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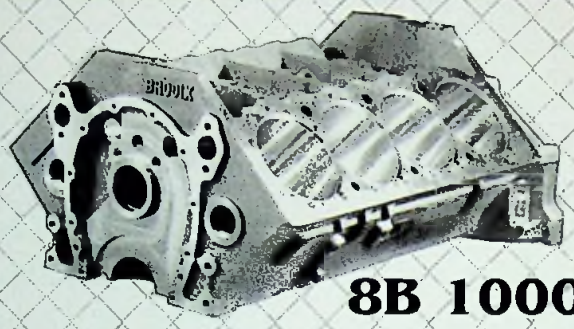

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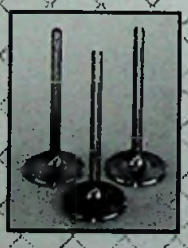

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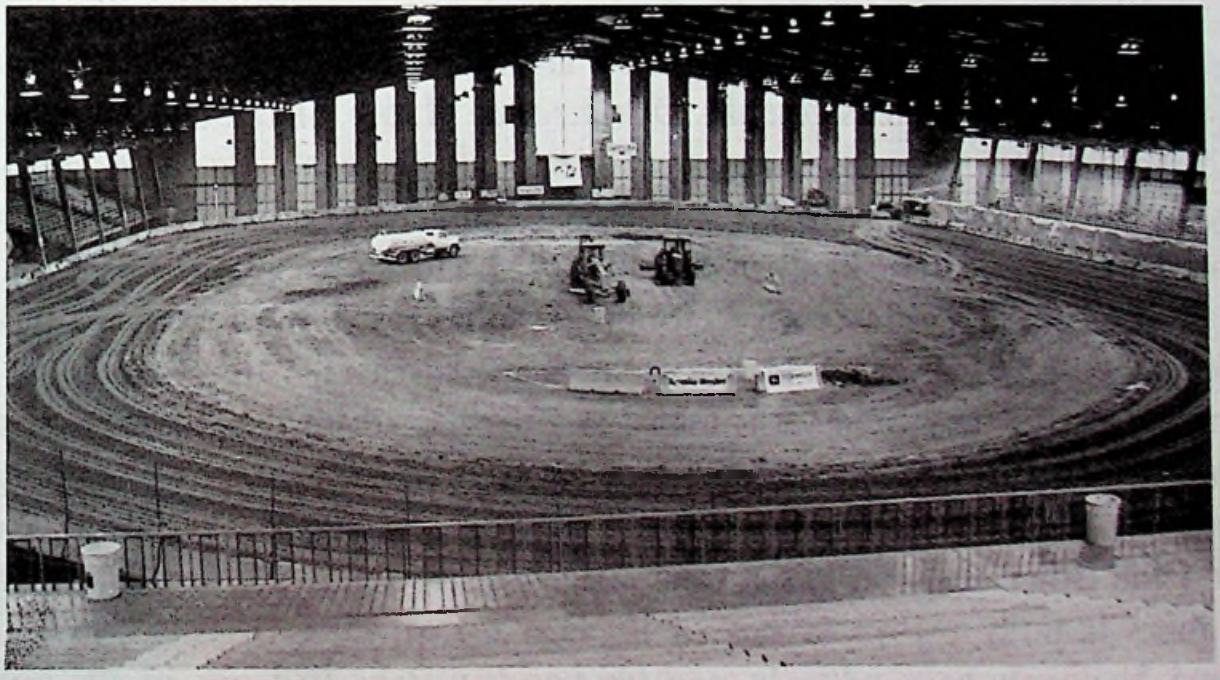

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Welcome to Tulsa!! The home of one of our nation's most talked about motorsports events. On behalf of the Lanny Edwards family and the Emmett Hahn family, your hosts for the 13th running of the Chili Bowl Nationals, I would like to take this opportunity to thank both the fans and the participants for their unselfish and loyal support. You have made this event something very special in all of our lives.

What really is fascinating about the Chili Bowl mystique is the way it even has an effect on the hundreds of race drivers that have raced in this event. When Kenny Schrader jumped out the top of his car after winning an opening night feature no so long ago, his first words were "that is the most fun I have had in a helluva long time." And he still talks about his racing at the Chili Bowl. In fact, in the same January issue of Open Wheel magazine, P. J. Jones heartily enjoys as one of his best racing memories, the 1994 Chili Bowl Nationals race when he and his brother Page had one of the hottest

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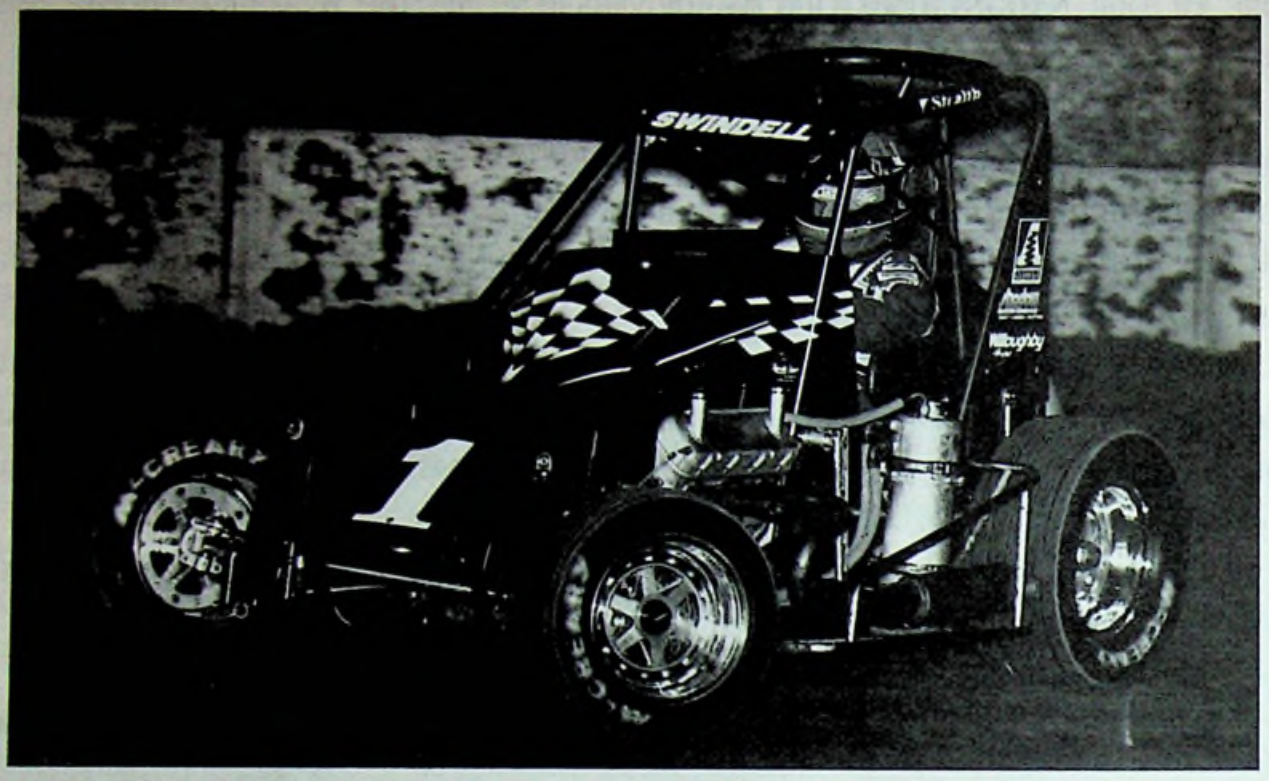

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Undisputedly, the Only Multiple winner of the Chili Bowl Nationals...Sammy Swindell .....But, FOUR??!!

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SAMMY WINS HIS FOURTH CHILI BOWL

by Kevin Eckert

Sammy Swindell continued to hold the deed to Tulsa's Exposition Center by claiming his fourth career Chili Bowl Midget Nationals. "Tonight I was in the right place," said the $5,000 winner. "There was a lotta guys that was just as fast or faster, but I was in the spot. It was sorta mine to lose I guess."

Swindell's battle with Billy Boat through the late stages was the race's boiling point. "When I seen him beside me, I knew he had a run," Sam stated. "I didn't know if I could get back around. I just kinda waited. I knew he wouldn't have a good run off of two. I just wanted to get there and get in front of him. I knew if I could keep him behind me enough that he couldn't get back down, I could have a clean run back into one again.

"I didn't make a good corner," claimed the self critical victor. "He came across there. I knew I was gonna have to keep it close. We were right together goin' into one. We went in pretty hard. I seen he was kinda slidin' up. So I knew he was gonna be in the middle. I went ahead and just went right up to the top and just waited a bit so I could get a good run at the other end. Steve Kinser showed me that once he does slide in front of you, you need to make sure that you don't slide too far and kinda pin him up a little bit. I knew if I just slid up and slowed up a little bit, that he wouldn't have a good run at the next end."

The 1998 Chili Bowl Midget Nationals was the first one where the track was cut before and after the B. Jason Leffler led Swindell initially. Deceived by its dampness, Andy Hillenburg surrendered three positions when he vaulted fellow second row starter Danny Lasoski. "I didn't think that right rear was stickin' out that far," replied Andy with a guilty grin. "It could've been ugly."

Swindell stalked Leffler. "I could get into the corner a little better than Jason, but I was worried that we were gettin' a little stacked up I thought. I figured I'd just wait 'til we got to traffic, sorta like last night. I knew we were fixin' to run up on (Lou) Cicconi and he was on the bottom. I wanted to go up there. And it seemed like just about the time I got up there and got a run, Jason decided to go up. It slowed us up a little bit and I thought Andy was gonna get by both of us. Fortunately, he moved back down. I was the only one up there makin' tracks there for a long time, it seemed like. Everytime I'd come around, they'd cover it back up again. I didn't think anyone was ever gonna get up there and help me. That was definitely about the hardest five, six, seven laps I've run in a long time. I had to really hustle up there tryin' to make a racetrack."

Cicconi triggered the first caution, making him the first to fight for the right to remain on Leffler's lap. A black plague swarmed "Liquid Lou" containing Jason, Sammy, Jay Drake, Dave Darland and rapidly closing Dave Blaney and Ricky Shelton. Three high, Swindell used the pick to emerge leading. "I got off four in the wrong spot, got off in the black and lost a little momentum," was Leffler's explanation.

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"Once I got in front," Sammy continued, "I got into a pretty good pace. I really didn't hear anybody. Then we run up on the two cars of Dan Boorse and Lou Cicconi again. They just seemed to run side by side. I didn't know if I wanted to get too close or not. I kinda slowed down a little bit."

Leffler and Boat both slipped Cicconi to chase down Swindell. Unfortunately, Drake dropped low and drilled Lou to collect Darland, Lasoski, Blaney and Boorse. The leader remained on the rim that he hoped would grow faster. "I'd slipped up there a time or two earlier and it felt pretty good gettin' off of two. I hadn't been up that far in four yet. After Andy stuck in there, I knew I was stuck. I had to run the top then."

Boat became second and recognized Rick Hendrix as his best chance to pin the leader. But like Drake before him, he blasted the slower car and carried both into the wall. "I just had too much momentum gettin' into that corner," apologized Boat.

Leffler kept some suspense but Swindell danced just out of striking distance. "I don't know if I'm ready for the Outlaw tour yet," joked Jason. Anytime you start on the pole and run second, it's disappointing. But I guess with the company I was runnin' with, you can be a little happy about it. I was a little tight. The team did a good job."

Hillenburg took third. "I couldn't run hard at all," explained Andy. "I moved down off the cushion. I couldn't touch the curb at all. I thought the track was great. It was good on the bottom. And then there at the end, it was a little bit better on the top. Another good year at the Chili Bowl. I was just too tight to run with 'em tonight. That's all right. I griped about bein' too loose last night so, they fixed that."

Kevin Doty drove from the sixth row to cross as the first non black car. Shelton shot from the eighth row to earn fifth ahead of Drake. Willoughby warriors swept four of the first six spots in a final where 22 spots were divided among 14 businessmen.

Sammy was asked if any of his Chili Bowls stood out? "They're all good. I've led a lotta laps. We're 4 for 10 maybe, so that's not bad. And I feel like I could've won at least three more, or had a shot at it anyway. But you gotta have the breaks to go your way."

When the entry list reaches 109, breaks are magnified. The slightest malfunction means a seat in the cellar, all of which created drama for the record 11,342 attendees during the annual charges through the alphabet soup that began with Sean Fenn, who started last and on the last corner, bagged the D.

A loose plug wire dropped '93 Chili Bowl winner Dave Blaney into the D, which he won. Third in the C, Dave scored second in the B to reach the A. Jeremy Sherman shot twice through his C, before falling two shy of the A. Billy Pauch pocketed a C, but required four more positions to get his sputtering machine into the A, where Blaney circled half the field in half the distance before he was whacked.

"I knew I couldn't run all those laps without gettin' in one wreck," Blaney laughed sadly. "Somebody just got turned around in front of me. That was my main concern, just gettin' caught up in a wreck. We were lucky enough to get to the A before the crash. I actually didn't think the bottom would hang on that long in the A main. I thought it would go up quicker with all the cars. It stayed awful good. It had to be that way for me to go anywhere."

For his entertaining effort, Dave Blaney received the Rich Vogler Hard Charger award in honor of the Midget legend who won the very first Chili Bowl Midget Nationals in 1987.

(D1) 1 Blaney, 2 Mann, 3 Dewell. DNQ Randy Polewczynski 79, 5 Jim Sawyer 59, 6 Jim Bean 5Q, 7 David Watkins 3x, 8 Steve Aplin 22, 9 Johnny Murdock 0, 10 Bill Allen 70, 11 Kurt Osterbuhr 95k, 12 Tim Lewis 3, 13 Howard Worrell 19, 14 Chris Shoulders 7s, 15 George Aimone 30, 16 Bill Eslick 24. DNS Jerry Marks 51, Doug White 56.

(D2) 1 Fenn, Ayo, 3 Turner. DNQ Vern Komppa 18k, 5 Ronald Kuhn 11x, 6 Billy Mentgen 7c, 7 Roy Caruthers (Duncan 15), 8 Randy Nigg 67, 9 Coy White 21, 10 Jim Parsons 11p, 11 Ricky Johnson 51, 12 Rick Jackson 14j, 13 Wayne Chinn 71, 14 Benny Taylor 13, 15 Edwin Wilson

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Q4, 16 Jeff Palazzolo (Weyant 9), 17 Greg Clemons 59q, 18 Dave Camfield 86. DNS Kevin Carl 28, Scott Weyant 99, Travis Welpott (Gorman 18)

(C1) 1 Pauch, 2 Pittman, 3 Blaney. DNQ Matt Westfall (Hammonds 54), 5 Roger Miller 75, 6 Tim McVay 7m, 7 Jimmy Voitel (Ellis 43az), 8 Aaron Fiscus 16, 9 A.J. Felker 5, 10 Dennis Parker (Barger 19), 11 Jim McVay 7, 12 Dennis Miller 88, 13 Larry Dewell (Shiver 91), 14 Robert Harr 2h. DNF Billy Wilburn (Peachey 78), Jeff Jackson 35. DNS Jackie Burke 14, Dennis Mann 17.

