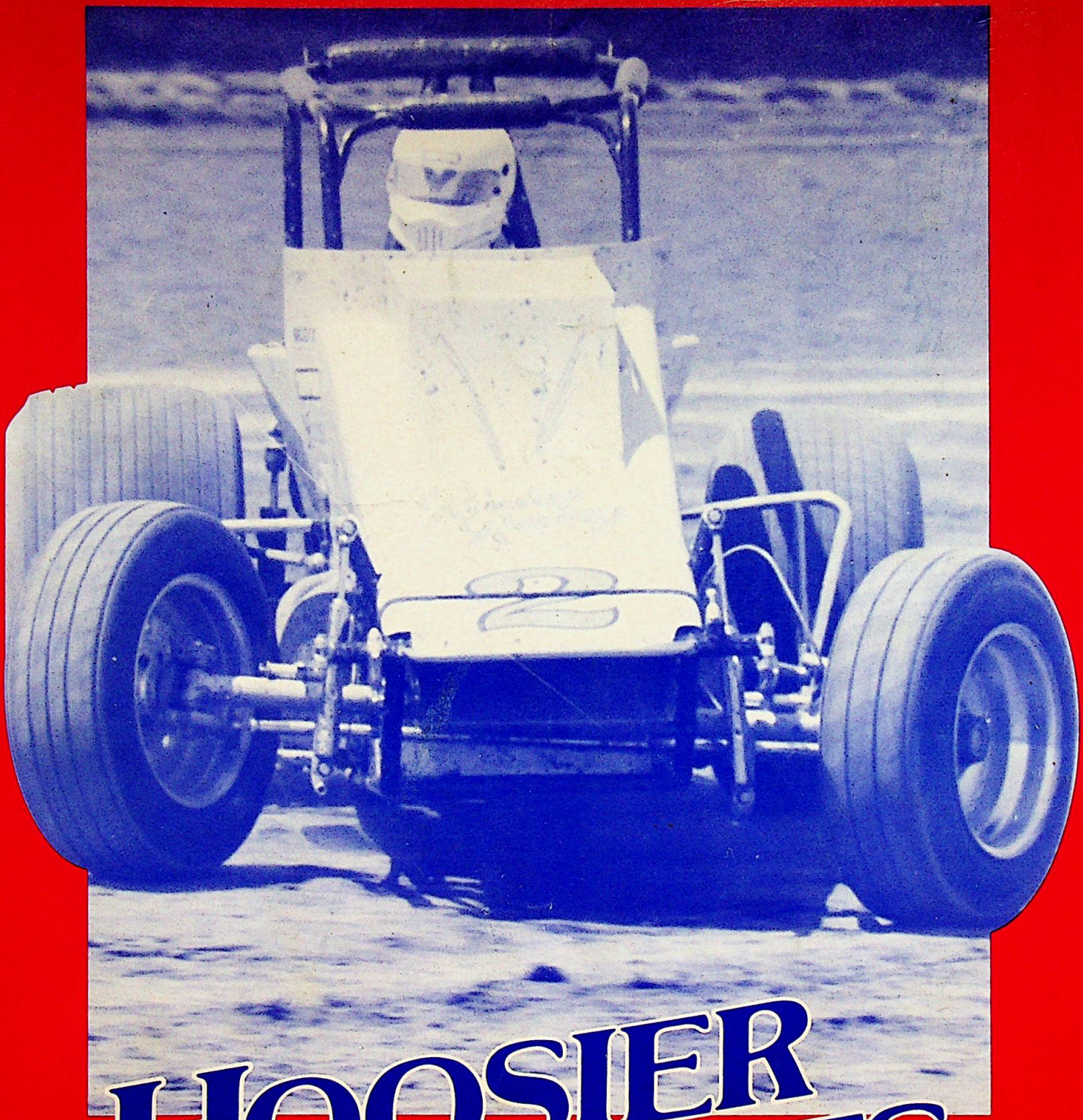


HOOSIER SPRINTS '83

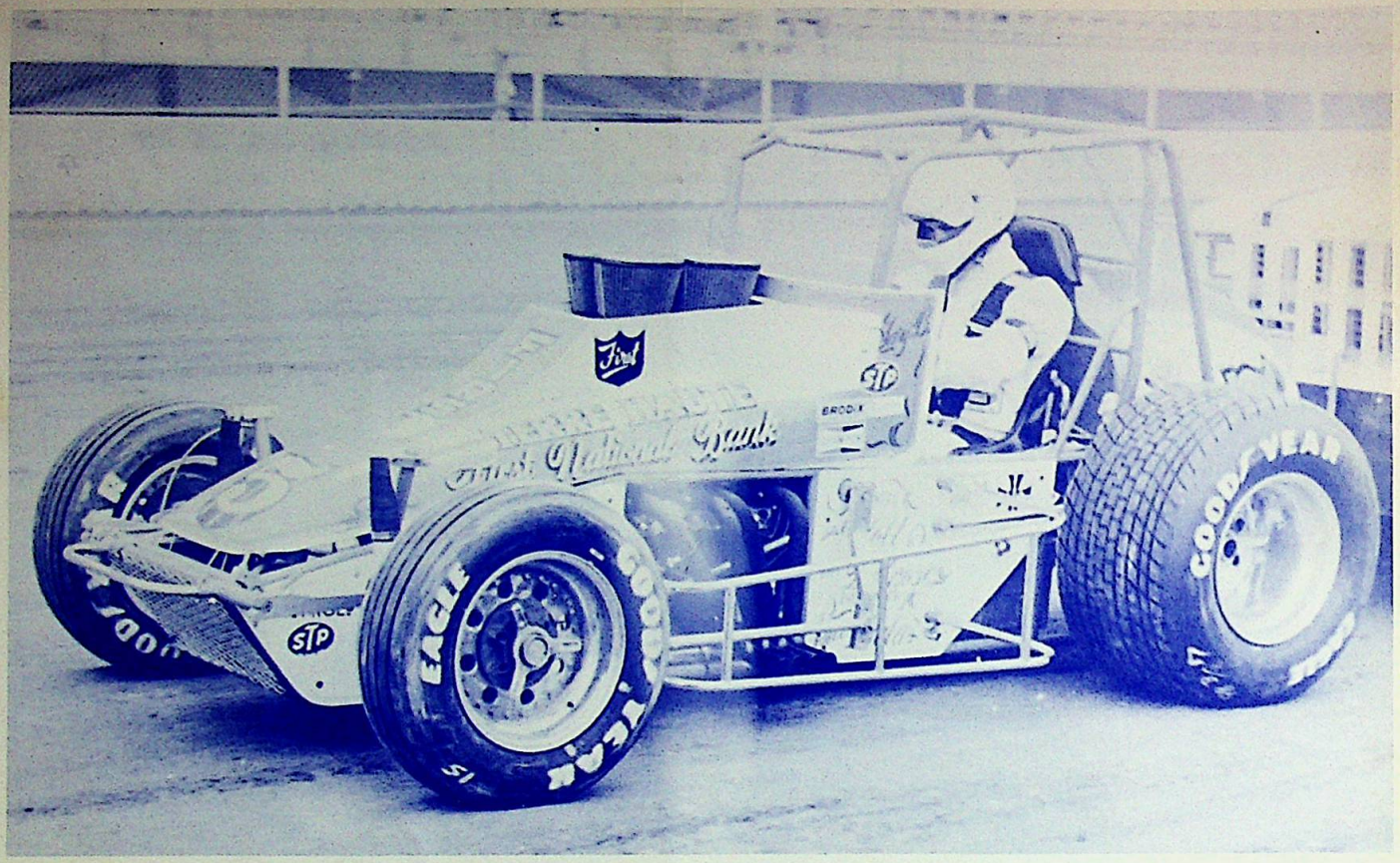


PHOTO BY ALLEN GRIFFEY

World of Outlaws King Sammy Swindell is pushed off for practice.

BLOOMINGTON
MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA

CLOSE TO EVERYTHING... NEXT TO PERFECT

- *Indiana University*
- *Lake Monroe*
- *Lodging-Camping*
- *Fine Dining*
- *Weekend Getaways*

Call us for details and free brochures:

VIP PHONE

VISITORS INFORMATION PHONE 812/332-2559

BLOOMINGTON/MONROE COUNTY CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU (812) 334-8900

Your 1983 Indiana State Fair Board

Ex-Officio Members

Robert D. Orr
Governor

John M. Mutz
Lt. Governor

Henry A. Wadsworth
Director of
Indiana Cooperative
Extension Service

Officers

O. K. Anderson
Host Days &
Fair Security
(President)

Carl E. Heiner
Concessions &
Draft Horse
(Vice-President)

William G. Nash
Harness Racing,
Mule & Horse Pulls,
Swine
(Treasurer)

Members and Departments

Stanley C. Andrew
Machinery Field,
Farm Bureau Bldg.
& Pioneer Show

Walter H. Barbour
Hunter-Jumper,
All American Horse
Classic, Rodeo &
Coliseum

David R. Blank
Gates & Taxi Service

Ivan E. Canada
Parking & Safety

Catherine C. Conner
Home & Family Arts

James H. Davis
Special Events &
Lincoln Theatre

Homer C. McDonald
Tractor Pulls &
Shuttle Bus

John S. Merlau
Sheep & Goats

Kenneth E. Sherbahn
Cattle

Gladys L. Tiek
Agriculture/
Horticulture & Poultry

Rene A. Vandewalle
Exposition Hall &
Senior Citizens

Bruce Walkup
Motor Racing,
Entertainment &
Grandstand

John E. Ward
4-H Horse & Pony,
Western Horse
Show & Quarter
Horse Racing

Administrative Staff

Estel L. Callahan
Secretary-Manager

Lewis A. Breiner
Publicity Director

Jesse W. Stuckey
Superintendent of
Buildings & Grounds

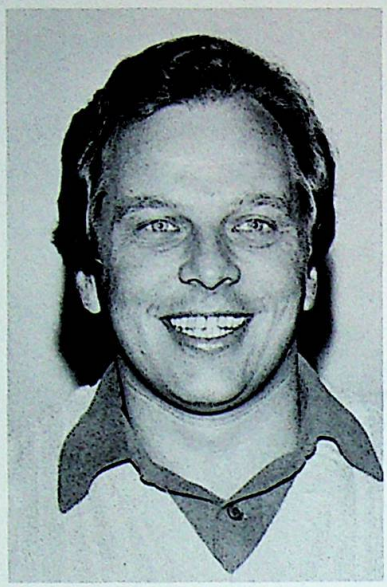
INDIANA STATE FAIR 1983

Indiana State Fair Official Program

Published By

Publicity Department
State Fairgrounds
Indianapolis, Indiana 46205

Fairground Officials
Bruce Walkup - Director of Racing
Tom Hays - Ass't. to Director of Racing
Estel Callahan - Secretary-Manager
Lew Breiner - Publicity & Advertising



