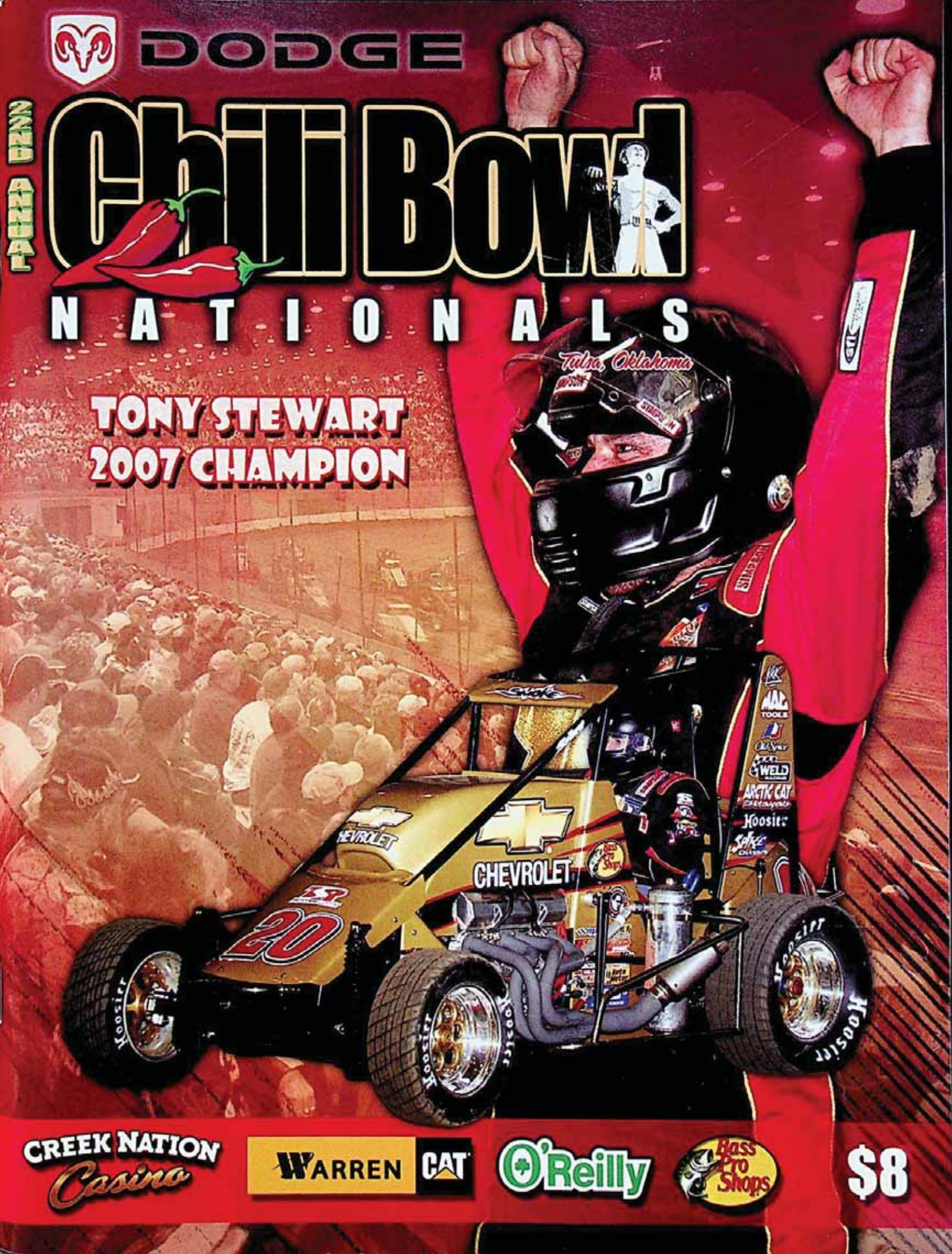
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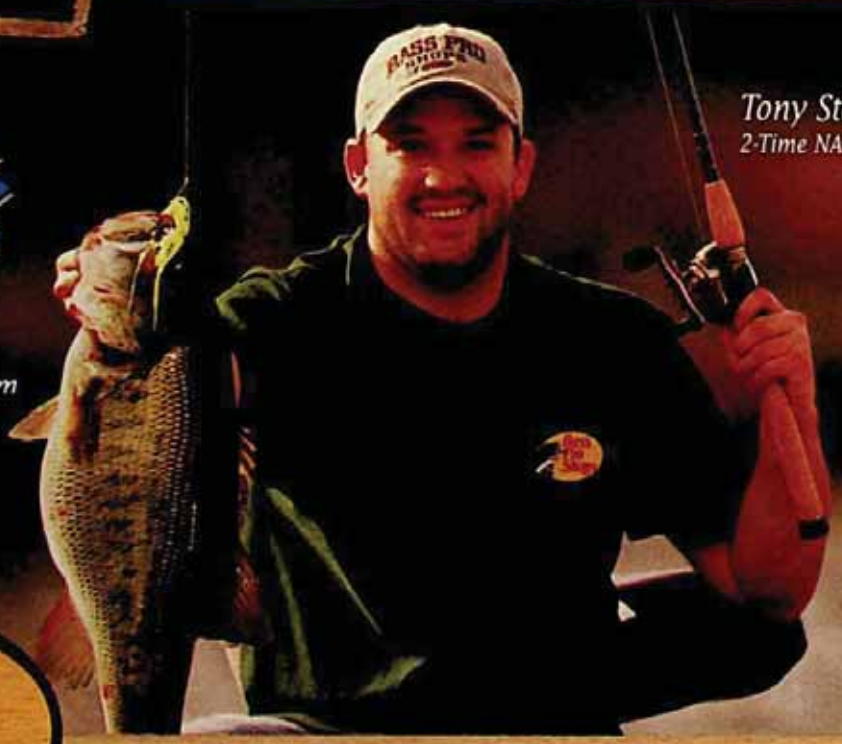

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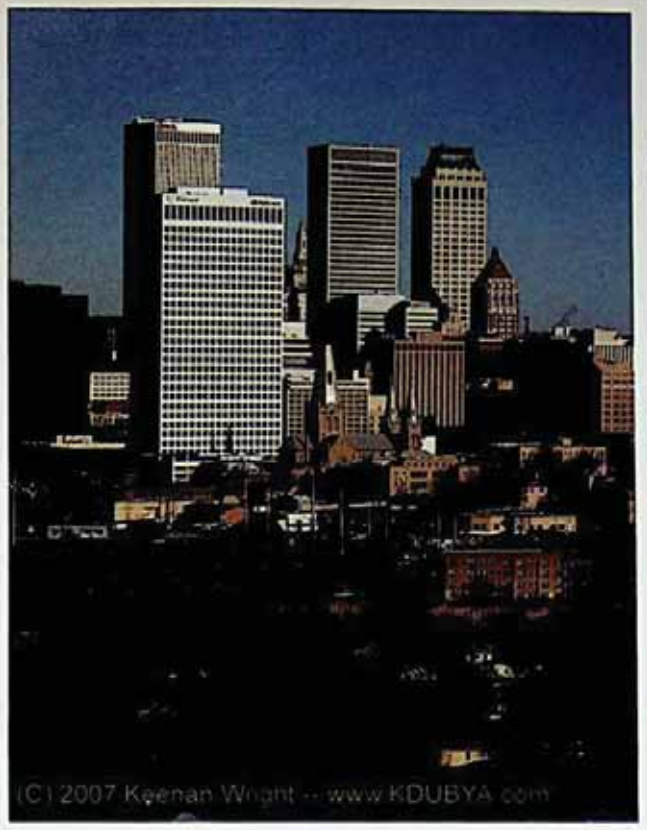

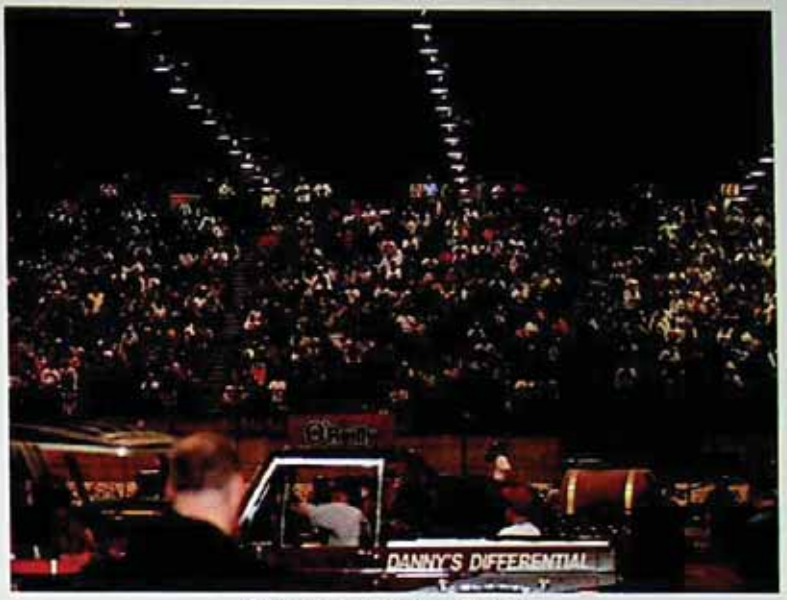

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Tony Stewart Snares 21st Annual O'Reilly Chili Bowl Nationals Finale!

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Lonnie Wheatley, TULSA, Okla. (January 13, 2007) – Two-time NASCAR Nextel Cup champion Tony Stewart added another Golden Driller trophy to his burgeoning collection of winner's hardware as he raced to victory lane in Saturday night's 50-lap O'Reilly Chili Bowl Midget Nationals championship feature event at Tulsa Expo Raceway.

With the streets of Tulsa covered by several inches of ice and the entire state of Oklahoma under a declared state of emergency due to icy weather, a surreal setting including nearly 15,000 spectators braved the elements to pack the Tulsa Expo Center and witness the NASCAR star best a record Chili Bowl Nationals field of 267 entries.

And Indiana's Stewart wasn't the only NASCAR rep on the podium at the end of the Oklahoma Dodge Dealers Championship Saturday slate of 21 feature events, as Arizona native J.J. Yeley, who ranked fifth in NASCAR Busch Series 2006 points claimed the runner-up position followed by tenth-ranked ARCA Re/Max Series driver Justin Allgaier of Illinois in third.

After setting the pace the opening nine rounds, Indiana wingless sprint car ace Shane Cottle settled for fourth, with 19-year-old Tulsa Micro grad Donnie Ray Crawford making the most of his Midget racing debut by rounding out the top five and ranking as the top Chili Bowl rookie.

Capturing his first Golden Driller in 2002, Stewart joined Sammy Swindell, Cory Kruseman and Dan Boorse as the only four multi-time winners of the Chili Bowl Nationals just a year after his 2006 effort was cut short by a wild Qualifying Night flip.

"Obviously, it was probably a little less dramatic on the track (than the 2002 win) but it was probably three times more dramatic off the track," Stewart explained afterward. "To run one of my own cars and get my first win in one my own cars and most of all get our first win for Chevrolet in our first race since we switched sponsorships, I don't know how much better of a coming out party for a new sponsor you could have than to win the biggest Midget race of the year. To have the weekend that we had for Chevrolet like that, that's what I'm excited about.

"If you came to our shop three weeks ago, we had one car built out of the five that we brought here," Stewart continued. "In a three week period, Steve Smith worked really hard getting five motors ready and to get those four other cars ready and to come here and do what we did I'm really proud of our whole organization and Jay Drake for coming on board and being a Team Manager."

While Stewart gridded the field fifth in the Tony Stewart Motorsports Chevrolet/Bass Pro Shops No. 20 Spike Chassis, it was Friday night's Oklahoma Dodge Dealers Qualifying event feature winner Dave Darland leading the field to the green flag with Thursday's Bass Pro Shops Qualifying event winner Shane Cottle alongside.

Cottle gunned into the lead at the drop of Roger Slack's green flag with Darland and Wednesday's Creek Nation Casino Qualifying night winner Davey Ray in tow. The deck was shuffled in the opening rounds though, as Stewart quickly advanced to second by the fifth round when the first caution flew for a turn four tangle involving Wayne Johnson and Casey Shuman.

Also advancing in the opening rounds was Yeley, who moved from seventh to third in front of Darland, sixth-starter Allgaier and Ray.

Stewart pressured Cottle on the restart as Yeley and Darland swapped the third spot a pair of times. Stewart moved to the inside of Cottle's Pace Bros. Racing Chevy-powered Pace Self Storage No. 44c Beast entering turn one on the tenth round and after a half-lap of wheel-to-wheel racing, Stewart edged into the lead.

It was a lead that Stewart would never relinquish, as he weathered several cautions and ultimately stretched his lead to a half straightaway advantage over the final rounds to snare the Golden Driller.

While Stewart was never seriously challenged once in front, the action unfolding directly behind him was intense. Darland held second much of the way, as Cottle and a rim-riding Yeley battled side-by-side for third all the while.

Yeley ultimately secured third at the midway point and then following a lap 30 caution, disposed of Darland for second with sights set on Stewart. Darland fell to Cottle a lap later with Yeley and Cottle resuming their battle. Darland's fortune would soon sour even more, as he and Crawford got hooked together on the backstretch while battling for position. The pair was separated by Darland's Wilke-Pak Racing teammate Jerry Coons, Jr., entering turn three. Darland and Coons were left tangled in the corner, precipitating a caution as Crawford escaped unscathed.

After the race's final caution after 35 laps for Wayne Johnson's turn two tumble, Yeley edged ahead of Cottle for second and ducked to the low side, holding the position to the line aboard Andy Bondio's Barnes-powered Kenny's Components No. 47x entry.

Running the cushion until the final rounds, Yeley explained that, "We just didn't have enough stagger to run the bottom. I knew right from the get-go...I had to do something different . It was really starting to come to me a little bit and the little patch of moisture that was off of turn two went away and I knew that if I didn't get down to the bottom I was gonna get freight-trained."

With a podium finish within reach, Allgaier muscled his way past Cottle for third on the 43rd lap and snared the show position aboard Ebby Bergfield's Esslinger-powered Ethanol/Auto Xpres No. 86 Spike. Cottle settled for fourth, with third-generation racer Crawford making his mark by rounding out the top five aboard the Keith Kunz Motorsports Fontana-powered John Christner Trucking No. 71k Bullet.

While the top five diced for position, several drivers were on the move from deep in the field including Joe Boyles, 16-year-old Chris Windom and Tim McCreadie, who tagged the field via a defending Chili Bowl champion provisional. Starting 21st, Boyles sliced his way through the field by moving up to seventh by the 13th lap. Boyles would climb just one more spot to eventually finish in sixth.

After a last-corner pass for the sixth and final transfer spot in the First "B" Main to garner the 23rd starting slot, Windom climbed all the way to seventh by the time the checkered flag flew.

Tagging the 25-car championship feature field, McCreadie appeared to have a legitimate shot at becoming the

first back-to-back winner in Chili Bowl history as he had climbed to eighth by the midway point. But when he went to the top side of turns one and two on the 29th lap, the New Yorker grazed the wall and lost three positions before ultimately clawing his way back up to eighth.
Mat Neely started ninth and finished ninth, with 2005 Chili Bowl champion Tracy Hines advancing from 16th to complete the top ten.

Crawford fared the best of the three rookies making the cut for the championship feature event, with Tuesday night's Warren CAT Pre-Qualifier winner Gary "Bubba'" Altig ending his Cinderella run in 14th and World of Outlaws Sprint Car shoe Jason Martin claiming 17th.

In addition to the three rookies, other drivers racing their way into a first career Chili Bowl championship finale included Neely, youngster Jonathan Hendrick (19th), Ryan Durst (24th) and Tyler Brown, who was credited with 25th after his engine let go while lining up for the finale.

Oklahoma Dodge Dealers Championship Saturday action kicked off in the afternoon with Billy Mentgen and Todd McVay victorious in Twin "K" Main action. Moments later, Mentgen's teammate, Todd Plemons, aced the First "J" Main with Cameron Beard then wiring the field in the second "J".

It was a racing Miller sisters sweep of "I" Main competition with Michele Miller victorious in the First "I" and then Tracy Miller duplicating the feat in the Second "I". The Miller sisters became just the third and fourth female racers in Chili Bowl history to win Saturday feature events.

Charles Davis, Jr. and Chad Wheeler split "H" Main honors, with John Sarale and Chad Deselle winning the "G" Mains.

Darren Hagen began a climb through four features by winning the First "F" Main. He followed that up with a fourth-place run in the First "E" Main topped by Dean Alexander and a third-place showing in "D" Main One claimed by Nick Knepper before running out of steam in the First "C" Main.

ARDC Midget champion Andy Martin began his own alphabet drive in "F" Main action that ultimately ended in the "B" Mains. Martin finished fourth in the second "F" Main, which was won by P.J. Jones. He then climbed to third in the second "E" Main behind winner Brad Loyet and Cole Whitt before charging to runner-up honors behind second "D" Main winner Dustin Morgan.

After Josh Ford won the first "C" Main, Martin survived a turn one fracas with four-time Chili Bowl champion Sammy Swindell that riled the crowd by racing back to a fifth-place transfer position in a race that featured Brady Bacon's dramatic last-lap pass of Aaron Fiscus to take victory honors.

Jason Martin wired the field in the First "B" Main, while Wayne Johnson made his second Chili Bowl finale in as many attempts by topping the Second "B" Main.

Slated to start the day in the First "F" Main, NASCAR Nextel Cup sensation Kasey Kahne scratched from the card.

Saturday's 21st Annual O'Reilly Chili Bowl Nationals Oklahoma Dodge Dealers Championship Feature Results:

***K Mains** (10 Laps - Top 4 to back of corresponding J Main)*
***K Main 1**: 1. #7X Billy Mentgen, Arvada, Colo.; 2. #6X Jody Rosenboom, Rock Rapids, Iowa; 3. #6 Brian Carter, Frisco, Texas; 4. #35WA Steve Stone, Mesa, Ariz.; 5. #2G Terry Goodwin, Phoenix, Ariz.; 6. #29L Leroy Holler, Independence, Mo.; 7. #10A Ryan Ameln, Hollister, Calif.; 8. #76 Kellen Conover, Sumner, Ill.; 9. #11B Doug DeWitt, Sunnyvale, Calif.; 10. #5K Kevin Burgess, Stotts City, Mo.; 11. #24R John Ricketts, Burleson, Texas DNS - #74X Eddie Sauer, Davis, Ill.; #24L Roy Larkin, Tulsa, Okla.; #14H Harley Hollan, Broken Arrow, Okla.*

***K Main 2**: 1. #7T Todd McVay, Lees Summit, Mo.; 2. #11H Garrett Hood, Concordia, Kan.; 3. #7A Dakoda Armstrong, Newcastle, Ind.; 4. #02 Bryon Walters, Beaver Dam, Wis.; 5. #98D Dave Scroggs, Arvada, Colo.; 6. #93 Brian Harvey, Hanford, Calif.; 7. #77 Matt DeWitt, Houston, Texas; 8. #33 Toni Kruck, Copalopa, Australia; 9. #2D Steve Davis, Norco, Calif.; 10. #12S Jacob Slotten, Menasha, Wis.; 11. #91$ Joe Duvall, Chelsea, Okla.; 12. #6M Tayler Malsam, Sammamish, Wash.; 13. #4K Kerry Sandusky, Chicago, Ill.*

***J Mains** (10 Laps - Top 4 to back of corresponding I Main)*
***J Main 1**: 1. #7P Todd Plemons, Arvada, Colo.; 2. #1X Eddie Martin, Stilwell, Okla.; 3. #17B Austin Brown, Millstadt, Ill.; 4. #6J Jonathan Cornell, Sedalia, Mo.; 5. #6C Josh Most, Red Oak, Iowa; 6. #5MA Mallory Armfield, St. Joseph, Mo.; 7. #7J Kyle Bellm, Nixa, Mo.; 8. #10P Will Pierce, Lees Summit, Mo.; 9. #66 Dalton Cole, Pryor, Okla.; 10. #7X Billy Mentgen, Arvada, Colo.; 11. #27D Todd Kimmel, Avon, Ind.; 12. #6X Jody Rosenboom, Rock Rapids, Iowa; 13. #10S Matt Sargent, San Jose, Calif.; 14. #35WA Steve Stone, Mesa, Ariz.; 15. #72X Kellen Love, Lincoln, Neb.; 16. #6 Brian Carter, Frisco, Texas*

J Main 2: 1. #19B Cameron Beard, Atwater, Calif.; 2. #93C Chett Gehrke, Broken Arrow, Okla.; 3. #31C Chris Walker, Oak Grove, Mo.; 4. #36K Kaylene Verville, Avondale, Ariz.; 5. #37T Trish Dover, Springfield, Neb.; 6. #7A Dakoda Armstrong, Newcastle, Ind.; 7. #43 Buddy Luebke, Stoughton, Wis.; 8. #27 Randy Monroe Jr., Hampton, Va.; 9. #7T Todd McVay, Lees Summit, Mo.; 10. #50X Tom Everhart, El Cajon, Calif.; 11. #9 Doug McCune, Fort Worth, Texas; 12. #54 Alex Harris, Simi Valley, Calif.; 13. #02 Bryon Walters, Beaver Dam, Wis.; 14. #11H Garrett Hood, Concordia, Kan. DNS - #21H Jonathan Henry, Stockton, Calif.; #12E Rafe Essary, Farmington, Ark.

I Mains (10 Laps - Top 4 to back of corresponding H Main)
I Main 1: 1. #4 Michele Miller, Reading, Pa.; 2. #45X Jeff Perry, Buckeye, Ariz.; 3. #500 Geoff Dodge, Colorado Springs, Colo.; 4. #1X Eddie Martin, Stilwell, Okla.; 5. #6J Jonathan Cornell, Sedalia, Mo.; 6. #7P Todd Plemons, Arvada, Colo.; 7. #11V Garry Lee Maier, Cimarron, Kan.; 8. #17B Austin Brown, Millstadt, Ill.; 9. #11X Steve Newman, Lakewood, Colo.; 10. #83 Kurt Blackaby, Bentonville, Ark.; 11. #73X Dex Eaton, Owasso, Okla.; 12. #0 Johnny Murdock, Kaufman, Texas; 13. #0K Ron Kuhn, Lees Summit, Mo.; 14. #55 Tony Everhart, El Cajon, Calif. DNS - #74 Ernie Bartley III, El Cajon, Calif.; #84 Joey Fabozzi, Norco, Calif.

I Main 2: 1. #3 Tracy Miller, Reading, Pa.; 2. #81 Shane Carson, Yukon, Okla.; 3. #93C Chett Gehrke, Broken Arrow, Okla.; 4. #19W Troy Rutherford, Ojai, Calif.; 5. #11R Larry Cole, Porter, Okla.; 6. #31C Chris Walker, Oak Grove, Mo.; 7. #19B Cameron Beard, Atwater, Calif.; 8. #27A Ralph Cortez, Sacramento, Calif.; 9. #36K Kaylene Verville, Avondale, Ariz.; 10. #9W Joe Wipperfurth, Sun Prairie, Wis.; 11. #45H Don Hammer, Clinton, Ill.; 12. #1C Chad McDaniel, Concordia, Kan.; 13. #35X Korey Weyant, Springfield, Ill.; 14. #57K Randy Koch, Oregon, Wis.; 15. #8D Jay Ervine, Litchfield, Ariz.; DNS - #24H Brent Beauchamp, Fairland, Ind.

H Mains (10 Laps - Top 4 to back of corresponding G Main)
H Main 1: 1. #52 Charles Davis Jr., Buckeye, Ariz.; 2. #1M Mike Miller, Reading, Pa.; 3. #4P Tony Beaber, Gibsonburg, Ohio; 4. #31L Lee Grosz, Harwood, N.D.; 5. #79C Chris Sheil, Lakewood, Colo.; 6. #96X Sam Hafertepe Jr., Sunnyvale, Texas; 7. #1X Eddie Martin, Stilwell, Okla.; 8. #500 Geoff Dodge, Colorado Springs, Colo.; 9. #16 tom Bigelow, Winchester, Ind.; 10. #19N Nick O'Neal, Wagoner, Okla.; 11. #85J Matt Johnson, Oklahoma City, Okla.; 12. #50J Jeff Griffin, St. Helena, Calif.; 13. #17K Kevin Morris, Ripon, Calif.; 14. #4 Michele Miller, Reading, Pa.; 15. #45X Jeff Perry, Buckeye, Ariz.; 16. #3A Bill Allen, Independence, Mo.

H Main 2: 1. #88 Chad Wheeler, Muskogee, Okla.; 2. #11S C.J. Sarna, Palm Desert, Calif.; 3. #2K Kyle Wissmiller, Saybrook, Ill.; 4. #83X Samantha Taylor, Bonney Lake, Wash.; 5. #93C Chett Gehrke, Broken Arrow, Okla.; 6. #4W Edwin Wilson, Tuttle, Okla.; 7. #3M John Wolfe, Winchester, Ind.; 8. #3 Tracy Miller, Reading, Pa.; 9. #37X Billy Osta, Rotterdam, N.Y.; 10. #18A Floyd Alvis, San Carlos, Calif.; 11. #19W Troy Rutherford, Ojai, Calif.; 12. #F1 French Grimes, Madison, Va.; 13. #26 Glenn Carson, Concord, Calif.; 14. #5AZ Shon Deskins, Waddell, Ariz.; 15. #8K Zach Chappell, Talala, Okla.; 16. #81 Shane Carson, Yukon, Okla.

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G Mains (10 Laps - Top 4 to back of corresponding F Main)
G Main 1: 1. #32S John Sarale, Stockton, Calif.; 2. #7M Michelle Decker, Guthrie, Okla.; 3. #21K Ryan Kaplan, Chico, Calif.; 4. #5T Randy Timms, Oklahoma City, Okla.; 5. #20S John Sarna, Palm Desert, Calif.; 6. #15N David Prickett, Fresno, Calif.; 7. #D1 Justin Henderson, Sioux Falls, S.D.; 8. #18G Rickie Gaunt, Torrance, Calif.; 9. #20N Jordan Noblitt, Columbus, Ind.; 10. #20R Josh Richards, Shinnston, W.V.; 11. #31L Lee Grosz, Harwood, N.D.; 12. #4P Tony Beaber, Gibsonburg, Ohio; 13. #1M Mike Miller, Reading, Pa.; 14. #07 Shannon McQueen, Bakersfield, Calif.; 15. #D33 Jeff Davis, Pittsburg, Ill.; 16. #52 Charles Davis Jr., Buckeye, Ariz.