(C2) 1 Eatwell, 2 Boone, 3 Sherman. DNQ Bill Baue 44, 5 Michael Roselli 98, 6 J.D. Turner 53, 7 Tony Beaber 66, 8 Nick Mitchell (Wahl 37), 9 Bill Berg (Fillner 3), 10 Doug Schenk 71, 11 Roland Ayo 50, 12 Rich Camfield 87, 13 John Tosti 7, 14 Steve Newman 11,15 Tim Siner (Holderfield 73), 16 Phil Shapel 84, 17 Sean Fenn (Caves 2) DNS Dean Franklin 42.

(B1) 1 Koch, 2 Blaney, 3 Elliott, 4 Cicconi. DNQ Daryn Pittman (Lehmann 31), 6 Joe Gaerte (Potter 3), 7 Bryon Walters 5, 8 Billy Pauch (Caves 1z), 9 Shane Scully 56, 10 Donnie Lehmann 31, 11 Steve Knepper 55, 12 Michael Lang 12, 13 Chris Malone 7, 14 J.J. Yeley (McKinnie 1st), 15 Robert Dolacki (Pinkston 63), 16 Clay Klepper (Hartman 69)

(B2) 1 Shelton, 2 Boorse, 3 Griffin, 4 Hendrix. DNQ Greg Lueckert 01, 6 Jeremy Sherman (Ellis 3az), 7 Andy Pierce 83, 8 Greg Nelson (Streeter 14), 9 Dean Erfurth (McNulty V4), 10 Jeff Flesher 72, 11 Bobby Boone 96, 12 John Heydenreich (Hughes 45), 13 Terry Tarditti (Streeter 14), 14 Larry Dewell(Shiver 91), 15 Jason Setser 16, 16 Dean Franklin 42. DNS Kenny Irwin (Calderwood 28)

(A main) 1 SAMMY SWINDELL (Willoughby 1), 2 Jason Leffler (Lawson 15), 3 Andy Hillenburg (Willoughby 2), 4 Kevin Doty (Wilke 11), 5 Ricky Shelton (Willoughby 71), 6 Jay Drake (Willoughby 97), 7 Tony Elliott (Lamers 66), 8 Kevin Thomas (DeCrane 17), 9 Kevin Olson (Lamers 66), 10 Richard Griffin (Lawson 15), 11 Tracy Hines

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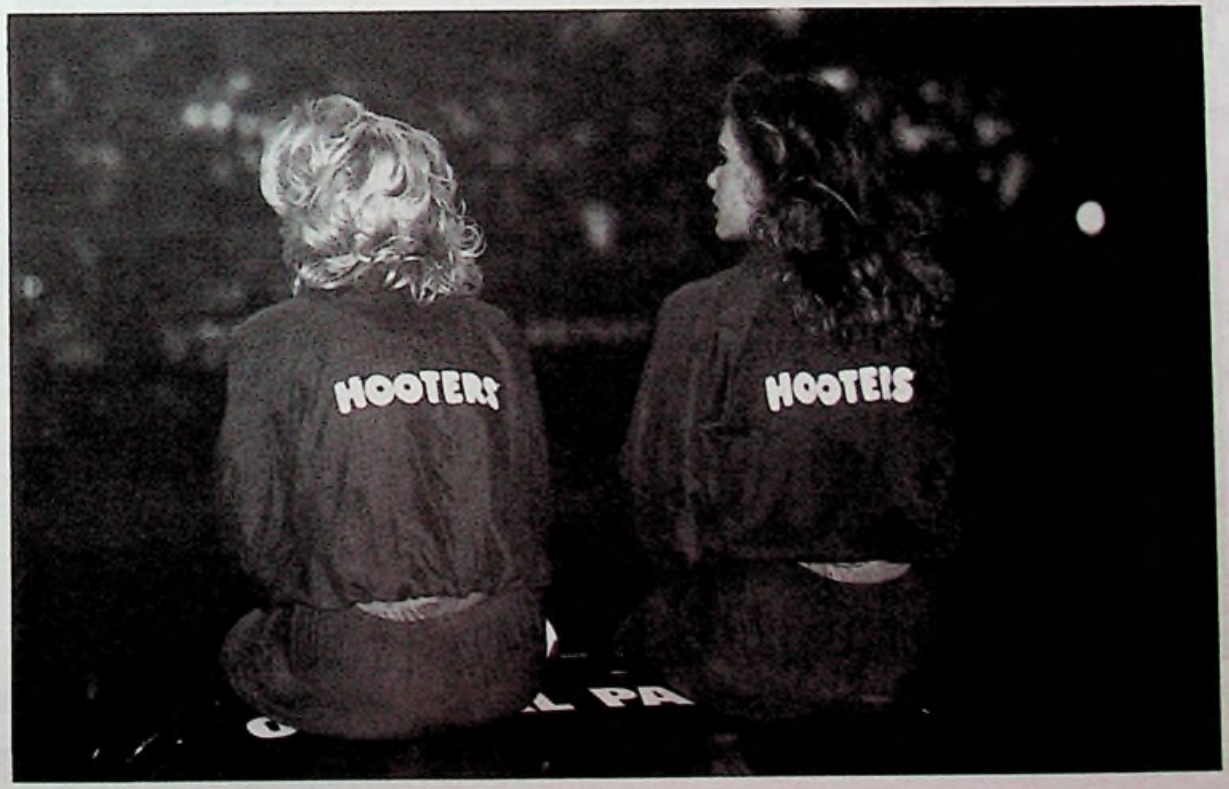

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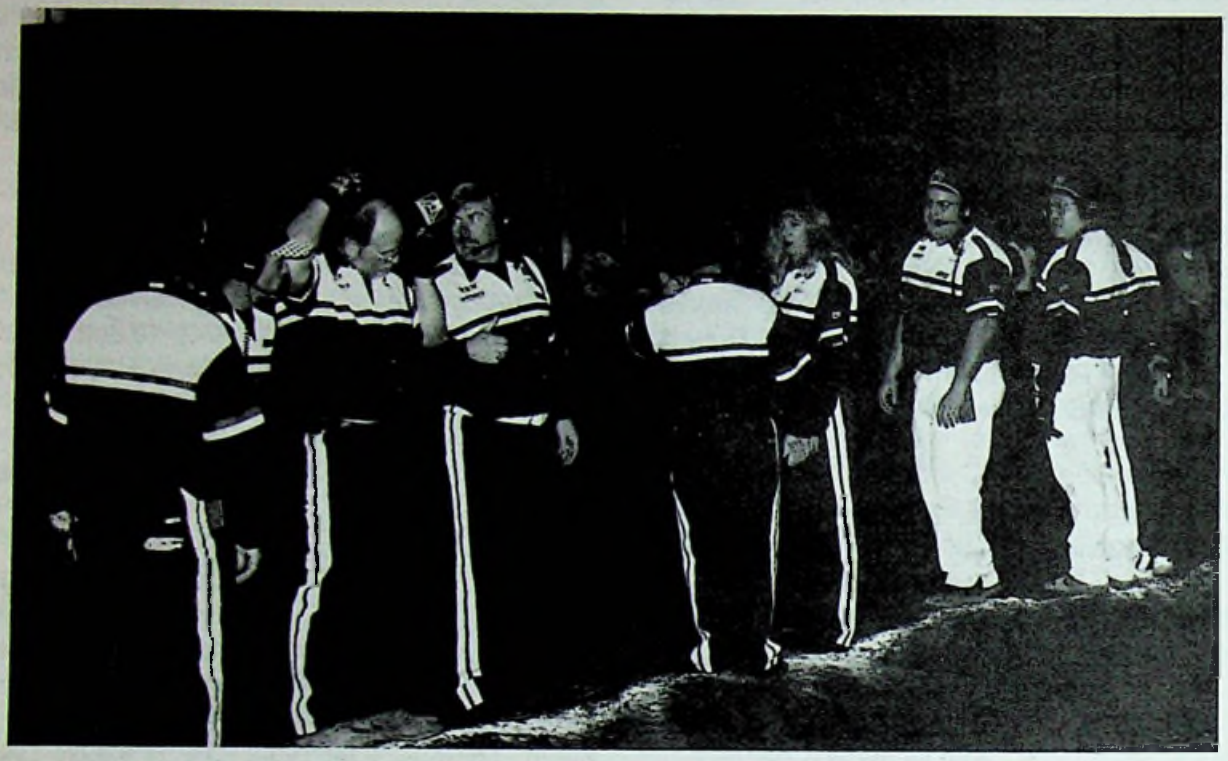

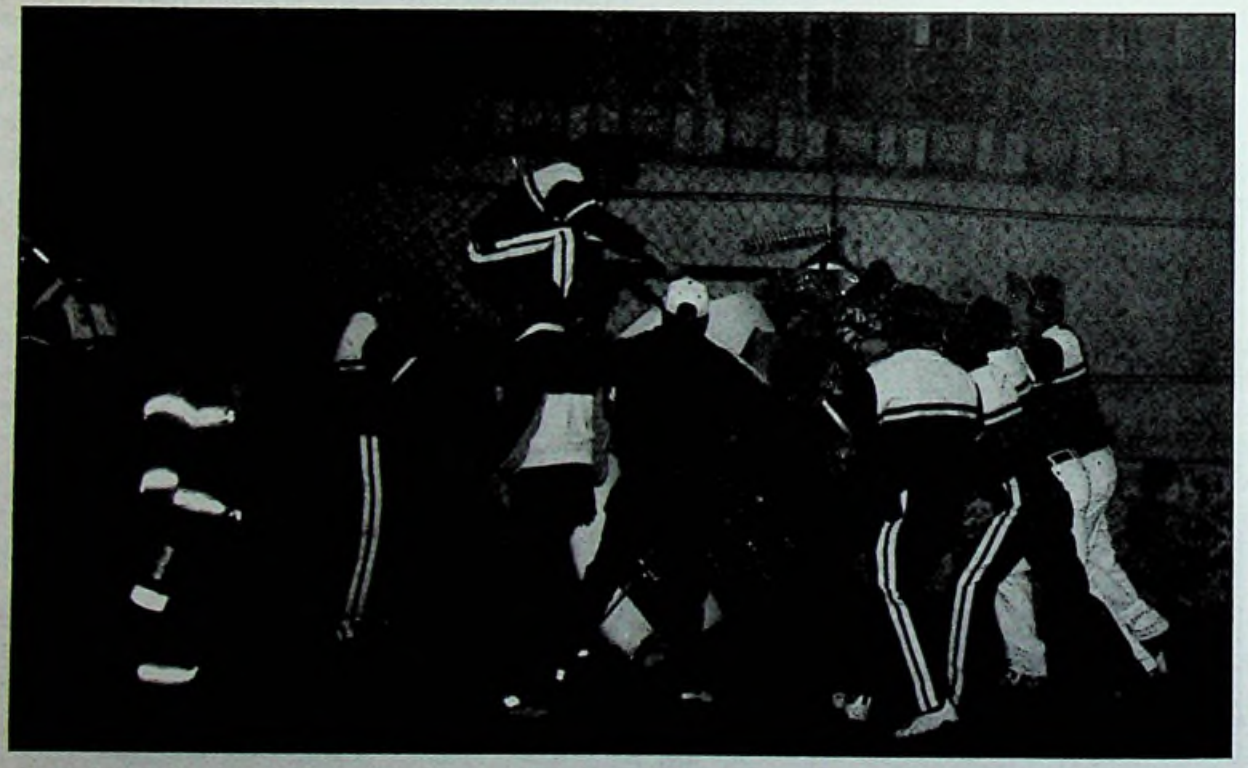

The crew in action..... *Photo By promotions, plus*

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LEFFLER LANDS POLE POSITION

by Kevin Eckert

California native Jason Leffler put himself in prime position to win his first Chili Bowl Midget Nationals by taking Thursday's preliminary feature to the 12th annual classic. Six weeks after using Pete Willoughby's car to nail down his first USAC Midget championship, Leffler became part of John Lawson's three Stealth assault on Oklahoma.

"John Lawson prepares a great car," said the gracious winner. "Murray Gordon and everybody on the crew does a good job. They're all good race cars and prepared great. Boat's car is usually the newer one. That doesn't matter. All the stuff's pretty new. He doesn't get too many races on it before he builds a new one."

Danny Lasoski charged from last to second in his heat race to start Larry Brown's TCR car from the pole. But the reconditioned surface fooled The Dude, as Danny drifted wide to relinquish five spots.

"Driver error; plain and simple," said Lasoski. "I watched the last B and I thought if I got a jump off the start, I could go ahead and run the top 'cause my car was pretty good up there. I didn't think anybody could roll behind me. When they rolled it in with the pushtrucks, it made it like ice for the first couple laps. It took off like I was gonna hit the fence. I hit the brake and killed the motor. It just took back off and luckily, kept running."

J.J. Yeley spun and was slammed, sticking the throttle to eliminate the Cigarette Eliminator that won the '96 race. On the restart, Ricky Shelton took over from his new Willoughby teammate, but led only a few until Leffler stepped to the front.

"I got up on the berm and almost killed the motor that one time," Jason alibied. "I think that's when the 71 car (Shelton) passed me. I just kinda stayed right there, stayed calm 'cause it was tough to stay on the bottom. He slipped up a lap later and I was able to get him back. I just tried to stay real straight."

