

KNOXVILLE *Raceway*

COMPLETE RESULTS FOR 1981

Date (Sanction/Event) – Winners

4/18 (WoO) Steve Kinser
5/2 410 – Shane Carson, Limited – Bob Thompson
5/9 410 – Randy Smith, Limited – Bob Thompson
5/16 410 – Tim Green, Limited – Mike Thomas
5/22 (WoO) Doug Wolfgang
5/23 (WoO) Sammy Swindell
5/30 410 – Randy Smith, Limited – Bob Thompson
6/5 410 – John Stevenson, Limited – Mike Thomas
6/6 (USAC Dirt Champ) Rich Vogler
6/13 410 – Billy Robison
6/20 410 – Tim Green
6/27 410 – John Stevenson
7/4 410 – Doug Wolfgang
7/11 (Twin Features) John Stevenson, Roger Rager
7/18 410 – Bob Hop
7/22 (WoO) Sammy Swindell
7/25 Rain
8/1 410 – Billy Robison
8/8 Rain
8/9 410 – John Stevenson (Points Feature) John Stevenson
8/12 (Knoxville Nationals Prelim) Jack Hewitt
8/13 (Knoxville Nationals Prelim) Steve Kinser
8/14 (Knoxville Nationals NQ) Tom Corbin, (Race of States) Steve Kinser, (Mystery Feature) Gary Scott
8/15 (Knoxville Nationals) Steve Kinser
9/12 (WoO) Doug Wolfgang

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Kinser Reigns at Knoxville from Knoxville Raceway

Knoxville, IA – Three-time Outlaw King Steve Kinser stole the opening night show at the Knoxville Raceway at the finish line as Doug Wolfgang tried to ‘sneak slingshot’ on the last quarter lap. The 25-lap Outlaw feature had numerous accidents before two laps had ever been completed. The unfortunate incidents began with Don Spieker getting into the front straightaway wall and flipping down the front chute. On the restart, Bob Geldner got into the wall in turn one going end for end. At the same time, Lee James hooked a rut, also going end for end. On the second restart, Cliff Woodward blew an engine on the front straightaway bringing out the yellow for safety reasons. As the field was slowing down, Mike Brooks and Bobby Davis Jr. got together in turn four, bringing out the red. Brooks, Davis and James declined medical attention. Both Geldner and Spieker were taken to the hospital for observation.

The evening's activities started off with Kinser setting a new one-lap track record of 20.080, erasing the record set at last year's Nationals by Doug Wolfgang. The dash went to Kinser, as Knoxville regular, John Stevenson, put up a strong battle, only to settle for second followed by Wolfgang, Ferkel, Geldner and James. The first heat race went to Danny Smith, coming from the back, with Wolfgang settling for second, also coming from the back. The second qualifying heat race went to Tim Green in the Jensen Construction Special. Lee James, came from the back for second, with Jeff Swindell finishing third. The third heat went to Linus Mack, with Randy Smith taking the second spot, followed by Bob Geldner and Mike Brooks, respectively.

As the third heat moved into the second lap, Doug Toepper of St. Paul, Minnesota, hit the wall in turn one when his car had mechanical failure. Toepper was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital. The fourth heat went to Kinser as he was well on his way to a clean sweep. John Stevenson netted the second spot, with Shane Carson edging out Don Spieker for third. The B main found numerous top guns of the Outlaw circuit looking for two berths in the feature. The end results were Rick Ferkel and Bob Hop exchanging the top spot with Ferkel coming out on top. Sonny Smyser, in the Jordan Racing Special finished third for the alternate starting spot in the feature.

Results

Time Trials (Qualifying Order): 1. 11, Steve Kinser, Bloomington, IN (14) 20.080 (NTR); 2. 1B, Bob Geldner, St. Peter, MN (6) 20.405; 3. 15J, Lee James, Lizton, IN (10) 20.490; 4. 4, Doug Wolfgang, Sioux Falls, SD (41) 20.529; 5. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (43) 20.592; 6. 0, Rick Ferkel, Findlay, OH (17) 20.653; 7. 54, Don Reiners, Sioux Falls, SD (15) 20.855; 8. 18x, Danny Smith, Hendersonville, TN (35) 20.911; 9. 96, Don Spieker, West Fargo, ND (8) 20.913; 10. 43, Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA (23) 20.964; 11. 55, Tim Green, Carmichael, CA (40) 20.964; 12. 83, Gary Gray, Indianapolis, IN (11) 21.039; 13. 19, Bobby Marshall, Allen, TX (25) 21.050; 14. 55J, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (18) 21.090; 15. 71, Bobby Davis Jr., Memphis, TN (34) 21.104; 16. 2J, Norman Martin, Dallas, TX (38) 21.119; 17. 10, Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, OK (32) 21.215; 18. 21, Mark Shaffer, Newton, IA (37) 21.267; 19. 90, Jeff Swindell, Memphis, TN (46) 21.275; 20. 6T, Gary Dunkle, Waverly, NE (4) 21.316; 21. 97x, Rick Montgomery, Denver, CO (2) 21.323; 22. 81, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (16) 21.356; 23. 88, Bob Hop, Mendota, MN (24) 21.363; 24. 97, Bill Mellenberndt, Sioux Falls, SD (31) 21.363; 25. 1, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (7) 21.373; 26. 42, Linus Mack, East Grand Forks, MN (42) 21.464; 27. 18, Bill Hetrick Jr., Carman, IL (1) 21.493; 28. 42H, Glenn Hughes Jr., Denver, MO (12) 21.787; 29. 6, Pat McKeahan, Windsor, MO (13) 21.797; 30. 15, Art Coons, Des Moines, IA (28) 21.835; 31. 47, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO (22) 21.879; 32. 181, Chris Maurer, Colfax, IA (19) 21.903; 33. 49, Dick Morris, Le Mars, IA (44) 21.992; 34. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (33) 22.187; 35. 44, Curtis Evans, Hardin, MO (36) 22.220; 36. 3, Leland Van Emmerick, Salem, SD (29) 22.231; 37. 52, Spike Lempelius, Eagan, MN (20) 22.255; 38. 09, Doug Toepper, St. Paul, MN (30) 22.426; 39. 43H, Glenn Hughes Sr., Denver, MO (21) 22.429; 40. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (3) 22.541; 41. 76, Ron Wiuff, Roseville, MN (39) 22.554; 42. 69, Robert Houseman, Runnells, IA (45) 23.350; 43. 30H, Jim Perry, Baxter, IA (26) 25.145; 44. 29, Don Johnson, Longmont, CO (5) NT; 45. 51, Con Edwards, Altoona, IA (9) NT; 46. 1n, Sammy Swindell, Bartlett, TN (27) NT; 47. X, John Sernett, Laurens, IA (47) NT; 48. 87, Curtis Evans, Hardin, MO (48) NT.

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:45.2: 1. Steve Kinser (6) 2. John Stevenson (2) 3. Doug Wolfgang (3) 4. Rick Ferkel (1) 5. Bob Geldner (5) 6. Lee James (4)

Heat one (started), 10 laps, NT: 1. Danny Smith (9) 2. Doug Wolfgang (10) 3. Bill Mellenberndt (5) 4. Norm Martin (7) 5. Gary Dunkle (6) / 6. Gary Gray (8) 7. Chris Maurer (3) 8. Glenn Hughes Jr. (4) 9. Ron Wiuff (11) ... also: Tim Deaver (1), Leland Van Emmerick (2) DNS – Curtis Evans

Heat two (started), 10 laps, 3:37.37: 1. Tim Green (6) 2. Lee James (8) 3. Jeff Swindell (4) 4. Don Reiners (9) 5. Bobby Davis Jr. (7) / 6. Bill Hetrick Jr. (2) 7. Bob Hop (5) 8. Jerry Potter (3) 9. Glenn Hughes Sr. (1) 10. Robert Houseman (10) DNS – Curtis Evans, Jim Perry

Heat three (started), 10 laps, NT: 1. Linus Mack (4) 2. Randy Smith (8) 3. Bob Geldner (10) 4. Mike Brooks (7) 5. Cliff Woodward (5) / 6. Art Coons (3) 7. Mike Thomas (2) ... also: Doug Toepper (1), Mark Shaffer (6), Rick Ferkel (9), John Sernett (11) DNS – Don Johnson

Heat four (started), 10 laps, 3:32.83: 1. Steve Kinser (8) 2. John Stevenson (9) 3. Shane Carson (4) 4. Don Spieker (6) 5. 49, Sammy Swindell (10, subbing for Dick Morris) / 6. Sonny Smyser (2) 7. Bobby Marshall (7) 8. Pat McKeehan (3) 9. Rick Montgomery (5) 10. Spike Lempelius (1) DNS – Dick Morris, Con Edwards

B main (started), 15 laps, 5:30.23: 1. Rick Ferkel (6) 2. Bob Hop (2) / 3. Sonny Smyser (1) 4. Art Coons (10) 5. Gary Gray (5) 6. Mike Thomas (13) 7. Jerry Potter (11) 8. Glenn Hughes Jr. (8) 9. Ron Wiuuff (18) 10. Chris Maurer (12) 11. Glenn Hughes Sr. (16) 12. Tim Deaver (17) ... also: Rick Montgomery (3), Bobby Marshall (4), Bill Hetrick Jr. (7), Pat McKeehan (9), Leland Van Emmerick (14), Spike Lempelius (15), DNS – Mark Shaffer, Dick Morris, Curtis Evans, Doug Toepper, Jim Perry, Don Johnson, Con Edwards, John Sernett, Curtis Evans

A main (started), 25 laps, NT: 1. Steve Kinser (6) 2. Doug Wolfgang (3) 3. Danny Smith (7) 4. Shane Carson (14) 5. Don Reiners (1) 6. Tim Green (10) 7. Rick Ferkel (21) 8. Norman Martin (13) 9. Bob Hop (22) 10. John Stevenson (2) 11. Jeff Swindell (15) 12. Linus Mack (19) 13. Bill Mellenberndt (18) 14. Sammy Swindell (20) 15. Randy Smith (9) 16. Bob Geldner (5) 17. Lee James (4) 18. Bobby Davis Jr. (12) 19. Mike Brooks (11) 20. Cliff Woodward (17) 21. Gary Dunkle (16) 22. Don Spieker (8). **Lap Leaders:** Stevenson 1-2, S. Kinser 2-25.

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Carson Holds For Top Dollar from Knoxville Raceway

Knoxville, IA – Shane Carson, in the Tuttle and Easter Sprinter, used the full 20 laps to cash in on the first night of weekly racing at Knoxville. Carson, subbing for Jimmy Sills, held off numerous charges from Tim Green in the Jensen Construction Special, with Green two lengths behind settling for second. 1980 point champ Mike Brooks finished third in the Dick Morris sprinter, with John Stevenson making a last lap charge for the fourth spot, leaving Bill Mellenberndt for fifth at the finish line.

The evening activities came alive when the second qualifying car of the evening set a new one-lap track record of 20.059. John Stevenson in the familiar 31 erased the two-week old record of Steve Kinser, which was 20.080. The crowd was overwhelmed to have the track record back in the hands of a Knoxville regular.

The five-lap trophy dash ended Carson's absence from the winner's circle with Bill Mellenberndt second, Tim Green in the third slot, Randy Smith in the McCarl chassis for fourth, and Stevenson settled for fifth.

The first heat found Mellenberndt at the checkered, coming from the back, Mark Shaffer in the second hole, newcomer Terry Smith in third and Mackie Heimbaugh in the Gil Sonner/Casey's sprinter for fourth.

Tim Green breezed to victory in the second heat, with Rich Brahmer in the second spot. Art Coons finished third, and Chris Maurer in the number four spot. Junior Parkinson put the Mickey Mouse 65 on its top in turn three, but declined medical attention.

Randy Smith coasted to victory in the third qualifying heat with Tom Corbin running second, Carson third, and Mike Thomas fourth. Gene Kester put his sprinter through some drills, but declined medical attention.

Mike Brooks charged from the back to win the fourth heat, with Cliff Woodward in second, John Stevenson grabbed third, and Spike Lempelius was fourth.

The B main was a well earned victory for Sonny Smyser and the Jordan Brothers crew, as Sonny blew an engine in hot laps and finished with a ninth place feature finish. Con Edwards took second, with Bill Randleman finishing in the alternate spot.

Saturday night's program was the first night for the Limited Class to take the green flag, with Bob Thompson winning the heat race and the main event. Robert Houseman finished second in the heat and main.

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Time Trials (Qualifying Order): 1. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (2) 20.059 (NTR); 2. 43, Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA (15) 20.155; 3. 55, Tim Green, Des Moines, IA (11) 20.232; 4. 97, Bill Mellenberndt, Sioux Falls, SD (10) 20.272; 5. 49, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (17) 20.378; 6. 10, Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, OK (13) 20.696; 7. 65, Junior Parkinson, Gladstone, MO (8) 20.748; 8. 47, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (12) 20.789; 9. 81, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (23) 21.057; 10. 1A, Tom Corbin, Carrollton, MO (19) 21.106; 11. 26, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE (7) 21.154; 12. 21, Mark Shaffer, Newton, IA (9) 21.159; 13. 34, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA (16) 21.211; 14. 88, Bob Hop, Mendota, MN (1) 21.283; 15. 15, Art Coons, Des Moines, IA (18) 21.393; 16. 51, Con Edwards, Altoona, IA (22) 21.435; 17. 52, Spike Lempelius, Egan, MN (5) 21.650; 18. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (4) 21.751; 19. 181, Chris Maurer, Colfax, IA (20) 21.767; 20. 39, Terry Smith, Raytown, MO (25) 21.818; 21. 17, Bill Randleman, Jefferson, IA (3) 21.862; 22. 88x, Gene Kester, Kansas City, MO (21) 22.052; 23. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (6) 22.108; 24. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (14) 22.427; 25. 33, Buddy Wallen, Kansas City, MO (24) 23.409; 26. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Brighton, IA (26) NT; 27. 5, Lynn McIntosh, Thunder Bay, ONT, Can. (27) NT; 28. 76, Ron Wiuff, Roseville, MN (28) NT; 29. 1, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (29) NT.

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:44.70: 1. Shane Carson (1) 2. Bill Mellenberndt (3) 3. Tim Green (4) 4. Randy Smith (5) 5. John Stevenson (6) 6. Mike Brooks (2)

Heat one (started), 8 laps, 2:37.85: 1. Bill Mellenberndt (6) 2. Mark Shaffer (4) 3. Terry Smith (2) 4. Mackie Heimbaugh (5) / 5. Tim Deaver (1) 6. Con Edwards (3) 7. Buddy Wallen (7)

Heat two (started), 8 laps, NT: 1. Tim Green (5) 2. Rich Brahmer (4) 3. Art Coons (1) 4. Chris Maurer (2) / 5. Junior Parkinson (3) DNS – Stacy Redmond, Ron Wiuff

Heat three (started), 8 laps, NT: 1. Randy Smith (6) 2. Tom Corbin (4) 3. Shane Carson (5) 4. Mike Thomas (2) 5. Bob Hop (3) / 6. Gene Kester (1) DNS – Lynn McIntosh

Heat four (started), 8 laps, 2:51.09: 1. Mike Brooks (5) 2. Cliff Woodward (4) 3. John Stevenson (6) 4. Spike Lempelius (2) 5. Mike Pinckney (3) / 6. Bill Randleman (1) DNS – Adrian Zoutte, Sonny Smyser

B main (started), 10 laps, 3:28.85: 1. Sonny Smyser (4) 2. Con Edwards (2) / 3. Bill Randleman (1) 4. Ron Wiuff (5) 5. Buddy Wallen (3) DNS – Junior Parkinson, Gene Kester, Stacy Redmond, Tim Deaver, Adrian Zoutte, Lynn McIntosh

A main (started), 20 laps, 7:09.55: 1. Shane Carson (1) 2. Tim Green (4) 3. Mike Brooks (2) 4. John Stevenson (6) 5. Bill Mellenberndt (3) 6. Rich Brahmer (10) 7. Tom Corbin (9) 8. Bob Hop (13) 9. Sonny Smyser (19) 10. Mark Shaffer (11) 11. Art Coons (12) 12. Terry Smith (16) 13. Chris Maurer (17) 14. Mike Thomas (14) 15. Con Edwards (18) 16. Randy Smith (5) 17. Mackie Heimbaugh (7) 18. Cliff Woodward (8) 19. Spike Lempelius (15) DNS – Mike Pinckney. **Lap Leader:** Carson 1-20.

Limited Results

Time Trials (Qualifying Order): 1. 48T, Bob Thompson, Des Moines, IA (2) 22.937; 2. 69, Robert Houseman, Runnells, IA (1) 23.772; 3. 30, Jim Perry, Colfax, IA (4) 24.527; 4. 37P, Jerry Peyton, Des Moines, IA (3) 26.999.

Heat (started), 6 laps: 1. Bob Thompson (4) 2. Robert Houseman (3) 3. Jim Perry (2) 4. Jerry Peyton (1)

A main (started), 10 laps: 1. Bob Thompson (1) 2. Robert Houseman (2) 3. Jim Perry (3) 4. Jerry Peyton (4)

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Randy Smith Banks "Cold" Cash from Knoxville Raceway

Knoxville, IA – Randy Smith, in the Guy Graham Sprinter, jumped to an early lead and was never seriously challenged in Saturday night's chilly 20-lap feature. Smith had built up a straightaway lead over the second place car of Bill Mellenberndt. Tim Green moved into the second spot and began chewing up the daylight Smith had laid down. Green's move came too late as he finished seven car lengths behind Smith for second. Bill Mellenberndt held for third as Gary Scott finished in the fourth spot with fast timer Bob Hop rounding out the top five.

The evening's activities got off to a slow start as Mother Nature added some moisture to the track. At the conclusion of time trials, Bob Hop of Mendota, Minnesota, had tripped the clock at 21.022 for quick time. The Trophy Dash found Gary Scott making his first trip to Knoxville in victory circle. Randy Smith grabbed second, Bill Mellenberndt finished third, Jimmy Sills fourth and Green running fifth. The first heat went to Bill Mellenberndt coming from the back and taking Mark Shaffer at the line in a photo finish. Randy Smith took third after a hook-up with Con Edwards. Billy Robison and Glenn Hughes Sr. finished fourth and fifth, respectively.

The second heat went to Tim Green in the Jensen Construction Special, coming from the rear. "Tiger" Bob Williams ran second, Glenn Hughes Jr. held for third, with Mike Pinckney fourth and Gary Scott in the fifth spot. Cliff Woodward pocketed the third heat, with Bob Hop taking a close second. Jimmy Sills held for third, Rich Brahma took Chris Maurer on the last lap for fourth, leaving Maurer in fifth.

Bob Thompson kept his shutout going by winning the limited heat and feature. Adrian Zoutte finished second in the heat, while Robert Houseman finished second in the feature.

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Time Trials*: 1. 88, Bob Hop, Mendota, MN, 21.022; 2. 55, Tim Green, Des Moines, IA, 21.096; 3. 97, Bill Mellenberndt, Sioux Falls, SD, 21.112; 4. 10, Jimmy Sills, Sacramento, CA, 21.130; 5. 4s, Gary Scott, Holts Summit, MO, 21.175; 6. 43, Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA, 21.366; ;7. 26, Rich Brahma, Wisner, NE; 8. 1A, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO; 9. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA; 10. 81, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO; 11. 34, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA; 12. 47, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS; 13. 5, Lynn McIntosh, Thunder Bay, ONT, Can.; 14. 12, Bob Williams, Independence, MO; 15. 21, Mark Shaffer, Newton, IA; 16. 52, Spike Lempelius, Eagan, MN; 17. 42H, Glenn Hughes Jr., Denver, MO; 18. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA; 19. 181, Chris Maurer, Colfax, IA; 20. 1, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO; 21. 43H, Glenn Hughes Sr. Denver, MO; 22. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA; 23. 76, Ron Wiuff, Roseville, MN; 24. 51, Con Edwards, Altoona, IA.