BRUCE WALKUP, Director
Indiana State Fair Board
Motor Racing Department

UNITED STATES AUTO CLUB

United States Auto Club

National Sprint Car Division Officials

Tommy Nicholson ..... Coordinator
Rollie Beale ..... Chief Steward
Bob Laycock Sr. ..... Director of Timing & Scoring
Bob Laycock Jr. ..... Timer & Scorer
Don Bright ..... Registrar
Bob Timme ..... Referee
Ray Chaike ..... Starter
Norm Shields ..... Technical Judge
Carl McCormick ..... Steward

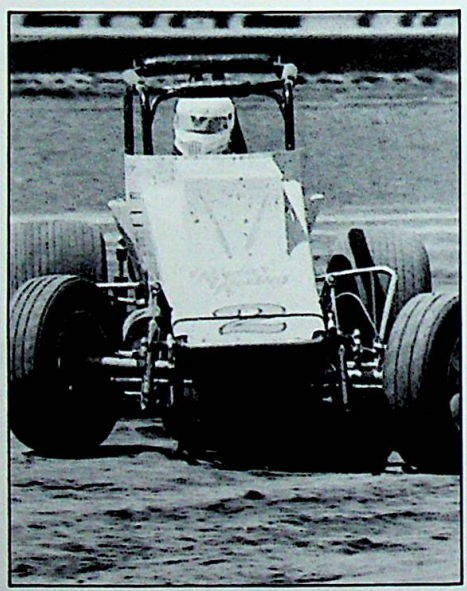


PHOTO BY DAVE KNOX

About the Cover:
Roger Rager is pictured sliding through the turn during last year's Hoosier Sprints.

USAC Sprint Car Champions After 1961

Year	First Driver	First Points	Second Driver	Second Points	Third Driver	Third Points
1961(a)	Parnelli Jones	757.3	Jim Hurtubise	689.5	A. J. Foyt	517.5
1962	Parnelli Jones	531.5	Roger McCluskey	481.5	Jim Hurtubise	330
1963	Roger McCluskey	814	A. J. Foyt	505	Don Branson	421.5
1964	Don Branson	663	Jud Larson	427	Mario Andretti	423
1965	Johnny Rutherford	496	Greg Weld	493.5	Bobby Unser	453.5
1966	Roger McCluskey	770.5	Mario Andretti	576.5	Bobby Unser	524
1967	Greg Weld	507	Sam Sessions	496	Rollie Beale	453.5
1968	Larry Dickson	890	Gary Bettenhausen	532.5	Greg Weld	528.5
1969	Gary Bettenhausen	779.6	Larry Dickson	585.4	Bill Puterbaugh	538.4
1970	Larry Dickson	920	Gary Bettenhausen	789	Rollie Beale	576
1971	Gary Bettenhausen	592	Larry Dickson	537	Rollie Beale	494
1972(b)	Sam Sessions	818	Rollie Beale	771	Lee Kunzman	701
1973	Rollie Beale	1094	Lee Kunzman	1070	Don Nordhorn	830
1974	Pancho Carter	922	Tom Bigelow	738	George Snider	702
1975	Larry Dickson	831	Rollie Beale	743	Billy Cassella	692
1976	Pancho Carter	1165	Tom Bigelow	796	Sheldon Kinser	793
1977	Sheldon Kinser	1347	Tom Bigelow	1272	Pancho Carter	1138
1978	Tom Bigelow	987	Chuck Gurney	764	Dana Carter	708
1979	Greg Leffler	886	Bubby Jones	854	Larry Rice	850
1980	Rich Vogler	742	Steve Chassey	681	Tom Bigelow	606
1981	Sheldon Kinser	512	Rich Vogler	352	Tom Bigelow	291
1982	Sheldon Kinser	641	Rich Vogler	424	Danny Milburn	339

(a) First year of National Title

(b) Introduction of current point system

Time-Speed Conversion Table For One Mile Dirt Track

TIME	SPEED	TIME	SPEED	TIME	SPEED
32.00	112.500	34.00	105.882	36.00	100.000
32.10	112.150	34.10	105.572	36.10	099.723
32.20	111.801	34.20	105.263	36.20	099.448
32.30	111.455	34.30	104.956	36.30	099.174
32.40	111.111	34.40	104.651	36.40	098.901
32.50	110.769	34.50	104.348	36.50	098.630
32.60	110.429	34.60	104.046	36.60	098.361
32.70	110.092	34.70	103.746	36.70	098.093
32.80	109.756	34.80	103.448	36.80	097.826
32.90	109.422	34.90	103.152	36.90	097.561
33.00	109.091	35.00	102.857	37.00	097.297
33.10	108.761	35.10	102.564	37.10	097.035
33.20	108.434	35.20	102.273	37.20	096.774
33.30	108.108	35.30	101.983	37.30	096.515
33.40	107.784	35.40	101.695	37.40	096.257
33.50	107.463	35.50	101.408	37.50	096.000
33.60	107.143	35.60	101.124	37.60	095.745
33.70	106.825	35.70	100.840	37.70	095.491
33.80	106.509	35.80	100.559	37.80	095.238
33.90	106.195	35.90	100.279	37.90	094.987

Hoosier Sprints Racing Format

This year's running of the Hoosier Sprints take on somewhat of a new look. For the first time the annual Pole Day Sprints become part of the Hoosier Sprint program. After starting in 1970 and running most every year thru 1980 at Indianapolis Raceway Park they were moved to Paragon Speedway for the 1982 race. This year they return to the racing capital and their new home at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.

Once again this year the field for the 30-lap feature will be formed without the help of any qualifying. This was started with the 1982 Hoosier Sprint program and was well accepted. The field will be formed in the following manner.

There will be four 12-lap heats with one-fourth of the field running in each. The first four finishers in each will qualify for the feature.

Then a 12-lap Last Chance race will be run. The cars running 9th thru 12th in each of the heats will make up this field. The first two finishers in this will then advance to the semi-feature.

After the Last Chance race a semi-feature will be run. Cars finishing 5th thru 8th in the heats and the first two from the Last Chance race will be in this field. The first four finishers here will be added to the last four starting positions in the feature.

The program will be concluded with a 30-lap feature giving you a total of over 100 laps of green flag racing.

USAC Sprint Car Division Driver Standings

(1982 Season)

POS.	DRIVER/HOMETOWN	RACES	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	FQ	PTS.	PURSE
1	Sheldon Kinser, Bloomington, IN	25	5	6	3	3	3	1	1	–	–	1	–	–	5	641	$34,601
2	Rich Vogler, Indianapolis, IN	22	4	1	5	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	424	$18,951
3	Danny Milburn, Indianapolis, IN	23	–	1	1	2	5	1	2	1	2	2	1	–	–	339	$12,470
4	Steve Long, Indianapolis, IN	25	–	–	1	3	2	1	1	3	2	2	1	1	1	316	$11,132
5	Larry Rice, Linden, IN	12	1	1	–	–	2	–	1	2	1	2	–	1	–	202	$ 8,573
6	Roger Rager, Mound, MN	14	–	–	1	3	2	1	–	1	–	–	1	1	–	197	$ 7,452
7	Jerry Nemire, Toledo, OH	14	–	1	–	1	–	3	–	1	–	1	1	1	–	180	$ 6,844
8	Dave Peperak, Clinton, IN	17	–	–	–	–	–	2	1	1	2	–	–	–	1	158	$ 5,935
9	Joe Saldana, Brownsburg, IN	13	–	–	–	2	1	2	2	1	1	–	–	1	1	156	$ 6,682
10	Larry Martin, Martinsville, IN	9	–	2	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	–	2	–	150	$ 6,123
11	Johnny Coogan, Alexandria, IN	12	–	–	1	–	–	–	2	–	1	–	2	1	–	146	$ 4,898
12	Manny Rockhold, Pekin, IL	12	–	–	–	–	–	2	–	–	1	1	1	1	1	136	$ 4,947
13	Duke Cook, Sidney, OH	8	–	–	1	–	2	1	–	–	–	1	–	2	–	116	$ 4,109
14	Allen Barr, North Vernon, IN	7	–	–	1	1	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	89	$ 3,523
15	Bill Tyler, Jackson, MI	6	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	1	–	78	$ 2,130
16	Jerry Weeks, Anaheim, CA	6	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	–	–	3	–	–	77	$ 1,832
17	Terry Pletch, Frankfort, IN	9	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	3	1	–	74	$ 2,195
18	Red Bledsoe, Avon, IN	7	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	72	$ 1,960
19	Jim Moughan, Jr., Springfield, IL	7	–	–	–	1	–	1	–	1	–	1	–	1	–	61	$ 3,380
20	Chet Johnson, Dennison, IL	2	1	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	53	$ 2,583
21	Bimbo Atkins, Warsaw, IN	5	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	51	$ 1,440
22	David Smith, Newburgh, IN	4	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	45	$ 1,733
23	Tom Bigelow, Whitewater, WI	5	–	–	–	–	–	1	2	–	1	–	–	–	–	29	$ 1,715
24	Ron Dorsett, Mitchell, IN	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	25	$ 1,475
25	Mo Coffman, Plainfield, IN	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	22	$ 785
26	Gary Grissom, Anderson, IN	1	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	17	$ 1,400
27	Donnie O'Connor, Lima, OH	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	17	$ 540
28	Denny Stewart, Charleston, IL	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	17	$ 640
29	Bill Burks, Jr., Marion, IL	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	17	$ 665
30	Andy Hillenburg, Indianapolis, IN	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	2	–	–	13	$ 864
31	Gary Irvin, W. Lafayette, IN	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	13	$ 310
32	Eddie Leavitt, Kearney, MO	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	12	$ 659
33	Bill Mroz, Villa Hills, KY	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	$ 275
34	Eric Trousdale, Terre Haute, IN	9	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	–	–	1	–	–	2	$ 2,365
35	Russ Racine, Evansville, IN	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	———
36	Jim Horne, Springfield, IL	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	$ 550

★★★★★★★★★★★★

We Again
Congratulate the
Indiana State Fair Board
for their
Great Shows

★★★★★★★★★★★★★

The Indiana Asphalt Paving Co.