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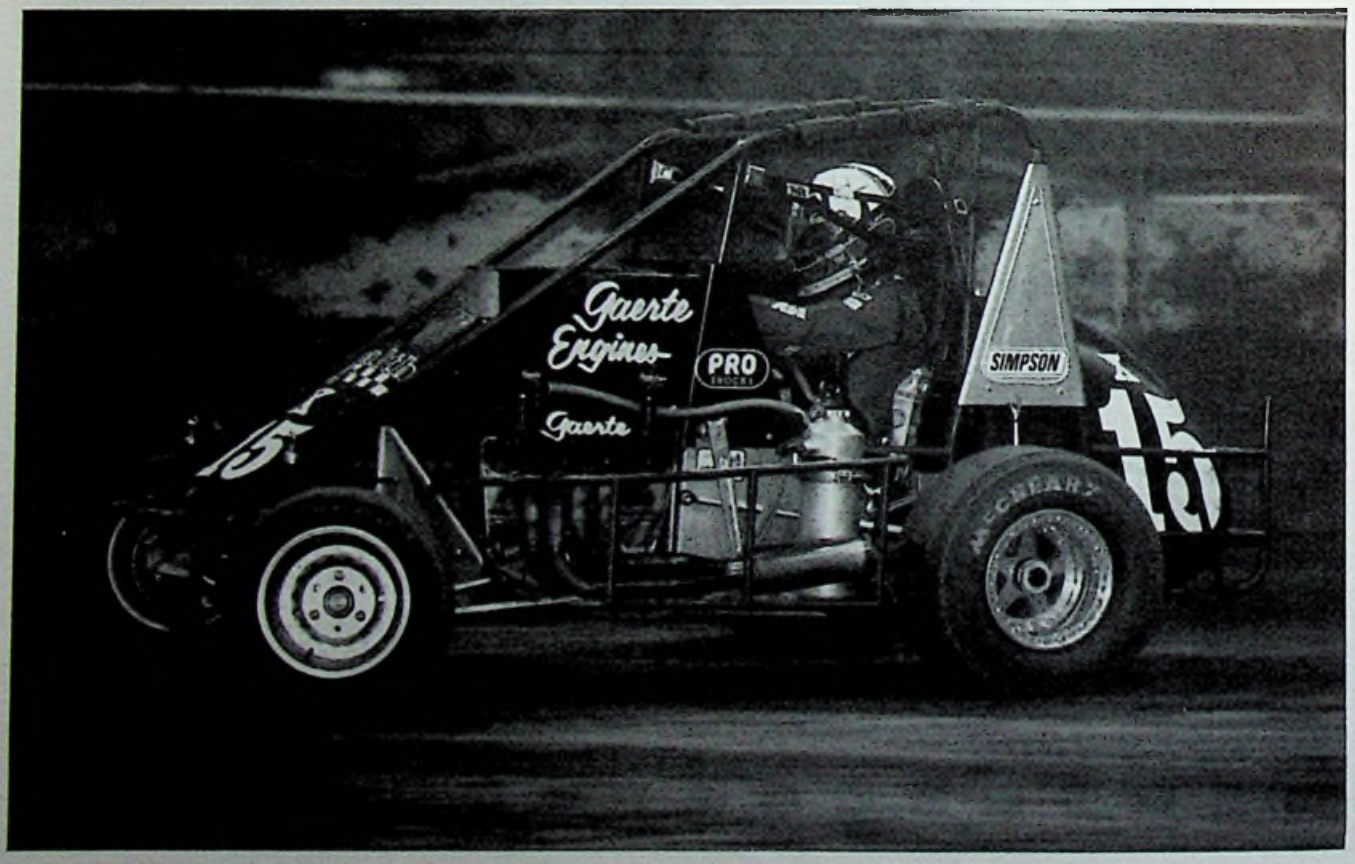

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Jason revealed no extra satisfaction in whipping the Willoughby team with whom he became USAC champion. "Any win's a win," he smiled.

Lasoski recovered from a disastrous opening corner to shadow the winner. "To be truthful," Leffler said, "I was pretty surprised to see Danny run second after I seen him stall the motor. I got a couple breaks right when we got into traffic. I didn't know if he was able to follow me through or not."

Danny shrugged and said, "I figured I better do something or the car owner was gonna fire me if I didn't get back up there after makin' a fool out of myself. Those guys were runnin' pretty good on the bottom. You gotta go where they're not. If I coulda held him up a little bit, I think it was a little farther around but I coulda rolled around 'em. But they had to be held up for just a bit 'cause they got the drive off the bottom."

Leffler retorted, "Leadin' the race, you don't know where you're gainin' and losing. The bottom stayed there pretty good. I was gettin' a little nervous there at the end 'cause I was really havin' to slow up in the middle of the corner. The bottom was goin' away. I was wantin' to try the top but I figured 'Ah I'll just stay here.' I didn't know if there was anything up top. I tried it on the cool off lap. There mighta been somethin' there. I hope the top's there on Saturday. I don't like runnin' the bottom. I like runnin' the cushion. But I'll do whatever I have to do."

Indiana's Dave Darland debuted in Oklahoma by taking third place. "This building is just an awesome place. I've never seen a building like this before. For an indoor track to stay as nice and racy as this does, I had a great time. It's fairly similar to 16th.Street back in Indiana. Only instead of four 90 degree turns, it is an oval more."

How did a Hoosier hook up with an Arizona factory ride? "You got me that ride Kevin," grinned Darland. "I was supposed to run for Potters but that deal kinda fell through at the last minute," he explained to the press. "I was lookin' for a ride out there when I won the Vegas race in the Lewis Beast car. Kevin told me to get a hold of (Dave) Ellis. He said he'd talk to him for me first. A couple days later, I got a phone call from Kevin. He said Dave would be interested if he'd just give him a call. So I did and here we are.

"It stayed loose up top almost the whole time," Darland analyzed. "I never could really run the top very good. Even when Jason and Danny got through the lapped cars, I couldn't hardly get by the lapped cars on the top. So we need to work on gettin' the car tightened up on the top. If I stayed on the bottom and kept both tires in the moisture, it was pretty nice down there. If I ran through the middle, it would slide clear to the top. We need to tighten the car up on Saturday and get her a little more racier."

The USAC Silver Crown king was pursued by Jay Drake and Kevin Thomas, the latter of whom skipped practice yet rose from row nine in his first Chili Bowl. Thomas led Kevin Olson and Donnie Beechler into automatic A main starts for Saturday. Shelton snapped his panhard rod yet salvaged ninth with a wandering front axle.

Lasoski detailed how TCR paperwork nearly cancelled his eighth Chili Bowl. "Larry Brown usually brings two cars out here. He had an audit goin' on at his business and couldn't come. So I was out of a ride two weeks ago. Larry said I could drive his car if I could get it there. Dave Calderwood was gonna run Kenny Irwin in the other car. He said, 'I got room for a car if you wanna bring it.' They're both from Bakersfield. He was nice enough to bring it and work on the car. I really appreciate that. My dad and Chris Black are my crew. None of us know anything about a Midget. We just go race it."

What would a Chili Bowl win mean to Lasoski? "This would be a fantastic race to win. I've been close. Just never seem to get it handled. Last year, we thought we had a shot at it and there went that (Lawson) 15 again, only it wasn't the same driver."

Leffler reflected on his first Tulsa experience as a teenage crewman. "I came here and worked for Page Jones and Larry Howard, some real good Midget guys. They taught me well."

(H1) 1 Darland, 2 Shelton, 3 Scully, 4 Schenk, 5

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Franklin, 6 Sawyer, 7 Rick Jackson, 8 Benny Taylor, 9 Jim Bean.

(H2) 1 Olson, 2 Lasoski, 3 Flesher, 4 Parker, 5 Osterbuhr, 6 Tosti, 7 Allen, 8 Heydenreich.

(H3) 1 Yeley, 2 Pauch, 3 Griffin, 4 Harr, 5 Jeff Jackson, 6 Beaber, 7 Palazzolo, 8 Dewell.

(H4) 1 Leffler, 2 Cicconi, 3 Malone, 4 Pittman, 5 David Camfield, 6 Komppa, 7 Siner, 8 Felker.

(H5) 1 Drake, 2 Knepper, 3 Klepper, 4 Thomas, 5 Lang, 6 Berg, 7 Worrell, 8 Blaney.

(H6) 1 Beechler, 2 Nelson, 3 Erfurth, 4 Aaron Fiscus, 5 Jim McVay, 6 Turner, 7 Polewczynski, 8 Sawyer.

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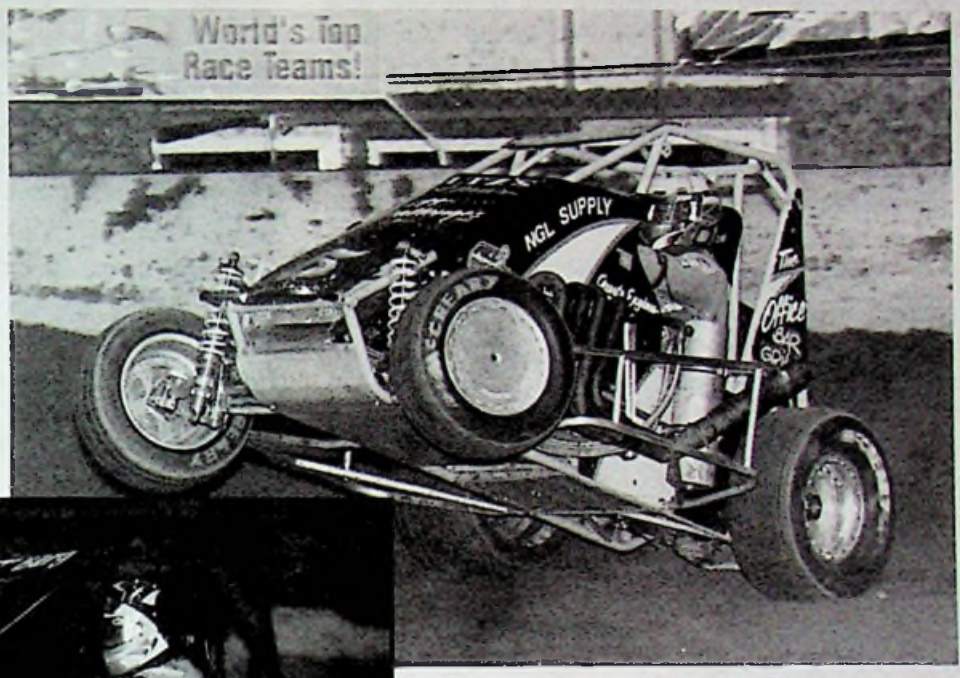
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HILL ON WHEELS
By Bill Hill

LAS VEGAS, NV.....I believe this is the first time that title has originated from this locale Maybe 50 other places, in the past 35 years, but never from "Lost Wages". I was asked to contribute something to the "Chili Bowl" program so hopefully a few memories from last year, some reminiscence of midget racing in the past and a current tidbit or two would be appropriate.

One of Tulsa's leading industrialists, a former championship midget car owner and two time Indy 500 winning car owner, Jack Zink visits with author Bill Hill in the "Chili Bowl" grandstand, 1998.

The 1998 "Chili Bowl" was only the second one I had ever attended, the first coming six or seven years ago. Cannot remember the year of that one but hometown favorite, Andy Hillenburg, won it after earlier leaders Page and P.J. Jones took themselves out trying to evade a stalled Kenny Schrader. The thing I remember most about that event, however, is how mightily the Jones Boys were booed when introduced. Almost reached the magnitude of the boos that greeted Rich Vogler one day during a "Golden State 100". That race too was won by an overwhelming crowd favorite, Jimmy Sills. (I think that was before he became Luke Warmwater

Super race fan, Guy Smith, from Pennsylvania, once asked me how many races I have been to. Until I quit counting, in 1990, I had attended 2703, since 1941. I have all the years, winners, who got upside down, etc., in a book. I probably stayed till the bitter end for all but about a half dozen of those events. Since 1990, I have all that

Past Oklahoma midget champion and 18 time Indy 500 qualifier, Lloyd Ruby poses with his former midgt car owner, Bob Nowicke, 1998 "Chili Bowl".

information in my date books but I have never collated it. Allan Brown, publisher of that must-have book, the "National Speedway Directory", once asked me how many racetracks I have visited. Through 1997, I had been to 780 and have seen races at 351. Working and traveling extensively all those years for K&K Insurance helped financially with all this. Allan has seen at least 100 more tracks than me and paid for it out of his own pocket. Reason I keep track of all this is not because I am a record setter but more to help me remember those days and places. It is beginning to get harder to recollect.

Retired midget and spring car drivers, Bernie Shires and Cotton Farmer, met in the 1998 "Chili Bowl" pits to recall good time of the past.

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Back to the original subject, the "Chili Bowl". The four things I remember most about the 1998 event were the four R's: racing, reunions, relaxed atmosphere and the rattling of the motel windows caused by Junior Parkinson's snoring. For three days I ran into an endless stream of old friends and acquaintances. It was great. Grady Wade put together a morning gathering of a lot of old racers right inside the IPE Building near the coffee stand. For the next three hours dozens of racers came by to chat. Never have the stories been so great. Maybe I can supply a couple of pictures taken during that time.

Retired sprint car drivers Grady Wade and Davey Ross reminisce with race historian, Shorty and the 1998 "Chili Bowl".

My enjoyment of the "Chili Bowl" got me to thinking about other fun-time midget races I have attended: the "Hut Hundred" on all those weekends that the "Hoosier Hundred" was also held, "Turkey Night" at Ascot, Tucson-Manzanita on the two nights prior to the champ car races at Phoenix International, Belleville and Eagle, the Houston Nationals, the "Open Wheel Spectacular" at Portland the night before that city's CART race, the "Night Before The 500" at the old 16th St. and at IRP, the "Night Before The Pikes Peak Hillclimb" in Colorado Springs, Ft. Wayne and Indianapolis Indoors and the "funest" of them all, the SWIMS tour. Mitch Miller got the idea for that one after spending three days with me in Dallas, in 1980. During those three days we ran three midget races: Buffalo Park, the Sportsdrome and the Devil's Bowl. (Bob Wente, Sr. won them all.) For five years running, Mitch promoted 8-10 races each fall in Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas. SWIMS ground to a halt, like so many other things do in this sports, for lack of support, not just from the competitors but from the promoters, fans, sponsors and even the weather-man.

Thinking about those days got my juices flowing along another line. I did most of the announcing for SWIMS and a lot for the Houston Nationals

Retired midget champion Eddie McVay and Texas' Andy Anderson take a turn around the "Chili Bowl" pit, in 1998.

but I had also done it for numerous one shot deals regardless of the sanctioning bodies. It did not take me long to realize that while I was talking before several big crowds I was also announcing before many sparsely populated grandstands. During several of those shows, I could have gotten the crowd al together in several rows and announced without the aid of p.a. system. At another, there were more people in the "Chili Bowl" restrooms at one time tan there were in the whole town where I was announcing. I had fun anyway, and got to see some great racing, as indicated by the winners (in parenthesis). Who can forget Liberty, IN (Merle Bettenhausen), Rockford (Lee Kunzman), Charleston (Joe Saldana, Steve Cannon, Billy Shuman and Billy Engelhart), Louisville (Pancho Carter), Independence, IA (Gary Bettenhausen), East Moline (Cannon and Rich Vogler), Granite City (Carter), Provo, UT (Mel Kenyon), Chula Vista ((Larry Rice), Lima, OH (Kenyon), Burlington, IA (Tommy Astone), Hartford, MI (Astone), Oklahoma City Coliseum (John Batts

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and Sleepy Tripp), Norfolk, VA (Volger), Godfrey, IL (Kenny Schrader), Phoenix City, AL (Ronnie Burke and Tom Bigelow), Opp, AL (Danny Pens), Mobile, AL (Dan Boorse), and Pensacola, FL (Dick Pole). That all ended, in 1987, and , except for the Belleville Highbanks until 1994, that's all the announcing I have really done since. I was scheduled to do the last USAC program of this year, here in Las Vegas but the fans were saved from any verbal torture by rain.

Former sprint car driver, Junior Parkinson, and many time midget champion, Gene Gennetten, look over the equipment at the 1998 "Chili Bowl".

Finally a little bit about what's going on now in the world of midget racing Halls of Fame and Museums. I just received a bulletin that San

Retired Sprint car cahmpions, Grady Wade and Roy Bryant, offer current midget driver, Larry Dewell, the benefit of their expertise near the vintage car display at Tulsa's "Chili Bowl" 1998.

Diego's new Hall of Champions Sports Museum wants to devote an area to Southern California midget racing which played a big part in the sports picture especially at Balboa Stadium. Representing the museum is Johnny McDonald, long time auto race writer for the San Diego Union, now retired.