G Main 2: 1. #6D Chad DeSelle, Sun Prairie, Wis.; 2. #2B Brady Short, Bedford, Ind.; 3. #8R Randi Pankratz, Atascadero, Calif.; 4. #17P Billy Boat, Phoenix, Ariz.; 5. #88 Chad Wheeler, Muskogee, Okla.; 6. #18 Tony Bruce Jr., Liberal, Kan.; 7. #57 Brian Gard, Clovis, Calif.; 8. #12C Rick England, Wichita, Kan.; 9. #66X A.J. Foyt IV, Houston, Texas; 10. #33A Stephen Arnold, Seymour, Ind.; 11. #22X Glenn Styres, Ohsweken, Ontario; 12. #2K Kyle Wissmiller, Saybrook, Ill.; 13. #83X Samantha Taylor, Bonney Lake, Wash.; 14. #11S John Sarna, Palm Desert, Calif.;

15. #20C Carey Becker, Reading, Pa. DNS - #50T Roland Ayo, Houston, Texas

***F Mains** (10 Laps - Top 4 to back of corresponding E Main)*

***F Main 1**: 1. #69 Darren Hagen, Riverside, Calif.; 2. #125 Teddy Beach, Donnelsville, Ohio; 3. #21K Ryan Kaplan, Chico, Calif.; 4. #45 Aaron Kirk, Conroe, Texas; 5. #2C David Cardey, Perris, Calif.; 6. #32S John Sarale, Stockton, Calif.; 7. #8P Wally Pankratz, Orange, Calif.; 8. #43C Rich Camfield, Decatur, Ill.; 9. #22T Mike Woodruff, Satanta, Kan.; 10. #8C Bill Balog, Lafayette, Ind.; 11. #07X Audra Sasselli, Visalia, Calif.; 12. #7M Michelle Decker, Guthrie, Okla.; 13. #5T Randy Timms, Oklahoma City, Okla. DNS - #11K Kasey Kahne, Enumclaw, Wash.; #1A Tim McCreadie, Watertown, N.Y.; #22 Ray Bull, Bloomsburg, Pa.*

***F Main 2**: 1. #97 P.J. Jones, Torrance, Calif.; 2. #14T Tony Rossi, Westminster, Colo.; 3. #12J Jeff Henry, Glendale, Ariz.; 4. #21M Andy Martin, Gordonville, Pa.; 5. #91K Kevin Bayer, Broken Arrow, Okla.; 6. #7R Johnny Rodriguez, Elk Grove, Calif.; 7. #2B Brady Short, Bedford, Ind.; 8. #21P Daryn Pittman, Owasso, Okla.; 9. #5X Patrick Bruns, Champaign, Ill.; 10. #51J R.J. Johnson, Phoenix, Ariz.; 11. #6D Chad DeSelle, Sun Prairie, Wis.; 12. #8R Randi Pankratz, Atascadero, Calif.; 13. #17P Billy Boat, Phoenix, Ariz.; 14. #15B Brian Birkhofer, Muscatine, Iowa DNS - #17D Doug Rose, Temple, Pa.; #1W Paul White, Temple, Texas*

***E Mains** (10 Laps - Top 4 to back of corresponding D Main)*

***E Main 1**: 1. #17M Dean Alexander, Hanford, Calif.; 2. #96 Cody Brewer, Choctaw, Okla.; 3. #XX Darrin Bolton, Eldorado Hills, Calif.; 4. #69 Darren Hagen, Riverside, Calif.; 5. #39 Kevin Swindell, Germantown, Tenn.; 6. #21K Ryan Kaplan, Chico, Calif.; 7. #02R Brian Ramstack, West Bend, Wis.; 8. #00 Coleman Gulick, Binghamton, N.Y.; 9. #4X Billy Alley, Lincoln, Neb.; 10. #F4 Jessica Zemken, Sprakers, N.Y.; 11. #91 Bugs Norbury, Prescott Valley, Ariz.; 12. #19T Michael Trimble, Gilroy, Calif.; 13. #87 Alan Ballard, Bakersfield, Calif.; 14. #125 Teddy Beach, Donnelsville, Ohio DNS - #23 Tadd Holliman, Beaver Lake, Neb.; #45 Aaron Kirk, Conroe, Texas*

***E Main 2:** 1. #05 Brad Loyet, Sunset Hills, Mo.; 2. #29W Cole Whitt, Alpine, Calif.; 3. #21M Andy Martin, Gordonville, Pa.; 4. #97 P.J. Jones, Torrance, Calif.; 5. #12J Jeff Henry, Glendale, Ariz.; 6. #51S Danny Sheridan, Santa Maria, Calif.; 7. #2A Mark Bush, Cumming, Ga.; 8. #27B Neil Shepherd, Warsaw, Ind.; 9. #71 Conner Pullen, Amarillo, Texas; 10. #14T Tony Rossi, Westminster, Colo.; 11. #21AZ Nathan High, Goodyear, Ariz.; 12. #71P Cruz Pedregon, Brownsburg, Ind.; 13. #22J Jasiel Randolph, Tulsa, Okla.; 14. #73E Foster Landon, Collinsville, Okla. DNS - #95K Rik Forbes, Omaha, Neb.; #47S Stan Yockey, Fresno, Calif.*

***D Mains** (15 Laps - Top 3 to back of corresponding C Main)*

***D Main 1:** 1. #25K Nick Knepper, Belleville, Ill.; 2. #11Z Travis Berryhill, American Canyon, Calif.; 3. #69 Darren Hagen, Riverside, Calif.; 4. #4L Doug Lippincott, Reno, Nev.; 5. #35M Matt Sherrell, Tulsa, Okla.; 6. #1T Tony Roney, Herculaneum, Mo.; 7. #3W Brandon Waelti, Sun Prairie, Wis.; 8. #39X Randy Hannagan, Pittsboro, Ind.; 9. #96 Cody Brewer, Choctaw, Okla.; 10. #2M Frank Polimeda, Fort Lee, N.J.; 11. #17M Dean Alexander, Hanford, Calif.; 12. #24 Leon Bacon, Broken Arrow, Okla.; 13. #2X Bryan Stanfill, Bakersfield, Calif.; 14. #XX Darrin Bolton, Eldorado Hills, Calif.; 15. #35P Scott Pierovich, Alamo, Calif.; 16. #49 Billy Pauch Jr., Frenchtown, N.J.*

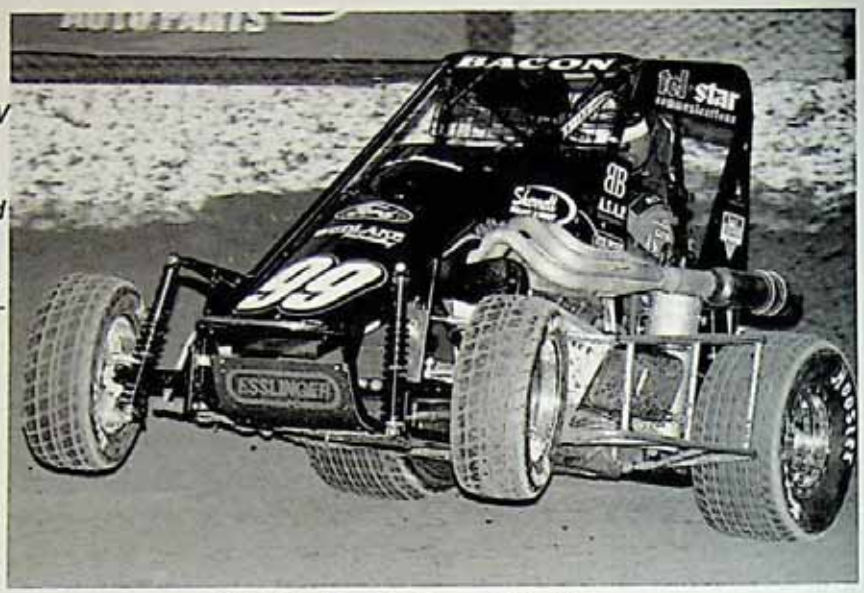
***D Main 2:** 1. #11D Dustin Morgan, Collinsville, Okla.; 2. #21M Andy Martin, Gordonville, Pa.; 3. #8E Tony Elliott, Warsaw, Ind.; 4. #12 Trey Robb, Newcastle, Okla.; 5. #31X Joe Walker, Harrisonville, Mo.; 6. #05 Brad Loyet, Sunset Hills, Mo.; 7. #12H Rick Hendrix, Canoga Park, Calif.; 8. #14A A.J. Ernesto, Reading, Pa.; 9. #29W Cole Whitt, Alpine, Calif.; 10. #36P Brad Paris, Brownsburg, Ind.; 11. #85X Matt Covington, Glenpool, Okla.; 12. #13 Jason Sides, Bartlett, Tenn.; 13. #55J Jeep Van Wormer, Pinconning, Mich.; 14. #97 P.J. Jones, Torrance, Calif.; 15. #7 Critter Malone, Speedway, Ind.; 16. #86X Daron Clayton, Sikeston, Mo.*

***C Mains** (15 Laps - Top 5 to back of corresponding B Main)*

***C Main 1:** 1. #73 Josh Ford, Oxnard, Calif.; 2. #51 Mike Hess, Riverton, Ill.; 3. #37M Rip Williams, Yorba Linda, Calif.; 4. #67 Damion Gardner, Concord, Calif.; 5. #5D*

Zachary Daum, Pocahontas, Ill.; 6. #11W Josh Wise, Riverside, Calif.; 7. #50 Daniel Adler, East Carondolet, Ill.; 8. #49JR Bobby Michnowicz, Torrance, Calif.; 9. #11Z Travis Berryhill, American Canyon, Calif.; 10. #73I Adam Trimble, Pueblo, Colo.; 11. #12X Gary Taylor, Wheat Ridge, Colo.; 12. #69 Darren Hagen, Riverside, Calif.; 13. #5C Joey Montgomery, Fredericktown, Mo.; 14. #4B Ronnie Burke Jr., League City, Texas; 15. #9H Russ Harper, Watkins, Colo.; 16. #30 Chad Boat, Phoenix, Ariz.; 17. #25K Nick Knepper, Belleville, Ill. DNS - Mike Goodman, Tulsa, Okla.

C Main 2: *1. #99 Brady Bacon, Broken Arrow, Okla.; 2. #7F Aaron Fiscus, Sun Prairie, Wis.; 3. #19S Robby Flock, Murrietta, Calif.; 4. #12W Billy Wease, Noblesville, Ind.; 5. #21M Andy Martin, Gordonville, Pa.; 6. #22AZ Mike Welker, Phoenix, Ariz.; 7. #86C David Camfield Sr., Decatur, Ill.; 8. #11D Dustin Morgan, Collinsville, Okla.; 9. #85 Shane Hollingsworth, Indianapolis, Ind.; 10. #3C Chris Rahe, Placentia, Calif.; 11. #14JR Matt Streeter, Lathrop, Calif.; 12. #8E Tony Elliott, Warsaw, Ind.; 13. #71R Keith Rauch, Thornton, Colo.; 14. #1 Sammy Swindell, Germantown, Tenn.; 15. #22E Evan Sewell, Jenks, Okla.; 16. #91AZ A.J. Fike, Galesburg, Ill.; #17. 73S Jonathan Beason, Broken Arrow, Okla.; 18. #27C Jesse Hockett, Warsaw, Mo.*



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B Mains *(20 Laps - Top 6 in First B Main make up inside final six rows of A Main; Top 6 in Second B Main make up outside final six rows of A Main*

B Main 1: *1. #36 Jason Martin, Liberal, Kan.; 2. #91X Ryan Durst, Lincoln, Neb.; 3. #68 Jonathan Hendrick, Fortville, Ind.; 4. #70 Garrett Hansen, Manhattan Beach, Calif.; 5. #7B Joe Boyles, Greenwood, Mo.; 6. #17 Chris Windom, Canton, Ill.; 7. #17T Thomas Meseraull, Avon, Ind.; 8. #4E Bobby East, Brownsburg, Ind.; 9. #44D Don Droud Jr., Lincoln, Neb.; 10. #37M Rip Williams, Yorba Linda, Calif.; 11. #51 Mike Hess, Riverton, Ill.; 12. #67 Damion Gardner, Concord, Calif.; 13. #05X Greg Bragg, Visalia, Calif.; 14. #5D Zachary Daum, Pocahontas, Ill.; 15. #14 Matt Westfall, Ludlow Falls, Ohio; 16. #31 Donnie Lehmann, Springfield, Ill.; 17. #7D Dan Boorse, Milwaukee, Wis.; 18. #73 Josh Ford, Oxnard, Calif.; 19. #52R Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Olive Branch, Miss.; 20. #38 Mike Spencer, Temecula, Calif.*

B Main 2: *1. #F5 Wayne Johnson, Oklahoma City, Okla.; 2. #21 Tracy Hines, Greenfield, Ind.; 3. #21A Jon Stanbrough, Riverside, Calif.; 4. #11 Jerry Coons Jr., Tucson, Ariz.; 5. #25 Steve Buckwalter, Royersford, Pa.; 6. #37B Tyler Brown, Norco, Calif.; 7. #71B Mark Brown, Sydney, Australia; 8. #47 Cory Kruseman, Ventura, Calif.; 9. #99 Brady Bacon, Broken Arrow, Okla.; 10. #44 Terry McCarl, Altoona, Iowa; 11. #37 Matt Mitchell, Yorba Linda, Calif.; 12. #15 Tim Siner, Waterloo, Ill.; 13. #19S Robby Flock, Murrietta, Calif.; 14. #2 Danny Stratton, Riverside, Calif.; 15. #12W Billy Wease, Noblesville, Ind.; 16. #5L Danny Lasoski, Dover, Mo.; 17. #75 David Gough, Machesney Park, Ill.; 18. #20J Levi Jones, Olney, Ill.; 19. #21M Andy Martin, Gordonville, Pa.; 20. #7F Aaron Fiscus, Sun Prairie, Wis.*

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O'Reilly Chili Bowl Nationals Championship Feature Event (50 Laps)

Car # Name, Hometown (starting position)
1. #20 Tony Stewart, Columbus, Ind. (5)
2. #47X J.J. Yeley, Phoenix, Ariz. (7)
3. #86 Justin Allgaier, Springfield, Ill. (6)
4. #44C Shane Cottle, Kokomo, Ind. (2)
5. #71K Donnie Ray Crawford, Broken Arrow (10)
6. #7B Joe Boyles, Greenwood, Mo. (21)
7. #17 Chris Windom, Canton, Ill. (23)
8. #1A Tim McCreadie, Watertown, N.Y. (25)
9. #35 Mat Neely, Robinson, Ill. (9)
10. #21 Tracy Hines, Greenfield, Ind. (16)
11. #25 Steve Buckwalter, Royersford, Pa. (22)
12. #33X Davey Ray, Love's Park, Ill. (3)
13. #52S Casey Shuman, Indianapolis, Ind. (8)
14. #67A Bubba Altig, Mechanicsburg, Ill. (11)
15. #21A Jon Stanbrough, Brownsburg, Ind. (18)
16. #5 Dave Darland, Lincoln, Ind. (1)
17. #36 Jason Martin, Liberal, Kan. (13)
18. #70 Garrett Hansen, Manhattan Beach, Calif. (19)
19. #68 Jonathan Hendrick, Fortville, Ind. (17)
20. #F5 Wayne Johnson, Oklahoma City, Okla. (14)
21. #11 Jerry Coons Jr., Tucson, Ariz. (20)
22. #71J Jason Leffler, Long Beach, Calif. (12)
23. #71X Brad Kuhn, Avon, Ind. (4)
24. #91X Ryan Durst, Lincoln, Neb. (15)
25. #37B Tyler Brown, Norco, Calif. (24)

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by Mike Sweeton

Goodness, is it really Chili Bowl time again? It seems like only a few weeks ago that we were standing down on the infield watching Tony Stewart grab his second Golden Driller. Now it's time to sit down and get with writing our story (after much well deserved prodding from Donna Harris). You would think, with this being my 14th year of doing this, that it would be a breeze, but it seems to get tougher every year.

There have been a lot of things come and go over the 21 previous renditions of the Bowl. Don't even bring up the stuntmen to anyone who pays the bills, because you may just get a steely glare, but I do get asked that question more and more every year. However, you can always bring up the old basketball games that they used to have down in the Northwest corner of the building. The games that were originally used as a fundraiser for the Parent Child Center and usually featured the midget drivers against the sprint car drivers. Most of the time a lot of money was raised by people in the stands buying points for their favorite team to make sure they won in a game that was probably not even well officiated. By the way, when was the last time anyone ever saw Ken Schrader as the official scorekeeper of anything? In the end, thanks to a lot of fans and people like J.W. Hunt, it did it's job and got some needed funds to the center.

There have been a lot of names come and go over the years as well, some recent and some not so recent. Names like J.W. Hunt, Kevin Doty, Rich Vogler and Ron Hughes just to name a few. We were fortunate enough to get to see them and hopefully, we will never forget any of their contributions to the sport.

The Bowl also gave the chance to see many drivers that were either already involved with another sanction, names like Parsons and Schrader, or on their way up to bigger opportunities, you can put guys like Boat, Stewart, Yeley, Kahne and even Gordon in that category.

One of the things that has come and gone over the years is also television. This event as seen everything from simulcast to next day taped delay. However, this year, I think they might have hit on a winner with the pay per view. It provides a bigger fan base to reach without compromising the most important part, the fans in the stands. True, there has been an influx of NASCAR people over the past few years, but is that all bad. Think of it this way, we are actually changing history in a way because now we are exposing them to our sport. In the past it has been the other way around and hopefully we are gaining them as a new fan of dirt racing.

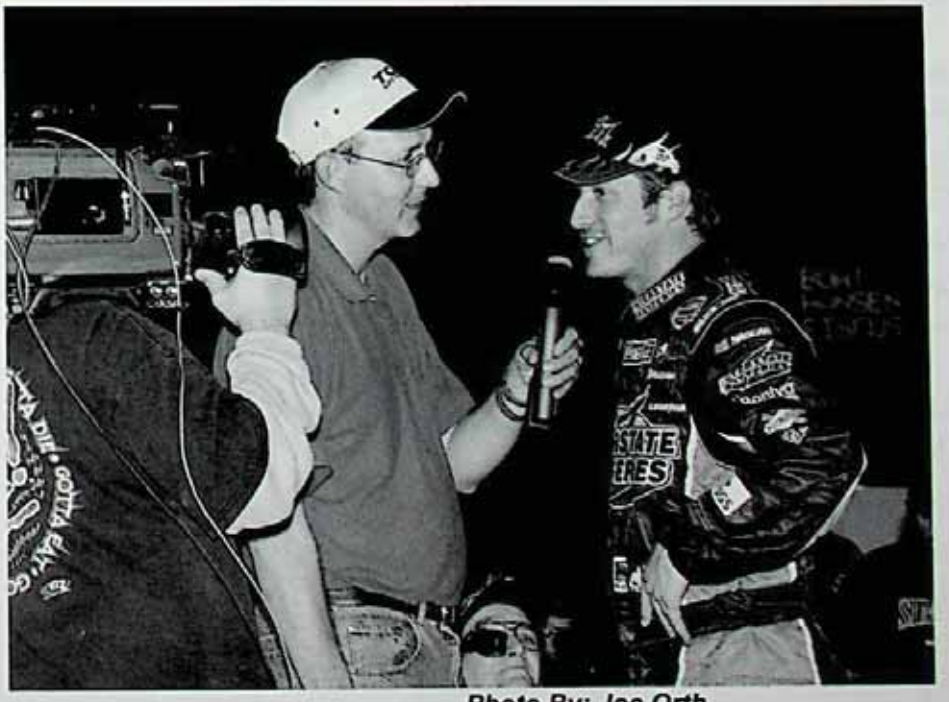
However, what hasn't changed over the previous shows is the base of the Chili Bowl. Midget racing at it's finest, with the best fans in the world sitting in the stands. Sure, what started as a two day event has grown into five days of racing now, but it's still about the racing. Who gets the best draw numbers. Who gets the breaks in their heats and features on the preliminary nights. Who got caught up in

someone else's mess. Who do we get to see come through the alphabet soup on Saturday. It's now expected that every race, from the heats to the final feature of the weekend, is full of some sort of excitement. Pretty high expectations, but ones that the drivers, car owners and every employee is happy to see if they can help accomplish.

If you are here for the first time, welcome. Where ya been? Take the time to catch the entire experience of the Chili Bowl. Catch the old timers, like me, sitting at a bench in the morning seeing who can tell the biggest story (remember, racers tell stories, they never lie), make plans to attend the benefit auction, wonder through the trade show and see all of the great products, get to the pit area early and visit with the crews, owners and drivers and let them know that you appreciate their efforts, you can even catch a beanbag tourney if you are interested. Just don't forget where your seat is because when it's race time, you don't want to miss a single lap.

As for me, I have the greatest job in the world every January. I get to do my best to lead you all through it. However, it could not be possible without all of the hard work from both the Hahn and Edwards families. They have assembled the best crew in the world to put this show on for you, from Donna, Lonnie and everyone in the office, right down to the track crew that does a fantastic job every night. They all deserve a pat on the back for a job well done. That is one thing that has not changed over the past years.

Now, let's get down to the actual events at hand and the whole reason why we are all here. Let's see who can take home the hardware on Saturday night.



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Mike Sweeton is one of the official Dodge Chili Bowl Nationals announcers. He has been know to feed peanuts to the rowdy natives on the front straight-a-way while Steve & his track crew rework the track for some of the most amazing racing you will see all year.

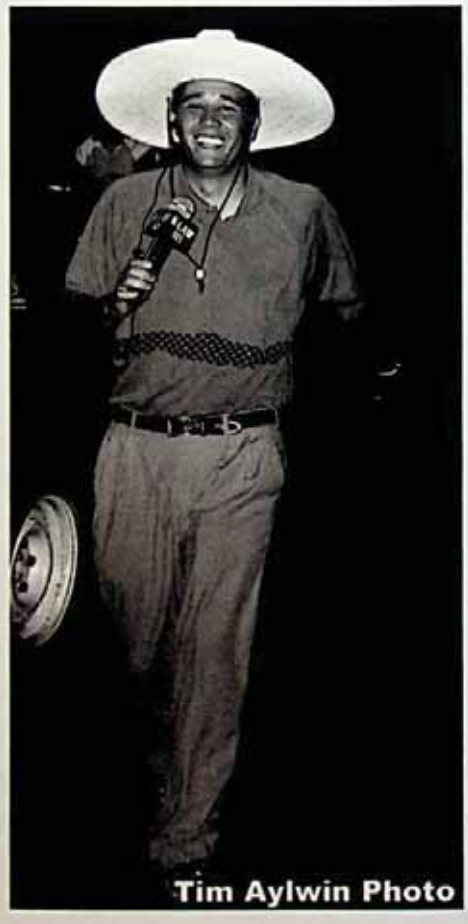
What an honor it is to be able to welcome you to the 22nd Annual Chili Bowl Nationals. The Chili Bowl is a race that we have had the luxury of watching grow into one of the premier racing events in the country. Fans say it's one of the best racing events of the entire year. Maybe it's because of the caliber of races where the best drivers from across the country buckle into midgets or it's the perfectly prepared track that provides close wheel-to-wheel racing. Or maybe it's because of months of not racing, when in the middle of winter in the middle of the country inside a metal building- the smell of methanol hangs in the air. It has become a special race to me because it attracts the best fans in the world- dirt track fans.

Growing up around dirt tracks and racing is the basis for my love of the sport. I have traveled across the country visiting and working at tracks across the Midwest and the fans are the same everywhere- fantastic. They range from the young to old, men and women, former drivers and car owners, mothers, fathers, wives, sisters and brothers, who all share the same love for the sport. I feel welcomed at every track I visit because of my years at the Chili Bowl visiting with fans and listening to their stories.

Being one of the public address announcers along with partners Tony Bokhoven and Mike Sweeton has allowed me the opportunity to visit with race fans from around the country. Each year it's so much fun to listen to stories about the Bowl and other races from the fans perspective. I have learned so much about what goes on across the country and the recollections from racing's glorious past. With each telling, the number of cars gets larger, the driver was faster, the crashes more spectacular and finish always closer. I have learned about the legends in motorsports that have raced here and the guys that are fulfilling one of their childhood fantasies, to say that they have raced with the best of the best at the Chili Bowl.

It's a privilege to be able to visit with everyone face to face during the day, and then over the public address system during the evening races. I hope that together we can create memorable moments that will become part of the legend of the Chili Bowl. Sit back and enjoy this year's bowl. Thanks for attending this year's race and please travel home safely as I look forward to visiting with you again next year.

Randy Ward
Dodge Chili Bowl Announcer



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PASSING POINT SYSTEM

Drivers will draw for starting positions for their heat races. The passing point system will be used to determine starting positions in feature events. The driver will receive points for passing as well as finishing position with the driver accumulating the most points from heat races starting in the pole position (see passing point chart). Any driver failing to draw for heat races will not receive passing points, but only points accumulated through his finishing position in his heat race. In the event of a tie in passing points, the driver who first earned the points shall be aligned in front of any subsequent driver bearing the same number of points.

Finishing Position	Points Awarded	Passing Points
1	55	1 car @ 1½ = 1½ points
2	52	2 cars @ 1½ = 3 points
3	49	3 cars @ 1½ = 4½ points
4	46	4 cars @ 1½ = 6 points
5	43	5 cars @ 1½ = 7½ points
6	40	6 cars @ 1½ = 9 points
7	37	7 cars @ 1½ = 10½ points
8	34	8 cars @ 1½ = 12 points
9	31	9 cars @ 1½ = 13½ points
10	28	10 cars @ 1½ = 15 points
11	25	11 cars @ 1½ = 16½ points
12	22	12 cars @ 1½ = 18 points

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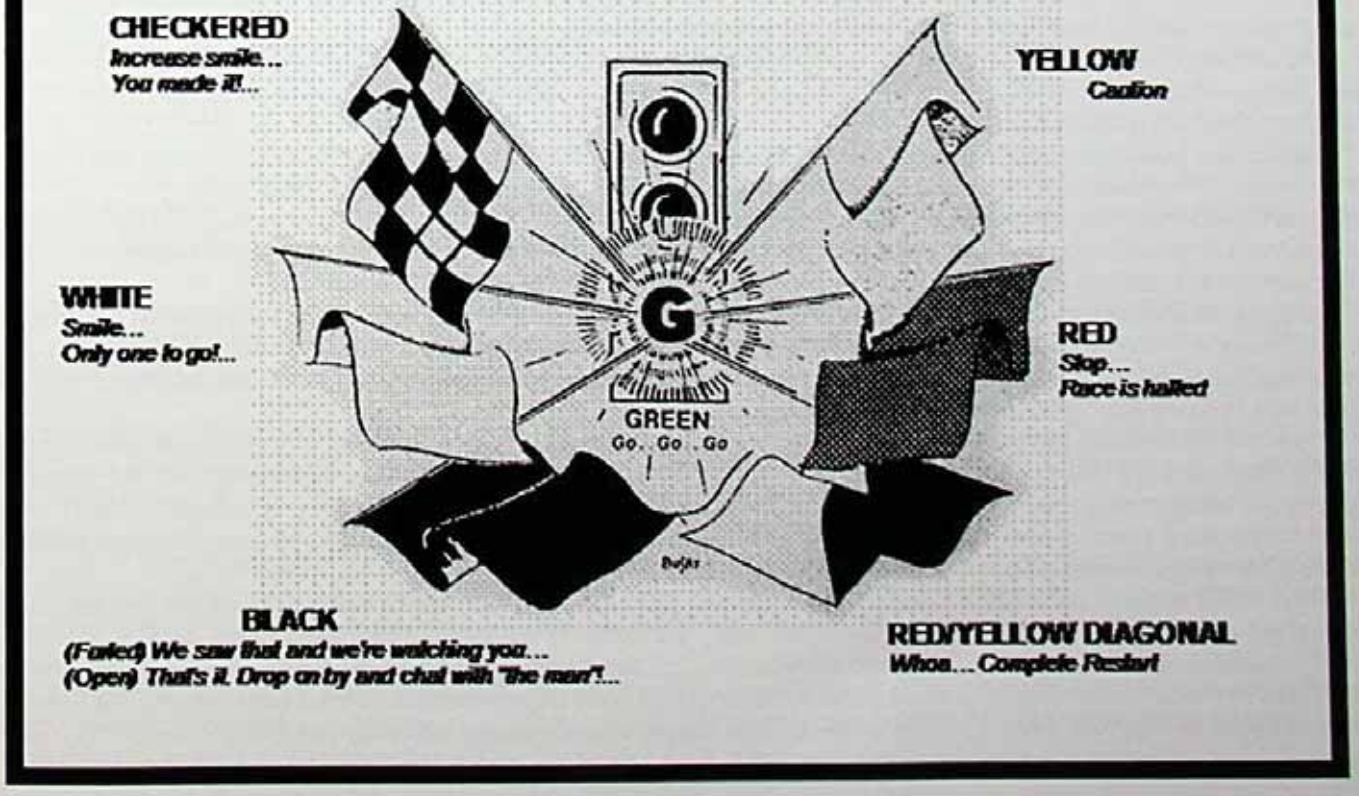

Darland Does it in Oklahoma Dodge Dealers Chili Bowl Qualifier

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Lonnie Wheatley, TULSA, Okla. (January 12, 2007) –

Dave Darland gunned into the lead at the outset and led all 25 laps to win Friday night's Oklahoma Dodge Dealers Qualifying feature event at Tulsa Expo Raceway's 21st Annual O'Reilly Chili Bowl Midget Nationals.

Darland was chased to the stripe by two-time NASCAR Nextel Cup champion Tony Stewart, with Mat Neely taking the show position. Tuesday night's Warren Cat Pre-Qualifying feature winner, Gary "Bubba" Altig, drove to a fourth place finish and the final lock in-position to Saturday night's 50-lap Championship feature.

Friday's top four join the top four from Wednesday's Creek Nation Casino Qualifier (Davey Ray, Brad Kuhn, Casey Shuman and Donnie Ray Crawford) and the top four from Thursday's Bass Pro Shops Qualifier (Shane Cottle, Justin Allgaier, J.J. Yeley and Jason Leffler) in Saturday's finale.

Darland made what was already a good night even better by drawing the pole position for Saturday night's O'Reilly Chili Bowl Midget Nationals 50-lap championship main event. Darland will be flanked on the front row by Thursday's Bass Pro Shops Qualifying Night winner Shane Cottle.

"This is not just another race, that's for sure," Darland commented of a potential Chili Bowl win on Saturday night. "But once you get out there on the track, you've just got to try to calm yourself. It's definitely bigger than just a normal race and starting on the pole, that always makes me a little nervous but I wouldn't trade him (Stewart) for where he's starting. The pole is where I want to start, we are where we wanna be so hopefully we can pull it off."

While Darland earned the front row outside of Friday's feature through heat and qualifying race action, it was Altig making a name for himself by first making a mid-race pass of Jason Martin to win the sixth heat and then charging from sixth to make a dramatic last corner move around Terry McCarl in the third qualifying race to earn the pole position.

While Altig was now four-for-four (including a heat and feature win on Tuesday) in on-track Chili Bowl competition, Darland proved to be too stout in the Wilke-Pak RAJO Racing Stanton Mopar No. 5 Spike. Darland shot into the lead at the drop of the green flag and weathered a number of caution flags over the distance to secure the win.

"I knew if I hit my lines just right, and I didn't hit it real good those last three or four laps, but I also knew that if I didn't really just screw it up totally there wasn't really much anywhere else either so as long as I didn't hit the wall down the straightaways was my main concern," Darland commented afterward.

"Me and Tony (Stewart) talked about it, that running first or second really doesn't matter." Then upon further review, "Actually, it does matter now that you think about it since the winners all start up front and second place starts behind that, so I'm glad I didn't think about that earlier."

Behind him, positions swapped hands several times, with Neely first racing past Altig for the runner-up slot on the second circuit. In those opening two laps, Stewart quickly advanced from his sixth starting position to fourth.

Stewart moved in on Altig several times and successfully took over third only to have the moves negated by caution flags. Stewart was finally able to make the move stick on the 13th round, then wasted little time disposing of Neely for second by charging into the position a lap later.

Stewart tried to mount a challenge on Darland but was unable to make a serious bid, settling for second in the Tony Stewart Motorsports Chevrolet/Bass Pro Shops No. 20 Spike. Making a rare Midget start, Stewart commented that, "It took both those practice sessions that we got on Tuesday to get the bugs out and even a little bit today in the practice, it took a couple of laps to really start getting comfortable again.

"I feel like I'm a little bit behind the eight ball this year because of what happened," he explained of last year's Chili Bowl run that was cut short due to a Qualifying night flip. "With the way the second heat and the main turned out, I think we're right on par with where we need to be as far as confidence and feeling like we're back in the groove again." Neely and Altig diced for the third position over the final rounds, with Neely taking the show position aboard Larry Gardner's Frampton Chevy-powered CB Fabricating No. 35 Stealth.

"If he (Altig) wouldn't have been in fourth, I would have got crashed," Neely explained. "We just got real free there on the last ten laps, we tried a new tire and it just didn't really work like we thought but I'm happy to get third."

Solidly establishing himself as the Cinderella story of the Chili Bowl Nationals, Altig nailed down the fourth and final lock-in to Saturday night's championship finale aboard the family-owned Fontana-powered Bullet Leasing No. 67a Stealth.

