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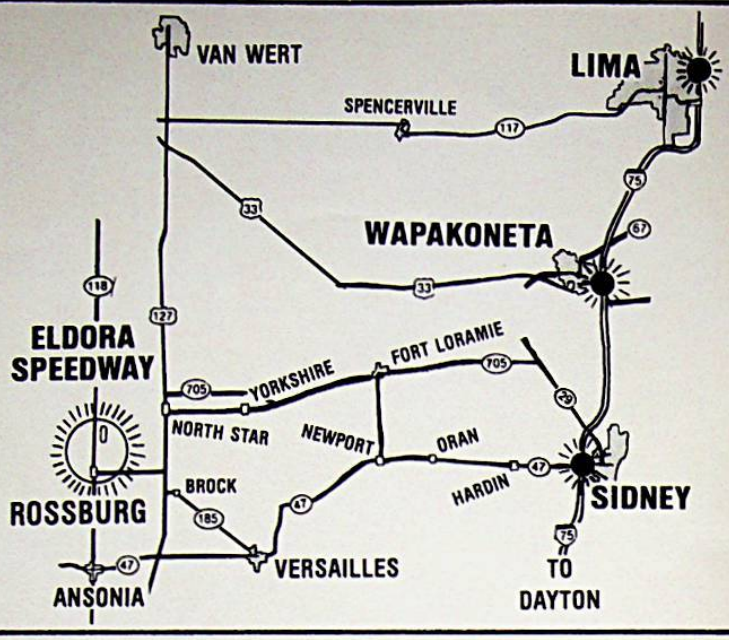

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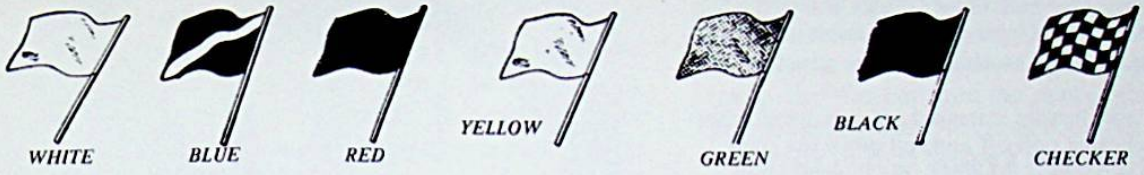

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Man Of 9 Lives Finally Ran Out Of Racing Luck

By Leal Beattie

Courtesy of Dayton Daily News

A little bit of my racing spirit died Saturday night, as it probably did for most racing fans when they learned that Rich Vogler perished in a sprint car crash at Salem (Ind.) Speedway.

Rich Vogler—the epitome of hard, aggressive driving—dead? It was both hard and easy to believe.

Years ago, he would have been described as "braver than Dick Tracy," a racing term that could be revived with the success of the current movie.

Some would say he was too brave—that he took too many chances.

One fan, upon hearing of the fatal crash, said: "The way he pushed himself was like he had nine lives. You wondered when it was going to catch up to him."

Saturday night, it did.

Vogler, 39, was leading the nationally-televised race on the high-banked, high-speed Salem oval and about to take the white flag when he came off the fourth turn, touched wheels with the lapped car of Wayne Hammond and was launched into the guardrail and catch fence.

While Vogler's car was heavily damaged, it was even more disconcerting to see his helmet pop off and roll down the track.

Perhaps he would've survived if it hadn't. We'll never know.

The race was red-flagged when Vogler crashed. because he led the last lap completed under the green, he was awarded the victory.

"In essence, he won his last race posthumously," said USAC Vice President Bill Marvel, who had a son killed while racing several years ago. "He'll go down in USAC history, I'm sure, as one of the greatest drivers that ever ran with us. He was a racer's racer."

While Vogler wasn't a household name like A. J. Foyt, Richard Petty or Al Unser, he wasa well-known throughout the United States.

During his career, he:

■ Won the USAC sprint car driving title twice (1980, 1989) and the midget championship five times (1978, 1980, 1983, 1986, 1988).

■ Was the only driver to win both the sprint and midget titles in the same year (1980).

■ Won 134 national races in hs 20-year career with the United States Auto Club, second only to Foyt's 138.

■ Competed in the Indianapolis 500 five times, with a best finish of eighth in 1989.

Vogler was well aware of the risks inherent in racing. His father, Don, died in a 1981 crash at the Indianapolis Speedrome.

But even that never seemed to deter Rich's pedal-to-the-metal driving style.

Johnny Vance, the Dayton businessman and car owner for whom Vogler drove in the past, talks of two crashes during their days together.

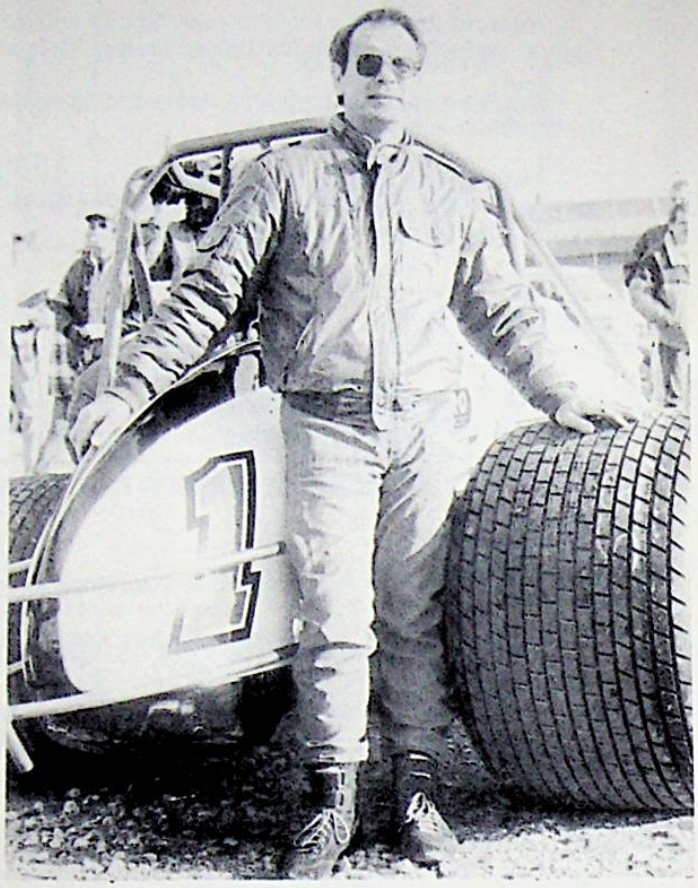
"One time at Eldora, he destroyed my car in the B Main. I didn't go over to the corner because it looked so bad," Vance recalled. "But he came walking back and said 'The car's not bad . . . not bad.' Then he took his helmet bag and left.

"Then they brought the car in, and it was totalled. We had to bury it. All we could save was the engine.

"Another time, at Kokomo, after he crashed, he came back to the trailer and said, 'Hey, I hate to crash and run, but I've got to go.'

"I never heard him say, 'Whew, that was a close one!' "

Vogler had more than his share of run-ins with other drivers and race officials because of his willingness to take risks. He was often booed by fans who saw their favorite drivers bumped out of the way by the hard charger.



RICH VOGLER
Eldora Speedway — April 7, 1990
Photo by Allen Horcher

"The guy who wins too much usually gets that," he said this past spring. "You don't end up on people's top 10 list of favorities when you win a lot . . . My dad always said, 'Whether they boo or applaud you, at least they're paying attention to you.' "

While not liked by all, he was an eager and capable spokesman for the sport. With a passion for airplanes — including the radio-controlled variety as well as the full-sized models — he thought nothing of jumping into his own plane and flying 100 miles for a speaking engagement.

While his first love was the open-wheel cars, Vogler was trying to make a career change into stock cars.

On Saturday, after qualifying for what would have been his first NASCAR Winston Cup race at Pocono International Raceway, he flew back through a thunderstorm to race at Salem.

"The average guy would've said, 'It looks too bad. What's one more sprint race?' " said Vance, who watched Vogler land at a small airstrip located just beyond Turn 2 at Salem Speedway. "He was fearless to the point of no return."

Vogler is survived by his wife, Emily, and three young sons.

A memorial service was held Tuesday night at 7 at Calvary United Methodist Church in Brownsburg, Indiana. Vogler's long-time sponsor, Jonathan Byrd, delivered the eulogy.

On Wednesday, Vogler was buried at Forest Hill Cemetery in Glen Ellyn, Illinois — next to his father.

Rest in peace, Rapid Rich.

Remembering Rich Vogler

By Bill Holder

Rich Vogler was a man driven. He looked that way. He lived that way. But most importantly, he drove a race car that way. There didn't seem to be anything that could stop him, that's why it's so hard to accept the fact that he's gone.

There are certain drivers that seem indestructible, drivers that you know their skills will always pull them through. Drivers to whom driving on the edge is standard operating procedure. Rich Vogler was the epitome of that definition.

Ironically, Rich died exactly the same way as his race driver father going hard into an outside wall. Knowing Rich, though, as most of us did, this would be exactly the way he would have wanted it if it had to happen. Running flat out on a high-banked track in first place was his style. If it had to happen, Rich would have loved this ending.

He was equal racing proportions of quantity, quality and variety in his long career. When speaking of a certain driver's hectic race schedule, it was well understood to say he had a "Rich Vogler style" schedule. Quite simply, Rich was the ultimate Type A—never enough racing! It was his reason for living.

Rich piloted his own private plane, hopscotching across the country making as many races as possible. The day of his death was such a day. He had qualified for his first Winston Cup stock car race earlier in the day and then flew through a thunderstorm to reach a USAC sprint race at Salem (Indiana) Speedway. Typical Vogler style.

He was a "racer's racer" driving just about everything—midgets, sprints, champ dirt cars, Indy cars and stock cars. Pushing each type to the limit, he won a ton of races and titles. He might have been best in the midgets where he won five USAC Championships. The longevity of his career is highlighted by the fact that there was a decade between the first and final title.

There was also a pair of USAC Sprint titles and 134 national USAC wins in his two-decade career. Only A. J. Foyt won more. His only nemesis seemed to be the Indy cars, where his recent escapades had ended unfortunately in the wall. His best effort was an eighth place finish in 1989.