Former Tulsa Speedway (when it was in the fairgrounds) track preparer, Frank McElroy recalls "the good ole days" with retired midget driver and super race fan, Wayne Servaes. They can compare the big half-mile outdoor track with the fast indoor dirt of the International Petroleum Exposition building.

So we have a building in search of material. With the USAC Hall of Fame, run by Ed Watson, we have an excellent roster of inductees and those who wish to donate material but are in search of a building. Last but not least, we have The Belleville Hall of Fame and Museum gathering momentum but still in search of inductees, material and a building. Hope it all works out for the good of the midget racing fan.

Holding down promoter, Lanny Edward's golf cars is (L to R) former PR man Hillman Williams, GMP President Tom Long and race attorney Cary Agajanian.

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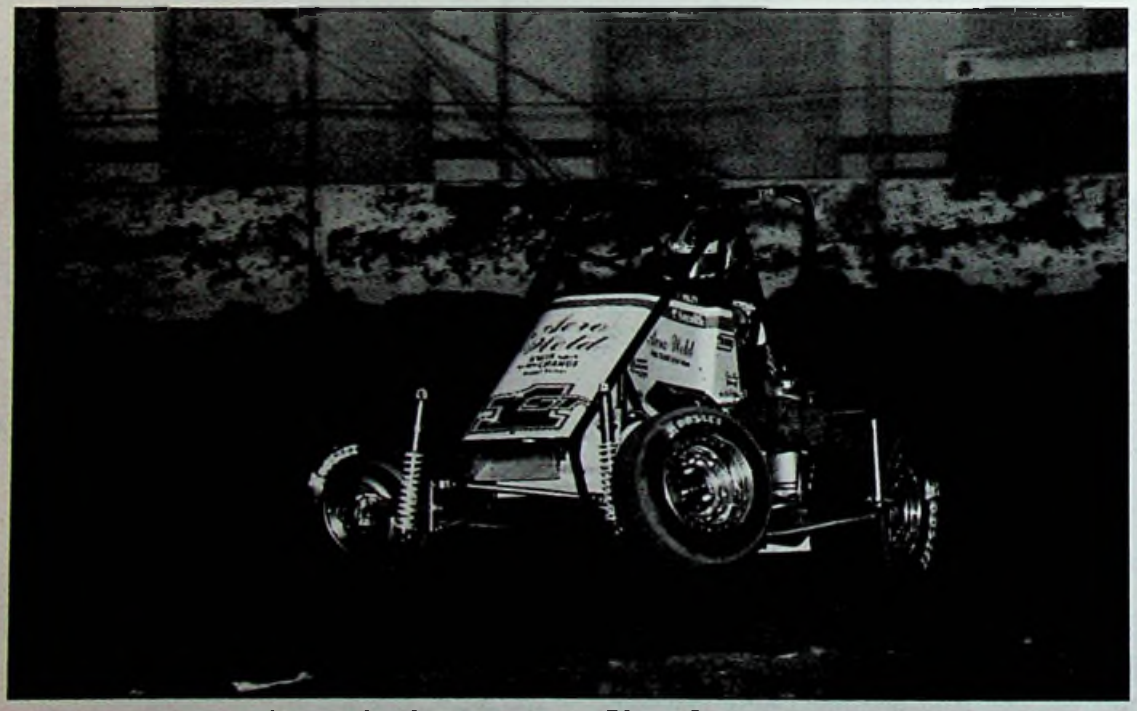
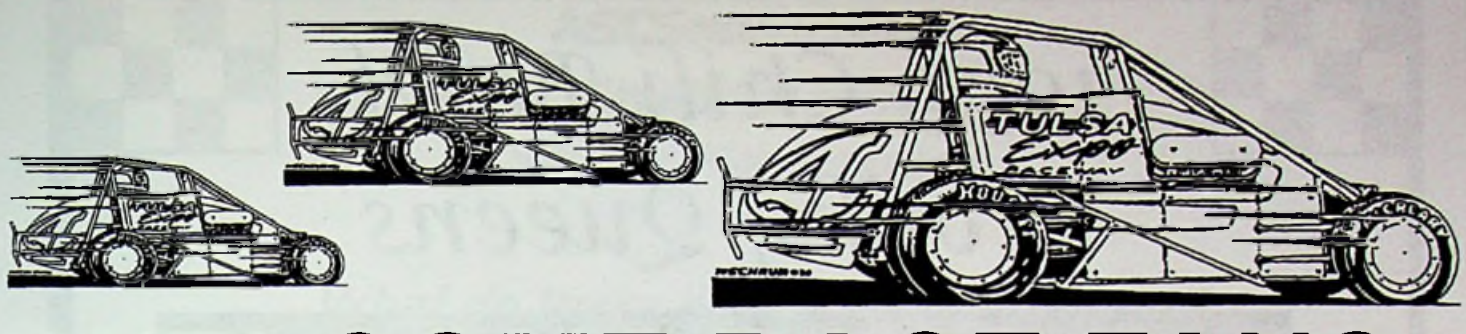


J. J. Yeley on the Gas.....*Photo By: Brendan Sanders*



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5	43	5 cars @ 1½= 7½ points
6	39	6 cars @ 1½= 9 points
7	35	7 cars @ 1½= 10½ points
8	31	8 cars @ 1½= 12 points
9	27	9 cars @ 1½= 13½ points
10	23	10 cars @ 1½= 15 points
11	19	11 cars @ 1½= 16½ points
12	15	12 cars @ 1½= 18 points
13	11	13 cars @ 1½= 19½ points
14	7	14 cars @ 1½= 21 points
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YELLOW
Caution

WHITE
Smile . . . Only one lap to go!

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Go . . Go . . Go

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(Open) That's it . . . Drop on by and chat with "the man"!

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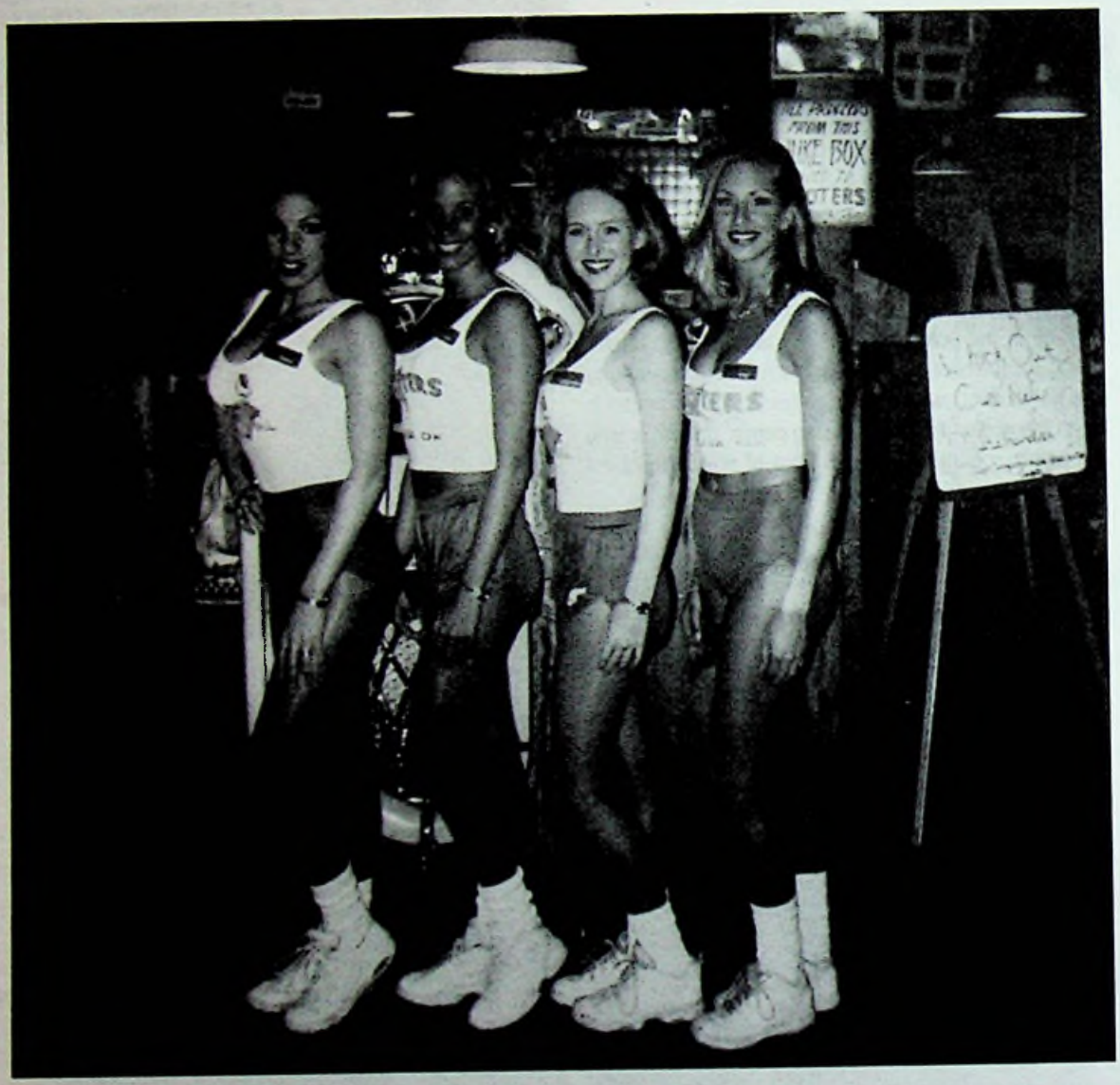

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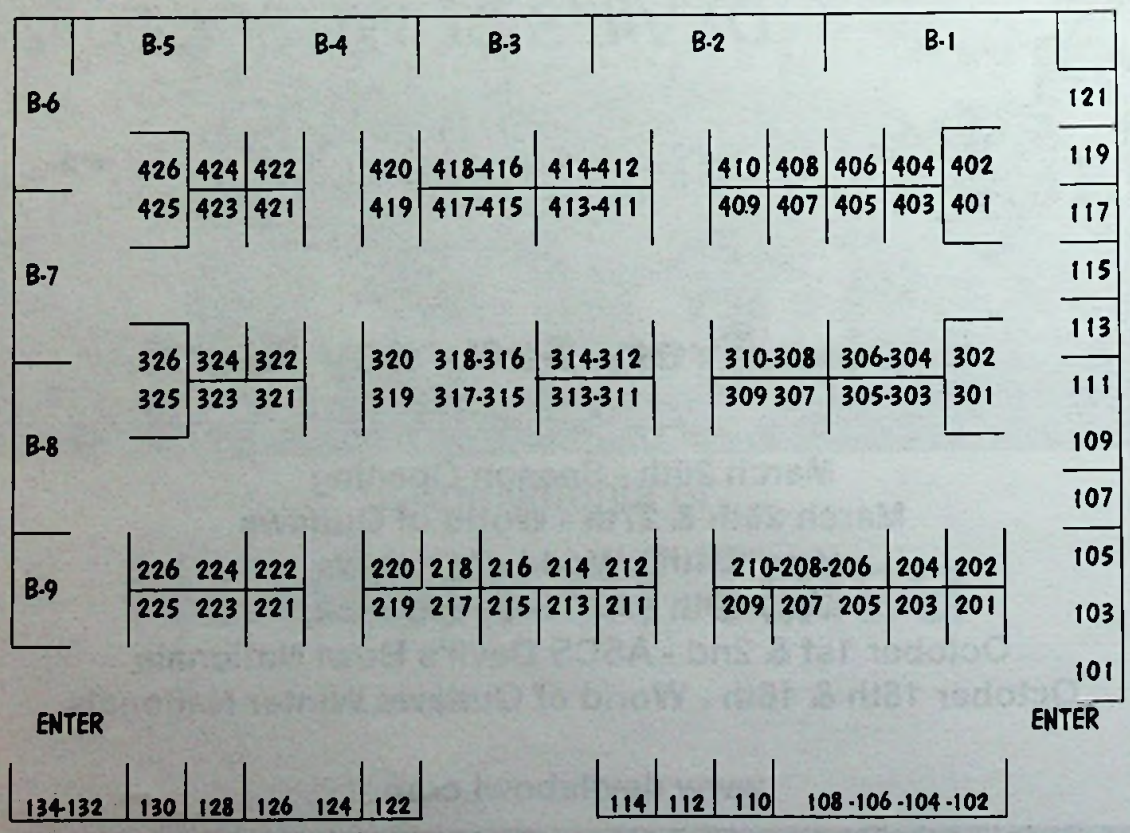

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0K	Ron Kuhn	Lee Summit, MO	Stealth/Scat V4/ McCroskey Chevrolet, Vance Motorsports, Dayco - Rick Johnson
01	Greg Lueckert	Parkville, MO	Stealth/Gaerte - Lueckert/Gorbet
1	Sammy Swindell	Cordova, TN	Stealth/Gaerte - Channelock/Willoughby
1st	Gary Wright	Hooks, TX	Mach1/Fontana - Bishop, Hoosier, Aero Weld, AFCO, Real Wheels - Katy Brown McKinnie
2	Andy Hillenburg	Broken Arrow, OK	Stealth/Esslinger - Pete Willoughby
2H	Todd Houser	Decatur, IL	Stealth/Fontana
2X	Rick Treadway	Indianapolis, IN	Treadway Racing, LLC
3M	John Wolfe	Winchester, IN	Stealth/Gaerte/ Morgan Motorsports - Lew Morgan
3P	Andy Pierce	Avon, IN	Stealth/ Brayton/ Simpson Race Products, Hoosier Tires, Blacksnapper Spark Plug Wires, Avon Motco Signs/Tag Team Racing
4	Jimmy Sills	Placerville, CA	Stealth/Gaerte - David Calderwood
Q4	Edwin Wilson	Moore, OK	Mach1/Racetek Quad 4/ Mach1 Chassis (Division of Bishop Racing), Racetek, DNA Photography, Guzek, Inc.
V4	Ricky Shelton	Huntington, CA	Outhouse Engineering/Esslinger - Michael McNulty
5	John Lucas	Lebanon, IN	Stealth/Gaerte/ J & L Motorsports - Sam Isenhower
6	J. J. Yeley	Phoenix, AZ	Stealth/Gaerte/Ralph's Muffler & Brake, Aero Weld, Pennzoil, Gaerte - R. P. S. Racing
6L	Kenny Lewis	WheatRidge, CO	Maxim/Pontiac/ Brannon Sand & Gravel - Mike Lewis
6M	Robert Marfia	Rio Rancho, NM	Beast/Esslinger - Gary Zink - Robert Ewers
7	Joe Boyles	Greenwood, MO	Stealth/Esslinger/ Rod End Supply, Sho-Tyme Motor Sports - Ray Boyles
7C	Critter Malone	Speedway, IN	Chevy/ McCroskey Chevrolet, Messick Glass, Stoops Freightliner - Malone Racing
7J	Jerry Coons, Jr.	Tucson, AZ	Stealth/Ford/ Chuck DeCrane, Dustom Equipment Design/McCreary Tire - C. E. D. Motorsports
7M	Tim McVay	Blue Springs, MO	Stealth/Gaerte/Hunt & Son Trucking, Wrrensburg, MO - Jim McVay
7S	Chris Shoulders	Dallas, TX	Ellis/Pontiac/Metroplex Machine, Raceworks, Empire Truck Lines, Comp USA - Henry Shoulders
7T	Ronnie Franklin	Fenton, MO	John Tostie
7X	Jimmy McVay	Lees Summit, MO	Challenger/Auto Craft/ Hunt & Son Trucking, Warrensburg, MO.
8	Mike Streicher	Findlay, OH	Hawk/V.W./Streicher Quickprint - Jim Streicher
8F	Aaron Fike	Galesburg, IL	Hawk/Esslinger/RFMS, McGladrey & Pullen, Lakis Ford - Don Fike
8M	Gary McNabb	Edmond, OK	John Godfrey/Quad4/Dent Magic -Gary & Sandy McNabb
9	Jason Leffler	Long Beach, CA	Beast/Ford/ Ford, Wynns, ASE, Beast - Steve Lewis
11	Kevin Doty	Milan, IL	Stealth/Gaerte/ Aero Weld, Kwik Change, Hoosier Tire, Pen Ray, Gaerte - Wilke/Pak Motorsports
11P	"Doc" Parsons	Tulsa, OK	Gennetten/Auto-Craft/Will Rogers Raceway, The Herb Shop, Jimmy Smith Racing Tires, Arrow Lawn & Landscaping, Car Ambulance - The Herb Shop
11W	Scott Hatton	Roscoe, IL	Ellis/Fontana/Aero Weld, Kwik Change, Hoosier, Penray, Fontana - Wilke/Pak Motorsports
13	Tony Edmondson	Broken Arrow, OK	Beast/Scat -4/Benny Taylor
14E	Matt Streeter	Santa Rosa, CA	TCR/Esslinger - John Streeter
14X	Greg Nelson		Beast/Gaerte - John Streeter
15	Donnie Beechler	Sherman, IL	Stealth/Gaerte/ Van Beurden Insurance Services - John Lawson
15E	Tom Eatwell	Littleton, CO	Ellis/Esslinger Ford/ John Eatwell Architect, Crocker Paint & Graphics, Brazz Specialty - Eatwell Racing