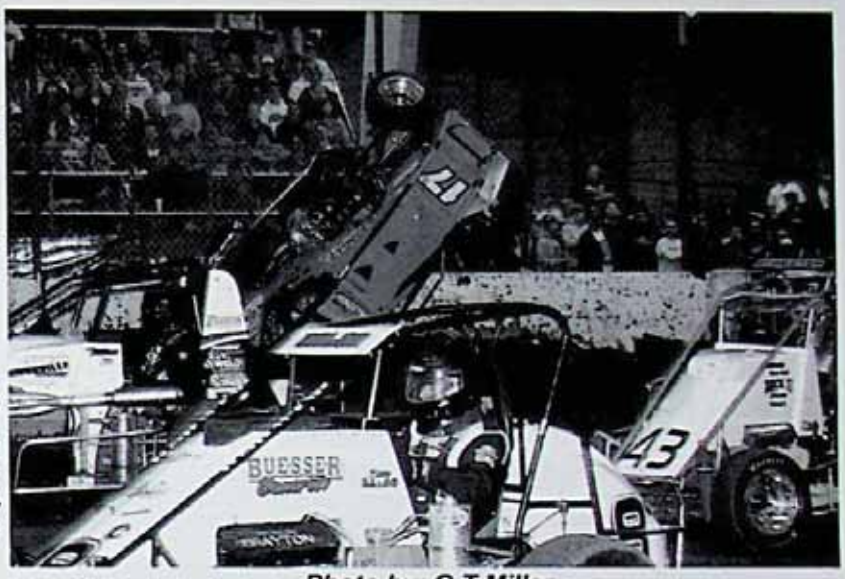
"It's a dream, I've watched these guys my whole life and they're where I wanna be sometime," Altig stated. "You can't ask for much more, these guys are great and I'm just glad to be a part of this deal."

Making his Midget racing debut, Sprint Car shoe Jason Martin made a bid for a top four position but settled for fifth, with 14th-starter Wayne Johnson a close sixth. Two-time Chili Bowl champion Dan Boorse advanced from 15th and then rebounded from a cone violation to snare seventh, with Tim Siner, Bobby East and Terry McCarl completing the top ten.

Heat races for Friday night's 70-car Oklahoma Dodge Dealers Qualifying field were won by P.J. Jones, Josh Ford, Stewart, Boorse, Neely, Altig, Travis Berryhill, Doug Lippincott and Darland. Bill Balog, Matt Mitchell, Cory Kruseman and Daniel Adler were victorious in Last Chance Race action, with Ronnie Burke, Jr., Martin, Altig and Ford topping the Qualifying Races.

Bobby Michnowicz and Kruseman split victory honors in the Twin "B" Mains. Kruseman, a two-time Chili Bowl champ, had advanced from 18th to seventh when he was collected in a lap 17 tangle that also included fifth-running Gary Taylor and sixth-runner Burke.

A record total of 267 different drivers have competed over the opening four nights of the 21st Annual O'Reilly Chili Bowl Midget Nationals.



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Friday Night's 21st Annual O'Reilly Chili Bowl Nationals Oklahoma Dodge Dealers Qualifier Results:

Heat Races (8 Laps - Top 40 in passing points to four A Qualifiers; Balance to four Last Chance races)

Heat 1: 1. #97 P.J. Jones, Torrance, Calif.; 2. #22AZ Mike Welker, Phoenix, Ariz.; 3. #35P Scott Pierovich, Alamo, Calif.; 4. #43C Rich Camfield, Decatur, Ill.; 5. #8C Bill Balog, Lafayette, Ind.; 6. #20R Josh Richards, Shinnston, W.V.; 7. #27A Ralph Cortez, Sacramento, Calif.; 8. #17K Kevin Morris, Ripon, Calif.

Heat 2: 1. #73 Josh Ford, Oxnard, Calif.; 2. #91AZ A.J. Fike, Galesburg, Ill.; 3. #14A A.J. Ernesto, Reading, Pa.; 4. #05 Brad Loyet, Sunset Hills, Mo.; 5. #47 Cory Kruseman, Ventura, Calif.; 6. #50 Daniel Adler, East Carondolet, Ill.; 7. #31L Lee Grosz, Harwood, N.D.; 8. #8K Zach Chappell, Talala, Okla.

Heat 3: 1. #20 Tony Stewart, Columbus, Ind.; 2. #87 Alan Ballard, Bakersfield, Calif.; 3. #35M Matt Sherrell, Tulsa, Okla.; 4. #12 Trey Robb, Newcastle, Okla.; 5. #49JR Bobby Michnowicz, Torrance, Calif.; 6. #3 Tracy Miller, Reading, Pa.; 7. #0K Ron Kuhn, Lee's Summit, Mo.; 8. #11X Steve Newman, Lakewood, Colo.

Heat 4: 1. #7D Dan Boorse, Milwaukee, Wis.; 2. #4B Ronnie Burke Jr., League City, Texas; 3. #2A Mark Bush, Cumming, Ga.; 4. #47S Stan Yockey, Fresno, Calif.; 5. #15B Brian Birkhofer, Muscatine, Iowa; 6. #52 Charles Davis Jr., Buckeye, Ariz.; 7. #18A Floyd Alvis, San Carlos, Calif.; 8. #2B Brady Short, Bedford, Ind.

Heat 5: 1. #35 Mat Neely, Robinson, Ill.; 2. #19T Michael Trimble, Gilroy, Calif.; 3. #55J Jeep Van Wormer, Pinconning, Mich.; 4. #4X Billy Alley, Lincoln, Neb.; 5. #45X Jeff Perry, Buckeye, Ariz.; 6. #4E Bobby East, Brownsburg, Ind.; 7. #11S C.J. Sarna, Palm Desert, Calif.; 8. #21K Ryan Kaplan, Chico, Calif.

Heat 6: 1. #67A Gary Altig, Mechanicsburg, Ill.; 2. #36 Jason Martin, Liberal, Kan.; 3. #17D Doug Rose, Temple, Pa.; 4. #23 Tadd Holliman, Beaver Lake, Neb.; 5. #11K Kasey Kahne, Enumclaw, Wash.; 6. #D33 Jeff Davis, Pittsburg, Ill.; 7. #81 Shane Carson, Yukon, Okla.; 8. #4P Tony Beaber, Gibsonburg, Ohio

Heat 7: 1. #11Z Travis Berryhill, American Canyon, Calif.; 2. #36P Brad Paris, Brownsburg, Ind.; 3. #12X Gary Taylor, Wheat Ridge, Colo.; 4. #52R Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Olive Branch, Miss.; 5. #37 Matt Mitchell, Yorba Linda, Calif.; 6. #32S John Sarale, Stockton, Calif.; 7. #17P Billy Boat, Phoenix, Ariz.; 8. #88 Chad Wheeler, Muskogee, Okla.

Heat 8: 1. #4L Doug Lippincott, Minden, Nev.; 2. #F5 Wayne Johnson, Oklahoma City, Okla.; 3. #38 Mike Spencer, Temecula, Calif.; 4. #07X Audra Sasselli, Visalia, Calif.; 5. #12J Jeff Henry, Glendale, Ariz.; 6. #14JR Matt Streeter, Lathrop, Calif.; 7. #85 Shane Hollingsworth, Indianapolis, Ind.

Heat 9: 1. #5 Dave Darland, Lincoln, Ind.; 2. #29W Cole Whitt, Alpine, Calif.; 3. #44 Terry McCarl, Altoona, Iowa; 4. #73S Jonathan Beason, Broken Arrow, Okla.; 5. #66X A.J. Foyt IV, Houston, Texas; 6. #8R Randi Pankratz, Atascadero, Calif.; 7. #15 Tim Siner, Waterloo, Ill.

Last Chance Races (Top 2 in each transfer to back of corresponding A Qualifier)

Last Chance 1: 1. #8C Bill Balog, Lafayette, Ind.; 2. #14JR Matt Streeter, Lathrop, Calif.; 3. #D33 Jeff Davis, Pittsburg, Ill.; 4. #17P Billy Boat, Phoenix, Ariz.; 5. #4P Tony Beaber, Gibsonburg, Ohio; 6. #8K Zach Chappell, Talala, Okla.; 7. #45X Jeff Perry, Buckeye, Ariz.; 8. #27A Ralph Cortez, Sacramento, Calif.

Last Chance 2: 1. #37 Matt Mitchell, Yorba Linda, Calif.; 2. #85 Shane Hollingsworth, Indianapolis, Ind.; 3. #8R Randi Pankratz, Atascadero, Calif.; 4. #20R Josh Richards, Shinnston, W.V.; 5. #88 Chad Wheeler, Muskogee, Okla.; 6. #31L Lee Grosz, Harwood, N.D.; 7. #3 Tracy Miller, Reading, Pa.; 8. #11X Steve Newman, Lakewood, Colo.

Last Chance 3: 1. #47 Cory Kruseman, Ventura, Calif.; 2. #15 Tim Siner, Waterloo, Ill.; 3. #32S John Sarale, Stockton, Calif.; 4. #2B Brady Short, Bedford, Ind.; 5. #52 Charles Davis Jr., Buckeye, Ariz.; 6. #18A Floyd Alvis, San Carlos, Calif.; 7. #0K Ron Kuhn, Lee's Summit, Mo.

Last Chance 4: 1. #50 Daniel Adler, East Carondolet, Ill.; 2. #4E Bobby East, Brownsburg, Ind.; 3. #66X A.J. Foyt IV, Houston, Texas; 4. #21K Ryan Kaplan, Chico, Calif.; 5. #11S C.J. Sarna, Palm Desert, Calif.; 6. #17K Kevin Morris, Ripon, Calif.; 7. #81 Shane Carson, Yukon, Okla.

A Qualifiers (Top 16 in combined passing points to A Main; Balance to twin B Mains)

A Qualifier 1: 1. #4B Ronnie Burke Jr., League City, Texas; 2. #12X Gary Taylor, Wheat Ridge, Colo.; 3. #35 Mat Neely, Robinson, Ill.; 4. #F5 Wayne Johnson, Oklahoma City, Okla.; 5. #73S Jonathan Beason, Broken Arrow, Okla.; 6. #43C Rich Camfield, Decatur, Ill.; 7. #14JR Matt Streeter, Lathrop, Calif.; 8. #12 Trey Robb, Newcastle, Okla.; 9. #07X Audra Sasselli, Visalia, Calif.; 10. #8C Bill Balog, Lafayette, Ind.; 11. #11Z Travis Berryhill, American Canyon, Calif.; 12. #17D Doug Rose, Temple, Pa.

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A Qualifier 3: 1. #67A Gary Altig, Mechanicsburg, Ill.; 2. #44 Terry McCarl, Altoona, Iowa; 3. #15 Tim Siner, Waterloo, Ill.; 4. #91AZ A.J. Fike, Galesburg, Ill.; 5. #29W Cole Whitt, Alpine, Calif.; 6. #47 Cory Kruseman, Ventura, Calif.; 7. #22AZ Mike Welker, Phoenix, Ariz.; 8. #35M Matt Sherrell, Tulsa, Okla.; 9. #15B Brian Birkhofer, Muscatine, Iowa; 10. #47S Stan Yockey, Fresno, Calif.; 11. #35P Scott Pierovich, Alamo, Calif.; 12. #11K Kasey Kahne, Enumclaw, Wash.

A Qualifier 4: 1. #73 Josh Ford, Oxnard, Calif.; 2. #50 Daniel Adler, East Carondolet, Ill.; 3. #38 Mike Spencer, Temecula, Calif.; 4. #52R Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Olive Branch, Miss.; 5. #7D Dan Boorse, Milwaukee, Wis.; 6. #4E Bobby East, Brownsburg, Ind.; 7. #05 Brad Loyet, Sunset Hills, Mo.; 8. #12J Jeff Henry, Glendale, Ariz.; 9. #55J Jeep Van Wormer, Pinconning, Mich.; 10. #87 Alan Ballard, Bakersfield, Calif.; 11. #4X Billy Alley, Lincoln, Neb.; 12. #19T Michael Trimble, Gilroy, Calif.

B Mains (Top 4 advance in each to A Main)
B Main 1: 1. #49JR Bobby Michnowicz, Torrance, Calif.; 2. #52R Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Olive Branch, Miss.; 3. #37 Matt Mitchell, Yorba Linda, Calif.; 4. #4E Bobby East, Brownsburg, Ind.; 5. #11Z Travis Berryhill, American Canyon, Calif.; 6. #55J Jeep Van Wormer, Pinconning, Mich.; 7. #35P Scott Pierovich, Alamo, Calif.; 8. #14A A.J. Ernesto, Reading, Pa.; 9. #19T Michael Trimble, Gilroy, Calif.; 10. #2A Mark Bush, Cumming, Ga.; 11. #23 Tadd Holliman, Beaver Lake, Neb.; 12. #29W Cole Whitt, Alpine, Calif.; 13. #07X Audra Sasselli, Visalia, Calif.; 14. #12J Jeff Henry, Glendale, Ariz. DNS - #43C Rich Camfield, Decatur, Ill.; #17D Doug Rose, Temple, Pa.

B Main 2: 1. #47 Cory Kruseman, Ventura, Calif.; 2. #73S Jonathan Beason, Broken Arrow, Okla.; 3. #22AZ Mike Welker, Phoenix, Ariz.; 4. #14JR Matt Streeter, Lathrop, Calif.; 5. #12 Trey Robb, Newcastle, Okla.; 6. #4L Doug Lippincott, Reno, Nev.; 7. #36P Brad Paris, Brownsburg, Ind.; 8. #35M Matt Sherrell, Tulsa, Okla.; 9. #05 Brad Loyet, Sunset Hills, Mo.; 10. #4X Billy Alley, Lincoln, Neb.; 11. #47S Stan Yockey, Fresno, Calif.; 12. #87 Alan Ballard, Bakersfield, Calif.; 13. #97 P.J. Jones, Torrance, Calif.; 14. #8C Bill Balog, Lafayette, Ind.; 15. #11K Kasey Kahne, Enumclaw, Wash.; 16. #15B Brian Birkhofer, Muscatine, Iowa

Oklahoma Dodge Dealers Qualifying "A" Main (25 laps - Top 4 Advance to Saturday Night's Main Event)

1. #5 Dave Darland, Lincoln, Ind.; 2. #20 Tony Stewart, Columbus, Ind.; 3. #35 Mat Neely, Robinson, Ill.; 4. #67A Gary Altig, Mechanicsburg, Ill.; 5. #36 Jason Martin, Liberal, Kan.; 6. #F5 Wayne Johnson, Oklahoma City, Okla.; 7. #7D Dan Boorse, Milwaukee, Wis.; 8. #15 Tim Siner, Waterloo, Ill.; 9. #4E Bobby East, Brownsburg, Ind.; 10. #44 Terry McCarl, Altoona, Iowa; 11. #38 Mike Spencer, Temecula, Calif.; 12. #37 Matt Mitchell, Yorba Linda, Calif.; 13. #52R Ricky Stenhouse, Olive Branch, Miss.; 14. #47 Cory Kruseman, Ventura, Calf.; 15. #73 Josh Ford, Ventura, Calif.; 16. #91AZ A.J. Fike, Galesburg, Ill.; 17. #50 Daniel Adler, East Carondolet, Ill.; 18. #22AZ Mike Welker, Phoenix, Ariz.; 19. #4B Ronnie Burke Jr., League City, Texas; 20. #85 Shane Hollingsworth, Indianapolis, Ind.; 21. #49JR Bobby Michnowicz, Torrance, Calif.; 22. #14JR Matt Streeter, Lathrop, Calif.; 23. #12X Gary Taylor, Wheat Ridge, Colo.; 24. #73S Jonathan Beason, Broken Arrow, Okla.

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THUNDERTALK

Tom "Thunderhead" Toutz

HEROES

Webster's Dictionary defines hero as "A man (or woman) celebrated for special achievements and attributes."

I bought the latest Dwight Yokum CD the other day. It is titled "Dwight Sings Buck" and is a tribute to Yokum's hero, Buck Owens. Buck was a classic country singer, who influenced Yokum's development as an artist.

Together, back in 1989, they had a hit song titled, "Streets of Bakersfield. I watched them perform it at a concert at the Universal Amphitheater in Los Angeles. It was quite a show, and the hero persona was evident in the performance.

Each of us, has had heroes, throughout our life, and the racing world is full of them. A few of my heroes, early on, were Parnelli Jones, Sterling Moss, Ken Miles, Mario Andretti, and A.J.Foyt. This building is full of heroic drivers, as it takes heroic courage, just to step into one of these midgets.

However, the heroes described above, are figments of our imagination. We don't usually know them personally, so our only connection is that of press clippings, and seeing them perform. We base our opinion of them, on their achievements in a sport, not on really knowing them up close and personal. If we knew them up close, they may appear to be somewhat tarnished from their public persona, then again, maybe not.

I do remember one hero of mine, from my slalom racing days. His name was "Pop" Price, the father of two of my competitors. He was always there with advice and encouragement, even though I was trying to beat his kids at these racing events. There was something special about his outlook on life that I still feel today. Without a doubt, he was an unsung hero. These are the true heroes in our lives, the unsung ones. Have you been one lately?

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CHILI BOWL FEATURE

By Dave Argabright

It has made the all-important jump that every motorsports outing aspires to: The Chili Bowl is no longer just a race, it is a bona fide event.

The history of the Chili Bowl can be narrated through three distinctive eras. The first began in 1987, when the race was brand new, struggling along for several years in relative anonymity. Then came the mid-1990s, when the Chili Bowl became widely known as an exciting midget event in a Tulsa building so large that it must be seen to be believed.

The third era came just a few years ago, when the Chili Bowl grew beyond the open wheel racing culture, and began attracting racers from almost every form of motorsports in America. Along the way, Chili Bowl attendees became more than just fans; they are devoted believers in the event, vowing to return each and every year, through wind and rain and ice and snow.

What is it that has inspired such phenomenal growth, and such a loyal, robust following?

To begin with, it is timing. It's the middle of January, for crying out loud! What else is a racing junkie going to do at such a time, when winter has overwhelmed nearly the entire country? And it is exclusive; there are no conflicts with any other race, period. There is so much organized short track racing in America today, the devoted, hardcore fan spends a fair amount of time agonizing over conflicting dates. But in the case of the Chili Bowl, there simply are no such scheduling conflicts.

Another key is the field of competitors. Today, the Chili Bowl attracts not just the best midget and sprint car racers in the country, but great stars from NASCAR, drag racing, dirt late models, and so forth. It's an amazing array of talent, and the Chili Bowl is truly the only venue in the world where you can see Critter Malone, Brad Kuhn, Jerry Coons, Brian Birkhofer, Cruz Pedregon, Sammy Swindell, Tony Stewart, and Cory Kruseman…in the same heat race!

The third element is the racing. It is, to put it simply, spectacular. The tiny track has become one of the most competitive (read, entertaining) ovals in all of motorsports. Constant grooming keeps it that way, and the reality is that when it comes to pure thrills, spills, and passing, you just can't beat a small, slightly-banked race track. Because of the incredibly deep field, every position in every race is important, which means every racer worth his or her salt is going to perform on the razor's edge. It all comes together to virtually guarantee consistently great racing.

Finally, and this is perhaps the most important factor, there is atmosphere. The Chili Bowl is about fun, and letting your hair down. There are no series points at stake, so racers tend to relax a bit and race just for the sake of racing. Many people in the stands have been seated among the same people for five, 10, 15 years. Friendships have been made, and enjoyed.

By day, the great expanse of the Expo Center is filled with familiar faces, whether you're walking through the pit area, the trade show, or simply hanging out in the entry foyer. For several days the place becomes our old home town, filled with familiar things that we all enjoy: our friends, and some great racing.

That's what has defined the Chili Bowl. It has seen tremendous growth, and while it seems impossible, it continues to grow. Not just in size, but in stature. It has become the real deal, stretched across five glorious days in January. And may it always be so.

Photo By: G T Miller

Still producing good stories after all these years

By Len Hayward

With more than two decades of history to look back on, it's no wonder the Chili Bowl has become one of the nation's premier sporting events. It wasn't that long ago, though, that the Chili Bowl was only a blip on the radar screen of motorsports, when it might have been characterized as something for race fans to do in January during the off-season before the next season starts.

As the years progressed the Chili Bowl has become the official start of the motorsports season in the United States. Yes, the date has something to do with it but in the two decades that midgets have been churning up dirt at the Tulsa Expo Raceway this has become a meeting place of motorsports. A place where corporate CEOs can be seen rubbing elbows with race fans from all over the country, and they all come back every year for the racing, and they in turn tell their friends about what they've seen. These days just getting a ticket has become tough because they've been sold out months in advance.

That's why in two decades; the Chili Bowl has continued to produce its fair share of legendary stories. Telling and re-telling a story about a particular race is something that race fans love doing. Race fans always like to say they were at a particular race when swapping those stories, but some races, though, fans are left wondering what they will talk about in years to come. Not the Chili Bowl.

Every year, something new arises to continue a string of legendary stories that only continue to become better with time. And every year fans come away amazed wondering how it can get any better.

Kevin Horcher

A year ago it was the rise of Gary "Bubba" Altig, the young driver who used a late-race pass on the Chili Bowl's first-ever pre-qualifying night to win the main event. He later solidified his "Cinderella" status with a brilliant drive in his qualifying night to earn a spot in Saturday's Championship Main Event.

Altig may have been known to only a handful of fans but after his exploits at the Chili Bowl in 2007 he will be entered into Chili Bowl lore. Chili Bowl fans love their underdogs and I guarantee you when Altig hits the track for his first practice, he will get a nice ovation.

That's only one of the many stories that have come out of the Tulsa Expo Center last year and over these last two decades. And that's what makes the Chili Bowl so unique. Every year, it's somebody different or something that happens that captures the imagination of the fans who at-

tend, and those wanting to attend. It's why tickets have become scarcer every year.

As someone who writes and edits for a living, covering an event like the Chili Bowl would be easy because this event produces a limitless amount of stories. Whether it's why Nextel Cup stars race here or why drivers who have been coming here every year for most of these last two decades keep coming back, the stories just keep coming. That doesn't include all the stories about the constant great racing.

This year, I'm sure, will produce its fair share of memorable moments and stories for the race fans and the media covering the event. If it's your first time here, talk to a veteran fan about what can be expected because they are not even sure what will happen around the next turn. You veterans, you know what to do and that's swap some stories of years past awaiting new ones that will play out in front of you over this week.

The biggest thing to remember is have fun and enjoy some of the, no I take that back, the best racing you will see all year long.

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Cottle Throttles Chili Bowl Foes in Bass Pro Shops Qualifier

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Lonnie Wheatley, TULSA, Okla. (January 11, 2007)

Indiana's Shane Cottle tracked down his first Chili Bowl "A" Main win by wiring the field in Thursday night's Bass Pro Shops Qualifying event at Tulsa Expo Raceway's 21st Annual O'Reilly Chili Bowl Midget Nationals.

Cottle gunned into the lead from the front row outside at the drop of the green flag and rode the rim to perfection all 25 laps to snare the victory with young shoe Justin Allgaier chasing him underneath the checkered flag.

NASCAR rep J.J. Yeley shook off the effects of a wild heat race flip to ultimately snare third in the Bass Pro Shops feature after picking off eight positions in both his Last Chance and Qualifying races.

Jason Leffler prevailed in a wild battle of slidejobs with 2005 Chili Bowl champ Tracy Hines to snare the fourth and final lock-in position to Saturday night's 50-lap O'Reilly Chili Bowl Nationals championship feature.

"The track had a nice little cushion that you could kinda lean on, it was nice," Cottle commented afterward. "If you didn't hit it right it would pick the front end up and set it over. I did that on the last lap, kinda got the last lap jitters I think. Anytime you can win something here, it's big."

To which Yeley jokingly commented, "He (Cottle) had a half straightaway or straightaway lead most of the way, he had nothing to worry about."

After racing from fifth to second in his heat race and then from fourth to win his qualifying race, Cottle had earned the outside front row starting position for the feature alongside Leffler, who had raced his way to the pole position by way of an eighth-to-second heat race charge then a sixth-to-first qualifying race win.

The initial attempt to start the Bass Pro Shops feature event was waved off when second row inside starter and USAC Sprint Car champion Josh Wise tangled with Australian Mark Brown in turn four.

The second start was successful, with Cottle using the cushion to race into the lead ahead of Leffler, Allgaier and Hines. While Cottle slipped away from the field, the action behind him was intense with Allgaier battling into second by the fourth round with seventh-starter Yeley entering the multi-car mix for the runner-up slot as well.

When the caution flew on the seventh lap for Jesse Hockett's turn two tumble, Cottle led the way in front of Allgaier, Yeley, Leffler and Hines.

Cottle was in his own league on this night, weathering another pair of minor cautions and racing to victory lane virtually unchallenged aboard the Pace Brothers Racing Chevy-powered No. 44c Beast.

Allgaier, who made the cut for his first O'Reilly Chili Bowl championship feature last year, locked himself in with a strong second place drive aboard Ebby Bergfield's Ethanol/Auto Xpres No. 86 Spike entry on a borrowed powerplant.

"I'm not sure if the motor problems are resolved or not, we got a little hot during the feature and it was smoking when I pulled in so that's probably not a good sign," Allgaier explained. "We blew our motor up on the dyno last week and this is a rental motor, kind of a last minute deal so we'll see where things go from here and hopefully it didn't hurt it too bad."

Haunted by qualifying night gremlins in past years, Yeley's night started off inauspiciously when he flipped Andy Bondio's Barnes-powered Kenny's Components No. 47x entry while leading his heat race. Yeley rebounded to charge from ninth to first in a Last Chance Race and then from eleventh to third in his Qualifying Race to rack up enough passing and finishing points to earn a starting berth in the Bass Pro Shops Qualifying main event.

Yeley cracked the top five in the early rounds and held down the show position over the final 19 laps to secure a spot in the Oklahoma Dodge Dealers Championship Saturday headliner.

Asked if his bad luck at the Chili Bowl was behind him, Yeley commented, "Probably not, but at this point it doesn't really matter because if I have some problems in the "A" Main on Saturday I'm probably done anyway. I've used up a pretty good arsenal of all the spare parts at Bondio Fabrications so Kruseman better take it easy tomorrow because I don't think there's anything left."

Leffler and Hines offered up some of the most entertaining action of the night, trading slidejobs repeatedly

before Leffler finally took the critical fourth position aboard his own Esslinger-powered Team ASE/Kaeding Performance No. 71J Stealth.

Hines rounded out the top five, with Ryan Durst, Tyler Brown, Jonathan Hendrick, Steve Buckwalter and Garrett Hansen completing the top ten.

Heat race victories for Thursday's 74-car Bass Pro Shops Qualifying event were topped by Keith Rauch, Mark Brown, Robby Flock, Coleman Gulick, Hockett, Kevin Swindell, Brandon Waelti, Durst, Adam Trimble and Wise.

Billy Pauch, Jr., Yeley, Hendrick and Patrick Bruns topped the 8-lap Last Chance races, with Cottle, Leffler, Allgaier and Hines victorious in the 10-lap Qualifiers.

Hansen won the first 15-lap "B" Main, with Mike Goodman topping the second "B" Main. Goodman, last year's Chili Bowl Rookie of the Year, was caught up in Hockett's lap seven "A" Main flip and forced pitside.

In addition to Yeley, Geoff Dodge and Garry Lee Maier both took wild rides in heat race action. Sam Hafertepe, Jr., Larry Cole and Glenn Styres each got upside down during the fourth Last Chance race. There were no injuries.

The third Qualifying Race featured a pair of spectacular flips. On the opening lap, Pennsylvania's Ray Bull climbed Brandon Waelti's right rear tire and launched into a wild series of flips into the work area outside turn three. While Bull walked away unharmed, his Midget was badly battered.

Then, as the checkered flag flew on the third Qualifier, Chad Boat and Garrett Hansen got together at the stripe and collected seventh-runner Wally Pankratz. Pankratz flipped violently and after several moments, emerged from his car with the aide of a backboard. The salty veteran recovered quickly however, receiving clearance from medical personnel and returned for "B" Main action only to have his mount suffer from lingering effects after a few laps.

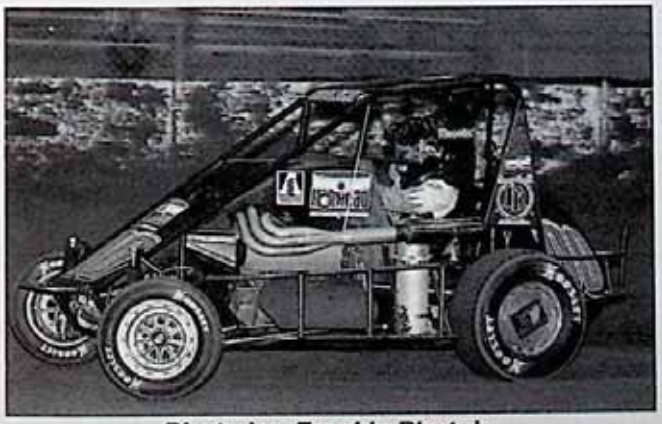
Defending Chili Bowl champ Tim McCreadie battled misfortune all evening, ultimately credited with 16th in the second "B" Main when forced pitside with a flat tire.

Thursday Night's 21st Annual Chili Bowl Nationals Bass Pro Shops Qualifier Results:
Heat Races (8 Laps - Top 40 in passing points to four A Qualifiers; Balance to four Last Chance races)

Heat 1: 1. #71R Keith Rauch, Thornton, Colo.; 2. #75 David Gough, Machesney Park, Ill.; 3. #11M Mike Goodman, Tulsa, Okla.; 4. #45 Aaron Kirk, Conroe, Texas; 5. #37X Billy Osta, Rotterdam, N.Y.; 6. #26 Glenn Carson, Concord, Calif.; 7. #73X Dex Eaton, Owasso, Okla.; 8. #3A Bill Allen, Independence, Mo.