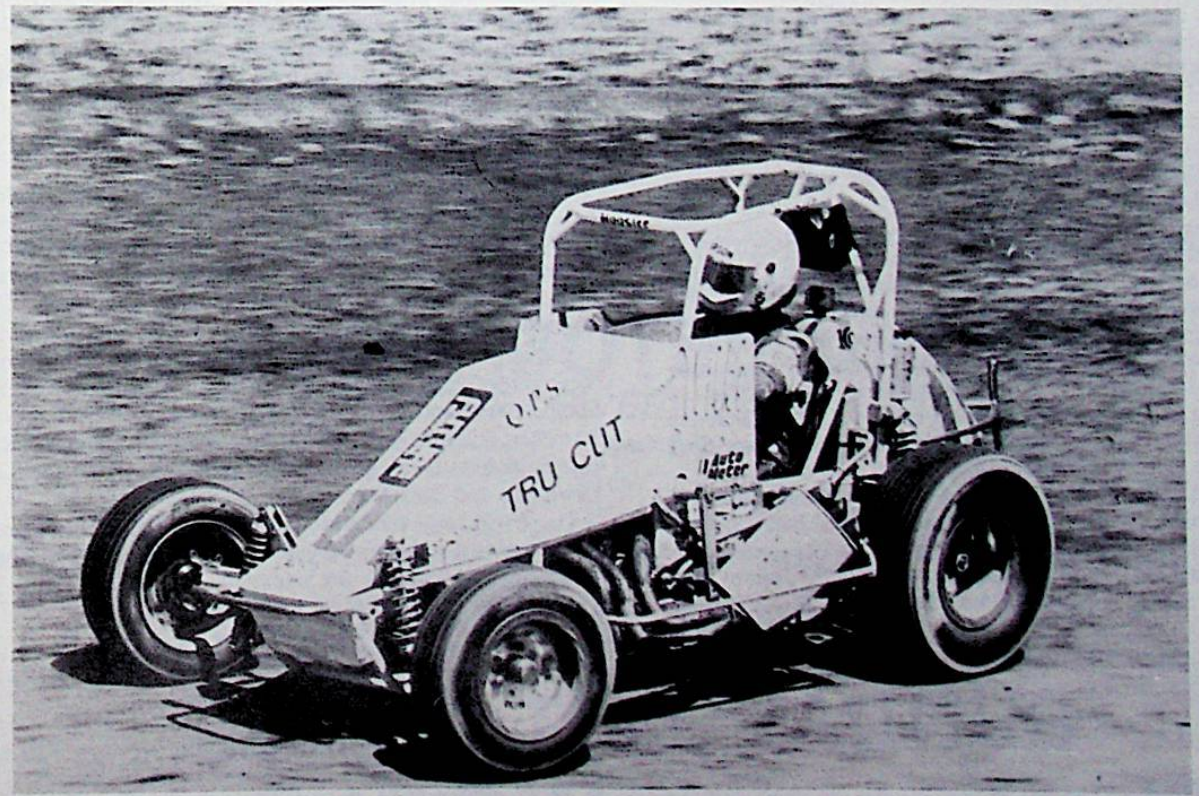
But Rich Vogler just seemed out of place in the glitz of Indy. This was a blue collar racer that knew the mechanicals of his racing machines like the back of his hand. Those hands always bore signs of oil and grease as Rich was constantly aiding his crew in working on his machines.

Oft-times appearing to possess a gruff personality, Rich was always thinking about his cars, the condition of the track, the weather, and the many other aspects he factored into his many-times winning equation. One never wanted to try to talk to Rich before a race. Getting to a checkered flag was the only thing that was on his mind.

Rich Vogler was the unofficial Mr. USAC in the driving ranks. When you figure that he participated in most of the sanctioning body's races in recent years, it was very appropriate for this magnificent chauffeur.

Rich Vogler would have been comfortable competing back forty years ago when it was possible to race almost continuously. He almost did it in this modern era.

Rest well Rich.



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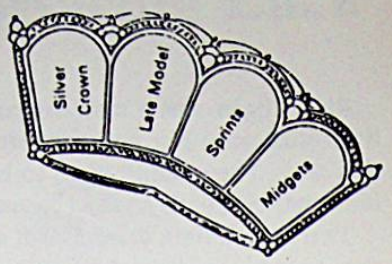

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Eldora Speedway Hosts 10th Four-Crown Nationals

By Carmella Shingleton

ROSSBURG, OHIO — It's fall again and time for the USAC FOUR CROWN NATIONALS. This year's will be the 10th USAC Four Crown Nationals. To celebrate the 10th year, the winner of each division, the Valvoline Silver Crown Dirt Cars, USAC Sprint Cars, Late Models, and the USAC Midgets features will each receive $10,000 to win. If the same driver can win all four features, he will receive an additional $10,000. A race fan will also receive $10,000. Normally a USAC Midget feature pays $1,200, so this is quite an increase in all four purses.

The race will be a three-day event. On Friday night, September 21, 1990, the Late Models will qualify, run 3 qualifying races and a last chance race. The Valvoline Silver Crown Dirt Cars will qualify and run qualifying races. Warmups 6:30 p.m. and qualifying at 7:30 p.m. On Saturday night, September 22, the USAC Sprint cars will qualify, run three qualifying heats and a last chance race. The USAC Midgets will qualify, run three qualifying heats and a last chance race. Warmups 6:30 p.m. and qualifying at 7:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon, September 23, at 2:00 p.m. there will be 145 laps of Feature racing. There will be a 25-lap Midget feature, a 30-lap Sprint Car feature, a 40-lap Late Model feature, and a 50-lap Silver Crown feature.

A wonderful driver who was a very competitive driver will not be with us this year, Rich Vogler. In the past 9 years, he had won four Midget features, 1982, 1985, 1986, and 1988. The other four Midget features were won by 1981 Ken Schrader, 1983 Johnny Parsons Jr., 1984 rained out, 1987 Jack Hewitt, and the defending champion of 1989—Robbie Flock. In the USAC Sprint Car division, there have been six different winners in the past nine years. In 1981 and 1982 Steve Kinser won, 1983 Jack Hewitt, 1985 Larry Rice, 1986 Rich Vogler, 1987 Tony Elliott, and Steve Butler won in 1988 and 1989. In the Late Models, there have been eight different winners, 1981 Joe Wallace, 1982 Dean Roper, 1983 Bobby Jacks, 1985 C. J. Rayburn, 1986 Billy Moyer, 1987 John Lawhorn, 1988 Doug Ault, and 1989 Randy Boggs. In 1989, sixty-eight Late Models ran qualifications for the 24 starting spots. In the Silver Crown Dirt Cars: in 1981 Steve Kinser, 1982 Ron Shuman, 1983 Ken Schrader, 1985 Larry Rice, 1986 Jack Hewitt, 1987 Larry Rice, and in 1988 and 1989 Jack Hewitt won. Hewitt will back this year hoping to win the Silver Crown Dirt Champ Cars feature along with Jeff Swindell, Eric Gordon, Jimmy Sills, Larry Rice, Tom Bigelow, and Jeff Gordon.

Along with Jack Hewitt in the USAC Sprint division will be Steve Butler, Eric Gordon, Jeff Gordon, Rick Howerton, and Greg Staab. Early entries in the USAC Midgets: Jeff Gordon, Mike Streicher, Russ Gamester, Stan Fox and Dean Billings. Late Model entries include Don Seaborn, Randy Boggs, C. J. Rayburn, John Lawhorn, and Billy Moyer.

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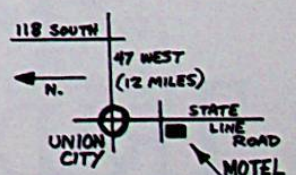

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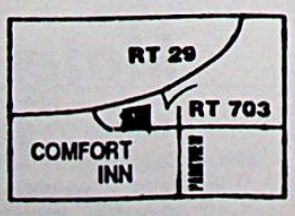

Can Hewitt Do It Again At Eldora?

By Carmella Shingleton

ROSSBURG, OHIO — Can Hewitt do it? These were the words of track announcer Terry Baltes at the Eldora USAC Four Crown Nationals on Sunday afternoon, September 24th, 1989. Yes, Hewitt can do it! He took the green flag from the outside pole of the 50-lap Silver Crown Dirt Champ race and the lead. He drove high, almost on the wall, bumping it twice, never taking his foot off the throttle of the Hampshire car "Gussie." He took the checker flag ahead of Rich Vogler, who followed him the full 50 laps, catching up at times, but never being able to pass Hewitt. Steve Butler finished third, followed by George Snider and Mark Alderson. Rich Vogler was the fastest qualifier on Saturday night, posting a time of 17.509 seconds.

Sixty-eight UMP Late Models ran qualifications Saturday night for the 24 starting spots in Sunday's 40-lap feature. Heats were won by C. J. Rayburn, Willie Kraft, and Larry Moore. Thirty-two cars ran the Last Chance race, with only the top six going into the feature. Charlie Sentman won the very competitive race, over Joe Rice, Doug Ault, Donnie Seaborn, Ed Haunshell, and Kris Patterson. Randy Boggs jumped in the lead of the 40-lap feature on Sunday, but Larry Moore took the lead on lap 3 and held that command until lap 25. On lap 26, going through traffic, Boggs jumped in front of Moore in his BH&L Late Model for the win. Moore was close behind for second, followed by Jack Hewitt, Willie Kraft, and John Gill. It looked like it was Jack Hewitt's day in the USAC Loctite/Crestliner Vans Sprint Division. He had the lead in the Hampshire sprinter on lap 10 after passing Tony Elliot, who led the first nine laps. Hewitt was riding the high groove and running hard. But on lap 25 it was all over. As he was coming out of turn two, Hewitt dropped down low and went into the pits with a broken drive line, finishing 17th. Steve Butler took the lead and the victory in the Stoops sprint car. Tony Elliot was second, followed by Greg Staab, Mark Alderson, and Andy Stapp. Qualifying heats were won on Saturday by Andy Stapp and Kevin Huntley.

Young Robbie Flock, in his first race at Eldora, took the lead from Kevin Olson on lap two and never gave up all the way to the checker flag. Running hard and trying to pass him was Rich Vogler, who came in second. Running third was Steve Kneppler, followed by Russ Gamester and Kevin Olson. The two qualifying heats were won by John Heydenrich and Dean Billings. Heydenrich was taken to Coldwater Community Hospital for observation after being involved in a wreck in turn two flipping Johnny Parsons's car, but leaving him unhurt in Sunday's feature.

Now, for the biggest announcement of the year by Earl Baltes. In 1990, the USAC Four Crown Race will be number ten at Eldora. To celebrate the 10th year, the winner of each division—Silver Crown Dirt Cars, USAC Sprint Cars, USAC Late Models, and the USAC Midgets will each receive $10,000 to win. If the same driver wins all 4 features, he will receive an additional $10,000. 1989's payoff was $4,000 for the Silver Crown Dirt Cars, $3,000 for Srint Cars, $2,500 for Late Models, and $1,200 for Midgets. The paying of the Midgets' $10,000 to win will be the richest payoff ever.