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15X	Steve Kinser	Bloomington, IN	Stealth/Gaerte/Van Beurden Insurance Services - John Lawson
16	Barry Reed	Mooresville, IN	Hawk/Reed Buick/Holt Const. Co, Preferred Asphalt Co
17	Marc Dailey	Brownsburg, IN	Stealth/Ford/ Chuck DeCrane, Custom Equipment Design, Mc Creary/ C. E. D. Motorsports
17M	Dennis Mann	Cicero, IN	Central Indiana Mack, American Concrete
18	Davey Carnfield, Jr.	Decatur, IL	Stealth/Gaerte/Soy City Absorbant Sock Co, J. D. M. Sandblasting Co. - Tomy Benton
19	Howard Worrell	Kirkwood, MO	Weyant/Chevy II/Smitty's Garage, Central Body Shop
19N	Nick O'Neal	Wagoner, OK	Gennetten/Chevy/Heilig-Meyers Furniture Co.
19P	Dennis Parker	Council Bluffs, IA	Stewart/Pontiac/ Hi Performance Car Wash - Bill Barger
20	Jeff Dickerson	Indianapolis, IN	Stealth/Brayton-Buick/State Bail Bonding, Immke Auto Group, Earls Performance Products - Tyce Carlson Motorsports
21L	Coy White	Friendswood, TX	Ellis/Pontiac/ J.M.B., Roy Payne Mastercraft - Clarence White
22	Sandy Rushing	Oklahoma City, OK	Edmonds/ Chevy II - Jim McBride
22A	Steve Aplin	St. Louis, MO	Stealth/Duggan/St. Louis Pool Company, Sunset Aquatech, Lou Fusz Toyota
22P	Jeff Palazzolo	Pacific, MO	Jack Rich/Chevy II/ Sunset Aquatec, St. Louis Pool, Ned Alpin, Amitty's Garage, Laura Palazzolo - Steve Alpin
23	Jack Hewitt	Troy, OH	Stealth/Hajduk/ Parker Machinery - Bob Parker & Son
24	Ron Smoker	Hamburg, NY	Stealth/Hajduk/ Parker Machinery - Bob Parker
24B	Kevin Ames	Colorado Springs, CO	Stealth/Van Dyne/ACS, Inc., Hastins Honda, Dirt Const, Dave's Auto, 4 Queens Hotel & Casino - Ken Hatra
25	Chad Farmer	Colorado Springs, CO	TCR/Pontiac/Rex Tires, Hot Shirts, EIS - Mike & Patsy Farmer
25S	Brian Stanfill	Bakersfield, CO	TCR/Esslinger/ Car Quest Auto Parts - Chris Walker
25X	Jim Christain	Santa Clara, CA	Stealth/Esslinger
27	Mike Bymaster	Brownsburg, IN	Stealth/Fontana/CT Peppers, Church Brothers, ESB Graphics, Hooker Engines, Crawford Bedliners - Gary Kunkel
28	John Sluss	Indianapolis, IN	Stealth/Gaerte/UltraSun Tanning Beds - Pro-Motion Motorsports
31	Brian Harvill	Irving, TX	E. M. C./Pontiac/ Harvill Ind., Racework, Billy's Engine Service - Bill Harvill
31L	Daryn Pittman	Owasso, OK	Maxim/Fontana/RJS Racing Equipment, Taylor Rental, Keco, Weld, Pro, Hoosier, Maxim, Fontana - Lehmann Racing
31X	Don Lehmann	Springfield, IL	Maxim/Brayton-Fontana/RJS Racing Equipment, Taylor Rental, Keco, Weld, Pro, Hoosier, Maxim, Fontana, Brayton Engineering - Lehmann Racing
32	Billy Pauch	Frenchtown, NJ	Beast/Esslinger/ Boles Chevrolet, Beast, Hoosier Tire, Pro Shcoks, Alexanders - Martz Racing, Inc.
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42	Andy Eatwell	Morrison, CO	Ellis/Esslinger Ford/John M. Eatwell-Architect- Eatwell Racing
42F	Dean Franklin	Speedway, IN	Stewart-DFR/Auto Craft/ Valvoline - DFR
42W	Walt Stearly	Collegeville, PA	Hawk/Pontiac/Sterly Motorsports
44	Dennis Mann	Cicero, IN	Central Indiana Mack, American Concrete
45	Kevin Myers	Wapa Koneta, OH	Challenger/Gaerte/Allied Equipment, Custom Electric
45AZ	Mark Passerelli	Phoenix, AZ	Ellis/Aries - Larry Young
45H	Johnny Heydenreich	Bloomsburg, PA	Ellis/Gaerte - Ron & Susie Hughes
50	Roland Ayo	Houston, TX	Ellis/ Pontiac/Elliott-Wood Electric
51	Mike Hess	Petersburg, IL	Maxim/Pontiac/Petersburg DQ, Avart Ent., Curtis Excavating, 3rd Berry Lincoln Tavern, Lehmann Racing Products, Pennzoil - A & H Racing
51J	Ricky Johnson	Phoenix, AZ	Stewart-Ellis/Fly Buick Gaerte/ Wester Farms, AZ. RaceMart, Pennzoil, TotalSeal, Pro, Ultrashield, Sunoco Fuels, Clevite 77-Bobby Martin
51M	Jerry Marks	Afton, OK	Saligoe/Olds Quad 4/ Farmers Market-Grove, OK
53	J. D. Turner	Cincinnati, OH	Hank/Gaerte/Flamingo Knob Adventure Outfitters- Bippus, IN - Flaming Knob Racing
54	Matt Westfall	Ludlow Falls, OH	Hawk/Kistler-Gaerte/Weld Racing Wheels, Snap-on Tools, E & E Machine, Midwest Signs, Westfall Motorsports - Jack Hammons
55	Jack Walker	Mountain View, CA	Challenger/Chev V4/Bay Muffler
55K	Steve Knepper	Belleville, IL	Stealth/Gaerte/K & K Garage, Don's Hardware, Johnston Towing, / Walter Knepper
56	Shane Scully	Encino, CA	TCR/Van Dyne/Your Life Viamins, Bilstein Engine Flush Systems
56D	Don White	Houston, TX	Ellis/Avias-Chevy
59	Jim Sawyer	Hamilton, OH	Ellis/Gaerte/Patric Engineering, Fast Lane Pizza, AWP of Ohio
59Q	Tom Apple	Joplin, MO	Ellis/Olds Quad 4/ Race Tek - OKC, OK, Justice Brothers Car Car Products - Duarte, CA -Edwin Wilson
66	Tony Beaber	Gibsonburg, OH	Beaberbuilt/Scat V-4/Beaberbuilt - John Beaber
66L	Kevin Olson	Rockford, IL	Stealth/Gaerte/Stumpf Ford, Weld Wheels, Pennzoil -Denny Lamers
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67	Randy Nigg	Colorado Springs, CO	Stewart/Autocraft Volkswagon/ The Webb Co
69	A. J. Fike	Galesburg, IL	Stealth/Esslinger/ RFMS, First Bank, Option Car, Adkins Brokerage - Fike Motorsports
70	Bill Allen	Independence, MO	Weyant/V-4/Bill's Cars & Parts
71	Wayne Chinn	Tipp City, OH	Stealth/Esslingler/ Awp, Ohio, Remax Ralty, Fast Lane Racing
72	Jeff Flesher	Gridley, IL	Stealth/Gaerte/ Flesher Motorsports
74	Jerrod Hull	Sikeston, MO	Canaday/Auto Craft/ B & J Motors, Landstar Inway Trucking, Bailey Racing Photographs, Joe Reddick Racing, McCreary Racing Tires (Jimmy Smith) - J & J Enterprises
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75C	Lou Cicconi, Jr.	Aston, PA	Stealth/Gaerte/ Weiland Racing
78	Dean Erfurth	Oregon, WI	Fab-Tech/Scat V-4- Steve Peachey
84	Phil Shapel	Wichita, KS	Stealth/Gaerte/Swbyp's, Always Plumbing, Denny's Cleanout - Phil-Jerri Shapel
84B	Bill Baue	Indianapolis, IN	Stealth/Rodek-Brayton - Merle D Van Steenwyk

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Car #	Driver	Hometown	Chassis/Engine/Sponsors -Owner
87	Rich Camfield	Decatur, IL	Stealth/Camfield Chevy
88	Dennis Miller	Galveston, IN	Stealth/Subaru/ Mark Owlsey
88X	Dan Boorse	Milwaukee, WI	Stealth/Gaerte/Weiland Racing Ent., Eal Wheels - Don Boorse
91	Richie Dewell	Fowler, KS	Jim Shriver/Stewart/Pontiac
94	Michael Lang	Indianapolis, IN	Stealth/Fontana/Stebbinss Aviation, Keco - Bill Stebbins
94D	David Camfield Sr	Maroa, IL	Beast/Wilson V4 Chev. - Roy Wilson
95K	Kurt Osterbuhr	Garden City, KS	Ellis/ Aries/Sherpa, Mid States Hay, Kansas Territorial Magazine
96	Bobby Boone	Palmdale, CA	TCR/Esslinger/Pennzoil, L & T Clutches, Esslinger, Stewart Racing, A & A Powder Coating, Judy Boone
97	Jay Drake	Val Verde, CA	Stealth/Esslinger - Pete Willoughby
98	Michael Roselli, Jr.	Brodheadsville, PA	Ellis/Fontana/ West end Equipment & Rent-all, Jill's Hallmark
	Bud Kaeding	Campbell, CA	Lightning/Gaerte/ BK Motorsports, Caves Ford Mercury - Terry Caves

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We are taking reservations for tickets for the 14th annual Chili Bowl Nationals to be held January 6, 7, 8, 2000. If you currently have reserved seating, you will have until October 1, 1999 to reserve the same seat you presently hold. After that time, all reserved seats will be available on a first come, first served basis. Two day ticket orders will be taken after November 1, 1999. One day ticket orders will be available after December 1, 1999.

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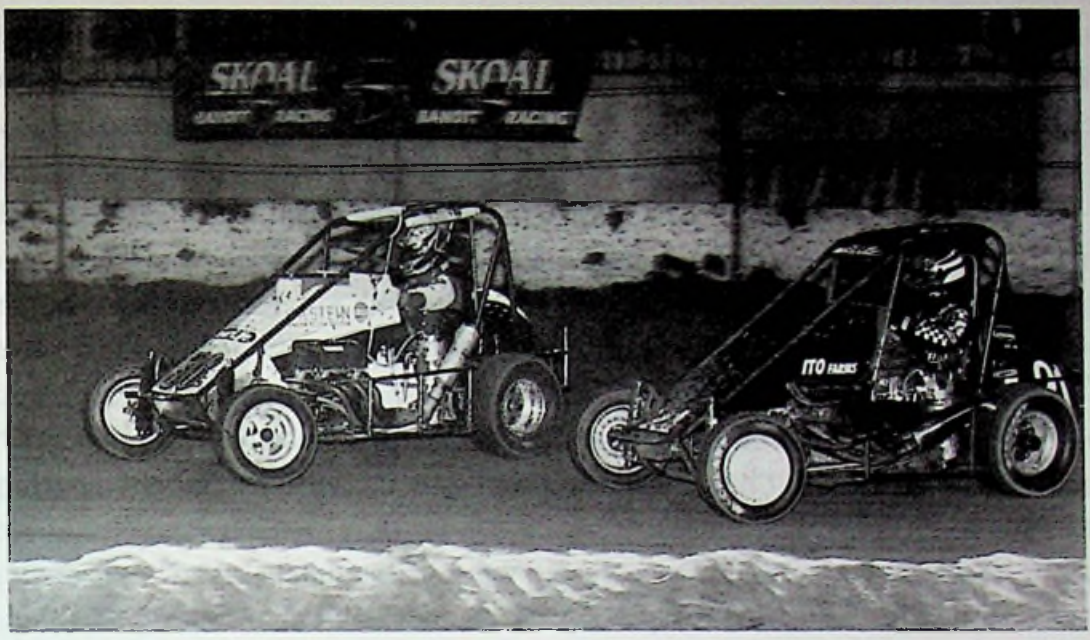

Shane Scully #56S and Dave Darland in the #21. *Photo By: Richard Bales*

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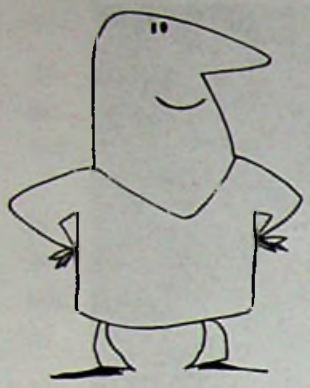

What is it, do you suppose, that possesses otherwise sane and responsible people to pack up, some of them dragging great huge trailers behind, and travel hundreds and hundreds of miles through the ice and snow of January to fetch up in the middle of Oklahoma? Why do others go and stand in long, snail like lines where they allow perfect strangers to paw through their personal effects, and then stuff them into steel sausages and, after the official waiting period on the ramp, hurl them through the stormy skies to the same destination?

What is it that attracts all of these sturdy souls to this place, as if to a magnet? Got it yet? Of course. It's the Chili Bowl! And we'll put up with just about anything to get ourselves here.