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, *: 1. Gary Scott (3) 2. Randy Smith (2) 3. Bill Mellenberndt (5) 4. Jimmy Sills (4) 5. Tim Green (6) 6. Jerry Potter (1) DNS – Bob Hop, Rich Brahmer

Heat one (started), 8 laps, *: 1. Bill Mellenberndt (8) 2. Mark Shaffer (4) 3. Randy Smith (7) 4. Billy Robison (5) 5. Stacy Redmond (6) 6. Glenn Hughes Sr. (2) 7. Mike Thomas (3) 8. Con Edwards (1)

Heat two (started), 8 laps, : 1. Tim Green (8) 2. Bob Williams (4) 3. Glenn Hughes Jr. (3) 4. Mike Pinckney (5) 5. Gary Scott (7) 6. Sonny Smyser (2) ... also: Ron Wiuff (1), Jerry Potter (6)

Heat three (started), 8 laps, : 1. Cliff Woodward (5) 2. Bob Hop (8) 3. Jimmy Sills (7) 4. Rich Brahmer (6) 5. Chris Maurer (2) 6. Spike Lempelius (3) 7. Lynn McIntosh (4) 8. Tim Deaver (1)

A main (started), 20 laps, : 1. Randy Smith (1) 2. Tim Green (5) 3. Bill Mellenberndt (4) 4. Gary Scott (2) 5. Bob Hop (6) 6. Cliff Woodward (9) 7. Billy Robison (11) 8. Rich Brahmer (7) 9. Mike Pinckney (10) 10. Mark Shaffer (13) 11. Spike Lempelius (14) 12. Sonny Smyser (17) 13. Con Edwards (22) 14. Chris Maurer (16) 15. Glenn Hughes Sr. (18) 16. Mike Thomas (20) 17. Lynn McIntosh (19) 18. Tim Deaver (21) 19. Jimmy Sills (3) 20. Stacy Redmond (8) 21. Glenn Hughes Sr. (15) 22. Bob Williams (12). **Lap Leader:** R. Smith 1-20.

Limited Results

Heat: 1. 48T, Bob Thompson, Des Moines, IA 2. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Brighton, IA ...*

A main: 1. Bob Thompson 2. 69, Robert Houseman, Runnells, IA ...

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Green Bags Top Knoxville Bucks

from Knoxville Raceway

Knoxville, IA – Tim Green led the full 20-lap feature at Knoxville Saturday night with no serious challenge from anyone. Starting from the inside front row, Green took a huge lead before Eddie Leavitt came to within four car lengths of Green while moving through slower traffic. The Leavitt move came too late, as the checkered flag fell. Leavitt put the Bill Krug Construction Special in the best finish ever at Knoxville. Gary Scott cruised to a third place finish, as did Jimmy Sills for fourth. Bob Hop had his work cut out to make it to the fifth slot. Eddie Leavitt, making his first run at Knoxville this year, nailed down quick time with a 20.139, only .08 off the track record. Gary Scott made it two Trophy Dashes in a row with Gary Dunkle finishing second, Leavitt in third, and Sills in fourth. Randy Smith and Bill Mellenberndt got together in the dash, eliminating Mellenberndt for the rest of the evening, with Smith running the B feature. Cliff Woodward held for the first heat victory as Gary Scott finished second spitting Woodward's car. Junior Parkinson took third, with Bob Hop and Rich Brahmer taking fourth and fifth, respectively.

Tim Green put the Jensen Special in the victory circle in the second heat with Jimmy Sills holding for second, Mark Shaffer third, Chris Maurer grabbing fourth and Stacy Redmond in the fifth spot. Eddie Leavitt brought it from the back to take the third heat, with Texan Joe McCarthy second, Billy Robison in third, Con Edwards in the fourth slot and Sonny Smyser rounding out the top five.

Bob Thompson kept his heat race victories going by winning the Limited first heat with Robert Houseman second. The Limited second heat went to Mike Thomas with John McCoy running second.

Mike Thomas picked up the Limited feature with Bob Thompson taking second and John McCoy finishing third.

Randy Smith picked up the B feature to qualify for the feature event, with Tim Deaver holding on for second and Roger Hurst third for the alternate feature start. The evening was not without yellow and red as Glenn Hughes Jr., Jerry Peyton, Bill Mellenberndt and Glenn Hughes Sr. brought out the flags at different times throughout the evening's festivities. The Sprint car Capital now gears up for the two-day World of Outlaws showdown May 22 and 23.

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Time Trials (Qualifying Order): 1. 9A, Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO (18) 20.139; 2. 43, Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA (27) 20.157; 3. 4s, Gary Scott, Holts Summit, MO (4) 20.419; 4. 97, Bill Mellenberndt, Sioux Falls, SD (8) 20.484; 5. 10, Jimmy Sills, Sacramento, CA (16) 20.493; 6. 6T, Gary Dunkle, Waverly, NE (19) 20.560; 7. 51, Con Edwards, Altoona, IA (2) 20.584; 8. 55, Tim Green, Des Moines, IA (11) 20.615; 9. 81, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (23) 20.716; 10. 47, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (28) 20.781; 11. 1A, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO (21) 20.828; 12. 88, Bob Hop, Mendota, MN (6) 20.837; 13. 02, Joe McCarthy, El Paso, TX (14) 20.888; 14. 21, Mark Shaffer, Newton, IA (12) 20.913; 15. 26, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE (1) 21.063; 16. 1, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (5) 21.091; 17. 61, Stacy Redmond, Mason City, IA (3) 21.181; 18. 65, Junior Parkinson, Gladstone, MO (20) 21.378; 19. 43H, Glenn Hughes Sr., Denver, MO (15) 21.431; 20. 76, Ron Wiuff, Roseville, MN (13) 21.447; 21. 52, Spike Lempelius, Eagan, MN (25) 21.613; 22. 17, Bill Randleman, Jefferson, IA (9) 21.770; 23. 181, Chris Maurer, Colfax, IA (24) 21.776; 24. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (17) 21.785; 25. 51D, Nick LoSasso, Arvada, CO (7) 22.067; 26. 33, Buddy Wallen, Kansas City, MO (22) 22.266; 27. 54K, Roger Hurst, Kansas City, MO (10) 22.699; 28. 4c, Cliff McCoy, Truman, AR (26) 24.944.

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, *: 1. Gary Scott (4) 2. Gary Dunkle (1) 3. Eddie Leavitt (6) 4. Jimmy Sills (2) 5. Randy Smith (5) 6. Bill Mellenberndt (3)

Heat one (started), 8 laps, : 1. Cliff Woodward (7) 2. Gary Scott (9) 3. Junior Parkinson (4) 4. Bob Hop (6) 5. Gary Dunkle (8) 6. Rich Brahmer (5) / ... also: Roger Hurst (1), Tim Deaver (2), Spike Lempelius (3)

Heat two (started), 8 laps, : 1. Tim Green (7) 2. Jimmy Sills (8) 3. Mark Shaffer (5) 4. Chris Maurer (2) 5. Stacy Redmond (4) 6. Ron Wiuff (3) / ... also: Buddy Wallen (1), Jerry Potter (6), Cliff McCoy (9) DNS – Randy Smith

Heat three (started), 8 laps, : 1. Eddie Leavitt (8) 2. Joe McCarthy (5) 3. Billy Robison (6) 4. Con Edwards (7) 5. Sonny Smyser (4) 6. Nick LoSasso (1) / ... also: Bill Randleman (2), Glenn Hughes Sr. (3) DNS – Bill Mellenberndt

B main (started), 8 laps, : 1. Randy Smith (3) 2. Tim Deaver (2) / 3. Roger Hurst (1) 4. Cliff McCoy (4) DNS – Bill Mellenberndt, Jerry Potter, Glenn Hughes Sr., Spike Lempelius, Bill Randleman, Buddy Wallen

A main (started), 20 laps, : 1. Tim Green (1) 2. Eddie Leavitt (6) 3. Gary Scott (5) 4. Jimmy Sills (4) 5. Bob Hop (9) 6. Gary Dunkle (3) 7. Con Edwards (2) 8. Randy Smith (19) 9. Cliff Woodward (7) 10. Billy Robison (8) 11. Joe McCarthy (10) 12. Mark Shaffer (11) 13. Sonny Smyser (13) 14. Rich Brahmer (12) 15. Chris Maurer (17) 16. Stacy Redmond (14) 17. Nick LoSasso (18) 18. Ron Wiuff (16) 19. Tim Deaver (20) 20. Junior Parkinson (15). **Lap Leader:** Green 1-20.

Limited Results

Time Trials (Qualifying Order): 1. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (5) 21.828; 2. 48T, Bob Thompson, Des Moines, IA (7) 22.203; 3. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (9) 22.439; 4. 69, Robert Houseman, Runnells, IA (8) 22.805; 5. 11, Adrian Zoutte, Brighton, IA (1) 23.049; 6. 37P, Jerry Peyton, Des Moines, IA (3) 23.887; 7.

9x, Mike Proffitt, Pleasantville, IA (2) 24.443; 8. 75, Charles Findley, Albany, MO (4) 24.770; 9. 32, Jimmy Bell, Des Moines, IA (6) 26.105.

Heat, 6 laps: 1. Bob Thompson 2. Robert Houseman ... also: John McCoy, Mike Thomas, Adrian Zoutte, Jerry Peyton, Mike Proffitt, Charles Findley, Jimmy Bell

A main (started), 10 laps, : 1. Mike Thomas (3) 2. Bob Thompson (2) 3. John McCoy (1) ... also: Robert Houseman (4), Adrian Zoutte (5), Jerry Peyton (6), Mike Proffitt (7), Charles Findley (8), Jimmy Bell (9)

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Wolfgang Rockets at Knoxville WoO (wing)

from Knoxville Raceway

Knoxville, IA – Two-time Knoxville Nationals Champ Doug Wolfgang continued his winning ways on the World of Outlaws trail Friday night in Knoxville by virtue of a new winged track record. Wolfgang started third row outside, with Steve Kinser next to him. As the first lap came to life, Wolfgang exited turn four in the lead. As the feature progressed, Wolfgang's lead steadily increased. With three yellow flags in the feature, Wolfgang built his lead each time, with no serious challenge. As the checkered flag fell, the fans went wild as Wolfgang increased his first place point total on the World of Outlaws trail. Jeff Swindell held for second, as Steve Kinser was knocking at the backdoor finishing third. Sammy Swindell ran a hard fourth, with Tim Green closing with a close fifth.

The evening's activities blazed to a start as Steve Kinser broke Wolfgang's 1980 winged record with an 18.432. Three cars later, Wolfgang took to the racing surface setting another new winged record of 18.342.

The five-lap Trophy Dash went to Jeff Swindell, as brother Sammy was pushing for second. Steve Kinser held for third, with Bob Geldner fourth, Gary Scott fifth and Tim Green in the sixth spot.

The first heat went to Chris Maurer with Pleasantville star Mike Proffitt second, Ron Wiuff in the third spot, Rick Lemanski fourth and Tim Deaver rounding out the top five. Gary Scott brought home the second heat race with Jimmy Sills holding second, Tim Green third, Bob Geldner fourth and Billy Robison fifth. Steve Kinser came from the back to win the third heat, with "Texan" Joe McCarthy running second, Bill Mellenberndt third, Mark Shaffer and Jeff Swindell taking fourth due to a misplaced yellow light and Con Edwards fifth. Doug Wolfgang also brought it from the back to win the fourth heat, with Sammy Swindell holding for second. Newcomer Ed Polich of Montana was third, Randy Smith was fourth and Rich Brahmer settling for fifth. Sonny Smyser took the B feature honors with Rick Lemanski taking second and Bobby Brutto in the third spot for the alternate feature position.

Results

Time Trials (Qualifying Order): 1. 4, Doug Wolfgang, Sioux Falls, SD (17) 18.342 (**NTR**); 2. 11x, Steve Kinser, Bloomington, IN (14) 18.432; 3. 55, Tim Green, Carmichael, CA (29) 18.703; 4. 1n, Sammy Swindell, Bartlett, TN (20) 18.737; 5. 90, Jeff Swindell, Memphis, TN (5) 18.740; 6. 1B, Bob Geldner, St. Peter, MN (1) 18.896; 7. 43, Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA (11) 19.032; 8. 69n, Bobby Brutto, San Jose, CA (10) 19.080; 9. 47, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (26) 19.086; 10. 88, Bob Hop, Mendota, MN (32) 19.112; 11. 51, Con Edwards, Altoona, IA (12) 19.151; 12. 4s, Gary Scott, Holts Summit, MO (8) 19.168; 13. 22, Tom Corbin, Carrollton, MO (3) 19.198; 14. 02, Joe McCarthy, El Paso, TX (21) 19.223; 15. 10, Jimmy Sills, Sacramento, CA (30) 19.267; 16. 1, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (24) 19.452; 17. 97, Bill Mellenberndt, Sioux Falls, SD (23) 19.613; 18. 5, Lynn McIntosh, Thunder Bay, ONT, Can. (31) 19.618; 19. 21P, Eddie Polich, Great Falls, MT (7) 19.645; 20. 34, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA (2) 19.650; 21. 6T, Gary Dunkle, Waverly, NE (28) 19.661;

22. 26, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE (6) 19.682; 23. 21, Mark Shaffer, Newton, IA (22) 19.682; 24. 81, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (16) 19.753; 25. 97x, Rick Montgomery, Denver, CO (27) 20.142; 26. 76, Ron Wiuff, Roseville, MN (19) 20.268; 27. 76x, Rick Lemanski, Fox Lake, WI (13) 20.352; 28. 181, Chris Maurer, Colfax, IA (15) 20.522; 29. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (4) 21.042; 30. 9x, Mike Proffitt, Pleasantville, IA (18) 21.328; 31. 11, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (25) 22.352; 32. 42H, Glenn Hughes Jr., Denver, MO (9) NT.

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:34.18 (NTR): 1. Jeff Swindell (2) 2. Sammy Swindell (3) 3. Steve Kinser (5) 4. Bob Geldner (1) 5. Doug Wolfgang (6) 6. Tim Green (4)

Heat one - slow (started), 8 laps, NT: 1. Chris Maurer (4) 2. Mike Proffitt (2) / 3. Ron Wiuff (6) 4. Rick Lemanski (3) 5. Tim Deaver (1) 6. Rick Montgomery (5) DNS – Mackie Heimbaugh, Glenn Hughes Jr.

Heat two (started), 8 laps, 2:33.93: 1. Gary Scott (1) 2. Jimmy Sills (4) 3. Tim Green (5) 4. Bob Geldner (3) 5. Billy Robison (6) 6. Gary Dunkle (2) / DNS – Cliff Woodward, Lynn McIntosh

Heat three (started), 8 laps, 2:33.09 (NTR): 1. Steve Kinser (6) 2. Joe McCarthy (2) 3. Bill Mellenberndt (3) 4. Jeff Swindell (7) 5. Con Edwards (5) 6. Mark Shaffer (1) / 7. Bobby Brutto (4) DNS – Mike Pinckney

Heat four (started), 8 laps, 2:34.94: 1. Doug Wolfgang (8) 2. Sammy Swindell (7) 3. Eddie Polich (2) 4. Randy Smith (6) 5. Rich Brahmer (1) 6. Bob Hop (5) / 7. Tom Corbin (4) 8. Sonny Smyser (3)

B main (started), 8 laps, 2:40.88: 1. Sonny Smyser (3) 2. Rick Lemanski (2) / 3. Bobby Brutto (5) 4. Tom Corbin (4) 5. Tim Deaver (1) DNS – Lynn McIntosh, Mike Pinckney, Cliff Woodward, Rick Montgomery, Ron Wiuff, Mackie Heimbaugh, Glenn Hughes Jr.

A main (started), 20 laps, NT: 1. Doug Wolfgang (6) 2. Jeff Swindell (2) 3. Steve Kinser (5) 4. Sammy Swindell (3) 5. Tim Green (4) 6. Bob Hop (9) 7. Randy Smith (7) 8. Gary Scott (11) 9. Jimmy Sills (13) 10. Billy Robison (8) 11. Bill Mellenberndt (14) 12. Rich Brahmer (17) 13. Sonny Smyser (20) 14. Eddie Polich (15) 15. Mike Proffitt (18) 16. Rick Lemanski (21) 17. Con Edwards (10) 18. Chris Maurer (19) 19. Joe McCarthy (12) 20. Bob Geldner (1) 21. Gary Dunkle (16) DNS – Mark Shaffer. **Lap Leader:** Wolfgang 1-20.

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Victory to Swindell Saturday Night from Knoxville Raceway

Knoxville, IA – Sammy Swindell breezed to victory Saturday night at Knoxville in the final night of World of Outlaws competition. Swindell came from the third row fast time slot, working his way through traffic as Doug Wolfgang jumped to an early lead. Steve Kinser, also from the third row, reached Wolfgang first and took the lead with Swindell pushing Wolfgang. Kinser immediately opened up a sizable lead, with Swindell swinging low under Wolfgang for second. As Swindell was trying to make up the distance on Kinser, the eight-ball struck the leader. The in-and-out box on the Kinser machine was gone. Swindell inherited the lead as Kinser was out for the night. Wolfgang was unable to make up ground, finishing second, with Randy Smith running a close third. Eddie Leavitt finished fourth, and Texan Joe McCarthy rounded out the top five.

As the program started with a quick pace due to Mother Nature, Sammy Swindell rolled the dice and came up with quick time at 20.192.

Steve Kinser brought it from the back for the Trophy Dash win, with Eddie Leavitt holding for second, Wolfgang working for third, Swindell running fourth and Randy Smith fifth. Ron Wiuff won his first heat of

the year in the first heat with Rick Lemanski second in the Justin Brothers special. Bob Hop took the second heat with Jeff Swindell running second, Leavitt holding for third, John Stevenson in fourth and Bobby Brutto fifth.

Steve Kinser nailed the third heat with Wolfgang running second, Mark Shaffer finishing a hot third, Joe McCarthy fourth and Jimmy Sills in the fifth spot.

Sammy Swindell brought down his first victory of the evening in the fourth heat with Randy Smith settling for second, Billy Robison third, Cliff Woodward running fourth and Gary Scott a close fifth.

Tom Corbin picked up the B feature win in the Derry and Son Sprinter with Rich Brahmer fighting for second and Junior Parkinson third.

Championship sprint racing returns to Knoxville next Saturday night with the Mini-Nationals.