2810 Columbia Avenue 924-4591

HOOSIER FENCE CO.

FOR THE HOME
- Chain Link Fence
- All Types Patio Fence
- Tennis Courts
- Split Rail
- Stockade Fence
- Ornamental Iron

FOR INDUSTRY
- Alum. Coated Chain Link
- Woven Wire Partitions
- Steel Beam Guard Rail
- Swing or Slide Gates
- Factory Window Guards
- Ornamental Iron Fence

Exclusive Distributors of "Page" Aluminized Chain Link

"Fence to Stay
The Hoosier Way"

926-2434 1701 E. 38th St.

UNITED STATES AUTO CLUB

HULMAN HUNDRED CHAMPIONSHIP RACE

FRIDAY—MAY 27
INDIANA STATE FAIRGROUNDS
Indy "500" Drivers Racing on the State Fairgrounds Dirt Mile!!

Warmups—6:00 P.M.
100 Laps of Racing at 7:30 P.M.

RESERVED SEAT TICKETS ON SALE
Weekdays, 10 A.M.-6 P.M.—Administration Building
Reserved Grandstand: $10.00
General Admission: Sold Day of Race
Bleachers & Infield—$8.00
Children (under 12, accompanied by adult)—$5.00
Call (317) 927-7571 to charge Visa/MasterCard
or write:
Hulman Hundred, Indiana State Fairgrounds
1202 E. 38th St.
Indianapolis, Indiana 46205

Also plan to attend the great State Fair INDIANA AUG. 17-28 1983

Score Card

FIRST HEAT

STARTING POSITION	DRIVER	10
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		
9		
10		
11		

SECOND HEAT

STARTING POSITION	DRIVER	10
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		
9		
10		
11		

THIRD HEAT

STARTING POSITION	DRIVER	10
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		
9		
10		
11		

FOURTH HEAT

STARTING POSITION	DRIVER	10
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		
9		
10		
11		

LAST CHANCE RACE

STARTING POSITION	DRIVER	8
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		

STARTING POSITION	DRIVER	8
6		
7		
8		
9		
10		

SEMI

STARTING POSITION	DRIVER	12	STARTING POSITION	DRIVER	12
1			10		
2			11		
3			12		
4			13		
5			14		
6			15		
7			16		
8			17		
9			18		

40 LAP FEATURE

STARTING POSITION	DRIVER	10	20	30	40	STARTING POSITION	DRIVER	10	20	30	40
1						11					
2						12					
3						13					
4						14					
5						15					
6						16					
7						17					
8						18					
9						19					
10						20					

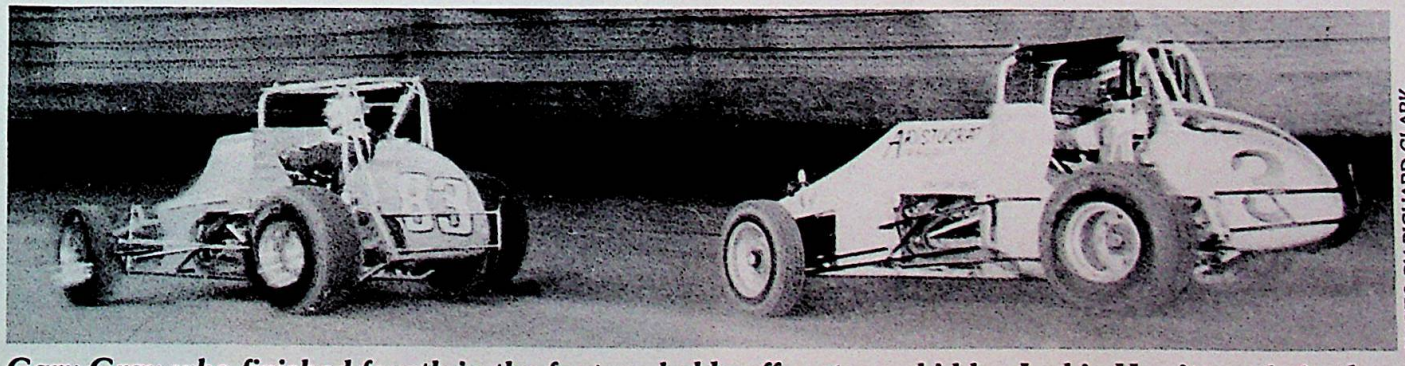


PHOTO BY RICHARD CLARK

Gary Gray who finished fourth in the feature holds off a strong bid by Jackie Hewitt early in the feature.

What a Show in May of 1974

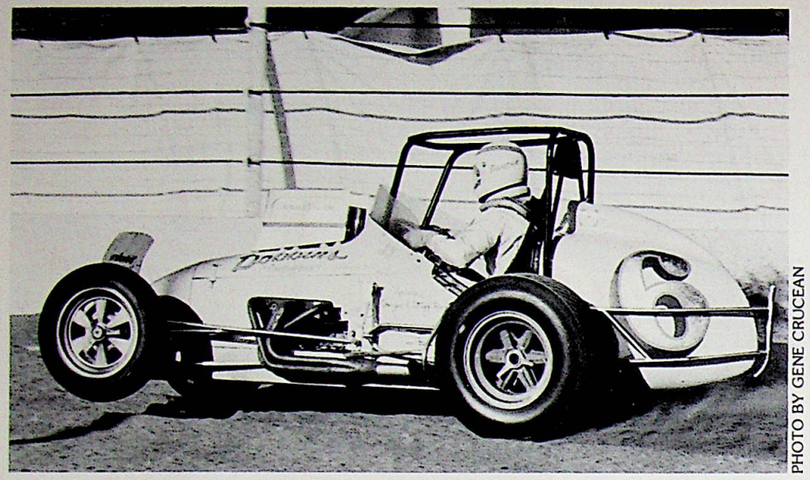


PHOTO BY GENE CRUCEAN

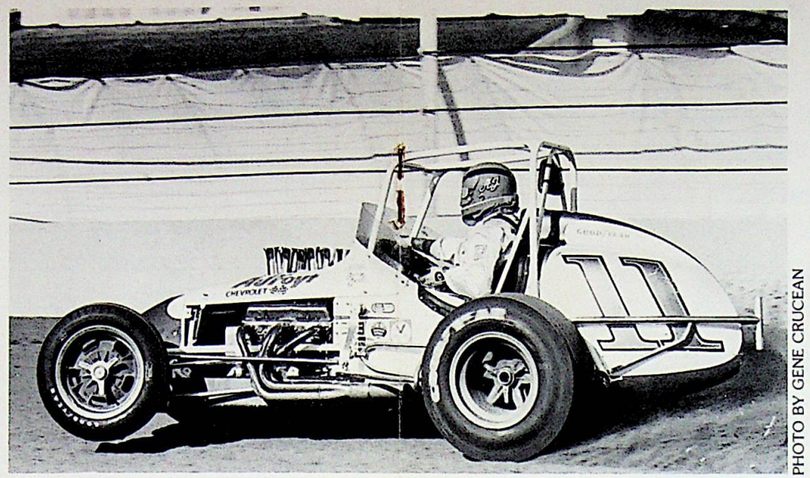


PHOTO BY GENE CRUCEAN

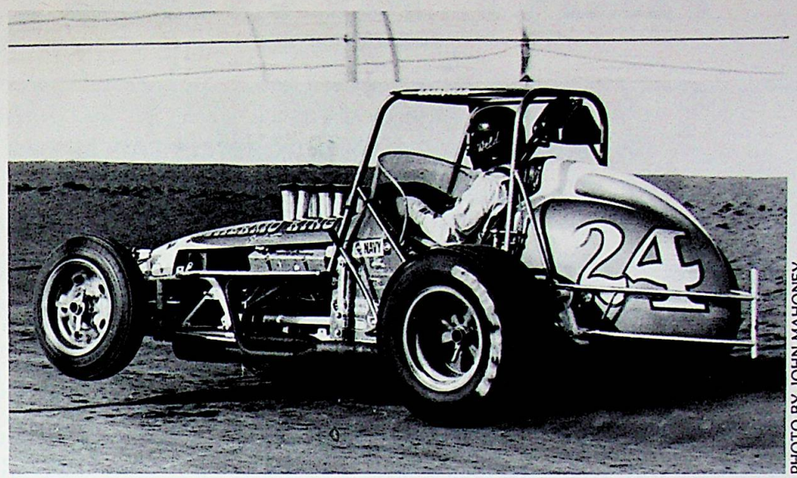


PHOTO BY JOHN MAHONEY

#6 Pancho Carter, #11 A. J. Foyt and #24 Greg Weld, the three principals in that memorable evening in "74."