This year, however, we may not have to put up with as much. As this is being written (mid-December) the temps are in the 70's so...we must all cheer for Global Warming. At least until we're finished here. (If it snows...disregard this paragraph.)

Now then. You regulars can pass this part but you first timers, take heed! Some suggestions, if we may.

- Consult you physician. (Or Primary Health Provider if you belong to an HMO) If you are at all weak in the heart, make sure that you have your medicines with you! You will become excited. It cannot be avoided.
- If you suffer from fear of heights, altitude sickness or nosebleed...Do not sit in the topmost rows! They are roughly the height of the Swiss Alps.
- Go to the restroom before you take your seat. The activity on the track will be furious and universal and, if you blink your eyes, you will miss something. You will have no time to, ah..."go". Plus, your neighbors will not let you out anyway lest you make them miss something.
- Proper footwear is recommended if you plan to walk the pits. They go on forever! Just when you think you've reached the end you'll find more, stretching off into the distance. You may want to leave a little trail of crumbs...to find your way back.
- Fortify yourself. Food is necessary, to keep up your strength, and drink, to keep your throat sluiced up for shouting. In our experience Hot Dogs and Beer* seem to amply fill those needs.

Okay, we're back! So! What do we have to look forward to this year? Let us tell you, this is the hardest race in the world to describe. After 13 years we've used up all the adjectives. After all, how many ways are there to say "GREAT!"?

Will Sammy win #5? Can anybody win #2? (How many of you realize that Sammy is the only driver to win more than once?) But remember, even though he has won 4 times,

there are 8 times someone else has won. And that, we think, is one reason this race draws the field that it does. So, your car is a little older, and you've only got the one motor, and your parts department is a bit understocked. With some skill, some luck, and you don't bend anything that can't be straightened...Hey! You could win this thing! Here, even the so called "little guy" can feel that he has a chance. Slim maybe, but still a chance. And, where ever he finishes, he can still brag that he ran in the biggest midget race ever, and against the best drivers in the World. Big place, The World, but show us anyplace else in it where they have this gathering of racing talent. Everyone thinks of this as a Midget race and true, that's what they are driving...but look at who's doing the driving! That, in our humble opinion, is another of the reasons that this is one of the most popular races on the calendar every year. The drivers here today come from every imaginable racing background. A large number of regular midget chauffeurs, to be sure, but also here are people from the Sprint car ranks, NASCAR, IRL, Modifieds, ARCA, on and on...CART, F-1 and the NHRA seem to be missing but, if he ever finds out how much fun it is we'll bet John Force will be looking for a ride!

The great thing about that is, that all these people bring their own fans along with them, and these same fans then become fans of our sport...midget racing. It's a win/win situation. And now the question is, "Who's gonna' win?" The gentlemen down front will soon begin discussing that question. At a high rate of speed. So! Best we sit down so you can get a better look. Enjoy.

Tom Davey and Jerry Miller

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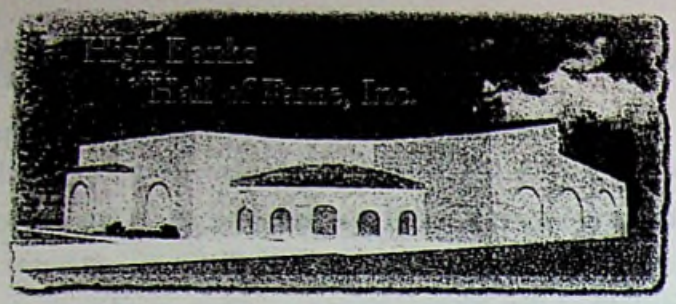

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<u>You Can Help</u> - You can be a part of this endeavor by sending your donations. Visit our web site at: <u>http://www.highbanks-museum.org</u> From there, you can view the "membership" program and the "Construct the Arch" program.

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Can Sammy take em into the the late rounds and wear them down? Can Dave Blaney catch them off guard as he's done in the past? Can Beechler have every round go his way and be triumphant in 1999? These are the questions that are going through all of our minds as we watch these pro fighters square off.

All of us know that it takes alot of guts to go 15 rounds, you gotta be smart, well maintained and most of all, you gotta have the deep down inside burning in your guts to WIN! That's why there all here, to WIN! It's not for the prize money, it's not because they have to; it's because they all have that rare DNA that say's I gotta win this battle!

No matter what happens, what ever it takes, it seems there is nothing more important when the players enter the ring, than, TO WIN!

The stage is set, were all here to witness the greatest show on earth. The preparation has been completed, the promoters have done their work, the air is filed with electricity as we enter the Expo Center in beautiful Tulsa, OK! I know we have all waited for this day, to witness the most awesome show of talent and courage from the best atheletes in the world. Eeryone knows that they're going to see some wild and crazy rounds. Yes sir, "Lets Get Ready to Rumble" or should I say Tumble!

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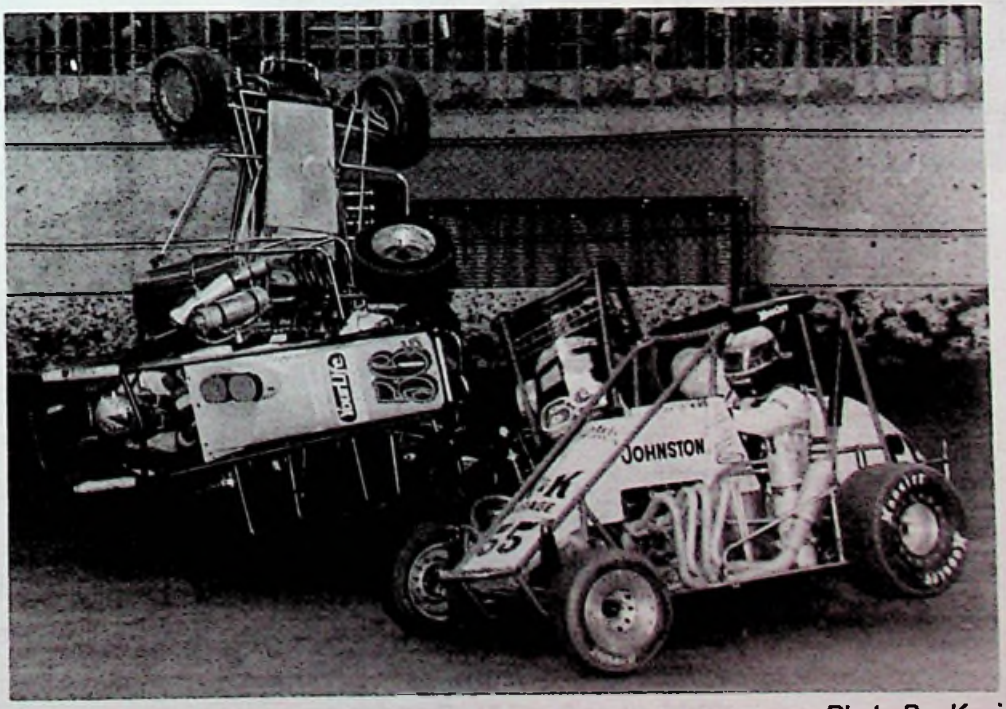

Shane Scully #56S and Robert Dolacki #63 get together. *Photo By: Kevin Horcher*

1998
Ron Hughes
Sportsmanship Award

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Dean Erfurth

1997 - Jeremy Sherman
1996 - Larry Brown
1995 - Donnie Lehmann
1994 - John Lawson
1993 - Ken Schrader
1992 - Randy Roberts
1991 - Lealand McSpadden

A Taste of .....

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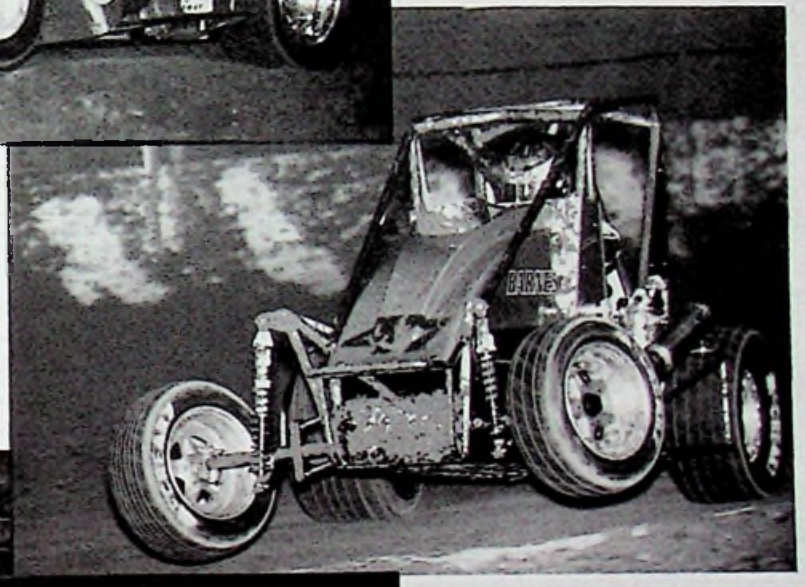

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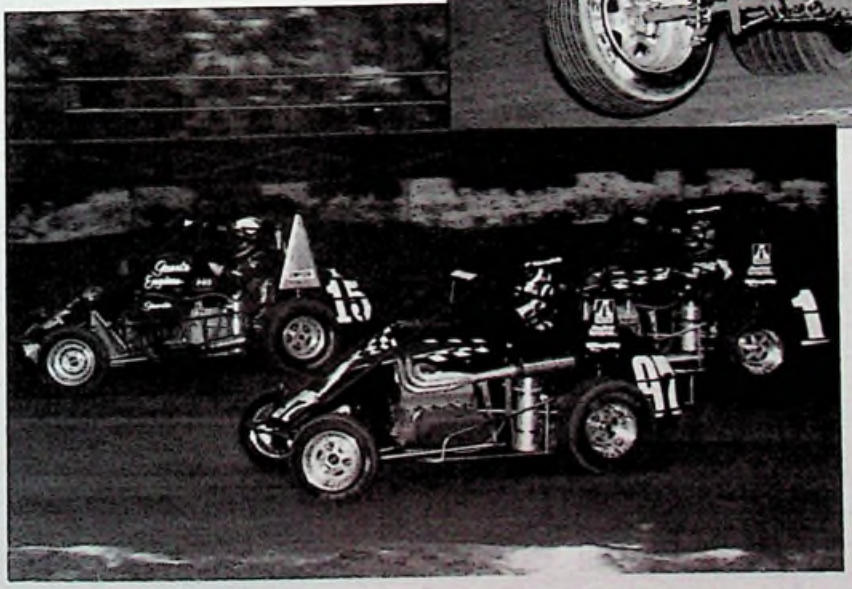

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BILLINGS, Dean				15	12							
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BURNS, Dave	15											
BUTCHER, Hank									5			
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ERFURTH, Dean							5	6			23	
ESTES, Tommie							19	7	17			
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1998
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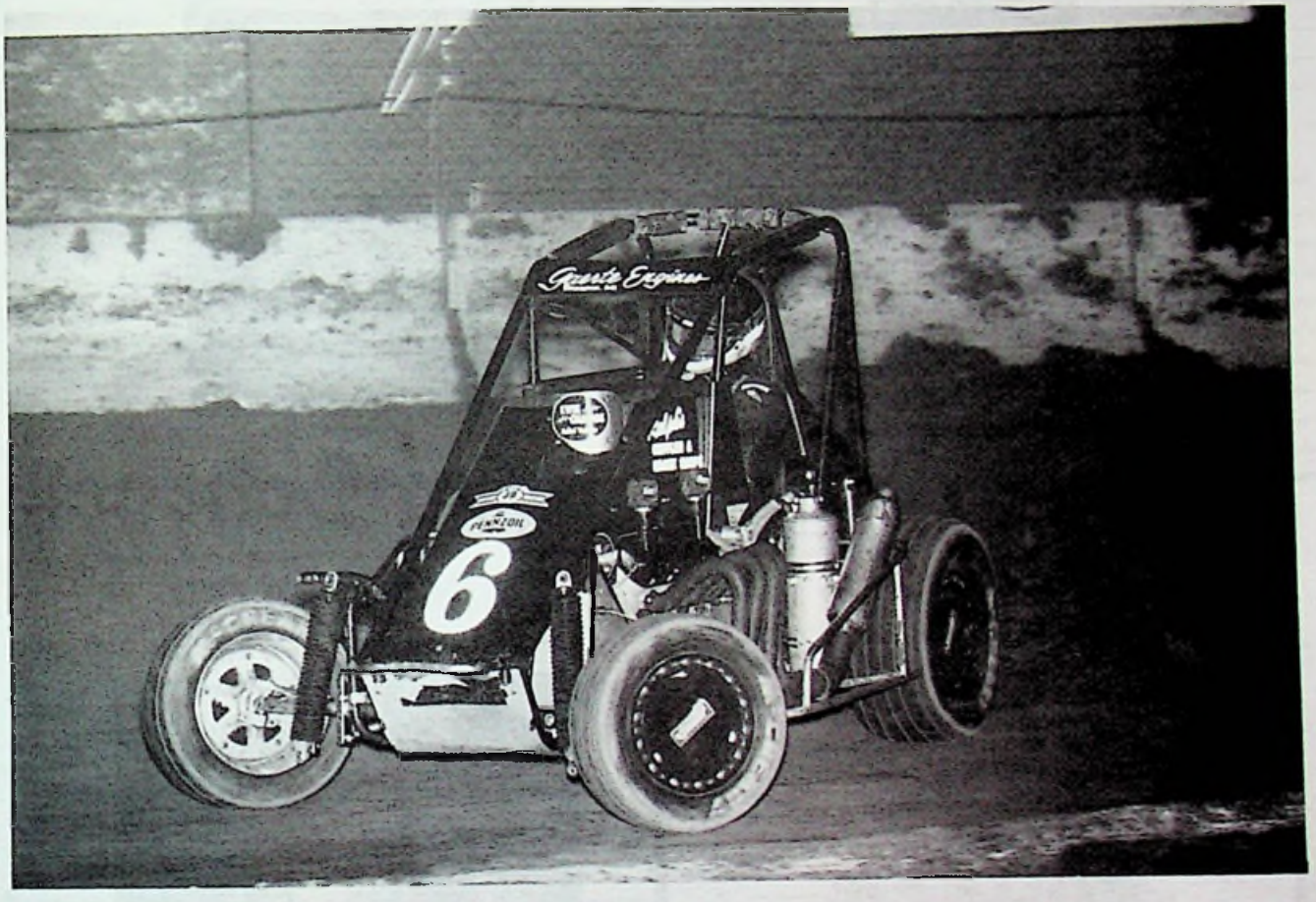

