Lincoln, NE (42) 21.406; 3. 55, Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, OK (30) 21.408; 4. 34, Gary Dunkle, Lincoln, NE (24) 21.411; 5. 57, Lonnie Jensen, Lincoln, NE (33) 21.434; 6. 14, JJ Riggins, Lincoln, NE (47) 21.465; 7. 49, Lloyd Beckman, Lincoln, NE (34) 21.522; 8. 25, Butch Bahr, Grand Island, NE (14) 21.620; 9. 7x, Lenard McCarl, Des Moines, IA (2) 21.903; 10. 66, Ralph Parkinson, Gladstone, MO (10) 21.960; 11. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (20) 21.979; 12. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (15) 21.997; 13. 33x, George

Lasoski, Dover, MO (38) 22.043; 14. 63, Bob Geldner, St. Peter, MN (31) 22.192; 15. 4x, Gary Scott, Holts Summit, MO (39) 22.223; 16. 7, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (32) 22.243; 17. 111, Al Murie, Kansas City, MO (48) 22.244; 18. 24, David Dwyer, Columbia, MO (7) 22.314; 19. 00, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE (23) 22.386; 20. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (13) 22.436; 21. 23, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (21) 22.531; 22. 30, Gary Johnson, Colfax, IA (44) 22.612; 23. 2, Galen Martin, Fairfield, IA (36) 22.667; 24. 15, Tom Maycock, Waverly, MO (11) 22.704; 25. 4, Con Edwards, Ankeny, IA (43) 22.745; 26. 98, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA (5) 22.789; 27. 44x, Bob Thoman, Higginsville, MO (19) 22.887; 28. 41x, Dale Oaks, Burlington, IA (17) 22.922; 29. 76, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (41) 22.936; 30. 35, Harvey Grooms, Ottumwa, IA (12) 22.983; 31. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (46) 23.000; 32. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (25) 23.104; 33. 27, Ed Grant, Canton, IL (4) 23.122; 34. 88, Gene Kester, Bates City, MO (1) 23.157; 35. 22, Mike Enter, Cleveland, MN (27) 23.288; 36. 82, Steve Morris, Burlington, IA (6) 23.322; 37. 50, Roger Clark, Milan, IL (40) 23.589; 38. 77, Junior Gutknecht, Pleasantville, IA (16) 23.655; 39. 9, Doug Toepper, St. Paul, MN (45) 24.004; 40. 121, Jim Hetrick, Gladstone, IL (8) 24.202; 41. 6, John McClure, Burlington, IA (18) 24.239; 42. 10x, Dean Smith, Fort Dodge, IA (26) 24.319; 43. 82x, Craig Bucklew, Columbia, MO (37) 24.607; 44. 41, Steve Lewis, Kansas City, MO (35) 25.031; 45. 40, Ron Wiuff, St. Paul, MN (22) 25.106; 46. 42, Phil LaGore, Marshall, MO (9) 25.591; 47. 12x, Scott Wasilewski, Columbia City, IN (29) 28.799; 48. 42, \*, (3) NT.

**Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, \*:** 1. Lonnie Jensen (2) 2. Doug Wolfgang (6) 3. Gary Dunkle (3) 4. Shane Carson (4) 5. Don Maxwell (5) 6. JJ Riggins (1)

**Heat one (started), 8 laps, \*:** 1. Mike Pinckney (4) 2. Gary Johnson (6) 3. Harvey Grooms (2) 4. Tom Maycock (5) 5. David Dwyer (8) 6. Dale Oaks (3) ... also: Adrian Zoutte (1), Mike Brooks (7)

**Heat two (started), 8 laps, \*:** 1. Mike Thomas (1) 2. Sonny Smyser (5) 3. Mackie Heimbaugh (2) 4. Rich Brahmer (6) ... also: Bill Robison (8), Con Edwards (3), Galen Martin (4), Al Murie (7)

## **Rain**

**5/28/77**

## **Wolfgang Wins Mini-National!!!**

by Ken Sargent

Knoxville, IA – Doug Wolfgang made it three wins in a row by taking the 25-lap Mini-National Saturday night at Knoxville Raceway. Wolfgang made a clean sweep of things, taking fast time, the trophy dash, his heat race and the main event. Wolfgang started sixth, but by the fourth lap had the Bob Trostle sprinter into the first spot and slowly built his lead to a half a lap before a yellow caution flag for a spinout took away his margin. The yellow came out on the 24<sup>th</sup> lap and Wolfgang had no trouble maintaining his lead on the restart. Gary Dunkle led the first three laps and held on to grab second place money of \$1000. Wolfgang got \$1500 for first place. The best competition came in the race for third place where Bob Williams, Lenard McCarl and Don Maxwell staged a battle throughout much of the race. On the 20<sup>th</sup> lap, Williams took advantage of a slower car in traffic, picked the right spot and moved into third to stay. McCarl was still behind the slower car when the spinout took place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> lap and put him out of the race. Lonnie Jensen wound up fifth. Lloyd Beckman finished sixth, Ralph Blackett was seventh, Bobby Marshall passed eight cars to finish eighth, David Dwyer and Steve Hainline finished out the top ten. Heat race winners were Billy Robison, Bobby Marshall, Gary Johnson and Wolfgang. The special C main which was a make-up of last week's rained out feature event went to Adrian Zoutte. The B main was won by Lonnie Jensen.

The only mishap of the night came in the C main. On the second lap, Jim Hetrick spun in the fourth turn and was hit by John McClure. McClure got upside down and wound vertically into the fence in front of the grandstand, while Hetrick went down into the infield, taking out a piece of the infield fence. Both drivers were

shaken up and were taken to Collins Hospital in Knoxville for treatment. Both returned to the track before the night was over.

Wolfgang has now had the fast time all four weeks, and won two out of three heat races. 45 cars were here for the Mini-National.

## Results

**Time Trials (Qualifying Order):** 1. 20, Doug Wolfgang, Des Moines, IA (39) 20.652; 2. 98, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA (24) 21.216; 3. 25, Butch Bahr, Grand Island, NE (19) 21.307; 4. 44, Don Maxwell, Lincoln, NE (40) 21.419; 5. 57, Lonnie Jensen, Lincoln, NE (5) 21.513; 6. 40, Bob Williams, Independence, MO (28) 21.589; 7. 7x, Lenard McCarl, Des Moines, IA (12) 21.592; 8. 34, Gary Dunkle, Lincoln, NE (2) 21.738; 9. 25x, Darryl Dawley, Sioux Falls, SD (23) 21.782; 10. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (38) 21.783; 11. 49, Lloyd Beckman, Lincoln, NE (11) 21.857; 12. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (3) 21.894; 13. 14, JJ Riggins, Lincoln, NE (14) 21.926; 14. 23, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (9) 22.002; 15. 30, Gary Johnson, Colfax, IA (36) 22.003; 16. 33x, George Lasoski, Dover, MO (32) 22.019; 17. 24, David Dwyer, Columbia, MO (22) 22.032; 18. 28, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (7) 22.059; 19. 59, Dennis Olson, Braham, MN (27) 22.122; 20. 4x, Bobby Marshall, Dallas, TX (41) 22.126; 21. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (33) 22.278; 22. 76, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (30) 22.301; 23. 15, Tom Maycock, Waverly, MO (18) 22.302; 24. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (31) 22.340; 25. 00, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE (26) 22.431; 26. 88, Gene Kester, Bates City, MO (42) 22.446; 27. 47, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (20) 22.470; 28. 6x, Ed Bowes, Raymond, NE (43) 22.589; 29. 4, Con Edwards, Ankeny, IA (25) 22.761; 30. 1x, Randy Smith, Des Moines, IA (16) 22.766; 31. 35, Harvey Grooms, Ottumwa, IA (17) 22.903; 32. 111, Al Murie, Kansas City, MO (13) 22.923; 33. 7, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (1) 22.977; 34. 121, Jim Hetrick, Gladstone, IL (29) 23.100; 35. 77, Junior Gutknecht, Pleasantville, IA (8) 23.445; 36. 42, Phil LaGore, Marshall, MO (27) 23.482; 37. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (35) 23.753; 38. 102, Mel Van Wyk, Des Moines, IA (44) 23.823; 39. 10x, Dean Smith, Fort Dodge, IA (11) 23.962; 40. 82, Steve Morris, Burlington, IA (21) 23.975; 41. 41x, Dale Oaks, Burlington, IA (10) 24.215; 42. 6, John McClure, Burlington, IA (6) 24.262; 43. 13, Roger Abbott, Redwood City, CA (15) 24.379; 44. 55, Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, OK (34) NT; 45. \*.

**Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:45.66:** 1. Doug Wolfgang (6) 2. Lonnie Jensen (2) 3. Butch Bahr (4) 4. Bob Williams (1) 5. Don Maxwell (3) 6. Mike Pinckney (5)

**Heat one (started), 8 laps, 3:00.84:** 1. Billy Robison (1) 2. Steve Hainline (4) 3. Harvey Grooms (2) / 4. Tom Maycock (6) 5. Rich Brahmer (5) 6. Mike Thomas (7) 7. Dennis Olson (8) 8. Con Edwards (3)

**Heat two (started), 8 laps, 3:02.34:** 1. Bobby Marshall (7) 2. .Ralph Blackett (8) 3. Al Murie (1) / 4. Randy Smith (2) 5. Ed Bowes (3) 6. Mike Brooks (5) 7. Mackie Heimbaugh (6) 8. Gene Kester (4)

**Heat three (started), 8 laps, 2:54.95:** 1. Gary Johnson (2) 2. Lloyd Beckman (4) 3. JJ Riggins (3) 4. Gary Dunkle (5) 5. Bob Williams (6) / 6. Don Maxwell (7) 7. David Dwyer (1) 8. Mike Pinckney (8) DNS – John Stevenson

**Heat four (started), 8 laps, 2:54.29:** 1. Doug Wolfgang (8) 2. Sonny Smyser (2) 3. Lenard McCarl (5) 4. George Lasoski (1) 5. Darryl Dawley (4) / 6. Lonnie Jensen (6) 7. Butch Bahr (7) 8. Stacy Redmond (3)

**C main (started), 12 laps, NT:** 1. Adrian Zoutte (4) 2. Junior Gutknecht (2) 3. Dale Oaks (8) 4. Phil LaGore (3) 5. Roger Abbott (10) 6. Dean Smith (6) 7. Mel Van Wyk (5) ... also: Jim Hetrick (1), Steve Morris (7), John McClure (9) DNS – Shane Carson, \*9.

**B main (started), 14 laps, 5:32.14:** 1. Lonnie Jensen (3) 2. Don Maxwell (4) 3. Butch Bahr (5) 4. Stacy Redmond (2) 5. David Dwyer (1) 6. Mike Pinckney (6) 7. Tom Maycock (10) 8. Gene Kester (13) 9. Rich

Brahmer (12) ... \*also: Dennis Olson (7), Mike Thomas (8), Mackie Heimbaugh (9), Mike Brooks (11), Ed Bowes (14), Con Edwards (15), Randy Smith (16) DNS – John Stevenson

**A main (started) 25 laps, NT:** 1. Doug Wolfgang (6) 2. Gary Dunkle (1) 3. Bob Williams (3) 4. Don Maxwell (5) 5. Lonnie Jensen (4) / 6. Lloyd Beckman (8) 7. Ralph Blackett (15) 8. Bobby Marshall (16) 9. Stacy Redmond (9) ... also: Lenard McCarl (2), Darryl Dawley (7), JJ Riggins (10), Sonny Smyser (11), Gary Johnson (12), George Lasoski (13), David Dwyer (14), Steve Hainline (17), Harvey Grooms (18), Al Murie (19), Billy Robison (20) DNS – Butch Bahr. **Lap Leaders:** Dunkle 1-3, Wolfgang 4-25.

**6/4/77**

### **Wolfgang Wins Four in a Row!!!**

by Ken Sargent

Knoxville, IA – Doug Wolfgang, of Des Moines, appears unstoppable at Knoxville Raceway, as he made it four straight Saturday night, June 4. Only Bob Williams kept Wolfgang from making it a clean sweep for the second straight week. Williams edged the defending season champion for first place in the Trophy Dash. As he has every night this season, Wolfgang set the fast time with a lap of 20.430 seconds. He started last in his heat, moved to fifth by the third turn, almost kissed the wall and fell back to eighth. But then he started clipping off the positions like a Sunday freeway driver, moving into the first position by the sixth lap. The main event, he started sixth, moved to third by the first lap and after a yellow flag, flew by Stacy Redmond and JJ Riggins to take over the lead for good. He lapped half the field and wound up with a half-lap lead over Lloyd Beckman, who was second. Redmond finished third, Riggins was fourth and Butch Bahr fifth. Mike Pinckney pitted when the yellow flag came out on the second lap, an illegal move, and was forced to start on the tail on the restart. Pinckney then put on the best passing show of the feature, winding up eighth. Heat races were won by Mackie Heimbaugh, Steve Hainline, Tom Corbin and Wolfgang. Riggins won the consolation. 35 cars were on hand for the program.

### **Results**

**Time Trials (Qualifying Order):** 1. 20, Doug Wolfgang, Des Moines, IA (3) 20.430; 2. 57, Lonnie Jensen, Lincoln, NE (7) 20.895; 3. 7x, Lenard McCarl, Des Moines, IA (21) 21.019; 4. 34, Gary Dunkle, Lincoln, NE (28) 21.137; 5. 44, Don Maxwell, Lincoln, NE (18) 21.180; 6. 14x, Tom Corbin, Carrollton, MO (20) 21.278; 7. 49, Lloyd Beckman, Lincoln, NE (10) 21.301; 8. 40, Bob Williams, Independence, MO (8) 21.357; 9. 98, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA (2) 21.399; 10. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (150) 21.575; 11. 14, JJ Riggins, Lincoln, NE (13) 21.633; 12. 25, Butch Bahr, Grand Island, NE (1) 21.640; 13. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (4) 21.647; 14. 1x, Randy Smith, Des Moines, IA (26) 21.704; 15. 24, David Dwyer, Columbia, MO (6) 21.776; 16. 23, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (14) 21.831; 17. 3m, Ron Milton, Jacksonville, IL (5) 21.833; 18. 76, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (27) 21.857; 19. 00, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE (12) 21.976; 20. 41x, Dale Oaks, Burlington, IA (19) 21.999; 21. 50, Roger Clark, Milan, IL (9) 22.129; 22. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (24) 22.165; 23. 47, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (11) 22.168; 24. 4, Con Edwards, Ankeny, IA (33) 22.171; 25. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (29) 22.248; 26. 35, Harvey Grooms, Ottumwa, IA (25) 22.351; 27. 44x, Bob Thoman, Higginsville, MO (23) 22.401; 28. 21, Tony Webster, Topeka, KS (17) 22.424; 29. 77, Junior Gutknecht, Pleasantville, IA (22) 22.505; 30. 42, Phil LaGore, Marshall, MO (16) 22.790; 31. 111, Al Murie, Kansas City, MO (31) 22.988; 32. 94, Rick Weld, Kansas City, MO (32) 23.846; 33. 27, Ed Grant, Canton, IL (29) NT; 34. \* 35. \*

**Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:46.97:** 1. Bob Williams (2) 2. Doug Wolfgang (4) 3. Don Maxwell (3) 4. Lloyd Beckman (1) DNS - Lenard McCarl, Lonnie Jensen, Gary Dunkle, Tom Corbin