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Late Models

1 Lap	9/24/88	Jack Hewitt	16.858	106.774 mph
10 Laps	10/5/85	Charlie Swartz	3:02.58	98.587 mph
15 Laps	9/28/86	Roy Sheets	5:03.19	61.917 mph
40 Laps	10/6/85	C. J. Rayburn	19:22.85	61.917 mph

Sprint Cars (Non-Winged)

1 Lap	3/28/87	Tom Bigelow	16.063	112.059 mph
	3/28/87	Rich Vogler	16.063	112.059 mph
10 Laps	3/28/87	Rich Vogler	2:50.21	105.752 mph
30 Laps	6/13/87	Rich Vogler	8:43.50	103.152 mph

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1989 4-Crown Action at Eldora Speedway

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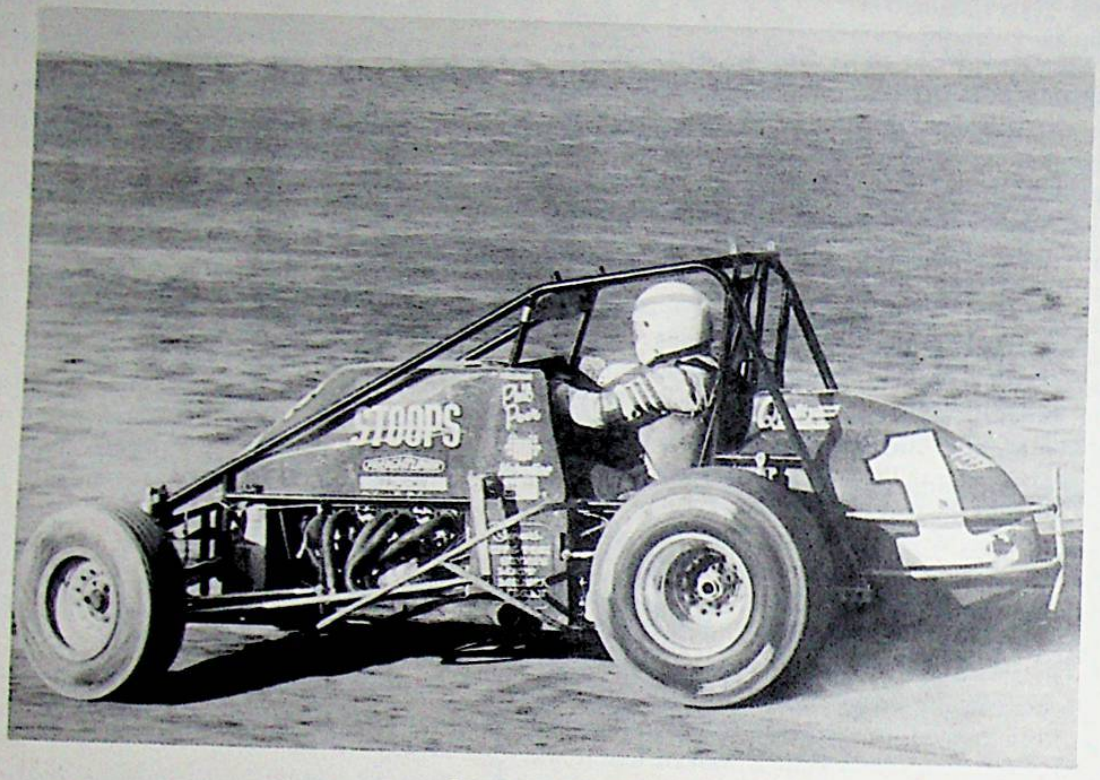

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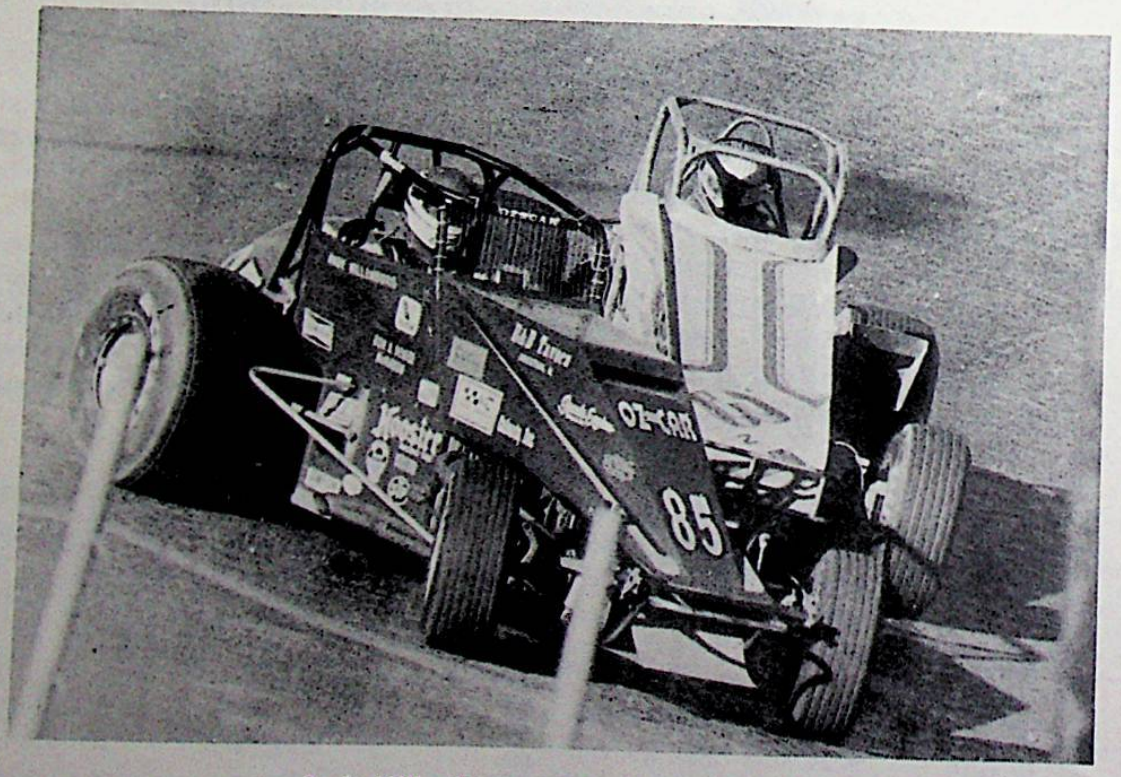

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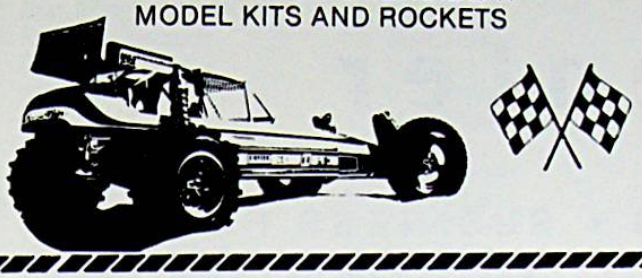

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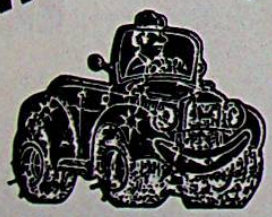

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1989 "4-CROWN NATIONALS" RESULTS (September 23-24)

MIDGETS — 25 Laps

1. Robbie Flock
2. Rich Vogler
3. Arnie Knepper
4. Russ Gamester
5. Kevin Olson
6. Mike Streicher
7. Harry McConnell
8. Mel Kenyon
9. Dean Billings
10. Roger McCluskey Jr.
11. Dean Erfurth
12. Jim Hines
13. Terry Wente
14. Kurt Mayhew
15. Donnie Adams
16. Steve Parkes
17. Doug Wright
18. Daryl Campbell
19. Ric Burdine
20. Brent Pool
21. John Heydenreich
22. Johnny Parsons Jr.
23. Kenneth Nichols
24. Stan Fox

LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Olson; Laps 2-25 Flock.

LATE MODELS — 40 Laps

1. Randy Boggs
2. Larry Moore
3. Jack Hewitt
4. Willie Kraft
5. John Gill
6. Jerry Rice
7. Bob Pierce
8. John Rhoades
9. Russ Petro
10. Steve Francis
11. Doug Ault
12. C. J. Rayburn
13. Terry Shepherd
14. Don Hobbs
15. Kris Patterson
16. Don Seaborn
17. Curtis Roberts
18. Paul Shafer
19. Charlie Sentman
20. John Lawhorn
21. Ed Hounshell
22. Jim Ruddick
23. Kevin Weaver
24. Jerry Bowersock

LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-3 Boggs, Laps 3-25 Moore, Laps 26-30 Boggs.

SPRINT CARS — 30 Laps

1. Steve Butler
2. Tony Elliott
3. Greg Staab
4. Mark Alderson
5. Andy Stapp
6. Ray Morgan
7. Larry Rice
8. Kevin Thomas
9. Rich Vogler
10. Tom Bigelow
11. Wayne Hammond
12. Dave Darland
13. Ron Glidden
14. Jim Moulis
15. Dave Ronk
16. Joe Roush
17. Jack Hewitt
18. Ron Mullen
19. Bill Tyler
20. Kevin Huntley
21. Steve Imel
22. Rocky Hodges
23. Eric Gordon
24. Tim Bookmiller

LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-9 Elliott, Laps 10-25 Hewitt, Laps 26-30 Butler.

SILVER CROWN CARS — 50 Laps

1. Jack Hewitt
2. Rich Vogler
3. Steve Butler
4. Larry Rice
5. Mark Alderson
6. Johnny Parsons Jr.
7. Andy Hillenburg
8. Tony Elliott
9. Rocky Hodges
10. Danny Milburn
11. Wayne Hammond
12. Bob Cicconi
13. Jerry Nemire
14. Russ Gamester
15. Greg Staab
16. Walt Kennedy
17. Chip Thomas
18. Gary Irvin
19. Ron Dunstan
20. Mark Sokola
21. Brent Whited

LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-50 Hewitt.

1988 "4-CROWN NATIONALS" RESULTS (September 24-25)

MIDGETS — 25 Laps

1. Rich Vogler
2. John Heydenreich
3. Mel Kenyon
4. Dan Boorse
5. Kevin Olson
6. Terry Wente
7. Dean Billings
8. Ronnie Burke
9. Harry McConnell
10. Ron Glidden
11. Joe Roush
12. Lou Cicconi
13. Jim Hines
14. Bob Cicconi
15. Brett Mowrey
16. Ron Dunsten
17. Kurt Mayhew
18. Gary Halteman
19. Jim Bradford
20. Roger McCluskey, Jr.
21. Stan Fox
22. Donnie Lehmann
23. Warren Halligan
24. Tony Elliott

Fast Qualifier: Rich Vogler, 17.608
Qualifying Race Winners: Kevin Olson & Mel Kenyon

LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-4 Heydenreich; Laps 5-25 Vogler.

LATE MODELS — 40 Laps

1. Doug Ault
2. Bob Carnes
3. Dick Potts
4. Noel Witcher
5. Jack Hewitt
6. Don Hobbs
7. Ray Guss, Jr.
8. Kris Patterson
9. John Lawhorn
10. Steve Landrum
11. Curtis Roberts
12. Don Seaborn
13. Ernie Barrow
14. Eddie Schickel
15. Danny Eichler
16. Mike Duvall
17. Tom Helfrich
18. Glenn Bradley
19. Jim Ruddick
20. Butch Garner
21. Charlie Sentman
22. Dennis Mace
23. Jim Rarick
24. Terry Sroufe

Fast Qualifier: Jack Hewitt, 16.858

Qualifying Race Winners: Bob Carnes & Ray Guss, Jr.

Last Chance Winner: Jack Hewitt.

LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-40 Ault

SPRINT CARS — 30 Laps

1. Steve Butler
2. Jerry Russell
3. Mark Alderson
4. Greg Staab
5. Terry Shepherd
6. Tray House
7. Rodney Duncan
8. Rich Vogler
9. Tony Elliott
10. Jack Hewitt
11. Larry Rice
12. Jerry Nemire
13. George Snider
14. Dave Feese
15. Bill Tyler
16. Jeff Gordon
17. Rusty McClure
18. Mike Helm
19. Blake Hollingsworth
20. Leon Gentry
21. Rick Unger
22. Kevin Huntley
23. Rick Hood
24. Ken Rice

Fast Qualifier: Tray House, 16.169
Qualifying Race Winners: Rick Hood & Jack Hewitt

LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-7 Russell; Laps 8-30 Butler.

SILVER CROWN CARS — 50 Laps

1. Jack Hewitt
2. Steve Butler
3. Larry Rice
4. Greg Staab
5. Mark Alderson
6. Andy Hillenburg
7. Tray House
8. Joe Melnick
9. George Snider
10. Ron Dunstan
11. Jerry Nemire
12. Jeff Bloom
13. Rusty McClure
14. Tony Elliott
15. Jon Johnson
16. Paul Huntington
17. Bill Tyler
18. Rich Vogler
19. Steve Chassey
20. Gene Lee Gibson
21. Gary Irvin
22. Rick Hood
23. Bob Frey
24. Donnie Beechler

Fast Qualifier: Steve Butler, 17.045

Last Chance Winner: Rich Vogler.

LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-36 Butler, Laps 37-38 Rice, Laps 39-41 Butler, Laps 42-50 Hewitt.

1987 "4-CROWN NATIONALS" RESULTS (September 26-27)

MIDGETS — 25 Laps

1. Jack Hewitt
2. Kevin Olson
3. Steve Knepper
4. Jerry Russell
5. Mike Streicher
6. Mel Kenyon
7. Danny Frye, Jr.
8. Terry Wente
9. Dan Boorse
10. Lou Cicconi
11. Paul Rochelle
12. Sam Isenhower
13. Stevie Reeves
14. Jim Hines
15. Ron Glidden
16. George Wilkins
17. Ted Hines
18. Harry McConnell
19. Rich Vogler
20. Kevin Huntley
21. John Heydenreich
22. Ronnie Burke
23. Steve Butler
24. Roger McCluskey

Fast Qualifier: Danny Frye, Jr., 18.255
Heat Winners: Rich Vogler & Ronnie Streicher

LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-25 Hewitt

LATE MODELS — 40 Laps

1. John Lawhorn
2. Bubby James
3. Kris Patterson
4. Dick Potts
5. Bobby Clark
6. Larry Scott
7. Daryl Herbert
8. Pat Patrick
9. Noel Witcher
10. Jack Hewitt
11. Don Seaborn
12. Vern LaFevers
13. Bill Rose
14. Larry Yantis
15. Al Woodard
16. Jim Bucher
17. Charlie Sentman
18. Steve Landrum
19. Curtis Roberts
20. Mike Kostick
21. Barry Hall
22. Don Hobbs
23. Russ Petro
24. Rick DeLong

Fast Qualifier: Russ Petro, 17.544
Heat Winners: Russ Petro, John Lawhorn, Pat Patrick

LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-35 Lawhorn, Lap 36 Patrick, Laps 37-40 Lawhorn

SPRINT CARS — 30 Laps

1. Tony Elliott
2. Jack Hewitt
3. Steve Butler
4. Kenny Jacobs
5. Rich Vogler
6. Andy Stapp
7. Greg Staab
8. Tray House
9. Al Thomas
10. Rick Hood
11. Dave Feese
12. Bill Tyler
13. Jack Ziegler
14. Bobby Adkins
15. Rusty McClure
16. Mark Alderson
17. Andy Hillenburg
18. Larry Rice
19. Kent Christian
20. Jerry Russell
21. Tom Bookmiller
22. Jerry Nemire
23. Larry Hillerud
24. Mike Helm
25. Kevin Huntley
26. Ray Morgan

Fast Qualifier: Jack Hewitt, 17.382
Heat Winners: Jerry Russell & Steve Butler

LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Elliott

SILVER CROWN CARS — 50 Laps

1. Larry Rice
2. Steve Butler
3. Rick Hood
4. Jack Hewitt
5. Kenny Jacobs
6. Andy Hillenburg
7. Jeff Swindell
8. Jim Childers
9. Mark Alderson
10. Charlie Swartz
11. Dave Feese
12. Tray House
13. Jon Johnson
14. Gary Hieber
15. Paul Clark
16. Rich Vogler
17. Rusty McClure
18. Jerry Nemire
19. Manny Rockhold
20. Bill Tyler
21. Ron Dunstan
22. Steve Chassey
23. Jeff Bloom
24. Warren Mockler

Fast Qualifier: Rick Hood, 18.131
"B" Feature: Tray House

LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-50 Rice

1986 "4-CROWN NATIONALS" RESULTS (September 27-28)

MIDGETS — 20 Laps

1. Rich Vogler (Streicher #8)
2. Tom Bigelow
3. Mel Kenyon
4. Steve Enlow
5. Kevin Doty
6. Ronnie Burke
7. Terry Wente
8. Warren Mockler
9. Steve Lotshaw
10. Russ Gamester
11. Dave Ray
12. Roy Caruthers
13. Todd Holderfield
14. Jim Bradford
15. Nick Kruse
16. Don Schilling
17. Michael Lang
18. Merrill Calvert
19. Jack Hewitt
20. Don Tyler
21. Jerry Weeks
22. Kurt Mayhew
23. Paul Clark
24. Kenneth Nichols

Fast Qualifier: Rich Vogler, 18.138
Heat Winners: Jack Hewitt & Paul Clark

LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-9 Burke, Laps 10-20 Vogler

LATE MODEL CARS — 40 Laps

1. Billy Moyer (Moyer #21)
2. Pat Patrick
3. Rick Standridge
4. Ray Guss, Jr.
5. John Lawhorn
6. Russ Petro
7. Kris Patterson
8. Larry Scott
9. Ernie Barrow
10. Steve Barnett
11. Chuck McWilliams
12. Carl Collins
13. Noel Witcher
14. Larry Yantis
15. Glenn Andrew
16. Tom Bigelow
17. Steve Brown
18. Roy Sheets
19. Don Seaborn
20. Ed Hounshell
21. Greg Eldredge
22. Lee Hoffman
23. Mack Gilardi

(Jack Hewitt disqualified after finishing 3rd)

Fast Qualifier: Jack Hewitt, 17.017
Heat Winners: Larry Yantis, Noel Witcher & Pat Patrick
Last Chance Winner: Roy Sheets
LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-18 Seaborn, Laps 19-31 Patrick, Laps 32-40 Moyer

SPRINT CARS — 30 Laps

1. Rich Vogler (Vance #2v)
2. Kenny Jacobs
3. Steve Butler
4. Jack Hewitt
5. Dave Blaney
6. Tom Bigelow
7. Larry Rice
8. Rick Hood
9. Sheldon Kinser
10. Tony Elliott
11. Bobby Adkins
12. Tim Bookmiller
13. Warren Mockler
14. Keith Campbell
15. Jerry Russell
16. Manny Rockhold
17. Greg Staab
18. Alan Brown
19. Mike Helm
20. Jeff Donelson
21. Jerry Nemire
22. Louie Mann
23. Bill Tyler
24. Dave Darland

Fast Qualifier: Sheldon Kinser, 16.680
Heat Winners: Rich Vogler & Jack Hewitt

LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-27 Jacobs, Laps 28-30 Vogler

SILVER CROWN CARS — 50 Laps

1. Jack Hewitt (Hampshire #63)
2. Bill Engelhart
3. Sheldon Kinser
4. Kenny Jacobs
5. Dave Blaney
6. Danny Milburn
7. Jeff Bloom
8. Paul Clark
9. Jerry Nemire
10. Warren Mockler
11. Manny Rockhold
12. Mark Alderson
13. Steve Butler
14. Larry Rice
15. Tom Bigelow
16. Jerry Russell
17. Bobby Adkins
18. Rich Vogler
19. Tony Elliott
20. Duke Cook
21. Rick Hood
22. Charlie Workman
23. Red Kunstbeck

Fast Qualifier: Kenny Jacobs, 16.829

Last Chance Winner: Bobby Adkins
LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-5 Kinser, Laps 6-14 Vogler, Laps 15-37 Kinser, Laps 38-49 Jacobs, Lap 50 Hewitt

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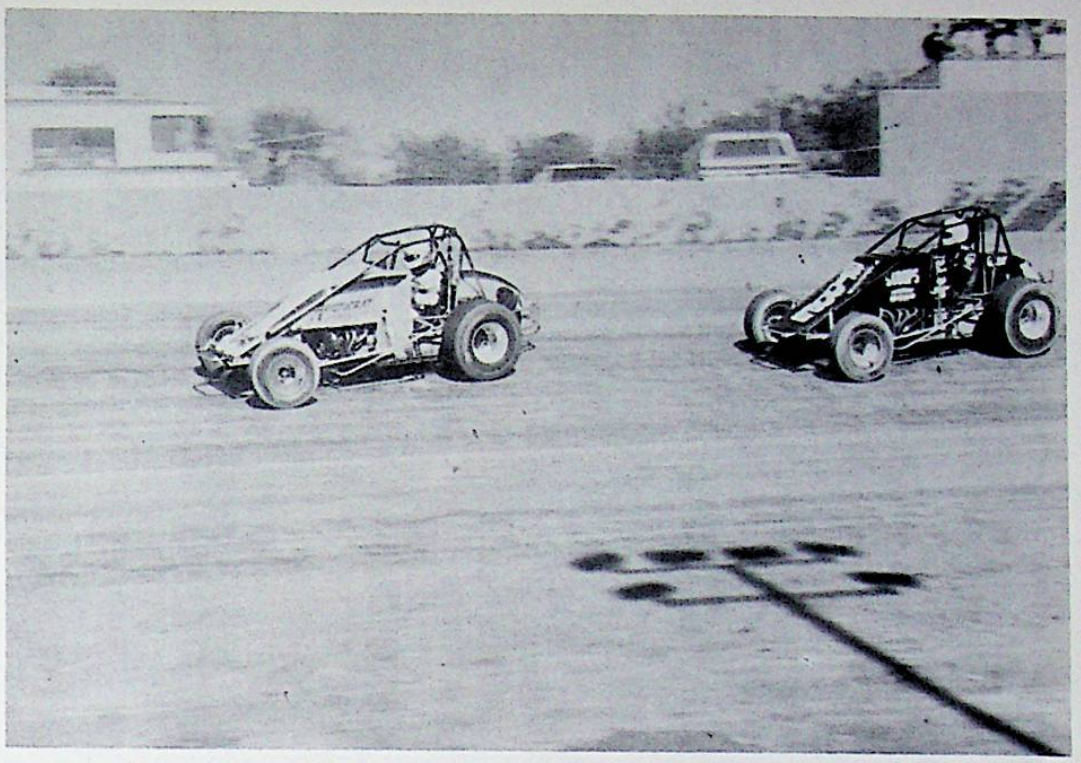

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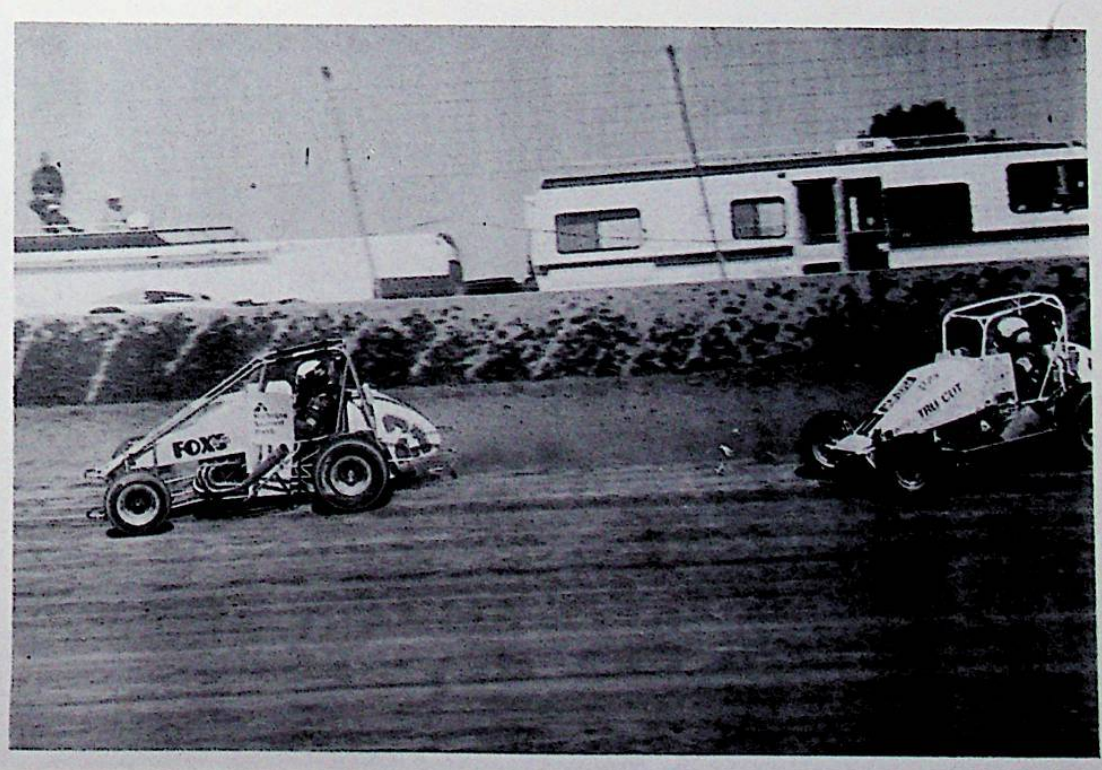

#21 Robbie Flock leads #11 Rich Vogler.