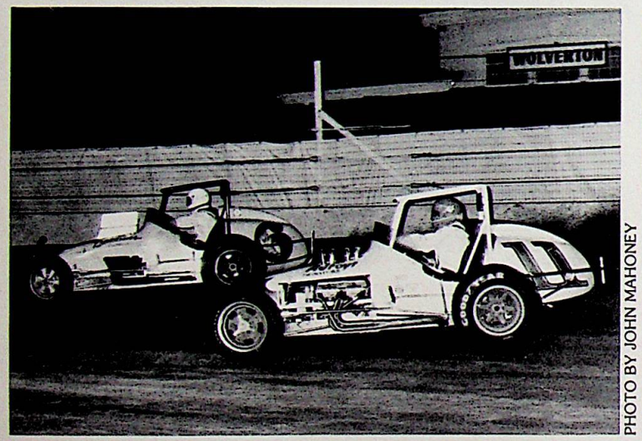


PHOTO BY JOHN MAHONEY

A. J. Foyt Jr. (#11) sets up to pass Pancho Carter (#6) to win the first 50-Lap feature.

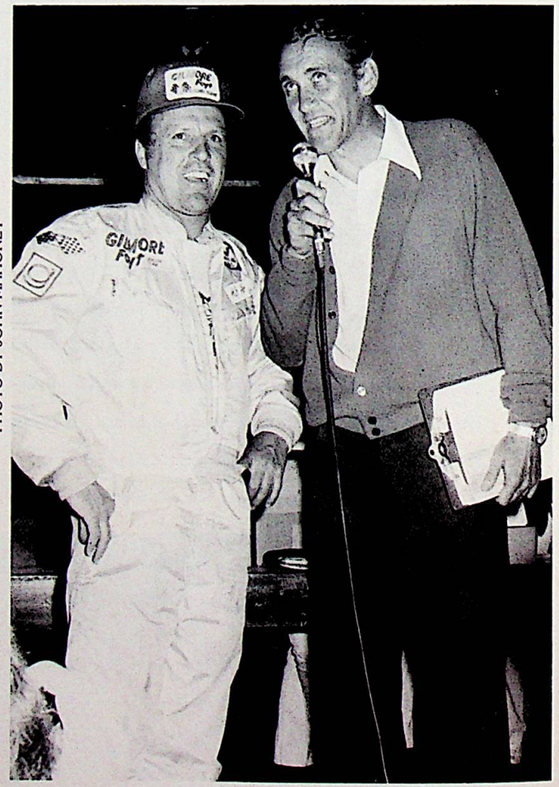


PHOTO BY JOHN MAHONEY

Former Indiana State Fairgrounds announcer Bob Forbes talks to A. J. after his two victories. PHOTO BY JOHN MAHONEY

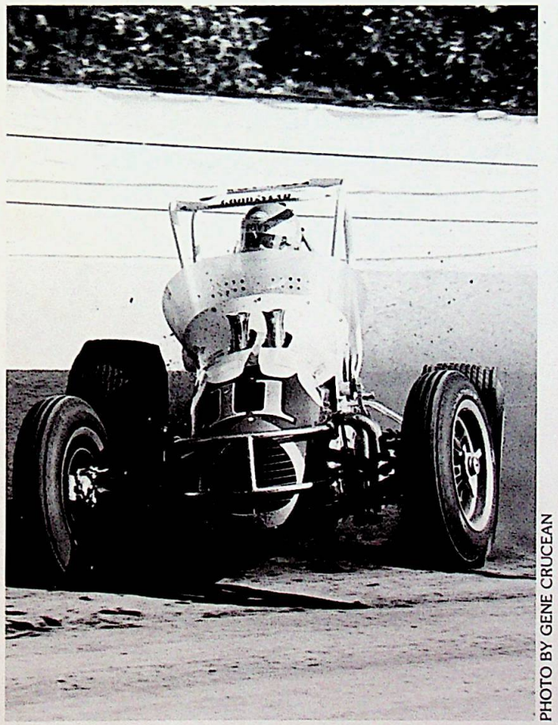


PHOTO BY GENE CRUCEAN

A. J. Foyt in his own Stapp built sprinter driving the dirt as only he knows how.

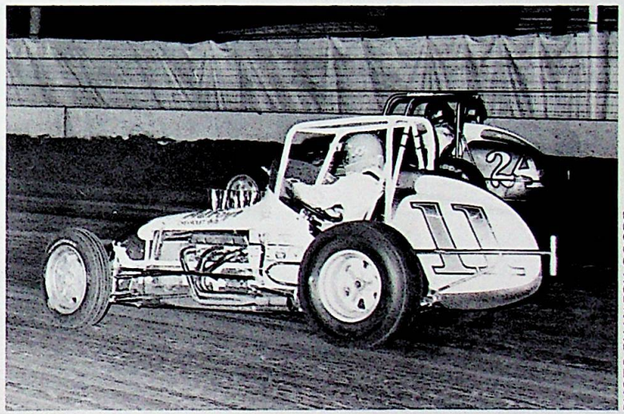


PHOTO BY HARRY GOODE

Foyt in somewhat of a repeat of the first race, only this time it's Greg Weld who he passes for the victory and a sweep of the Twin-50's.

NEXT ATTRACTIONS

AMA CHAMPIONSHIP MOTORCYCLE RACES—TWO BIG DAYS
Saturday, July 2—Saturday, August 27
SATURDAY—QUALIFICATIONS 5:00 PM • RACES 8:00 PM
JULY 2 & SATURDAY AUGUST 27

Reserved Grandstand: All Sections. Saturday, July 2, 8:00 p.m. .....@ $9.00 No. _____ Total _____

Reserved Grandstand: All Sections. Saturday, August 27, 8:00 p.m. .....@ $9.00 No. _____ Total _____

Ground Admission Tickets (Advanced Sale person or car) For August 27 Only .....@ $2.00 No. _____ Total _____

Mail check or money order to Motorcycle Races, Indiana State Fair, State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, Indiana 46205. Please enclose self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

DO NOT WRITE HERE

TO PROCESS ORDER SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE MUST BE ENCLOSED

HOOSIER HUNDRED—Saturday, September 10
QUALIFICATIONS 11:00 AM • RACES 2:00 PM
100 MILE USAC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP DIRT RACE

Reserved Grandstand: All Sections .....@ $12.00 No. _____ Total _____

Reserved Uncovered Grandstand:.....@ $10.00 No. _____ Total _____

General Admission: Sold Day of Race
Infield at $10.00 children (12 and under when accompanied by an adult) $3.00 infield only.

Mail check or money order to Hundred, Indiana State Fair, State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, Indiana 46205. Please enclose addressed, stamped envelope.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

DO NOT WRITE HERE

ORDERS RECEIVED AFTER 7 DAYS BEFORE RACE WILL BE HELD AT B/O
TO PROCESS ORDER SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE MUST BE ENCLOSED

JULY 2 WILL BE THE CUTOFF DATE FOR PREVIOUS TICKET HOLDERS AND AFTER THAT DATE ALL UNPURCHASED SEATS WILL THEN BE SOLD ON A FIRST COME BASIS.

Hoosier Sprints Entry List

Car #	Driver/Hometown	Entrant/Sponsor
1	Sheldon Kinser/Bloomington, IN	Ben Leyba/Ben's Tire Clinic
2x	Larry Dickson/Marietta, OH	John Vance/Aristocrat Products
3	Danny Milburn/Indianapolis, IN	Stenger Leasing/Southside Ready Mix
4	Steve Long/Indianapolis, IN	Long Brothers Racing/Circle City Coal
5	Larry Rice/Brownsburg, IN	George Toney/Kenny Jarrett Farms
5x	Eddy Leavitt/Kearney, MO	Delrose Holyt Racing Assoc./Terre Haute 1st National Bank
6	Roger Rager/Mound, MN	Walt Winterbotham/Winterbotham
7g	Gary Grissom/Anderson, IN	Goacher Racing Team/Grissom Diesel
11	Duke Cook/Sidney, OH	Jesse Plummer/Plummer
14	Al Haggar/Fostoria, OH	Ray & Cissy Smith/Smith Speed Shop
16	Jerry Nemire/Toledo, OH	Nemire-Syring Racing/Leslie Oil
17x	Mark Alderson/Timber Lake, SD	Rex S. Jones/L & L Engineering
20	No Driver	Peterson-Niebel/Peterson-Niebel
21	Larry Martin/Martinsville, IN	John Hajduk/Hajduk
25	No Driver	Ben Bowen/Bowen Olds
28	David Smith/Newburgh, IN	ML & Associates/Northwestern Mutual Life
28h	Mike Helm/Indianapolis, IN	Robert Helm/Plouche's Wrecker Service
30	No Driver	Doug Trost/Trost
31	Tim Boyd/Plainfield, IN	Curly Boyd/Boyd
35	Eric Trousdale/Terre Haute, IN	Eric Trousdale/Trousdale Coal
36	Bob Christian/Clayton, IN	Bob Christian/Ace Battery
37	Tom Bigelow/Whitewater, WI	G & R Racing/McGonigal Buick-Cadillac
37a	Steve Craft/Indianapolis, IN	Steve Craft/Craft
39a	Ken Schrader/Fenton, MO	Damon Fortune/Rose Brothers Trucking
40	Dave Feese/Saybrook, IL	Dave Feese/G & C Supply Inc.
44	Greg Staab/Lawrenceburg, IN	B.U.F. Racing/Don's Crankshaft
44a	Ken Rice/Dayton, OH	Rice-Gilstrap/Molds by Unlimited
50	Johnny Coogan/Alexandria, IN	Vetzel Racing/Vetzel Moving & Storage
51	Jack Hewitt/Troy, OH	William King & William Powers/Jones Eng.-King's Custom Mach.-Powers Welding
53	Keith Campbell/Olney, IL	Allen Campbell/Harris Med & Chemical
71	Manny Rockhold/Pekin, IL	Manny Rockhold/Automotive Machine
77	Dave Peperak/Clinton, IN	Don Robertson/Robertson Gravel
83	Joe Saldana/Lincoln, NE	Rufus Gray/GAPCO
90	Gary Irvin/W. Lafayette, IN	Irvin/Irvin Concrete
96	No Driver	Larry Davis/Larry's Truck Service

Sprint Car Division

Tall, talented Sheldon Kinser etched his name in the history books in 1982 by winning his second straight USAC National Sprint Car championship and his third overall.

Kinser, a Bloomington, IN., resident was the first man since Parnelli Jones in 1961-62 to win two in a row and only the second three-time champion in history. The other one was Larry Dickson. Sheldon won his title in the Ben's Tire Clinic Chevy owned by Ben Leyba of South Bend, IN.