Heat 2: 1. #71B Mark Brown, Sydney, Australia; 2. #44C Shane Cottle, Kokomo, Ind.; 3. #8P Wally Pankratz, Orange, Calif.; 4. #37B Tyler Brown, Norco, Calif.; 5. #51S Danny Sheridan, Santa Maria, Calif.; 6. #96X Sam Hafertepe Jr.; 7. #20N Jordan Noblitt, Columbus, Ind.; 8. #22X Glenn Styres, Ohsweken, Ontario

Heat 3: 1. #19S Robby Flock, Murrieta, Calif.; 2. #71J Jason Leffler, Long Beach, Calif.; 3. #14T Tony Rossi, Westminster, Colo.; 4. #7 Critter Malone, Speedway, Ind.; 5. #70 Garrett Hansen, Manhattan Beach, Calif.; 6. #12C Rick England, Wichita, Kan.; 7. #7M Michelle Decker, Guthrie, Okla.; 8. #0 Johnny Murdock, Kaufman, Texas



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Heat 4: 1. #00 Coleman Gulick, Binghamton, N.Y.; 2. #24 Leon Bacon, Broken Arrow, Okla.; 3. #21P Daryn Pittman, Owasso, Okla.; 4. #71 Conner Pullen, Amarillo, Texas; 5. #58 Jonathan Hendrick, Fortville, Ind.; 6. #55 Tony Everhart, El Cajon, Calif.; 7. #20S John Sarna, Palm Desert, Calif.; 8. #47X J.J. Yeley, Phoenix, Ariz.

Heat 5: 1. #27C Jesse Hockett, Warsaw, Mo.; 2. #2C David Cardey, Perris, Calif.; 3. #30 Chad Boat, Phoenix, Ariz.; 4. #XX Darrin Bolton, El Dorado Hills, Calif.; 5. #5X Patrick Bruns, Champaign, Ill.; 6. #17M Dean Alexander, Hanford, Calif.; 7. #25 Steve Buckwalter, Royersford, Pa.

Heat 6: 1. #39 Kevin Swindell, Germantown, Tenn.; 2. #31X Joe Walker, Harrisonville, Mo.; 3. #5D Zachary Daum, Pocahontas, Ill.; 4. #2X Bryan Stanfill, Bakersfield, Calif.; 5. #50J Jeff Griffin, St. Helena, Calif.; 6. #22J Jasiel Randolph, Tulsa, Okla.; 7. #45H Don Hammer, Clinton, Ill.

Heat 7: 1. #3W Brandon Waelti, Sun Prairie, Wis.; 2. #86 Justin Allgaier, Springfield, Ill.; 3. #21 Tracy Hines, Greenfield, Ind.; 4. #49 Billy Pauch Jr., Frenchtown, N.J.; 5. 4W Edwin Wilson, Tuttle, Okla.; 6. #D1 Justin Henderson, Sioux Falls, S.D.; 7. #500 Geoff Dodge, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Heat 8: 1. #91X Ryan Durst, Lincoln, Neb.; 2. #86C David Camfield Jr., Decatur, Ill.; 3. #7F Aaron Fiscus, Sun Prairie, Wis.; 4. #1A Tim McCreadie, Watertown, N.Y.; 5. #83X Samantha Taylor, Bonney Lake, Wash.; 6. #35X Korey Weyant, Springfield, Ill.; 7. #11V Garry Lee Maier, Cimarron, Kan.

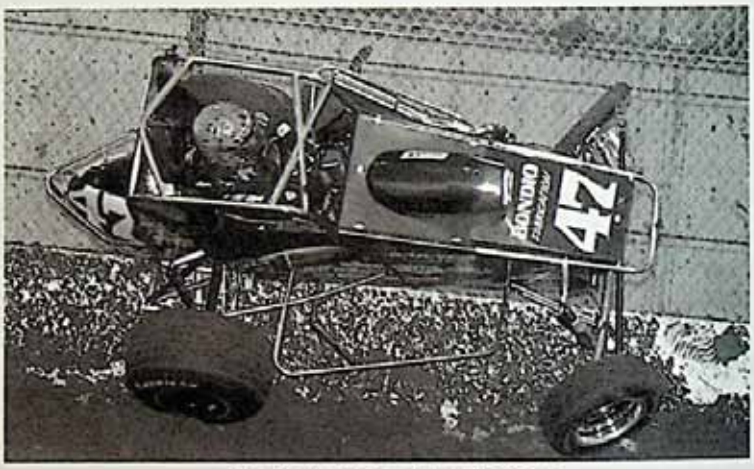
Heat 9: 1. #73I Adam Trimble, Pueblo, Colo.; 2. #17 Chris Windom, Canton, Ill.; 3. #21AZ Nathan High, Goodyear, Ariz.; 4. #22 Ray Bull, Royersford, Pa.; 5. #4 Michele Miller, Reading, Pa.; 6. #50T Roland Ayo, Houston, Texas; 7. #57K Randy Koch, Oregon, Wis.

Heat 10: 1. #11W Josh Wise, Riverside, Calif.; 2. #05X Greg Bragg, Visalia, Calif.; 3. #86X Daron Clayton, Sikeston, Mo.; 4. #11D Dustin Morgan, Collinsville, Okla.; 5. #79C Chris Sheil, Lakewood, Colo.; 6. #11R Larry Cole, Porter, Okla.; 7. #6D Chad DeSelle, Sun Prairie, Wis.

Last Chance Races (Top 2 in each transfer to back of corresponding A Qualifier)

Last Chance 1: 1. #49 Billy Pauch Jr., Frenchtown, N.J.; 2. #25 Steve Buckwalter, Royersford, Pa.; 3. #D1 Justin Henderson, Sioux Falls, S.D.; 4. #12C Rick England, Wichita, Kan.; 5. #50J Jeff Griffin, St. Helena, Calif.; 6. #37X Billy Osta, Rotterdam, N.Y.; 7. #73X Dex Eaton, Owasso, Okla.; 8. #57K Randy Koch, Oregon, Wis.; 9. #0 Johnny Murdock, Kaufman, Texas

Last Chance 2: 1. #47X J.J. Yeley, Phoenix, Ariz.; 2. #51S Danny Sheridan, Santa Maria, Calif.; 3. #6D Chad DeSelle, Sun Prairie, Wis.; 4. #20N Jordan Noblitt, Columbus, Ind.; 5. #83X Samantha Taylor, Bonney Lake, Wash.; 6. #79C Chris Sheil, Lakewood, Colo.; 7. #45H Don Hammer, Clinton, Ill.; 8. #55 Tony Everhart, El Cajon, Calif.; 9. #35X Korey Weyant, Springfield, Ill.



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Last Chance 3: 1. #68 Jonathan Hendrick, Fortville, Ind.; 2. #17M Dean Alexander, Hanford, Calif.; 3. #7M Michelle Decker, Guthrie, Okla.; 4. #50T Roland Ayo, Houston, Texas; 5. #3A Bill Allen, Independence, Mo.; 6. #26 Glenn Carson, Concord, Calif.; 7. #4 Michele Miller, Reading, Pa. DNS - #500 Geoff Dodge, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Last Chance 4: 1. #5X Patrick Bruns, Champaign, Ill.; 2. #22J Jasiel Randolph, Tulsa, Okla.; 3. #22X Glenn Styres, Ohsweken, Ontario; 4. #20S John Sarna, Palm Desert, Calif.; 5. #4W Edwin Wilson, Tuttle, Okla.; 6. #96X Sam Hafertepe Jr., Sunnyvale, Okla.; 7. #11R Larry Cole, Porter, Okla. DNS - #11V Garry Lee Maier, Cimarron, Kan.

A Qualifiers (Top 16 in combined passing points to A Main; Balance to twin B Mains)

A Qualifier 1: 1. #44C Shane Cottle, Kokomo, Ind.; 2. #75 David Gough, Machesney Park, Ill.; 3. #11W Josh Wise, Riverside, Calif.; 4. #05X Greg Bragg, Visalia, Calif.; 5. #86C David Camfield Jr., Decatur, Ill.; 6. #24 Leon Bacon, Broken Arrow, Okla.; 7. #25 Steve Buckwalter, Royersford, Pa.; 8. #21AZ Nathan High, Goodyear, Ariz.; 9. #49 Billy Pauch Jr., Frenchtown, N.J.; 10. #2X Bryan Stanfill, Bakersfield, Calif.; 11. #7 Critter Malone, Speedway, Ind.; 12. #1A Tim McCreadie, Watertown, N.Y.

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A Qualifier 4: 1. #21 Tracy Hines, Greenfield, Ind.; 2. #17 Chris Windom, Canton, Ill.; 3. #91X Ryan Durst, Lincoln, Neb.; 4. #71R Keith Rauch, Thornton, Colo.; 5. #XX Darrin Bolton, Eldorado Hills, Calif.; 6. #31X Joe Walker, Harrisonville, Mo.; 7. #71 Conner Pullen, Amarillo, Texas; 8. #22J Jasiel Randolph, Tulsa, Okla.; 9. #86X Daron Clayton, Sikeston, Mo.; 10. #14T Tony Rossi, Westminster, Colo.; 11. #00 Coleman Gulick, Binghamton, N.Y.; 12. #5X Patrick Bruns, Champaign, Ill.

B Mains (Top 4 advance in each to A Main)

B Main 1: 1. #70 Garrett Hansen, Manhattan Beach, Calif.; 2. #25 Steve Buckwalter, Royersford, Pa.; 3. #5D Zachary Daum, Pocahontas, Ill.; 4. #30 Chad Boat, Phoenix, Ariz.; 5. #24 Leon Bacon, Broken Arrow, Okla.; 6. #86X Daron Clayton, Sikeston, Mo.; 7. #3W Brandon Waelti, Sun Prairie, Wis.; 8. #7 Critter Malone, Speedway, Ind.; 9. #17M Dean Alexander, Hanford, Calif.; 10. #21AZ Nathan High, Goodyear, Ariz.; 11. #00 Coleman Gulick, Binghamton, N.Y.; 12. #22J Jasiel Randolph, Tulsa, Okla.; 13. #2C David Cardey, Perris, Calf.; 14. #21P Daryn Pittman, Owasso, Okla.; 15. #5X Patrick Bruns, Champaign, Ill. DNS - #8P Wally Pankratz, Orange, Calif.

B Main 2: 1. #11M Mike Goodman, Tulsa, Okla.; 2. #7F Aaron Fiscus, Sun Prairie, Wis.; 3. #86C David Camfield Jr., Decatur, Ill.; 4. #73I Adam Trimble, Pueblo, Colo.; 5. #11D Dustin Morgan, Collinsville, Okla.; 6. #49 Billy Pauch Jr., Frenchtown, N.J.; 7. #31X Joe Walker, Harrisonville, Mo.; 8. #2X Bryan Stanfill, Bakersfield, Calif.; 9. #71 Conner Pullen, Amarillo, Texas; 10. #XX Darrin Bolton, Eldorado Hills, Calif.; 11. #51S Danny Sheridan, Santa Maria, Calf.; 12. #39 Kevin Swindell, Germantown, Tenn.; 13. #14T Tony Rossi, Westminster, Colo.; 14. #45 Aaron Kirk, Conroe, Texas; 15. #8P Wally Pankratz, Orange, Calif.; 16. #1A Tim McCreadie, Watertown, N.Y. DNS - #22 Ray Bull, Bloomsburg, Pa.

Bass Pro Shops Qualifying Night "A" Main (25 laps - Top 4 Advance to Saturday Night's Main Event)

1. #44C Shane Cottle, Kokomo, Ind.; 2. #86 Justin Allgaier, Springfield, Ill.; 3. #47X J.J. Yeley, Phoenix, Ariz.; 4. #71J Jason Leffler, Long Beach, Calif.; 5. #21 Tracy Hines, Greenfield, Ind.; 6. #91X Ryan Durst, Lincoln, Neb.; 7. #37B Tyler Brown, Norco, Calif.; 8. #68 Jonathan Hendrick, Fortville, Ind.; 9. #25 Steve Buckwalter, Royersford, Pa.; 10. #70 Garrett Hansen, Manhattan Beach, Calif.; 11. #71B Mark Brown, Sydney, Australia; 12. #17 Chris Windom, Canton, Ill.; 13. #75 David Gough, Machesney Park, Ill.; 14. #05X Greg Bragg, Visalia, Calif.; 15. #7F Aaron Fiscus, Sun Prairie, Wis.; 16. #5D Zachary Daum, Pocahontas, Ill.; 17. #71R Keith Rauch, Thornton, Calif.; 18. #73I Adam Trimble, Pueblo, Colo.; 19. #19S Robby Flock, Murrietta, Calif.; 20. #30 Chad Boat, Phoenix, Ariz.; 21. #86C David Camfield Jr., Decatur, Ill.; 22. #11M Mike Goodman, Tulsa, Okla.; 23. #27C Jesse Hockett, Warsaw, Mo.; 24. #11W Josh Wise, Riverside, Calif.

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THE PEOPLES RACE By Tony Bokhoven

Not even SNOW...ICE...or WARNINGS from the State of Oklahoma could keep 15,000 race fans from witnessing another week of history in the making.

I've got to say, as a life long resident of Iowa, where the weather is below freezing for two to three months of the year, even I wondered what I was doing as I slipped my way from the Micro Tel to the house of the Golden Driller on Saturday, but it didn't take me long to figure it out.

Watching Bubba Altig make a name for him self on Tuesday night is surely at the top of many list. Coming from a thirteenth starting spot, and a hail marry run on a restart to grab an exciting win was not only exciting, but impressive

Wednesday nights memorable moment had to be watching Donnie Ray Crawford lock himself into Saturday nights 50 lapper. It appeared to me that all those laps in a micro at the Tulsa Shootout were finally paying off.

Thursday night memories were those of the high flying nature. Ray Bull's spectacular flip into the work area is sure to be on highlight reels for many years to come. Crashes like that remind us why those crafters that build the cars and safety equipment, are miracle workers. Wally Pankratz would not be out done as he took probably the most violent ride of the week, just past the finish line. After a few anxious moments of wondering how bad it really was, Wally emerged from the battered car on a back board and then returned for the "B" main minutes later...

Friday's action includes what has become a ritual for me... a trip to the Western Country Diner for 3-way Chili. But on track memories consist of a guy named Altig. Once again this guy proved he belonged . Bubba nailed down a final transfer spot to the big dance on Saturday turning the heads of the sports biggest names. If there would have been a Bubba Altig T-shirt trailer, I'm guessing his line would have been longer than any of the others.

As I made final preparations on Saturday morning, I took a few minutes to reflect on what was another memorable week for me at the Chili Bowl. I'm sure if you ask yourself the same question, each of you would have various versions of the same story. Regardless of who you cheer for on Sundays in the summer, Tony Stewart again proved why he is arguable one of the best behind the wheel of a race car. But Saturday nights race was memorable because in among a guy who's midget is sponsored by a big name auto maker and a guy that spends his weekend selling batteries for Joe Gibbs racing, young Justin Allgier stared 6th on Saturday and on the 43rd lap scored his best finish. Finishing 3rd to Tony Stewart and JJ Yeley was a career highlight for the young Late Model turned ARCA Re/Max star. One he wont soon forget!

I've been lucky enough to make some great friends at the Chili Bowl. So in addition to getting the privilege of Announcing this event, it's about the people.

That group of loyal fans that sit with the same people on the same seats each year. Harley Martin from California who helps Randy, Mike and I keep track of the flips, James and JD from down the road in Oklahoma City, who seem to always have earlier picks than I do when it comes time to betting on the features, and the countless others that sit in front on the announcers table and keep things exciting all week.

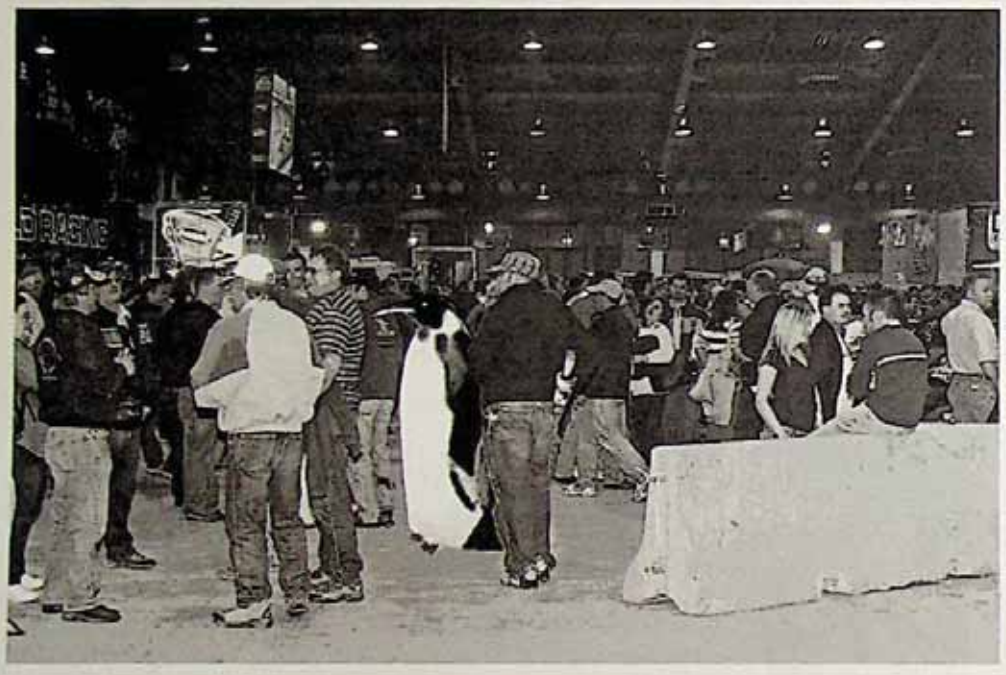
I've met great people all over the world at racetracks in every state. But my hats off to those of you that make the trip to Tulsa each January. Every year, the tickets become harder and harder to get because the racing just keeps getting better. The legions of fans that have been created as a result of this event are second to none. Its groups like to guys from Indiana that sit in turn 3 about ¾ the way up, the contingent from Iowa, Larry and Pat Patterson from Kansas City, now Southern Texas & Chuck and Faye Greenway from Kansas City, my hotel mates and WWRF gang. Its people like you that make this event so spectacular. Of course none of this could even happen without all the hard work that the Hahn & Edwards families put into this.

This year, HBO pay per view will be on hand to broadcast to the masses, but one thing is for sure, if your not here, you have no idea what you're missing. It's the people in the stands that make the Chili Bowl what it is today, The People's Race!

Well! There seems to be no end to the surprises that Tulsa keeps up its sleeve with which to entertain us at the Chili Bowl.

Just who, exactly, is in charge of the weather there? We would have a word with them.

Is it fair, we ask you, to provide two days of mild, sunny, shirt sleeve weather and then turn on us and import an Antarctic deep freeze from the farthest end of the earth? (Oh yes, we saw the penguins mingling with the crowds.) Let us have no more of that if you please. Some of us didn't get home until Tuesday.



But, when we finally got home we had the satisfaction, as usual, of having had a wonderful week of racing. Imagine that. A week of racing. (Well, five days is close enough to a week.) Who would have thought, in the beginning, that such a thing could happen?

Not Lanny and Emmett that's for sure. They weren't even sure they wanted to try a second year. But try they did...and they're still trying.

We're still amazed at the work these people put in every year to make this thing go and the tweaks and changes that they make in order to make it better. And one tweak we like is the new qualification format. From our standpoint...down in the trenches, it made a whole lot of difference. Weeding out the rookies and inexperienced drivers on Tuesday really made for better and faster programs on the other nights. More time to work the track...less dust (at least where we were) and a better show for the fans. (Or so our spies in the stands tell us) and all done by 11 o'clock.

Another thing it does is to give us time for Special Events and we're sure you've noticed that there are more and more of those showing up. It's just one more example

of the stature that the Chili Bowl has in the Midget racing world. When the National Midget Auto Racing Hall of Fame selects the Chili Bowl as the proper place to introduce their inductees...Well!

We don't for one minute mean to suggest that these guys and/or gals are unfit to race at the Chili Bowl, but let's face it...it is a different animal and it takes experience to tame it. Especially when you're approaching the 300-car mark. You don't drive up to the Speedway and just say "Hi...I've come to race." You have to prove that you aren't a danger to the other drivers...or yourself for that matter. A combination of inexperience, over eagerness and, in some cases, uncompetitive equipment, can make for some hairy racing. Same here we'd think. (We won't even mention Saturday...except to say that it reminded us a lot of that movie " The Longest Day".)

We made our usual Summer Tour of Midget races and, as always, were pleased to see all the familiar names. Gurney, Jones, Shuman, Pankratz, Kinser, Swindell, Boat, Liguori, Foyt, the only problem being that they were all the second...and sometimes third generations. Nothing like seeing the grandson of some old acquaintance charging around a track to make you feel like you're ready for the Home.

It's nice to see that there are a few of the not-so-old old timers still making noises though. Guys like Dave Darland and Jerry Coons, getting even better with age. Lots of new names too and the one that most impressed us was this Ricky Stenhouse Jr. The young man can certainly drive a race car (As he proved at McCool Junction and Belleville) and now that he's a part of Tony Stewart's team... the Old Master had better watch his mirrors this year.

So... Good to see you all again and now let's get ready to watch another year of Chili Bowl action. And we would like to ask you all, at least for this week, to do all you can to support Global Warming.

Tom and Jerry

Ray In the Green in Chili Bowl Nationals Creek Nation Casino Qualifier

Lonnie Wheatley, TULSA, Okla. (January 10, 2007) – It was a pair of Badgers atop Wednesday night's Creek Nation Casino Qualifying event at Tulsa Expo Raceway's 21st Annual O'Reilly Chili Bowl Midget Nationals, with Davey Ray cashing in the biggest stack of chips after outdueling Brad Kuhn in the 25-lap "A" Main event.

Photo By: GT Miller

Ray, a former Badger Midget Auto Racing Association (BMARA), and reigning BMARA king Kuhn diced in such heated fashion over the middle portion of the race that third-generation teenage shoe Donnie Ray Crawford snuck into the mix and nearly posted a monumental upset in his Midget racing debut.

But in the end, it was Ray slipping away after the race's final caution with five laps to go to snare the win in front of Kuhn, with Casey Shuman making a late move around Crawford to claim the show position. Moving up from the Micro ranks, Crawford netted the fourth and final lock-in position to Saturday night's 50-lap Chili Bowl championship main event.

Of the epic mid-race slide job battle with Kuhn, Ray commented, "It's fun when you can race with a guy that you know is not aiming to take you out. Yeah, we rubbed there a little bit but that's pretty hard racing so I know nothing's intentional between Brad and I. It's fun and it comes down to getting hairy like that."

While Ray took the limelight in the finale, 2006 National Midget Driver of the Year Kuhn was without question the star of the evening much of the way. Kuhn charged from eighth to finish second in his heat race, ranking number one in passing points among 69 entries after heat race action.

Kuhn backed it up in his qualifying race, advancing from sixth to take the win and put the clamps on the pole position for the feature in the process.

But Ray was nearly matching him step for step. Ray raced from fifth to win his heat race, then picked off four more positions by advancing from sixth to second in his qualifier to earn the front row outside starting slot for the feature.

Ray broke into the feature lead at the drop of Roger Slack's green flag and paced the early rounds in front of Kuhn, Thomas Meseraull, Shuman and Danny Lasoski. Ray and Kuhn slipped away from the rest of the field and were encountering lapped traffic when the race's first caution flew after eleven laps for Turkey Night winner Billy Wease's turn four spin.

Following a tangle involving Damion Gardner and Mike Hess two laps later, the battle for the point intensified as Kuhn executed a bold slide job entering turn one to take command. Ray rallied right back, recapturing the lead with a similar slide a lap later.

Kuhn tried to return the favor a half lap later and got crossed up, allowing a low riding Crawford to race by and suddenly enter the mix for the win. Crawford had cracked the top five by disposing of Lasoski moments after the lap eleven interruption. The young gun had then climbed to fourth by the time the Gardner-Hess tangle occurred.

With Ray riding the rim and Crawford on the low side, the young gun began challenging Ray for the lead when his pace was interrupted by a lap 18 stoppage for Russ Harper, who came to a stop in turn one.

With Ray leading the way, Kuhn battled past Crawford to reclaim second before the final caution appeared for Evan Sewell's turn one trouble with just five laps remaining.

Ray raced the cushion to perfection over the final laps to secure the win, popping a crowd-pleasing wheelie as he took the checkered flag in the Mecum Racing Chevy-powered No. 33x Mecum Auctions/DMI No. 33x Spike.

Kuhn, who raced from 15th to fourth in last year's Chili Bowl championship feature event, settled for second aboard Dr. Kenneth Love's Stanton Mopar-powered No. 71x Spike.

"I kinda felt bad for the guys, I thought we had a better car and I plowed into the cushion and bent the Jacobs ladder pretty bad," Kuhn explained afterward. "We were just kinda hangin' on and tried to make a go at Davey there, but he's a class act and I just got outdrove, almost spun out trying to get back by him. We'll just take our second and move on and try to get that trophy on Saturday."

Shuman's late move aboard the Thornell Racing Sesco Mopar-powered No. 52s James Development General Contractors Stealth netted third.

Of his last gasp pass of Crawford, Shuman explained that, "I was really just trying to be a little more aggressive on the cushion to make sure I didn't get passed by somebody on the bottom. I'm tickled to death with third, but fourth would have had us locked us in. I was more trying to protect my position and it worked out, we got it at the end.

Crawford opened the racing world's eyes with his fourth place finish in the Keith Kunz Motorsports Fontana-powered No. 71k John Christner Trucking Bullet.

Joe Boyles made an impressive charge through the field by racing from 15th to round out the top five, with 13th-starter Jon Stanbrough, Meseraull, USAC Midget champion Jerry Coons, Jr., Matt Westfall and Lasoski completing the top ten.

Heat races were topped by Sammy Swindell, Ray, Don Droud, Jr., Brady Bacon, Gardner, Johnny Rodriguez, Boyles, Chris Rahe and Coons. Mike Hess, Nick Knepper, Brian Ramstack and Cody Brewer won the 8-lap Last Chance races, with Kuhn, Shuman, Meseraull and Lasoski victorious in the 10-lap Qualifying races.

Swindell wired the field in the first 15-lap "B" Main, with Levi Jones emerging atop a dicey second "B" Main. Swindell, a four-time Chili Bowl champion, was 20th in the main event with Jones climbing to 14th.

A total of 110 green flag laps were completed before the night's first flip occurred when New York's Jessica Zemken got upside down in turn four during the first Qualifying race. Other Qualifying Race flippers included Jones, Rick Hendrix and Randy Hannagan, with Rodriguez toppling over in the first "B" Main. There were no injuries.

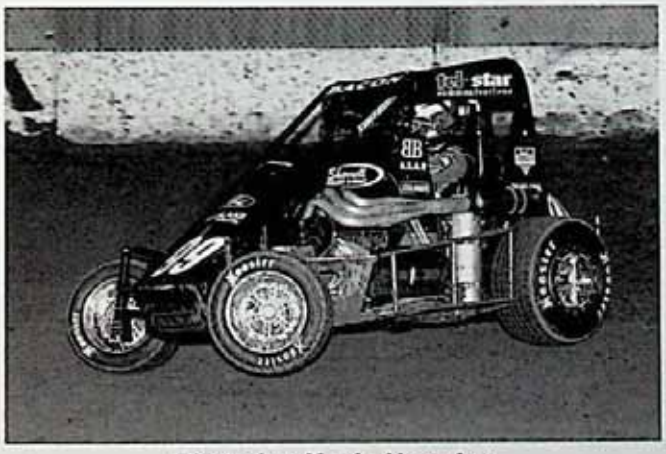
Wednesday Night's 21st Annual Chili Bowl Nationals Creek Nation Casino Qualifier Results:

Heat Races (8 Laps - Top 40 in passing points to four A Qualifiers; Balance to four Last Chance races)

Heat 1: 1. #1 Sammy Swindell, Germantown, Tenn.; 2. #71X Brad Kuhn, Avon, Ind.; 3. #71P Cruz Pedregon, Brownsburg, Ind.; 4. #22E Evan Sewell, Jenks, Okla.; 5. #91K Kevin Bayer, Broken Arrow, Okla.; 6. #39X Randy Hannagan, Pittsboro, Ind.; 7. #1C Chad McDaniel, Concordia, Kan.; 8. 33M John Wolfe, Winchester, Ind.

Heat 2: 1. #33X Davey Ray, Love's Park, Ill.; 2. #12W Billy Wease, Noblesville, Ind.; 3. #21A Jon Stanbrough, Brownsburg, Ind.; 4. #95K Rik Forbes, Omaha, Neb.; 5. #31 Donnie Lehmann, Springfield, Ill.; 6. #96 Cody Brewer, Choctaw, Okla.; 7. #F1 French Grimes, Madison, Va. DNS - #16 Tom Bigelow, Winchester, Ind.

Heat 3: 1. #44D Don Droud Jr., Lincoln, Neb.; 2. #71K Donnie Ray Crawford, Broken Arrow, Okla.; 3. #20J Levi Jones, Olney, Ill.; 4. #91 Bugs Norbury, Prescott Valley, Ariz.; 5. #22T Mike Woodruff, Satanta, Kan.; 6. #20C Carey Becker, Reading, Pa.; 7. #2K Kyle Wissmiller, Saybrook, Ill.; 8. #85J Matt Johnson, Oklahoma City, Okla.



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Heat 4: 1. #99 Brady Bacon, Broken Arrow, Okla.; 2. #5L Danny Lasoski, Higginsville, Mo.; 3. #14 Matt Westfall, Ludlow Falls, Ohio; 4. #12H Rick Hendrix, Canoga Park, Calif.; 5. #25K Nick Knepper, Belleville, Ill.; 6. #33A Stephen Arnold, Seymour, Ind.; 7. #1M Mike Miller, Reading, Pa.; 8. #15N David Prickett, Fresno, Calif.