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Rich Vogler.

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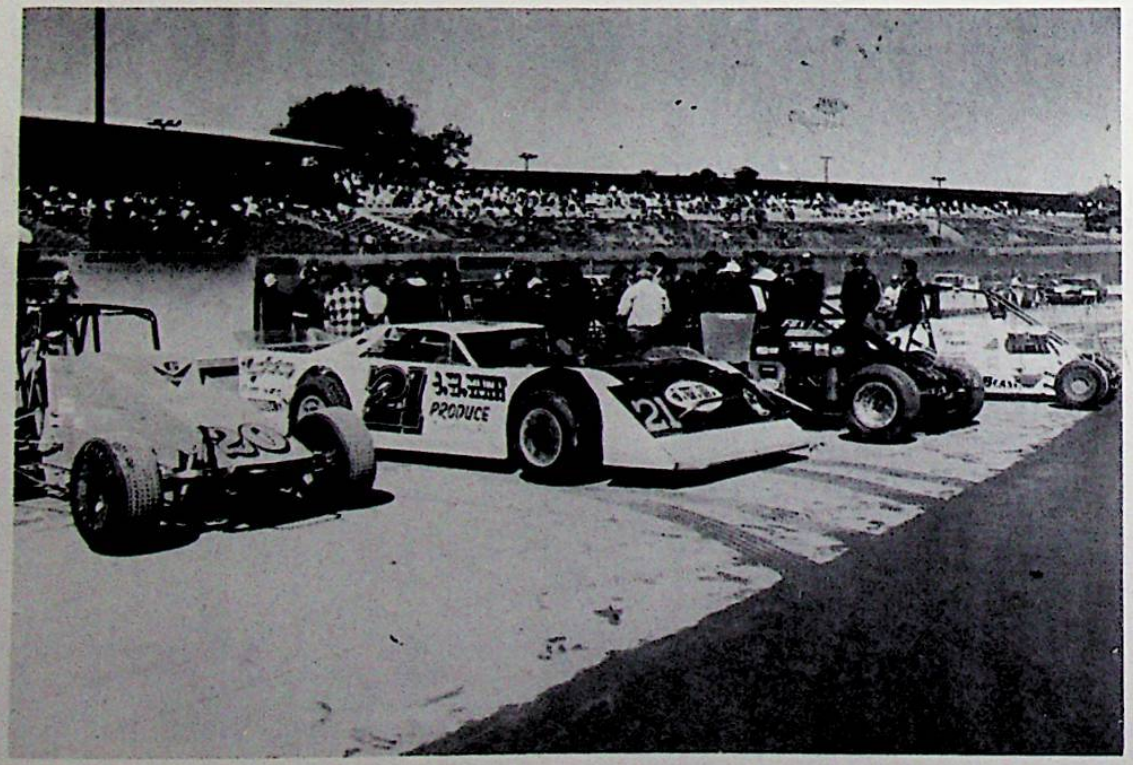

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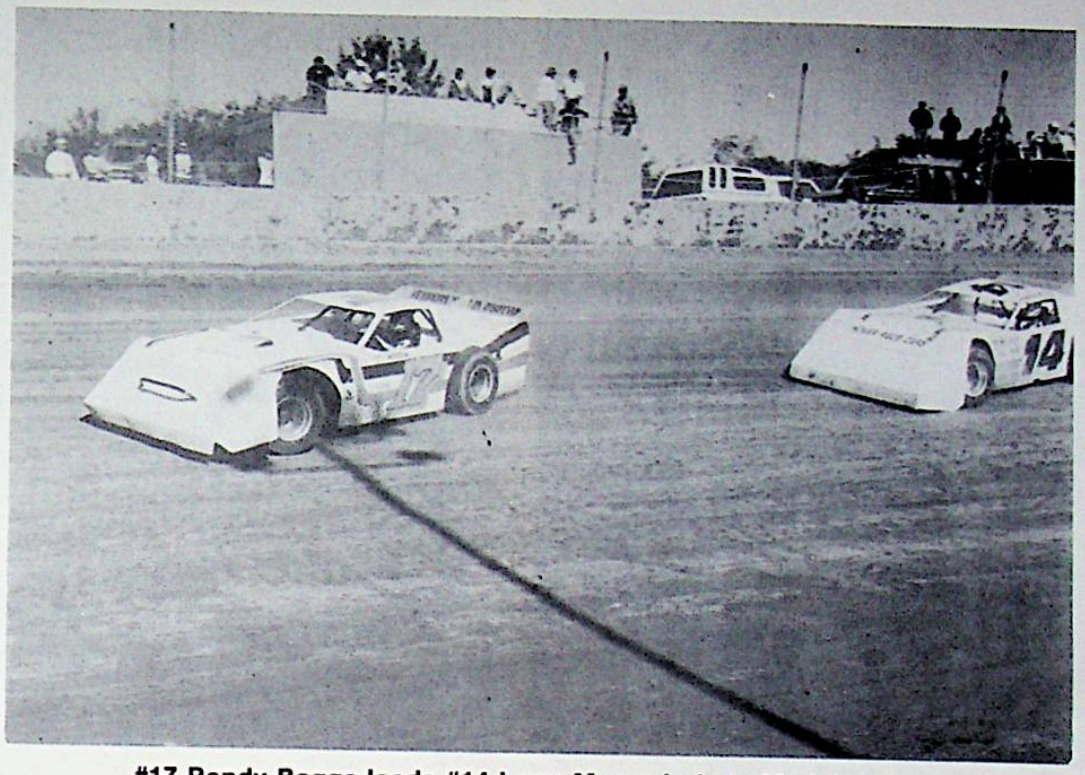

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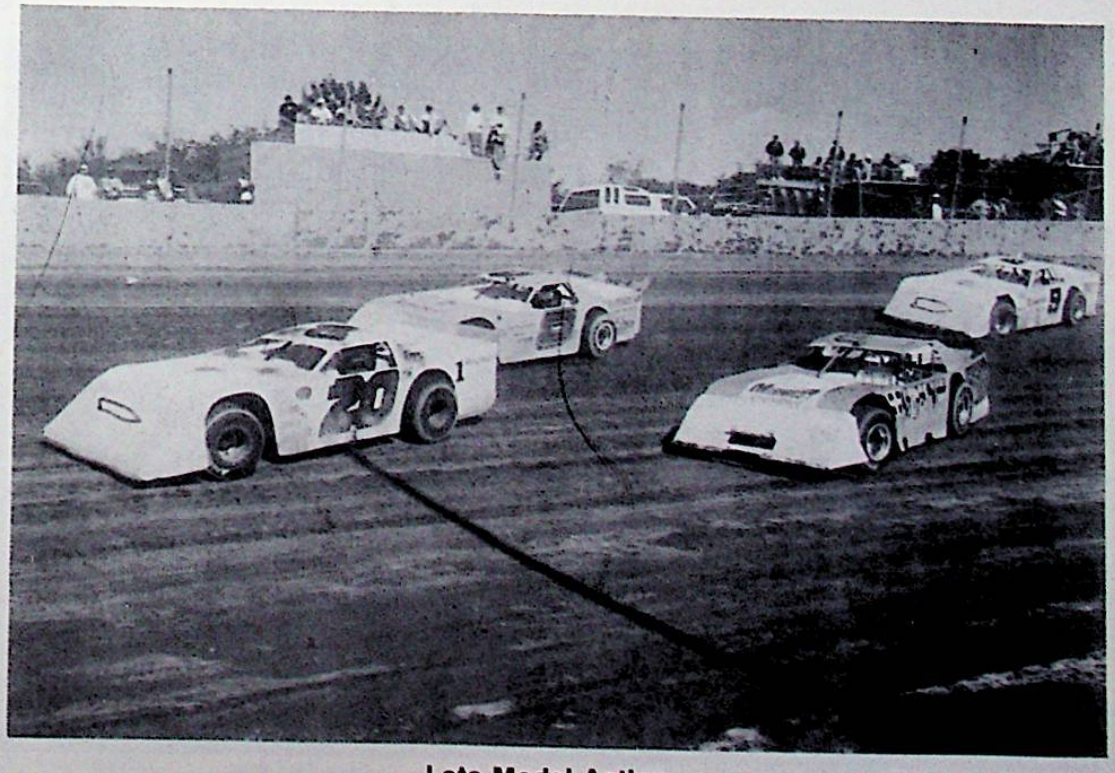

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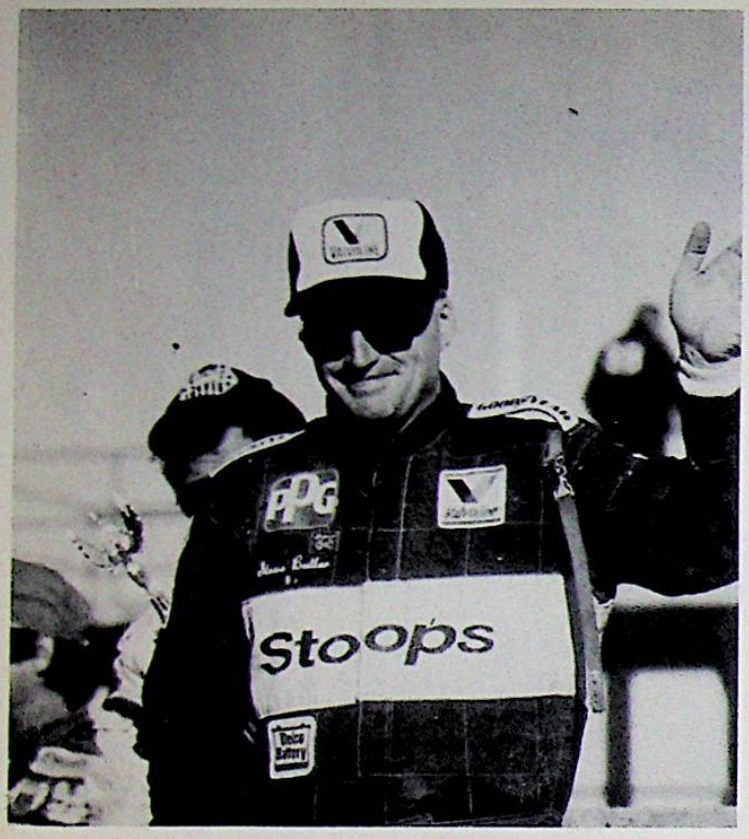