**Heat one (started), 8 laps, NT:** 1. Mackie Heimbaugh (8) 2. Tony Webster (3) 3. Mike Thomas (6) / 4. Harvey Grooms (4) 5. Phil LaGore (2) ... \*also: Rick Weld (1), Con Edwards (5), Dale Oaks (7)

**Heat two (started), 8 laps, NT:** 1. Steve Hainline (5) 2. Bob Thoman (3) 3. Ron Milton (8) / 4. Rich Brahmer (7) 5. Adrian Zoutte (4) ... \*also: Al Murie (1), Junior Gutknecht (2), Roger Clark (6)

**Heat three (started), 8 laps, NT:** 1. Tom Corbin (6) 2. Butch Bahr (3) 3. Randy Smith (2) 4. Stacy Redmond (4) 5. Bob Williams (5) / ... \*also: Sonny Smyser (1), Gary Dunkle (7), Lonnie Jensen (8)

**Heat four (started), 8 laps, 2:53.92:** 1. Doug Wolfgang (8) 2. Lenard McCarl (7) 3. John Stevenson (2) 4. Lloyd Beckman (5) 5. Mike Pinckney (4) / ... \*also: David Dwyer (1), JJ Riggins (3), Don Maxwell (6)

**B main (started), 10 laps, NT:** 1. JJ Riggins (4) 2. Rich Brahmer (7) 3. Con Edwards (10) 4. Harvey Grooms (12) 5. Ed Grant (17) 6. David Dwyer (3) / ... \*also: Sonny Smyser (1), Gary Dunkle (5), Lonnie Jensen (6), Dale Oaks (8), Roger Clark (9), Adrian Zoutte (11), Junior Gutknecht (13), Phil LaGore (14), Al Murie (15), Rick Weld (16)

**A main (started), 20 laps, NT:** 1. Doug Wolfgang (6) 2. Lloyd Beckman (3) 3. Stacy Redmond (7) 4. JJ Riggins (8) 5. Butch Bahr (9) 6. Tom Corbin (4) 7. Ron Milton (13) 8. Mike Pinckney (1) 9. John Stevenson (10) 10. David Dwyer (12) ... also: Lenard McCarl (5), Randy Smith (11), Bob Williams (2), Steve Hainline (17), Bob Thoman (20), Mackie Heimbaugh (14), Tony Webster (21), Mike Thomas (16), Rich Brahmer (15), Con Edwards (18), Harvey Grooms (19), Ed Grant (22). Lap Leaders: , Wolfgang 2-20.

**6/11/77**

### **Wolfgang Sets Knoxville Mark by Sweeping Twin Features**

Knoxville, IA – Doug Wolfgang of Des Moines won both features Saturday night to become the first driver to win six straight features at the Knoxville Raceway.

Wolfgang won the first 16-lap feature in 5 minutes, 44.12 seconds, then captured the second in 5:51.87, despite starting last. The finishing order of the first feature was inverted for the second, but Wolfgang had overtaken the 18 other drivers by the end of the fifth lap.

Wolfgang earlier won the fourth heat in 2:49.43 over runner-up Lenard McCarl of Des Moines. McCarl was also second in the first feature.

Lonnie Jensen of Lincoln, Nebraska suffered minor injuries in the night's only accident when his car crashed into two others, then plunged into a fence. Jensen was treated and released from a local hospital.

### **Results**

**Time Trials (Qualifying Order):** 1. 71, Sammy Swindell, Memphis, TN (15) 20.531; 2. 34, Gary Dunkle, Lincoln, NE (24) 20.692; 3. 20, Doug Wolfgang, Des Moines, IA (30) 20.737; 4. 25, Butch Bahr, Grand Island, NE (9) 20.945; 5. 49, Lloyd Beckman, Lincoln, NE (8) 21.004; 6. 44, Don Maxwell, Lincoln, NE (7) 21.076; 7. 7x, Lenard McCarl, Des Moines, IA (11) 21.084; 8. 40, Bob Williams, Kansas City, MO (12) 21.181; 9. 4x, Bobby Marshall, Dallas, TX (9) 21.245; 10. 57, Lonnie Jensen, Lincoln, NE (6) 21.399; 11. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (27) 21.403; 12. 30, Gary Johnson, Colfax, IA (29) 21.422; 13. 65, Junior Parkinson, Kansas City, MO (3) 21.502; 14. 14, JJ Riggins, Lincoln, NE (10) 21.539; 15. 3m, Ron Milton, Jacksonville, IL (19) 21.720; 16. 24, David Dwyer, Columbia, MO (17) 21.747; 17. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (26) 21.751; 18. 23, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (23) 21.861; 19. 28, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (28)



21.881; 20. 7, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (13) 21.882; 21. 47, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (25) 21.972; 22. 00, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE (4) 21.975; 23. 76, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (1) 21.989; 24. 50, Roger Clark, Milan, IL (5) 22.151; 25. 4, Con Edwards, Ankeny, IA (32) 22.237; 26. 2, Galen Martin, Fairfield, IA (27) 22.499; 27. 77, Junior Gutknecht, Pleasantville, IA (26) 22.553; 28. 33, Gary Scott, Holt's Summit, MO (18) 22.680; 29. 35, Harvey Grooms, Ottumwa, IA (31) 22.829; 30. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (2) 22.869; 31. 10x, Dean Smith, Fort Dodge, IA (20) 23.447; 32. 21, Tony Webster, Topeka, KS (16) 23.910; 33. 98, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA (33) NT; 34. 3, Jerry Kiene, Des Moines, IA (34) NT.

**Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:46.78:** 1. Lloyd Beckman (2) 2. Sammy Swindell (6) 3. Don Maxwell (1) 4. Doug Wolfgang (4) 5. Gary Dunkle (5) 6. Butch Bahr (3)

**Heat one (started), 8 laps, 3:01.48:** 1. Sonny Smyser (6) 2. Rich Brahmer (4) 3. Junior Gutknecht (3) / 4. Tony Webster (1) 5. Roger Clark (5) 6. Galen Martin (2) 7. Billy Robison (7) DNS - Adrian Zoutte

**Heat two (started), 8 laps, 2:59.59:** 1. Ralph Blackett (3) 2. Gary Scott (1) 3. Harvey Grooms (2) / 4. Steve Hainline (6) 5. Mike Thomas (5) 6. Con Edwards (4) DNS – Dean Smith, Mackie Heimbaugh

**Heat three (started), 8 laps, 2:52.05:** 1. Gary Johnson (1) 2. Gary Dunkle (7) 3. JJ Riggins (2) 4. Bob Williams (3) ... also: Lonnie Jensen (4), Don Maxwell (6), Butch Bahr (5) DNS – David Dwyer

**Heat four (started), 8 laps, 2:49.43:** 1. Doug Wolfgang (7) 2. Lenard McCarl (5) 3. Sammy Swindell (8) 4. Ron Milton (1) 5. Lloyd Beckman (6) / 6. Bobby Marshall (4) ... also: Junior Parkinson (2), Stacy Redmond (3)

**B main (started), 10 laps, 3:42.62:** 1. Steve Hainline (2) 2. Mike Thomas (3) 3. Stacy Redmond (5) 4. Junior Parkinson (4) / 5. Bobby Marshall (6) 6. Galen Martin (7) 7. Tony Webster (8) ... also: Roger Clark (1), Dean Smith (9), Jerry Kiene (10)

**A main one (started), 16 laps, 5:44.12:** 1. Doug Wolfgang (4) 2. Lenard McCarl (2) 3. Sammy Swindell (6) 4. Bob Williams (1) 5. JJ Riggins (9) 6. Lloyd Beckman (3) 7. Gary Johnson (8) 8. Ron Milton (10) 9. Stacy Redmond (7) 10. Mike Thomas (11) 11. Sonny Smyser (12) 12. Steve Hainline (14) 13. Rich Brahmer (13) 14. Gary Scott (18) 15. Harvey Grooms (16) 16. Junior Gutknecht (15) 17. Gary Dunkle (5) 18. Junior Parkinson (17) DNS – Ralph Blackett. Lap Leaders: \*, Wolfgang 16.

**A main two (started), 16 laps, 5:51.87:** 1. Doug Wolfgang (16) 2. Sammy Swindell (14) 3. Lloyd Beckman (11) 4. JJ Riggins (12) 5. Bob Williams (13) 6. Lenard McCarl (15) 7. Gary Dunkle (17) 8. Sonny Smyser (6) 9. Ron Milton (9) 10. Steve Hainline (5) 11. Rich Brahmer (4) 12. Gary Johnson (10) 13. Stacy Redmond (8) 14. Mike Thomas (7) 15. Junior Gutknecht (1) 16. Harvey Grooms (2) 17. Gary Scott (3) 18. Ralph Blackett (18). Lap Leaders: \*, Wolfgang 5-16.

**6/18/77**

### **Seventh in a Row for Doug Wolfgang!**

by Ken Sargent

Knoxville, IA – Doug Wolfgang made it seven wins in a row at Knoxville Raceway by taking the feature event, Saturday night, June 18. For the second time this season, the Des Moines ace made a clean sweep of things, taking the trophy dash, his heat, the feature and setting fast time with a lap of 20.439. This week, however, things were not quite as easy for Wolfgang. Lloyd Beckman gave him all he wanted. Beckman and Wolfgang started in the third row of the main, but by the end of the first circuit, Beckman was running second behind Ralph Blackett. On the sixth lap, Lloyd went around Blackett and one lap later, so did Wolfgang, and the duel was on. With Doug right on his tail, Beckman did a super job of sorting through traffic and keeping in front of

Wolf at the same time. On the 13<sup>th</sup> lap, JJ Riggins brought out the yellow flag when he broke his right wheel in two and rolled it off. It was the end of a frustrating night for Riggins, because it was the second \$180 wheel that Riggins broke. On the restart, Beckman held off Wolfgang for one more lap before Doug took over for his 7<sup>th</sup> victory. Beckman finished second with Bob Williams third, after starting eighth. Ralph Blackett wound up fourth and Don Maxwell was fifth. The second five were made up of Billy Robison, John Stevenson, Stacy Redmond, Gary Dunkle and Sonny Smyser.

In addition to Wolfgang, heat race winners were Dell Schmidt, Tony Webster and Gary Dunkle. Riggins managed to keep a wheel together long enough to win the consolation.

The only mishap of the evening came in the fourth heat on the second turn of the first lap. Gary Johnson and Wolfgang tangled, and Johnson flipped his car. Gary was not injured, but was sidelined for the evening.

## Results

**Time Trials (Qualifying Order):** 1. 20, Doug Wolfgang, Des Moines, IA (9) 20.439; 2. 44, Don Maxwell, Lincoln, NE (17) 20.684; 3. 49, Lloyd Beckman, Lincoln, NE (22) 21.181; 4. 28, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (21) 21.405; 5. 14, JJ Riggins, Lincoln, NE (19) 21.417; 6. 7, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (12) 21.457; 7. 30, Gary Johnson, Colfax, IA (7) 21.480; 8. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (6) 21.508; 9. 4x, Bob Williams, Kansas City, MO (27) 21.526; 10. 34, Gary Dunkle, Lincoln, NE (25) 21.549; 11. 1x, Randy Smith, Des Moines, IA (20) 21.612; 12. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (8) 21.668; 13. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (1) 21.676; 14. 23, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (2) 21.694; 15. 00, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE (3) 21.860; 16. 4, Con Edwards, Ankeny, IA (28) 21.878; 17. 33, Gary Scott, Holt's Summit, MO (16) 21.879; 18. 76, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (21) 22.087; 19. 47, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (23) 22.091; 20. 2, Galen Martin, Fairfield, IA (10) 22.215; 21. 77, Junior Gutknecht, Pleasantville, IA (5) 22.297; 22. 21, Tony Webster, Topeka, KS (18) 22.502; 23. 35, Harvey Grooms, Ottumwa, IA (13) 22.590; 24. 27, Ed Grant, Canton, IL (11) 22.658; 25. 36, Dell Schmidt, Topeka, KS (24) 22.827; 26. 10x, Dean Smith, Fort Dodge, IA (4) 27. 3x, Jerry Kiene, Des Moines, IA (15) 23.031; 28. 82, Steve Morris, Burlington, IA (14) 23.541; 29. 21x, Bill Voitel, Des Moines, IA (29) 25.022.

**Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:48.30:** 1. Doug Wolfgang (6) 2. Lloyd Beckman (4) 3. Ralph Blackett (2) 4. Billy Robison (1) 5. Don Maxwell (5) 6. JJ Riggins (3)

**Heat one (started), 8 laps, 3:03.22:** 1. Dell Schmidt (3) 2. Steve Hainline (6) 3. Gary Scott (7) / 4. Harvey Grooms (5) 5. Bill Voitel (1) ... also: Jerry Kiene (2), Junior Gutknecht (5)

**Heat two (started), 8 laps, NT:** 1. Tony Webster (4) 2. Galen Martin (5) 3. Steve Morris (1) / 4. Dean Smith (2) 5. Ed Grant (3) DNS - Mackie Heimbaugh

**Heat three (started), 8 laps, \*:** 1. Gary Dunkle (4) 2. Con Edwards (1) 3. Don Maxwell (8) 4. John Stevenson (3) 5. Sonny Smyser (2) 6. Stacy Redmond (5) 7. Billy Robison (6) 8. JJ Riggins (7)

**Heat four (started), 8 laps, NT:** 1. Doug Wolfgang (8) 2. Lloyd Beckman (7) 3. Ralph Blackett (6) 4. Rich Brahmer (1) 5. Bob Williams (4) / 6. Randy Smith (3) 7. Mike Thomas (2) 8. Gary Johnson (5)

**B main (started), 10 laps, 3:46.39:** 1. JJ Riggins (6) 2. Billy Robison (5) 3. Mike Thomas (2) 4. Stacy Redmond (4) / 5. Randy Smith (3) 6. Harvey Grooms (1) 7. Bill Voitel (12) 8. Jerry Kiene (8) 9. Dean Smith (7) DNS – Mackie Heimbaugh, Junior Gutknecht, Ed Grant, Gary Johnson

**A main (started), 20 laps, NT:** 1. Doug Wolfgang (6) 2. Lloyd Beckman (4) 3. Bob Williams (8) 4. Ralph Blackett (2) 5. Don Maxwell (5) 6. Billy Robison (1) 7. John Stevenson (10) 8. Stacy Redmond (7) 9. Gary Dunkle (9) 10. Sonny Smyser (12) 11. Mike Thomas (11) 12. Rich Brahmer (13) 13. Con Edwards (14) 14.

Gary Scott (15) 15. Galen Martin (17) 16. Dell Schmidt (19) 17. Steve Hainline (16) 18. Tony Webster (18) 19. Steve Morris (20) 20. JJ Riggins (3). **Lap Leaders:** Blackett 1-5, Beckman 6-14, Wolfgang 15-20.

**6/25/77**

### **Mid-Season Championship to Wolfgang!**

by Ken Sargent

Knoxville, IA – Doug Wolfgang made it eight feature wins in a row Saturday night, June 25 by taking the 25-lap main event for the Mid-Season Championship. Starting in his customary sixth position because of fast time, Wolfgang raced by four of the cars on the first lap and on the first turn of the second lap went by Butch Bahr to take the lead for good. Wolfgang wound up with nearly a half-lap lead over Bahr and lapped half of the field. Bobby Marshall, up all the way from Dallas, Texas, started fifth and finished third. Mackie Heimbaugh, in his best finish ever, was fourth, and Sonny Smyser was fifth. The second five was made up of Billy Robison, John Stevenson, Lonnie Jensen, Lloyd Beckman and Stacy Redmond.