Heat 5: 1. #67 Damion Gardner, Concord, Calif.; 2. #9H Russ Harper, Watkins, Colo.; 3. #5C Joey Montgomery, Fredericktown, Mo.; 4. #17T Thomas Meseraull, Avon, Ind.; 5. #02R Brian Ramstack, West Bend, Wis.; 6. #19W Troy Rutherford, Ojai, Calif.; 7. #74 Ernie Bartley III, El Cajon, Calif.; 8. #5AZ Shon Deskins, Waddell, Ariz.

Heat 6: 1. #7R Johnny Rodriguez, Elk Grove, Calif.; 2. #F4 Jessica Zemken, Sprakers, N.Y.; 3. #8E Tony Elliott, Warsaw, Ind.; 4. #125 Teddy Beach, Donnelsville, Ohio; 5. #18 Tony Bruce Jr., Liberal, Kan.; 6. #57 Brian Gard, Clovis, Calif.; 7. #31T Tony Roney, Herculaneum, Mo. DNS - #83 Kurt Blackaby

Heat 7: 1. #7B Joe Boyles, Greenwood, Mo.; 2. #69 Darren Hagen, Riverside, Calif.; 3. #21M Andy Martin, Gordonville, Pa.;

4. #51J R.J. Johnson, Phoenix, Ariz.; 5. #07 Shannon McQueen, Bakersfield, Calif.; 6. #5T Randy Timms, Oklahoma City, Okla.; 7. #24H Brent Beauchamp, Fairland, Ind.

Heat 8: 1. #3C Chris Rahe, Placentia, Calif.; 2. #52S Casey Shuman, Indianapolis, Ind.; 3. #2M Frank Polimeda, Fort Lee, N.J.; 4. #1W Paul White, Temple, Texas; 5. #27B Neil Shepherd, Warsaw, Ind.; 6. #51 Mike Hess, Riverton, Ill.; 7. #19N Nick O'Neal, Wagoner, Okla.

Heat 9: 1. #11 Jerry Coons Jr., Tucson, Ariz.; 2. #37M Rip Williams, Yorba Linda, Calif.; 3. #85X Matt Covington, Glenpool, Okla.; 4. #2 Danny Stratton, Riverside, Calif.; 5. #13 Jason Sides, Bartlett, Tenn.; 6. #73E Foster Landon, Collinsville, Okla.; 7. #18G Rickie Gaunt, Torrance, Calif.

Last Chance Races (Top 2 in each transfer to back of corresponding A Qualifier)

Last Chance 1: 1. #51 Mike Hess, Riverton, Ill.; 2. #31 Donnie Lehmann, Springfield, Ill.; 3. #07 Shannon McQueen, Bakersfield, Calif.; 4. #20C Carey Becker, Reading, Pa.; 5. #85J Matt Johnson, Oklahoma City, Okla.; 6. #F1 French Grimes, Madison, Va. DNS - #24H Brent Beauchamp, Fairland, Ind.; #83 Kurt Blackaby, Bentonville, Ark.

Last Chance 2: 1. #25K Nick Knepper, Belleville, Ill.; 2. #73E Foster Landon, Collinsville, Okla.; 3. #33A Stephen Arnold, Seymour, Ind.; 4. #15N David Prickett, Fresno, Calif.; 5. #2K Kyle Wissmiller, Saybrook, Ill.; 6. #19N Nick O'Neal, Wagoner, Okla.; 7. #19W Troy Rutherford, Ojai, Calif. Note - Rutherford was penalized to the end of the field after passing before the cone on a restart

Last Chance 3: 1. #02R Brian Ramstack, West Bend, Wis.; 2. #39X Randy Hannagan, Pittsboro, Ind.; 3. #18G Rickie Gaunt, Torrance, Calif.; 4. #57 Brian Gard, Clovis, Calif.; 5. #1M Mike Miller, Reading, Pa.; 6. #5AZ Shon Deskins, Waddell, Ariz.; 7. #74 Ernie Bartley III, El Cajon, Calif.

Last Chance 4: 1. #96 Cody Brewer, Choctaw, Okla.; 2. #1T Tony Roney, Herculaneum, Mo.; 3. #18 Tony Bruce Jr., Liberal, Kan; 4. #5T Randy Timms, Oklahoma City, Okla.; 5. #3M John Wolfe, Winchester, Ind.; 6. #16 Tom Bigelow, Winchester, Ind.; 7. #1C Chad McDaniel, Concordia, Kan.

A Qualifiers (Top 16 in combined passing points to A Main; Balance to twin B Mains)

A Qualifier 1: 1. #71X Brad Kuhn, Avon, Ind.; 2. #51 Mike Hess, Riverton, Ill.; 3. #71K Donnie Ray Crawford, Broken Arrow, Okla.; 4. #21A Jon Stanbrough, Brownsburg, Ind.; 5. #21M Andy Martin, Gordonville, Pa.; 6. #9H Russ Harper, Watkins, Colo.; 7. #2 Danny Stratton, Riverside, Calif.; 8. #5C Joey Montgomery, Fredericktown, Mo.; 9. #31 Donnie Lehmann, Springfield, Ill.; 10. #85X Matt Covington, Glenpool, Okla.; 11. #95K Rik Forbes, Omaha, Neb.; 12. #F4 Jessica Zemken, Sprakers, N.Y.

A Qualifier 2: 1. #52S Casey Shuman, Indianapolis, Ind.; 2. #33X Davey Ray, Love's Park, Ill.; 3. #37M Rip Williams, Yorba Linda, Calf.; 4. #7B Joe Boyles, Greenwood, Mo.; 5. #25K Nick Knepper, Belleville, Ill.; 6. #125 Teddy Beach, Donnelsville, Ohio; 7. #73E Foster Landon, Collinsville, Okla.; 8. #22T Mike Woodruff, Satanta, Kan.; 9. #44D Don Droud Jr., Lincoln, Neb.; 10. #91 Bugs Norbury, Prescott Valley, Ariz.; 11. #99 Brady Bacon, Broken Arrow, Okla.; 12. #27B Neil Shepherd, Warsaw, Ind.

A Qualifier 3: 1. #17T Thomas Meseraull, Avon, Ind.; 2. #22E Evan Sewell, Jenks, Okla.; 3. #3C Chris Rahe, Placentia, Calif.; 4. #12W Billy Wease, Noblesville, Ind.; 5. #02R Brian Ramstack, West Bend, Wis.; 6. #13 Jason Sides, Bartlett, Tenn.; 7. #20J Levi Jones, Olney, Ill.; 8. #39X Randy Hannagan, Pittsboro, Ind.; 9. #71P Cruz Pedregon, Brownsburg, Ind.; 10. #69 Darren Hagen, Riverside, Calif.; 11. #12H Rick Hendrix, Canoga Park, Calif.; 12. #7R Johnny Rodriguez, Elk Grove, Calif.

A Qualifier 4: 1. #5L Danny Lasoski, Higginsville, Mo.; 2. #14 Matt Westfall, Ludlow Falls, Ohio; 3. #67 Damion Gardner, Concord, Calif.; 4. #11 Jerry Coons Jr., Tucson, Ariz.; 5. #8E Tony Elliott, Warsaw, Ind.; 6. #91K Kevin Bayer, Broken Arrow, Okla.; 7. #1 Sammy Swindell, Germantown, Tenn.; 8. #1T Tony Roney, Herculaneum, Mo.; 9. #96 Cody Brewer, Choctaw,

Okla.; 10. #2M Frank Polimeda, Fort Lee, N.J.; 11. #51J R.J. Johnson, Phoenix, Ariz.; 12. #1W Paul White, Temple, Texas

B Mains (Top 4 advance to A Main)

B Main 1: 1. #1 Sammy Swindell, Germantown, Tenn.; 2. #44D Don Droud Jr., Lincoln, Neb.; 3. #2 Danny Stratton, Riverside, Calif.; 4. #99 Brady Bacon, Broken Arrow, Okla.; 5. #25K Nick Knepper, Belleville, Ill.; 6. #13 Jason Sides, Bartlett, Tenn.; 7. #2M Frank Polimeda, Fort Lee, N.J.; 8. #12H Rick Hendrix, Canoga Park, Calif.; 9. #96 Cody Brewer, Choctaw, Okla.; 10. #73E Foster Landon, Collinsville, Okla.; 11. #F4 Jessica Zemken, Sprakers, N.Y.; 12. #71P Cruz Pedregon, Brownsburg, Ind.; 13. #125 Teddy Beach, Donnelsville, Ohio; 14. #7R Johnny Rodriguez, Elk Grove, Calif.; 15. #21M Andy Martin, Gordonville, Pa. DNS - #1W Paul White, Temple, Texas

B Main 2: 1. #20J Levi Jones, Olney, Ill.; 2. #5C Joey Montgomery, Fredericktown, Mo.; 3. #31 Donnie Lehmann, Springfield, Ill.; 4. #9H Russ Harper, Watkins, Colo.; 5. #8E Tony Elliott, Warsaw, Ind.; 6. #39X Randy Hannagan, Pittsboro, Ind.; 7. #85X Matt Covington, Glenpool, Okla.; 8. #1T Tony Roney, Herculaneum, Mo.; 9. #95K Rik Forbes, Omaha, Neb.; 10. #02R Brian Ramstack, West Bend, Wis.; 11. #27B Neil Shepherd, Warsaw, Ind.; 12. #91 Bugs Norbury, Prescott Valley, Ariz.; 13. #91K Kevin Bayer, Broken Arrow, Okla.; 14. #69 Darren Hagen, Riverside, Calif.; 15. #22T Mike Woodruff, Satanta, Kan.; 16. #51J R.J. Johnson, Phoenix, Ariz.

Creek Nation Casino Qualifying Night "A" Main (25 laps - Top 4 Advance to Saturday Night's Main Event)

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1. #33X Davey Ray, Love's Park, Ill.; 2. #71X Brad Kuhn, Avon, Ind.; 3. #52S Casey Shuman, Indianapolis, Ind.; 4. #71K Donnie Ray Crawford, Broken Arrow, Okla.; 5. #7B Joe Boyles, Greenwood, Mo.; 6. #21A Jon Stanbrough, Brownsburg, Ind.; 7. #17T Thomas Meseraull, Avon, Ind.; 8. #11 Jerry Coons Jr., Tucson, Ariz.; 9. #14 Matt Westfall, Ludlow Falls, Ohio; 10. #5L Danny Lasoski, Higginsville, Mo.; 11. #31 Donnie Lehmann, Springfield, Ill.; 12. #2 Danny Stratton, Riverside, Calif.; 13. #44D Don Droud Jr., Lincoln, Neb.; 14. #20J Levi Jones, Olney, Ill.; 15. #51 Mike Hess, Riverton, Ill.; 16. #99 Brady Bacon, Broken Arrow, Okla.; 17. #37M Rip Williams, Yorba Linda, Calif.; 18. #12W Billy Wease, Noblesville, Ind.; 19. #9H Russ Harper, Watkins, Colo.; 20. #1 Sammy Swindell, Germantown, Tenn.; 21. #5C Joey Montgomery, Fredericktown, Mo.; 22. #22E Evan Sewell, Jenks, Okla.; 23. #67 Damion Gardner, Concord, Calif. DNS - #3C Chris Rahe, Placentia, Calif.

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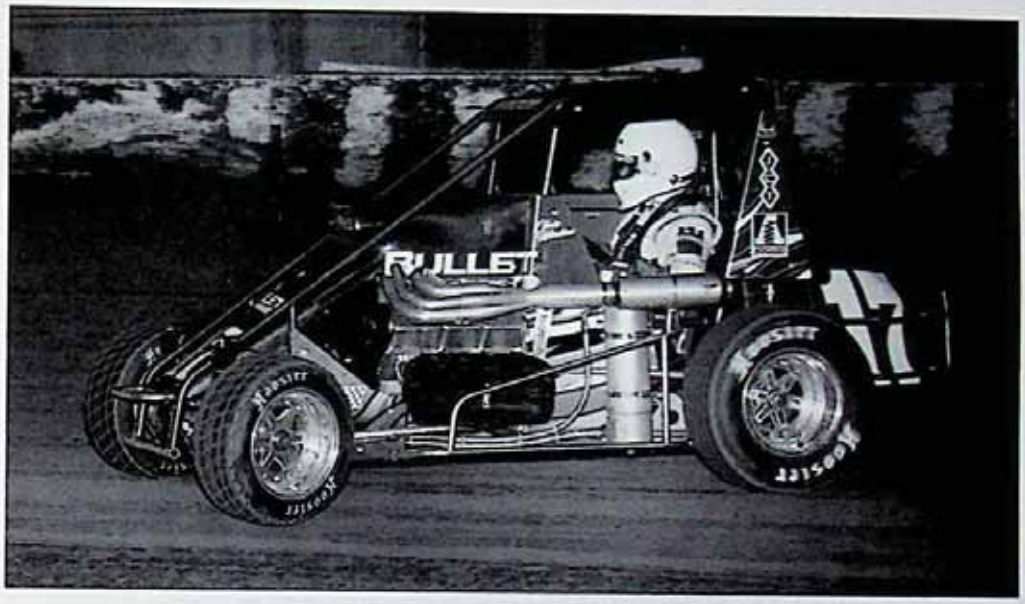

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2006-Wayne Johnson
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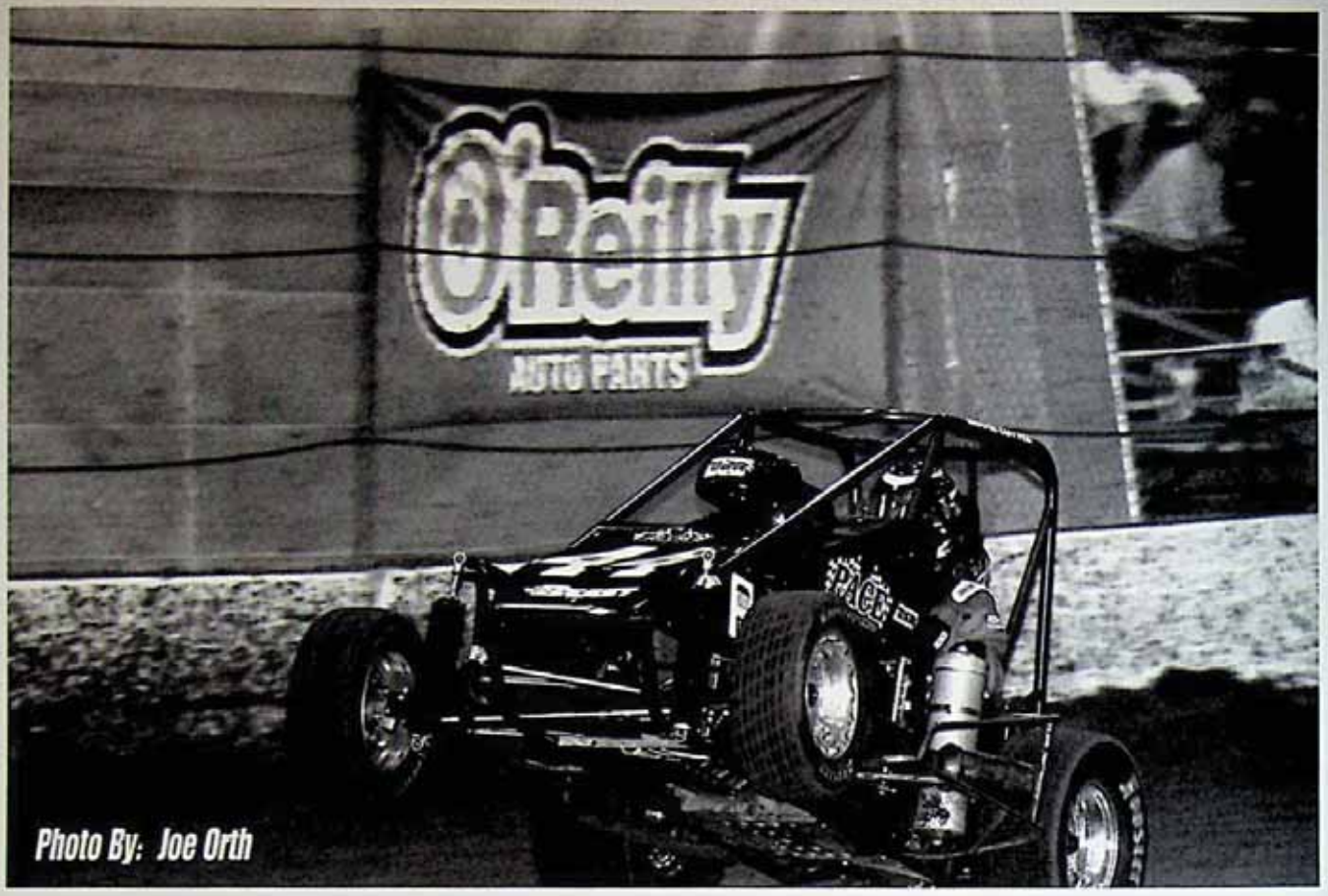

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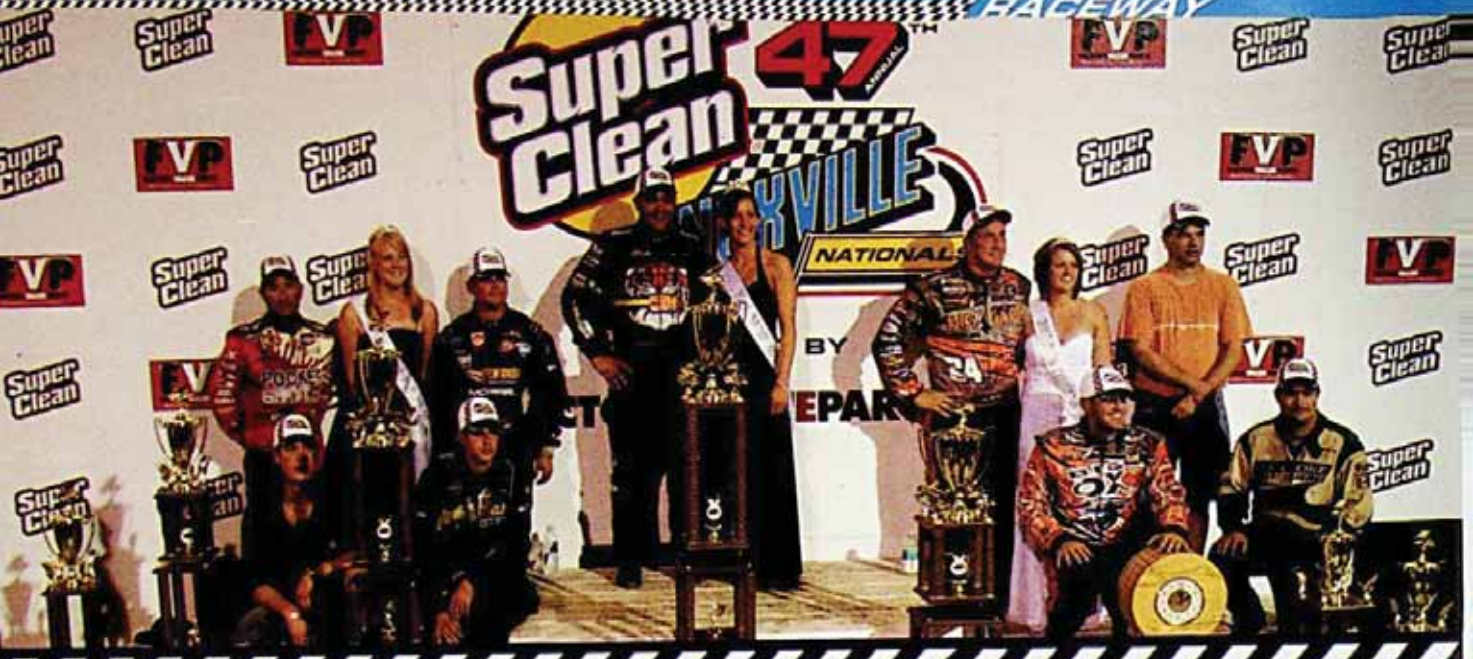

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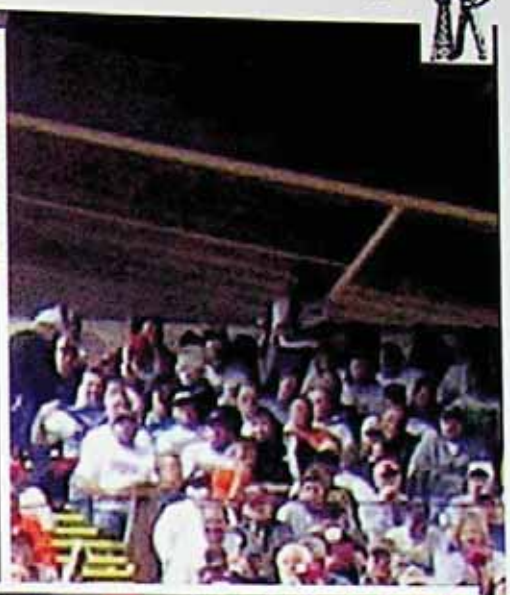

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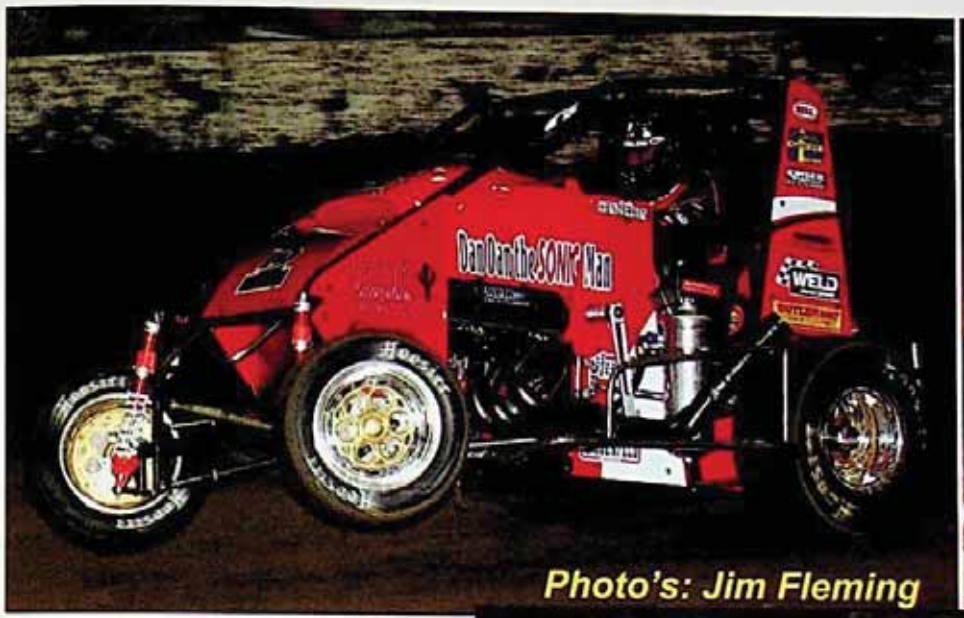

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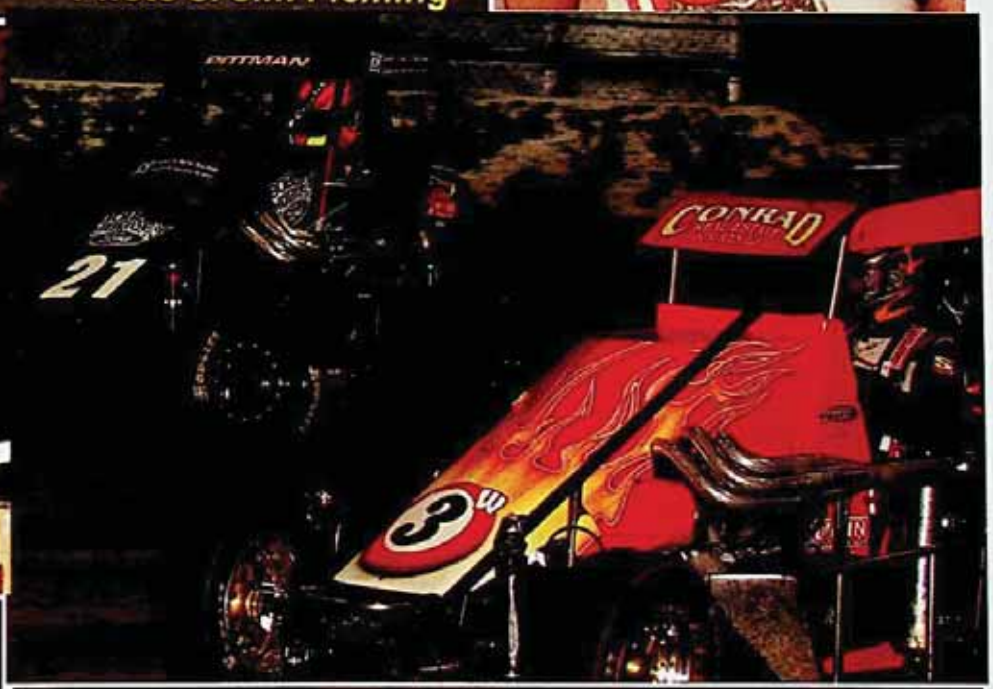

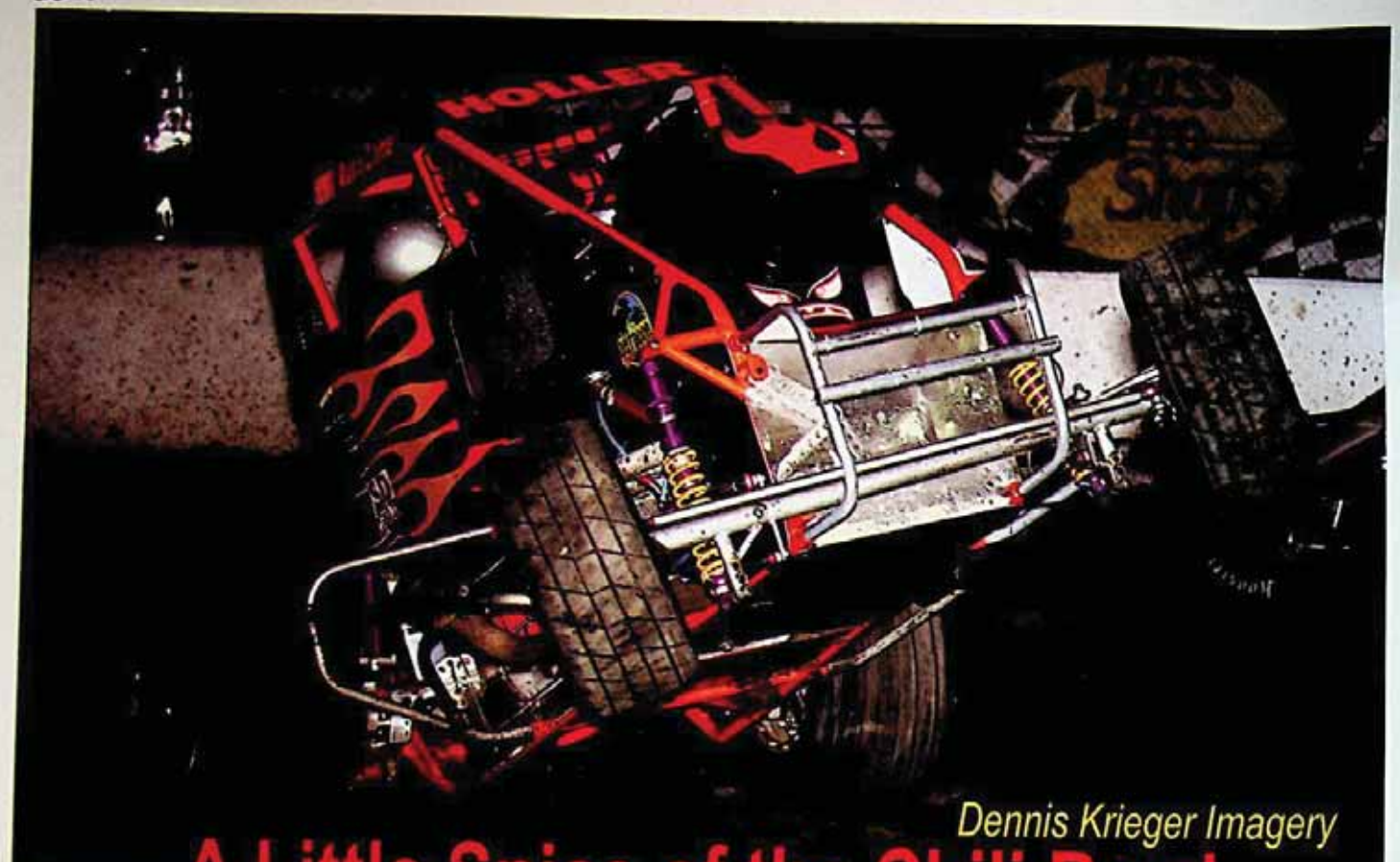

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Bubba Altig Saves Best for Last in Tuesday Chili Bowl Pre-Qualifying Event

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Lonnie Wheatley, TULSA, Okla. (January 9, 2007) – The 21st Annual O'Reilly Chili Bowl Nationals kicked off in most spectacular fashion with Illinois racer Gary "Bubba" Altig making a dramatic pass in the final corner to win Tuesday night's Warren CAT Pre-Qualifying 25-lap feature event.

Utilizing the topside of the ¼-mile Tulsa Expo Raceway clay oval, Altig charged from fourth on a restart with just two laps remaining to nip Jordan Noblitt for the win at the line. Noblitt, who had just taken command on the 22nd lap, spun across the finish line after the pair made contact dicing for the point, holding onto second as a near-capacity crowd roared its approval of the initial Tuesday night event in O'Reilly Chili Bowl Nationals history.