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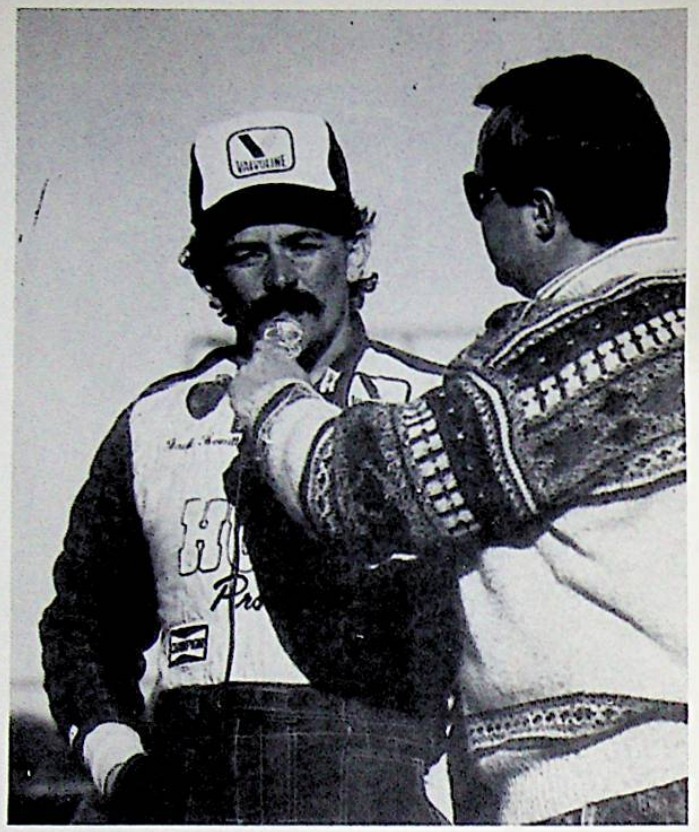
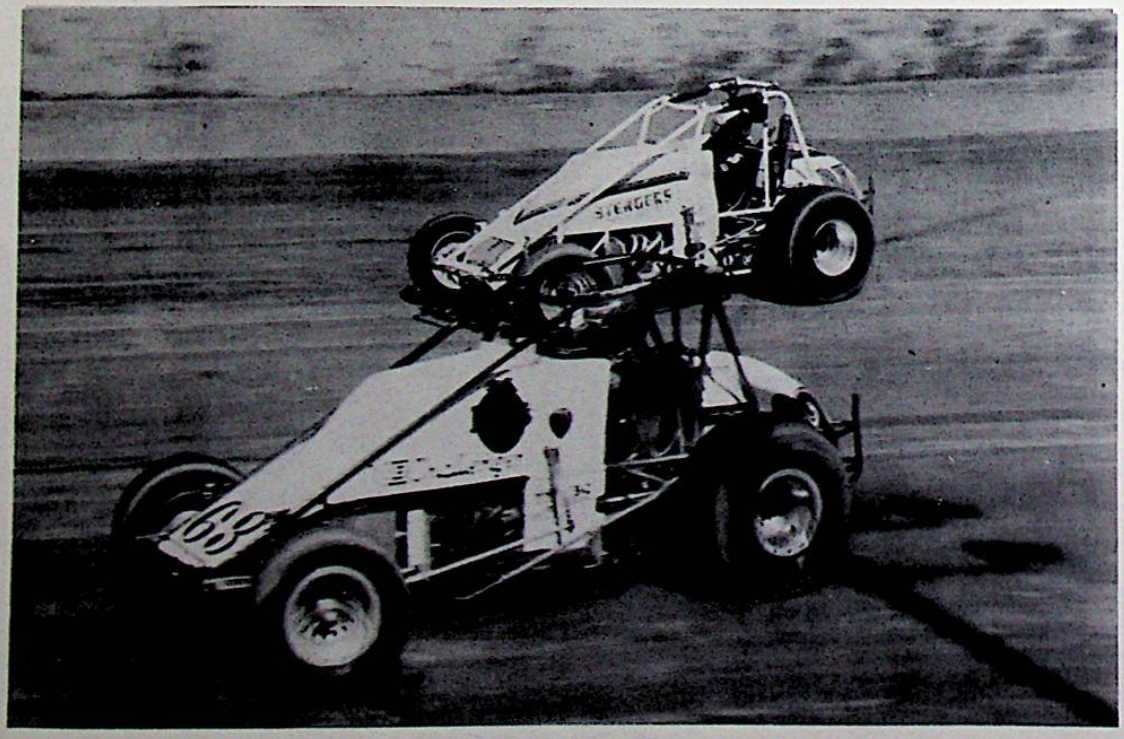


Jack Hewitt, Silver Crown Winner



Sprint Action — #63 Jack Hewitt, #44 Greg Staab.

1985 "4-CROWN NATIONALS" RESULTS (October 5-6)

MIDGETS — 20 Laps

1. Rich Vogler (Lowe #1)
2. Mel Kenyon
3. Tom Bigelow
4. Steve Knepper
5. Paul Clark
6. Larry Rice
7. Kevin Doty
8. Bob Cicconi
9. Mark Alderson
10. John Andretti
11. Sam Isenhower
12. Don Tyler
13. Larry Hillerud
14. Dave Ray
15. Kenneth Nichols
16. Jerry Russell
17. Jim Hines
18. Dean Billings
19. Roy Caruthers
20. Kurt Mayhew
21. Pepi Marchese
22. Jim Bradford
23. Ric Burdine
24. Lars Lein

Fast Qualifier: Rich Vogler, 17.844
Heat Winners: Kevin Doty & Dave Ray
LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Cicconi, Laps 2-14 Bigelow, Laps 15-20 Vogler

LATE MODELS — 40 Laps

1. C. J. Rayburn (Rayburn #1)
2. Charlie Swartz
3. John Lawhorn
4. Noel Witcher
5. Ray Godsey
6. Gary Herbert
7. Dusty Chapman
8. Jim Fleming
9. Charlie Sentman
10. Danny Milburn
11. Johnny Parsons
12. Steve Barnett
13. Lee Hoffman
14. Steve Ellis
15. Larry Scott
16. Larry Yantis
17. Terry Pearson
18. Rick Tomasik
19. Joe Doty
20. John Whitney
21. Don Seaborn
22. Kevin Claycomb
23. Glenn Andrew
24. Bill Rose

Fast Qualifier: Charlie Swartz, 17.355
Heat Winners: Charlie Swartz, Ray Godsey & John Lawhorn
"B" Feature Winner: Lee Hoffman
LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-13 K. Claycomb, Laps 14-33 Swartz, Laps 34-40 Rayburn

SPRINT CARS — 30 Laps

1. Larry Rice (Poor #6)
2. Steve Butler
3. Rick Hood
4. Sheldon Kinser
5. Kevin Thomas
6. Warren Mockler
7. Tony Elliott
8. Tom Bigelow
9. Jerry Nemire
10. Louie Mann
11. Terry Shepherd
12. Tim Bookmiller
13. Mark Cummins
14. Denny Donaldson
15. Paul Huntington
16. Jerry Russell
17. Jack Ziegler
18. Manny Rockhold
19. Greg Staab
20. Rich Leming
21. Ron Mullen
22. Keith Campbell
23. Randy Standridge
24. Rich Vogler

Fast Qualifier: Larry Rice, 16.455
Heat Winners: Terry Shepherd & Sheldon Kinser

SILVER CROWN CARS — 50 Laps

1. Larry Rice (LeFevre #9)
2. Rick Hood
3. Johnny Parsons
4. Sheldon Kinser
5. Steve Butler
6. Duke Cook
7. Kramer Williamson
8. Rich Vogler
9. Joe Saldana
10. John Andretti
11. Bruce Field
12. Mark Alderson
13. Jerry Nemire
14. Danny Milburn
15. John Batts, Jr.
16. Fred Rahmer
17. Bob Cicconi
18. Tom Bigelow
19. Bud Wilmot
20. Mike Johnson
21. Frankie Kerr
22. Warren Mockler
23. Paul Clark

Fast Qualifier: Rick Hood, 16.557
LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-12 Hood, Laps 13-24 Parsons, Laps 25-50 Rice

1984 "4-CROWN NATIONALS" RESULTS (October 13)

MIDGETS

Feature Event Rained Out

Fast Qualifier: Nick Fornoro, Jr., 18.363
Heat Winners: Mel Kenyon & Bruce Field

STOCK CARS

Feature Event Rained Out

Fast Qualifier: Tom Bigelow, 17.191
Heat Winners: Joe Saldana & Rick Hood

SPRINT CARS

Feature Event Rained Out

Fast Qualifier: Dean Roper, 19.912
"B" Feature Winner: Ken Rowley

SILVER CROWN CARS

Feature Event Rained Out

Fast Qualifier: Sheldon Kinser, 17.797
"B" Feature Winner: Johnny Parsons

1983 "4-CROWN NATIONALS" RESULTS (September 24-25)

MIDGETS — 20 Laps

1. Johnny Parsons (Weeks #71)
2. Rich Vogler
3. Mel Kenyon
4. Tom Bigelow
5. Larry Rice
6. Ken Schrader
7. Steve Knepper
8. Jerry Nuckles
9. Steve Cannon
10. Stan Fox
11. Jeff Nuckles
12. Paul Clark
13. Sam Isenhower
14. Kenneth Nichols
15. Warren Mockler

Fast Qualifier: Jerry Nuckles, 19.443
Heat Winners: Mel Kenyon, Tom Bigelow
LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-4 Rice, Laps 5-13 Vogler, Laps 14-20 Parsons

STOCK CARS — 40 Laps

1. Bobby Jacks (Jacks #71)
2. Butch Garner
3. Dean Roper
4. Tom Meinberg
5. Rick O'Brien
6. Bob Dotter
7. Ken Rowley
8. Terry Pearson
9. Herman Huffman
10. Roger Drake
11. Michael Brown
12. Bill Hartwig
13. Ken Snyder
14. Gordon Blankenship

Fast Qualifier: Butch Garner, 21.317
"B" Feature Winner: Butch Garner
LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-6 Roper, Lap 7 Garner, Lap 8 Roper, Laps 9-40 Jacks

SPRINT CARS — 30 Laps

1. Jack Hewitt (G & R #37)
2. Johnny Parsons
3. Ken Schrader
4. Larry Rice
5. Rick Hood
6. Tony Elliott
7. Steve Butler
8. Larry Martin
9. Danny Milburn
10. George Snider
11. John Andretti
12. Leon Gentry
13. Bud Wilmot
14. Ken Rice
15. Johnny Coogan
16. Bill Tyler

Fast Qualifier: Tom Bigelow, 18.653
Heat Winners: Larry Rice, Rick Hood
LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-30 Hewitt

SILVER CROWN CARS — 50 Laps

1. Ken Schrader (Fortune #39)
2. Rick Hood
3. Jack Hewitt
4. Sheldon Kinser
5. Larry Rice
6. George Snider
7. Duke Cook
8. Mark Alderson
9. Johnny Parsons
10. Bud Wilmot
11. Rich Vogler
12. Gary Hieber
13. Jerry Nemire
14. Steve Siegel
15. Bill Vukovich

Fast Qualifier: Jack Hewitt, 20.066
"B" Feature Winner: Billy Pauch
LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-9 Hewitt, Laps 10-50 Schrader

1982 "4-CROWN NATIONALS" RESULTS (October 2-3)