Wolfgang's fast time was 21.283 over six-tenths of a second better than anyone else. Wolfgang was kept from his third sweep of the season when a spark plug wire was knocked off in the trophy dash. Other heat race winners were Mike Brooks, Rich Brahmer and Tony Webster. Sonny Smyser won the ten-lap consolation race. 37 cars were on hand for the mid-season affair and the yellow flag was not used throughout the evening. Next week's purse will be \$6,400 and \$1,250 going to the main event winner. In addition to the sprint show next Saturday night, motorcycles will take to the half-mile on Sunday afternoon, July 3, and stock cars will battle it out on Sunday night, July 3.

### **Results**

**Time Trials (Qualifying Order):** 1. 20, Doug Wolfgang, Des Moines, IA (28) 21.283; 2. 19, Bobby Marshall, Dallas, TX (14) 21.917; 3. 49, Lloyd Beckman, Lincoln, NE (5) 21.944; 4. 44, Don Maxwell, Lincoln, NE (4) 21.955; 5. 25, Butch Bahr, Grand Island, NE (18); 6. 76, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (20) 22.221; 7. 14, JJ Riggins, Lincoln, NE (10) 22.325; 8. 57, Lonnie Jensen, Lincoln, NE (1) 22.348; 9. 33, Jerry Blundy, Dahinda, IL (27) 22.352; 10. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (26) 22.372; 11. 34, Gary Dunkle, Lincoln, NE (35) 22.444; 12. 7, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (30) 22.469; 13. 23, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (19) 22.480; 14. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (22) 22.544; 15. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (23) 22.598; 16. 28, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (16) 22.601; 17. 21, Tony Webster, Topeka, KS (3) 22.603; 18. 41, Dale Oaks, Burlington, IA (29) 22.657; 19. 86, Gary Scott, Holt's Summit, MO (25) 22.751; 20. 30, Gary Johnson, Colfax, IA (8) 22.762; 21. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (32) 22.865; 22. 35, Harvey Grooms, Ottumwa, IA (15) 22.935; 23. 1, Junior Gutknecht, Pleasantville, IA (33) 23.221; 24. 4, Con Edwards, Ankeny, IA (11) 23.238; 25. 47, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (13) 23.277; 26. 95, Jeff Rice, Topeka, KS (34) 23.332; 27. 127, Bob Thoman, Higginsville, MO (9) 23.378; 28. 15, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO (24) 23.394; 29. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (31) 23.443; 30. 6x, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE (7) 23.499; 31. 41, Steve Lewis, Kansas City, MO (12) 23.692; 32. 00, Randy Smith, Des Moines, IA (36) 33. 2, Galen Martin, Fairfield, IA (6) 23.889; 34. 82, Steve Morris, Burlington, IA (17) 23.993; 35. 10x, Dean Smith, Fort Dodge, IA (2) 24.964; 36. 102, Mel Van Wyk, Des Moines, IA (21) 25.570; 37. 66, Ralph Parkinson, Gladstone, MO (37) NT.

**Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:49.92:** 1. Butch Bahr (2) 2. Lloyd Beckman (4) 3. Bobby Marshall (5) 4. Don Maxwell (3) 5. Mackie Heimbaugh (1) 6. Doug Wolfgang (6)

**Heat one (started\*), 8 laps, 3:08.26:** 1. Mike Brooks (7) 2. Steve Lewis (2) 3. Bob Thoman (4) / 4. Galen Martin (1) 5. Steve Hainline (5) ... \*also: Adrian Zoutte (3), Junior Gutknecht (6), Gary Scott (8), Dean Smith (9), Mel Van Wyk (10)

**Heat two (started\*), 8 laps, 3:05.58:** 1. Rich Brahmer (2) 2. Ralph Parkinson (10) 3. Jerry Potter (3) / 4. Con Edwards (5) 5. Randy Smith (1) 6. Dale Oaks (8) 7. Jeff Rice (4) ... \*also: Harvey Grooms (6), Gary Johnson (7), Steve Morris (9)

**Heat three (started\*), 8 laps, 3:01.26:** 1. Tony Webster (1) 2. Bobby Marshall (8) 3. John Stevenson (2) 4. Lonnie Jensen (5) 5. Mackie Heimbaugh (6) / 6. Mike Thomas (4) 7. Don Maxwell (7) 8. Billy Robison (3) DNS – Ralph Blackett

**Heat four (started\*), 8 laps, 3:01.26:** 1. Doug Wolfgang (8) 2. Gary Dunkle (3) 3. Butch Bahr (6) 4. Lloyd Beckman (7) 5. Stacy Redmond (1) / 6. Jerry Blundy (4) ... \*also: Sonny Smyser (2), JJ Riggins (5)

**B main (started\*), 10 laps, 3:44.29:** 1. Sonny Smyser (1) 2. Don Maxwell (6) 3. Billy Robison (2) 4. JJ Riggins (5) / 5. Jerry Blundy (4) 6. Mike Thomas (3) 7. Con Edwards (10) 8. Junior Gutknecht (11) 9. Harvey Grooms (10) 10. Galen Martin (14) 11. Dean Smith (16) 12. Randy Smith (13) 13. Mel Van Wyk (17) ... \*also: Dale Oaks (7), 11, Steve Hainline (12), Jeff Rice (11), Steve Morris (15), DNS – Ralph Blackett, Gary Scott, Gary Johnson

**A main (started), 25 laps, 9:18.95:** 1. Doug Wolfgang (6) 2. Butch Bahr (2) 3. Bobby Marshall (5) 4. Mackie Heimbaugh (1) 5. Sonny Smyser (11) 6. Billy Robison (10) 7. John Stevenson (12) 8. Lonnie Jensen (8) 9. Lloyd Beckman (4) 10. Stacy Redmond (13) 11. Gary Dunkle (9) 12. Ralph Parkinson (20) 13. JJ Riggins (7) 14. Bob Thoman (16) 15. Rich Brahmer (18) 16. Jerry Potter (17) 17. Steve Lewis (19) 18. Tony Webster (14) 19-20. Mike Brooks (15), Don Maxwell (3). **Lap Leaders:** Bahr 1, Wolfgang 2-25.

**7/2/77**

### **Nine Feature Wins in a Row for Doug Wolfgang as Rain Delays Races**

by Ken Sargent

Knoxville, IA – Not even the rain can stop Doug Wolfgang from winning at Knoxville. Despite rain delaying action three times, Wolfgang won his ninth feature in a row July 2<sup>nd</sup>. With thirteen of the 37 cars timed, the rain began and caused the first delay. After the track was ironed out again, the decision was made to skip the rest of the time trials and draw for positions. The first heat was run and a second rain delay set in. After the second heat, another delay was forced by the rain. After it stopped this time, it quit for good and cleared the way for the best main of the season.

By virtue of his draw, Wolfgang started 15<sup>th</sup>. Bill Robison started on the pole and took the lead for the first ten laps, battling Mackie Heimbaugh tooth and nail for the lead. Heimbaugh took over the front spot on the eleventh lap and at the same time, Wolfgang moved into the fourth spot. On the thirteenth go-around, Butch Bahr and Wolfgang both moved by Heimbaugh to take over the top two spots. Bahr held off Wolfgang until the 17<sup>th</sup> lap when Doug went around him in turn three and took over the lead for good. Bahr held on for second, while Heimbaugh finished third, JJ Riggins was fourth and Stacy Redmond fifth.

The second five was Lonnie Jensen, Mike Pinckney, Billy Robison, Jerry Blundy and Jerry Potter. Wolfgang again made it a sweep by taking his heat race and the trophy dash. Since time trials were not run, the trophy dash was made up of the four heat winners: Wolfgang, John Stevenson, Potter and Lloyd Beckman. Gary Dunkle took the 12-lap consolation event. 37 cars were on hand for the program that was run off smoothly except for the rain delays.

### **Results**

**Partial Time Trials by Qualifying Order (rain intervened):** 32A, Charlie Brown, Phoenix, AZ, 23.652; 76, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA, 22.278; 25, Butch Bahr, Grand Island, NE, 21.540; 15, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO, 21.740; 57, Lonnie Jensen, Lincoln, NE, 21.802; 20, Doug Wolfgang, Des Moines, IA, 20.756; 27, Ed Grant, Canton, IL, 23.498; 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA, 22.047; 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA, 23.974; 86, Gary Scott, Holt's Summit, MO, 21.602; 36, Dell Schmidt, Topeka, KS, 22.447; 86x, Ray Rodden, Dallas, TX, 23.151; 6x, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE, 22.160; 10x, Dean Smith, Fort Dodge, IA, NT.

**(Heats were lined up by draw)**

**Heat one (started), 8 laps, NT:** 1. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (2) 2. 7, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (1) 3. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (5) 4. 35, Harvey Grooms, Ottumwa, IA (4) 5. Ray Rodden (8) 6. 8x, Bob Morris, Birmingham, IA (7) ... also: 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (3), 34, Gary Dunkle, Lincoln, NE (6) DNS – 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA

**Heat two (started), 8 laps, NT:** 1. Jerry Potter (1) 2. 33, Jerry Blundy, Dahinda, IL (3) 3. 14, JJ Riggins, Lincoln, NE (5) 4. Stacy Redmond (6) 5. 2, Galen Martin, Fairfield, IA (4) 6. 47, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (7) 7. 00, John Sernett, Laurens, IA (8) 8. Dell Schmidt (2) DNS – 144, Bill McKinskie, Quincy, IL

**Heat three (started), 8 laps, NT:** 1. Doug Wolfgang (3) 2. Mackie Heimbaugh (2) 3. 98, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA (4) 4. Butch Bahr (7) 5. 1, Junior Gutknecht, Pleasantville, IA (1) 6. Gary Scott (5) 7. 41x, Dale Oaks, Burlington, IA (6) 8. 41, Steve Lewis, Kansas City, MO (8) 9. 3x, Jerry Kiene, Des Moines, IA (9)

**Heat four (started), 8 laps, NT:** 1. 49, Lloyd Beckman, Lincoln, NE (3) 2. 7x, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (2) 3. 21, Tony Webster, Topeka, KS (8) 4. Lonnie Jensen (7) 5. 50, Roger Clark, Milan, IL (5) 6. Ed Grant (8) 7. Dean Smith (6) 8. Rich Brahmer (1) DNS – Charlie Brown

**Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, NT:** 1. Doug Wolfgang (3) 2. Jerry Potter (2) 3. John Stevenson (1) 4. Lloyd Beckman (4)

**B main (started\*), 12 laps, NT:** 1. Gary Dunkle (9) 2. Junior Gutknecht (3) 3. Roger Clark (4) 4. Gary Scott (7) 5. Galen Martin (2) / 6. John Sernett (8) 7. Bob Morris (5) 8. Steve Lewis (14) 9. Adrian Zoutte (13) 10. Dale Oaks (11) ... also: Ray Rodden (1), Ed Grant (6), Dell Schmidt (10), Rich Brahmer (12), Jerry Kiene (15) DNS – Steve Hainline, Dean Smith, Mike Thomas, Bill McKinskie, Charlie Brown

**A main (started), 20 laps, NT:** 1. Doug Wolfgang (15) 2. Butch Bahr (11) 3. Mackie Heimbaugh (3) 4. JJ Riggins (6) 5. Stacy Redmond (10) 6. Lonnie Jensen (12) 7. Mike Pinckney (7) 8. Billy Robison (1) 9. Jerry Blundy (2) 10. Jerry Potter (14) 11. Gary Scott (18) 12. Roger Clark (19) 13. Galen Martin (20) 14. Harvey Grooms (9) 15. Tony Webster (8) 16. Ralph Blackett (4) 17. John Stevenson (13) 18. Gary Dunkle (17) 19-20. Mike Brooks (5), Junior Gutknecht (16) DNS – Lloyd Beckman. **Lap Leaders:** Robison 1-10, Heimbaugh 11-12, Bahr 13-16, Wolfgang 17-20.

**7/3/77**

**Late Models**

**Fast Dash:** 1. Joe Merryfield, Des Moines, IA

**Heat one:** 1. Joe Wallace, Kansas City, KS

**Heat two:** 1. Ron Jackson, Burlington, IA

**Consolation:** 1. Jerry Pitcher

**A Main:** 1. Steve Keppler, Burlington, IA

## **Sportsmen**

**Fast Dash:** 1. Rocky Hodges, Des Moines, IA

**Heat one:** 1. Dave Farren, Des Moines, IA

**Heat two:** 1. Bill Davis, Des Moines, IA

**A Main:** 1. Bill Davis

**7/9/77**

## **Beckman Stops Wolfgang's Winning Streak Here!**

Knoxville, IA – Lloyd Beckman became the first man to beat Doug Wolfgang this season at Knoxville by winning the 20-lap main event Saturday night, July 9. The veteran driver from Lincoln, Nebraska started in the third spot and he and pole-sitter Ralph Blackett had built up a good lead after four laps with Blackett in the number one spot. On the fifth lap, a yellow flag came out for Gary Scott. This gave Wolfgang a bit of a break, because he was able to pull up on Blackett and Beckman. On the restart though, the pair pulled away again, and on the sixth lap, Beckman went around Blackett as they roared out of the fourth turn. Earlier in the same lap, Wolfgang went a little too high and hit the fence in turn two. Doug managed to get it back under control and stay in the race, but he had lost valuable time. After passing Blackett, Beckman led the rest of the way, winning by about ten car lengths over Blackett, who nipped Wolfgang at the line. Randy Smith ran fourth and Butch Bahr was fifth. The second five was made up of Ron Milton, Stacy Redmond, Bill Curtis, Mackie Heimbaugh and Sonny Smyser. Beckman, who is in his second year back after a layoff from sprint car racing, stopped Wolfgang's streak at nine. In the winner's circle after the race, it was hard to tell who was happier, Beckman, or the crowd. The 50 year old Lincoln ace has been a crowd pleaser all season, after dancing a jig when he won a trophy dash earlier in the year.

The track was a little bit on the dry, hard, slick side and resulted in several spinouts, but no major incidents. Beckman brushed the fence coming out of turn four in his heat race. The heat races went to Sonny Smyser, Jerry Blundy, Ron Milton and Mackie Heimbaugh. Blackett won the trophy dash, Randy Smith the consolation and Wolfgang had fast time trial, as he has every week but one this season. He turned the half mile in 20.660. 37 cars were on hand for the program.

## **Results**

**Time Trials\* (Qualifying Order):** 1. 20, Doug Wolfgang, Des Moines, IA (29) 20.660; 2. 34, Gary Dunkle, Lincoln, NE (13) 20.887; 3. 25, Butch Bahr, Grand Island, NE (7) 20.974; 4. 49, Lloyd Beckman, Lincoln, NE (4) 20.992; 5. 7x, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (22) 21.070; 6. 86, Gary Scott, Holt's Summit, MO (10) 21.195; 7. 03, Randy Smith, Des Moines, IA (16) 21.233; 8. 17, Bill Curtis, Kansas City, MO (8) 21.341; 9. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (23) 21.350; 10. 57, Lonnie Jensen, Lincoln, NE (19) 21.360; 11. 15, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO (21) 21.480; 12. 14, JJ Riggins, Lincoln, NE (5) 21.539; 13. 76, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (34) 21.549; 14. 8, Ron Milton, Jacksonville, IL (30) 21.660; 15. 28, Ken Potter, Grandview, MO (15) 21.674; 16. 1, Junior Gutknecht, Pleasantville, IA (18) 21.760; 17. 6, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE (9) 21.793; 18. 23, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (2) 21.862; 19. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (14) 21.888; 20.