"I came from last, but on that last restart he (Noblitt) went to the bottom and I just went high," Altig explained of his monumental triumph. "He was running high almost the whole race when I was following him and when I saw him go to the bottom I just hauled it in there as hard as I could and hoped for the best."

While Altig topped the event for Chili Bowl rookies and relative newcomers from his 13th starting position, it was California lady racer Randi Pankratz that made a valiant effort to become the first female racer to top a Chili Bowl "A" Main.

Pankratz earned the pole position for the feature and gunned into the early lead ahead of fellow front row starter Rafe Essary. Pankratz proceeded to lead the opening 22 circuits, fending off several challenges before slipping to fifth in the frenetic final laps. Pankratz was first challenged by Essary, who was mounting a charge when his powerplant gave way after seven laps. Jonathan Henry slipped around Noblitt for second at the midway point and made a run for the lead entering turn one on the 16th lap, only to climb Pankratz' right rear tire and flip into the turn two fencing.

Tony Roney made his way past Noblitt for second just three laps later, only to have the move negated for another Henry flip. Henry was done for the night after the turn four endo. With just seven laps remaining, Pankratz led the way in front of Noblitt and Roney with Altig mired back in ninth after a cone violation earlier in the race that had sent him to the tail of the field. "I hit the cone, I was running I think tenth and had to go all the way back to 24th," Altig commented of his earlier miscue.

With the top of the track coming into form, Altig pounded the cushion and climbed to fifth by the time a critical caution that also negated Noblitt's pass of Pankratz for the point, appeared with 22 laps in the books.

When Joe Wipperfurth flipped a lap later, Altig gained another position when fourth-runner Jay Ervine stalled his mount. Meanwhile, Noblitt had successfully charged past Pankratz and was in the catbird seat with a two-lap dash to the checkered flag awaiting.

Roney and Altig both made quick work of Pankratz on the restart, with Altig then disposing of Roney as the white flag flew. Altig quickly moved in on Noblitt and edged ahead by less than a car length aboard the Fontana-powered Bullet Leasing/Cathy's Manufactured Homes No. 67a Stealth as the checkered flag flew.

"My car was working really good everywhere, I could go top, bottom or middle," Altig explained. "I passed a lot of cars on the bottom up until I got to about sixth, then Noblitt actually showed me the top and that's the only reason I went to the top."

Noblitt settled for runner-up honors aboard Kevin Noblitt's Ford-powered Columbus Silgas No. 20n Beast. "Everybody knows in dirt racing that if you want to protect a position you go to the bottom, so I had to go to the bottom and he came smoking in there on the high side and he just barely got around me," Noblitt commented.

Micro ace Tony Roney took the show position in his Midget racing debut at the helm of Richard Roney's Fontana-powered Finish Line Fabrication No. 1T Stealth. Roney commented that, "I think the car worked good on the bottom and I think I might have had something for these guys, but I'm happy to finish third. It was a different race, a lot of cars in front of me messed up and blew motors and wrecked and I'm happy to finish third."

Matt Streeter charged from the 19th position to snare fourth at the line, with Pankratz settling for fifth. Brian Ramstack raced from 16th to snare sixth, with 21st-starter Adam Trimble, 23rd-starter Billy Osta, Mark Bush and 22nd-starter Brad Paris completing the top ten.

The top ten, along with eleventh through fifteenth place finishers Samantha Taylor, Ernie Bartley III, C.J. Sarna, Jeff Griffin and Bill Balog earned berths in the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday night Qualifying events.

Ervine, Pankratz, Griffin, Essary, Altig, Henry, Wipperfurth, Joey Fabozzi and Ramstack each captured heat race wins for the 69-car Warren CAT Pre-Qualifying field. Garrett Hood and Brian Harvey topped twin "C" Main action, with Streeter and Balog topping the twin "B" Mains.

Colorado's Dave Scroggs became the official first flip victim of the 21st Annual O'Reilly Chili Bowl Nationals when he went for a wild ride down the frontstretch in the evening's third heat race. Other heat race flippers were Jonathan Cornell and Hood.

Terry Goodwin and Jody Rosenboom both got upside down in the First "B" Main, with Second "B" Main tumblers including Brian Carter, Dakoda Armstrong, Leroy Holler and Billy Mentgen. There were no injuries.

Tuesday Night's 21st Annual Chili Bowl Nationals Warren CAT Pre-Qualifier Results:

Heat Races (8 Laps - Top 18 in passing points to A Main; Next 32 to two B Mains; Balance to C Mains)

Heat 1: 1. Jay Ervine, Litchfield, Ariz.; 2. C.J. Sarna, Palm Desert, Calif.; 3. Brad Paris, Brownsburg, Ind.; 4. Kellen Love, Lincoln, Neb.; 5. Kaylene Verville, Avondale, Ariz.; 6. Todd McVay, Lee's Summit, Mo. DNS - Matt DeWitt, Houston, Texas; Joe Duvall, Chelsea, Okla.

Heat 2: 1. Randi Pankratz, Atascadero, Calif.; 2. Matt Streeter, Lathrop, Calif.; 3. Kyle Bellm, Nixa, Mo.; 4. Adam Trimble, Pueblo, Calif.; 5. Brian Carter, Frisco, Texas; 6. Kellen Conover, Sumner, Ill.; 7. Randy Monroe, Jr., Hampton, Va. DNS - Harley Hollan, Broken Arrow, Okla.

Heat 3: 1. Jeff Griffin, St. Helena, Calif.; 2. Mark Bush, Cumming, Ga.; 3. Cameron Beard, Atwater, Calif.; 4. Austin Brown, Millstadt, Ill.; 5. John Ricketts, Burleson, Texas; 6. Jody Rosenboom, Rock Rapids, Iowa; 7. Dave Scroggs, Arvada, Colo.; 8. Jacob Slotten, Menasha, Wis.

Heat 4: 1. Rafe Essary, Farmington, Ark.; 2. Jordan Noblitt, Columbus, Ind.; 3. Billy Osta, Rotterdam, N.Y.; 4. Chris Walker, Oak Grove, Mo.; 5. Dakoda Armstrong, Newcastle, Ind.; 6. Eddie Martin, Ada, Okla.; 7. Terry Goodwin, Phoenix, Ariz.; 8. Leroy Holler, Independence, Mo.

Heat 5: 1. Gary Altig, Mechanicsburg, Ill.; 2. Tony Roney, Herculaneum, Mo.; 3. Brian Harvey, Hanford, Calif.; 4. Buddy Luebke, Stoughton, Wis.; 5. Jonathan Cornell, Sedalia, Mo.; 6. Steve Stone, Mesa, Ariz.; 7. Kerry Sandusky, Chicago, Ill. DNS - 02 Bryon Walters, Beaver Dam, Wis.

Heat 6: 1. Jonathan Henry, Stockton, Calif.; 2. Samantha Taylor, Bonney Lake, Wash.; 3. Doug McCune, Fort Worth, Texas; 4. Alex Harris, Simi Valley, Calif.; 5. Josh Most, Red Oak, Iowa; 6. Brian Harvey, Hanford, Calif.; 7. Roy Larkin, Tulsa, Okla. DNS - Kevin Burgess, Stotts City, Mo.

Heat 7: 1. Joe Wipperfurth, Sun Prairie, Wis.; 2. Bill Balog, Layfayette, Ind.; 3. Todd Plemons, Arvada, Colo.; 4. Steve Davis, Norco, Calif.; 5. Dalton Cole, Pryor, Okla.; 6. Eddie Sauer, Davis, Ill.; 7. Doug DeWitt, Sunnyvale, Calif.

Heat 8: 1. Joey Fabozzi, Norco, Calif.; 2. Ernie Bartley III, El Cajon, Calif.; 3. Todd Kimmel, Avon, Ind.; 4. Tayler Malsam, Sammamish, Wash.; 5. Tom Everhart, El Cajon, Calif.; 6. Toni Kruck, Copalopa, Australia; 7. Garrett Hood, Concordia, Kan.

Heat 9: 1. Brian Ramstack, West Bend, Wis.; 2. Billy Mentgen, Arvada, Colo.; 3. Trish Dover, Springfield, Neb.; 4. Mallory Armfield, St. Joseph, Mo.; 5. Matt Sargent, San Jose, Calif.; 6. Will Pierce, Lee's Summit, Mo.; 7. Ryan Ameln, Hollister, Calif.

C Mains (Top 2 transfer to Back of corresponding B Main)

C Main 1: 1. Garrett Hood, Concordia, Kan.; 2. Terry Goodwin, Phoenix, Ariz.; 3. Steve Stone, Mesa, Ariz.; 4. Joe Duvall, Chelsea, Okla.; 5. Eddie Sauer, Davis, Ill.; 6. Matt DeWitt, Houston, Texas; 7. Kellen Conover, Sumner, Ill.; 8. Roy Larkin, Tulsa, Okla.; 9. Jacob Slotten, Menasha, Wis. DNS - 5K Kevin Burgess, Stotts City, Mo.

C Main 2: 1. Brian Harvey, Hanford, Calif.; 2. Leroy Holler, Independence, Mo.; 3. Bryon Walters, Beaver Dam, Wis.; 4. Ryan Ameln, Hollister, Calif.; 5. Toni Kruck, Copalopa, Australia; 6. Doug DeWitt, Sunnyvale, Calif.; 7. Kerry Sandusky,

Chicago, Ill. DNS - Dave Scroggs, Arvada, Colo.; Harley Hollan, Broken Arrow, Okla.

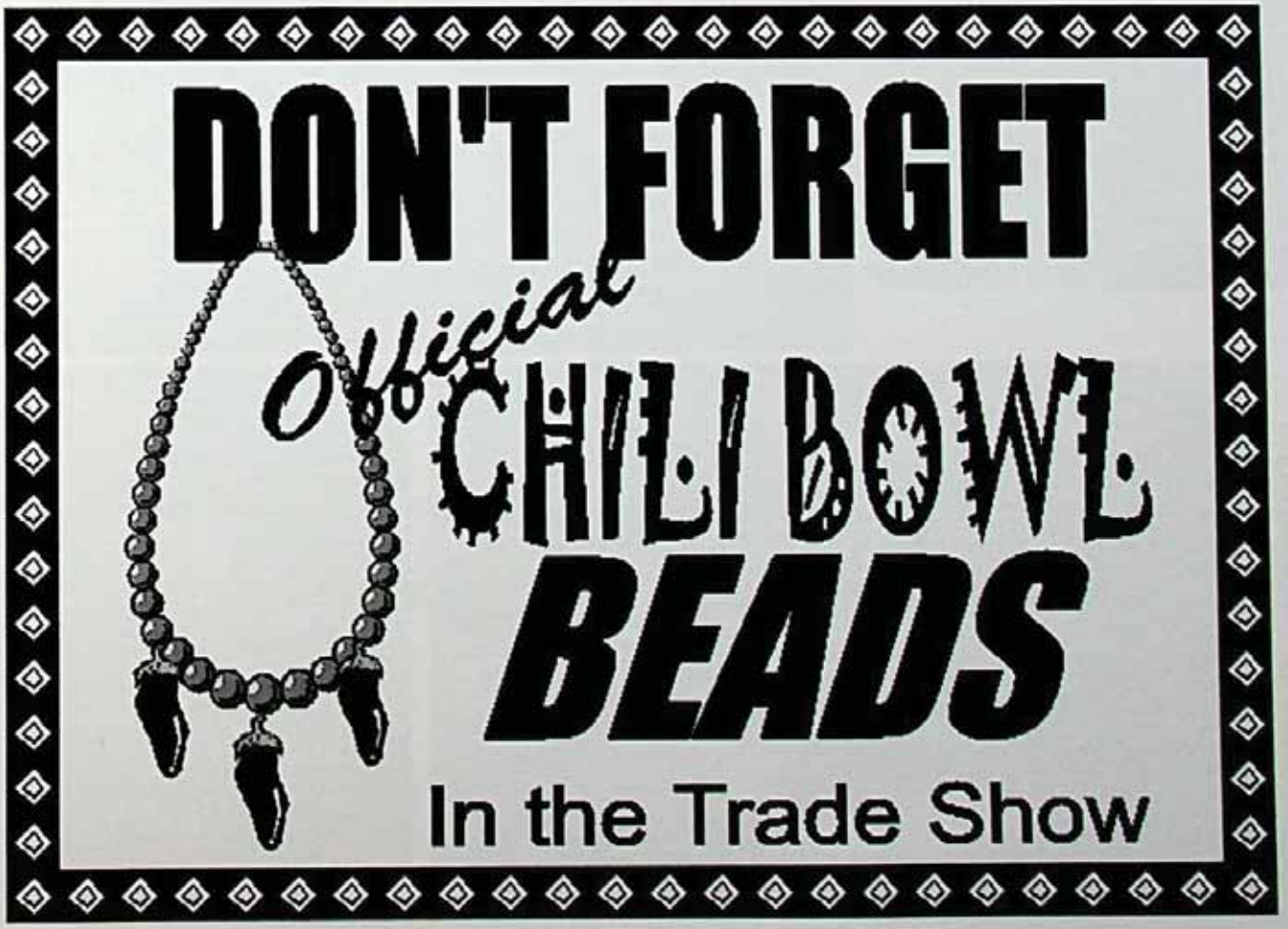
B Mains (Top 3 advance to A Main)

B Main 1: 1. Matt Streeter, Lathrop, Calif.; 2. Adam Trimble, Pueblo, Calif.; 3. Billy Osta, Rotterdam, N.Y.; 4. Matt Sargent, San Jose, Calif.; 5. Trish Dover, Springfield, Neb.; 6. Mallory Armfield, St. Joseph, Mo.; 7. Kaylene Verville, Avondale, Ariz.; 8. Jonathan Cornell, Sedalia, Mo.; 9. Alex Harris, Simi Valley, Calif.; 10. Todd Kimmel, Avon, Ind.; 11. Chett Gehrke, Broken Arrow, Okla.; 12. Josh Most, Red Oak, Iowa; 13. Tayler Malsam, Sammamish, Wash.; 14. John Ricketts, Burleson, Texas; 15. Garrett Hood, Concordia, Kan.; 16. Jody Rosenboom, Rock Rapids, Iowa; 17. Todd McVay, Lee's Summit, Mo.; 18. Terry Goodwin, Phoenix, Ariz.

B Main 2: 1. Bill Balog, Layfayette, Ind.; 2. Brad Paris, Brownsburg, Ind.; 3. Dalton Cole, Pryor, Okla.; 4. Chris Walker, Oak Grove, Mo.; 5. Eddie Martin, Stilwell, Okla.; 6. Doug McCune, Fort Worth, Texas; 7. Austin Brown, Millstadt, Ill.; 8. Randy Monroe, Jr., Hampton, Va.; 9. Will Pierce, Lee's Summit, Mo.; 10. Buddy Luebke, Stoughton, Wis.; 11. Kellen Love, Lincoln, Neb.; 12. Tom Everhart, El Cajon, Calif.; 13. Billy Mentgen, Arvada, Colo.; 14. Steve Davis, Norco, Calif.; 15. Leroy Holler, Independence, Mo.; 16. Dakoda Armstrong, Newcastle, Ind.; 17. Brian Carter, Frisco, Texas DNS - Brian Harvey, Hanford, Calif.

A Main (25 laps - Top 15 Advance to Qualifying Nights)

1. Gary Altig, Mechanicsburg, Ill.; 2. Jordan Noblitt, Columbus, Ind.; 3. Tony Roney, Herculaneum, Mo.; 4. Matt Streeter, Lathrop, Calif.; 5. Randi Pankratz, Atascadero, Calif.; 6. Brian Ramstack, West Bend, Wis.; 7. Adam Trimble, Pueblo, Calif.; 8. Billy Osta, Rotterdam, N.Y.; 9. Mark Bush, Cumming, Ga.; 10. Brad Paris, Brownsburg, Ill.; 11. Samantha Taylor, Bonney Lake, Wash.; 12. Ernie Bartley III, El Cajon, Calif.; 13. C.J. Sarna, Palm Desert, Calif.; 14. Jeff Griffin, St. Helena, Calif.; 15. Bill Balog, Lafayette, Ind.; 16. Jay Ervine, Litchfield, Ariz.; 17. Joey Fabozzi, Norco, Calif.; 18. Joe Wipperfurth, Sun Prairie, Wis.; 19. Dalton Cole, Pryor, Okla.; 20. Jonathan Henry, Stockton, Calif.; 21. Todd Plemons, Arvada, Colo.; 22. Rafe Essary, Farmington, Ark.; 23. Kyle Bellm, Nixa, Mo.; 24. Cameron Beard, Atwater, Calif.



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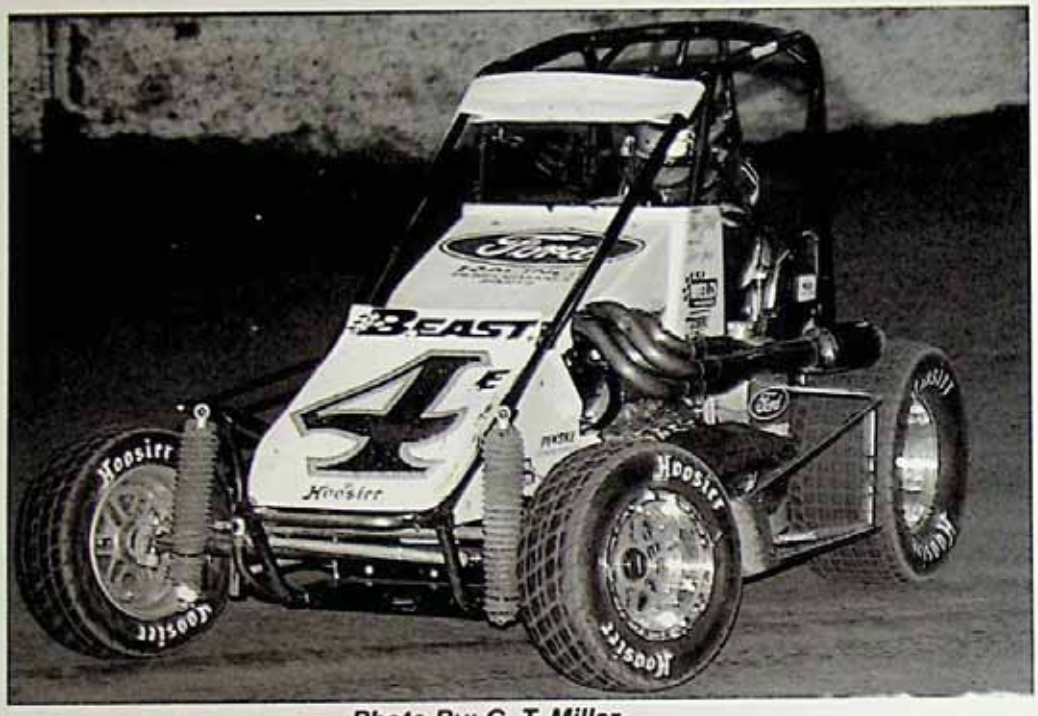

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The G. W. Elkins Award is presented to the driver who passes the most cars on a qualifying night. Bobby East went from 23rd to 9th on Friday night to pass 14 cars.

Bobby East
2007

2006-Bryan Clauson
2005-Kevin Olson
2004-Dan Boorse

THE ODDS By Steve Eckert

Any two dozen drivers not listed below could make the Saturday A-Main. The Chili Bowl brings not only the Best of the Best, but the Rest of the Rest. An enormous melting pot of talent, but the cream always rises. Here is one amateur handicapper's assessment of the cream of this crop.

JERRY COONS JR. (2-1)... The dominant midget racer of the 21st Century. Make no mistake: If Coons enters any dirt midget race, he is the man to beat. Lost in the final A-Main results last year was the dozen cars Coons' relentless march forward around the top consumed, before he got wiped out.

JJ YELEY (3-1)...Yeley's 2007 Chili Bowl: He nearly flipped in his prelim heat. He nearly stalled in his prelim feature. He nearly stole the Saturday final from Tony Stewart. Awesome talent. Awesome car. Awesome opportunity to win.

TONY STEWART (3-1)...The defending champ might claim to just be happy to be here, but Smoke ain't really happy to compete unless he's winning. The driver/owner/promoter is probably the most important man to the future of open wheel racing. And he's on the Mount Rushmore of all-time American driving talent.

CORY KRUSEMAN (5-1)...Last year was the first genuine misfortune Kruser has had here in ages. Don't expect it to be the start of a trend. The Bondio Bandit will likely be tricycling in front of and past most, if not all, comers on Saturday Night.

DAVE DARLAND (6-1)...Always in the hunt. Always on the gas. Never yet The Man on Saturday night here. Too good not to win it once? Or too unlucky to have not won it by now? If and when he does hold the Golden Driller nobody else will be more deserving.

TIM MCCREADIE (8-1)...It's not just that he has won here before. It is the fact that in the last three Chili Bowl A-Mains, he has passed nine, ten and seventeen cars. Not a full-time midget driver, just a full-time winning driver.

BRAD KUHN (10-1)...Back-to-back Badger titles speaks for itself, as does double-digit midget win totals each of the last three seasons. To consistently win at Angell Park is to be forged in fire. Kuhn is hot to the touch.

TRACY HINES (11-1)...He might be a little rusty. That should be the only negative. Immensely motivated, supremely talented, and chomping at the bit to establish the tone for the Comeback of the Year. Should be a USAC title contender in all three divisions.

BRAD SWEET (13-1)...One half of the Kasey Kahne Racing Team that has pulses pounding in anticipation of this coming season. He drives three ways: Hard. Harder. Too Hard. In the top quality equipment he's running this year, expect to see him in victory lanes.

BRADY BACON (13-1)...And in this corner, from Broken Arrow, OK, the other half of the KKR pint-sized Power Pair. One can only hope he stays in open wheel racing long enough that everyone can see how hard this kid can race. Fearless, and the best chance for keeping the Chili Bowl title in-state.

PJ JONES (15-1)... The Loyet Motorsports Team is armed and ready. With Rusty Kunz preparing the cars, this is likely the best quality ride Jones has ever had here. Can his persistence finally pay off?

DANNY LASOSKI (15-1)...Might want to make an exacta bet with that Loyet team. The Dude might not have too many more Chili Bowl bullets in his chamber, but his aim is still true. A legendary competitor.

JON STANBROUGH (15-1)...Make that a Loyet trifecta wager. Any questions regarding Stanbrough can be answered simply by saying that he is the winningest sprint driver in the country. For the second year in a row. During a six-week period this year, he achieved TWO 6-race winstreaks.

SHANE COTTLE (16-1)...It's likely that if he didn't sense that the top might be faster early in the Saturday Finals last year, we'd be calling him the defending Chili Bowl Champion. Stewart owes him a tall one for gift-wrapping the bottom groove Tony rode to the win.

SHANE STEWART (16-1)...If Bacon can't keep the Golden Driller in Oklahoma, maybe Shane can bring some Oklahoma to the Driller. By way of Indiana. His second half of the season was phenomenal, and he will be in a serious ride. Expect great things.

JASON LEFFLER (18-1)...This is the only prestigious midget domino that has yet to fall to the perennial Busch Grand National contender. He has sat in the center seat at the post race press conferences before. Just not after Saturday night.

KASEY KAHNE (20-1)...Will being handicapped below two of his employees serve as extra motivation? Probably not. Kahne is unlikely to need outside sources to stoke his 10-alarm competitive fire. He has run one midget A-Main this year, against a world-class Turkey Night field. He finished second.

MARK BROWN (20-1)...The Awesome Aussie. He's been in 45 midget A-mains in his career. He's finished in the top five in 41 of them. The last time out of the top 10 was 11th in his prelim night last year here. Barely missed the Saturday A-Main. His numbers suggest he won't miss again.
DANNY STRATTON (22-1)...If it means driving in deeper, throwing it around harder, or making it go faster, Stratton is up to the task. He will be racing hard. Beginning in hot laps.
BRYAN CLAUSON (22-1)...Injuries kept him away last year. Keith Kunz is hauling him here this year. That combination of driving talent and wrenching talent spells big promise.
CHRIS WINDOM (22-1)...Speaking of big promise, and driving talent...and Keith Kunz, Windom really opened eyes here last year, and is in a car in accordance to that kind of breakthrough. He is a future superstar.
JOSH WISE (24-1)...He is on his way to stock car country. He's taking a handful of midget trophies with him. Not to be underestimated.
SAMMY SWINDELL (25-1)...Speaking of underestimated, is this too high a line for a 4-time Chili Bowl champion? Time and karma are no longer on his side, but more career wins then any other two drivers on this list combined certainly is.
WAYNE JOHNSON (26-1)...Strong as a bull. Brave as they come. He will not be intimidated by anybody on this racetrack. Count on it.
DARREN HAGEN (28-1)...Waaaay smoother this season than previously. That is good for his crew and his rate of success. One of the more versatile USAC campaigners currently competing.
JESSE HOCKETT (30-1)...The Rocket is improving all the time, and he was really good to begin with. Big-time talent and big-time courage.
DAVEY RAY (32-1)...He has to compete against the firm of Coons and Kuhn too often to pad his stat sheet, but he rarely is too far from the front.
CASEY SHUMAN (35-1)...He is coming up steadily but certainly. One top-quality car away from challenging for wins every night. Have you noticed that he goes very well here?
LEVI JONES (35-1)...Maybe a little low on the list for a two-time USAC sprint champion, but he has struggled somewhat at this venue. One good preliminary night and he's making serious noise.
COLE WHITT (38-1)...Hines served as his crew chief at Orlando last month. Such instruction can only hasten the ascent of a driver that many have pegged as an emerging powerhouse.
THOMAS MESERAULL (40-1)...Scholarly types call it "intestinal fortitude". XGamers use a different anatomical reference to describe what separates Meseraull from less crazed competitors. Let's just settle on "cajones".
CHAD BOAT (45-1)...Still developing. Still really young. But great things seem destined for this son of a hall-of-famer. He can flat out race.
BRAD LOYET (45-1)...The King of Belle-Clair. His team brings an awesome roster of driving talent to this event. If he out-finishes any of them, he's likely in the hunt.
GARY ALTIG (50-1)...The feel good story of the 2007 Chili Bowl. The glass slipper hasn't turned into a pumpkin yet. He LOVES this track.
JOEY SALDANA (50-1)...Has said he really doesn't enjoy racing midgets. But he's in a KKR car. And he is Joey Saldana. Talent alone makes him a threat to win.
DAMION GARDNER (50-1)...If he races the way he is capable of this weekend, these odds are 30 points lower next year. Has had a discouraging season, but The Demon is the real deal.
TYLER WALKER (55-1)...Alright, for once we can see what a Zero Motorsports car might possibly be able to achieve with a conventional set-up, and a truly rare talent in the seat. If Tyler makes the Saturday A-main, he is a Walker Upon Water. And a genuine threat.
CRUZ PEDREGON and GARY SCELZI (500-1)...But seriously folks.....

DAVID vs Goliath

By: Dennis Krieger

Let's start out this year with, HOW ABOUT SMOKE JOHNSON? For those of you who collect the Chili Bowl programs, go back and read my 2007 prediction on page 56 which reads: " After my late night chat with the Golden Driller Man, sipping an adult beverage, he assured Grasshopper, that he is leaning towards the man who flipped in practice last year, Yea, the Bad Boy of Nascar. The most fierce competitor ever, with gut determination and a burning heart of fire." I guess you could say, that after I've been around most of these guys, photographed a gazillion races, that I have a little insight on how it unfolds right down to the last lap sometimes. No, I'm not bragging, but over the past several years, I have been almost 85% right on my predictions on who is
Going to win the Golden Driller Trophy on Saturday night.

"SMOKE" was pretty quiet all week long and just kept getting faster and smoother and when watching him, you could see, just how focused he really was. You could see it in his eyes and they way he would take his famous #20 Midget and attack the track with vengeance lap after lap race after race, until he was satisfied and confident he had what it took to beat the very best that had came to the most coveted midget event in the world, bar none. He has won almost everything there is to win in Nascar, and some of the biggest events in the world, but just as Smoke and he will still tell ya, there's no place like home and winning his second Chili Bowl Title and yes, ON DIRT...

It's totally amazing to be where we were and now, where this has grown into over the past 22 years. It's the rock and roll of racing, with all the Mega-Stars under one roof. If you had to pick a dream team for any event in the country, this is without a shadow of doubt, the Best of the Best! I've said it before and I will say it again over and over, Emmett and Lanny's families and their diligent, hard working staff, do everything right, and they deserve a 5* rating for pulling it off very successfully for 22 years now. If it's your first time, you better hang on tight, and if you're a veteran Chili Bowler, you know the next few days are ones you will cherish for the rest of your life. So go ahead, start looking over the field, watch them as they fight for those all so important passing points and get ready for the best week of the year: THE CHILI BOWL NATIONALS.

One of the neatest things about the Chili Bowl is, you have just about every racing sanction under the sun represented here. There are Track Champions, Series Champions with drivers who make their living in Dragsters, Late Models, Sprint Cars, Midgets, then add a few Nascar Stars to ice the cake. It really doesn't get any better than this. Where else in the country can you go to an event in the middle of Ole Man Winter, and see an entire field of Superstars race their guts out, and see your Chili Bowl Friends who you haven't seen since last January? The Legends you will see are enough to make Hendrix come back and be part of it, maybe even the National Anthem? Fans from every state of the union make their annual trek to Tulsa, with some international flair as well. They all come for the same reason: To watch the best racing in the world and see if their favorite driver has what it

takes to win the big feature on Saturday nights big dance. Will it be the little one car team, with a few used tires, a couple days worth of fuel and good luck, or will it be the Goliath team, with 50 new tires bolted on wheels ready to go, with four back up engines and five midgets with the best shoes in the country? Only time will tell, but its always a huge surprise at the end of the week, on who's it going to be, to take home the bragging rights and the Golden Driller Trophy with all the loot that goes with.