Sheldon scored five feature victories on his way to the title to rank high in that department. Runnerup Rich Vogler tallied four feature triumphs. Scoring two victories each were Kenny Schrader, Chuck Amati, Johnny Parsons, Jac Haudenschild and Steve Kinser.

Sheldon also had six second-place finishes and three each third, fourth and fifth places. He took over the lead at the outset of the season and there was never very much doubt who was going to win the title.

Jack Hewitt, driving on a non-point license, won the season opener at Eldora Speedway, Rossburg, OH. on April 24 with Kinser running second and Vogler taking third. Hewitt made quite a comeback after having flipped during a heat race.

Jac Haudenschild, another non-pointer, won the second feature at Findlay, OH., on May 5. Sheldon again finished second with Allen Barr taking third place.

Darkhorse winner Chet Johnson came from 17th starting position to post a popular victory in the Hulman Classic at Terre Haute on May 9. Randy Kinser finished second and Roger Rager third. Sheldon finished 18th in a borrowed car after experiencing problems with his own mount for one of the few times during the year.

Parsons won on May 14 when the USAC Sprinters made their first appearance at Paducah, KY. Sheldon was second and Schrader took third.

The traditional Pole Day Sprints were held at Paragon Speedway for the first time with Amati coming home the victor. Randy Kinser was second, Hewitt third and Sheldon took fourth.

The Indiana State Fairgrounds was the site of the May 28 event with Ron Shuman scoring his lone Sprint victory of the USAC season. Larry Martin was second, Sammy Swindell third and Sheldon fourth.

The defending champion's first feature victory of the season came at Knoxville, IA., on June 5. Finishing second and third behind Sheldon were Vogler and Johnny Coogan.

At Odessa, MO., the following day, June 6, Jeff Swindell was the winner with Danny Milburn taking second and Duke Cook finishing third. Sheldon wound up in 13th position.

Sheldon Kinser
1982 USAC National Sprint Car Champion

Amati collected his second feature victory at Chandler, IN. on June 17 with Schrader finishing second and Sheldon third.

Sheldon then ripped off two consecutive feature victories to gain a wide margin in the point standings. At Terre Haute's Action Track on June 20, he showed the way to runnerup Hewitt and third-place Martin. At Mansfield, OH., on June 23, he came home ahead of Jerry Nemire and Vogler.

Local favorite Dean Shirley was the winner as the Sprinters ran for the first time at the Springfield (IL.) Speedway on June 26. Larry Rice took second and Vogler was third.

Haudenschild accounted for his second victory at Eldora Speedway on July 17 with Sheldon in the runnerup spot and Vogler third.

Vogler then ran off two consecutive victories. He won at Kokomo, IN., on July 21 with Schrader second and Steve Long third. Rich then captured the Paragon, IN. event July 28 with Sheldon second and Parsons third. Red Bledsoe suffered a broken pelvis in a practice accident at Paragon.

Chuck Gurney made his first USAC Sprint appearance in three years a winning one at Santa Fe Park Speedway, Hinsdale, IL. on July 30. Steve Kinser was second, Shuman third, Joe Saldana fourth and Sheldon fifth.

Schrader monopolized honors at Beaver Dam, WI., on July 31, nipping Sheldon to take first in the Sprint event after also winning a companion Midget feature. Bill Tyler was third.

Three drivers staged a drag race coming off the fourth turn on the final lap of a thriller at Terre

Haute on Aug. 8, with Steve Kinser taking the victory ahead of Shuman and Hewitt.

Vogler took his third victory of the season at Santa Fe on Aug. 20 with Martin finishing second and Parsons taking third.

Larry Rice scored his lone triumph Sept. 5 at Terre Haute with Schrader finishing second and Sheldon third.

Vogler copped his fourth feature at Bloomington, IN. on Sept. 11 with Schrader second and Milburn third.

In the Four Crown Nationals at Eldora on Oct. 3, Steve Kinser drove to victory over teammate Danny Smith, who was second and third-place Shuman.

Final action of the year was at the 311 Speedway in Madison, N.C. In the first of a pair of twin features on Saturday night, Oct. 16, Schrader was the winner with Van Gurley second and Sheldon third. Sheldon then won the night's second feature with Steve Chassey second and Gurley third. In the lone feature on Sunday, Oct. 17, Sheldon finished off his season in fitting fashion with a victory while Schrader was second and Gurley third.

Sheldon's season was a remarkable display of front-running consistency. He was in the top five in 20 of the 25 features in which he participated and finished sixth and seventh in two others. He also was fast qualifier on five occasions.

Vogler's runnerup drive included 10 finishes in the top three. He was fast qualifier three times.

Milburn took third in the point standings and won Rookie-of-the-Year honors with 17 top-ten finishes in 23 starts.

Leyba also won the car owners' title with William King/William Powers, Vogler's owners, taking second and Damon Fortune and Milburn tying for third.

Coogan suffered a broken jaw and punctured lung in a September race crash at the Action Track but was well on the mend by season's end.

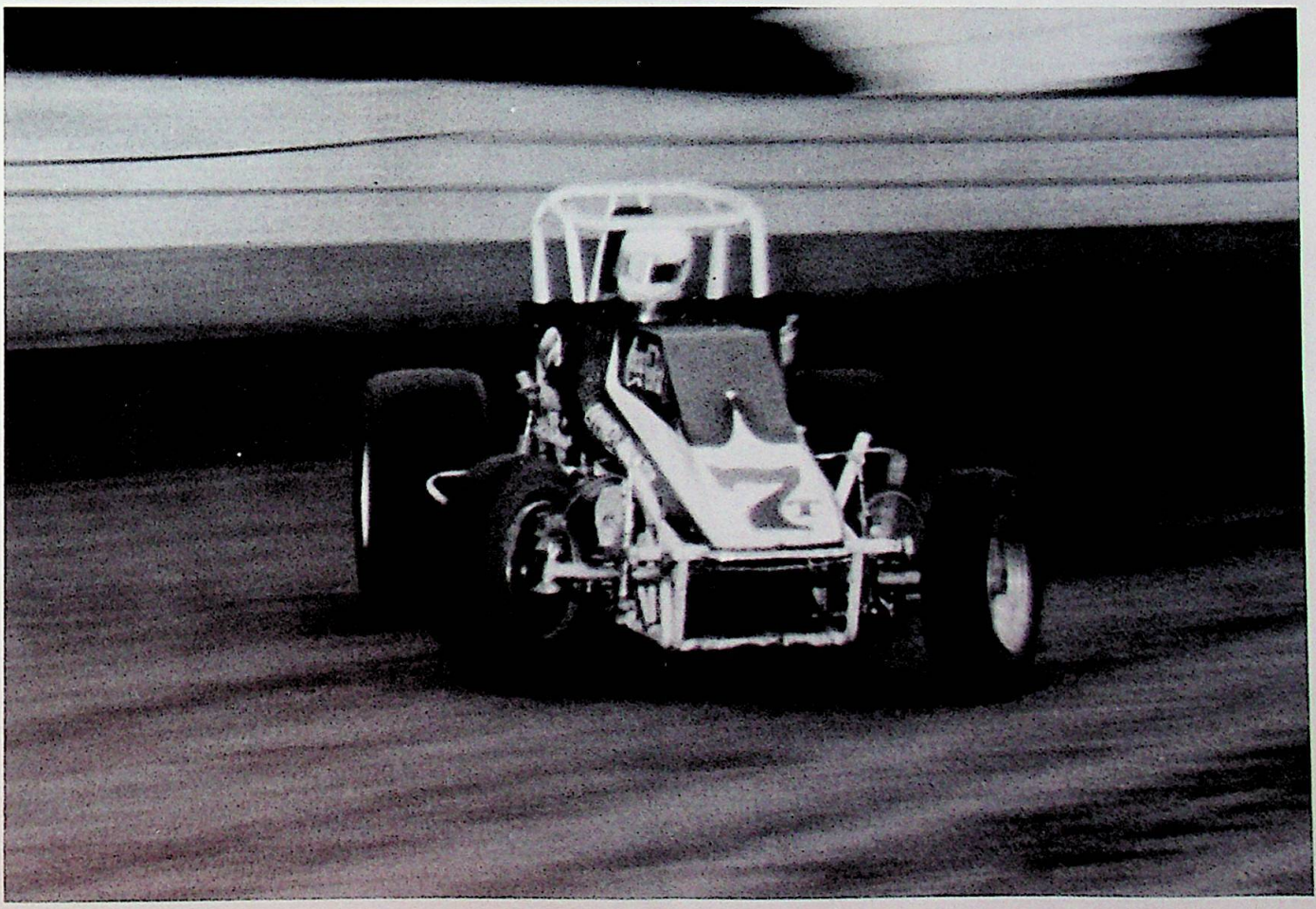
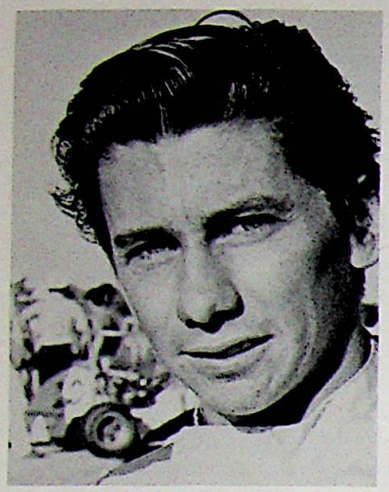