21. 35, Harvey Grooms, Ottumwa, IA (1) 22.013; 22. 50, Roger Clark, Milan, IL (3) 22.019; 23. 47, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (6) 22.051; 24. 33, Jerry Blundy, Dahinda, IL (20) 22.160; 25. 2, Galen Martin, Fairfield, IA (12) 22.194; 26. 27, Ed Grant, Canton, IL (27) 22.197; 27. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (25) 22.380; 28. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (26) 22.630; 29. 00, John Sernett, Laurens, IA (17) 22.760; 30. 82, Steve Morris, Burlington, IA (31) 22.820; 31. 21, Tony Webster, Topeka, KS (24) 23.030; 32. 8x, Bob Morris, Birmingham, IA (28) 23.380; 33. 137, Bernie Treadwell, Topeka, KS (11) 24.137 34. 98, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA (32) NT; 35. 114, Barney Bauernfeind, Grandview, MO (33) NT; 36. 34x, Mark David, Cedar Falls, IA (35) NT; 37. 10x, Dean Smith, Fort Dodge, IA (36) NT; 38. Roger Anderson, Waterloo, IA (38), NT.

**Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:47.86:** 1. Ralph Blackett (2) 2. Lloyd Beckman (3) 3. Doug Wolfgang (6) 4. Butch Bahr (4) 5. Gary Scott (1) 6. Gary Dunkle (5)

**Heat one (started), 8 laps, NT:** 1. Sonny Smyser (8) 2. Steve Hainline (6) 3. Steve Morris (3) / 4. Mike Thomas (4) 5. Bernie Treadwell (1) ... also: Tony Webster (2), Galen Martin (5), Harvey Grooms (7)

**Heat two (started), 8 laps, NT:** 1. Jerry Blundy (5) 2. Mike Brooks (7) 3. Ed Grant (2) / 4. Adrian Zoutte (4) 5. Rich Brahmer (8) 6. John Sernett (3) 7. Bob Morris (1) 8. Roger Clark (6)

**Heat three (started), 8 laps, NT:** 1. Ron Milton (2) 2. Lloyd Beckman (7) 3. Gary Dunkle (8) 4. Lonnie Jensen (4) 5. Bill Curtis (5) / 6. JJ Riggins (3) 7. Gary Scott (6) 8. Junior Gutknecht (1)

**Heat four (started), 8 laps, 2:59.00:** 1. Mackie Heimbaugh (2) 2. Ralph Blackett (6) 3. Doug Wolfgang (8) 4. Butch Bahr (7) 5. Stacy Redmond (3) / 6. Randy Smith (5) 7. Ken Potter (1) 8. Jerry Potter (4)

**B main (started), 10 laps, NT:** 1. Randy Smith (2) 2. Gary Scott (1) 3. Jerry Potter (3) 4. Junior Gutknecht (6) / 5. JJ Riggins (4) 6. Ken Potter (5) ... also: Rich Brahmer (7), Roger Clark (8), Adrian Zoutte (9), Mike Thomas (10), John Sernett (11), Tony Webster (12), Bob Morris (13), Bernie Treadwell (14), Mike Pinckney (15)

**A main (started), 20 laps, NT:** 1. Lloyd Beckman (3) 2. Ralph Blackett (2) 3. Doug Wolfgang (6) 4. Randy Smith (7) 5. Butch Bahr (4) 6. Ron Milton (13) 7. Stacy Redmond (9) 8. Bill Curtis (8) 9. Mackie Heimbaugh (12) 10. Sonny Smyser (15) 11. Junior Gutknecht (14) 12. Lonnie Jensen (10) 13. Jerry Blundy (18) 14. Ed Grant (20) 15. Steve Morris (19) 16. Steve Hainline (17) 17. Mike Brooks (16) 18. Jerry Potter (11) 19-20. Gary Dunkle (5), Gary Scott (1). **Lap Leaders:** Blackett 1-6, Beckman 7-20.

**7/16/77**

### **Lloyd Beckman Wins Feature Second Week in a Row!**

by Ken Sargent

Knoxville, IA – Lloyd Beckman captured his second consecutive feature by taking the checkered flag Saturday night, July 16. Beckman, who snapped Doug Wolfgang's winning streak at nine the previous week, took over the lead to stay on the 7<sup>th</sup> lap. But before that, Dave Engerbretson, Butch Bahr and Beckman were staging quite a battle. Engerbretson started on the pole, and led the first six laps, with Bahr and Beckman right on his bumper. Engerbretson and Bahr turned the entire fourth lap wheel to wheel with Engerbretson just having his nose in front. On the sixth lap, Beckman went high in the third turn to get around Bahr, and one lap later, used the same spot to move past Engerbretson and take the lead. The only challenge to his lead came on the 14<sup>th</sup> lap, when the yellow flag caused a restart and allowed Bahr to close the gap. But on the restart, Beckman pulled away to win comfortably. Bahr finished second, JJ Riggins got around Engerbretson for third, while Dave finished fourth and Randy Smith was fifth.

Jerry Potter took the trophy dash, with heat races going to Terry Turbak, Galen Martin, Beckman and Bahr. Randy Smith won the consolation event for the second straight week. 43 cars were on hand to compete for the \$7,100 purse.

## Results

**Time Trials (Qualifying Order):** 1. 25, Butch Bahr, Grand Island, NE (5) 20.924; 2. 7x, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (11) 20.980; 3. 49, Lloyd Beckman, Lincoln, NE (39) 21.056; 4. 98, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA (27) 21.118; 5. 03, Randy Smith, Des Moines, IA (1) 21.351; 6. 15, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO (31) 21.416; 7. 99, Dave Engerbretson, Sioux Falls, SD (6) 21.504; 8. 14, JJ Riggins, Lincoln, NE (23) 21.540; 9. 30, Gary Johnson, Colfax, IA (15) 21.608; 10. 23, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (28) 21.639; 11. 57, Lonnie Jensen, Lincoln, NE (17) 21.680; 12. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (29) 21.750; 13. 76, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (19) 21.752; 14. 6x, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE (18) 21.856; 15. 1, Junior Gutknecht, Pleasantville, IA (13) 21.949; 16. 140, Lee Osborne, Jamestown, IN (26) 22.028; 17. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (21) 22.078; 18. 59, Dennis Olson, Braham, MN (7) 22.193; 19. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (14) 22.218; 20. 21, Tony Webster, Topeka, KS (39) 22.227; 21. 54, Dan Shearen, White Bear Lake, MN (35) 22.336; 22. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (12) 22.458; 23. 50, Roger Clark, Milan, IL (25) 22.486; 24. 33, Jerry Blundy, Dahinda, IL (16) 22.639; 25. 1x, Terry Turbak, Sioux Falls, SD (32) 22.826; 26. 27, Ed Grant, Canton, IL (9) 22.837; 27. 82, Steve Morris, Burlington, IA (4) 22.842; 28. 111, Al Murie, Kansas City, MO (24) 22.851; 29. 34x, Mark David, Cedar Falls, IA (40) 22.898; 30. 2, Galen Martin, Fairfield, IA (33) 23.036; 31. 10x, Dean Smith, Fort Dodge, IA (34) 23.107; 32. 39, Jerry Kiene, Des Moines, IA (36) 23.436; 33. 00, Roger Hurst, Kansas City, MO (37) 23.457; 34. 17, Roger Anderson, Waterloo, IA (10) 23.664; 35. 8x, Bob Morris, Birmingham, IA (22) 23.701; 36. 711, Victor Chudy, Plattsmouth, NE (8) 23.793; 37. 110, Al Willey, Moline, IL (2) 24.090; 38. 16, Jim Robertson, Ashland, NE (30) 24.399; 39. 155, Al Robinson, Lincoln, NE (20) 24.853; 40. 137, Bernie Treadwell, Topeka, KS (3) NT; 41. 13, Roger Abbott, Redwood City, CA (41) NT; 42. \* 43. \*.

**Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:47.71:** 1. Jerry Potter (2) 2. Butch Bahr (6) 3. Dave Engerbretson (1) 4. Lloyd Beckman (5) 5. Randy Smith (3) 6. Mike Pinckney (4) DNS - Ralph Blackett

**Heat one (started), 8 laps, 3:06.42:** 1. Terry Turbak (5) 2. Roger Clark (6) 3. Dan Shearen (7) / 4. Mike Thomas (8) 5. Steve Morris (4) 6. Roger Anderson (1) ... also: Mark David (3), Dean Smith (2)

**Heat two (started), 8 laps, NT:** 1. Galen Martin (2) 2. Jerry Blundy (5) 3. Dennis Olson (8) / 4. Adrian Zoutte (6) 5. Roger Hurst (1) ... also: Tony Webster (7), Ed Grant (4), Al Murie (3)

**Heat three (started), 8 laps, 2:56.29:** 1. Lloyd Beckman (8) 2. Lonnie Jensen (4) 3. Gary Johnson (5) 4. Stacy Redmond (1) 5. Junior Gutknecht (2) / 6. Randy Smith (7) 7. Dave Engerbretson (6) 8. Mackie Heimbaugh (3) DNS – Ralph Blackett

**Heat four (started), 8 laps, NT:** 1. Butch Bahr (5) 2. Lee Osborne (1) 3. JJ Riggins (3) 4. Rich Brahmer (2) 5. Jerry Potter (6) / 6. Sonny Smyser (4) DNS - Mike Pinckney, Mike Brooks

**B main (started), 10 laps, NT:** 1. Randy Smith (3) 2. Mackie Heimbaugh (1) 3. Dave Engerbretson (2) 4. Mike Thomas (5) / 5. Adrian Zoutte (7) 6. Steve Morris (6) 7. Dean Smith (9) 8. Victor Chudy (8) 9. Bob Morris (9) 10. Jim Robertson (12) ... also: Tony Webster (4), Mark David (11), Al Robinson (10) DNS – Mike Brooks, Sonny Smyser, Ralph Blackett, Mike Pinckney, Ed Grant, Al Murie, Dean Smith, Roger Hurst, Al Willey

**A main (started), 20 laps, NT:** 1. Lloyd Beckman (5) 2. Butch Bahr (6) 3. JJ Riggins (1) 4. Dave Engerbretson (2) 5. Randy Smith (4) 6. Rich Brahmer (10) 7. Stacy Redmond (13) 8. Junior Gutknecht (11) 9. Dennis Olson (14) 10. Roger Clark (17) 11. Galen Martin (18) 12. Gary Johnson (7) 13. Mike Thomas (15) 14. Mackie



Heimbaugh (9) 15. Lee Osborne (12) 16. Jerry Potter (3) 17. Lonnie Jensen (8) 18. Terry Turbak (19) 19. Jerry Blundy (16) DNS – Dan Shearen. **Lap Leaders:** Engerbretson 1-6, Beckman 7-20.

**7/23/77**

## **Wolfgang Wins at Knoxville**

Knoxville, IA – Stopped two weeks by Lloyd Beckman, Doug Wolfgang moved back into the winners' circle Saturday night, July 23.

For the Des Moines ace, it was his 10<sup>th</sup> feature victory in twelve weeks of racing here. Only Beckman kept Wolfgang from a clean sweep by taking the five-lap trophy dash.

The feature event got off to a nasty start when Gary Dunkle and Gary Johnson bumped, and Dunkle spun sideways. The rest of the field, about ten cars, faced a difficult and impossible task of trying to avoid them.

JJ Riggins got the worst end of the deal. He was sent into the fence upside down. Riggins suffered a minor shoulder injury, and was treated and released at Collins Memorial Hospital.

The accident sidelined Riggins, Dunkle and Mike Brooks.

When the race was restarted, Ralph Blackett moved into the lead on the first lap, but Beckman went around him on lap two and held the lead until the 15<sup>th</sup> lap. After Wolfgang raced with him for two laps, Lloyd couldn't hold him off any longer, and Doug took over first.

The yellow flag came out on the next lap for Randy Smith's spinout. On the restart, Blackett took over second from Beckman and they finished that way.

Wolfgang had started sixth by virtue of fast time, with a lap of 20.596 seconds. Butch Bahr finished fourth with California driver Jimmy Boyd fifth.

The second five consisted of Mike Pinckney, Shane Carson, Lee Osborne, Ron Milton and Mackie Heimbaugh.

It was a long, tiring night for Heimbaugh. He had troubles in timing and failed to make the top 32 for the show. That put him into the C main which he won.

That qualified him to start at the back of the B. He sliced his way through the pack coming up to finish fourth, qualifying him for the A. Again starting on the back, he came up to the tenth spot.

Gary Johnson of Colfax won the B main. Heat races went to Lee Osborne, Tony Webster, Beckman and Wolfgang.

Forty-seven cars were on hand for the races. Next week, the purse will be \$7,300.

## **Results**

**Time Trials (Qualifying Order):** 1. 20, Doug Wolfgang, Des Moines, IA (4) 20.596; 2. 25, Butch Bahr, Grand Island, NE (36) 20.821; 3. 98, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA (16) 20.833; 4. 7x, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (26) 20.903; 5. 21x, Jimmy Boyd, Dixon, CA (13) 20.928; 6. 49, Lloyd Beckman, Lincoln, NE (9) 20.934; 7. 56, Gary Patterson, Carmichael, CA (1) 21.053; 8. 10, Gary Scott, Holt's Summit, MO (3) 21.094; 9. 44, Gary Dunkle, Lincoln, NE (25) 21.153; 10. 55, Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, OK (34) 21.193; 11. 30, Gary

Johnson, Colfax, IA (27) 21.332; 12. 03, Randy Smith, Des Moines, IA (39) 21.433; 13. 6x, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE (19) 21.448; 14. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (17) 21.508; 15. 81, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (12) 21.528; 16. 92, Mike Shaw, Northridge, CA (18) 22.531; 17. 14, JJ Riggins, Lincoln, NE (23) 21.572; 18. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (37) 21.620; 19. 63, Bob Geldner, St. Peter, MN (30) 21.627; 20. 8, Ron Milton, Jacksonville, IL (43) 21.633; 21. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (22) 21.643; 22. 59, Dennis Olson, Braham, MN (7) 21.759; 23. 00, Harvey Grooms, Ottumwa, IA (6) 21.934; 24. 86, Scott Carson, Oklahoma City, OK (21) 21.977; 25. 1, Junior Gutknecht, Pleasantville, IA (28) 22.052; 26. 4J, Lee Osborne, Jamestown, IN (46) 22.067; 27. 78, Jimmy Sills, Sacramento, CA (42) 22.076; 28. 50, Roger Clark, Milan, IL (5) 22.095; 29. 15, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO (24) 22.121; 30. 47, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (45) 22.196; 31. 21, Tony Webster, Topeka, KS (2) 22.210; 32. 27x, Jon Johnson, Utica, KS (38) 22.213; 33. 33, Jerry Blundy, Dahinda, IL (29) 22.233; 34. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (15) 22.254; 35. 2, Galen Martin, Fairfield, IA (31) 22.362; 36. 76, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (20) 22.393; 37. 27, Ed Grant, Canton, IL (41) 22.442; 38. 10x, Dean Smith, Fort Dodge, IA (8) 22.499; 39. 114, Barney Bauernfeind, Grandview, MO (11) 22.786; 40. 8x, Bob Morris, Birmingham, IA (32) 23.343; 41. 17, Roger Anderson, Waterloo, IA (14) 23.411; 42. 711, Victor Chudy, Plattsmouth, NE (35) 23.462; 43. 96, Al Willey, Moline, IL (10) 24.377; 44. 117, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (40) 25.310; 45. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (33) NT; 46. 1c, Bill Curtis, Kansas City, MO (44) NT; 47. \*.

**Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:46.83:** 1. Lloyd Beckman (1) 2. Doug Wolfgang (6) 3. Jimmy Boyd (2) 4. Mike Pinckney (4) 5. Ralph Blackett (3) 6. Butch Bahr (5)

**Heat one (started), 8 laps, 2:59.35:** 1. Lee Osborne (4) 2. Mike Brooks (8) 3. Ron Milton (7) / 4. Jon Johnson (1) 5. Dennis Olson (6) 6. Roger Clark (3) 7. Scott Carson (5) 8. Steve Hainline (2)

**Heat two (started), 8 laps, NT:** 1. Tony Webster (1) 2. John Stevenson (6) 3. JJ Riggins (8) / 4. Junior Gutknecht (4) 5. Bob Geldner (5) 6. Jerry Blundy (7) 7. Jimmy Sills (3) 8. Jerry Potter (2)

**Heat three (started), 8 laps, 2:57.29:** 1. Lloyd Beckman (6) 2. Shane Carson (4) 3. Butch Bahr (8) 4. Ralph Blackett (7) 5. Randy Smith (4) / 6. Mike Thomas (2) 7. Gary Scott (5) 8. Mike Shaw (1)

**Heat four (started), 8 laps, 2:54.95:** 1. Doug Wolfgang (8) 2. Gary Dunkle (4) 3. Mike Pinckney (7) 4. Jimmy Boyd (6) 5. Rich Brahmer (2) / 6. Billy Robison (1), also: Gary Johnson (3), Gary Patterson (5)

**C main (started), 10 laps, 3:42.01:** 1. Mackie Heimbaugh (5) / 2. Barney Bauernfeind (2) 3. Ed Grant (4) 4. Bill Curtis (11) 5. Dean Smith (3) 6. Galen Martin (6) 7. Victor Chudy (8) 8. Roger Anderson (7) 9. Cliff Woodward (10) 10. Bob Morris (1) 11. Al Willey (9)

**B main (started), 10 laps, 3:48.10:** 1. Gary Johnson (5) 2. Billy Robison (3) 3. Mike Shaw (2) 4. Mackie Heimbaugh (13) 5. Mike Thomas (4) 6. Junior Gutknecht (8) 7. Gary Scott (10) 8. Gary Patterson (1) 9. Jerry Potter (10) 10. Scott Carson (7) ... also: Jimmy Sills (9), Steve Hainline (11), Jon Johnson (12), Adrian Zoutte (14) DNS – Jerry Blundy

**A main (started), 20 laps, NT:** 1. Doug Wolfgang (6) 2. Ralph Blackett (3) 3. Lloyd Beckman (1) 4. Butch Bahr (5) 5. Jimmy Boyd (2) 6. Mike Pinckney (4) 7. Shane Carson (8) 8. Lee Osborne (20) 9. Ron Milton (17) 10. Mackie Heimbaugh (22) 11. Mike Shaw (14) 12. Billy Robison (13) 13. Gary Johnson (9) 14. Rich Brahmer (11) 15. John Stevenson (18) 16. Randy Smith (10) 17. Dennis Olson (19) 18. Tony Webster (21) 19-22. Gary Dunkle (7), Mike Thomas (12), JJ Riggins (15), Mike Brooks (16). **Lap Leaders:** Blackett 1, Beckman 2-14, Wolfgang 15-20.

**7/30/77 (Rain)**

## 20 of 47 cars complete Time Trials...

**Time Trials (Qualifying Order):** 1. 171, Sammy Swindell, Memphis, TN (7) 20.917; 2. 25, Butch Bahr, Grand Island, NE (14) 21.317; 3. 40, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (15) 21.970; 4. 06, Mark Caldwell, Bunker Hill, IN (6) 21.998; 5. 86, Scott Carson, Oklahoma City, OK (8) 22.108; 6. 92, Mike Shaw, Northridge, CA (1) 22.224; 7. 01n, Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, OK (10) 22.325; 8. 63, Bob Geldner, St. Peter, MN (18) 22.351; 9. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (13) 22.524; 10. 28, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (2) 22.526; 11. 47, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (4) 22.582; 12. 1, Junior Gutknecht, Pleasantville, IA (16) 22.669; 13. 23, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (17) 22.908; 14. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA, 22.950; 15. 82, Steve Morris, Burlington, IA (19) 23.322; 16. 1x, Terry Turbak, Sioux Falls, SD (11) 23.524; 17. 27, Ed Grant, Canton, IL (12) 23.557; 18. 711, Victor Chudy, Plattsmouth, NE (9) 23.935; 19. 114, Barney Bauernfeind, Grandview, MO (21) 24.090; 20. 96, Al Willey, Moline, IL (3) 24.211; 21. 56, Gary Patterson, Carmichael, CA (5) NT; 22. 75, Lealand McSpadden, Tempe, AZ (20) NT.

**8/6/77**

### Boyd Wins at Knoxville

Knoxville, IA – Jimmy Boyd of Dixon, Calif., won the season championship race at the Knoxville Raceway Saturday night, collecting \$1,200 for his efforts.

Bob Thoman of Higginsville, Mo. Lost a wheel on the thirteenth lap of the feature, flipping his car, but was not injured.

Boyd started in sixth place in the feature event, taking over first on the seventh lap of the 20-lap race and holding the lead the remainder of the way. Des Moines' Mike Pinckney took second, followed by Bobby Marshall of Dallas, Tex.

### Results

**Time Trials (Qualifying Order):** 1. 21x, Jimmy Boyd, Dixon, CA (24) 21.012; 2. 19, Bobby Marshall, Dallas, TX (41) 21.059; 3. 97, Bill Mellenberndt, Sioux Falls, SD (22) 21.235; 4. 40, Ron Shuman, Indianapolis, IN (9) 21.329; 5. 7x, Lenard McCarl, Des Moines, IA (20) 21.584; 6. 171, Charlie McClanahan, Dallas, TX (11) 21.598; 7. 98, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA (17) 21.608; 8. 49, Lloyd Beckman, Lincoln, NE (7) 21.620; 9. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (32) 21.626; 10. 94, Steve Howard, Lakewood, CA (13) 21.644; 11. 92, Mike Shaw, Northridge, CA (26) 21.651; 12. 14, JJ Riggins, Lincoln, NE (6) 21.773; 13. 1, Junior Gutknecht, Pleasantville, IA (29) 21.794; 14. 7, Dale McCarty, Kearney, MO (16) 21.799; 15. 63, Bob Geldner, St. Peter, MN (1) 21.813; 16. 57, Lonnie Jensen, Lincoln, NE (38) 21.819; 17. 81, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (14) 21.940; 18. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (37) 21.937; 19. 59, Dennis Olson, Braham, MN (8) 22.066; 20. 4x, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (39) 22.075; 21. 28, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (35) 22.076; 22. 98A, Wayne Bennet, Phoenix, AZ (15) 22.107; 23. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (31) 22.126; 24. 6x, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE (18) 22.135; 25. 30, Gary Johnson, Colfax, IA (42) 22.146; 26. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (23) 22.169; 27. 86, Steve Kinser, Bloomington, IN (2) 22.174; 28. 18, Jimmy Sills, Sacramento, CA (5) 22.188; 29. 47, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (12) 22.247; 30. 35, Harvey Grooms, Ottumwa, IA (4) 22.251; 31. 21, Tony Webster, Topeka, KS (3) 22.259; 32. 20, Lee James, Northridge, CA (10) 22.703; 33. 3, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (25) 22.718; 34. 10x, Dean Smith, Fort Dodge, IA (40) 22.874; 35. 75, Larry Clark, Tolleson, AZ (33) 22.892; 36. 27, Bob Thoman, Higginsville, MO (43) 22.900; 37. 39, Terry Taggart, Sioux City, IA (21) 22.940; 38. 82, Steve Morris, Burlington, IA (19) 23.163; 39. 111, Al Murie, Kansas City, MO (30) 23.142; 40. 8x, Bob Morris, Birmingham, IA (28) 23.320; 41. 17, Roger Anderson, Waterloo, IA (34) 23.441; 42. 96, Al Willey, Moline, IL (27) 24.772; 43. 25, Butch Bahr, Grand Island, NE (36) NT; 44. 34x, Mark David, Cedar Falls, IA (44) NT; 45. 102, Mel Van Wyk, Des Moines, IA (45) NT; 46. 2,

Galen Martin, Fairfield, IA (46) NT; 47. 41, Steve Lewis, Kansas City, MO (47) NT; 48. 00, Roger Mulder, Sioux Falls, SD (48) NT; 49. 99, Dave Engerbretson, Sioux Falls, SD (49) NT.

**Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:49.51:** 1. Charlie McClanahan (1) 2. Lenard McCarl (2) 3. Bill Mellenberndt (4) 4. Jimmy Boyd (6) 5. Bobby Marshall (5) 6. Ron Shuman (3)

**Heat one (started), 8 laps, 3:01.04:** 1. Gary Johnson (4) 2. Harvey Grooms (3) 3. Lenard McCarl (8) 4. Steve Howard (7) / 5. Larry Clark (2) 6. Ralph Blackett (5) 7. Bob Morris (1) 8. Bob Geldner (6)

**Heat two (started), 8 laps, 3:07.59:** 1. Steve Hainline (3) 2. Steve Morris (1) 3. Rich Brahmer (4) 4. Mike Brooks (7) / 5. Dean Smith (2) 6. Dale McCarty (6) 7. Dennis Olson (5) 8. Ron Shuman (8) DNS – Mark David

**Heat three (started), 8 laps, 2:59.45:** 1. Mackie Heimbaugh (2) 2. Junior Gutknecht (6) 3. Jimmy Sills (3) 4. Lloyd Beckman (7) / 5. Stacy Redmond (4) 6. Billy Robison (5) 7. Al Murie (1) 8. Bill Mellenberndt (8) DNS – Butch Bahr

**Heat four (started), 8 laps, 2:59.31:** 1. Mike Pinckney (8) 2. Bobby Marshall (9) 3. Steve Kinser (4) 4. Lee James (3) / 5. Terry Taggart (2) 6. JJ Riggins (7) ... 9. Al Willey (1) ... also: Wayne Bennet (5), Mike Thomas (6)

**Heat five (started), 8 laps, NT:** 1. Bob Thoman (2) 2. Jimmy Boyd (9) 3. John Stevenson (4) 4. Tony Webster (3) / 5. Charlie McClanahan (8) 6. Mike Shaw (7) 7. Roger Anderson (1) 8. Lonnie Jensen (6) 9. Sonny Smyser (5)

**Heat six – slow (started), 8 laps, NT:** 1. Butch Bahr (2) / 2. Dave Engerbretson (5) 3. Steve Lewis (4) 4. Mark David (1) 5. Roger Miller (3) DNS - Mel Van Wyk Galen Martin

**B main (started), 10 laps, 4:27.26:** 1. Bob Geldner (1) 2. Bill Mellenberndt (6) / 3. Dale McCarty (2) 4. Charlie McClanahan (5) 5. Butch Bahr (21) 6. Mike Shaw (4) 7. JJ Riggins (3) 8. Billy Robison (9) 9. Mike Thomas (8) 10. Dennis Olson (10) 11. Wayne Bennet (13) 12. Terry Taggart (17) ... also: Lonnie Jensen (7), Sonny Smyser (12), Stacy Redmond (14), Dean Smith (15), Larry Clark (16), Al Murie (18), Bob Morris (19), Al Willey (20)

**A main (started), 20 laps, NT:** 1. Jimmy Boyd (6) 2. Mike Pinckney (3) 3. Bobby Marshall (5) 4. Lloyd Beckman (2) 5. Steve Howard (7) 6. Bill Mellenberndt (22) 7. John Stevenson (11) 8. Steve Kinser (12) 9. Gary Johnson (10) 10. Bob Geldner (21) 11. Jimmy Sills (13) 12. Lenard McCarl (4) 13. Lee James (17) 14. Mackie Heimbaugh (18) 15. Steve Morris (20) ... also: Mike Brooks (1), Junior Gutknecht (8), Rich Brahmer (9), Steve Hainline (14), Harvey Grooms (15), Tony Webster (16), Bob Thoman (19). Lap Leaders: , Boyd 7-20.

**8/8/77**

## **AMA Motorcycles**

### **Expert Class**

**Trophy Dash:** 1. Randy Skiver, Everett, WA

**Final:** 1. Chuck Joyner, Oregon City, OR

### **Junior Class**

**Final:** 1. Joe Perdue, Richmond, VA

## **Novice Class**

**Final:** 1. Rick Fiscel, Des Moines, IA

**8/10/77**

## **Kenny Weld Wins National Opener!**

Knoxville, IA – Four-time National Champion Kenny Weld won the 20-lap feature event, but Doug Wolfgang came away with the top qualifying spot from Wednesday night's qualifying at the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Nationals in Knoxville.

Wolfgang earned 492 out of a possible 500 by taking fast time, second in his heat and fourth in the main. Weld, with sixth fastest time, started on the front row pole position and led the entire 20 laps to pick up the \$1,000 first prize.

Butch Bahr started fifth and wound up second. Bobby Marshall was third, Wolfgang fourth, and Steve Kinser fifth, after starting 16<sup>th</sup>.

The second five was made up of John Stevenson, Paul Pitzer, Randy Smith, Jimmy Sills and Gary Patterson. All 20 cars in the main finished the race.

The four heat race winners were Weld, Pitzer, Mackie Heimbaugh and Jon Backlund. The track turned an unusual dry-slick during the night's racing, giving the advantage to the early starters in time trials. Several of the drivers on the tail of the list spun during their time trials, but Lee James was the only driver to flip over.

James was not injured and the car, after minor repairs, was ready to come back out for James' qualifying lap. Sixty-two cars entered and signed in, with 60 timing.

The top ten point earners Wednesday were: Doug Wolfgang 492; Butch Bahr 488; Bobby Marshall 486; Kenny Weld 480; Gary Patterson 468; Randy Smith 464; Jimmy Sills 452; John Stevenson 450; Lonnie Jensen 448; Bob Geldner 448.