MIDGETS — 20 Laps

1. Rich Vogler (Streicher #28)
2. Ken Schrader
3. Ron Shuman
4. Tom Bigelow
5. Larry Rice
6. Jeff Nuckles
7. Kevin Olson
8. Bill Engelhart
9. Steve Knepper
10. Smokey Snellbaker
11. Danny Milburn
12. Dana Carter
13. Jimmy White
14. Ken Hopkins
15. Dean Billings
16. Steve Kinser
17. Alan Brown
18. Mel Kenyon

Fast Qualifier: Kevin Olson, 18.577
Heat Winners: Jeff Nuckles & Dana Carter
LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Schrader, Laps 2-20 Vogler

STOCK CARS — 40 Laps

1. Dean Roper (Mueller #99)
2. Marv Smith
3. Bobby Jacks
4. Terry Pearson
5. Joe Wallace
6. Tom Meinberg
7. Herman Huffman
8. Bob Brevak
9. Rick O'Brien
10. Butch Garner
11. Gordon Blankenship
12. Jiggs Lindhorst
13. Dick Dunlevy, Jr.
14. Jeff Schwister
15. Bay Darnell
16. Larry Nau
17. Ken Rowley
18. Lee Raymond
19. Scott Stovall
20. Tracy Read
21. Mike Brown
22. George Altheide

Fast Qualifier: Bobby Jacks, 20.153
"B" Feature Winner: Joe Wallace

LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-8 Jacks, Laps 9-40 Roper

SPRINT CARS — 30 Laps

1. Steve Kinser (Vance #32)
2. Danny Smith
3. Ron Shuman
4. Keith Kauffman
5. Smokey Snellbaker
6. Sheldon Kinser
7. Greg Staab
8. Jac Haudenschild
9. Chuck Amati
10. Larry Rice
11. Dana Carter
12. Roger Rager
13. Steve Long
14. Gary Gray
15. Larry Martin
16. Dave Peperak
17. Tony Elliott
18. Ken Schrader

Fast Qualifier: Dave Peperak, 19.070
Heat Winners: Sheldon Kinser & Ken Schrader
LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-13 Danny Smith, Laps 14-30 Steve Kinser

SILVER CROWN CARS — 50 Laps

1. Ron Shuman (Stephens #21)
2. Steve Kinser
3. Ken Schrader
4. Greg Staab
5. Joe Saldana
6. Roger Rager
7. Mark Alderson
8. Dana Carter
9. Smokey Snellbaker
10. Jim Moughan, Jr.
11. Danny Milburn
12. Keith Kauffman
13. Jerry Weeks
14. Manny Rockhold
15. Ed Angle
16. Mike Winblad
17. Rich Vogler
18. Walt Kennedy
19. Larry Rice
20. Sheldon Kinser

Fast Qualifier: Steve Kinser, 18.742
"B" Feature Winner: Mark Alderson

LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-23 Steve Kinser, Laps 24-33 Vogler, Laps 34-50 Shuman

1981 "4-CROWN NATIONALS" RESULTS (October 10-11)

MIDGETS — 20 Laps

1. Ken Schrader (Hamilton #55)
2. Bob Cicconi
3. Sherwin Armstrong
4. Mel Kenyon
5. Eddie Leavitt
6. Tom Bigelow
7. Joe Saldana
8. Kevin Olson
9. Steve Cannon
10. Jerry Nuckles
11. Warren Mockler
12. Jerry Weeks
13. Sherman Armstrong, Jr.
14. Steve Lotshaw
15. Joe Roush
16. Jeff Nuckles
17. Dave Keith
18. Mack McClellan
19. Larry Rice

Fast Qualifier: Greg Leffler, 18.259
Heat Winners: Joe Saldana & Eddie Leavitt
LAP LEADERS: Lap 1-4, Jerry Nuckles, Laps 5-20 Schrader

STOCK CARS — 40 Laps

1. Joe Wallace (Wallace #40)
2. Marv Smith
3. Butch Hartman
4. Rick O'Brien
5. Scott Stovall
6. Dean Roper
7. Terry Pearson
8. Herb Shannon
9. Tom Meinberg
10. Ken Schrader
11. Rick Hanley
12. John Kennedy
13. Ken Rowley
14. Gordon Blankenship
15. Sal Tovella
16. Ramo Stott
17. Larry Nau
18. Bill Green
19. Larry Rice

Fast Qualifier: Dean Roper, 19.225
"B" Feature Winner: Ken Schrader

LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Wallace, Laps 2-4 Smith, Laps 5-40 Wallace

SPRINT CARS — 30 Laps

1. Steve Kinser (Vance #1)
2. Sheldon Kinser
3. Tom Bigelow
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5. Larry Rice
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16. Steve Chassey
17. Dave Peperak
18. Joe Saldana
19. Jerry Miller
20. Gary Gray

Fast Qualifier: Dave Peperak, 17.194
Heat Winners: Joe Saldana & Jerry Miller
LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-16 Sheldon Kinser, Laps 17-30 Steve Kinser

SILVER CROWN CARS — 50 Laps

1. Steve Kinser (Vance #3)
2. Larry Rice
3. Gary Bettenhausen
4. Jack Hewitt
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6. Ken Schrader
7. Sheldon Kinser
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20. Tom Bigelow

Fast Qualifier: Gary Bettenhausen, 17.458
"B" Feature Winner: Jack Hewitt

LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-17 Bettenhausen, Laps 18-30 Rice, Laps 31-50 Steve Kinser

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3.			10.		
4.			11.		
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3.			10.		
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5.			12.		
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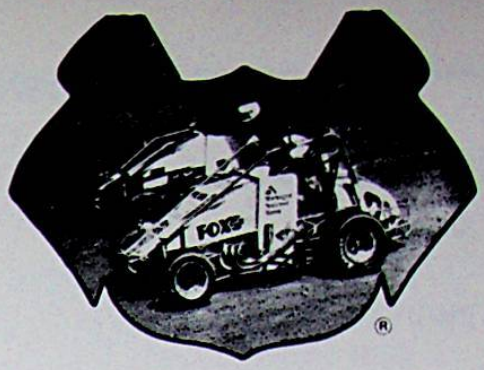

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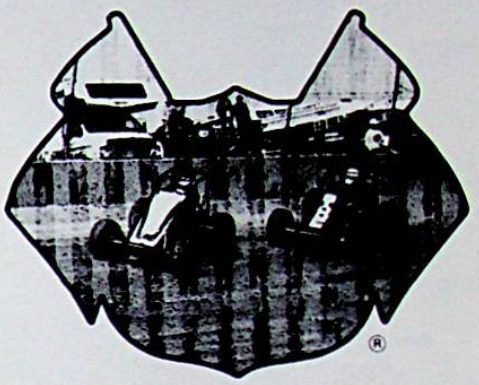

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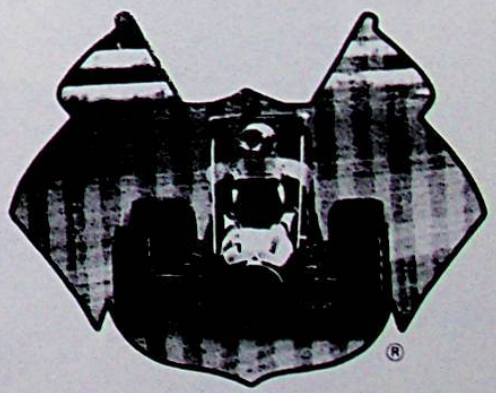

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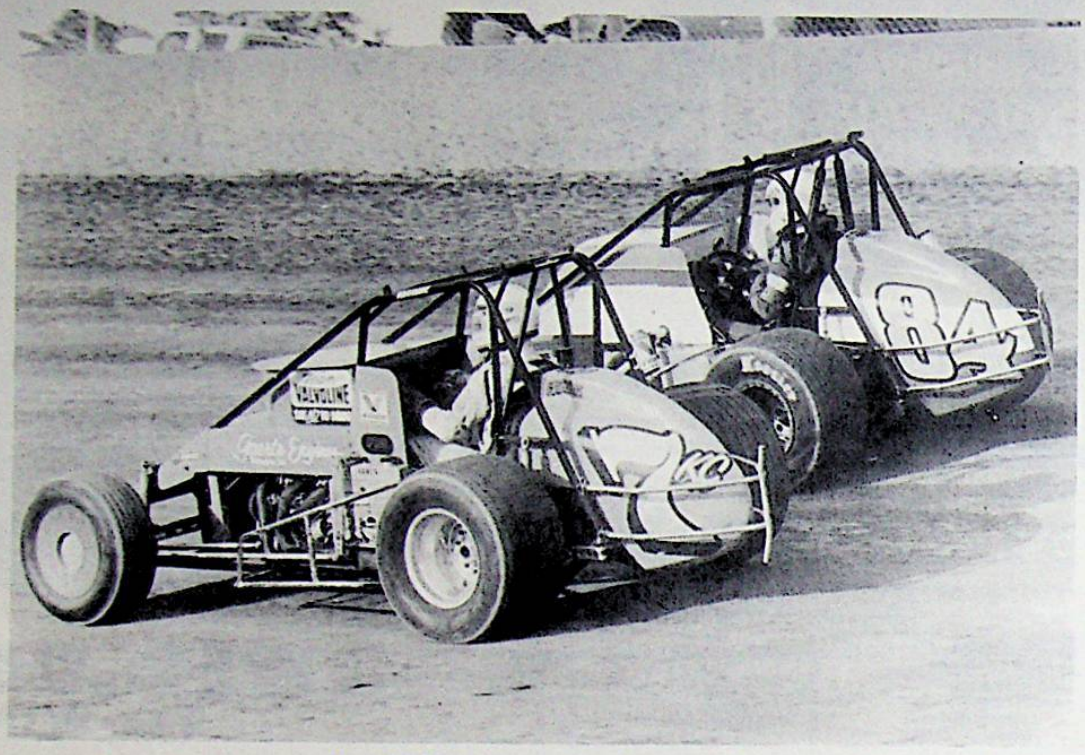

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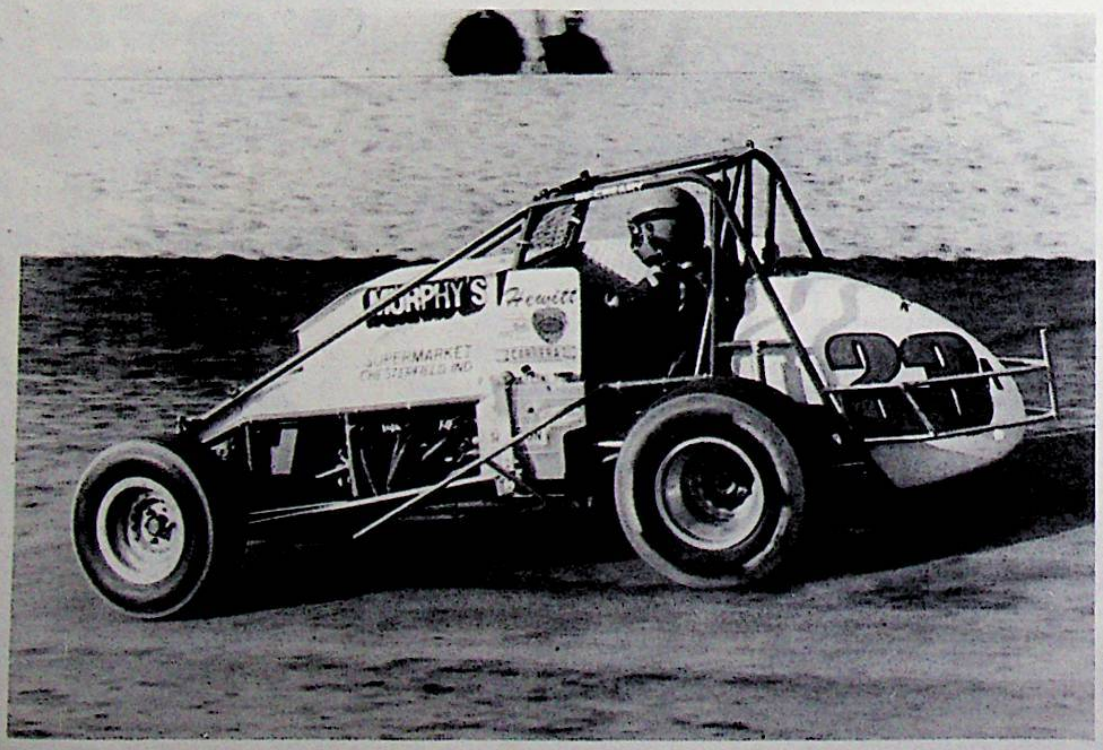