Results

Time Trials (Qualifying Order): 1. 1n, Sammy Swindell, Bartlett, TN (14) 20.192; 2. 11x, Steve Kinser, Bloomington, IN (27) 20.490; 3. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (4) 20.586; 4. 43, Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA (26) 20.615; 5. 4, Doug Wolfgang, Sioux Falls, SD (10) 20.724; 6. 9A, Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO (23) 20.812; 7. 4s, Gary Scott, Holts Summit, MO (20) 20.885; 8. 02, Joe McCarthy, El Paso, TX (32) 20.886; 9. 90, Jeff Swindell, Memphis, TN (17) 20.892; 10. 1B, Bob Geldner, St. Peter, MN (30) 20.923; 11. 10, Jimmy Sills, Sacramento, CA (13) 20.937; 12. 88, Bob Hop, Mendota, MN (18) 21.013; 13. 47, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (34) 21.029; 14. 97, Bill Mellenberndt, Sioux Falls, SD (5) 21.155; 15. 1A, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO (11) 21.293; 16. 42H, Glenn Hughes Jr., Denver, MO (2) 21.305; 17. 22, Tom Corbin, Carrollton, MO (3) 21.368; 18. 69n, Bobby Brutto, San Jose, CA (28) 21.487; 19. 21P, Eddie Polich, Great Falls, MT (8) 21.505; 20. 21, Mark Shaffer, Newton, IA (31) 21.562; 21. 65, Junior Parkinson, Gladstone, MO (15) 21.642; 22. 81, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (19) 21.668; 23. 181, Chris Maurer, Colfax, IA (7) 21.678; 24. 26, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE (24) 21.744; 25. 51, Con Edwards, Altoona, IA (35) 21.750; 26. 76x, Rick Lemanski, Fox Lake, WI (21) 21.836; 27. 11, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (25) 22.093; 28. 76, Ron Wiuff, Roseville, MN (29) 22.120; 29. 48T, Bob Thompson, Des Moines, IA (16) 22.416; 30. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (12) 22.513; 31. 9x, Mike Proffitt, Pleasantville, IA (22) 22.630; 32. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (1) 22.634; 33. 39, Terry Smith, Raytown, MO (33) 22.641; 34. 1, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (6) NT; 35. 34, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA (9) NT.

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, : 1. Steve Kinser (5) 2. Eddie Leavitt (1) 3. Doug Wolfgang (2) 4. Sammy Swindell (6) 5. Randy Smith (3) 6. John Stevenson (4)

Heat one - slow (started), 8 laps, 3:01.26: 1. Ron Wiuff (6) 2. Rick Lemanski (8) / 3. Bob Thompson (5) 4. Mackie Heimbaugh (7) 5. Terry Smith (1) 6. Tim Deaver (2) 7. Mike Proffitt (3) 8. John McCoy (4) DNS – Con Edwards, Sonny Smyser, Mike Pinckney

Heat two (started), 8 laps, 2:54.76: 1. Bob Hop (5) 2. Jeff Swindell (6) 3. Eddie Leavitt (7) 4. John Stevenson (8) 5. Bobby Brutto (3) 6. Jerry Potter (4) / ... also: Rich Brahmer (1), Junior Parkinson (2)

Heat three (started), 8 laps, 2:50.70: 1. Steve Kinser (8) 2. Doug Wolfgang (7) 3. Mark Shaffer (2) 4. Joe McCarthy (6) 5. Jimmy Sills (5) 6. Bill Mellenberndt (4) / ... also: Chris Maurer (1), Tom Corbin (3)

Heat four (started), 8 laps, 2:56.93: 1. Sammy Swindell (8) 2. Randy Smith (7) 3. Billy Robison (4) 4. Cliff Woodward (1) 5. Gary Scott (5) 6. Bob Geldner (6) / ... also: Eddie Polich (2), Glenn Hughes Jr. (3)

B main (started), 12 laps, NT: 1. Tom Corbin (5) 2. Rich Brahmaer (1) / 3. Junior Parkinson (3) 4. Mackie Heimbaugh (7) 5. Mike Pinckney (14) 6. Glenn Hughes Jr. (6) ... also: Chris Maurer (2), Eddie Polich (4), Bob Thompson (8), Mike Proffitt (9), Tim Deaver (10), Terry Smith (11), Con Edwards (12), John McCoy (13) DNS – Sonny Smyser

A main (started), 20 laps, NT: 1. Sammy Swindell (6) 2. Doug Wolfgang (2) 3. Randy Smith (3) 4. Eddie Leavitt (1) 5. Joe McCarthy (8) 6. Bob Geldner (10) 7. Bob Hop (12) 8. Jimmy Sills (11) 9. Gary Scott (7) 10. Jeff Swindell (9) 11. Billy Robison (13) 12. Bill Mellenberndt (14) 13. Tom Corbin (21) 14. Jerry Potter (15) 15. Rich Brahmaer (22) 16. Mark Shaffer (17) 17. Rick Lemanski (19) 18. Ron Wiuff (20) 19. John Stevenson (4) 20. Steve Kinser (5) 21. Bobby Brutto (16) 22. Cliff Woodward (18). Lap Leaders: Wolfgang I, S. Kinser I, S. Swindell -20.

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Smith Nails Knoxville Mini-Nationals from Knoxville Raceway

Knoxville, IA – Randy Smith nailed down his second feature win of the season at the Knoxville Raceway Saturday night. Smith picked up \$1,200 for the victory, as the Mini-Nationals drew to a close. Smith led from start to finish and was never headed. John Stevenson showed the best advance, coming from the fast time sixth starting slot, finishing second. Current point leader Tim Green ran in the third spot, with Gary Scott running fourth. Jimmy Sills rounded out the top five.

John Stevenson fired the evening up qualifying in the second position and setting a new track record at 20.048. Stevenson had set a new track record just three weeks ago. Second quick was Bill Mellenberndt, Gary Scott was third quick, Tim Green fourth, Con Edwards fifth and Randy Smith sixth.

Randy Smith picked up his first trophy dash victory of the season, with Tim Green running second, Mellenberndt holding for third, Edwards a strong fourth, Scott fifth and Stevenson sixth.

Smith also picked up the first heat with Scott grabbing second. Mark Shaffer was third, Billy Robison held for fourth spot with Chris Maurer fifth. Mellenberndt took the second heat with Jerry Potter in the second slot, Edwards was third, Cliff Woodward was fourth and Ron Wiuff was fifth. Justice Brothers driver Bob Hop won the third heat, with Jimmy Sills a close second, Green ran third, Stevenson was fourth and Mike Pinckney was a respectable fifth.

Bob Thompson kept his string of Limited Heat race victories going, with Robert Houseman second and John McCoy third. Thompson also picked up the Limited feature, with John McCoy running second and Robert Houseman third.

Mike Thomas picked up the B feature win with Buddy Wallen running second and Bill Randleman third. Next week marks a big doubleheader weekend at Knoxville with the regular sprint show on Friday night and the USAC Dirt Champ Cars making their debut at Knoxville Saturday night.

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Time Trials (Qualifying Order): 1. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (2) 20.048 (NTR); 2. 97, Bill Mellenberndt, Sioux Falls, SD (3) 20.291; 3. 4s, Gary Scott, Holts Summit, MO (17) 20.409; 4. 55, Tim Green, Des Moines, IA (12) 20.512; 5. 51, Con Edwards, Altoona, IA (22) 20.541; 6. 43, Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA (10) 20.542; 7. 10, Jimmy Sills, Sacramento, CA (13) 20.581; 8. 39, Terry Taggart, Sioux City, IA (1) 20.712; 9. 47, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (18) 20.735; 10. 34, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA (11) 20.750; 11. 1A,

Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO (23) 20.870; 12. 21, Mark Shaffer, Newton, IA (4) 20.898; 13. 88, Bob Hop, Mendota, MN (14) 21.000; 14. 20, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (6) 21.234; 15. 26, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE (21) 21.326; 16. 1, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (9) 21.481; 17. 81, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (5) 21.510; 18. 181, Chris Maurer, Colfax, IA (8) 21.737; 19. 17, Bill Randleman, Jefferson, IA (16) 22.168; 20. 76, Ron Wiuff, Roseville, MN (15) 22.207; 21. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (19) 22.434; 22. 33, Buddy Wallen, Kansas City, MO (7) 23.106; 23. 11, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (20) NT; 24. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (24) NT.

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:44.74: 1. Randy Smith (1) 2. Tim Green (3) 3. Bill Mellenberndt (5) 4. Con Edwards (2) 5. Gary Scott (4) 6. John Stevenson (6)

Heat one (started), 8 laps, 2:50.98: 1. Randy Smith (6) 2. Gary Scott (7) 3. Mark Shaffer (5) 4. Billy Robison (4) 5. Chris Maurer (2) 6. Rich Brahmer (3) / 7. Tim Deaver (1)

Heat two (started), 8 laps, 2:55.98: 1. Bill Mellenberndt (5) 2. Jerry Potter (4) 3. Con Edwards (6) 4. Cliff Woodward (2) 5. Ron Wiuff (1) 6. Mike Brooks (3) / DNS – Terry Taggart, Mackie Heimbaugh

Heat three (started), 8 laps, 2:52.37: 1. Bob Hop (2) 2. Jimmy Sills (4) 3. Tim Green (7) 4. John Stevenson (6) 5. Mike Pinckney (5) 6. Sonny Smyser (3) / ... also: Buddy Wallen (1), Bill Randleman (8)

B main (started), 5 laps, : 1. Mike Thomas (4) 2. Buddy Wallen (1) / 3. Bill Randleman (3) 4. Tim Deaver (2) DNS – Terry Taggart, Mackie Heimbaugh

A main (started), 20 laps, NT: 1. Randy Smith (1) 2. John Stevenson (6) 3. Tim Green (3) 4. Gary Scott (4) 5. Jimmy Sills (7) 6. Billy Robison (8) 7. Con Edwards (2) 8. Sonny Smyser (15) 9. Mike Pinckney (9) 10. Cliff Woodward (16) 11. Chris Maurer (17) 12. Buddy Wallen (20) 13. Ron Wiuff (18) 14. Jerry Potter (10) 15. Bob Hop (12) 16. Bill Mellenberndt (5) 17. Mike Thomas (19) 18. Rich Brahmer (14) 19. Mark Shaffer (11) 20. Mike Brooks (13). **Lap Leader:** R. Smith 1-20.

Limited Results

Time Trials (Qualifying Order): 1. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (2) 21.953; 2. 48T, Bob Thompson, Des Moines, IA (4) 22.065; 3. 69, Robert Houseman, Runnells, IA (5) 22.773; 4. 75, Charles Findley, Albany, MO (3) 23.506; 5. 32, Jimmy Bell, Des Moines, IA (1) 24.080.

Heat (started), 6 laps: 1. Bob Thompson (4) 2. Robert Houseman (3) 3. John McCoy (5) 4. Charles Findley (2) 5. Jimmy Bell (1)

A main (started), 10 laps: 1. Bob Thompson 2. John McCoy 3. Robert Houseman ... also: Charles Findley, Jimmy Bell

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Stevenson Tastes Victory at Knoxville from Knoxville Raceway

Knoxville, IA – John Stevenson put the Bethke Sprinter into victory circle Friday night in a special weekly show at Knoxville. Stevenson finished in the number one spot under the red and checkered as Lealand McSpadden, running in the second spot, flipped coming out of four. McSpadden came from underneath the McCroy sprinter under his own power. Billy Robison officially finished second, with Tim Green running a hard third. Randy Smith filled the fourth spot, with Con Edwards rounding out the top five.

Randy Smith picked up his second trophy dash of the season with Robison finishing second, John Stevenson third, Green running fourth, Bob Hop fifth and Gary Scott sixth.

The first heat went to Cliff Woodward, with Glenn Hughes Sr. second, Tim Deaver in the third slot and Buddy Wallen fourth. Mark Shaffer picked up the second heat, with Lenard McCarl second, Con Edwards third, Robison fourth and Hop fifth.

The third heat went to "Tempe Tornado" Lealand McSpadden, with Green finishing second, Scott running third, Randy Smith in the fourth spot and Glenn Hughes Jr. fifth.

The limited heat went to Mike Thomas, with Knoxville's John McCoy running second and Bob Thompson third. The Limited Feature was a repeat of the limited heat. A smooth evening until the A feature as Mark Shaffer went out with a blown tire, Scott with motor problems, Hop and Rich Brahmer hit the wall in turn three and McSpadden flipping in turn four. All drivers declined medical attention.

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Time Trials (Qualifying Order): 1. 4s, Gary Scott, Holts Summit, MO (8) 20.118; 2. 88, Bob Hop, Mendota, MN (13) 20.202; 3. 55, Tim Green, Carmichael, CA (16) 20.212; 4. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (11) 20.432; 5. 43, Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA (4) 20.443; 6. 47, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (19) 20.529; 7. 34, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA (2) 20.668; 8. 51, Con Edwards, Altoona, IA (10) 20.694; 9. 21N, Lealand McSpadden, Tempe, AZ (20) 20.988; 10. 7x, Lenard McCarl, Des Moines, IA (17) 20.963; 11. 42H, Glenn Hughes Jr., Denver, MO (2) 20.993; 12. 21, Mark Shaffer, Newton, IA (20) 20.998; 13. 26, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE (12) 21.148; 14. 181, Chris Maurer, Colfax, IA (18) 21.460; 15. 33, Buddy Wallen, Kansas City, MO (5) 21.497; 16. 81, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (14) 21.670; 17. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (6) 21.722; 18. 39, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (9) 21.805; 19. 43H, Glenn Hughes Sr., Denver, MO (7) 22.499; 20. 11, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (15) 22.686.

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, *: 1. Randy Smith (2) 2. Billy Robison (1) 3. John Stevenson (3) 4. Tim Green (4) 5. Bob Hop (5) 6. Gary Scott (6)

Heat one – slow (started), 8 laps, : 1. Cliff Woodward (1) 2. Glenn Hughes Sr. (2) 3. Tim Deaver (4) 4. Buddy Wallen (3) DNS – Mike Brooks, Mackie Heimbaugh

Heat two (started), 8 laps, : 1. Mark Shaffer (2) 2. Con Edwards (4) 3. Lenard McCarl (3) 4. Billy Robison (5) 5. Bob Hop (7) 6. John Stevenson (6) 7. Chris Maurer (1)

Heat three (started), 8 laps, : 1. Lealand McSpadden (3) 2. Tim Green (6) 3. Gary Scott (7) 4. Randy Smith (5) 5. Glenn Hughes Jr. (2) 6. Rich Brahmer (1) 7. Mike Pinckney (4)

A main (started), 20 laps, NT: 1. John Stevenson (4) 2. Billy Robison (2) 3. Tim Green (5) 4. Randy Smith (3) 5. Con Edwards (1) 6. Cliff Woodward (12) 7. Glenn Hughes Jr. (8) 8. Glenn Hughes Sr. (14) 9. Tim Deaver (13) 10. Lealand McSpadden (7) 11. Chris Maurer (16) 12. Rich Brahmer (10) 13. Bob Hop (6) 14. Mike Pinckney (15) 15. Gary Scott (18) 16. Buddy Wallen (11) 17. Mark Shaffer (9) 18. Mike Brooks (17). Lap Leaders: , Stevenson -20.

Limited Results

Time Trials (Qualifying Order): 1. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (2) 21.340; 2. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (1) 21.367; 3. 48T, Bob Thompson, Des Moines, IA (4) 21.390; 4. 9x, Mike Proffitt, Pleasantville, IA (5) 22.559; 5. 32, Jimmy Bell, Des Moines, IA (3) 24.004.

Heat (started), 6 laps, : 1. Mike Thomas (2) 2. John McCoy (4) 3. Bob Thompson (3) 4. Jimmy Bell (1) DNS – Mike Proffitt

A main (started), 8 laps, : 1. Mike Thomas 2. John McCoy 3. Bob Thompson ... also: Mike Proffitt, Jimmy Bell

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Knoxville Dirt Champ to Vogler
from Knoxville Raceway

Knoxville, IA – Rich Vogler led from start to finish in Saturday night's 100-lap Dirt Champ debut at Knoxville. Vogler started from the outside front row alongside of Joe Saldana. Vogler ran the high side through the 50-mile showdown, with Saldana dropping out of contention early on in the going. Smokey Snellbaker ran a strong second until Sheldon Kinser moved in for the finish, leaving Snellbaker in third. Ron Shuman battled with Ken Schrader for the fourth spot with Shuman going to the finish, leaving Schrader to round out the top five. Johnny Parsons Jr. ran sixth and also completed the 100-lap marathon. "The Preacher" Gary Patterson ran seventh, with Greg Leffler in eighth, Gary Gray running ninth, and Bill Compton in the tenth slot.

Joe Saldana kicked the evening off with quick time at 21.359. Vogler was second quick with a 21.363, Ken Schrader was third at 21.427, Gary Bettenhausen was fourth at 21.596, Smokey Snellbaker was fifth at 21.600 and Eddie Leavitt was sixth at 21.659. Saldana picked up the first 20-lap qualifying race, with Snellbaker second, Ken Schrader third, Ron Shuman a strong fourth, Sheldon Kinser in the fifth spot, Gary Gray running sixth, Jerry Potter in seventh, Mark Alderson eighth, Bill Compton ninth and Lennie Waldo rounded out the top ten.

Rich Vogler picked up the second 20-lap qualifying heat race, after Gary Bettenhausen dropped a ring gear and pinion. Eddie Leavitt ran a strong second, Jack Hewitt was third, Leffler fourth, Parsons Jr. fifth, Steven Gannon sixth, Patterson seventh, Knoxville's Mike Brooks eighth, Larry Rice ninth and Duke Cook in tenth.

Time Trials: 1. 49, Joe Saldana, Speedway, IN, 21.359; 2. 3, Rich Vogler, Chicago, IL, 21.363; 3. 39, Ken Schrader, Fenton, MO, 21.427; 4. 1, Gary Bettenhausen, Tinley Park, IL, 21.596; 5. 54, Smokey Snellbaker, Emigsville, PA, 21.600; 6. 53, Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO, 21.659; ... also: 90, Ron Shuman, Mesa, AZ; 11, Sheldon Kinser, Bloomington, IN; 83, Gary Gray, Indianapolis, IN; 62, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO; 97, Mark Alderson, Timber Lake, SD; 22, Bill Compton, Toledo, OH; 81, Lennie Waldo, Columbus, OH; 58, Jack Hewitt, Troy, OH; 43, Greg Leffler, Winchester, IN; 7, Johnny Parsons Jr., Speedway, IN; 42, Steve Cannon, Danville, IL; 45, Gary Patterson, Sacramento, CA; 17, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA; 55, Larry Rice, Linden, IN; 25, Duke Cook, Sidney, OH; 84, Bud Wilmot, Middletown, OH; ... *

Qualifying Heat Race One, 20 laps, *: 1. Joe Saldana 2. Smokey Snellbaker 3. Ken Schrader 4. Ron Shuman 5. Sheldon Kinser 6. Gary Gray 7. Jerry Potter 8. Mark Alderson 9. Bill Compton 10. Lennie Waldo ...

Qualifying Heat Race Two, 20 laps, *: 1. Rich Vogler 2. Eddie Leavitt 3. Jack Hewitt 4. Greg Leffler 5. Johnny Parsons Jr. 6. Steve Cannon 7. Gary Patterson 8. Mike Brooks 9. Larry Rice 10. Duke Cook ...

A main (started), 100 laps: 1. Rich Vogler (2) 2. Sheldon Kinser (9) 3. Smokey Snellbaker (3) 4. Ron Shuman (7) 5. Ken Schrader (5) 6. Johnny Parsons Jr. (10) 7. Gary Patterson (14) 8. Greg Leffler (8) 9. Gary Gray (11) 10. Bill Compton (17) 11. Mark Alderson (15) 12. Larry Rice (18) 13. Jerry Potter (13) 14. Duke Cook (20) 15. Bud Wilmot (*) 16. Joe Saldana (1) 17. Eddie Leavitt (4) 18. Steve Cannon (12) 19. Jack Hewitt (6) 20. Mike Brooks (16) ...* **Lap Leader:** Vogler 1-100.

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Robison Makes a Clean Sweep

from Knoxville Raceway

Knoxville, IA – Little Leaguers and their coaches, parents or chaperones got every ounce of their money's worth on Hardee's night. The whole evening was filled with excitement as the winds pushed the rain clouds away, and racing got underway. John Stevenson passed Randy Smith on lap two in the Trophy Dash. One lap later, Stevenson dropped a rod, and was sidelined for the night. Bob Hop flipped on lap three, and Smith dropped out.