## **Results**

**Time Trials (Qualifying Order):** 1. 20, Doug Wolfgang, Des Moines, IA (13) 21.214; 2. 25, Butch Bahr, Grand Island, NE (9) 21.239; 3. 71, Sammy Swindell, Memphis, TN (4) 21.404; 4. 19, Bobby Marshall, Dallas, TX (3) 21.608; 5. 56, Gary Patterson, Carmichael, CA, 21.704 (2) 6. 38, Dick Forbrook, Morgan, MN (14) 21.793; 7. 92, Mike Shaw, Northridge, CA, 21.865 (12) 8. 85, Joe Saldana, Brownsburg, IN (6) 22.033; 9. 47, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (5) 22.118; 10. 03, Randy Smith, Des Moines, IA (7) 22.178; 11. 192, Kenny Weld, York, PA (33) 22.298; 12. 57, Lonnie Jensen, Lincoln, NE (19) 22.313; 13. 63, Bob Geldner, St. Peter, MN (22) 22.339; 14. 18, Jimmy Sills, Sacramento, CA (17) 22.418; 15. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (37) 22.488; 16. 94, Rick Weld, Kansas City, MO (10) 22.516; 17. 187, Tom Crump, Greenwood, IN (11) 22.553; 18. 97, Bill Mellenberndt, Sioux Falls, SD (30) 22.629; 19. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (36) 22.637; 20. 24, Mike Johnson, Martinsville, IN (15) 22.652; 21. 7x, Lenard McCarl, Des Moines, IA (20) 22.658; 22. 99, Dave Engerbretson, Sioux Falls, SD (1) 22.689; 23. 55, Fred Linder, Lima, OH, 22.717; 24. 29, Paul Pitzer, Seven Valleys, PA (23) 22.723; 25. 74, Don Miller, Rollersville, OH (24) 22.750; 26. 8x, Bob Morris, Birmingham, IA (8) 22.882; 27. 14, JJ Riggins, Lincoln, NE (28) 22.951; 28. 35, Harvey Grooms, Ottumwa, IA (49) 22.966; 29. 54, Jon Backlund, Kansas City, KS (38) 23.013; 30. 30, Gary Johnson, Colfax, IA (34) 23.080;

31. 86, Steve Kinser, Bloomington, IN (59) 23.098; 32. 3x, Johnny Beaber, Gibsonburg, OH (60) 23.119; 33. 77, Charlie McClanahan, Dallas, TX (43) 23.125; 34. 76, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (31) 23.126; 35. 10, Terry Gray, Memphis, TN (39) 23.134; 36. 144, Ed Lynch, Apollo, PA (26) 23.141; 37. 36, Jack Hewitt, Troy, OH (44) 23.174; 38. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (29) 23.184; 39. 50, Roger Clark, Milan, IL (16) 23.229; 40. 6x, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE (53) 23.261; 41. 78, Larry Martin, Martinsdale, IN (46) 23.323; / 42. 100, Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, OK (48) 23.341; 43. 21, Jimmy Boyd, Dixon, CA (58) 23.434; 44. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (56) 23.497; 45. 1x, Terry Turbak, Sioux Falls, SD (52) 23.499; 46. 66, Buddy Cochran, Sharon, PA (51) 23.503; 47. 01, Dick Tobias, Lebanon, PA (50) 23.574; 48. 1, Junior Gutknecht, Pleasantville, IA (27) 23.585; 49. 91, Steve Howard, Lakewood, CA (55) 23.597; 50. 10x, Dean Smith, Fort Dodge, IA (25) 23.673; 51. 58, Rick Goade, Anaheim, CA (32) 23.712; 52. 82, Steve Morris, Burlington, IA (35) 23.713; 53. 68, Skip Miller, Fostoria, OH (18) 23.724; 54. 6, Mark Caldwell, Bunker Hill, IN (47) 23.730; 55. 90, Wayne Bennet, Phoenix, AZ (21) 23.744; 56. 60, Wayne McNally, Dallas, TX (57) 23.783; 57. 79, Gary Howard, Whittier, CA (42) 23.842; 58. 45, Dave Rupard, Grandview, MO (40) 23.854; 59. 26, Lee James, Gardena, CA (54) 23.913; 60. 4, Con Edwards, Ankeny, IA (41) 24.955; 61. \* 62. \*.

**Heat one (started), 10 laps, 3:57.29:** 1. Paul Pitzer (5) 2. Harvey Grooms (4) 3. Bobby Marshall (10) 4. Jack Hewitt (2) 5. Lonnie Jensen (8) / 6. Johnny Beaber (3) 7. Rick Weld (7) 8. Mike Johnson (6) 9. Larry Martin (1) 10. Joe Saldana (9)

**Heat two (started), 10 laps, 3:51.57:** 1. Kenny Weld (8) 2. Rich Brahmer (1) 3. John Stevenson (6) 4. Ed Lynch (2) 5. Steve Kinser (3) / 6. Sammy Swindell (10) 7. Fred Linder (5) 8. Mike Shaw (9) 9. Mike Brooks (7) 10. JJ Riggins (4) DNS – Terry Gray

**Heat three (started), 10 laps, NT:** 1. Mackie Heimbaugh (2) 2. Dave Engerbretson (5) 3. Randy Smith (8) 4. Jimmy Sills (7) 5. Butch Bahr (10) / 6. Dick Forbrook (9) 7. Gary Johnson (3) 8. Bill Mellenberndt (6) 9. Roger Clark (1) 10. Bob Morris (4)

**Heat four (started), 10 laps, 3:58.23:** 1. Jon Backlund (3) 2. Doug Wolfgang (10) 3. Don Miller (4) 4. Gary Patterson (9) 5. Bob Geldner (7) / 6. Charlie McClanahan (2) 7. Steve Hainline (8) 8. Tom Crump (6) 9. Mike Thomas (1) 10. Lenard McCarl (5)

**A main (started), 20 laps, 7:59.20:** 1. Kenny Weld (1) 2. Butch Bahr (5) 3. Bobby Marshall (4) 4. Doug Wolfgang (6) 5. Steve Kinser (16) 6. John Stevenson (10) 7. Paul Pitzer (12) 8. Randy Smith (2) 9. Jimmy Sills (9) 10. Gary Patterson (3) 11. Bob Geldner (8) 12. Lonnie Jensen (7) 13. Jon Backlund (15) 14. Rich Brahmer (20) 15. Dave Engerbretson (11) 16. Mackie Heimbaugh (17) 17. Harvey Grooms (14) 18. Jack Hewitt (19) 19. Don Miller (13) 20. Ed Lynch (18). **Lap Leader:** K. Weld 1-20.

**8/11/77**

### **Shuman Races to Thursday Night Win!**

by Ken Sargent

Knoxville, IA – The “Flying Shoe”, Ron Shuman, raced to victory in the feature event at the second night of the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual National Championships at Knoxville, Thursday, August 11.

Driving the R&H Farms sprinter, Shuman took over the lead on the seventh lap of the 20-lap main event and stretched out the lead to win over Rick Ferkel. Shuman started in the third position.

Tom Corbin wound up third with fast timer Bobby Allen fourth, and Roger Rager fifth. The second five was made up of Tommy Hunt, Dub May, Lealand McSpadden, Bubby Jones and Hooker Hood.

The race was stopped one lap short as the yellow flag came out for Dave Ellis on the white flag lap. Heat races went to Ferkel, Bob East, Dave Ellis and Dub May.

Two drivers overturned in hot laps prior to time trials. Jim Olson of Rapid City, South Dakota flipped his car in the first turn, with Daryl Daugherty of Findlay, Ohio, rolling his in the second turn. Neither driver was believed to be seriously injured, though both were taken to Collins Memorial Hospital for observation.

Bobby Allen came out the top qualifier of the night with 488 points, with fast time, fourth in his best heat, and fourth in the main. However, his total was four points less than Wednesday night leader Doug Wolfgang, giving Wolfgang the pole for Saturday night.

The top ten Thursday qualifiers: Bobby Allen 488, Tom Corbin 484, Ron Shuman 484, Bubby Jones 478, Rick Ferkel 468, Tommy Hunt 466, Sonny Smyser 456, Roger Rager 456, Dub May 456 and Bob East 442.

## Results

**Time Trials (Qualifying Order):** 1. 16, Bobby Allen, Hanover, PA (18) 20.688; 2. 9, Eddie Leavitt, Indianapolis, IN (27) 21.049; 3. 4x, Bubby Jones, Danville, IL (21) 21.117; 4. 65, Junior Parkinson, Kansas City, MO (2) 21.128; 5. 64, Tom Corbin, Carrollton, MO (54) 21.161; 6. 49, Lloyd Beckman, Lincoln, NE (8) 21.209; 7. 40, Ron Shuman, Indianapolis, IN (55) 21.240; 8. 81, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (12) 21.260; 9. 28, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (13) 21.269; 10. 95, Tommy Hunt, Downey, CA (42) 21.269; 11. 87, Tony Simon, Upland, CA (34) 21.272; 12. 75, Lealand McSpadden, Tempe, AZ (26) 21.275; 13. 84, Lee Osborne, Jamestown, IN (48) 21.299; 14. 5, Robert Smith, Gibsonton, FL (50) 21.414; 15. 4J, Roger Rager, Mound, MN (37) 21.471; 16. 0, Rick Ferkel, Findlay, OH (46) 21.485; 17. 128, Dub May, Hanover, PA (9) 21.555; 18. 08, Gene Gennetten, Kansas City, MO (22) 21.557; 19. 06, Bob East, Bellflower, CA (35) 21.563; 20. 09, Larry Gates, Evansville, IN (19) 21.567; 21. 55A, Fred Linder, Fremont, OH (4) 21.584; 22. 199, Hooker Hood, Memphis, TN (30) 21.609; 23. 8, Ron Milton, Jacksonville, IL (16) 21.618; 24. 96, David Fair, Anaheim, CA (58) 21.628; 25. 197, Buster Venard, Sylvester, CA (20) 21.635; 26. 0x, Dave Ellis, Martinez, CA (44) 21.641; 27. 3, Gary Scott, Holts Summit, MO (40) 21.669; 28. 02, Dick Gaines, Mitchell, IN (29) 21.731; 29. 158, Steve Brazier, Sydney, NSW, Aust. (36) 21.771; 30. 7, Ken McCarty, North Platte, NE (41) 21.787; 31. 51, Louis Meyer III, Indianapolis, IN (11) 21.816; 32. 05, Buck Baughan, Lima, OH (52) 21.841; 33. 25x, Darryl Dawley, Sioux Falls, SD (49) 21.925; 34. 14x, Bob Williams, Independence, MO (15) 21.945; 35. 83, Gary Griffith, Sandusky, OH (28) 21.963; 36. 175, Larry Clark, Tolleson, AZ (38) 22.045; 37. 07, Shelby Steenson, Abilene, KS (7) 22.104; 38. 22, Lee Smith, Williamsport, PA (24) 22.144; 39. 88, Gene Kester, Bates City, MO (57) 22.187; 40. 33, Jerry Blundy, Dahinda, IL (25) 22.224; / 41. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (59) 22.264; 42. 43, Jim Goettsche, Grand Island, NE (23) 22.278; 43. 116, Ray Wilnach, Dallas, TX (31) 22.442; 44. 130, Gary Grissom, Anderson, IN (17) 22.462; 45. 44, James McElreath, Arlington, TX (32) 22.526; 46. 21, Tony Webster, Topeka, KS (53) 22.527; 47. 42, Tim Bookmiller, Kokomo, IN (39) 22.597; 48. 46, Dale Oaks, Burlington, IA (51) 22.608; 49. 34x, Mark David, Cedar Falls, IA (3) 22.696; 50. 2, Galen Martin, Fairfield, IA (43) 22.757; 51. 91, Steve Howard, Lakewood, CA (61) 22.778; 52. 32, Billy Felts, San Bernardino, CA (45) 22.873; 53. 17, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (33) 22.894; 54. 41, Steve Lewis, Kansas City, MO (6) 22.921; 55. 34, Gary Dunkle, Lincoln, NE (10) 23.109; 56. 15, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO (47) 23.229; 57. 155, Al Robinson, Lincoln, NE (56) 23.680; 58. 93, Paul Van Arsdale, Terre Haute, IN (1) 23.792; 59. 53, Tom Mislich, Odell, IL (60) 23.880; 60. 00, Sam Liebig, Rapid City, SD (5) NT; 61. 98x, Jack McCorkell, Redwood Falls, MN (14) NT; 62. 39, Terry Taggart, Sioux City, IA (62) NT; 63. 70, Daryl Daugherty, Findlay, OH (63) NT; 64. 115, Jim Olson, Rapid City, SD (64) NT.

**Heat one (started), 10 laps, 3:22.91:** 1. Rick Ferkel (7) 2. Lealand McSpadden (8) 3. Jerry Blundy (1) 4. Larry Gates (6) 5. David Fair (5) / 6. Junior Parkinson (10) 7. Buck Boughan (3) 8. Dick Gaines (4) 9. Larry Clark (2) 10. Billy Robison (9)

**Heat two (started), 10 laps, 3:34.22:** 1. Bob East (6) 2. Bubby Jones (10) 3. Ron Shuman (9) 4. Gary Scott (4) 5. Roger Rager (7) / 6. Ron Milton (5) 7. Gary Griffith (2) 8. Louis Meyer III (3) 9. Tony Simon (8) 10. Gene Kester (1)

**Heat three (started), 10 laps, 3:26.32:** 1. Dave Ellis (4) 2. Gene Gennetten (6) 3. Hooker Hood (5) 4. Tommy Hunt (8) 5. Ken McCarty (3) / 6. Robert Smith (7) 7. Bob Williams (2) 8. Lee Smith (1) 9. Lloyd Beckman (9) 10. Eddie Leavitt (10)

**Heat four (started), 10 laps, 3:28.77:** 1. Dub May (6) 2. Steve Brazier (3) 3. Tom Corbin (9) 4. Bobby Allen (10) 5. Sonny Smyser (8) / 6. Lee Osborne (7) 7. Buster Venard (4) 8. Darryl Dawley (2) 9. Shelby Steenson (1) 10. Fred Linder (5)

**A main (started), 20 laps, NT:** 1. Ron Shuman (3) 2. Rick Ferkel (9) 3. Tom Corbin (4) 4. Bobby Allen (6) 5. Roger Rager (8) 6. Tommy Hunt (1) 7. Dub May (10) 8. Lealand McSpadden (7) 9. Bubby Jones (5) 10. Hooker Hood (14) 11. Sonny Smyser (2) 12. Bob East (12) 13. David Fair (15) 14. Ken McCarty (19) 15. Larry Gates (13) 16. Gene Gennetten (11) 17. Dave Ellis (16) 18. Steve Brazier (18) 19. Jerry Blundy (20) 20. Gary Scott (17). **Lap Leaders:** Hunt 1-5, Shuman 6-20.

**8/12/77**

### **Dick Gaines Victorious on Friday!**

by Ken Sargent

Dick Gaines, 1974 Nationals Champ, came home the winner Friday night, August 12, in the feature race for drivers failing qualify for Saturday night's National Championships. The Mitchell, Indiana driver took over the lead on the tenth lap, and stayed in front the rest of the way.

Shane Carson had led the first ten laps, but his motor let go in the first turn of the 11<sup>th</sup> lap, spilling oil on the track and bringing out the yellow caution flag.

Before traffic could get stopped, Rick Goade hit the slick spot, and at the same time, his engine let go, slamming him into the fence in turn one. Goade was taken to Collins Hospital for treatment of a shoulder injury.

On the restart, Gaines took off with JJ Riggins on his tail, and they stayed one-two through the final ten laps. Kim Lingenfelter wound up third, with Jimmy Boyd fourth and Tony Webster fifth. The second five was made up of Buddy Cochran, Shelby Steenson, Gary Dunkle, Larry Clark and Wayne Bennet.

Gary Dunkle won the 12-lap B main, but the real show in that race was put on by Junior Gutknecht and Lee James. James won the C main event to start at the back of the B.