PHOTO BY BOB FAIRMAN

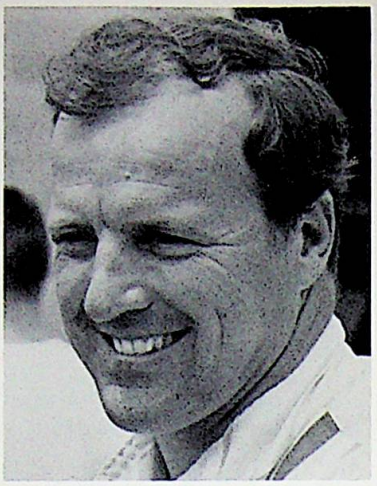
#7t Rich Vogler

Past Hoosier Sprint Winners



1973—Billy Shuman

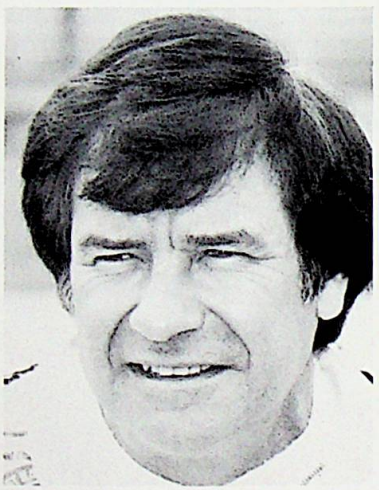
1973—Don Nordhorn



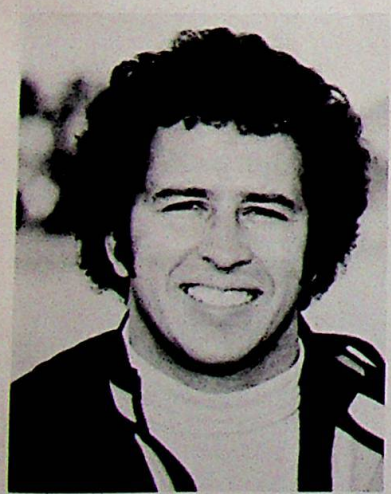
1974 (Both 50's)—
A. J. Foyt

1975—George Snider

1975—Joe Saldana

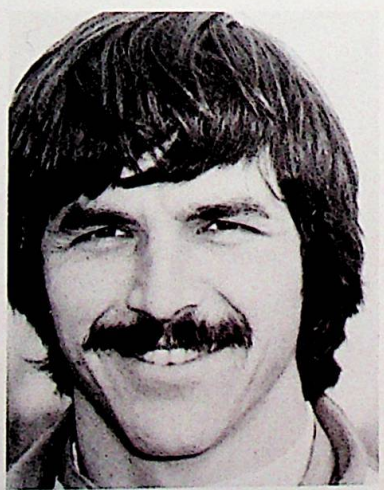


1976—Larry Dickson

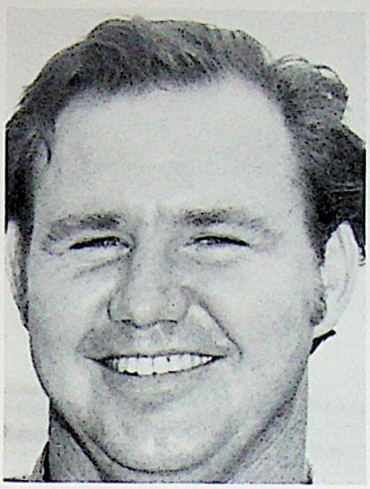


1976—Pancho Carter

1977 (Both 50's)—
Tom Bigelow

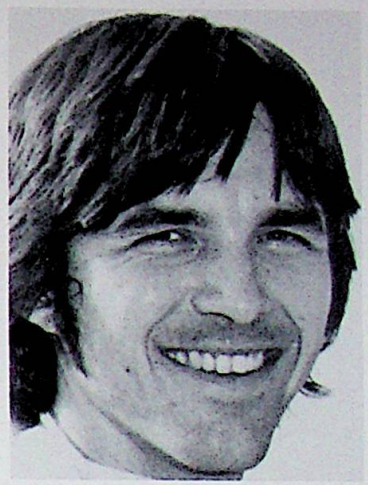


1978—Billy Cassella



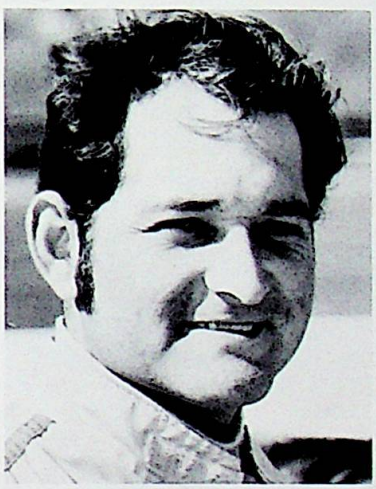
1978—Lealand McSpadden

1978—Dick Tobias

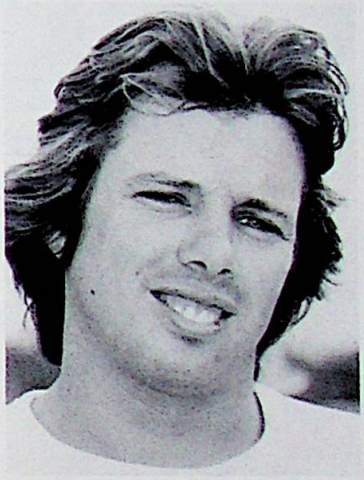


1979—Billy Cassella

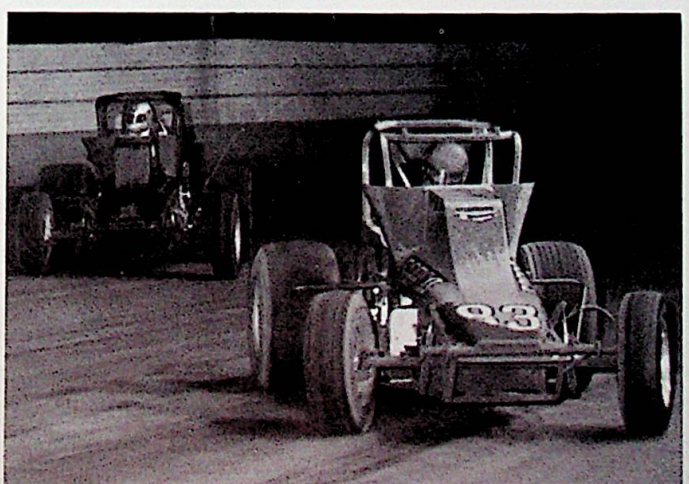
1980—Sheldon Kinser



1981—Joe Saldana



1982—Ron Shuman



#83 Gary Gray and #1 Sheldon Kinser

#50 Johnny Coogan and #65 Chuck Amati

PHOTOS BY BOB FAIRMAN

USAC Sprint Car Division Car Owner Standings

(1982 Season)