Billy Robison made it a clean sweep by winning the trophy dash, his heat, and then the main.

In the first heat, Mackie Heimbaugh came from the back of the pack to win. Smith moved from last to second, almost getting Lenard McCarl on the last lap of the second heat. The third heat was won by Cliff Woodward.

Robison moved from last to third in one lap, taking the lead on the second lap in the fourth heat.

An accident in the main event on the second lap involving Randy Smith and McCarl sidelined them both, plus Jimmy Sills. The lead was taken over by young rookie Glenn Hughes Jr., who has been doing an outstanding job in his first year at Knoxville. He led for four laps. He finished fifth, which is his best finish at Knoxville. Green also did an outstanding job coming from the back of the pack to finish second. Also congratulations go out to Cliff Woodward for doing an outstanding job of finishing third. Jerry Potter finished fourth.

Results

Time Trials (Qualifying Order): 1. 55, Tim Green, Carmichael, CA (3) 20.300; 2. 10, Jimmy Sills, Sacramento, CA (10) 20.367; 3. 88, Bob Hop, Mendota, MN (25) 20.466; 4. 47, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (17) 20.470; 5. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (16) 20.526; 6. 43, Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA (31) 20.641; 7. 42H, Glenn Hughes Jr., Denver, MO (27) 20.735; 8. 1A, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO (14) 20.857; 9. 7x, Lenard McCarl, Des Moines, IA (5) 20.895; 10. 34, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA (24) 20.913; 11. 81, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (22) 21.012; 12. 51, Con Edwards, Altoona, IA (26) 21.034; 13. 26, Rich Brahmmer, Wisner, NE (21) 21.084; 14. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (11) 21.122; 15. 65, Junior Parkinson, Gladstone, MO (19) 21.162; 16. 5, Lynn McIntosh, Thunder Bay, ONT, Can. (12) 21.305; 17. 21, Mark Shaffer, Newton, IA (28) 21.335; 18. 20, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (34) 21.445; 19. 48T, Bob Thompson, Des Moines, IA (33) 21.491; 20. 181, Chris Maurer, Colfax, IA (7) 21.513; 21. 1, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (18) 21.623; 22. 54K, Roger Hurst, Kansas City, MO (23) 21.656; 23. 18, Bill Hetrick Jr., Carman, IL (13) 21.668; 24. 33, Buddy Wallen, Kansas City, MO (6) 21.768; 25. 14, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (32) 21.818; 26. 43H, Glenn Hughes Sr., Denver, MO (2) 21.943; 27. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (4) 21.948; 28. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (15) 21.957; 29. 3x, Chad Ward, Independence, MO (30) 22.062; 30. 32, Jimmy Bell, Des Moines, IA (8) 23.162; 31. 10x, Dean Smith, Humboldt, IA (29) 23.257; 32. 2, Dick DeRock, Mason City, IA (1) 25.421; 33. 9x, Mike Proffitt, Pleasantville, IA (9) NT; 34. 6T, Gary Dunkle, Waverly, NE (20) NT.

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, NT: 1. Billy Robison (3) 2. Tim Green (6) 3. Jimmy Sills (5) 4. Bob Hop (4) 5. John Stevenson (2) 6. Randy Smith (1)

Heat one – slow (started), 8 laps, 2:56.59: 1. Mackie Heimbaugh (7) 2. Chad Ward (3) / 3. Glenn Hughes Sr. (6) 4. Tim Deaver (4) 5. Dean Smith (1) 6. John McCoy (5) ... also: Jimmy Bell (2), Dick DeRock (8) DNS – Mike Proffitt, Gary Dunkle

Heat two (started), 8 laps, 2:52.94: 1. Lenard McCarl (6) 2. Randy Smith (7) 3. Mike Brooks (3) 4. Sonny Smyser (2) 5. Junior Parkinson (4) 6. Con Edwards (5) / 7. Buddy Wallen (1) DNS – Bob Hop

Heat three (started), 8 laps, 2:53.44: 1. Cliff Woodward (5) 2. Jerry Potter (6) 3. Jimmy Sills (7) 4. Bill Hetrick Jr. (1) 5. Mike Thomas (4) 6. Chris Maurer (2) / 7. Mark Shaffer (3) DNS – John Stevenson

Heat four (started), 8 laps, NT: 1. Billy Robison (7) 2. Rich Brahmer (4) 3. Mike Pinckney (5) 4. Roger Hurst (1) 5. Glenn Hughes Jr. (6) 6. Bob Thompson (2) / 7. Lynn McIntosh (3) 8. Tim Green (8)

B main (started), 10 laps, NT: 1. Tim Green (4) 2. Mark Shaffer (4) / 3. Lynn McIntosh (5) 4. John McCoy (8) 5. Glenn Hughes Sr. (3) 6. Tim Deaver (1) 7. Dean Smith (6) ... also: Jimmy Bell (7), Mike Proffitt (9) DNS – Bob Hop, John Stevenson, Buddy Wallen, Dick DeRock, Gary Dunkle

A main (started), 20 laps, NT: 1. Billy Robison (5) 2. Tim Green (21) 3. Cliff Woodward (8) 4. Jerry Potter (2) 5. Glenn Hughes Jr. (3) 6. Mike Pinckney (7) 7. Con Edwards (9) 8. Rich Brahmer (10) 9. Junior Parkinson (12) 10. Chris Maurer (15) 11. Mike Thomas (11) 12. Bob Thompson (14) 13. Chad Ward (20) 14. Mark Shaffer (22) 15. Mackie Heimbaugh (19) 16. Roger Hurst (17) 17. Bill Hetrick Jr. (18) 18. Mike Brooks (13) 19. Lenard McCarl (1) 20. Randy Smith (4) 21. Jimmy Sills (6) 22. Sonny Smyser (16). **Lap Leaders:** McCarl 1, Hughes Jr. 2-5, Robison 6-20.

6/20

Tim Green Takes Mid-Season Championship

from Knoxville Raceway

Knoxville, IA – The clouds opened up and dumped a nice little shower just as the track was ironed down and ready for hot laps. A little more ironing out got the track underway for the Mid-Season Championship and Pizza Hut night.

Tim Green, the California Kid, who now calls Des Moines, Iowa, home, worked from his fast time starting spot to win his second feature event of the season at the Marion County Fairgrounds in Knoxville, Iowa. The race was initially led for the first three laps by last week's feature winner, Billy Robison of Topeka, Kansas. Robison put the Sonner Sprinter in the lead from his pole position when the green flag dropped, and he was followed closely by Bob Hop. Hop gained the lead on the fourth lap, and continued to pace the field in the twenty-lap event until the seventeenth lap, when Green took advantage of his passing ability in lapped traffic to gain the win.

The Trostle/Jensen Sprinter appeared earlier in the winner's circle when Green survived the accident marred Trophy Dash. The event was red-flagged on two separate incidents. Bob Hop began bicycling on two wheels in the third turn after hitting a rut, which sent his car into the wall. Incidentally, this is the third time Hop has gotten upside down in the third turn in three weeks of racing. On the restart, Bill Mellenberndt of Sioux Falls, South Dakota ran out of racing room and slid his car into the pit gate retaining wall.

Heat race winners were Lenard McCarl, Mark Shaffer and Rich Brahmer.

Time Trials (Qualifying Order): 1. 55, Tim Green, Carmichael, CA (4) 20.436; 2. 43, Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA (27) 20.482; 3. 51, Con Edwards, Altoona, IA (20) 20.495; 4. 34, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA (8) 20.584; 5. 88, Bob Hop, Mendota, MN (12) 20.584; 6. 97, Bill Mellenberndt, Sioux Falls, SD (9) 20.611; 7. 47, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (11) 20.640; 8. 42H, Glenn Hughes Jr., Denver, MO (2) 20.786; 9. 48T, Bob Thompson, Des Moines, IA (14) 20.791; 10. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (19) 20.876; 11. 65, Junior Parkinson, Gladstone, MO (7) 20.893; 12. 1A, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO (22) 20.910; 13. 48, Tim Deaver,

Knoxville, IA (1) 20.928; 14. 21, Mark Shaffer, Newton, IA (15) 20.937; 15. 7x, Lenard McCarl, Des Moines, IA (6) 20.957; 16. 81, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (18) 21.080; 17. 14, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (10) 21.099; 18. 43H, Glenn Hughes Sr., Denver, MO (23) 21.250; 19. 6T, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE (17) 21.356; 20. 33, Buddy Wallen, Kansas City, MO (25) 21.439; 21. 1, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (13) 21.470; 22. 9x, Mike Proffitt, Pleasantville, IA (28) 21.499; 23. 17, Bill Randleman, Jefferson, IA (3) 21.659; 24. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (26) 21.760; 25. 10x, Dean Smith, Humboldt, IA (21) 21.786; 26. 75, Charles Findley, Albany, MO (24) 22.115; 27. 181, Chris Maurer, Colfax, IA (16) 22.342; 28. 32, Jimmy Bell, Des Moines, IA (5) 22.664.

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, NT: 1. Tim Green (6) 2. Randy Smith (5) 3. Mike Pinckney (3) 4. Con Edwards (4) 5. Bill Mellenberndt (1) 6. Bob Hop (2)

Heat one (started), 8 laps, 2:48.84: 1. Lenard McCarl (4) 2. Jerry Potter (5) 3. Sonny Smyser (2) 4. Con Edwards (7) 5. John McCoy (1) 6. Glenn Hughes Sr. (3) / ... also: Dean Smith (6), Jimmy Bell (8) DNS – Bob Thompson, Bill Mellenberndt

Heat two (started), 8 laps, 2:51.14: 1. Mark Shaffer (4) 2. Glenn Hughes Jr. (6) 3. Randy Smith (8) 4. Bob Hop (7) 5. Junior Parkinson (5) 6. Mackie Heimbaugh (3) / 7. Bill Randleman (1) 8. Buddy Wallen (2) 9. Charles Findley (9)

Heat three (started), 8 laps, 2:49.01: 1. Rich Brahmer (2) 2. Cliff Woodward (3) 3. Billy Robison (6) 4. Tim Green (8) 5. Mike Pinckney (7) 6. Tim Deaver (4) / 7. Mike Thomas (5) 8. Mike Proffitt (1) 9. Chris Maurer (9)

B main (started), 8 laps, : 1. Chris Maurer (7) 2. Bill Randleman (3) 3. Mike Thomas (6) / 4. Mike Proffitt (4) 5. Charles Findley (1) 6. Dean Smith (2) 7. Buddy Wallen (5) DNS – Bill Mellenberndt, Bob Thompson, Jimmy Bell

A main (started), 20 laps, : 1. Tim Green (6) 2. Bob Hop (2) 3. Billy Robison (1) 4. Con Edwards (4) 5. Mike Pinckney (3) 6. Randy Smith (5) 7. Jerry Potter (9) 8. Junior Parkinson (8) 9. Cliff Woodward (13) 10. Sonny Smyser (17) 11. Rich Brahmer (14) 12. Glenn Hughes Jr. (7) 13. Mark Shaffer (11) 14. Lenard McCarl (12) 15. Chris Maurer (19) 16. Glenn Hughes Sr. (15) 17. Tim Deaver (10) 18. Bill Randleman (18) 19. John McCoy (16) DNS – Mackie Heimbaugh, Mike Thomas. **Lap Leaders:** Robison 1-3, Hop 4-16, Green 17-20.

6/27

Stevenson Sets Records from Knoxville Raceway

Knoxville, IA – John Stevenson, St. Paul, Minnesota, established three of four new track records Saturday night at the Knoxville Raceway. Stevenson established a one lap record of 20.004, which breaks the record of 20.048 he previously set May 30, 1980. Stevenson continued to travel the half-mile track at record speeds in the third heat and the A feature.

The only event Stevenson failed to monopolize was the trophy dash, which was won by Tim Green, Carmichael, California. Green outdistanced Billy Robison, Topeka, Kansas, and Stevenson to set a 5-lap record of 1:41.62. He later placed the Jensen/Trostle Sprinter in the winner's circle in the second heat race setting a short-lived record. The mark set by Green was shattered in the third heat event by Stevenson who clocked in at 2:45.61, an average of 20.70 second per lap. The first heat event was won by Rookie of the Year candidate, Bob Thompson of Des Moines, Iowa.

Stevenson's victory in the 20-lap feature event did not materialize until the 15th lap, when he placed the Titan Model Sprinter ahead of the initial race leader, Green. Green was injured by a piece of debris on the last lap of the feature event, which came into the cockpit of his car.

He was transferred to a Des Moines area hospital for treatment of a facial laceration. The accident caused Green to finish fourth behind Randy Smith, Norwalk, Iowa, and Bill Mellenberndt of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Results

Time Trials (Qualifying Order): 1. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (18) 20.004 (NTR); 2. 97, Bill Mellenberndt, Sioux Falls, SD (21) 20.335; 3. 10, Jimmy Sills, Sacramento, CA (2) 20.485; 4. 43, Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA (9) 20.500; 5. 55, Tim Green, Carmichael, CA (4) 20.509; 6. 51, Con Edwards, Altoona, IA (14) 20.513; 7. 47, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (27) 20.526; 8. 1A, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO (17) 20.650; 9. 88, Bob Hop, Mendota, MN (24) 20.722; 10. 34, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA (26) 20.833; 11. 6T, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE (5) 20.867; 12. 81, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (12) 20.869; 13. 1, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (25) 20.900; 14. 22, Tom Corbin, Carrollton, MO (10) 20.981; 15. 21, Mark Shaffer, Newton, IA (13) 20.982; 16. 42H, Glenn Hughes Jr., Denver, MO (15) 21.034; 17. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (16) 21.044; 18. 65, Junior Parkinson, Gladstone, MO (3) 21.152; 19. 43H, Glenn Hughes Sr. Denver, MO (19) 21.296; 20. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (6) 21.396; 21. 9x, Mike Proffitt, Pleasantville, IA (22) 21.442; 22. 181, Chris Maurer, Colfax, IA (23) 21.501; 23. 14, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (7) 21.617; 24. 48T, Bob Thompson, Des Moines, IA (1) 21.689; 25. 17, Bill Randleman, Jefferson, IA (20) 21.809; 26. 75, Charles Findley, Albany, MO (11) 22.559; 27. 7x, Lenard McCarl, Des Moines, IA (8) NT.

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:41.62 (NTR): 1. Tim Green (2) 2. Billy Robison (1) 3. John Stevenson (6) 4. Randy Smith (3) 5. Bill Mellenberndt (5) 6. Jimmy Sills (4) DNS – Con Edwards

Heat one (started), 8 laps, 2:49.35: 1. Bob Thompson (1) 2. Junior Parkinson (3) 3. Jimmy Sills (8) 4. Bob Hop (6) 5. Con Edwards (7) 6. Mike Proffitt (2) / ... also: Mark Shaffer (4), Cliff Woodward (5), Bill Randleman (9)

Heat two (started), 8 laps, 2:46.65: 1. Tim Green (7) 2. Mackie Heimbaugh (1) 3. Tom Corbin (4) 4. Rich Brahmer (5) 5. Bill Mellenberndt (8) 6. Jerry Potter (6) / ... also: Tim Deaver (2), John McCoy (3), Charles Findley (9)

Heat three (started), 8 laps, 2:45.61 (NTR): 1. John Stevenson (8) 2. Billy Robison (6) 3. Chris Maurer (1) 4. Randy Smith (7) 5. Glenn Hughes Jr. (3) 6. Glenn Hughes Sr. (2) / ... also: Sonny Smyser (4), Mike Pinckney (5) DNS – Lenard McCarl

B main (started), : 1. Mike Pinckney (5) 2. Tim Deaver (2) / 3. John McCoy (3) 4. Charles Findley (1) 5. Sonny Smyser (4) DNS – Cliff Woodward, Mark Shaffer, Bill Randleman, Lenard McCarl

A main (started), 20 laps, 6:58.30 (NTR): 1. John Stevenson (6) 2. Randy Smith (3) 3. Bill Mellenberndt (5) 4. Tim Green (2) 5. Con Edwards (1) 6. Billy Robison (7) 7. Jerry Potter (8) 8. Bob Hop (9) 9. Jimmy Sills (4) 10. Glenn Hughes Sr. (14) 11. Mike Pinckney (19) 12. Chris Maurer (16) 13. Bob Thompson (18) 14. Tom Corbin (11) 15. Mackie Heimbaugh (17) 16. Mike Proffitt (15) 17. Tim Deaver (20) 18. Rich Brahmer (10) 19. Junior Parkinson (13) 20. Glenn Hughes Jr. (12). **Lap Leaders:** Green 1-14, Stevenson 15-20.

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Wolfgang Takes Feature

from Knoxville Raceway

Knoxville, IA – Doug Wolfgang, current World of Outlaws sprint car point leader, returned to the Marion County Speedway Saturday night to win the twenty-lap Pepsi/Mountain Dew feature event. Wolfgang's win was the fourth feature victory in a week's racing for the Sioux Falls, South Dakota driver. The string of victories were from Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri and Knoxville ½ mile oval. Wolfgang advanced into the lead on the 10th lap restart when Gary Scott, Holts Summit, Missouri, allowed "Wolf" to travel in the high groove of the racetrack. Early race leader, TJ Giddings, was forced to drop from the lineup on the same lap because of a brake malfunction. Scott continued to maintain second place ahead of Randy Smith of Norwalk, and Billy Robison of Topeka, Kansas.

Records continued to be set on the high-banked fairgrounds track. Bob Hop of Mendota, Minnesota, broke the record for the B main, the only event no changing from the previous week's racing. Hop's new record is 3:32.57. The previous record holder was Lonnie Jensen, and has been untouched since 1977. Bob Thompson of Des Moines, Iowa, placed the Casey Stores/Sonner Sprinter in second place to transfer with Hop to the feature event.

First of four qualifying heats was stopped on the initial lap when Roger Hurst of Kansas City, Missouri, barrel-rolled his mount in the third turn. Hurst was not injured but heavy damage was sustained to the sprint car. The race was won by Cliff Woodward of Kearney, Missouri. Other heat events were won by Cliff Blundy, Metamora, Illinois, Lynn McIntosh, Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada, and Mark Shaffer of Newton. A total of 38 entries from eight states were competing in the eight-event program.

Results

Time Trials (Qualifying Order): 1. 4, Doug Wolfgang, Sioux Falls, SD (21) 20.148; 2. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (11) 20.241; 3. 3, Gary Scott, Holts Summit, MO (24) 20.267; 4. 88, Bob Hop, Mendota, MN (3) 20.366; 5. 43, Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA (12) 20.399; 6. 12, TJ Giddings, Kansas City, KS (10) 20.456; 7. 47, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (18) 20.504; 8. 10, Jimmy Sills, Sacramento, CA (33) 20.532; 9. 42H, Glenn Hughes Jr., Denver, MO (6) 20.552; 10. 55, Tim Green, Carmichael, CA (27) 20.583; 11. 71x, Manny Rockhold, Pekin, IL (35) 20.620; 12. 7x, Lenard McCarl, Des Moines, IA (15) 20.649; 13. 1A, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO (31) 20.688; 14. 51, Con Edwards, Altoona, IA (23) 20.690; 15. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (8) 20.759; 16. 48T, Bob Thompson, Des Moines, IA (29) 20.782; 17. 5, Lynn McIntosh, Thunder Bay, ONT, Can. (1) 20.895; 18. 34, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA (14) 21.072; 19. 21, Mark Shaffer, Newton, IA (28) 21.237; 20. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (13) 21.289; 21. 23s, Cliff Blundy, Metamora, IL (22) 21.303; 22. 14, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (19) 21.315; 23. 1, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (9) 21.372; 24. 2, Galen Martin, Fairfield, IA (25) 21.402; 25. 9x, Mike Proffitt, Pleasantville, IA (7) 21.527; 26. 27, Ed Grant, Canton, IL (20) 21.584; 27. 81, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (2) 21.626; 28. 6T, Gary Dunkle, Waverly, NE (30) 21.726; 29. 54K, Roger Hurst, Kansas City, MO (4) 21.964; 30. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (17) 21.995; 31. 76, Steve Hainline, Bonaparte, IA (34) 22.182; 32. 43H, Glenn Hughes Sr., Denver, MO (36) 22.514; 33. 10x, Dean Smith, Humboldt, IA (26) 22.651; 34. 75, Charles Findley, Albany, MO (16) 23.517; 35. 23, Roger Lechtenberg, Dysart, IA (5) 23.827; 36. 18, Bill Hetrick Jr., Carman, IL (32) NT; 37. *.