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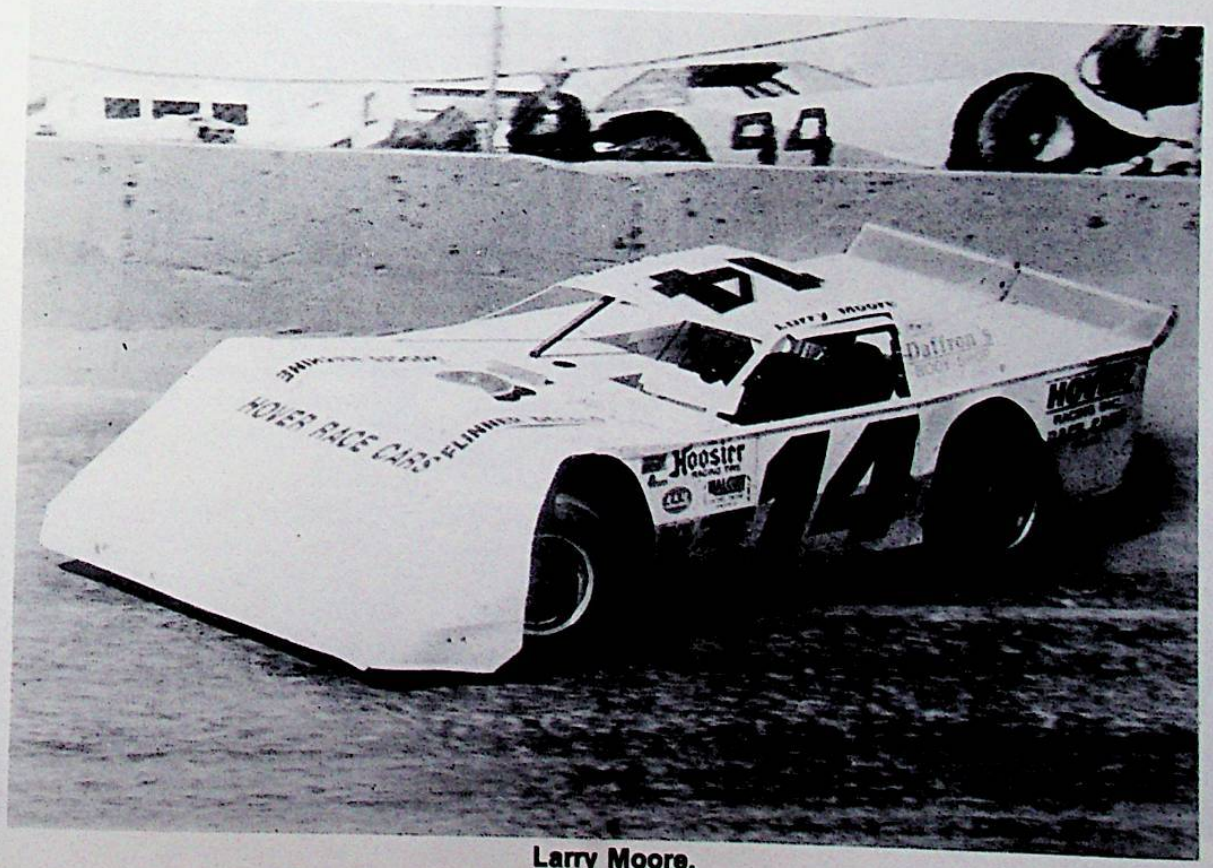

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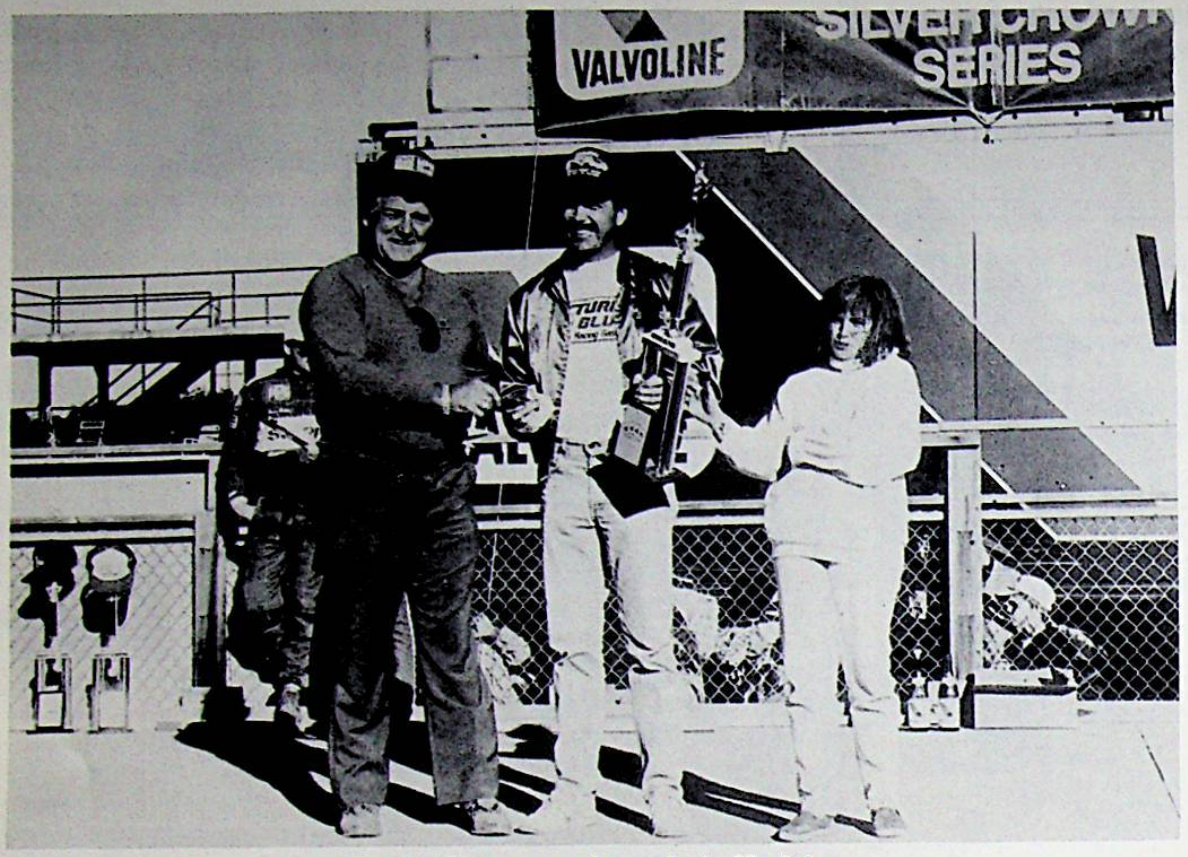
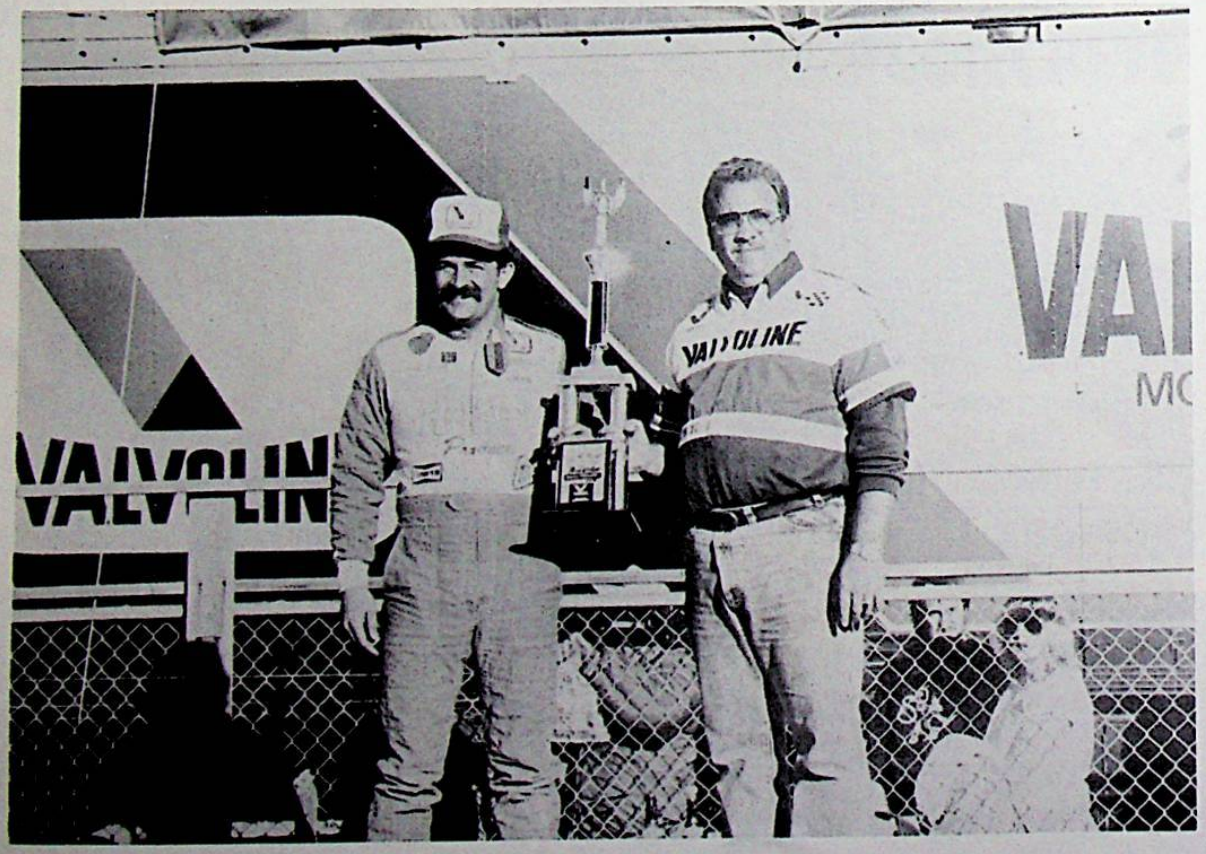


Randy Boggs — winner Late Model.



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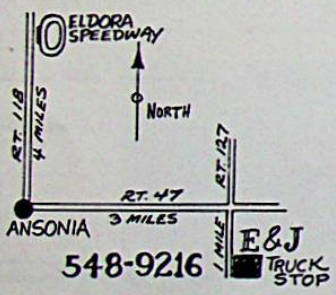

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