Dave Blaney

1997 - Sammy Swindell
1996 - Dave Blaney
1995 - Donnie Beechler
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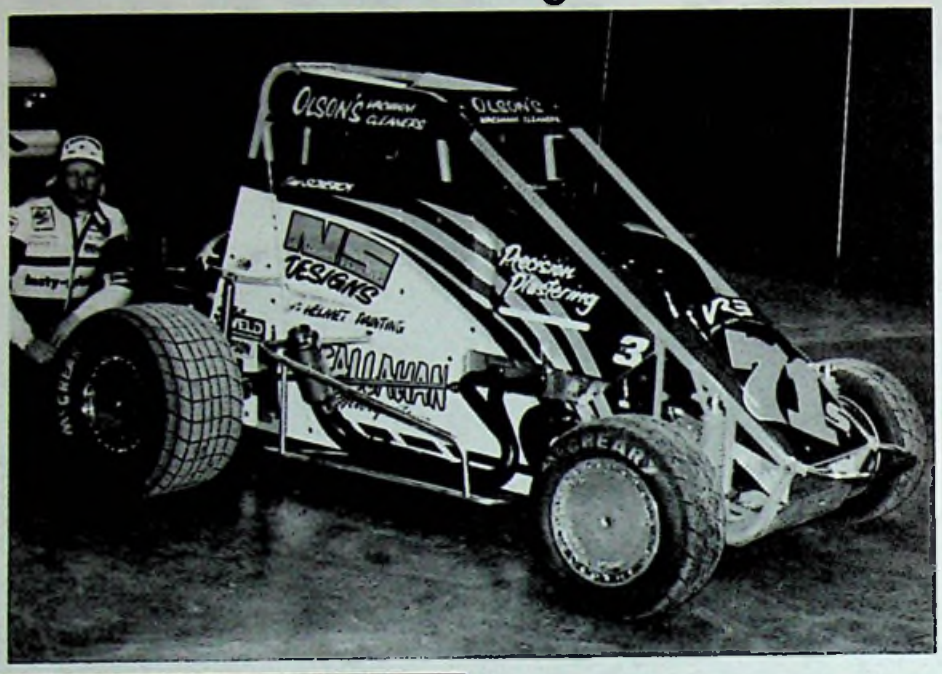
1993 - Jack Hewitt
1992 - Ken Schrader

1998 Tulsa Quarter Midget Association Best Looking Car



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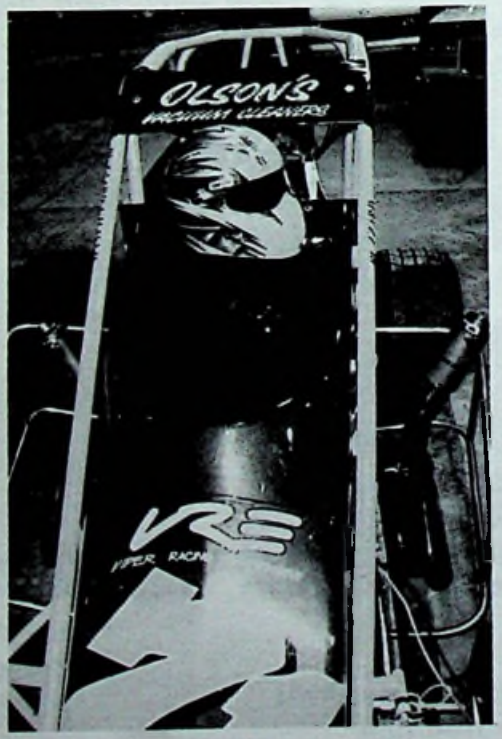

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A-to-Z: Kevin Eckert's look at how the Chili Bowl class of '98 faired upon graduating from Tulsa's house of higher learning.

Aplin, Steve: D main. Aplin took 13th at the Missouri MARA finale at Sweet Springs.

Baue, Bill: B from C main. Baue's best was an 11th at 16th Street in Indianapolis. In two big USAC events, Bill made the main at the Hut Hundred and Eldora Four Crown.

Beaber, Tony: C main. Beaber managed eighth at 16th Street.

Beechler, Donnie: A main. Beechler scored wins in three classes and made his first Indianapolis 500. Midget circles saw Donnie win the Hut Hundred and 16th Street for John Lawson following a win at 16th for Larry Martz. He won two winged Sprint races at Jacksonville and Kokomo, after being declared the winner of the Hulman Hundred after 31 miles in the Zarounian Silver Crown car.

Berg, Bill: C main. Berg finished fourth and fifth with BMARA at Hales Corners and Angell Park Speedway in Sun Prairie, plus sixth in Michigan NAMARS action at Butler.

Blaney, Dave: A from B from C from D mains. Blaney was a Busch NASCAR rookie virtually unseen in open wheel arenas. Dave's exceptions were a Brickyard weekend appearance at Indianapolis Raceway Park in the USAC Silver Crown car of Ralph and Tracy Potter (it died on the line), and the Historical Big One at Eldora from which he scratched after falling out a night before.

Boat, Billy: A main. Boat also made good on his vow to stay off the dirt in order to focus on the Indy Racing League championship that pegged him a candidate until struck by injuries.

Boone, Bobby: B from C mains. Boone's rookie USAC Western States effort shined brightest in the neon capital of Las Vegas, where Bobby was third on the third-mile pavement and fourth on its half-mile of dirt.

Boorse, Dan: A from B mains. Boorse emerged as the 1998 Badger (BMARA) champion by virtue of five victories at Sun Prairie (one with Dwight Huston), Kokomo's Wolverine Nationals preliminary, and a NAMARS night at the Butler Battlegrounds.

Burke, Jackie: C main. Burke made four USAC Champ Car starts. Jackie was unable to get Dodie Miller's machine into pavement finals at Memphis and Pikes Peak, but teamed with George Egan to start Illinois 100-milers at Springfield and DuQuoin.

Camfield, Dave: D main. Dave crossed second at Macon and third at Indiana's Benton County Speedway.

Camfield, Rich: C main. Rich ran second at Macon also and took third-place at the new Kentucky Lake Motor Speedway.

Caruthers, Roy: D main. Caruthers captured second at 16th Street and closed his calendar third during the Indiana NAMARS weekend through Kokomo and Lincoln Park Speedway in Putnamville.

Chinn, Wayne: D main. Chinn's highest marks were on asphalt like Indiana's Capitol Speedway (fourth against ARCA), Mount Lawn (sixth with USAC), and South Bend Motor Speedway where he was seventh with NAMARS.

Cicconi, Lou: A from B mains. Cicconi concentrated on the Supermodified and Champ Cars in Ron Mucci's New York garage. In ISMA Super action, Lou landed second at Volusia County and third at North Carolina's Orange County Speedway. The team's USAC Silver Crown campaign was a disaster that ended on Brickyard weekend. In the Midgets that made the Cicconi name, Lou made three starts, twice at 16th Street and a few NAMARS laps around Toledo for Chuck Rencurrel.

Darland, Dave: A main. Darland earned 11 Sprint Car wins (four with USAC) divided between his dad and Richard Hoffman. He registered the first of his career at Eldora and Red Hill, plus pairs at Gas City, Lawrenceburg and Kokomo, and three more at Putnamville. Seconds at Springfield and Eldora were the best of Dave's USAC Silver Crown title defense. Darland ran Midget races for Larry Martz, Dan Leary, Tracy Potter and Steve Lewis, scoring second for Potter at Kokomo and third for Lewis at Eldora.

Dolacki, Robert: B main. Dolacki peaked third at Ventura and sixth on the Las Vegas pavement.

Doty, Kevin: A main. Doty's best career USAC Sprint season touched victory lane at Lawrenceburg, North Vernon and twice at Eldora. Before the latter dealt a concussion, Kevin also triumphed at Bloomington and with winged Sprint at Iowa's Lee County Speedway. Sundays at Sun Prairie uncovered two BMARA Midget wins for the Wilke brothers. Doty's only Champ Car start was an eighth at Terre Haute for the Indiana Underground sensation.

Drake, Jay: A main. Drake fell short of the USAC Midget title for a second year, ending with a Turkey Night win at Bakersfield that followed his single checkered on Kansas City asphalt. In bigger machines, Jay broadened his range tremendously. His first career Sprint win (Perris SCRA) preceded another on the asphalt hills of Salem in the 40th annual Joe James/Pat O'Connor Memorial. No one else won SCRA and USAC Sprint races last season. Drake got to drive the Champ Car of A.J. Foyt and George Snider at Eldora, then passed his IRL test last month.

Eatwell, Tom: B from C mains. Eatwell earned third with the Rocky Mountain Midget Racing Association at Rocky Mountain in Denver and in Garden City.

Elliott, Tony: A from B mains. Elliott enjoyed a storybook season that snatched his first USAC Sprint championship. Tony took 15 Sprint wins (five USAC) for Jeff Walker at Beaver Dam, Bloomington, Terre Haute, Gas City, Pevely, three at Putnamville and seven in his Kokomo hometown. He flew to Vegas and won a winged 360 show for Ted Finkenbinder. Tony's touch extended to Midgets where he teamed with Denny Lamers to sweep the Wolverine NAMARS Nationals at Kokomo and a Pevely MARA match. He jumped in Kenny Brown's car to beat the USAC Midgets at Putnamville. Elliott earned his first career Silver Crown win at Terre Haute, then passed his IRL rookie test.

Erfurth, Dean: B main. Erfurth ran an abbreviated schedule that reached fifth at Sun Prairie and eighth at Hales Corners. At the end of the USAC Silver Crown campaign, Dean steered Steve Peachey's Champ Car at Eldora (DNQ) before managing 14th on the Sacramento mile.

Felker, A.J: C main. Felker divided time between UMRA 3/4 Midgets and the full-size versions of USAC (12th at 16th Street) and NAMARS, with whom he made the main event at Louisville.

Fenn, Sean: C from D mains. Fenn never saw the inside of another Midget once he ventured outside the Tulsa Expo Center. Sean's Sprint Car crossed first and second at California's Silver Dollar Speedway in Chico, where he missed the final WoO Gold Cup cut by a single spot.

Fiscus, Aaron: C main. Fiscus finished second at Jacksonville MARA and third in Sun Prairie BMARA business. Aaron also made the main in his first California trip to Turkey Night.

Flesher, Jeff: B main. Flesher took the Tom Knowles MARA Memorial at Spoon River Speedway after scoring second in the club's opener at Kentucky Lake.

Franklin, Dean: C main. Franklin is a former local Oklahoma hero who relocated to Indianapolis to push his Volkswagen to second on the 16th Street dirt and fifth on the Speedrome pavement.

Gaerte, Joe: B main. Gaerte kept his Midget racing indoors by posting eighth in the RCA Hoosier Dome for Mike Hurst. Joe debuted in Junior Holbrook's winged Sprint Car by taking third at the East Bay All Star final. A month later in Houston, he landed his first WoO win in five years during Norman Martin's Battleground promotion.

Griffin, Richard: A from B mains. Griffin gassed no more Midgets after Tulsa, settling into the wingless Sprint Car of Ron Chaffin to score SCRA wins at Yuma, Tulare, Manzanita, Mohave Valley, and a pair at Perris to produce his first career SCRA championship.

Harr, Bob: C main. Harr was second and fifth in the June RMMRA weekend at Airport Speedway in Garden City,KS.
Hendrix, Rick: A from B mains. Hendrix played the Tucson pavement and dirt of Ventura and Vegas for victories that netted his first career USAC Western States Midget crown.

Heydenreich, John: B main. Heydenreich has also migrated to Indianapolis to dabble in three USAC divisions, the highlight of which was his first career Silver Crown conquest at Pikes Peak for ex-Chili Bowl racer Gene Beach. John finished second for John Toth in an IRP Sprint show. Ron Hughes was the first of five owners to have Heydenreich in their Midget in '98. He snared a winged ARDC win at Lincoln for John Givens, finished fifth at Pikes Peak for Terry Klatt, tenth at 16th Street for Chuck DeCrane, and made the Bloomington NAMARS main for Jerry Covington. At the Eldora Four Crown however, he followed an 11th for Billy Courtwright by banging his head in a Sprint Car.

Hillenburg, Andy: A main. Hillenburg had four World of Outlaws wins on the Springfield mile ($12,000), Pevely ($10,000), Rolling Wheels Raceway, a Gold Cup preliminary, and an unsanctioned Tulsa appearance. Andy added Luxaire sponsorship at the end of his unsponsored '98 campaign.

Hines, Tracy: A main. Hines also had five different Midget bosses in '98, beginning here with Chuck DeCrane and graduating to third at Louisville for Tracy Potter, second in one of Pete Willoughby three Eldora entries, second at Putnamville with Joe Michner, and an IRP victory driving for Dan Leary. Another versatile USAC talent, Tracy teamed with Boyce Holt to win Sprint races on Bloomington clay and twice on IRP pavement. In three different Champ Cars, he was second for Leary and Riggs on DuQuoin dirt and Gateway's mile-and-a-half of asphalt.

Irwin, Kenny: B main. Irwin's open wheel activity ended once the NASCAR Winston Cup season began. Kenny battled seventh at the RCA Hoosier Dome for Robbie Parish, then nabbed sixth for John Lawson at the Copper Classic. In the first of two Champ Car starts, Irwin established a new Orlando speed standard mark of 130 MPH.

Johnson, Ricky: D main. Johnson packed the Midget away after Chili Bowl to earn second in wingless AMSA 360 Sprint shows on his hometown Manzanita third-mile. When the USAC Midgets returned to Manzy's half-mile, Ricky brought his Midget back out.

Klepper, Clay: B main. Klepper evacuated California after taking third at Vegas to camp in Tony Elliott's driveway. Clay cornered second on NAMARS dirt at Putnamville and UMARA pavement of Grundy County, and was third in national 16th Street action and a NAMARS show at Winchester. However, his most amazing feat may have been busting up Sun Prairie's track record with a third-mile at 14.51.

Knepper, Steve: B main. Knepper negotiated to seven wins, four in the family 55 at Jacksonville, his hometown Belle-Clair Fair and twice at Macon. He added two USAC races at 16th Street with Kenny Brown's car. Steve's biggest win paid $10,000 at the Belleville Nationals when he was tapped to throttle John Lawson's rocket.

Koch, Randy: A from B main. Koch beat the big NAMARS collection at Benton County and added Badger glory at Beaver Dam, but was blanked at Sun Prairie during a twice-injured BMARA season.

Kruseman, Cory: A main. Kruseman competed in Andy Bondio's Midget only four more times after Tulsa, with eighth on ESPN2 from Bakersfield being best. Cory's SCRA Sprint campaign began slowly but did yield wins at Tulare, his hometown of Ventura, and four at Perris culminating in the Jack Kindoll Classic finale.

Lang, Michael: B main. Lang banged out a fifth consecutive Indianapolis Speedrome championship while also winning across town on the 16th Street dirt.

Lasoski, Danny: A main. Lasoski left Midgets for Florida where he steered Chris Black's Sprint car to three straight All Star victories at Volusia County. Danny's WoO winning began at Canandaigua and stretched to Santa Maria and Houston, but was dwarfed by his $100,000 win in the Knoxville Nationals.

Leffler, Jason: A main. Leffler became the first driver since Tony Stewart (1995) to sweep the Silver Crown and national USAC Midget championships in the same season. Midget wins fell for Jason at Louisville, Pikes Peak, Odessa and Manzanita. For TV exposure, he added Western States honors at Bakersfield. The Brickyard 100 was Leffler's solitary Silver Crown win. After he and Beast stablemate David Steele earned IRL stripes, Jason subbed for Steele in the Aristocrat Sprint Car and finished fourth at IRP.