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:42.93: 1. Randy Smith (2) 2. Gary Scott (4) 3. TJ Giddings (1) 4. Doug Wolfgang (6) 5. John Stevenson (5) 6. Bob Hop (3)

Heat one – slow (started), 8 laps, 2:53.70: 1. Cliff Woodward (8) 2. Glenn Hughes Sr. (3) / 3. Dean Smith (2) 4. Charles Findley (1) 5. Ed Grant (9) 6. Tim Deaver (5) ... also: Steve Hainline (4), Roger Hurst (6), Gary Dunkle (7), Mike Proffitt (10) DNS – Roger Lechtenberg, Bill Hetrick Jr., *

Heat two (started), 8 laps, NT: 1. Cliff Blundy (2) 2. Gary Scott (8) 3. John McCoy (4) 4. Glenn Hughes Jr. (6) 5. Lenard McCarl (5) 6. TJ Giddings (7) / ... also: Galen Martin (1), Mike Pinckney (3)

Heat three (started), 8 laps, 2:51.36: 1. Lynn McIntosh (3) 2. John Stevenson (8) 3. Jimmy Sills (6) 4. Mike Thomas (2) 5. Manny Rockhold (5) 6. Randy Smith (7) / ... also: Sonny Smyser (1), Con Edwards (4)

Heat four (started), 8 laps, 2:52.31: 1. Mark Shaffer (2) 2. Doug Wolfgang (8) 3. Mackie Heimbaugh (1) 4. Jerry Potter (4) 5. Billy Robison (6) 6. Tim Green (5) / ... also: Bob Thompson (3), Bob Hop (7)

B main (started), 10 laps, 3:32.57 (NTR): 1. Bob Hop (6) 2. Bob Thompson (4) / 3. Mike Pinckney (3) 4. Galen Martin (2) 5. Con Edwards (5) 6. Ed Grant (1) ... also: Tim Deaver (7), Steve Hainline (8), Dean Smith (9), Charles Findley (10) DNS – Sonny Smyser, Mike Proffitt, Gary Dunkle, Roger Hurst, Roger Lechtenberg, Bill Hetrick Jr., *

A main (started), 20 laps, NT: 1. Doug Wolfgang (6) 2. Gary Scott (4) 3. Randy Smith (3) 4. Billy Robison (1) 5. Jimmy Sills (7) 6. Tim Green (9) 7. Jerry Potter (12) 8. Manny Rockhold (10) 9. Bob Hop (21) 10. Glenn Hughes Jr. (8) 11. Cliff Woodward (19) 12. Mark Shaffer (15) 13. John McCoy (11) 14. Mackie Heimbaugh (18) 15. Bob Thompson (22) 16. Lynn McIntosh (14) 17. Glenn Hughes Sr. (20) 18. Mike Thomas (16) 19. TJ Giddings (2) 20. Cliff Blundy (17) 21. Lenard McCarl (11) 22. John Stevenson (5). **Lap Leaders:** Giddings 1-7, Scott 8-9, Wolfgang 10-20.

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Stevenson and Rager Share Winner's Circle

from Knoxville Raceway

Knoxville, IA – Minnesota drivers, John Stevenson of St. Paul and Roger Rager of Mound, shared the winner's circle in Knoxville Raceway's annual Twin 16 features Saturday night. The evening results were highlighted with four former Knoxville track champions in competition.

Eddie Leavitt, one of the former champs, began the evening by clocking 20.257 for fast time of the 32-car field. However, misfortune fell to Leavitt as he failed to make his qualifying heat or the B main to qualify into feature events.

The first of the Twin Features began with pole-sitter, Tim Green, taking the lead for the first half of the 16-lap event. Green's early sailing came to an abrupt end as John Stevenson had the Titan Model Sprinter flying in the high groove. Stevenson had advanced from his fourth row berth to gain the lead and the eventual win. Green gamely held off the challenges of Bob Hop of Mendota, Minnesota, and 1978 track champion, Shane Carson, of Oklahoma City.

The second of the Twin Features was a Cinderella story for winning driver, Roger Rager. It appeared Rager would be out of competition in the McCrey 21N Sprinter for the events, after a time trial crash into the first turn wall. Rager accepted the offer to race the feature qualified mount of Lenard McCarl. Track rules forced the car to start the tail of the first feature event, where Rager finished eighth. In the second event, the USAC star charged from his sixth place starting spot to second on the first lap. On a first lap restart, lead Billy Robison of Topeka, Kansas, lost power in the Sonner-Casey's General Stores Sprinter resulting in airborne antics which eliminated Con Edwards, TJ Giddings, Sonny Smyser and Robison. Rager inherited the lead on the restart and continued to widen the margin of victory over a race for second between Carson and Stevenson. Carson claimed the position as Stevenson's high groove became raced out. Tim Green, the current Knoxville point leader finished fourth.

Other preliminary action saw Kansas City's Jerry Potter collect his first trophy dash victory of the season. Qualifying heat events were won by Chris Maurer, Colfax, Glenn Hughes Jr., Denver, Missouri, Mark Shaffer, Newton and Stevenson.

Results

Time Trials (Qualifying Order): 1. 9A, Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO (3) 20.257; 2. 3, Gary Scott, Holts Summit, MO (22) 20.315; 3. 43, Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA (7) 20.397; 4. 55, Tim Green, Carmichael, CA (32) 20.420; 5. 1A, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO (9) 20.529; 6. 112, Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, OK (8) 20.579; 7. 88, Bob Hop, Mendota, MN (23) 20.612; 8. 51, Con Edwards, Altoona, IA (2) 20.619; 9. 7x, Lenard McCarl, Des Moines, IA (17) 20.625; 10. 14, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (21) 20.628; 11. 47, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (29) 20.739; 12. 42H, Glenn Hughes Jr., Denver, MO (18) 20.768; 13. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (20) 20.769; 14. 12, TJ Giddings, Kansas City, KS (14) 20.786; 15. 81, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (24) 20.838; 16. 48T, Bob Thompson, Des Moines, IA (1) 20.892; 17. 34, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (5) 20.939; 18. 21N, Roger Rager, Mound, MN (6) 21.055; 19. 5, Lynn McIntosh, Thunder Bay, ONT, Can. (25) 21.057; 20. 21, Mark Shaffer, Newton, IA (30) 21.061; 21. 1, Ken Potter, Lee's Summit, MO (10) 21.160; 22. 89, Pat McKeehan, Windsor, MO (4) 21.161; 23. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (28) 21.167; 24. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (19) 21.315; 25. 9x, Mike Proffitt, Pleasantville, IA (15) 21.572; 26. 181, Chris Maurer, Colfax, IA (31) 21.594; 27. 43H, Glenn Hughes Sr., Denver, MO (11) 21.802; 28. 76, Rocky Hodges, Des Moines, IA (13) 21.939; 29. 13, Jack Schostag, St. Paul, MN (26) 22.735; 30. 32, Jimmy Bell, Des Moines, IA (12) 22.831; 31. 23, Roger Lechtenberg, Dysart, IA (27) 22.968; 32. 1R, Jim Robinson, Parkville, MO (16) 23.962.

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:44.35: 1. Jerry Potter (2) 2. Tim Green (3) 3. Gary Scott (5) 4. Eddie Leavitt (6) 5. Randy Smith (4) 6. Shane Carson (1)

Heat one – slow (started), 8 laps, NT: 1. Chris Maurer (5) 2. Rocky Hodges (7) 3. Mike Proffitt (6) 4. Jim Robinson (1) 5. Roger Lechtenberg (2) ... also: Jack Schostag (3), Glenn Hughes Sr. (4), Jimmy Bell (8)

Heat two (started), 8 laps, 2:50.73: 1. Glenn Hughes Jr. (3) 2. Cliff Woodward (4) 3. Lenard McCarl (6) 4. Shane Carson (5) / 5. Randy Smith (7) ... also: Tim Deaver (1), Ken Potter (2), DNS – Roger Rager

Heat three (started), 8 laps, 2:48.84: 1. Mark Shaffer (2) 2. TJ Giddings (4) 3. Con Edwards (6) 4. Jerry Potter (7) / 5. Billy Robison (5) ... also: John McCoy (1), Sonny Smyser (3), Gary Scott (8)

Heat four (started), 8 laps, NT: 1. John Stevenson (4) 2. Bob Hop (6) 3. Tim Green (8) 4. Mackie Heimbaugh (5) / 5. Bob Thompson (3) ... also: Pat McKeehan (1), Lynn McIntosh (2), Eddie Leavitt (7)

B main (started), 12 laps, 4:16.01: 1. Gary Scott (2) 2. Randy Smith (3) 3. Billy Robison (4) 4. Bob Thompson (5) / 5. Sonny Smyser (6) 6. Tim Deaver (11) ... also: Eddie Leavitt (1), Lynn McIntosh (7), Ken Potter (8), Pat McKeehan (9), John McCoy (10), Mike Proffitt (12), Chris Maurer (13), Roger Lechtenberg (14), Jim Robinson (15), Jimmy Bell (16), Rocky Hodges (17) DNS – Roger Rager, Glenn Hughes Sr., Jack Schostag

A main #1 (started), 16 laps, : 1. John Stevenson (8) 2. Tim Green (1) 3. Bob Hop (4) 4. Shane Carson (3) 5. Con Edwards (5) 6. Cliff Woodward (10) 7. TJ Giddings (9) 8. 7x (subbing for Lenard McCarl), Roger Rager (16) 9. Mackie Heimbaugh (6) 10. Randy Smith (13) 11. Mark Shaffer (11) 12. Bob Thompson (15) 13. Billy Robison (14) 14. Glenn Hughes Jr. (7) 15. Gary Scott (12) 16. Jerry Potter (2). **Lap Leaders:** Green 1-8, Stevenson 9-16.

A main #2 (started), 16 laps, NT: 1. Roger Rager (6) 2. Shane Carson (10) 3. John Stevenson (13) 4. Tim Green (12) 5. Cliff Woodward (8) 6. Bob Hop (11) 7. Randy Smith (4) 8. Mackie Heimbaugh (5) 9. Bob Thompson (2) 10. Tim Deaver (16) 11. TJ Giddings (7) 12. Con Edwards (9) 13. Sonny Smyser (15) 14. Billy

Robison (1) 15. Mark Shaffer (3) 16. Glenn Hughes Jr. (14) DNS – Gary Scott, Jerry Potter. **Lap Leaders:**
Robison 1, Rager 2-16.

7/18

Bob Hop is in Winner's Circle for First Time from Knoxville Raceway

Knoxville, IA – Three years of weekly campaigning at the Marion County Speedway paid off Saturday night for Bob Hop of Mendota, Minnesota. Hop piloted the Justice Brothers Sprinter to the winner's circle for the first time on the highly competitive half-mile oval. The veteran sprint car driver led all twenty laps of the event, but not without serious challenge. Race leaders experienced difficulty maneuvering through lapped traffic on the thirteenth lap. The race was red-flagged on the sixteenth lap when fifth place runner, Mike Brooks, of Knoxville, flipped the Jensen/Trostle #55 Sprinter down the backstretch. Crossing the finish line behind Hop were Randy Smith of Norwalk, Billy Robison of Topeka, Kansas, and John Stevenson of St. Paul, Minnesota. Con Edwards of Altoona clocked in as fastest among the 31 entries at 21.138. The racing surface was slower due to an early light shower that delayed the program by a half an hour.

Hop had two other appearances in victory lane, the trophy dash and second heat. Other preliminary heats were won by Buddy Wallen, Kansas City Missouri, Billy Robison and Cliff Woodward of Kearney, Missouri. The B feature event was won by Tom Corbin of Carrollton, Missouri.

The third heat was stopped on the white flag lap when Chris Maurer of Colfax, tangled with Glenn Hughes Jr. of Denver, Missouri on the backstretch. Maurer was taken to the Knoxville hospital for observation.

Results

Time Trials (Qualifying Order): 1. 51, Con Edwards, Altoona, IA (24) 21.138; 2. 47, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (18) 21.199; 3. 10, Jimmy Sills, Sacramento, CA (6) 21.290; 4. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (7) 21.341; 5. 55, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (14) 21.445; 6. 88, Bob Hop, Mendota, MN (2) 21.561; 7. 43, Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA (16) 21.591; 8. 22, Tom Corbin, Carrollton, MO (17) 21.600; 9. 1A, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO (22) 21.647; 10. 1, Ken Potter, Lee's Summit, MO (11) 21.834; 11. 81, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (10) 21.850; 12. 43H, Glenn Hughes Sr., Denver, MO (21) 21.969; 13. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (8) 22.201; 14. 21, Mark Shaffer, Newton, IA (4) 22.422; 15. 48T, Bob Thompson, Des Moines, IA (15) 22.440; 16. 00, Bobby Ensminger, Burlington, IA (20) 22.540; 17. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (19) 22.576; 18. 42H, Glenn Hughes Jr., Denver, MO (26) 22.708; 19. 9x, Mike Proffitt, Pleasantville, IA (28) 22.718; 20. 76, Rocky Hodges, Des Moines, IA (27) 22.978; 21. 181, Chris Maurer, Colfax, IA (9) 23.654; 22. 10x, Dean Smith, Humboldt, IA (12) 23.667; 23. 32, Jimmy Bell, Des Moines, IA (25) 23.792; 24. 69, Robert Houseman, Runnells, IA (3) 24.006; 25. 75, Charles Findley, Albany, MO (5) 24.339; 26. 33, Buddy Wallen, Kansas City, MO (1) 25.347; 27. 34, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (13) NT; 28. 2x, Dick DeRock, Mason City, IA (23) NT; 29. 7x, Tim Green, Carmichael, CA (29) NT; 30. *; 31. *.

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:44.68: 1. Bob Hop (1) 2. Mike Brooks (2) 3. Billy Robison (5) 4. John Stevenson (3) 5. Jimmy Sills (4) 6. Con Edwards (6)

Heat one (started), 6 laps, 2:20.58: 1. Buddy Wallen (1) 2. Robert Houseman (3) 3. Charles Findley (2) 4. Jimmy Bell (4) 5. Dick DeRock (5) DNS - Sonny Smyser, Tim Green, *, *

Heat two (started), 8 laps, 2:57.43: 1. Bob Hop (6) 2. Jerry Potter (5) 3. Mike Proffitt (2) 4. John McCoy (4) 5. Dean Smith (1) 6. Bobby Ensminger (3) / 7. Jimmy Sills (7)

Heat three (started), 8 laps, NT: 1. Billy Robison (7) 2. Mike Brooks (6) 3. Glenn Hughes Sr. (4) 4. Glenn Hughes Jr. (2) 5. Chris Maurer (1) 6. Bob Thompson (3) / 7. Tom Corbin (5)

Heat four (started), 8 laps, 2:53.35: 1. Cliff Woodward (4) 2. John Stevenson (6) 3. Mark Shaffer (3) 4. Randy Smith (5) 5. Con Edwards (7) 6. Tim Deaver (2) / 7. Rocky Hodges (1) DNS – Ken Potter

B main (started), 6 laps, : 1. Tom Corbin (6) 2. Buddy Wallen (1) / 3. Charles Findley (2) 4. Robert Houseman (3) 5. Jimmy Bell (4) ... also: Rocky Hodges (5), Dick DeRock (7) DNS – Jimmy Sills, Ken Potter, Sonny Smyser, Tim Green, *, *

A main (started), 20 laps, NT: 1. Bob Hop (2) 2. Randy Smith (1) 3. Billy Robison (5) 4. John Stevenson (4) 5. Con Edwards (6) 6. Jerry Potter (7) 7. Cliff Woodward (8) 8. Glenn Hughes Sr. (9) 9. Mark Shaffer (11) 10. Tom Corbin (18) 11. John McCoy (10) 12. Bob Thompson (12) 13. Bobby Ensminger (13) 14. Dean Smith (17) 15. Buddy Wallen (19) 16. Tim Deaver (14) 17. Mike Proffitt (16) 18. Mike Brooks (3) 19. Glenn Hughes Jr. (15) DNS – Chris Maurer. **Lap Leader:** Hop 1-20.

7/22

Sammy Swindell Wins his 27th Feature from Knoxville Raceway

Knoxville, IA – Sammy Swindell of Bartlett, Tennessee pocketed \$2,100 en route to his 27th sprint car feature victory of the season Wednesday night at the Marion County Fair. Swindell inherited a front row berth after track officials awarded Swindell the spot following a red flag on the start.

The red flag was thrown for an accident involving Steve Kinser of Bloomington, Indiana and Con Edwards of Altoona. Kinser violently flipped the Gaerte-Kinser Brothers sprinter in the third turn. The Hoosier was taken for observation at the Knoxville Hospital, but had returned by the conclusion of the feature event.

Swindell led all twenty laps of the event, which showed an outstanding driving performance turned in by Doug Wolfgang of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Wolfgang was running second on the tenth lap when a flat tire put Wolfgang in the Howell Sprinter on the tail at the mid-point of the race. Wolfgang worked through the field to finish second at the checkered flag ahead of Roger Rager of Mound, Minnesota, and Eddie Leavitt of Kearney, Missouri.

Kinser didn't leave the track with empty pockets as he picked up \$1,000 for being the first driver to capture a lap under the elusive 20 second mark. Kinser clocked in with a record time of 19.895. Wolfgang also dipped into the 19 second bracket.

Fifth heat action was red-flagged on the fourth lap for Randy Smith of Norwalk. Smith, also fell victim to the third turn. Randy was taken to Knoxville hospital for X-Rays for a possible arm injury. Heat race winners were Billy Robison of Topeka, Kansas, Swindell, Ron Shuman of Mesa, Arizona, and Kinser.

Robison outraced an eighteen car B main starting field to transfer to the A main, with Tom Corbin of Carrollton, Missouri, Lenard McCarl of Des Moines, and Mike Thomas of Des Moines. A total of 42 cars participated in the nine-event program.