When you talk to some of these drivers, generally they will tell you it's a blast and there's nothing else to do in the winter so they come to the Chili Bowl, but after a few minutes, they all will tell you, they wanna win the Chili Bowl. Just like the Greats before them. Vogler, Swindell, Lealand McSpadden, Hatton, and Blaney, Beechler and Boat, just to name a few.
Then you throw in Boorse, Kruseman, Drake, Hines and Stewart. Now that is a list of impressive talent that no one can deny. Talk about a dream team for the 2008 Olympics, and as my good friend Jack Miller would say.... (HOLY COW) But let's not forget the greats who have left their marks on the Chili Bowl as well as special places in our hearts forever, such as Vogler, Fox, Gennetten, Doty, Irwin Jr., and how could we ever forget J. W. Hunt and the rest of those who have left this earth to early...

Watch J.J. Yeley this year as he has shown us all, what he has, J.J. just needs a little lady luck and I believe he will be a very strong force this year, he has been oh so close, yet sometimes so very far. Never ever count him out of the hunt, as J.J. would love to add this to his long list of accomplishments in his career.

One thing you can count on at the Chili Bowl is unexpected surprises that will knock your socks off. How many of you remember the year that Page and P.J. Jones raced wheel to wheel and then crashed, and all hell broke loose and there was a WWF Brawl in turn three. How about the year, that Dave Blaney, former World of Outlaws Champion battled with Ken Schrader and Ron Shuman to sneak his first ever Chili Bowl Title? Then, one of my all time favorites was when Jeff Gordon, Ken Schrader and Doug Wolfgang all racing in the same heat race in 1990. How many of you loyal fans remember the year that Emmett and Lanny hired the Stunt guy who blew himself up in a homemade casket? Then if that wasn't crazy enough, he then placed fuel on the racetrack and had the Pace Car drag him thru the fuel that was on fire and oh yea, did you remember the Pace Car catching on fire while the stunt dude, got his face a little crispy that year. I could go on for hours on the great moments we have had in the 22-year history, but those are the ones that really stick out in my head and we will all never ever forget. Those were the good ole days for sure.

All in all, its been a great ride all these years, while Emmett and Lanny and their families welcome you, stop if you see them, and let them know how much you appreciate what they do for us and the hours and hours of hard work that they do, just so we can enjoy the best racing in the world.
Make sure and buy your t-shirts and programs, check out the trade show and be sure and visit some of the great places while in Tulsa, and support the sponsors who help make this all possible. Trust me when I say, there's always something going on it Tulsa. Stop by to talk to all the drivers and pick up your new 2008 Driver T-shirts as well and let them know your pulling for them, it means a great deal to these guys and they all appreciate your support and always ready to talk to the kids and sign autographs for you.

After last year's wicked ice storm that dumped huge amounts of ice on the area, I went out and visited my good ole buddy, Mr. Golden Driller. We were both pretty cold, so I offered up a drink of my frosty diet Coke, with some added flavorings. I thanked him for his holy insight on the 2007 predic-

tion that I had made and he offered up a new one for 2008. I was a little hesitant as his driller's hat was almost falling off his head and he was stuttering pretty badly from the ice on his lips and the frigid temps.

But as he was mumbling in a very soft voice, I could tell he was ready to fall asleep for the night. He was near exhaustion, but with his eyes starting to close, I could have sworn he said I need a Smoke from Hay Hay. Then when I tried to shake him to wake him up, he assured me it would be a complete surprise for 2008, neither David nor Goliath, but someone who has been so close and this is their year to shine. One can only assume from the Great and Wonderful Oz, that he was trying to tell me Smoke or J.J., but before I could get another word out of my good and faithful friend, he nodded his head to the side and leaned his chin forward and passed out for the long and cold winters night, proving once again, he is the reason, David and Goliath come to do battle at the Chili Bowl for generations to come. With that said, I will listen to my long time friend and go with a repeat winner, but my gut instinct tells me it's the year for J.J. Yeley to take down Goliath and win his very first Chili Bowl A-Main feature on Saturday night...so keep your eyes on the starting field, and remember what I have said. We all know Sammy wants more, along with Cory and a few others, but I really feel after watching Yeley these past few years, that it's definitely his time to shine.

While you're sitting in your favorite seat ready for the shows to start, let us take a minute out to remember our U.S. Armed Forces all over the world. They are doing what Uncle Sam has asked them to do and most of them didn't get to make it home for the Christmas Holidays, see their kids, and be with their families. Let us all pray for their safe return and be proud of our men and women who serve, so that we can do what we all love to do so much without fear and say a great big THANK YOU to all of them for their hours of dedication and the thousands of sacrifices they have endured during the past several years....

So get ready for the wildest five days your ever going to have in racing, while David and Goliath go at it wheel to wheel and show the world who is the stronger and which one will fall, while the other is triumphant for all the gold on Saturday night..

Until next time,
Cee ya in 09 and beyond,

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Tyler Brown

2007

2006-Justin Allgier
2005-Casey Shuman
2004-Kasey Kahne
2003-Cory Kruseman

HINES CATCHES UP

By Steve Eckert

In the 817 A-Mains that 2005 Chili Bowl Champion Tracy Hines has been in during his open wheel career, he has posted 92 wins. 47 were midget wins, with 39 sprint victories and 6 Silver Crowns.

But on April 30th, 2006, on a dirt bike at his property outside Greenfield, IN, while riding with his friends, he suffered his most significant loss.

"We were on a 5-acre area on our place, an old horse pasture, riding. It had a wooden fence around it and I decided to quit, and when I let off the throttle the front end started shaking. We call it a speed wobble, and trying to contain the wobble, I never thought the bike was wiggling to the right, and it wiggled its way through a fence. I was looking down thinking it would flip or run through a fence in front of me, and it went about 50 feet forward and 10-15 feet over to the right and…the rest is history."

Hines' history until that point had been one of great success beginning in midgets in 1992 at the Indianapolis Speedrome. His first career victory, on August 13th , 1995 at Mount Lawn (IN) still holds special memories for him even now:

"Probably my funnest race was my first win, 1995, we had the #7 Corky Wheeler/Tracy Hines Racing midget, went to an I-70 (Odessa, MO) USAC show, finally got our car really working, converting it from dirt to pavement all the time. We drove all night to make it back to a NAMARS race at Mt. Lawn, my home track, and we got there and I didn't have a right rear tire to run. Out of money and out of tire, we didn't know what to do. We had to run a different compound with them. I went over and bought a $20 tire from Barry Reed, and won the feature on that $20 used tire."

Two more NAMARS midget wins within a month followed, and Hines was on his way. He bagged the midget portion of the Eldora 4-Crown the following year, along with 6 other midget wins, and made his Silver Crown A-Main debut at IRP on July 31 of that season. The next year saw his debut Sprint feature at Bloomington (IN) Speedway, and within a season he had notched three victories in that division, beginning with an IRP triumph in the Holt #51.

Of his wins, "One that sticks out, was when I was driving the (Chuck) Leary Construction car(#30), I won a midget race at Winchester in '96, and that was after the car I had been running backed into the wall, caught on fire, and burned to the ground. Worked day in and day out to get our car ready and passed Doug Kalitta to win the race."

It was in 1997 that he made his Chili Bowl debut in the Martz #32, getting to the Saturday Final in his first attempt. "I was pretty happy to make it on my first attempt. The year I won I pedaled it a little trying not to get caught among the lapped cars-- at that race they'll race for 20th like it's the end of the world. Chili Bowl is the Chili Bowl. I'm actually the only guy in history to lead every lap. In my heat, I started 6th , behind (Matt)Westfall, we went to the bottom, everybody else went up to the top and crashed each other. We restarted 2nd, got the lead and led every lap in the heat, prelim night and Saturday feature. Probably the best I ever went at Chili Bowl was '02 (Wilke #11)—THAT car

was THE fastest car I'd ever had there .That car was perfect all weekend. We checked out. Not winning was our own fault--the power steering pump came loose. After that, I was pulling for (the late Kevin) Doty, we were teammates. If our win would have happened it would have taken away Tony's first win and I should have been on two wins and he should have been on one."

The "Tony" he refers to is his current car owner Tony Stewart, whose faith in Hines was unshaken since before the time of the dirt bike wreck. "Tony said from the get-go `You just worry about recovering. We'll worry about having your race car ready'. He said that if I was trying to be Evel Knievel—different story—but if a guy can't just ride around with his friends, well...you can't live in a box." Stewart himself summed up the current team feelings enthusiastically. "Tracy has really, really worked hard and has busted his butt to get healthy again. Seeing him at Phoenix and seeing him at Turkey Night was kind of a reward for all of us to see that all of his hard work had paid off. Everyone at TSR was happy to see him back in a racecar before the end of the year. Just having that bit of confidence of being back in the car and getting some laps in before the Chili Bowl really means a lot to him."

The recovery has been made particularly arduous by the nature of Hines' injuries. "It was tremendous pain. Basically from my belly button down, because my liver was bruised, my groin was bruised, my femur was broken, left side of my pelvis, right knee was dislocated and I was awake the whole time. I was awake through the helicopter ride, I was awake in the trauma room and when they set my right leg. It was just—how much pain could I stand?"

Dismissing the possibility of getting re-injured similarly in an open cockpit car has been a help. "You could not have the damage I had in a racecar. First, your knee wouldn't move that far to be that dislocated. To break your pelvis, something would have to come into the car and puncture the seat. My femur was broken up by the pelvis joint, so again, you're protected by the seat. I don't see myself incurring those same injuries again ever—in a sprint or midget. More likely walking along a road and getting hit by something. So I've kind of taken that out of my mind."

Being injured near a medical epicenter such as Indianapolis had advantages. "I've been to OrthoIndy for multiple operations and Denise Titus, who is a good friend of ours, she is a nurse for Dr.(Kevin) Scheid the IRL doctor, he's fixed me before, so on the LifeFlight my wife called her and said `We want Dr. Scheid there waiting on us.' Dr. Scheid consulted and OrthoIndy was waiting for us at Methodist for those doctors to repair us as soon as we got there."

"Because they put in rods and screws and pins, there was no cast, and there's a rod from my knee all the way up to my groin, the right leg was in an external-fixator, basically an outside halo. Kind of a funny deal, but we didn't have nerve damage at the time—2 weeks later was when the nerve damage came and my foot actually stopped working. It could have been from the second operation. With that much damage, when they have to move nerves to get other things fixed, sometimes the nerve doesn't like it when it gets moved. It didn't like it for 3-1/2 months, I'm just happy it came back."

"The doctors at OrthoIndy told me from the get-go that I'll be out all year, and I said `Oh, doc, I think I'll be back in four months.' Dr .Bailey-my knee doctor-sat me down and said `I'll clear you in four months, but you won't be able to get back in the race car.' He meant because of the mobility factor, which, I didn't want to believe that, but four months came around and...he was right. I couldn't even come close to fitting in the car, so then I set a goal that night to make it back at Copper World (6 months). Looking back, that probably was too soon, but Turkey Night wasn't, and doing Phoenix allowed us to work on what we needed to get me ready for Turkey Night. And Turkey Night--endurance-wise-- taught me what I needed to train on for Chili Bowl, which is heart rate. I have to get my heart rate up to a sustainable limit everyday, actual working out every day. A lot of Core Training and everything you can think of to get my leg strength back. I work out every day. I feel like upper body-wise I'm probably in the best shape, but my legs are still...it's hard to stand. They move a lot of those muscles around when they're putting the rods in you so you have to get that muscle-movement back, work out the knots."

"Turkey Night I was sore, but not as tired as I thought I'd be. I got a little bit winded—probably too much to bite off running both cars, practicing the whole night before. But what the heck; I've never done anything the simplest way before, I'm not gonna start now. It's a good thing that I found out what I've needed to train to, so I can go back to the gym—I go to St Vincent's Sports Performance Center, Ralph Reiff (the director of SVSPC) he personally takes care of me, then has a couple of the interns train me—I'm a guinea pig there, so it's good for the interns to learn off of me. They train me the right way so that come Chili Bowl I'm ready to go."

With his full-time return to open wheel racing apparently closing the chapter on his brief career among the rank and file of Nascar divisions, Tracy is at peace with his efforts and the experience. A ride with a top tier Nextel Cup team isn't in his future, and only such a shot would entice him, at 35 years old, to attempt to return to what he described as "just clawing and scratching and begging" for a fair chance at showcasing what all open wheel fans know to be his formidable driving talents. "I'd only get to run when somebody else didn't bring more money. Two days before a race I'd know I was getting pulled. My seats were in it—there were times where they used my seat, wanted to use my cool boxes…I just said "This is ridiculous."

Open wheel success never was very far from his reach. In 2006, he won two Silver Crown races back-to-back, won two sprint and two midget races, and thought, "You know this is fine. I put some feelers out that I'd be interested in coming back and doing this. One of the feelers was with Tony, I won two out of his three races at the 4-Crown, and Tony and I have known each other for a long time, we raced together, and once they'd offered me the ride, obviously it was a ride that I couldn't resist. I just felt like I had to be at THIS place to build toward my long-term goal. I don't want to race forever, once I'm done driving, I'll get more into the crew chief/team manager stage of it, but, for now I wanted to be with a team that I knew would be there every year."

His team is filled with friends and those Tracy has been familiar with his entire career. "Jay (Drake) keeps this running, and its working great and it makes it easy for me as all I have to do is say `Where are we going, and where are we eating?' My crew chief is Bobby Barth, we've known each other 15 years and know how to yin-and-yang with each other. I think our pavement program has a lot of room for improvement and we're working towards that diligently. As a whole, with the people we have, the equipment we have and the sponsors we have, we should win a majority of the races and I'd be upset if we didn't."

Photo By: Keenan Wright

That he can still race at all is a triumph he shares with the people special to him who helped during his recovery. "My wife Christa had a job she had to quit (she's finally able to have gone back to it) cause she was 24-7 with me. We've been married since April of 2003 and…you know what quality of woman you have when you put them through the worst of the worst and she has come up shining. Most of us don't deserve somebody that good, and I'm one of them. I'm very proud of her. Very proud. American Racing Ministries provided a vehicle several times for us, Dave Cochran came down and drove us to a couple of my appointments. He was awesome. My friends pitching in, my brother, the doctors, physical therapy trainers…there just aren't words."

Soon into his healing therapy, he came to the profound realization that every broken bone, torn ligament and frayed nerve of his represented an opportunity to heal that many others that he came into contact with would never themselves have. "There's always somebody worse off who'll say `I'll take that pain to have that opportunity to walk.' I've made that stick with me. Go through a little pain to

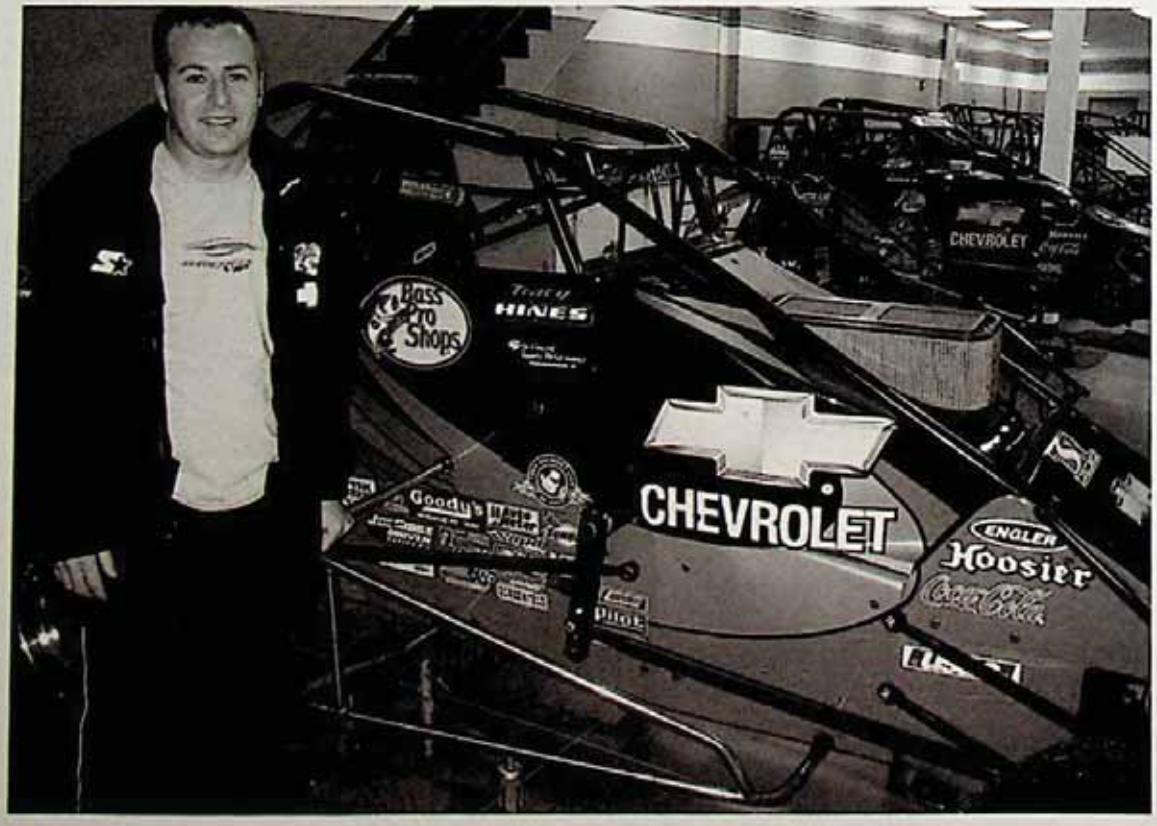
make it get better because there's somebody wishing they had the nerves that worked to have that pain. My legs are battered, but I still have them. I refuse to let pain stop me. I'll probably always have the limp, arthritis I'm sure is going to be bad. It's aging me quicker but at least I'm aging.

I just think I'm too darn stubborn. I hear "No" and I say "Yes, I can."

Can he make his return a triumph this week by becoming a Two Time Chili Bowl Champion?

Yes. He Can.

Photo By: John Motal



Chili Bowl Reflections by Don Martin

As Christmas comes each year, it reminds us that the Chili Bowl is right around the corner. Most race fans will tell you, it is their Christmas, I agree !!

It is no longer a race but an event, that you get excited when its here and disappointed when it is over.

There is so much to offer at the Bowl, first of all the building itself is very intimidating, especially with the Golden Driller out front. Then when you walk inside and see all of the race haulers, concessions, and trade show. What excites me the most is my first glance at the track, knowing what I am about to experience over the next five days.

Then you make your rounds through the pit area looking at all the immaculate equipment in the pit area. Fans are talking about what drivers are racing each night, and who is driving for whom. Hearing them talking about who will be the surprise this year, and which teams have stepped up, and more importantly who is going to win.

The first team everyone wants to see unload is Andy Bondio to see what innovation he has come up with this year. Next it is off to see Tony Stewart's team, the Wilke-Pak, and the Kunz stable, while stopping off to see others.

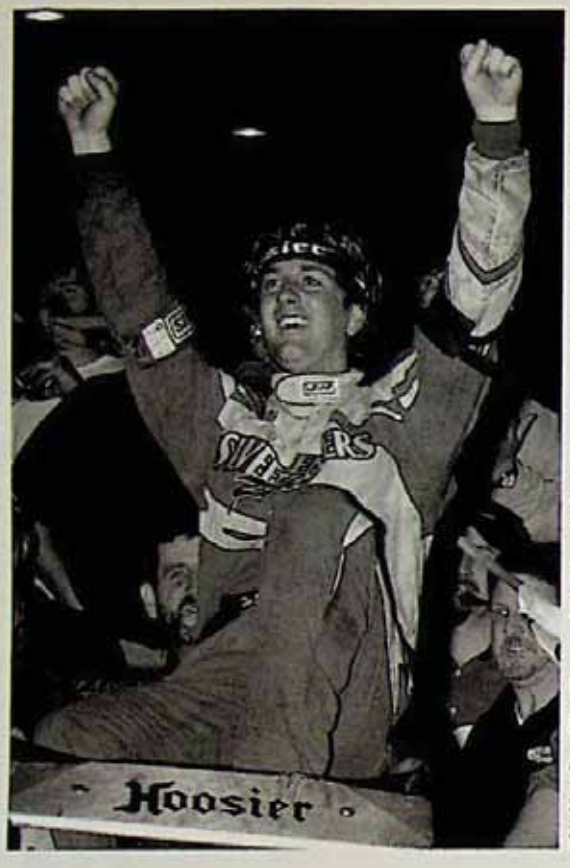
When talking to owners and drivers it's not the money that brings them to the bowl but the prestige. Greg Wilke told me last year if he could sum up the bowl in one word it would be "EGO".

When I hear Tony Stewart talking during a Nextel Cup event, if he were to race only one event each year, the Chili Bowl would be his first pick. Love him or hate him, its always a pleasure to watch this guy give a hundred percent at the Bowl. He has definitely been instrumental into growing this event.

What is the most important thing to have at the Chili Bowl, I would have to say a ticket !!
The reason, there aren't any, it's a sellout. For those that have them feel lucky, and the ones that don't good luck on either getting some outside the building, or bull rushing the general admission section outside turn four. I am grateful and happy for the fans this year that will not be able to attend in person, now have a chance to see the event on Pay-Per-View.

When it comes to racing, it doesn't getting any better than the Chili Bowl, that is the number one factor that brings the sellout crowds to Tulsa each January. Last year the Tuesday night Pre-Qualifier race was spectacular watching Bubba Altig coming from the rear to win the race coming out of turn four on the last lap. That was just the first night !

How about Sammy a few years ago, racing from when the doors opened on Saturday morning to leading the feature on Saturday night only to break U-Joint ending another Championship run. No one has accomplished what he has accomplished at the Bowl being a four-time winner.



How about Tim McCreadie stunning the crowd and field winning the Bowl two years ago in only his second time in a midget. That has got to be one of the greatest moments at the Bowl. A true underdog beating and passing the likes of Jay Drake and Cory Kruseman to win. Timmy truly believes his style adapts well to racing at Tulsa.

This year my prediction will be Cory Kruseman, after a disappointing run last year not making the main, he will be back with a vengeance.

Look for Cruz Pedregon Racing with Sammy Swindell and Josh Wise to be in the hunt as well as Two-Time Champion Tony Stewart looking to defend his title. Tim McCreadie will also be strong again, as he as indicated Australian Steve Smith will be bringing a new mount to the bowl.

Is this the year that owner Greg Wilke gets another driller bringing aces Dave Darland and Jerry Coons Jr. to the dance, neither has one this race yet, what about Danny Lasoski and J.J. Yeley each of them are still looking for their first Driller.

My pick for Rookie will be Californian Brad Sweet, definitely a star in the making.

My hats off to the entire staff that Emmett and Lanny have put together to make all of this possible especially the hard work of Lonnie Wheatly and Donna Harris.

In closing, while enjoying the atmosphere at the Bowl, stop by the concession stand and try the potato ribbons, YOU WON'T BE SORRY !!!

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This is racing matched by none!

No other time or place are drivers from across the nation, and from all forms of racing gathered at one event to compete against each other. All forms of racing are brought together in Tulsa for five action-packed nights of some of the most competitive racing seen all year long!

Tony Stewart, Kasey Kahne, Jeff Gordon, Sammy Swindell, Steve Kinser, Jack Hewitt, J. J. Yeley, Donnie Beechler, Tony George, Ken Schrader, Jason Leffler, Donnie Moran are just a few of the past participants in the race that has everyone talking! Whether you are a sprint or midget fan or you just love racing, you won't want to miss this. It is THE event of the year.

The remarkable list of drivers and car owners that participate in the Chili Bowl from year to year are from all genres of racing, which is what makes this competition unique. From drivers like NASCAR greats Tony Stewart, Kasey Kahne, Jeff Gordon and Ken Schrader to Indianapolis Motor Speedway owner Tony George, we've got lots of great reasons for you to join us in this years Chili Bowl. It's not just the racing, it's the people, the friends we make, the chance to see the best of the best. It may also be the year that a new young talent is noticed by someone that can make a difference in his career.

This year Dodge has stepped up to the plate and signed on as the next three contract to be the title sponsor. Last year was the first year for the involvement by the Oklahoma Dodge Dealers, they were very happy with the event and has got Dodge backing them up. So the Chili Bowl will be known as the Dodge Chili Bowl Nationals.

Each night has a presenting sponsor Wednesday will once again be presented by Creek Nation Casino.Don't miss the shuttle that runs every hour at the top of the hour to take you to the Casino and bring you back after you have (hopefully) broke the bank.

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Thursday Night's presenting sponsor is Warren Cat, without them, the crew would have a tough time grooming the track to make it the action packed track that you have grown to expect. It makes life easier for Steve Hahn and Lanny Ross Edwards in keeping the track in top shape.

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O'Reilly Auto Parts has been a main stay with the Chili Bowl and is the presenting sponsor for Friday night. Their involvement in motorsports has had a huge impact, not just at the Chili Bowl, but with their support for racing series and trracks and also special events.

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Justin Allgaier
2006 24
2007 3

Gary "Bubba" Altig
2007 14

Jon Backlund
1987 13
1988 8

Donnie Beechler
1992 15
1994 18
1995 1
1996 4
1997 4
1998 12
1999 10
2001 19
2004 20

Aaron Berryhill
1992 14
1993 12

Dean Billings
1990 15
1991 12

Dave Blaney
1993 1
1995 4
1996 3
1997 3
1998 19

Billy Boat
1993 14
1995 3
1996 18
1997 1
1998 16

Dan Boorse
1991 4
1992 6
1993 9
1998 15
1999 1
2000 18
2002 13
2003 1
2004 6

Joe Boyles
1999 15
2000 4
2007 6

Mike Brooks
1988 15

Tyler Brown
2007 25

Steve Buckwalter
2004 23
2006 20
2007 11

Ray Bull
2004 19
2005 5

Dave Burns
1987 15

Hank Butcher
1995 5

Boyd Calvert
1996 19
2000 7

Rich Camfield
2001 21
2005 17

Shane Carson
1987 4
1991 16
1992 21
1993 18

Wayne Chinn
2001 13

Lou Cicconi
1997 5
1998 14

John Cofer
1995 9

Jerry Coons Jr.
1994 20
1999 7
2001 23
2002 23
2004 13
2005 12
2006 9
2007 21

Shane Cottle
2000 2
2001 10
2006 8
2007 4

Donnie Ray Crawford
2007 5

Dave Darland
1998 13
2000 20
2001 24
2002 5
2003 16
2004 10
2005 3
2006 10
2007 16

Marty Davis
1993 24
1997 16

Ronnie Day
1999 6

Duke DeRosa
1989 12

Chad DeSelle
2004 11
2005 21

Robert Dolacki
1997 12

Kevin Doty
1987 3
1990 20
1991 6
1992 20
1993 4
1994 14
1995 22
1996 7
1998 4
1999 11
2000 11
2001 7
2002 2

Jay Drake
1996 5
1997 13
1998 6
1999 14
2001 1
2003 2
2006 2

Don Droud Jr.
2003 7
2006 22

Ryan Durst
2007 24

Bobby East
2004 14
2005 8

Tom Eatwell
1988 13

Danny Ebberts
2004 15

Tony Elliott
1997 14
1998 7
2001 20
2002 9

All-Time Drivers A Main Performances

Steve Enlow
1987 5
1989 6
1991 14

Dean Erfurth
1992 5
1993 6
1997 23

Tommie Estes Jr.
1993 19
1994 7
1995 17

Chad Farmer
2001 14
2002 10

Aaron Fike
2001 4
2003 4

A.J. Fike
2002 20

Aaron Fiscus
1995 14

Jeff Flesher
2003 21

Robbie Flock
1990 4
1991 20
2003 23

Josh Ford
2005 5

Stan Fox
1990 11

Dean Franklin
1989 14

Pete Frazier
1991 19

Scott Frew
1989 17

Danny Frye
1987 20
1988 2
1989 10
1991 15
1994 12

Joe Gaerte
1988 10
1990 17

Damion Gardner
2003 10

Gene Gennetten
1987 2
1988 3
1989 20
1992 16
1994 19

Steve Gennetten
1990 8

Brian Gerster
1996 20
2003 19
2005 10

Mike Goodman
2006 17

Jeff Gordon
1990 16

David Gough
2005 20

Mike Gregg
1988 4
1989 9

Richard Griffin
1995 20
1996 10
1998 10
2002 15

Garrett Hansen
2006 16
2007 18

Scott Hatton
1988 1
1989 11
1990 19
1993 6
1994 11
1995 21
2003 5
2004 18

Jac Haudenschild
1997 9

Brett Hearn
1996 16
1997 11

Phil Heavelow
1991 13

Jonathan Hendrick
2007 19

Rick Hendrix
1995 19
1996 15
1998 17

Mike Hess
2000 17
2003 9

Jack Hewitt
1989 2
1993 7
1995 10
1996 8

John Heydenreich
1987 11
1989 3
1990 1

Andy Hillenburg
1991 5
1992 3
1994 1
1997 21
1998 3
1999 20

Ted Hines
2001 8

Tracy Hines
1997 17
1998 11
1999 8
2000 5
2002 22
2004 9
2005 1
2006 7
2007 10

Shane Hollingsworth
2002 24

Gary Howard
1992 18

Luke Icke
2003 17

Kenny Irwin Jr.
1993 21
1994 4
1996 21

Jon Johnson
1987 19

Ricky Johnson
1988 11

Wayne Johnson
2006 23
2007 20

Page Jones
1992 4
1994 15

All-Time Drivers A Main Performances

P.J. Jones
1994 9
1996 2
1997 19
2003 12
2005 7
2006 11

Brent Kaeding
1991 8
1993 3

Bud Kaeding
2000 3
2005 13
2006 15

Kasey Kahne
2001 22
2002 6
2006 24
2006 13

Dick Kaiser
1993 16

Mel Kenyon
1988 5

Frankie Kerr
1995 23

Steve Kinser
1990 2
1991 3
1994 3
1999 17
2006 12

Steve Knepper
1987 17
1988 17
1990 12
1993 11
1995 13
1996 6
1999 4
2001 11
2002 16