He quickly worked his way up to sixth in the field by the third lap. There he encountered Gutknecht and the pair battled the remaining nine laps in the race, moving into fourth and fifth, respectively on the fifth lap.

Gutknecht used the high groove to finish fourth, while James in the low groove ran fifth. The heat races went to Boyd, Cochran, Gaines and Webster, with Buster Venard taking the five-lap trophy dash.

By finishing one-two, Gaines and Riggins won the nod to start the C main event in the Nationals on the tail end.

### **Results**



**Trophy Dash (started\*), 5 laps, NT:** 1. 197, Buster Venard, Sylvester, CA (2) 2. 00, Gary Dunkle, Lincoln, NE (4) 3. 69, Kim Lingenfelter, Norfolk, NE (6) 4. 8x, Bob Morris, Birmingham, IA (5) 5. 77, Charlie McLanahan, Dallas, TX (1) 6. 14, JJ Riggins, Lincoln, NE (3)

**Heat one (started), 8 laps, 2:54.94:** 1. 21x, Jimmy Boyd, Dixon, CA (5) 2. 14, JJ Riggins, Lincoln, NE (8) 3. 1n, Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, OK (6) 4. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (7) / 5. 1, Junior Gutknecht, Pleasantville, IA (3) 6. 1x, Terry Turbak, Sioux Falls, SD (4) 7. 82, Steve Morris, Burlington, IA (1) 8. 68, Skip Miller, Fostoria, OH (2)

**Heat two (started), 8 laps, 2:59.15:** 1. 66, Buddy Cochran, Sharon, PA (3) 2. 90, Wayne Bennet, Phoenix, AZ (7) 3. 58, Rick Goade, Anaheim, CA (1) 4. 10, Terry Gray, Memphis, TN (5) / 5. 70, Larry Martin, Martinsdale, IN (6) 6. 10x, Dean Smith, Fort Dodge, IA (2) 7. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (4) 8. 8x, Bob Morris, Birmingham, IA (8)

**Heat three (started), 8 laps, NT:** 1. 02, Dick Gaines, Mitchell, IN (7) 2. 07, Shelby Steenson, Abilene, KS (5) 3. 83, Gary Griffith, Sandusky, OH (6) 4. 43, Jim Goettsche, Grand Island, NE (4) / 5. 34x, Mark David, Cedar Falls, IA (1) 6. 00, Gary Dunkle, Lincoln, NE (8) 7. 130, Gary Grissom, Anderson, IN (3) 8. 42, Tim Bookmiller, Kokomo, IN (2)

**Heat four (started), 8 laps, 3:01.17:** 1. 21, Tony Webster, Topeka, KS (2) 2. Kim Lingenfelter (6) 3. 175, Larry Clark, Tolleson, AZ (5) 4. 46, Dale Oaks, Burlington, IA (1) / 5. Buster Venard (7) 6. 116, Ray Wilnach, Dallas, TX (3), 7. 32, Billy Felts, San Bernadino, CA (8) 8. 2, Galen Martin, Fairfield, IA (9) DNS - 14x, Bob Williams, Independence, MO (4)

**C main (started), 12 laps, NT:** 1. 26, Lee James, Northridge, CA (9) 2. 60, Wayne McNally, Lancaster, TX (1) / 3. 41, Steve Lewis, Kansas City, MO (4) 4. 53, Tom Mislich, Odell, IL (7) 5. 45, Dave Rupard, Grandview, MO 6. 155, Al Robinson, Lincoln, NE (8) 7. 79, Garry Howard, Wittier, CA (3) 8. 4, Con Edwards, Ankeny, IA (10) 9. 15, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO (6) 10. 17, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (2)

**B main (started), 12 laps, 4:32.33:** 1. Gary Dunkle (2) 2. Buster Venard (4) 3. Billy Felts (16) 4. Junior Gutknecht (9) / 5. Lee James (15) 6. Larry Martin (3) 7. Wayne McNally (17) 8. Ray Wilnach (6) 9. Terry Turbak (7) 10. Galen Martin (14) 11. Dean Smith (11) 12. Skip Miller (13) 13. Adrian Zoutte (5) 14. Bob Morris (1) 15. Mark David (12) 16. Tim Bookmiller (10) DNS – Gary Grissom

**A main (started), 20 laps, NT:** 1. Dick Gaines (4) 2. JJ Riggins (5) 3. Kim Lingenfelter (6) 4. Jimmy Boyd (9) 5. Tony Webster (14) 6. Buddy Cochran (11) 7. Shelby Steenson (10) 8. Gary Dunkle (17) 9. Larry Clark (8) 10. Wayne Bennet (15) 11. Buster Venard (18) 12. Mike Thomas (3) 13. Billy Felts (19) 14. Gary Griffith (2) 15. Dale Oaks (16) 16. Jim Goettsche (12) 17. Terry Gray (7) ... also: Shane Carson (1), Rick Goade (13), Junior Gutknecht (20). **Lap Leaders:** Carson 1-10, Gaines 11-20.

**8/13/77**

### **Wolfgang is Nationals Champion!**

by Ken Sargent

Knoxville, IA – Doug Wolfgang made it look easy Saturday night, August 13, crowning a winning season at the Knoxville Raceway with a far-in-front victory in the 1977 National Sprint Car Championships.

Wolfgang, the hero of fans who packed the grandstands from all parts of the country, was challenged only in the third turn of the first lap, when Bobby Allen chased by.

Wolfgang started on the pole position and Allen was on the outside of the front row.

By the second lap, however, Wolfgang had things back under control, dueling with Allen until the third turn when he took away the lead never to relinquish it.

He stood far ahead of the rest of the field when his orange race #20 crossed the finish line 30 laps and 15 miles after the green flag dropped to start the race that capped the season for the winning young Des Moines racer.

It was the lanky blonde's 34<sup>th</sup> feature win of the year and his 11<sup>th</sup> in 15 starts at the Raceway.

Wolfgang's auto is owned by Bob Trostle, Des Moines, and Gary Mussato, Osage Kansas. The Des Moines' ace has won all but three of his features this year in the sprint racer.

He proved that he and the machine were tops in their field again Saturday and was mobbed by fans, officials and the '77 race queens when he drove into the winner's circle in front of the announcer's stand to accept the trophy and the \$4,500 first prize.

Taking a sharp turn into the grass circle after his win, his arms shot up through the roll bar roof in a salute that brought a roar from the crowd that had poured out of the stands to help celebrate the champ's newest victory.

Undaunted by the crowd that surrounded him and his wife, Wolfgang praised the season-long help of his mechanic and pit crew. The car, he said, had been their sole concentration "from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day in Des Moines," except for the days they were winning on the road.

Wolfgang becomes the first Iowan ever to win the Nationals, taking the checkered flag in the competition's 17<sup>th</sup> season.

Added to the feature purse, Wolfgang won fourth place in the trophy dash and lap and contingency money brought his Saturday night paycheck to an unofficial \$7,550.

But the home favorite was only one of the stars in the sprint car finale.

After starting 13<sup>th</sup>, Lealand McSpadden pulled up second in the feature. He had rocketed to fourth place by the 10<sup>th</sup> lap when the yellow flag came out for Gary Patterson, who blew a tire and rolled on the east turn.

Two laps after the restart, McSpadden was in third place, and two laps later, he clinched second for good.

Bubby Jones raced to third after starting out eighth. Fourth place was won by Bobby Marshall and Bobby Allen, Wolfgang's challenger in the early laps, wound up fifth.

Making up the second five were Ron Shuman, four-time champion Kenny Weld, Sammy Swindell, Randy Smith and Butch Bahr.

The eighth place finish closed the book on a super performance by Swindell. The Memphis, Tennessee youngster finished second to Eddie Leavitt in both the C Trophy Dash and the C main.

The second in the C main put Swindell on the tail of the B main event. He proceeded winning that race, going to fifth by the fourth lap, fourth place on the fifth lap, third on the 10<sup>th</sup> lap, second on the 12<sup>th</sup> and finally took over the front spot on the 15<sup>th</sup> circuit. The first place finish put him on the back of the A, where he throttled to finish 8<sup>th</sup>.

Gene Gennetten, Kansas City, Missouri, was second to Swindell in the B, with Bob East third.

Behind Leavitt and Swindell in the C was Lloyd Beckman.

Beckman also started the B, going from the back to finish fourth. For defending champion Leavitt, the night ended on the fourth lap of the B event when he was caught on the wheel of Dave Engerbretson's racer. The collision broke the radius rods, sidelining Leavitt for the night.

Engerbretson had won the B dash, with Jimmy Boyd taking the A trophy dash. The show was completed without any serious crashes before a packed house.

### **17<sup>th</sup> Annual Knoxville Nationals Results**

**C Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:52.43:** 1. 9, Eddie Leavitt, Indianapolis, IN (3) 2. 71, Sammy Swindell, Memphis, TN (5) 3. 49, Lloyd Beckman, Lincoln, NE (1) 4. 38, Dick Forbrook, Morgan, MN (4) 5. 92, Mike Shaw, Northridge, CA (2) 6. 65, Junior Parkinson, Gladstone, MO (6)

**B Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:54.06:** 1. 99, Dave Engerbretson, Sioux Falls, SD (2) 2. 09, Larry Gates, Evansville, IN (1) 3. 08, Gene Gennetten, Kansas City, MO (4) 4. 199, Hooker Hood, Memphis, TN (3) 5. 06, Bob East, Bellflower, CA (5) 6. 29, Paul Pitzer, Seven Valleys, PA (6)

**A Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:47.52:** 1. 64, Jimmy Boyd (subbing for Tom Corbin), Dixon, CA (1) 2. 40, Ron Shuman, Tempe, AZ (2) 3. 19, Bobby Marshall, Dallas, TX (4) 4. 20, Doug Wolfgang, Des Moines, IA (5) 5. 16, Bobby Allen, Hanover, PA (6) 6. 25, Butch Bahr, Grand Island, NE (3)

**C main (started), 15 laps, NT:** 1. Eddie Leavitt (3) 2. Sammy Swindell (1) 3. Lloyd Beckman (5) 4. Junior Parkinson (2) / 5. Mike Shaw (6) 6. 84, Lee Osborne, Jamestown, IN (10) 7. 47, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (7) 8. 12, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (14) 9. 97, Bill Mellenberndt, Sioux Falls, SD (15) 10. 14, JJ Riggins, Lincoln, NE (21) 11. 87, Tony Simon, Upland, CA (11) 12. 24, Mike Johnson, Martinsville, IN (16) 13. 8, Ron Milton, Jacksonville, IL (17) 14. 5, Robert Smith, Gibsonton, FL (12) 15. 7x, Lenard McCarl, Des Moines, IA (19) ... \*also: Dick Forbrook (4), 81, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (8), 94, Rick Weld, Kansas City, MO (13), 55A, Fred Linder, Fremont, OH (18), 02, Dick Gaines, Mitchell, IN (20) 21. 85, Joe Saldana, Brownsburg, IN (9) DNS – 187, Tom Crump, Greenwood, IN

**B main (started), 22 laps, NT:** 1. Sammy Swindell (20) 2. Gene Gennetten (4) / 3. Bob East (1) 4. Lloyd Beckman (21) 5. Paul Pitzer (2) 6. 7, Ken McCarty, North Platte, NE (13) 7. Junior Parkinson (22) 8. 3, Gary Scott, Holts Summit, MO (14) 9. 144, Ed Lynch, Apollo, PA (17) 10. 86, Steve Kinser, Bloomington, IN (7) 11. 6x, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE (16) 12. 76, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (15) 13. 74, Don Miller, Rollersville, OH (10) 14. 158, Steve Brazier, Sydney, NSW, Aust. (12) 15. Dave Engerbretson (6) ... \*also: Hooker Hood (3), Larry Gates (5), 08, Dave Ellis, Martinez, CA (8), 54, Jon Backlund, Kansas City, KS (9), 35, Harvey Grooms, Ottumwa, IA (10), Eddie Leavitt (18), 33, Jerry Blundy, Dahinda, IL (19) DNS – 96, David Fair, Anaheim, CA, 36, Jack Hewitt, Troy, OH

**A main (started), 30 laps, NT:** 1. Doug Wolfgang (1) 2. 75, Lealand McSpadden, Tempe, AZ (13) 3. 4x, Bubby Jones, Danville, IL (8) 4. Bobby Marshall (4) 5. Bobby Allen (2) 6. Ron Shuman (6) 7. 132, Kenny Weld, York, PA (7) 8. Sammy Swindell (21) 9. 03, Randy Smith, Des Moines, IA (12) 10. Butch Bahr (3) 11. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (18) 12. 0, Rick Ferkel, Findlay, OH (9) 13. Jimmy Boyd (subbing for Tom Corbin) (5) 14. 57, Lonnie Jensen, Lincoln, NE (19) 15. 63, Bob Geldner, St. Peter, MN (20) 16. 128, Dub May, Hanover, PA (16) 17. 18, Jimmy Sills, Sacramento, CA (17) 18. 56, Gary Patterson, Carmichael, CA (10) 19. 95, Tommy Hunt, Downey, CA (11) 20. Gene Gennetten (22) 21. 28, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (14) 22. 4J, Roger Rager, Mound, MN (15). **Lap Leaders:** Allen 1, Wolfgang 2-30.

**9/3/77 (Rain?)**

**9/4/77**

## **Results**

**Time Trials (Qualifying Order):** 1. 20, Doug Wolfgang, Des Moines, IA (12) 20.703; 2. 3, Gary Scott, Holts Summit, MO (35) 20.714; 3. 40, Ralph Blackett, Des Moines, IA (34) 20.940; 4. 49, Lloyd Beckman, Lincoln, NE (9) 20.972; 5. 14, JJ Riggins, Lincoln, NE (11) 21.157; 6. 65, Junior Parkinson, Gladstone, MO (40) 21.290; 7. 4J, Don Maxwell, Lincoln, NE (3) 21.327; 8. 7, Shelby Steenson, Abilene, KS (41) 21.334; 9. 81, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (27) 21.363; 10. 03, Randy Smith, Des Moines, IA (15) 21.381; 11. 98, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA (31) 21.426; 12. 21, Tony Webster, Topeka, KS (10) 21.628; 13. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (13) 21.692; 14. 28, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (26) 21.699; 15. 30, Gary Johnson, Colfax, IA (14) 21.710; 16. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (37) 21.749; 17. 45, Dave Rupard, Grandview, MO (39) 21.949; 18. 1, Junior Gutknecht, Pleasantville, IA (17) 21.982; 19. 35, Bill Hudson, New Sharon, IA (29) 22.031; 20. 34, Gary Dunkle, Lincoln, NE (30) 22.056; 21. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (5) 22.059; 22. 33, Jerry Blundy, Dahinda, IL (6) 22.090; 23. 18, Dennis Olson, Braham, MN (1) 22.209; 24. 34x, Mark David, Cedar Falls, IA (7) 22.215; 25. 47, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (16) 22.245; 26. 76, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (4) 22.323; 27. 70, Willie Hecke, Holdrege, NE (32) 22.350; 28. 88, Gene Kester, Bates City, MO (33) 22.405; 29. 2, Galen Martin, Fairfield, IA (24) 22.535; 30. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Knoxville, IA (36) 22.659; 31. 41, Steve Lewis, Kansas City, MO (2) 23.065; 32. 05, TJ Giddings, Basehor, KS (38) 23.071; 33. 117, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (19) 23.103; 34. 10x, Dean Smith, Fort Dodge, IA (21) 23.499; 35. 17, Roger Anderson, Waterloo, IA (25) 24.392; 36. 102, Mel Van Wyk, Des Moines, IA (20) 24.493; 37. 99, Chuck Mohr, Bettendorf, IA (23) 24.596; 38. 137, Bernie Treadwell, Topeka, KS (22) 24.599; 39. 6x, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE (18) 26.310; 40. 44, Tom Mahoney, \* (8) NT; 41. 7x, Lenard McCarl, Des Moines, IA (28) NT; 42. 6, Harvey Grooms, Ottumwa, IA (42) NT; 43. 59, Dennis Olson, Braham, MN (43) NT.

**Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, \*:** 1. Junior Parkinson (1) 2. JJ Riggins (2) 3. Doug Wolfgang (6) 4. Lloyd Beckman (3) 5. Ralph Blackett (4) 6. Gary Scott (5)

**Heat one (started), 8 laps, \*:** 1. Mackie Heimbaugh (4) 2. Gary Dunkle (7) 3. Mark David (5) / 4. Dave Rupard (8) 5. Gene Kester (3) ... also: TJ Giddings (1), Adrian Zoutte (2), Jerry Blundy (6)

**Heat two (started), 8 laps, \*:** 1. Willie Hecke (3) 2. Stacy Redmond (6) 3. Cliff Woodward (7) / ... also: Steve Lewis (1), Galen Martin (2), Steve Hainline (4), Bill Hudson (5), Junior Gutknecht (8) DNS - Dennis Olson

**Heat three (started), 8 laps, \*:** 1. Sonny Smyser (2) 2. John Stevenson (1) 3. Randy Smith (4) 4. Lloyd Beckman (7) 5. Tony Webster (3) / ... also: Shelby Steenson (5), Junior Parkinson (6), Gary Scott (8)

**Heat four (started), 8 laps, \*:** 1. Doug Wolfgang (8) 2. Mike Thomas (2) 3. Gary Johnson (1) 4. JJ Riggins (6) 5. Mike Pinckney (3) / ... also: Billy Robison (4), Don Maxwell (5), Ralph Blackett (7)

**B main (started), 10 laps, \*:** 1. Junior Parkinson (4) 2. Gary Scott (6) 3. Ralph Blackett (5) 4. Don Maxwell (3) / ... also: Billy Robison (1), Shelby Steenson (2), Dave Rupard (7), Bill Hudson (8), Jerry Blundy (9), Steve Hainline (10), Gene Kester (11), Galen Martin (12), Adrian Zoutte (13), Steve Lewis (14), Dean Smith (15), Mel Van Wyk (16), Roger Anderson (17), Dean Smith (18) DNS – TJ Giddings, Dennis Olson, Junior Gutknecht

**A main (started), \* laps, \*:** 1. Doug Wolfgang (6) 2. Lloyd Beckman (3) 3. JJ Riggins (2) 4. Ralph Blackett (4) 5. Junior Parkinson (1) 6. Gary Scott (5) ... \*also: Don Maxwell (7), Randy Smith (8), Mike Pinckney (9), Tony Webster (10), Mike Thomas (11), Sonny Smyser (12), Gary Johnson (13), John Stevenson (14), Gary Dunkle (15), Stacy Redmond (16), Mark David (17), Mackie Heimbaugh (18), Willie Hecke (19), Steve Hainline (20). Lap Leaders: Wolfgang -20.

**9/8/77**

### **Late Models**

**Time Trials:** 1. 09, Curt Hansen, Dike, IA, 23.800; 2. 98x, Joe Merryfield, Des Moines, IA, 24.30; 3. 85, Bill Rice, Des Moines, IA, 24.34; 4. 95, Ed Sanger, Waterloo, IA, 24.36; 5. 01, Fred Horn, Marion, IA, 24.56; 6. 2x, Don Hoffman, Des Moines, IA, 24.62; 7. 76, George Brazil Jr., Albuquerque, New Mexico, 24.63; 8. 1, Lefty Robinson, Des Moines, IA, 24.70; 9. 58, Terry Bivins, Shawnee, Mission, KS, 24.84; 10. 6, Bill Zwanziger, Cedar Rapids, IA, 24.88; 11. 7x, JD Atkins, Holt's Summit, MO, 24.91; 12. 98, Greg Peterson, Grand Island, NE, 24.96; 13. 88x, Don Droud, Lincoln, NE, 25.03; 14. 12x, Kevin Gundaker, St. Louis, MO, 25.12; 15. 38, John Connelly, Delhi, IA, 25.21; 16. 56x, Gary Webb, Davenport, IA, 25.21; 17. 12x, Pat Bacheick\*, Albuquerque, NM, 25.22; 18. 51, Roger Dolan, Lisbon, IA, 25.22; 19. 4, Red Dralle, Evansdale, IA, 25.37; 20. 24, Jerry Roberts, Prairie City, IA, 25.40; 21. 14, Phil Larson, Iowa City, IA, 25.44; 22. 54, Jim Bruggeman, \*Minnesota, 25.54; 23. 62, Leland Fraith, Kansas City, KS, 25.66; 24. 06, Ole Robertson, \*Colorado, 25.86; 25. 17, Jim Hagers, Liberty, MO, 26.01; 26. 66, Tim Tripter, Slater, MO, 26.14; 27. 19, Don Bengé, Eldora, IA, 26.53; 28. 79, Mike Evans, Kansas City, MO, 26.81.

**Fast Dash (started):** 1. Curt Hansen (1) 2. Joe Merryfield (2) 3. Ed Sanger (4) 4. Don Hoffman (6) 5. Fred Horn (5) 6. Bill Rice (3)

**Heat one (started):** 1. Terry Bivins (2) 2. John Connelly (4) 3. Red Dralle (5) 4. George Brazil Jr. (1) 5. Don Droud (3) 6. Tim Tripter (7) 7. Mike Evans (8)

**Heat two (started):** 1. Bill Zwanziger (2) 2. Lefty Robinson (1) 3. Leland Fraith (6) 4. Pat Bacheick (4) 5. Phil Larson (5) 6. Jerry Roberts (7) 7. Kevin Gundaker (3)

**Heat three (started):** 1. Roger Dolan (4) 2. Greg Peterson (2) 3. Jim Bruggeman (5) 4. JD Atkins (1) 5. Gary Webb (3) 6. Jim Hagers (6) 7. Don Bengé (7) 8

### **Sportsman**

**Time Trials:** 1. Dave Farren, Des Moines, IA, 24.780; 2. 5, Rocky Hodges, Des Moines, IA, 24.85; 3. 14, Lem Blankenship, Keokuk, IA, 25.23; 4. 17, Danny Beaver, Tracy, IA, 25.47; 5. 23, Rick Merryfield, Des Moines, IA, 25.54; 6. 43, Darrel Kreuson, Cedar Rapids, IA, 25.61; 7. 6x, Wayne Cunningham, Chillicothe, MO, 25.66; 8. 75, Dennis Rosenburg, Grimes, IA, 25.68; 9. 35, Dave Bentley, Fairfield, IA, 25.77; 10. 47, Don Sonner, 25.81; 11. 43, Randy McGraw, Marshall, MO, 25.82; 12. 27x, Woody Halsey, Marshall, MO, 25.84; 13. 39x, Bobby Toland, Moline, IL, 25.91; 14. 25x, Terry Halama\*, 25.96; 15. 77, Robin Ferguson, Kirksville, MO, 25.98; 16. 11, Bill Geil, Stuart, IA, 26.01; 17. 96, Glenn Woodward, 26.02; 18. 4, Terry Lampe, \*, Minnesota, 26.12; 19. 18, Dave Alison, Des Moines, IA, 26.26; 20. 8x, Danny Danielson, Center Point, IA, 26.41; 21. 32, Loyd Henderson, Dallas Center, IA, 26.46; 22. 156, Larry Carr, Corning, IA, 26.48; 23. 24, Rex Carter, Des Moines, IA, 26.61; 24. 55, Herb Post, Des Moines, IA, 26.64; 25. 65x, Mike Wheeler, Davenport, IA, 26.65; 26. 95, Leonard Woodward, Des Moines, IA, 26.34; 27. 53, Gail Brenner, Wilton, IA, 26.77; 28. 126, Jim Alexander, Lacona, IA, 26.93; 29. 19, Dan Rowley, Des Moines, IA, 26.92; 30. 33, Jim Exum, Albuquerque, NM, 27.18; 31. 46, Steve Woodard, Des Moines, IA, 27.18; 32. 74, Rusty Wilder, Marshall, MO, 27.29; 33. 21x, Brent Knapp, Des Moines, IA, 27.39; 34. 101, Dave Wheeler, Davenport, IA, 27.45; 35. 76, RD Arnold,

Beatrice, NE, 27.89; 36. 65, Chuck Rogers, Redfield, IA, 28.42; 37. 78, Brad Spinse\*, Nebraska, 28.57; 38. 16, Ray Johnson, Des Moines, IA, 28.71; 39. 37, Leon Anderson, \*Nebraska, 29.07; 40. 8, Stu Osborn, Des Moines, IA, NT; 41. 92, \*, NT.

**Fast Dash:** 1. Dave Farren

**Heat one:** 1. Gail Brenner, Wilton, IA

**Heat two:** 1. Danny Beaver, Tracy, IA

**Heat three:** 1. Randy McGraw, Marshall, MO

**9/9/77**

**Late Models**

**Time Trials:** 1. Galen Schaeffer, Topeka, KS, 23.526

**Heat one:** 1. Carl Sanger, Waterloo, IA

**Heat two:** 1. Don Styskal, Fremont, NE

**Heat three:** 1. Joe Wallace, Kansas City, KS

**Sportsman**

**Time Trials:** 1. Dennis Keos, Grand Island, NE, 24.522

**Fast Dash:** 1. Dennis Osborne, Cedar Falls, IA

**Heat one:** 1. Bob Thompson, Des Moines, IA

**Heat two:** 1. Larry Pipes, Kirksville, MO

**Heat three:** 1. Ron Jones, Preston, MN

**9/10/77**

**Fall Jamboree Finale**  
**by Lee Ackerman**

1977 would be the third and last of the Fall Jamborees and it was only fitting that the richest stock car race in Iowa was won by the state's most successful driver that year. Curt Hansen of Dike would win the third Fall Jamboree. Hansen had to battle early on in the 50 lap feature with Joe Merryfield of Des Moines. Merryfield would however be taken from contention with a flat tire. Hansen would then build a comfortable lead but with 19 laps remaining a caution bunched everybody up.

On the restart Hansen had to battle a hard charging Fred Horn of Marion and Horn would give

Hansen all he wanted. Several times Horn was beside Hansen only to see Hansen edge him by several car lengths at the checkers. Hansen had qualified second for the event and he would leave Knoxville with over \$4,000. Following Hansen and Horn were Don Hoffman of Des Moines, Terry Bivins of Shawnee Mission, Kansas, Tom Steuding of Altoona, Wisconsin, Ron Jackson of Burlington, Don Styskal of Fremont and the defending race winner Joe Wallace of Kansas City.

Stan Stover of Reinbeck would win the B feature with Ken Davidson second, John Oswalt of Kansas City third, Mike Dibben of Kansas City fourth and Steve McGuire of Mesa, Arizona fifth. Another long distance traveler George Brazil of Albuquerque, New Mexico would finish seventh.

Odie Robertson of Littleton, Colorado won the C Feature with Dave Plumb of Waterloo second Larry Embrey of Granger third and Kevin Gundaker of St. Louis fourth.

Waterloo's Dick Schiltz won the 35-lap Sportsman feature and took home the first place money of \$2,000. Schiltz and Denny Osborn of Cedar Falls battled for the lead throughout much of the race before Osborn crashed into the second turn wall with just four laps remaining. Keokuk's Lem Blankenship finished second and Rocky Hodges of Des Moines third.

### Late Models

**A main:** 1. Curt Hansen, Dike, IA 2. Fred Horn, Marion, IA 3. Don Hoffman, Des Moines, IA 4. Terry Bivins, Shawnee Mission, KS 5. Tom Steuding, Altoona, WI 6. Ron Jackson, Burlington, IA 7. Don Styskal, Fremont, NE 8. Joe Wallace, Kansas City, MO ...

**B main:** 1. Stan Stover, Reinbeck, IA 2. Ken Davidson 3. John Oswalt, Kansas City, MO 4. Mike Dibben, Kansas City, MO 5. Steve McGuire, Mesa, AZ 6.\* 7. George Brazil, Albuquerque, NM...

**C main:** 1. Odie Robertson, Littleton, CO 2. Dave Plumb, Waterloo, IA 3. Larry Embrey, Granger, IA 4. Kevin Gundaker, St. Louis, MO ...

### Sportsman

**A main:** 1. Dick Schiltz, Waterloo, IA 2. Lem Blankenship, Keokuk, IA 3. Rocky Hodges, Des Moines, IA ...

### 1977 Final Point Standings and Feature Winners:

Driver	Feature Wins (Feature Laps Led*)	Points	Primary car(s)
1. Doug Wolfgang	12 (162)	1505	Trostle/Mussatto 20
2. Lloyd Beckman	2 (49)	1240	Rogers 49
3. Butch Bahr	0 (5)	910	Bahr Engineering 25
4. Stacy Redmond	-	855	Demay Y Aircraft Adjustment Corp. 61
5. JJ Riggins	-	850	Riggins 14
6. Ralph Blackett	0 (13)	685	Springer 28, McCarl 7x, R&H Farms 40
7. Gary Scott	-	590	Scott 3, Smith 86, Schumaker 33

Mackie Heimbaugh	0 (2)	590	Seidenkranz 76
9. Lenard McCarl	0 (1)	560	McCarl 7x
10. Lonnie Jensen	-	540	Richardson 57
11. Mike Thomas	-		Thomas 37
12. Don Maxwell	-		Smith 44
13. Rich Brahmer	-		Sinner 6x, M-C Racing 00
14. Ron Milton	-		Milton 8, 3m
15. Gary Dunkle	0 (3)		Conyer/Ward 34, M-C Racing 00
16. Gary Johnson	-		Utt Electric 30
17. Sonny Smyser	-		Smith 23, Springer 28
18. Randy Smith	-		Moulin 03, 1x
19. Mike Pinckney	-		Kain 98
20. Bob Williams	-		R&H Farms 40, Speedway Motors 4x
21. Junior Gutknecht	-		Robuck/Brooks/Gutknecht 1, Gutknecht 77
22. Billy Robison	0 (10)		Jones Automotive 7, Robison 81
23. Steve Hainline	-		Sonner 47
24. John Stevenson	-		Bethke 31
25. Galen Martin	-		Martin 2
26. Jerry Blundy	-		Blundy 33
27. David Dwyer	-		Dwyer 24, 13
28. Roger Clark	-		Clark 50
29. Sammy Swindell	-		Davis 71
30. Tony Webster	-		Shaffer 21

**Other Feature Winners (lap leaders):** Kenny Weld 1 (20), Ron Shuman 1 (15), Jimmy Boyd 1 (14), Dick Gaines 1 (10), Shane Carson 0 (10), Dave Engerbretson 0 (6), Tommy Hunt 0 (5), Bobby Allen 0 (1)

**\*Incomplete Data**