Time Trials (Qualifying Order): 1. 11, Steve Kinser, Bloomington, IN (1) 19.895 (**NTR**); 2. 4, Doug Wolfgang, Sioux Falls, SD (25) 19.968; 3. 10, Jimmy Sills, Sacramento, CA (5) 20.125; 4. 51, Con Edwards, Altoona, IA (4) 20.135; 5. 9A, Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO (17) 20.202; 6. 20, Tim Green, Carmichael, CA (22) 20.302; 7. 1n, Sammy Swindell, Bartlett, TN (7) 20.331; 8. 0, Rick Ferkel, Findlay, OH (29) 20.340; 9. 43,

Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA (3) 20.343; 10. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (23) 20.364; 11. 1B, Bob Geldner, St. Peter, MN (11) 20.393; 12. 21N, Roger Rager, Mound, MN (26) 20.432; 13. 112, Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, OK (24) 20.462; 14. 75, Ron Shuman, Mesa, AZ (31) 20.478; 15. 3, Gary Scott, Holts Summit, MO (16) 20.491; 16. 1A, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO (10) 20.637; 17. 88, Bob Hop, Mendota, MN (15) 20.717; 18. 22, Tom Corbin, Carrollton, MO (19) 20.829; 19. 72, Bill McCormick, Anderson, CA (9) 20.906; 20. 14, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (40) 20.963; 21. 34, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (21) 21.032; 22. 7x, Lenard McCarl, Des Moines, IA (32) 21.061; 23. 21, Mark Shaffer, Newton, IA (8) 21.135; 24. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (20) 21.210; 25. 181, Chris Maurer, Colfax, IA (36) 21.308; 26. 81, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (33) 21.333; 27. 55, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (13) 21.366; 28. 9x, Mike Proffitt, Pleasantville, IA (38) 21.475; 29. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (30) 21.481; 30. 18A, Larry Aszmus, Anchorage, AK (18) 21.573; 31. 92, Fred Brownfield, Everett, WA (34) 21.608; 32. 33, Ken Potter, Lee's Summit, MO (37) 21.666; 33. 43H, Glenn Hughes Sr., Denver, MO (35) 21.770; 34. 76, Rocky Hodges, Des Moines, IA (2) 21.772; 35. 47, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (28) 21.810; 36. 42H, Glenn Hughes Jr., Denver, MO (6) 21.972; 37. 29x, Larry Wilson, Industry, IL (27) 22.087; 38. 54, Roger Hurst, Kansas City, MO (41) 22.318; 39. 32, Jimmy Bell, Des Moines, IA (14) 22.630; 40. 69, Robert Houseman, Runnells, IA (39) 23.115; 41. 2x, Dick DeRock, Mason City, IA (12) 23.329; 42. *.

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:43.32: 1. Tim Green (1) 2. Doug Wolfgang (5) 3. Steve Kinser (6) 4. Jimmy Sills (4) 5. Con Edwards (3) 6. Eddie Leavitt (2)

Heat one – slow (started), 8 laps, 2:50.29: 1. Billy Robison (6) 2. Roger Hurst (3) 3. Larry Wilson (4) 4. Robert Houseman (1) 5. Glenn Hughes Sr. (8) ... also: Jimmy Bell (2), Glenn Hughes Jr. (5), Rocky Hodges (7), Dick DeRock (9) DNS - *

Heat two (started), 8 laps, 2:51.87: 1. Roger Rager (6) 2. Rick Ferkel (7) 3. Jerry Potter (5) 4. Con Edwards (8) / 5. Mike Proffitt (2) ... also: Ken Potter (1), Mike Thomas (3), Mackie Heimbaugh (4)

Heat three (started), 8 laps, NT: 1. Sammy Swindell (7) 2. Jimmy Sills (8) 3. Mike Brooks (2) 4. Mark Shaffer (3) / 5. Fred Brownfield (1) ... also: Bill McCormick (4), Gary Scott (5), Bob Geldner (6)

Heat four (started), 8 laps, 2:49.41: 1. Ron Shuman (5) 2. Tim Green (7) 3. Doug Wolfgang (8) 4. John Stevenson (6) / 5. Lenard McCarl (3) ... also: Larry Aszmus (1), Cliff Woodward (2), Tom Corbin (4)

Heat five (started), 8 laps, NT: 1. Steve Kinser (8) 2. Bob Hop (4) 3. Eddie Leavitt (7) 4. Shane Carson (5) / 5. Tim Deaver (1) ... also: Chris Maurer (2), Sonny Smyser (3), Randy Smith (6)

B main (started), 12 laps, 4:21.28: 1. Billy Robison (15) 2. Tom Corbin (6) 3. Lenard McCarl (3) 4. Mike Thomas (2) / 5. Fred Brownfield (11) ... also: Chris Maurer (1), Sonny Smyser (4), Bill McCormick (5), Cliff Woodward (7), Mike Proffitt (8), Tim Deaver (9), Larry Aszmus (10), Ken Potter (12), Glenn Hughes Sr. (13), Rocky Hodges (14), Larry Wilson (16), Roger Hurst (17), Jimmy Bell (18), Robert Houseman (19), Dick DeRock (20) DNS – Randy Smith, Bob Geldner, Gary Scott, Mackie Heimbaugh, Glenn Hughes Jr., *

A main (started), 20 laps, NT: 1. Sammy Swindell (1) 2. Doug Wolfgang (7) 3. Roger Rager (10) 4. Eddie Leavitt (4) 5. Ron Shuman (12) 6. John Stevenson (9) 7. Shane Carson (11) 8. Billy Robison (17) 9. Bob Hop (14) 10. Tom Corbin (18) 11. Mike Thomas (20) 12. Lenard McCarl (19) 13. Rick Ferkel (2) 14. Tim Green (3) 15. Mark Shaffer (15) 16. Jerry Potter (13) 17. Jimmy Sills (6) 18. Mike Brooks (16) 19. Con Edwards (5) 20. Steve Kinser (8). **Lap Leader:** S. Swindell 1-20.

7/25

Rain

Robison Takes his Second Feature at Knoxville

from Knoxville Raceway

Knoxville, IA – Billy Robison of Topeka, Kansas, made his second appearance of the season in victory circle Saturday night at the Knoxville Raceway. Robison, driving the Sonner-Casey's General Stores Sprinter, gained the lead on the seventeenth lap from Terry Doss of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Doss was making his first showing of the season and was in command of the twenty-lap event until lapped traffic caused the relinquishing of the lead to Robison. Finishing behind Doss were Bob Hop of Mendota, Minnesota, and Sonny Smyser of Lancaster, Missouri.

Besides the \$1,000 first place money for the feature win, Robison collected a 1,000 lb. Iowa corn fed Black Angus. The Topeka driver had an earlier first place finish in the trophy dash.

Several of the top runners during the season experienced mechanical problems in the early going of the feature event. Lealand McSpadden of Tempe, Arizona in the Jensen Construction Sprinter was first to exit. McSpadden left the event on the first lap. Current point leader, Tim Green, pulled to the infield on the second lap, followed by John Stevenson on the third lap.

Rocky Hodges of Des Moines had only been chauffeuring the sprints for one month. But in the second heat, he showed expertise by holding off challenges by Lenard McCarl and Robison to place the Seidenkranz Sprinter first under the checkered flag. Other preliminary heat racing saw appearances of Dean Smith of Humboldt, Cliff Woodward of Kearney, Missouri, and Stevenson in the winner's circle.

Mackie Heimbaugh of Des Moines was victorious in the eight-lap B main to earn a feature event starting berth along with second place finisher Chris Maurer of Colfax.

The "19 Second Club" at Knoxville inducted John Stevenson to its ranks. Stevenson toured the half mile at a clocking of 19.941 to become the second fastest lap in history around the fairgrounds oval. The time was just off the one-lap record of 19.895 set by Steve Kinser of Bloomington, Indiana.

Thirty-two entries participated in a safe night of racing. The only red flag of the evening appeared during the fourth heat when Buddy Wallen of Kansas City, Missouri, rolled his mount mid-point turns one and two. Wallen declined medical attention.

Results

Time Trials (Qualifying Order): 1. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (30) 19.941; 2. 20, Tim Green, Carmichael, CA (6) 20.050; 3. 51, Con Edwards, Altoona, IA (10) 20.288; 4. 88, Bob Hop, Mendota, MN (16) 20.393; 5. 73, Terry Doss, Tulsa, OK (4) 20.417; 6. 47, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (13) 20.441; 7. 34, Sonny Smyser, Lancaster, MO (11) 20.604; 8. 55, Lealand McSpadden, Tempe, AZ (3) 20.685; 9. 7x, Lenard McCarl, Des Moines, IA (19) 20.717; 10. 9x, Mike Proffitt, Pleasantville, IA (21) 20.824; 11. 14, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (28) 20.841; 12. 1A, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO (17) 20.934; 13. 3G, Jim Goettsche, Grand Island, NE (8) 20.950; 14. 81, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (23) 20.964; 15. 76, Rocky Hodges, Des Moines, IA (14) 21.064; 16. 1, Ken Potter, Lee's Summit, MO (29) 21.087; 17. 92, Rick Weld, Kansas City, MO (5) 21.120; 18. 43, Larry Gates, Evansville, IN (1) 21.171; 19. 5, Lynn McIntosh, Thunder Bay, ONT, Can. (26) 21.174; 20. 21P, Ed Polich, Great Falls, MT (7) 21.200; 21. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (15) 21.278; 22. 33, Buddy Wallen, Kansas City, MO (18) 21.398; 23. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (12) 21.452; 24. 48T, Bob Thompson, Des Moines, IA (27) 21.460; 25. 42H, Glenn Hughes Jr., Denver, MO (24) 21.912; 26. 69, Robert

Houseman, Runnells, IA (31) 22.053; 27. 75, Charles Findley, Albany, MO (25) 22.072; 28. 14P, JR Miller, Industry, IL (2) NT; 29. 49, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (9) NT; 30. 181, Chris Maurer, Colfax, IA (20) NT; 31. 10x, Dean Smith, Humboldt, IA (22) NT; 32. *.

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:42.55: 1. Billy Robison (1) 2. Terry Doss (2) 3. Bob Hop (3) 4. Tim Green (5) 5. John Stevenson (6) 6. Con Edwards (4)

Heat one – slow (started), 6 laps, 2:12.00: 1. Dean Smith (2) 2. Chris Maurer (3) 3. Charles Findley (1) DNS – Robert Houseman, Glenn Hughes Jr., JR Miller, Mike Brooks, *

Heat two (started), 8 laps, 2:51.35: 1. Rocky Hodges (4) 2. Lenard McCarl (6) 3. Billy Robison (7) 4. Larry Gates (3) 5. Con Edwards (8) 6. Jerry Potter (5) / ... also: Bob Thompson (1), John McCoy (2)

Heat three (started), 8 laps, 2:49.18: 1. Cliff Woodward (4) 2. Tim Green (8) 3. Terry Doss (7) 4. Ed Polich (2) 5. Lealand McSpadden (6) 6. Rick Weld (3) / ... also: Tim Deaver (1), Mackie Heimbaugh (5)

Heat four (started), 8 laps, NT: 1. John Stevenson (8) 2. Lynn McIntosh (2) 3. Bob Hop (7) 4. Sonny Smyser (6) 5. Ken Potter (3) 6. Mike Proffitt (5) / ... also: Buddy Wallen (1), Jim Goettsche (4)

B main (started), 8 laps, NT: 1. Mackie Heimbaugh (6) 2. Chris Maurer (3) / 3. Dean Smith (2) 4. Charles Findley (7) 5. Robert Houseman (1) 6. John McCoy (5) 7. Bob Thompson (4) DNS – Jim Goettsche, Buddy Wallen, Tim Deaver, Glenn Hughes Jr., JR Miller, Mike Brooks, *

A main (started), 20 laps, 7:00.31: 1. Billy Robison (1) 2. Terry Doss (2) 3. Bob Hop (3) 4. Sonny Smyser (7) 5. Jerry Potter (11) 6. Cliff Woodward (12) 7. Ed Polich (18) 8. Mike Proffitt (10) 9. Rocky Hodges (13) 10. Ken Potter (14) 11. Lynn McIntosh (17) 12. Rick Weld (15) 13. Mackie Heimbaugh (19) 14. Con Edwards (4) 15. Chris Maurer (20) 16. Larry Gates (16) 17. Lenard McCarl (9) 18. John Stevenson (6) 19. Tim Green (5) 20. Lealand McSpadden (8). **Lap Leaders:** Doss 1-16, Robison 17-20.

8/8

Rain after Heat Two Postpones to 8/9

Results

Time Trials (Qualifying Order): 1. 51, Con Edwards, Altoona, IA (33) 20.062; 2. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (13) 20.236; 3. 20, Tim Green, Carmichael, CA (11) 20.262; 4. 55, Lenard McCarl, Des Moines, IA (20) 20.266; 5. 47, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (26) 20.288; 6. 88, Bob Hop, Mendota, MN (12) 20.349; 7. 3, Gary Scott, Holts Summit, MO (1) 20.452; 8. 49, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (27) 20.464; 9. 34, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA (8) 20.571; 10. 62, Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO (29) 20.616; 11. 10, Jimmy Sills, Sacramento, CA (23) 20.736; 12. 5, Lynn McIntosh, Thunder Bay, ONT, Can. (9) 20.836; 13. 89, Bob Williams, Independence, MO (24) 20.870; 14. 21, Mark Shaffer, Newton, IA (28) 20.881; 15. 48T, Bob Thompson, Des Moines, IA (15) 20.913; 16. 42H, Glenn Hughes Jr., Denver, MO (25) 20.932; 17. 9x, Mike Proffitt, Pleasantville, IA (2) 20.964; 18. 1A, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO (10) 20.978; 19. 1, Rick Weld, Kansas City, MO (14) 21.037; 20. 14, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (4) 21.038; 21. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (3) 21.067; 22. 76, Rocky Hodges, Des Moines, IA (34) 21.089; 23. 43, Larry Gates, Evansville, IN (5) 21.190; 24. 181, Chris Maurer, Colfax, IA (18) 21.265; 25. 43H, Glenn Hughes Sr., Denver, MO (19) 21.431; 26. 33, Ken Potter, Lee's Summit, MO (30) 21.494; 27. 69, Robert Houseman, Runnells, IA (32) 21.654; 28. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (17) 21.738; 29. 10x, Dean Smith, Humboldt, IA (16) 21.781; 30. 75, Charles Findley, Albany, MO (6) 21.843; 31. 17, Bill Randleman, Jefferson, IA (22) 22.260; 32. 32, Jimmy

Bell, Des Moines, IA (31) 22.292; 33. 23, Roger Lechtenberg, Dysart, IA (21) 22.691; 34. 2x, Dick DeRock, Mason City, IA (7) 23.642.

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:42.36: 1. Billy Robison (2) 2. Bob Hop (1) 3. Tim Green (4) 4. John Stevenson (5) 5. Con Edwards (6) 6. Lenard McCarl (3)

Heat one (started), 8 laps, 2:53.67: 1. Lynn McIntosh (6) 2. Mackie Heimbaugh (4) 3. Glenn Hughes Jr. (5) 4. Mike Brooks (7) 5. Chris Maurer (3) / ... also: Jimmy Bell (1), Tim Deaver (2), Lenard McCarl (8), Roger Lechtenberg (9)

Heat two (started), 8 laps, NT: 1. Tim Green (8) 2. Robert Houseman (2) 3. Gary Scott (7) ... also: Bill Randleman (1), Larry Gates (3), Rick Weld (4), Bob Thompson (5), Jimmy Sills (6), Dick DeRock (9)

8/9

Stevenson wins two feature events

from *Knoxville Express*

Knoxville, IA - John Stevenson of St. Paul, Minnesota, won \$2,000 Sunday, August 9 by winning two feature events at the Marion County Raceway. Stevenson won the season championship feature event as well as capturing the regular feature event.

Races were held Sunday due to heavy rains which postponed Saturday night's racing events. Saturday night's events were rained out following completion of the second heat.

In the regular feature event on Sunday, Tim Green gave Stevenson his only threat after a yellow flag closed the gap built up by the leader. Green finished second in the duel followed by Jimmy Sills, Bob Williams and Larry Gates.

Stevenson made the clean sweep of the feature events as he captured the lead on the eighth lap of the championship event. Gary Scott who was the leader going into the seventh lap finished second in his Jensen Construction Sprinter out of Des Moines. Green finished third in the event after starting from the back of the pack and showing fine passing ability.

Stevenson also won his heat race as did Bob Hop and Green.

Bill Robison received the checkered flag as he won the trophy dash for the third time this season and then repeated the feat again on Sunday.

Bob Thompson won the B main while Eddie Leavitt placed second.

Fastest time during time trials went to Mike Brooks of Knoxville. Brooks turned the oval in 20.546 seconds. The track surface might have been slower due to the rain postponement of Saturday night.

Racing will not have long to wait for more thrills at the Marion County Speedway. Action gets underway Wednesday evening for the first night of qualifying in the 21st Nationals Sprint Car Championships.

Qualifying will also be held on Thursday. None of the qualifiers will race on Thursday. Non-qualifiers will race Friday and the Championships will be held on Saturday. Events will start at 7:30 p.m. each night.

Results

Time Trials *: 1. 49, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA, 20.546; 2. 20, Tim Green, Carmichael, CA, 20.600; 3. 88, Bob Hop, Mendota, MN, 20.667; 4. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN, 20.811; 5. 47, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS, 20.871; 6. 34, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA, 20.907; 7. 1A, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO, 20.956; 8. 10, Jimmy Sills, Sacramento, CA, 20.980; 9. 51, Con Edwards, Altoona, IA, 20.998; 10. 89, Bob Williams, Independence, MO, 21.081; 11. 42H, Glenn Hughes Jr., Denver, MO, 21.094; 12. 21, Mark Shaffer, Newton, IA, 21.100; 13. 5, Lynn McIntosh, Thunder Bay, ONT, Can., 21.163; 14. 3, Gary Scott, Holts Summit, MO, 21.171; 15. 43, Larry Gates, Evansville, IN, 21.198; 16. 9x, Mike Proffitt, Pleasantville, IA, 21.265; 17. 62, Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO, 21.266; 18. 48T, Bob Thompson, Des Moines, IA, 21.270; 19. 181, Chris Maurer, Colfax, IA, 21.539; 20. 76, Rocky Hodges, Des Moines, IA, 21.672; 21. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA, 21.748; 22. 43H, Glenn Hughes Sr., Denver, MO, 21.847; 23. 69, Robert Houseman, Runnells, IA, 21.930; 24. 17, Bill Randleman, Jefferson, IA, 22.172; 25. 32, Jimmy Bell, Des Moines, IA, 22.241; 26. 23, Roger Lechtenberg, Dysart, IA, 22.554.

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:45.51: 1. Billy Robison (2) 2. Tim Green (5) 3. Bob Hop (4) 4. John Stevenson (3) 5. Mike Pinckney (1) 6. Mike Brooks (6)

Heat one (started), 8 laps, : 1. Bob Hop (8) 2. Larry Gates (4) 3. Mike Pinckney (7) 4. Con Edwards (6) 5. Bill Randleman (1) 6. Jimmy Bell (9) / ... also: Tim Deaver (2), Bob Thompson (3), Mark Shaffer (5)

Heat two (started), 8 laps, : 1. Tim Green (8) 2. Billy Robison (5) 3. Gary Scott (4) 4. Jimmy Sills (6) 5. Rocky Hodges (2) 6. Roger Lechtenberg (9) / ... also: Robert Houseman (1), Glenn Hughes Jr. (3), Eddie Leavitt (7)

Heat three (started), 8 laps, 2:51.09: 1. John Stevenson (7) 2. Bob Williams (5) 3. Jerry Potter (6) 4. Glenn Hughes Sr. (1) 5. Chris Maurer (2) 6. Lynn McIntosh (4) / ... also: Mike Proffitt (3), Mike Brooks (8)

B main (started), *, : 1. Bob Thompson (2) 2. Eddie Leavitt (3) / 3. Mike Brooks (6) ... also: Robert Houseman (1), Mike Proffitt (4), Glenn Hughes Jr. (5), John McCoy (7) DNS – Mark Shaffer, Tim Deaver

A main (started), 20 laps, : 1. John Stevenson (2) 2. Tim Green (4) 3. Jimmy Sills (7) 4. Bob Williams (9) 5. Larry Gates (10) 6. Billy Robison (3) 7. Jerry Potter (1) 8. Bob Hop (5) 9. Con Edwards (6) 10. Rocky Hodges (12) 11. Gary Scott (11) 12. Bob Thompson (19) 13. Glenn Hughes Sr. (15) 14. Chris Maurer (13) 15. Jimmy Bell (17) 16. Lynn McIntosh (8) 17. Bill Randleman (14) 18. Roger Lechtenberg (16) 19. Eddie Leavitt (18) DNS – Mike Pinckney. **Lap Leader:** Stevenson 1-20.