Lehmann, Donnie: B main. Lehmann managed two Macon MARA wins that included the Don Branson Memorial. He was also second at Pevely and Belle-Clair. In the big races, Donnie scored fourth in the Wolverine Nationals and a Hut Hundred seventh, but struggled in Mike Minarik's car at the Belleville Nationals and Turkey Night.

Lueckert, Greg: B main. Lueckert left the yard in Kentucky Lake's first ever hot lap session. Greg saved his second-place best for the Sweet Springs MARA finale honoring Larry DeLeeuw, a Chili Bowl racer with Steve Gennetten. He finished fourth in the Eagle USAC event, and subbed in Mike McNulty's Outhouse chassis to take seventh at Sun Prairie.

Malone, Chris: B main. Malone bagged three regional USAC wins at 16th Street and was declared the Illinois winner of a curfewed MARA match at Fairbury's American Legion Speedway.

Miller, Dennis: C main. Dennis did his best with an eighth-place at 16th Street Speedway in urban Indianapolis.

Miller,Roger: C main. Roger finished fifth in his Wolverine prelim at Kokomo and at Sun Prairie.

Mitchell, Nick: C main. Mitchell topped out seventh on both Ventura's clay and Tucson's tarmac. Nick rolled the dice in Vegas for eighth on the dirt and ninth on its pavement.

Nelson, Greg: B main. Nelson is a former Angell Park king who used last year's Chili Bowl to get reacquainted with old Badger buds. Upon returning to California, he produced a Petaluma BCRA win with Dave Thurston, and grabbed third at Antioch.

Olson, Kevin: A main. Olson scored second against NAMARS on the Butler Battlegrounds, before saving his best BMARA performance for the Pepsi National that turned out the lights in Angell Park with a last-lap KO knockout.

Osterbuhr, Kurt: D main. Osterbuhr entered the August ASCS Sprint weekend through Denver, WaKeeney and Amarillo, where he was 13th.

Parker, Dennis: C main. Parker's only other Midget action was at his local Eagle Raceway, where he won an NSCA 360 Sprint show.

Pauch, Billy: B from C mains. Pauch polished off an East Bay All Star win before breaking his knee in Williams Grove's WoO prelim. He missed the bulk of the season, but recovered some lost revenue by bagging $20,000 Freedom 76 for 358 Modifieds at Grandview after also beating the All Stars there. In the rescheduled National Open at The Grove, Billy took a $12,000 win and added another ten in Maryland's Oktoberfest.

Pierce, Andy: B main. Pierce plied his trade mainly on 16th Street, steering to second in both national and regional USAC action. Away from Indy, he was fifth in Macon MARA competition.

Pittman, Daryn: B from C mains. Pittman established himself as an ASCS force with five wins in the five states of Kentucky (Prestonsburg), South Dakota (Rapid City), Indiana (Kokomo), Colorado (Denver) and Oklahoma (Lawton). Twice during the season, Daryn was named as successor to Lance Blevins, saving his WoO best for last when Pittman managed 11th at Vegas.

Polewczynski, Randy: D main. Polewczynski made BMARA mains at Sun Prairie and Hales Corners Speedway in suburban Milwaukee.

Roselli, Michael: C main. Roselli ran ninth with NAMARS on the Louisville pavement and 11th on 16th Street dirt.

Sawyer, Jim: D main. Sawyer authored his best work on the asphalt of Shady Bowl (third) and Michigan's M-40 Motorsports Arena, where Jim enjoyed fifth-place.

Schenk, Doug: C main. Schenk's pair of thirds at Sun Prairie were the highlight of his Viper cycle. Doug descended into Indiana for a NAMARS weekend in which he made main events at Bloomington, Putnamville and Kokomo.

Scully, Shane: B main. Scully scavenged thirds on the Ventura dirt, and pavement at Carson City and Tucson. In national USAC races, Shane was eighth at Manzanita and ninth in Nebraska.

Setser, Jason: B main. Setser's rookie NAMARS effort entered three victory lanes in the three states of Ohio (Columbus), Michigan (Grand Rapids) and Kentucky (Louisville) before a savage roll up and out of the Butler banks ended his season.

Shapel, Phil: C. Shapel opened the MARA campaign in Kentucky and raced in his native Kansas at the Belleville Nationals.

Shelton, Ricky: A from B mains. Shelton burst out of the gate with six national USAC wins at Winchester, Anderson, Eagle, Belleville preliminary and twice at 16th Street. But over the last half of the season, a Bloomington NAMARS score was all Ricky could muster. Shelton sampled an SCRA start at Perris for Mark Priestley, and sailed the John Davis USAC Sprint Car clean out of Terre Haute. He also passed his IRL test after Thanksgiving.

Sherman, Jeremy: B from C mains. Sherman managed no SCRA Sprint wins but strung together four consecutive second-place evenings. Jeremy was third at Perris for Bill Lloyd before joining Larry Clark for an Indiana invasion that shattered the Gas City track record. Upon his Arizona return, Sherman stepped into an ABC Sand & Gravel twin that pocketed two more runner-ups, including one in the Oval Track Nationals at Perris. He also made a couple of hometown Manzanita Midget starts, the last of which netted seventh on the half-mile.

Siner, Tim: C main. Siner saddled into Midgets owned by Bryan Holderfield, Tim Muehlfarth, and himself. Tim's top outings were fourth and sixth with MARA at Macon, and ninth in USAC regional racing at 16th Street for Muehlfarth.

Stewart, Tony: A main. Stewart split time between Busch NASCAR and IRL engagements but true to form, squeezed in six Midget starts (winning Phoenix and Charlotte) and also won two of three Champ Car events at Phoenix and IRP. Tony's quest for triple Copper Classic glory fell one Supermodified short. He later tried that Trigueiro prototype at Madera and clocked the fastest lap.

Swindell, Sammy: A main. Swindell ended his Midget season here on a winning note, before beginning a World of Outlaws title defense that earned eight wins at Granite City, Hagerstown, Haubstadt, Fargo, twice at Eldora and a $14,500 sweep of San Jose.

Tarditti, Terry: B main. Tarditti took BCRA victories on the Placerville and Petaluma dirt, and twice on Lakeport's pavement. Terry was also second at Stockton and Antioch.

Thomas, Kevin: A main. Thomas narrowly missed the USAC Sprint title for the second straight year. Kevin began three USAC seasons ninth at Orlando in the Doug Jones Champ Car, seventh at Louisville in the CED Midget, and an Attica winner in the Holt Muffler Sprint Car. By summer, he was out of all three. Thomas teamed with Dick Newkirk to win non-sanctioned/non-wing shows at Kokomo and Putnamville. But by verbally threatening Tony Elliott, USAC denied Kevin one last chance at the championship.

Turner, J.D: C from D mains. Turner traveled with NAMARS to nail down sixth at Louisville and eighth at Shady Bowl Speedway.

Voitel, Jimmy: C main. Voitel ran for the Joe Lynch mob in a Bakersfield ESPN event, and made a pair of Perris starts in an SCRA Sprint Car owned and built by Bob Meli, who passed away this summer.

Walters, Bryon: B main. Walters tried his wingless Sprint Car at Beaver Dam, I-55 and the Eldora Four Crown, but made no mains. Bryon's Badger traps did catch an eighth-place at The Prairie.

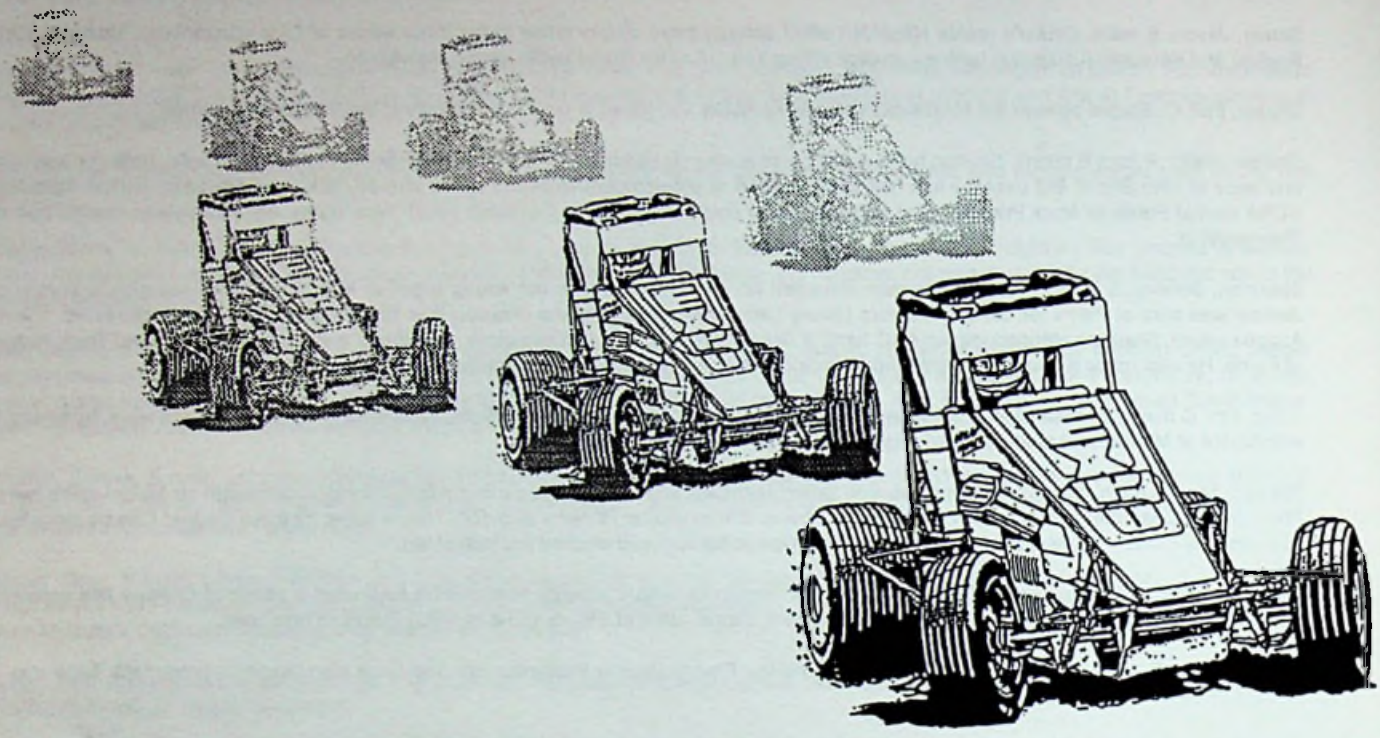
Welpott, Travis: D main. Welpott's second season out of 3/4 Midgets was a struggle. He made the main events in only half of 32 starts, never finishing better than the eighth-place he produced at Pikes Peak and Anderson Speedway.

Westfall, Matt: C main. Westfall was the NAMARS Midget champion as a rookie despite winning no races. Matt's finest hour was third at Ohio's Columbus Motor Speedway. Testing himself against USAC, the kid notched tenth in the Hut Hundred and Eldora Four Crown.

Weyant, Scott: D main. Weyant finished fifth in the Larry DeLeeuw MARA Memorial at Sweet Springs,MO.

Wilburn, Billy: C main. Wilburn managed no Sprint wins this year as he increased the potency of his rivals. Billy did post seconds in ASCS region 8 action at Elkin and Atomic Speedway near Oak Ridge. In national ASCS action, Billy's best was sixth in the Knoxville 360 Nationals. His top 410 finish was 12th against Tennessee All Stars. While on the West Coast to work Roger Penske's super-speedway, Wilburn found time to play two NARC Speedweek stops and make a BCRA Midget start at Antioch.

Yeley, J.J: B main. Yeley opened the SCRA Sprint season with three straight Manzanita wins, helping to make him the fourth man to follow the 1998 Chili Bowl with the Indianapolis 500. Jay McKinnie's machine was one of four Midgets. Willoughby's car dropped him out of the Hut Hundred, and the Martz mount failed to answer the bell at Eldora. . J.J. did jump in Joe Fontana's car for second in the Manzanita Midget show. USAC's Silver Crown campaign ended much better, as Yeley won at Sacramento and East St Louis for '95 Chili Bowl victor Gary Zarounian.



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TENTATIVE

April	2	Fayetteville Speedway	Fayetteville, NC
	3	Cherokee Speedway	Gaffney, SC
	9	Friendship Speedway	Elkin, NC
	10	North Georgia Speedway	Chatsworth, GA
	16	Lone Star Speedway	Kilgore, TX.
	17	Thunder Valley Speedway	Alexandria, LA.
	23	TBA	
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	30	Stae Fair Speedway	Sedalia, MO
May	1-2	Mid West Motor Speedway	Joplin, MO
	7	Hub City Speedway	Lubbock, TX
	8	Route 66 Speedway	Amarillo, TX
	14	Muskogee Motor Speedway	Muskogee, OK
	15	Salina High Banks	Salina, OK
	29	Moberly Speedway	Moberly, MO
	30	State Fair Speedway	Sedalia, MO
June	4	TBA	
	5	Jackson Speedway	Jackson, MN
	10-11-12	Knoxville 360 Nationals	Knoxville, IA
	18	TBA	
	19	Riverside Speedway	W. Memphis, AR
	25	Devil's Bowl Speedway	Mesquite, TX
	26	Thunder Mountain Speedway	Rusk, TX.
July	3-4	Atomic Speedway	Kingston, TN
	9	TBA	
	10	TBA	
	17	Jackson Nationals	Jackson, MN
	23	TBA	
	24	Riverside Speedway	West Memphis, AR
	25	Monett Speedway	Monett, MO.
	27	Creek County Speedwy	Tulsa, OK.
	28	Paris Speedway	Paris, TX
	30	Devils Bowl Speedway	Mesquite, TX
	31	State Line Speedway	Texarkana, AR.
Aug	6	TBA	
	7	Black Hills Speedway	Rapid City, SD
	8	Dacotah Speedway	Mandan, ND
	10	TBA	
	13	TBA	
	14	Jamestown Speedway	Jamestown, ND
	15	Nodak Speedway	Minot, ND
	17	Hartford Speedway	Hartford, SD
	20-21	Tournament of Champion	
	27	Tulsa Speedway	Tulsa, OK.
	28	Mid West Motor Speedway	Joplin, MO.
	29	Monett Speedway	Monett, MO.
Sept	3	Devil's Bowl Speedway	Mesquite, TX
	4	Lawton Speedway	Lawton, OK
	17	TBA	
	18	Riverside Speedway	West Memphis, AR
	24-25	Lone Star Speedway	Kilgore, TX
Oct	1-2	Devil's Bowl Speedway	Mesquite, TX
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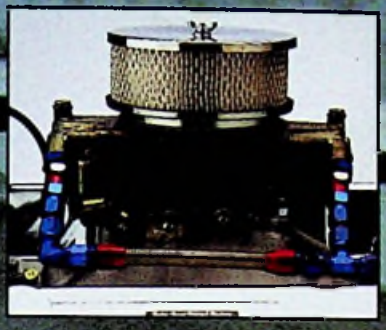

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