POS.	CAR NAME, NUMBER	OWNER	PTS.	PURSE
1	Ben's Tire Clinic, No. 1	Ben Leyba, South Bend, IN	625	$30,292
2	Powers Weld.-King's Cust. Mach.-Jones Engr., No. 51	Wm. King/Wm. Powers, Evansville, IN	344	$16,967
3	Rose Bros. Trucking, No. 39a	Damon Fortune, Boonville, IN	339	$14,799
	Stenger Ford Lease-So. Side Ready Mix, No. 59	Danny Milburn, Indianapolis, IN	339	$14,356
5	Circle City Coal, No. 52	Long Bros. Racing, Indianapolis, IN	316	$12,634
6	Coca Cola, No. 7	Randy Gosnell, Indianapolis, IN	298	$11,841
7	Competition Weld. & Engines, No. 66	Jack French, Waynetown, IN	256	$11,859
8	Plummer, No. 11	Jesse Plummer, Indianapolis, IN	205	$ 7,710
9	Rose Waller Bros. Drywall, No. 65a	Daryl Tate, Bloomington, IN	191	$ 8,148
10	Aristocrat Products, No. 32	Racing Team, Inc., Dayton, OH	184	$10,235
11	McGonigal Buick-Cadillac, No. 72m	G-R Racing, Kokomo, IN	179	$ 6,956
12	Smith Speed Shop, No. 14	Ray Smith, Eaton, OH	153	$ 5,207
13	Genesee Beer, No. 56	Gohr Distributing Co., Inc., Buffalo, NY	151	$ 5,535
14	Bowen Oldsmobile, No. 25	Bowen Oldsmobile, Inc., Terre Haute, IN	148	$ 4,697
15	Vetzel Moving & Storage, No. 50	Miller/Vetzel Racing, Inc., Tampa, FL	146	$ 4,630
16	Tipp Machine & Tool, No. 70	Tipp Machine & Tool Co., Inc., Tipp City, OH	137	$ 6,345
17	Griffith Trucking, No. 63a	Bob Hampshire, Findlay, OH	137	$ 5,151
18	GAPCO, No. 83	GAPCO, Inc., Indianapolis, IN	136	$ 4,870
19	Rockhold, No. 71	Manuel Rockhold, Pekin, IL	136	$ 4,947
20	Hajduk, No. 21	John Hajduk, Niles, IL	131	$ 5,235
21	Haines Racing, No. 86	Norman Haines, Springfield, IL	128	$ 4,923
22	W&W Molded Plastics, No. 52a	Walter Winterbotham, Dayton, OH	102	$ 2,575
23	Leslie Oil, No. 16	Nemire-Syring Racing, Inc., Toledo, OH	101	$ 3,864
24	Drake's Batter Mix, No. 10	Thomas Batista, Jackson, MI	97	$ 2,485
25	Briscoe, No. 5x	Richard Briscoe, Mitchell, IN	94	$ 3,496
26	Robertson Gravel, No. 77	Don Robertson, Clinton, IN	93	$ 2,890
27	Shields, No. 56a	Jerry Shields, Bloomington, IN	84	$ 2,705
28	Ace Battery, No. 36x	Robert Christian, Clayton, IN	76	$ 1,882
29	Genesee Beer-B&S Boarding Kennel, No. 98	Bonnie Bledsoe, Plainfield, IN	75	$ 2,239
30	Warn Automotive, No. 61	Larry Gentry, Corydon, KY	75	$ 2,416
31	Pletch Enterprises, No. 68	Terry Pletch, Frankfort, IN	74	$ 2,195
32	Molds Unlimited, No. 94	Terry Winterbotham, Dayton, OH	72	$ 2,020
33	Radar Racing, No. 2	Larry Farno, Pleasant Hill, OH	71	$ 3,215
34	Robertson Gravel, No. 77a	Dave Peperak, Clinton, IN	65	$ 1,770
35	Terre Haute 1st National Bank, No. 35	Eric Trousdale, Terre Haute, IN	61	$ 1,930
36	Trading Gate Auto-Cargo Master, No. 36a	Bimbo Atkins, Warsaw, IN	51	$ 1,440
37	Zima Racing Engines, No. 62	Richard Colburn, Muskego, WI	50	$ 1,040
38	Bookmiller Racing Engines, No. 42	Tim Bookmiller, Kokomo, IN	50	$ 1,305
39	Harris Mud & Chemicals, No. 53	Allen Campbell, Olney, IL	50	$ 1,525
40	Northwestern Mutual Life, No. 28	M&L Associates, Inc., Newburgh, IN	45	$ 1,733
41	C&M Body Shop-Gaerte Engines, No. 57	Paul Hazen, Columbia City, IN	37	$ 1,095
42	Terre Haute 1st National Bank, No. 5	Delrose-Holt Racing, Champaign, IL	32	$ 1,405
43	Fox Lake Harbor, No. 30m	James Moulis, Fox Lake, IL	29	$ 1,070
44	Rolofson, No. 26	Gay Rolofson, Argenta, IL	28	$ 870
45	Miller, No. 65	Wayne Miller, Albuquerque, NM	28	$ 650
46	Hillenburg Construction, No. 21	Andy Hillenburg, Indianapolis, IN	27	$ 564
47	Hayhurst Auto Center & Dairy Queen, No. 56a	Gary Hayhurst, Evansville, IN	25	$ 485
48	Parker Machinery-C&H Transit, No. 17a	Coffman Racing, Plainfield, IN	22	$ 785
49	B&G Racing, No. 95a	Bob Gaby, Fort Wayne, IN	17	$ 450
50	L&L Engineering, No. 17x	Rex Jones, Lebanon, IN	17	$ 860
51	Ward, No. 00	Clara Ward, Wapakoneta, OH	17	$ 540
52	Horn Farms, No. 33	Shirley A. Stewart, Charleston, IL	17	$ 640
53	Smith Dodge, No. 49	Joseph Albert, Makanda, IL	17	$ 665
54	Horn's Auto Tool & Equip.-J&J Ent., No. 24	James Horn, Springfield, IL	16	$ 550
55	Schmidt Industrial Truck, No. 23	Schmidt Industrial Truck, Inc., Sturtevant, WI	15	$ 550
56	Butch Smith Racing, No. 47a	Butch Smith, Frankfort, KY	14	$ 1,195
57	Boyd, No. 31	Curly Boyd, Indianapolis, IN	14	$ 490
58	Stenger's Leasing Co., No. 44s	B.U.F. Racing, Inc., Dayton, OH	14	$ 375
59	Irvin's Concrete, No. 90	Gary Irvin, West Lafayette, IN	13	$ 310
60	Ben's Tire Clinic, No. 1a	Ben Leyba, South Bend, IN	13	$ 280
61	Corbin, No. 44	William Corbin, Sr., Findlay, OH	11	$ 190
62	Valley Machine Service, No. 89	Michael Yeager, Dayton, OH	10	$ 235
63	Hammitt, No. 27a	Franklin Hammitt, Jr., Springfield, IL	9	$ 1,040
64	Trudeau, No. 67	Edward Trudeau, Somers, WI	9	$ 545
65	Thomas Bros. Trucking Co., No. 72	Thomas Bros. Trucking, Inc., Ludlow, IL	7	$ 375
66	Collin's Cycle World, No. 53	Jerry Collin, Kokomo, IN	7	$ 805
67	Jackson Auto Supply, No. 36	George McHenry, Jackson, MI	6	$ 175
68	Goacher, No. 7t	Billy Goacher, Anderson, IN	6	$ 225
69	Scotch Grove Racing, No. 49a	Scotch Grove Racing, Inc., Fairfax, IA	5	$ 220
70	C&P-Stenger Ford, No. 55	William Mroz, Villa Hills, KY	4	$ 275
71	Reece Trucking, No. 9x	Fred Reece, Westfield, IN	4	$ 235
72	Racine, No. 15a	Russell Racine, Evansville, IN	2	$ -----
73	B&D Auto Wrecking, No. 45	John Bare, Columbus, OH	2	$ 165

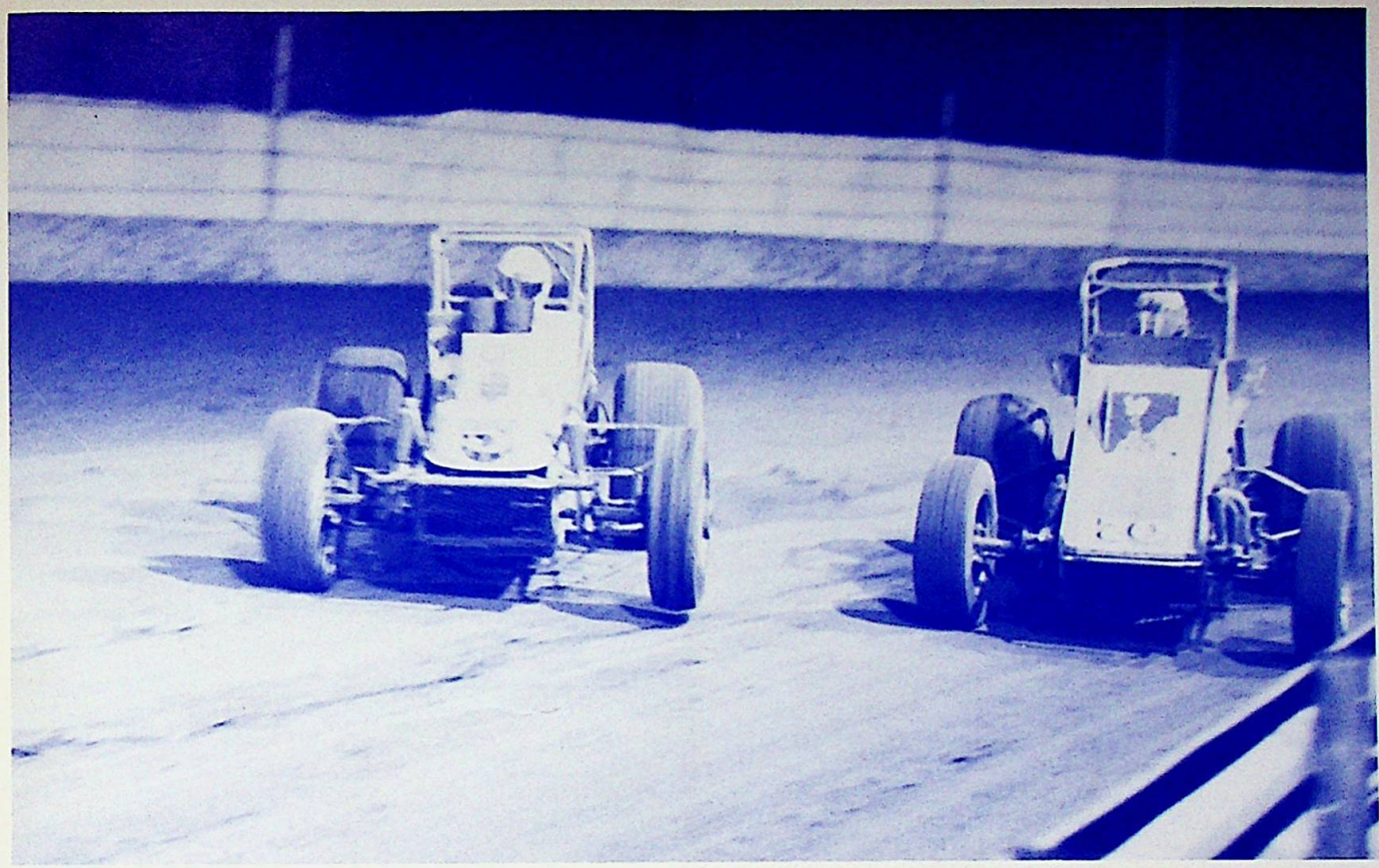


PHOTO BY JIM COOLING

Sammy Swindell (#5) on the outside and Ron Shuman (#70) fight for the lead.