Randy Koch
1989 16
1995 15
1996 14
1997 22
1998 21
2001 12
2003 24

Cory Kruseman
1998 22
1999 2
2000 1
2002 3
2003 13
2004 1
2005 2
2006 3

Brad Kuhn
2006 4
2007 23

Michael Lang
2000 15
2001 15

Danny Lasoski
1990 6
1992 5
1993 8
1995 8
1996 11
1997 2
1998 18
1999 21
2001 2
2002 7
2003 22
2004 2
2005 11
2006 21

Jason Leffler
1997 18
1998 2
1999 16
2000 9
2001 25
2002 14
2004 5
2006 14
2007 22

Donnie Lehmann
1997 15
2000 10

Greg Lueckert
2000 6
2002 8
2003 14

Nick Lundgreen
2003 11

Pay Lysell
1992 22

Critter Malone
2000 22
2002 4

Jason Martin
2007 17

Tim McCreadie
2005 9
2006 1
2007 8

Dallen McKenney
2003 15

Paul McMahan
2001 6

Lealand McSpadden
1987 18
1988 12
1991 1
1992 2

Jason Meyers
2003 6

Travis Miniea
2001 16

Warren Mockler
1987 7

Mat Neely
2007 9

Kevin Olson
1988 9
1989 5
1991 18
1993 15
1995 12
1996 12
1998 9
1999 18
2000 14
2005 16

Johnny Parsons
1987 10
1988 18
1990 7
1991 17
1992 12

Mark Passerrelli
1990 18

Billy Pauch
1996 22
1997 10

Roy Payne
1987 14

Rory Peachey
1988 16

Michael Pickens
2005 6

Andy Pierce
1993 17
2002 21

Daryn Pittman
1999 19

Dick Pole
1989 19

Keith Rauch
1995 16
2000 12
2001 5

Davey Ray
2002 12
2004 8
2007 12

Barry Reed
2001 17

All-Time Drivers A Main Performances

Stevie Reeves
1991 9
1992 11
1994 2

Boston Reid
2004 12

Randy Roberts
1990 4
1991 10
1992 10
1993 22
1994 10
1995 18

Johnny Rodriguez
2006 19

Jack Runyon
1995 7

Jerry Russell
1988 6
1989 15

Troy Rutherford
2002 19
2004 21

Doug Schenck
1996 17

Bobby Schneider
1987 9

Ken Schrader
1990 9
1992 7
1993 23
1994 16

Ricky Shelton
1998 5
2000 23

Jeremy Sherman
1997 6
2002 17

Casey Shuman
2005 24
2007 13

Ron Shuman
1987 8
1988 20
1991 7
1992 17
1993 2
1994 5
1995 2
1996 9
1997 8

Jimmy Sills
1993 20
1999 5
2000 21
2003 18
2004 22

Casey Slocum
2000 16

Jon Stanbrough
2005 14
2006 6
2007 15

Brian Stanfill
1999 12

John Starks
1993 13
1994 6
1997 20

Tony Stewart
1992 13
1993 8
1994 11
1998 20
2002 1
2003 3
2004 4
2005 23
2007 1

Jerry Stone
1992 13

Danny Stratton
2004 7

Mike Streicher
1991 11
1992 8

Dave Strickland
1988 7
1989 7
1992 9
1994 17

Sammy Swindell
1987 6
1988 14
1989 1
1990 3
1991 2
1992 1
1993 10
1996 1
1997 7
1998 1
1999 3
2000 13
2001 3
2003 20
2006 18

Rick Taylor
1989 18

Kevin Thomas
1998 8

Greg Vernetti
1992 19

Rich Vogler
1987 1
1989 4
1990 5

Brandon Waelti
2005 18

Tyler Walker
2005 15

Dean Ward
1989 8

Mike Wente
1987 12

Terry Wente
1990 10

Matt Westfall
1999 13
2000 8
2001 9
2002 18
2003 8

Paul White
2005 19

Chris Windom
2007 7

Josh Wise
2004 16
2006 5

Doug Wolfgang
1987 16
1990 13

Gary Wright
1999 21
2000 19
2004 17
2005 22

J.J. Yeley
1999 9
2001 18
2003 11
2004 3
2007 2

Preliminary Night Feature Winners

Since 1987

Cory Kruseman 5
Kevin Doty 3
Sammy Swindell 3
Donnie Beechler 2
Dave Blaney 2
Dan Boorse 2
Dave Darland 2
Jay Drake 2
Danny Frye Jr. 2
Tracy Hines 2
Danny Lasoski 2
Jason Leffler 2
Ken Schrader 2
Ron Shuman 2
Gary "Bubba" Altig 1*
Billy Boat 1
Jerry Coons Jr. 1
Josh Ford 1
Gene Gennetten 1
Scott Hatton 1
Page Jones 1
Lealand McSpadden 1
Billy Pauch 1
Davey Ray 1

* 2007 Tuesday Pre-Qualifing Night Winner

Heat Race Winners

Since 1987
Sammy Swindell 9

Cory Kruseman 7
Danny Lasoski 7
Kevin Olson 7
Jerry Coons Jr. 7
Tony Stewart 7

Dan Boorse 6
Dave Darland 6
P.J. Jones 6

KevinDoty 5
Steve Knepper 5
Don Lehmann 5
Greg Lueckert 5
Critter Malone 5

Donnie Beechler 4
Joe Boyles 4
Robby Flock 4
Wally Pankratz 4
Billy Pauch 4
Ron Shuman 4

Justin Allgaier 3
Billy Boat 3
Shane Carso 3
Jay Drake 3
Don Droud Jr. 3
A.J. Fike 3
Tracy Hines 3
Andy Hillenburg 3
Steve Kinser 3
Randy Koch 3
Jason Leffler 3
Troy Rutherford 3
Brandon Waelti 3
Matt Westfall 3
Gary Wright 3
J.J. Yeley 3

Gary Altig 2
Brady Bacon 2
Dave Baumgartner 2
Teddy Beach 2
Travis Berryhill 2
Dave Blaney 2
Steve Buckwalter 2
John Cofer 2
Jay Drake 2
Tony Elliott 2
Aaron Fike 2
Aaron Fiscus 2
Josh Ford 2
Joe Gaerte 2
Damion Gardner 2
Richard Griffin 2
Scott Hatton 2
Rick Hendrix 2
Mike Hess 2
Jack Hewitt 2
Brent Kaeding 2
Bud Kaeding 2
Kasey Kahne 2
Brad Kuhn 2
Doug Lippincott 2
Lealand McSpadden 2
Joey Montgomery 2
Mathew Neely 2
Chris Rahe 2
Keith Rauch 2
Davey Ray 2
Johnny Rodriguez 2
Shane Scully 2
Jeremy Sherman 2
Jimmy Sills 2
Jon Stanbrough 2
Bryan Stanfill 2
Kevin Swindell 2
Gary Taylor 2
Josh Wise 2

Kenny Adams 1
Daniel Adler 1
Jonathan Allard 1
Jon Backlund 1
Alan Ballard 1
Bobby Boone 1
Larry Brown 1
Mark Brown 1
Tyler Brown 1
Jackie Burke 1
Hank Butcher 1
Darrell Calhoun 1
Boyd Calvert 1
Rich Camfield 1
Craig Carey 1
Ed Carpenter 1
Cole Carter 1
Wayne Chinn 1
Lou Cicconi 1
Bryan Clauson 1
Roger Corrigan 1
Duke DeRosa 1
Cameron Dodson 1
Robert Dolacki 1
Bruce Donaldson Jr. 1
Ryan Durst 1
Bobby East 1
Danny Ebberts 1
Steve Enlow 1
Jay Ervine 1
Rafe Essary 1
Tommie Estes Jr. 1
Joey Fabozzi 1
Mike Fell 1
Jeff Flesher 1
Dean Franklin 1
Gene Gennetten 1
Tony George 1
Brian Gerster 1
Mike Goodman 1
David Gough 1
Mike Gregg 1
Ron Gregory 1
Jeff Griffin 1
Coleman Gulick 1
Darren Hagen 1
Ryan Hamilton 1
Johnathan Henry 1
Jesse Hockett 1
Shane Hollingsworth 1
R.J. Johnson 1
Ricky Johnson 1
Page Jones 1
Dick Kaiser 1
Chad Kemenah 1
Kraig Kinser 1
Randy Koch 1
Michael Lang 1
Nate Law 1
Mike Leslie 1
Nick Lundgreen 1
Tim McCreadie 1
Pepi Marchese 1
Thomas Meseraull 1
Jason Meyers 1
Matt Mitchell 1
Warren Mockler 1
Scott Nail 1
Randy Nigg 1
Randi Pankratz 1
Brandon Petty 1
Michael Pickens 1
Daryn Pittman 1
Brian Ramstack 1
Stevie Reeves 1
Randy Roberts 1
Michael Roselli Jr. 1
Jerry Russell 1
John Sarale 1
Bobby Schneider 1
Ken Schrader 1
Jason Setser 1
Casey Shuman 1
Tim Siner 1
Casey Slocum 1
Mike Spencer 1
Tim Spencer 1
Mike Streicher 1
Rick Taylor 1
Adam Trimble 1
Dean Ward 1
Mike Welker 1
Randy Whitman 1
Joe Wipperfurth 1
Doug Wolfgang 1

Saturday B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K Main Winners

B Main
Donnie Beechler....2
Dan Boorse....2
Jay Drake....2
Kasey Kahne....2
Ron Shuman....2

Justin Allgaier....1
Dean Billings....1
Ray Bull....1
Shane Carson....1
Jerry Coons Jr.....1
Chad DeSelle....1
Kevin Doty....1
Robby Flock....1
Stan Fox....1
Dean Franklin....1
Gene Gennetten....1
Mike Goodman....1
Scott Hatton....1
Rick Hendrix....1
Wayne Johnson....1
Dick Kaiser....1
Randy Koch....1
Jason Leffler....1
Jason Martin....1
Travis Miniea....1
Johnny Parsons....1
Jerry Russell....1
Ricky Shelton....1
Jeremy Sherman....1
Jimmy Sills....1
Casey Slocum....1
Jon Stanbrough....1
Sammy Swindell....1
Mike Wente....1
Doug Wolfgang....1

C Main
Don Lehmann....3

Tom Eatwell....2
Randy Koch....2
Tim Siner....2
Brad Weber....2

Brady Bacon....1
Don Droud Jr.....1
Dean Erfurth....1
Cary Faas....1
Randy Fiscus....1
Josh Ford....1
Stan Fox....1
Dean Franklin....1
Bev Griffis....1
Brett Hearn....1
Jack Hewitt....1
Terry Holderfield....1
Shane Hollingsworth....1
Jon Johnson....1
Lealand McSpadden....1
Thomas Meseruall....1
Wally Pankratz....1
Mark Passerelli....1
Billy Pauch....1
Tim Shaffer....1
Tom Siner....1
John Starks....1
Danny Stratton....1
Jeff Swindell....1
Sammy Swindell....1
Brandon Waelti....1
Billy Wilburn....1
Josh Wise....1

D Main
Danny Stratton....2

Daniel Adler....1
Roland Ayo....1
Teddy Beach....1
Aaron Berryhill....1
Dave Blaney....1
Bobby Boone....1
Dan Boorse....1
Darrell Calhoun....1
Glen Carson....1
Craig Carry....1
Jim Christian....1
Ronnie Day....1
Tom Eatwell....1
Tony Elliott....1
Sean Fenn....1
Brian Gerster....1
Mike Gregg....1
Robert Hanley....1
Bob Harr....1
Mike Hess....1
Ricky Johnson....1
Dick Kaiser....1
Kasey Kahne....1
Nick Knepper....1
Ron Kuhn....1
Dennis Mann....1
Dustin Morgan....1
Trey Robb....1
Tony Rossi....1
Flea Ruzic....1
Doug Wolfgang....1

E Main
John Wolfe....2

Dean Alexander....1
Steven Bennette....1
Kenny Bernard....1
Bob Cicconi....1
Damion Gardner....1
Dale Howard....1
Brad Loyet....1
John Lucas....1
Nick Mitchell....1
Bugs Norbury....1
Rex Norris III....1
Kelly Pendleton....1
Jeremy Sherman....1
Tommy Spencer....1
Sammy Swindell....1
Brandon Waelti....1
Billy Wilburn....1
Edwin Wilson....1
J.J. Yeley....1

F Main
Michael Lewis....2

Bill Baue....1
Rich Camfield....1
Shane Cottle....1
Aaron Fike....1
Damion Gardner....1
Darren Hagen....1
Smoke Johnson....1
Levi Jones....1
P.J. Jones....1
J.D. Turner....1
Josh Wise....1
J.J. Yeley....1

G Main
Travis Berryhill....1
Toby Brown....1
Chad DeSelle....1
John Foster....1
Brian Gard....1
Bart Hartman....1
Dick Kaiser....1
Thomas Meseraull....1
John Sarale....1
Audra Sasselli....1
Bobby Smith....1
Jon Stanbrough....1

H Main
Charles Davis Jr.....1
Kevin Doty....1
Rick Eckert....1
Dean Franklin....1
Ron Kuhn....1
Don Lehmann....1
Jon Stanbrough....1
Chad Wheeler....1
Josh Wise....1
J.J. Yeley....1

I Main
Ryan Kaplan....1
Marc Dailey....1
Brett Hearn....1
Jonathan Henry....1
Michele Miller....1
Tracy Miller....1
Stevie Sussex III....1

J Main
Cameron Beard....1
Kevin Doty....1
Brett Hearn....1
Jay Mounce....1
Todd Plemons....1
Terry Tarditi....1

K Main
Jesse Hockett....1
Todd McVay....1
Billy Mentgen....1
Joe Walker....1

Chili Bowl Winners/Owners

2007-Tony Stewart-Tony Stewart Motorsports
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2005 Tracy Hines-Wilke Pak Motorsports
2004 Cory Kruseman-Andy Bondio
2003 Dan Boorse-Don Boorse
2002 Tony Stewart-Keith Kunz
2001 Jay Drake-Keith Kunz
2000 Cory Kruseman-Andy Bondio
1999 Dan Boorse-Don Boorse
1998 Sammy Swindell-Pete Willoughby
1997 Billy Boat-John Lawson
1996 Sammy Swindell-Jay McKinnie-Rusty Kunz
1995 Donnie Beechler-Gary Zarounian
1994 Andy Hillenburg-Rusty & Keith Kunz
1993 Dave Blaney-Ralph & Tracy Potter
1992 Sammy Swindell-Larry Howard
1991 Lealand McSpadden-Andy Bondio
1990 Jon Heydenreich-Tony Findlay
1989 Sammy Swindell-Jack Runyon
1988 Scott Hatton-Jerry Hatton
1987 Rich Vogler-Bob Lowe

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Heats

1st HEAT		2nd HEAT		3rd HEAT		4th HEAT		5th HEAT	
START	FINISH	START	FINISH	START	FINISH	START	FINISH	START	FIN
1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.
2.	2.	2.	2.	2.	2.	2.	2.	2.	2.
3.	3.	3.	3.	3.	3.	3.	3.	3.	3.
4.	4.	4.	4.	4.	4.	4.	4.	4.	4.
5.	5.	5.	5.	5.	5.	5.	5.	5.	5.
6.	6.	6.	6.	6.	6.	6.	6.	6.	6.
7.	7.	7.	7.	7.	7.	7.	7.	7.	7.
8.	8.	8.	8.	8.	8.	8.	8.	8.	8.
9.	9.	9.	9.	9.	9.	9.	9.	9.	9.

6th HEAT		7th HEAT		8th HEAT		9th HEAT		10th HEAT	
START	FINISH	START	FINISH	START	FINISH	START	FINISH	START	FIN
1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.
2.	2.	2.	2.	2.	2.	2.	2.	2.	2.
3.	3.	3.	3.	3.	3.	3.	3.	3.	3.
4.	4.	4.	4.	4.	4.	4.	4.	4.	4.
5.	5.	5.	5.	5.	5.	5.	5.	5.	5.
6.	6.	6.	6.	6.	6.	6.	6.	6.	6.
7.	7.	7.	7.	7.	7.	7.	7.	7.	7.
8.	8.	8.	8.	8.	8.	8.	8.	8.	8.
9.	9.	9.	9.	9.	9.	9.	9.	9.	9.

Semifinals

START	FINISH	START	FINISH	START	FINISH	START	FINI
1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.
2.	2.	2.	2.	2.	2.	2.	2.
3.	3.	3.	3.	3.	3.	3.	3.
4.	4.	4.	4.	4.	4.	4.	4.
5.	5.	5.	5.	5.	5.	5.	5.
6.	6.	6.	6.	6.	6.	6.	6.
7.	7.	7.	7.	7.	7.	7.	7.
8.	8.	8.	8.	8.	8.	8.	8.
9.	9.	9.	9.	9.	9.	9.	9.
10.	10.	10.	10.	10.	10.	10.	10.
11.	11.	11.	11.	11.	11.	11.	11.
12.	12.	12.	12.	12.	12.	12.	12.
13.	13.	13.	13.	13.	13.	13.	13.
14.	14.	14.	14.	14.	14.	14.	14.
15.	15.	15.	15.	15.	15.	15.	15.
16.	16.	16.	16.	16.	16.	16.	16.
17.	17.	17.	17.	17.	17.	17.	17.

Heats

1st HEAT		2nd HEAT		3rd HEAT		4th HEAT		5th HEAT	
START	FINISH	START	FINISH	START	FINISH	START	FINISH	START	FINISH
1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.
2.	2.	2.	2.	2.	2.	2.	2.	2.	2.
3.	3.	3.	3.	3.	3.	3.	3.	3.	3.
4.	4.	4.	4.	4.	4.	4.	4.	4.	4.
5.	5.	5.	5.	5.	5.	5.	5.	5.	5.
6.	6.	6.	6.	6.	6.	6.	6.	6.	6.
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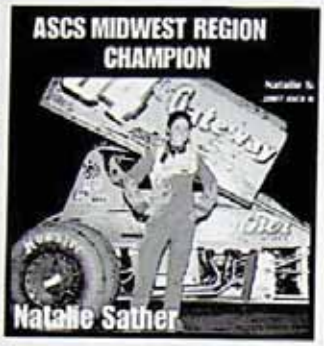

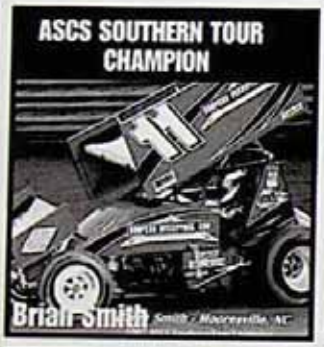

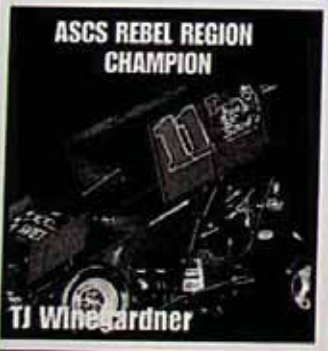

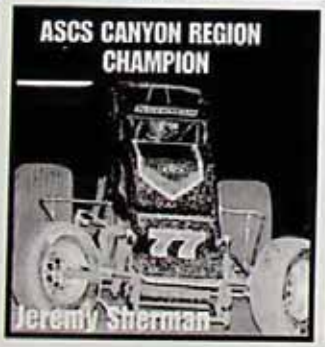

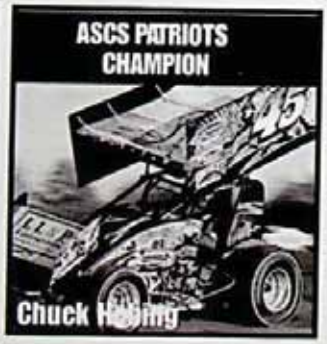

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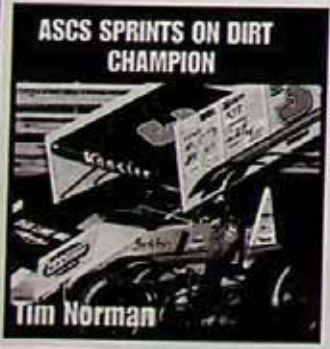

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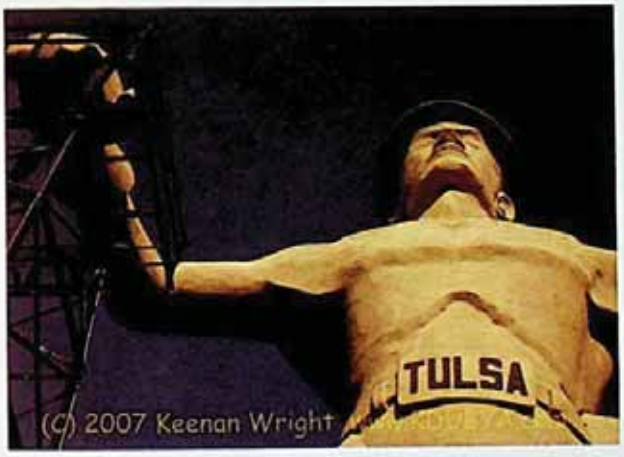

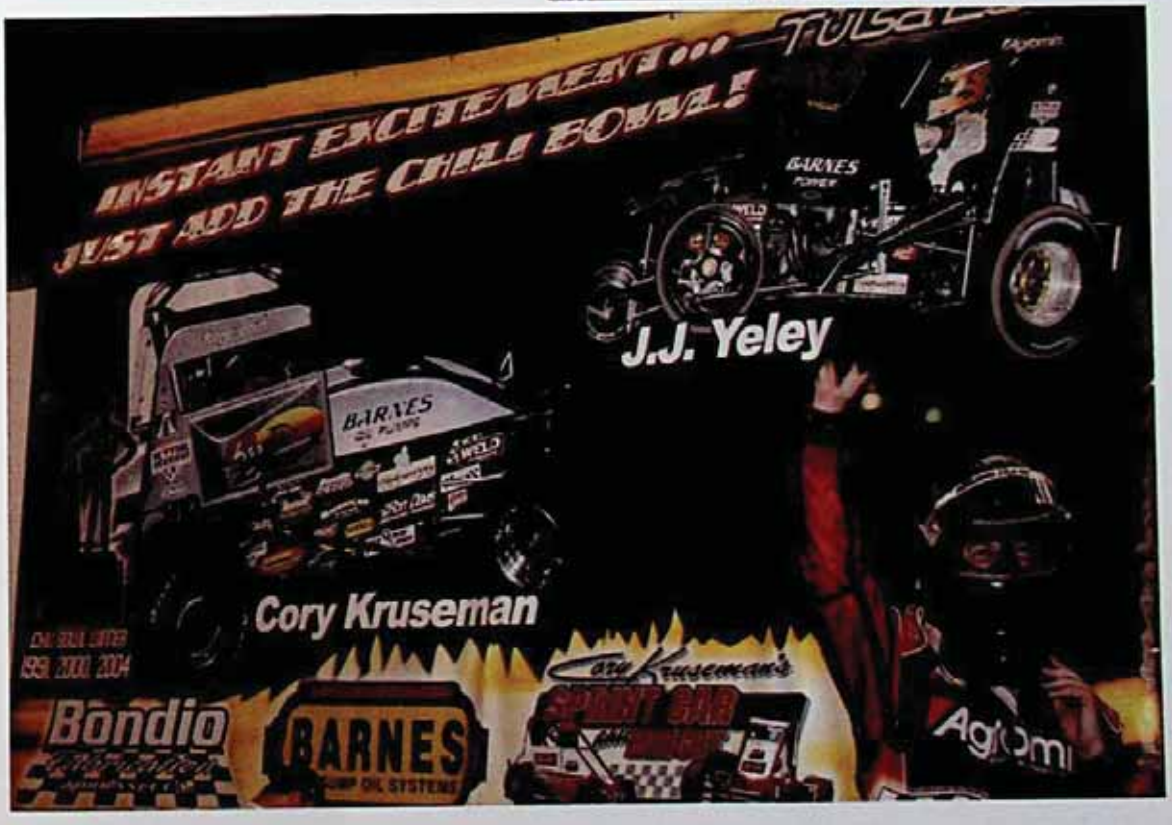

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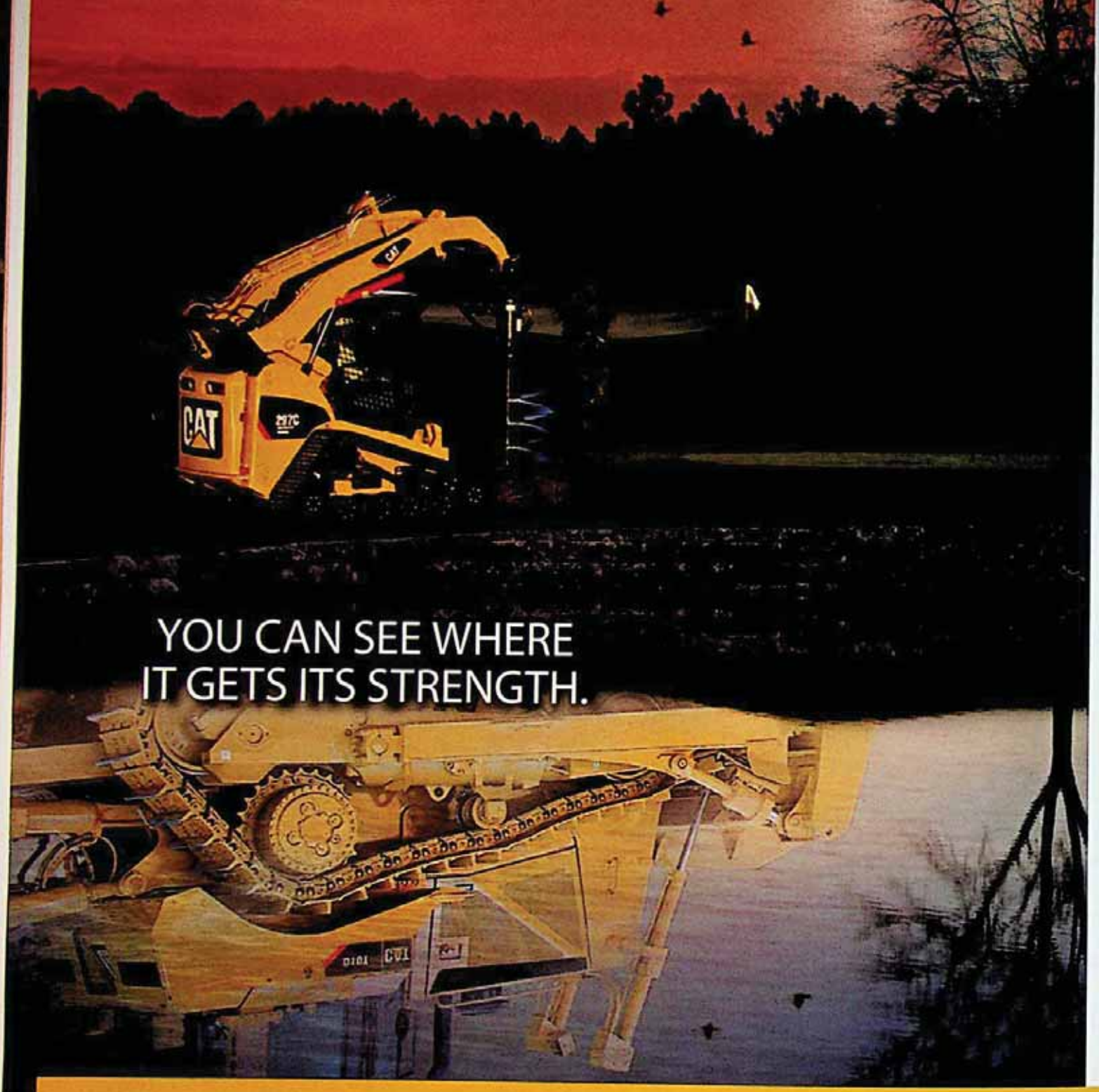

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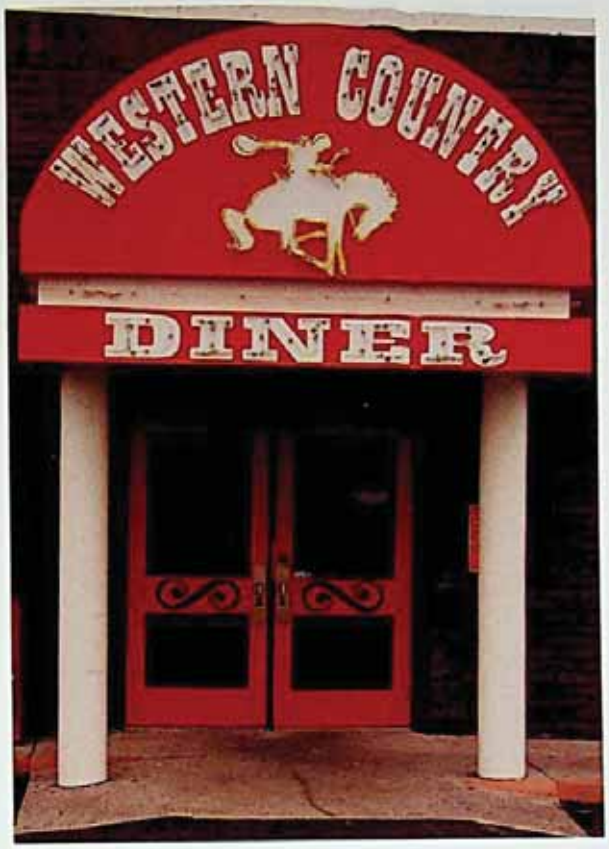

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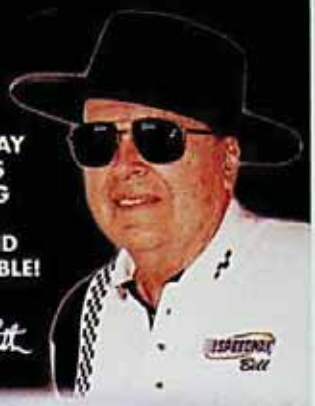

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