Points Feature (started), 20 laps, : 1. John Stevenson (5) 2. Gary Scott (1) 3. Tim Green (17) 4. Larry Gates (2) 5. Jerry Potter (8) 6. Con Edwards (6) 7. Bob Hop (4) 8. Jimmy Sills (7) 9. Bob Williams (21) *... also: Billy Robison (3), Chris Maurer (9), Glenn Hughes Jr. (10), Glenn Hughes Sr. (11), Bob Thompson (12), Rocky Hodges (13), Mike Proffitt (14), John McCoy (15), Lynn McIntosh (16), Robert Houseman (18), Jimmy Bell (19), Roger Lechtenberg (20). **Lap Leaders:** Scott 1-6, Stevenson 7-20.

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Hewitt Wins National Opener
from Knoxville Raceway

Knoxville, IA – Jack Hewitt of Troy, Ohio, didn't let the three weeks experience behind the Ed Watson #78 sprinter slow him down in the opening night racing activities at the Knoxville Nationals. Hewitt set the car up for time trials and didn't change a thing for the heat or feature.

“I changed gears after the heat race win, but changed them back,” the smiling Hewitt commented. Part of the smile may be attributed to the fact the Ohio driver took the checkered ahead of top World of Outlaws drivers Doug Wolfgang, Lealand McSpadden and Sammy Swindell. Hewitt continued, “I got a hair cut for the Nationals. If that’s what did it tonight, I may have a butch on Saturday night.”

Wolfgang, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, had to be the pick for the Feature victory after clocking in fastest of the forty-one qualifiers. The current World of Outlaws point leader also won the fourth qualifying heat. This enabled Wolfgang, a two-time champ, to start on the pole of the 20-lap feature event with McSpadden. Hewitt followed Wolfgang and McSpadden for the first half of the race before making a move on McSpadden on the twelfth lap. Wolfgang continued to see his lead diminish until Hewitt moved in front on the seventeenth lap.

The first heat event witnessed a massive pile-up in the first turn. Five of the ten starters were involved in the incident. Sidelined as a result was Tom Corbin, third place finisher in the 1980 Nationals. The event was won by Rich Vogler of Indianapolis, Indiana. Other qualifying heats were won by Sammy Swindell, Hewitt and Wolfgang. The B main was won by Mike Pinckney, who outraced Jeff Swindell.

Results

Time Trials *: 1. 4, Doug Wolfgang, Sioux Falls, SD, 20.103; 2. 55, Lealand McSpadden, Tempe, AZ, 20.475; 3. 18, Danny Smith, Hendersonville, TN, 20.478; 4. 10, Jimmy Sills, Sacramento, CA, 20.597; 5. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN, 20.625; 6. 78, Jack Hewitt, Troy, OH, 20.657; 7. 1n, Sammy Swindell, Bartlett, TN, 20.680; 8. 22, Tom Corbin, Carrollton, MO, 20.684; 9. 49, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA, 20.693; 10. 51, Con Edwards, Altoona, IA, 20.717; 11. 51A, Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO, 20.800; 12. 22x, Keith Frantsen, Windom, MN, 20.823; 13. 40, Bill Dollansky, Elk River, MN, 20.834; 14. 66, Johnny Beaber, Zelig, PA, 20.850; 15. 88, Bob Hop, Mendota, MN, 20.853; 16. 43, Larry Gates, Evansville, IN, 20.868; 17. 14, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA, 20.883; 18. 26, Rich Brahmaer, Wisner, NE, 20.910; 19. 21N, Roger Rager, Mound, MN, 21.010; 20. 1x, Rich Vogler, Indianapolis, IN, 21.030; 21. 34, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA, 21.103; 22. 81, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO, 21.119; 23. 12A, TJ Giddings, Kansas City, KS, 21.127; 24. 48T, Bob Thompson, Des Moines, IA, 21.194; 25. 43w, Glenn Hughes Sr., Denver, MO, 21.282; 26. 9x, Mike Proffitt, Pleasantville, IA, 21.295; 27. 76, Rocky Hodges, Des Moines, IA, 21.329; 28. 3, Gary Scott, Holts Summit, MO, 21.380; 29. 2, Galen Martin, Fairfield, IA, 21.395; 30. 55x, Jeff Swindell, Memphis, TN, *; 31. 18, Bill Hetrick Jr., Carman, IL, 21.415; 32. 5, Lynn McIntosh, Thunder Bay, ONT, Can., 21.432; 33. 42, Glenn Hughes Jr., Denver, MO, 21.452; 34. 1A, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO, 21.549; 35. 30, Rick England, Dallas, TX, 21.581; 36. 21, Mark Shaffer, Newton, IA, 21.765; 37. 1H, Rodger Wright, Sugar Creek, MO, 21.949; 38. 75c, Ken Biertzer, West Bend, WI, 21.992; 39. 39, Terry Smith, Raytown, MO, 22.000; 40. 10x, Dean Smith, Humboldt, IA, 22.474; 41. 32, Jimmy Bell, Des Moines, IA, 23.117; 42. 23, Roger Lechtenberg, Dysart, IA, NT.

Heat one (started), 10 laps, 3:34.67: 1. Rich Vogler (6) 2. Jimmy Sills (10) 3. Glenn Hughes Jr. (3) 4. Gary Scott (4) 5. Larry Gates (7) / 6. Bob Thompson (5) 7. Rodger Wright (2) 8. Tom Corbin (9) 9. Keith Frantsen (8) 10. Jimmy Bell (1)

Heat two (started), 10 laps, 3:32.33: 1. Sammy Swindell (9) 2. Roger Rager (6) 3. Bob Hop (7) 4. Danny Smith (10) 5. Eddie Leavitt (8) / 6. TJ Giddings (5) 7. Rocky Hodges (4) 8. Lynn McIntosh (3) 9. Dean Smith (1) 10. Mark Shaffer (2)

Heat three (started), 10 laps, 3:33.60: 1. Jack Hewitt (9) 2. Cliff Woodward (5) 3. Lealand McSpadden (10) 4. Johnny Beaber (7) 5. Rich Brahmaer (6) / 6. Rick England (2) 7. Terry Smith (1) 8. Bill Hetrick Jr. (3) 9. Con Edwards (8) 10. Mike Proffitt (4)

Heat four (started), 10 laps, 3:33.79: 1. Doug Wolfgang (10) 2. Mackie Heimbaugh (6) 3. John Stevenson (9) 4. Jerry Potter (2) 5. Mike Brooks (8) / 6. Bill Dollansky (7) 7. Mike Pinckney (5) 8. Ken Biertzer (1) 9. Jeff Swindell (3) 10. Glenn Hughes Sr. (4) DNS – Galen Martin

B main (started), 12 laps, NT: 1. Mike Pinckney (3) 2. Jeff Swindell (10) / 3. Keith Frantsen (1) 4. Bill Dollansky (2) 5. Rocky Hodges (8) 6. TJ Giddings (4) 7. Bob Thompson (5) 8. Lynn McIntosh (12) 9. Bill Hetrick Jr. (9) 10. Ken Biertzer (14) 11. Rick England (11) 12. Dean Smith (16) 13. Glenn Hughes Sr. (6) 14. Terry Smith (15) 15. Galen Martin (7) 16. Rodger Wright (13) DNS – Tom Corbin, Con Edwards, Mike Proffitt, Mark Shaffer, Jimmy Bell, Roger Lechtenberg

A main (started), 20 laps, 7:08.12: 1. Jack Hewitt (6) 2. Doug Wolfgang (1) 3. Lealand McSpadden (2) 4. Sammy Swindell (7) 5. Jimmy Sills (4) 6. Danny Smith (3) 7. Bob Hop (11) 8. John Stevenson (5) 9. Rich Vogler (16) 10. Eddie Leavitt (9) 11. Roger Rager (15) 12. Mackie Heimbaugh (13) 13. Gary Scott (18) 14. Mike Pinckney (21) 15. Jerry Potter (20) 16. Larry Gates (12) 17. Johnny Beaver (10) 18. Rich Brahmer (14) 19. Mike Brooks (8) 20. Jeff Swindell (22) 21. Cliff Woodward (17) 22. Glenn Hughes Jr. (19). **Lap Leaders:** Wolfgang 1-16, Hewitt 17-20.

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Kinser Takes A Main Thursday Night from Knoxville Raceway

Knoxville, IA – Steve Kinser of Bloomington, Indiana won the rain-delayed second night of qualifying feature Thursday night at the Knoxville Nationals. The program didn't get green flag for qualifying until 10:30 p.m. Kinser, the defending National Champion, led all but the first two laps of the twenty-lap event ahead of Ron Shuman, the only other race leader. Kinser commented after the race that things felt right. His sweep of the qualifying events Thursday earned the Hoosier the pole for the 30-lap Championship race Saturday.

Danny Smith definitely proved the gambling instinct of "The Gambler". Smith scratched his first night efforts that were a respectable 6th place of the opening qualifiers. The risk paid off as Smith bettered himself to third of the Thursday qualifying cars and the fourth in combined points.

Ron Shuman made a move on Smith on the last lap to gain the second spot. Rounding out the top finishers were Shane Carson, Terry Doss, Jeff Swindell and Don Reiners.

During time trials, Larry Aszmus of Anchorage, Alaska, began bicycling his sprint car as he entered the first turn. Aszmus was taken to a Knoxville Hospital and transferred to Des Moines Mercy Hospital for treatment of an arm injury. Kinser was the fastest of the forty-five entries with a clocking of 20.443.

Preliminary racing action saw Mike Peters of Wichita, Kansas, Danny Smith of Hendersonville, Tennessee, Bob Geldner of St. Peter, Minnesota and Kinser receiving wins. The B main was won by Leonard Lee of El Cajon, California, ahead of John McCoy of Knoxville.

Results

Time Trials, *: 1. 11, Steve Kinser, Bloomington, IN, 20.433; 2. 75, Ron Shuman, Tempe, AZ, 20.536; 3. 18x, Danny Smith, Hendersonville, TN, 20.692; 4. 73, Terry Doss, Tulsa, OK, 20.710; 5. 97, Bill Mellenberndt, Sioux Falls, SD, 20.825; 6. 54, Don Reiners, Sioux Falls, SD, 20.827; 7. 47, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS, 21.008; 8. 55x, Jeff Swindell, Memphis, TN, 21.078; 9. 112, Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, OK, 21.088; 10. 6T, Gary Dunkle, Chanute, KS, 21.089; 11. 21P, Ed Polich, Great Falls, MT, 21.097; 12. 17A, Larry Clark, Tolleson, AZ, 21.148; 13. 38, Ken Schrader, Fenton, MO, 21.158; 14. 1B, Bob Geldner, St. Peter, MN, 21.215;

15. 70, Joe Saldana, Speedway, IN, 21.227; 15.; 16. 69N, Bobby Brutto, San Jose, CA, 21.281; 17. 89, Bob Williams, Independence, MO, 21.338; 18. 5c, Al Hagar, Fostoria, OH, 21.351; 19. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA, 21.377; 20. 28, Mike Peters, Wichita, KS, 21.408; 21. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA, 21.420; 22. 07, Gary Patterson, Breckenridge, CO, 21.523; 23. 27x, Jim Moughan Jr., Springfield, IL, 21.584; 24. 1, Rick Weld, Kansas City, MO, 21.589; 25. 88A, Tim Gee, Spruce Grove, ALB, Can., 21.638; 26. 72, Bill McCormick, Anderson, CA, 21.795; 27. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA, 21.854; 28. 16L, Leonard Lee, El Cajon, CA, 22.105; 29. 76w, Rick Lemanski, Fox Lake, WI, 22.106; 30. 80, Al Liskai, Tiffin, OH, 22.142; 31. 18A, Larry Aszmus, Anchorage, AK, 22.145; 32. 00, Bobby Ensminger, Burlington, IA, 22.194; 33. 98, Jac Haudenschild, Millersburg, OH, 22.227; 34. 14A, Mike Hoover, West Memphis, Arkansas, 22.415; 35. 92, Layne Wright, Denver, CO, 22.446; 36. 1c, Larry Slawson, Tulsa, OK, 22.519; 37. 29, Don Johnson, Longmont, CO, 22.907; 38. 93, Steve Johnson, Orion, IL, 22.977; 39. 8S, Frank Swain, Kansas City, MO, 23.203; 40. 33, Ken Potter, Lee's Summit, MO, 27.770; 41. 20, Tim Green, Des Moines, IA, NT; 42. 97x, Rick Salem, Overland, KS, NT; 43. 60, Mike Selberg, Brooklyn Park, MN, NT; 44. 2J, Randy Flodman, Lincoln, NE, NT; 45. 65, Junior Parkinson, Gladstone, MO, NT.

Heat one (started), 10 laps, 3:38.02: 1. Mike Peters (6) 2. Terry Doss (10) 3. Bobby Brutto (7) 4. Jeff Swindell (9) 5. Larry Clark (8) / 6. Mike Hoover (3) 7. Rick Lemanski (4) 8. Frank Swain (2) 9. Rick Weld (5) DNS – Steve Johnson

Heat two (started), 10 laps, NT: 1. Danny Smith (10) 2. Billy Robison (9) 3. Jim Moughan Jr. (5) 4. Joe Saldana (7) 5. Ed Polich (8) / 6. Leonard Lee (4) 7. John McCoy (6) 8. Don Johnson (2) 9. Jac Haudenschild (3) DNS – Larry Aszmus

Heat three (started), 10 laps, NT: 1. Bob Geldner (7) 2. Ron Shuman (10) 3. Don Reiners (9) 4. Al Hagar (6) 5. Gary Dunkle (8) / 6. Tim Deaver (4) 7. Bobby Ensminger (3) 8. Larry Slawson (2) 9. Gary Patterson (5) DNS – Bill McCormick

Heat four (started), 3:39.63: 1. Steve Kinser (10) 2. Shane Carson (8) 3. Ken Schrader (7) 4. Layne Wright (2) 5. Bill Mellenberndt (9) / 6. Tim Gee (4) 7. Mike Thomas (5) 8. Al Liskai (3) 9. Bob Williams (6) 10. Ken Potter (1)

B main (started), 12 laps, 4:29.93: 1. Leonard Lee (6) 2. John McCoy (2) / 3. Tim Gee (4) 4. Rick Lemanski (3) 5. Bobby Ensminger (5) 6. Al Liskai (8) 7. Don Johnson (9) 8. Larry Slawson (10) 9. Frank Swain (11) 10. Mike Thomas (1) 11. Mike Hoover (7) DNS – Bob Williams, Gary Patterson, Rick Weld, Tim Deaver, Jac Haudenschild, Ken Potter, Bill McCormick, Larry Aszmus, Steve Johnson, Tim Green, Rick Salem, Mike Selberg, Randy Flodman, Junior Parkinson

A main (started), 20 laps, 7:08.30: 1. Steve Kinser (1) 2. Ron Shuman (2) 3. Danny Smith (3) 4. Shane Carson (9) 5. Terry Doss (4) 6. Jeff Swindell (8) 7. Don Reiners (6) 8. Bob Geldner (14) 9. Billy Robison (7) 10. Joe Saldana (15) 11. Bill Mellenberndt (5) 12. Ed Polich (11) 13. Al Hagar (17) 14. Ken Schrader (13) 15. Mike Peters (19) 16. Jim Moughan Jr. (19) 17. Larry Clark (12) 18. Bobby Brutto (16) 19. Gary Dunkle (10) 20. Layne Wright (20) 21. Leonard Lee (21) 22. John McCoy (22). **Lap Leaders:** Shuman 1-2, S. Kinser 3-20.

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Tom Corbin A Main Winner on Friday
from Knoxville Raceway

Knoxville, IA – Steve Kinser, of Bloomington, Indiana showed why he's the King of Sprint Car racing Friday night during the "Race of States". The race was an added attraction at the 21st running of the Nationals. A representative of each state was selected to run in the 20-lap event. Kinser was berthed in the eighth starting

spot, but quickly moved to second by the completion of the first lap behind TJ Giddings, the Kansas representative. On the second lap, Kinser was in command for the remainder of the event. Giddings continued to stay up front, but relinquished spots to Doug Wolfgang of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Ron Shuman of Mesa, Arizona.

Sammy Swindell, of Bartlett, Tennessee, was carrying the colors of his state up well by running third throughout most of the event, until he was forced to drop from the competition on the 16th lap.

The important part of the program was the chance for two drivers to qualify into the Saturday night program. The lucky additions to the C main were Tom Corbin of Carrollton, Missouri and Rick Weld of Kansas City, Missouri, who dominated the non-qualifiers feature as Ken Potter of Lee's Summit, Missouri placed third ahead of Mark Caldwell of Bunker Hill, Indiana. The event was plagued by numerous entries experiencing problems. One of which was Tim Green, the season point champion at Knoxville.

Gary Scott of Holts Summit, Missouri, won the Mystery Feature, an event open to 20 cars from the Saturday night field. The cars are selected in a random drawing. Scott out-raced Jeff Swindell, who was strapped in the Lenard McCarl sprinter. John Stevenson of St. Paul, Minnesota and Bill Mellenberndt of Sioux Falls, South Dakota rounded out the top four spots. The event was red-flagged on the third lap for an airborne crash involving two Kansas drivers. They were Mike Peters of Wichita in the Mussatto Sprinter, and Billy Robison of Topeka in the Sonner-Casey's General Stores Sprinter. Peters was taken to the Knoxville Community Hospital for observation and released.

Preliminary racing action witnessed Corbin winning the trophy dash ahead of Terry Smith of Raytown, Missouri. Heat races were won by Rick Weld and Tim Green.

Results

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, : 1. 22, Tom Corbin, Carrollton, MO (2) 2. 39, Terry Smith, Raytown, MO (4) 3. 10x, Dean Smith, Humboldt, IA (3) 4. 8S, Frank Swain, Kansas City, MO (6) 5. 89, Bob Williams, Kansas City, MO (1) 6. 1H, Rodger Wright, Sugar Creek, MO (5)

Heat one (started), *: 1. 1, Rick Weld, Kansas City, MO (3) 2. Bob Williams (4) 3. *, Mark Caldwell, Bunker Hill, IN (5) 4. 33, Ken Potter, Lee's Summit, MO (2) 5. Rodger Wright (6) 6. 93, Steve Johnson, Orion, IL (1) DNS – Dean Smith

Heat two (started), *: 1. 20, Tim Green, Des Moines, IA (2) 2. Tom Corbin (5) 3. 21, Mark Shaffer, Newton, IA (3) 4. *, Scott Ritchhart, Lincoln, IL (8) 5. Frank Swain (7) 6. Terry Smith (6) 7. 9x, Mike Proffitt, Pleasantville, IA (4) 8. 60, Mike Selberg, Brooklyn Park, MN (1) DNS – 98, Jac Haudenschild, Millersburg, OH

A main (started), 20 laps, *: 1. Tom Corbin (5) 2. Rick Weld (7) 3. Ken Potter (10) 4. Mark Caldwell (16) 5. Dean Smith (4) 6. Tim Green (12) 7. Mark Shaffer (9) 8. Frank Swain (1) 9. Terry Smith (3) 10. Steve Johnson (11) 11. Jac Haudenschild (14) 12. Rodger Wright (2) 13. Bob Williams (6) 14. Mike Proffitt (8) 15. Scott Ritchhart (15) 16. Mike Selberg (13). Lap Leaders: Corbin -20.