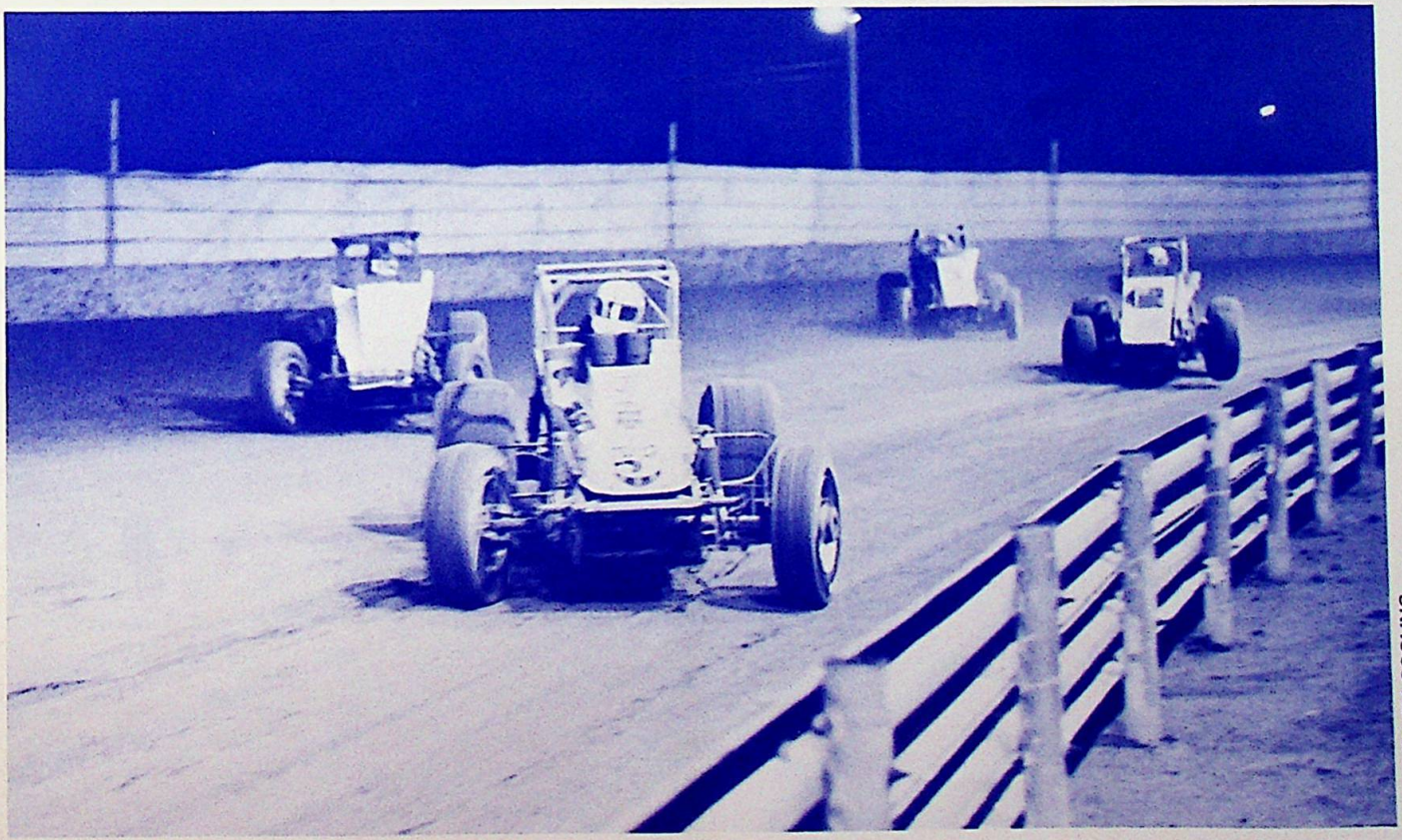
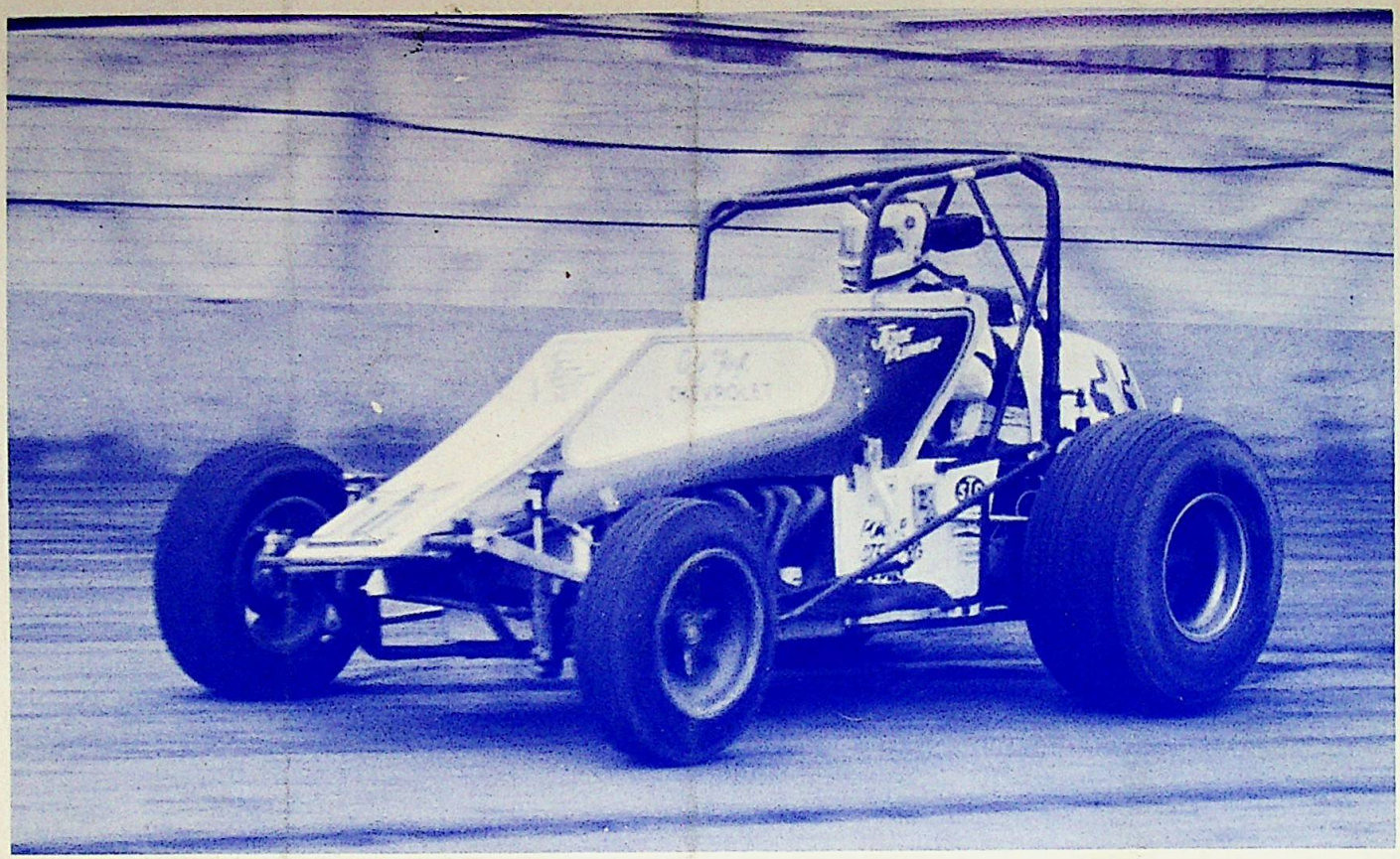
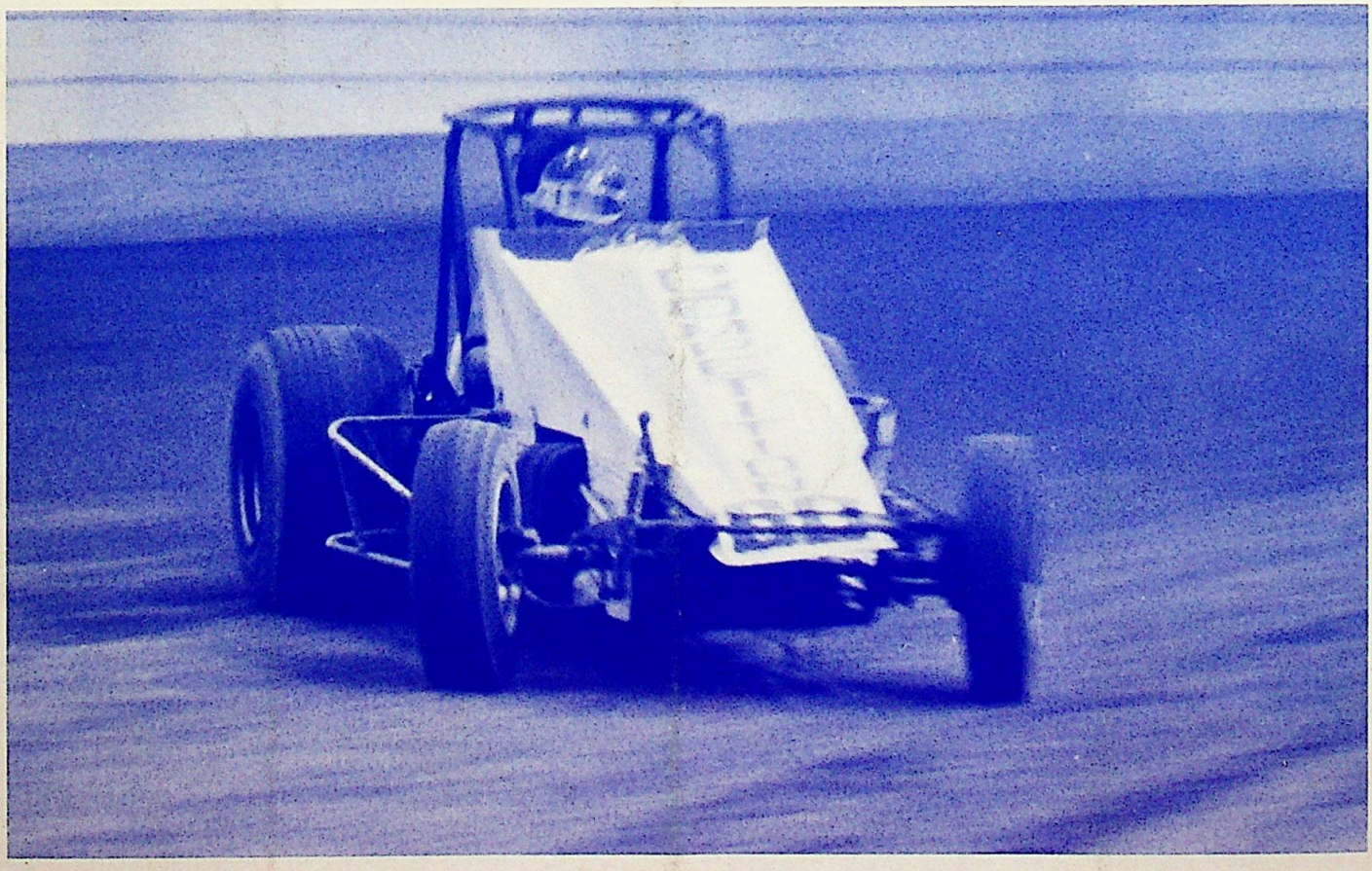


PHOTO BY JIM COOLING

Third place finisher in the 1982 Hoosier Sprints holds off a charge by three big names in Ron Shuman (#70), Johnny Parsons (#66) and Jackie Hewitt (#32).



#11 Duke Cook



#66 Johnny Parsons

PHOTOS BY BOB FAIRMAN