“Race of States” Feature (started, state represented), 20 laps, : 1. 11, Steve Kinser, Bloomington, IN (8, IN) 2. 4, Doug Wolfgang, Sioux Falls, SD (14, SD) 3. 75, Ron Shuman, Mesa, AZ (11, AZ) 4. 12A, TJ Giddings, Kansas City, KS (1, KS) 5. 88, Bob Hop, Mendota, MN (16, MN) 6. 66, Johnny Beaber, Zelenople, PA (6, PA) 7. 26, Rich Brahmaer, Wisner, NE (7, NE) 8. 21P, Ed Polich, Great Falls, MT (10, MT) 9. 14, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (15, IA) 10. 5c, Al Hagar, Fostoria, OH (18, OH) 11. 30, Rick England, Dallas, TX (3, TX) 12. 76w, Rick Lemanski, Fox Lake, WI (9, WI) 13. 81, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (12, MO) 14. 1n, Sammy Swindell, Bartlett, TN (5, TN) 15. 73, Terry Doss, Tulsa, OK (13, OK) 16. 27x, Jim Moughan

Jr., Springfield, IL (4, IL) 17. 98, Jac Haudenschild, Millersburg, OH (2, OH) 18. 69N, Bobby Brutto, San Jose, CA (17, CA) DNS – 5, Lynn McIntosh, Thunder Bay, ONT, Can., 10, Jimmy Sills, Sacramento, CA, 07, Gary Patterson, Breckenridge, CO. **Lap Leaders:** Giddings 1, S. Kinser 2-20.

Mystery Feature (started), 20 laps, NT: 1. 3, Gary Scott, Holts Summit, MO (12) 2. 55x, Jeff Swindell, Memphis, TN (4) 3. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (2) 4. 97, Bill Mellenberndt, Sioux Falls, SD (5) 5. 5c, Al Hagar, Fostoria, OH (10) 6. 54, Don Reiners, Sioux Falls, SD (20) 7. 38, Ken Schrader, Fenton, MO (7) 8. 1B, Bob Geldner, St. Peter, MN (6) 9. 43, Larry Gates, Evansville, IN (11) 10. 76, Rocky Hodges, Des Moines, IA (16) 11. 92, Layne Wright, Kansas City, MO (15) 12. 18, Bill Hetrick Jr., Carman, IL (18) 13. 80, Al Liskai, Tiffin, OH (17) 14. 16L, Leonard Lee, El Cajon, CA (13) 15. 78, Jack Hewitt, Troy, OH (1) 16. 42, Glenn Hughes Jr., Denver, MO (14) 17. 17A, Larry Clark, Tolleson, AZ (19) 18. 47, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (3) 19. 28, Mike Peters, Wichita, KS (9) 20. 49, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (8). Lap Leaders: Scott -20

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Steve Kinser is 1981 Nationals Champion

from Knoxville Raceway

Knoxville, IA – Steve Kinser of Bloomington, Indiana proved he still remembered the fast way around the Knoxville Raceway as he won his second consecutive National Sprint Car Championship Saturday night on the Iowa ½ mile oval. Doug Wolfgang of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, was the early leader and held off the challenges of Kinser for the first twelve laps. Wolf later relinquished the second place spot to Sammy Swindell of Bartlett, Tennessee, to place the Wolf at the third spot at the checkers. Both those drivers, Wolfgang and Swindell, had to change blown engines after hot laps before competing in the National race.

Rounding out the top ten spots were Danny Smith, Lealand McSpadden, Ron Shuman, Don Reiners, Eddie Leavitt, Tim Green and Jeff Swindell. The start of the 30-lap feature event was delayed by an accident on the green flag. Cars driven by Shane Carson of Oklahoma City and Terry Doss of Tulsa, Oklahoma began violent flips down the front stretch. Carson's car became tangled on the front retaining fence and came back onto the racetrack upside down. Carson was taken to the Knoxville Community Hospital for observation. Doss was not injured in the incident. Several spectators in the grandstand received treatment of injuries caused by debris from the accident.

Tim Green became the most raced driver of the Nationals. Green entered the race track as an alternate for the evening. Because of scratches, the Trostle sprinter with Green at the wheel, was placed at the tail of the C Main event. Green raced to a second place finish behind Jerry Potter of Kansas City, Missouri, and ahead of Mike Thomas of Des Moines. All three of these cars advanced to the B main. Green's luck continued to hold out, and once again the car and Green set at the back of the pack for the twenty-two lap event.

Joe Saldana of Speedway, Indiana, was the B main winner, followed by Ken Schrader of Fenton, Missouri, and Mike Brooks of Knoxville. Saldana and Schrader were guaranteed a last row starting spot in the Championship event. But Brooks and fourth and fifth place finishers, Larry Gates and Green, were placed on standby as alternates. When Saldana experienced engine problems, Brooks entered the field. The accident involving Carson and Doss allowed Gates and Green to enter the field. Trophy Dashes were run prior to the feature events. TJ Giddings outdistanced Bob Thompson to win the 5-lap C Dash. Larry Clark in the Gil's Drilling Sprinter finished the B Dash ahead of Brooks. The A Dash was won by Lealand McSpadden of Tempe, Arizona. Jimmy Sills placed the Tuttle-Easter Sprinter in the second position.

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C Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:48.70: 1. 12A, TJ Giddings, Kansas City, KS (2) 2. 48T, Bob Thompson, Des Moines, IA (1) 3. 88A, Tim Gee, Spruce Grove, ALB, Can. (3) 4. 1A, Jerry Potter, Kansas City, MO (6) 5. 16L, Leonard Lee, El Cajon, CA (5) 6. 42, Glenn Hughes Jr., Denver, MO (4) DNS – 92, Layne Wright, Denver, CO

B Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:45.90: 1. 17A, Larry Clark, Tolleson, AZ (2) 2. 49, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (4) 3. 38, Ken Schrader, Fenton, MO (5) 4. 6T, Gary Dunkle, Chanute, KS (3) 5. 14, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (6) 6. 66, Johnny Beaber, Zelienople, PA (1) DNS – 21N, Roger Rager, Mound, MN, 70, Joe Saldana, Speedway, IN, 28, Mike Peters, Wichita, KS

A Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:44.58: 1. 55, Lealand McSpadden, Tempe, AZ (2) 2. 10, Jimmy Sills, Sacramento, CA (1) 3. 11, Steve Kinser, Bloomington, IN (6) 4. 75, Ron Shuman, Mesa, AZ (4) 5. 18x, Danny Smith, Hendersonville, TN (3) 6. 4, Doug Wolfgang, Sioux Falls, SD (5) DNS – 78, Jack Hewitt, Troy, OH

C main (started), 15 laps, 5:21.23: 1. Jerry Potter (1) 2. 20, Tim Green, Des Moines, IA (21) 3. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (6) / 4. 76w, Rick Lemanski, Fox Lake, WI (8) 5. Bob Thompson (5) 6. 14A, Mike Hoover, West Memphis, AR (14) 7. Leonard Lee (2) 8. 22, Tom Corbin, Carrollton, MO (19) 9. Tim Gee (3) 10. 5, Lynn McIntosh, Thunder Bay, ONT, Can. (12) 11. TJ Giddings (4) 12. 65, Junior Parkinson, Gladstone, MO (20) 13. 76, Rocky Hodges, Des Moines, IA (7) 14. 00, Bobby Ensminger, Burlington, IA (9) 15. 80, Al Liskai, Tiffin, OH (10) 16. 30, Rick England, Dallas, TX (13) 17. 18, Bill Hetrick Jr., Carman, IL (11) 18. 33, Ken Potter, Lee's Summit, MO (18) 19. 1c, Larry Slawson, Tulsa, OK (16) 20. 10x, Dean Smith, Humboldt, IA (22) 21. 29, Don Johnson, Longmont, CO (15) 22. 75c, Ken Biertzer, West Bend, WI (17) DNS – Glenn Hughes Jr., Layne Wright, 43w, Glenn Hughes Sr., Denver, MO, 1, Rick Weld, Kansas City, MO

B main (started), 22 laps, NT: 1. Joe Saldana (1) 2. Ken Schrader (2) 3. Mike Brooks (5) 4. 43, Larry Gates, Evansville, IN (11) 5. Tim Green (21) / 6. 5c, Al Hagar, Fostoria, OH (9) 7. Gary Dunkle (6) 8. 26, Rich Brahmer, Wisner, NE (12) 9. Mackie Heimbaugh (3) 10. 22x, Keith Frantsen, Windom, MN (19) 11. Jerry Potter (20) 12. Mike Thomas (22) 13. Roger Rager (4) 14. 34, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA (14) 15. 40, Bill Dollansky, Elk River, MN (17) 16. Larry Clark (7) 17. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (18) 18. 3, Gary Scott, Holts Summit, MO (16) 19. 81, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (15) 20. 27x, Jim Moughan Jr., Springfield, IL (13) 21. 69N, Bobby Brutto, San Jose, CA (10) 22. Johnny Beaber (8) DNS – Mike Peters

A main (started), 30 laps, NT: 1. Steve Kinser (1) 2. 1n, Sammy Swindell, Bartlett, TN (9) 3. Doug Wolfgang (2) 4. Danny Smith (4) 5. Lealand McSpadden (6) 6. Ron Shuman (3) 7. 54, Don Reiners, Sioux Falls, SD (12) 8. 51A, Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO (18) 9. Tim Green (24) 10. 55x, Jeff Swindell, Memphis, TN (14) 11. Jack Hewitt (5) 12. Ken Schrader (21) 13. Mike Brooks (22) 14. 1x, Rich Vogler, Indianapolis, IN (19) 15. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (11) 16. 1B, Bob Geldner, St. Peter, MN (16) 17. 88, Bob Hop, Mendota, MN (17) 18. 47, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (13) 19. 97, Bill Mellenberndt, Sioux Falls, SD (15) 20. 21P, Ed Polich, Great Falls, MT (20) 21. Larry Gates (23) 22. Jimmy Sills (7) 23. 73, Terry Doss, Tulsa, OK (8) 24. 112, Shane Carson, Oklahoma City, OK (10) DNS – Joe Saldana. **Lap Leaders:** Wolfgang 1-12, S. Kinser 13-30.

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Wolfgang wins season's final sprint car race
from *Knoxville Express*

Knoxville, IA - Doug Wolfgang, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, advanced from a third place starting spot to gain the lead on the eighth lap and hung on to win the 25-lap feature race. This was the final race of the season at the Marion County Fairgrounds.

Lealand McSpadden, who lost the lead to Wolfgang, finished second. John Stevenson won the battle for third place with Sammy Swindell finishing fourth, and Steve Kinser coming in fifth.

The feature race was red-flagged in the third lap due to an accident on the second turn. Don Reiners of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, was taken to Knoxville Area Community Hospital for observation. The other drivers escaped without injuries.

Steve Kinser posted the fast time in the time trials with a 17.538 clocking, beating the old track record set by Wolfgang of 18.342. Swindell, Stevenson, Wolfgang and McSpadden were also capable of beating the old track record.

Swindell won the 5-lap trophy dash and posted a new time of 1:33.93. Wolfgang was second and Mike Brooks finished third.

The five heat winners were Ken Biertzer, Wolfgang, Kinser, Swindell and McSpadden. The B main was won by Randy Smith of Norwalk with Cliff Woodward finishing second.

Results

Time Trials (Qualifying Order): 1. 11, Steve Kinser, Bloomington, IN (33) 17.538 (NTR); 2. 1n, Sammy Swindell, Bartlett, TN (18) 17.783; 3. 31, John Stevenson, St. Paul, MN (31) 18.015; 4. 4, Doug Wolfgang, Sioux Falls, SD (6) 18.143; 5. 55, Lealand McSpadden, Tempe, AZ (7) 18.279; 6. 49, Mike Brooks, Knoxville, IA (26) 18.560; 7. 21P, Ed Polich, Great Falls, MT (29) 18.577; 8. 51, Con Edwards, Altoona, IA (21) 18.593; 9. 10, Mike Pinckney, Des Moines, IA (1) 18.680; 10. 22x, Jack McCorkell, Redwood Falls, MN (20) 18.688; 11. 47, Billy Robison, Topeka, KS (12) 18.710; 12. 58, Ken Chapman, Winnipeg, MB, Can. (13) 18.812; 13. 25, Cliff Woodward, Kearney, MO (2) 18.828; 14. 3, Gary Scott, Holts Summit, MO (3) 18.838; 15. 22, Tom Corbin, Carrollton, MO (22) 18.938; 16. 7x, Randy Smith, Norwalk, IA (25) 19.012; 17. 54, Don Reiners, Sioux Falls, SD (35) 19.120; 18. 9, John McCoy, Knoxville, IA (19) 19.338; 19. 21, Mark Shaffer, Newton, IA (28) 19.348; 20. 76w, Rick Lemanski, Fox Lake, WI (34) 19.402; 21. 1, Rick Weld, Kansas City, MO (36) 19.453; 22. X, John Sernett, Minneapolis, MN (27) 19.462; 23. 48T, Bob Thompson, Des Moines, IA (14) 19.562; 24. 65, Junior Parkinson, Gladstone, MO (30) 19.835; 25. 92, Bobby Layne, Kansas City, MO (8) 19.841; 26. 14, Mackie Heimbaugh, Des Moines, IA (16) 19.858; 27. 181, Rocky Hodges, Des Moines, IA (32) 19.894; 28. 28, Steve Morris, West Burlington, IA (17) 19.969; 29. 40, Wayne Kronk, Fulton, MO (38) 20.041; 30. 37, Mike Thomas, Des Moines, IA (39) 20.209; 31. 10x, Dean Smith, Humboldt, IA (37) 20.236; 32. 88, Gene Kester, Kansas City, MO (9) 20.318; 33. 48, Tim Deaver, Knoxville, IA (24) 20.404; 34. 75, Ken Biertzer, West Bend, WI (5) 20.480; 35. 17, Bill Randleman, Jefferson, IA (10) 20.982; 36. 69, Robert Houseman, Runnells, IA (15) 21.395; 37. 2, Dick DeRock, Mason City, IA (11) 22.199; 38. 87, Jeff Jones, Des Moines, IA (23) 24.180; 39. 79, John Stewart, Rosendale, MO (4) 26.353; 40. 20, Tim Green, Carmichael, CA (40) NT.

Trophy Dash (started), 5 laps, 1:33.93 (NTR): 1. Sammy Swindell (5) 2. Doug Wolfgang (3) 3. Mike Brooks (1) 4. Lealand McSpadden (2) 5. Steve Kinser (6) 6. John Stevenson (4)

Heat one – slow (started), 6 laps, 2:03.59: 1. Ken Biertzer (4) ... also: Dick DeRock (1), Robert Houseman (2), Bill Randleman (3), Tim Deaver (5), Jeff Jones (6) DNS – John Stewart, Tim Green

Heat two (started), 8 laps, NT: 1. Doug Wolfgang (8) 2. Rick Lemanski (4) 3. Ken Chapman (6) 4. Junior Parkinson (3) 5. Con Edwards (7) / ... also: Gene Kester (1), Steve Morris (2), Randy Smith (5)

Heat three (started), 8 laps, 2:38.26: 1. John Stevenson (8) 2. Tom Corbin (5) 3. Billy Robison (6) 4. Ed Polich (7) 5. Rocky Hodges (2) / ... also: Dean Smith (1), Bob Thompson (3), Mark Shaffer (4)

Heat four (started), 8 laps, NT: 1. Sammy Swindell (8) 2. Jack McCorkell (6) 3. Mike Brooks (7) 4. Mackie Heimbaugh (2) 5. Gary Scott (5) / ... also: Mike Thomas (1), John Sernett (3), John McCoy (4)

Heat five (started), 8 laps, 2:35.94: 1. Lealand McSpadden (5) 2. Steve Kinser (7) 3. Rick Weld (1) 4. Don Reiners (4) 5. Mike Pinckney (6) / ... also: Bobby Layne (2), Cliff Woodward (3) DNS – Wayne Kronk

B main (started), 12 laps, NT: 1. Randy Smith (5) 2. Cliff Woodward / 3. Bobby Layne (2) 4. Mike Thomas (1) 5. Ken Bierter (9) ... also: John Sernett (3), John McCoy (4), Dean Smith (7), Gene Kester (8), Bill Randleman (10), Robert Houseman (11), Dick DeRock (12), Jeff Jones (13) DNS – Mark Shaffer, Bob Thompson, Steve Morris, Wayne Kronk, Tim Deaver, John Stewart, Tim Green

A main (started), 25 laps, NT: 1. Doug Wolfgang (3) 2. Lealand McSpadden (2) 3. John Stevenson (4) 4. Sammy Swindell (5) 5. Steve Kinser (6) ... also: Mike Brooks (1), Ed Polich (7), Mike Pinckney (9), Jack McCorkell (10), Billy Robison (11), Ken Chapman (12), Gary Scott (13), Tom Corbin (14), Rick Lemanski (16), Rick Weld (17), Junior Parkinson (18), Mackie Heimbaugh (19), Rocky Hodges (20), Randy Smith (21), Cliff Woodward (22) ... 21. Con Edwards (8) 22. Don Reiners (15). **Lap Leaders:** McSpadden 1-7, Wolfgang 8-25.

1981 410 Final Point Standings and Feature Winners (75% participation in pt. races):

| Driver | Feature Wins (Feature Laps Led*) | Points | Primary car(s) |
|----------------------|---|---------------|--|
| 1. Tim Green | 2 (46) | 2915 | Jensen Construction 55, Trostle 20 |
| 2. Randy Smith | 2 (40) | 2415 | Graham 43 |
| 3. Bob Hop | 1 (33) | 2300 | Gillund 88 |
| 4. Billy Robison | 2 (23) | 2245 | Sonner 47 |
| 5. John Stevenson | 5 (51) | 2025 | Bethke 31 |
| 6. Con Edwards | - | 1540 | Hunt 51 |
| 7. Cliff Woodward | - | 1535 | Johnson 81 |
| 8. Jerry Potter | - | 1090 | Arend 1A |
| 9. Mark Shaffer | - | 985 | Shaffer 21 |
| 10. Sonny Smyser | - | 820 | Jordan Racing 1, Kain 34 |
| 11. Chris Maurer | - | 760 | Maurer 181 |
| 12. Glenn Hughes Jr. | 0 (4) | 660 | Hughes 42H |
| 13. Mackie Heimbaugh | - | 600 | O'Brien 14, Grimes, Zoutte, & Tandy 11 |
| 14. Tim Deaver | - | 540 | Deaver 48 |
| 15. Glenn Hughes Sr. | - | 520 | Hughes 43H |

*** - Incomplete Data**

Other 410 Feature Winners (Laps Led): Steve Kinser 4 (79), Doug Wolfgang 3 (78), Sammy Swindell 2 (21), Rich Vogler 1 (100), Shane Carson 1 (20), Roger Rager 1 (15), Jack Hewitt 1 (4), Tom Corbin 1 (1), Terry Doss 0 (16), TJ Giddings 0 (8), Lealand McSpadden 0 (7), Ron Shuman 0 (2), Lenard McCarl 0 (1)

Limited Winners: Bob Thompson 3, Mike Thomas 2