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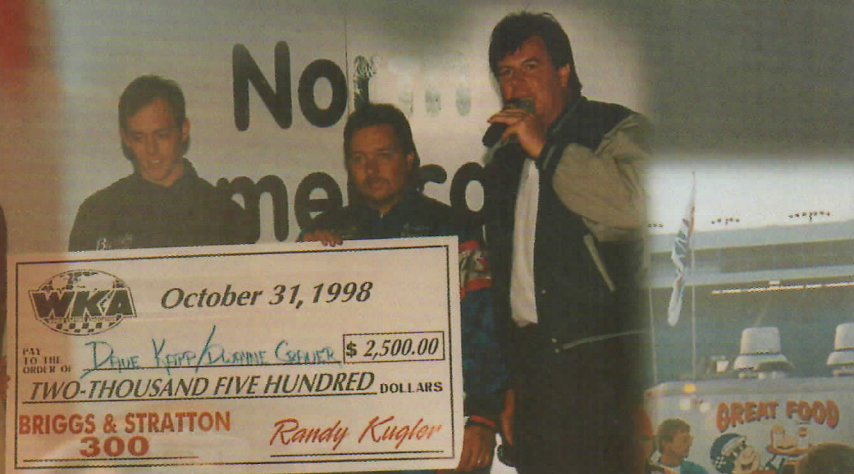
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Race Report

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CONCORD, NC - It happens every fall. More and more go-kart racers from around the globe make the annual pilgrimage to the World Karting Complex at Charlotte Motor Speedway in Concord, NC for the North American Karting Championships. This year's tradition officially began Wednesday October 28 with a 5:30 pm Reception for International Entrants and concluded Sunday November first with evening Podium presentations.

In all nearly 1,200 entrees competed in the fifth annual event. Over 300 of North America's top dirt kart racers battled on the 'Out Back Dirt Track' in 12 classes sponsored by RLV Tuned Exhaust and Douglas Wheel. One hundred and fifty racers attempted to qualify for 40 Briggs & Stratton 300 positions.

Enduro racers, 437 strong, battled through the road course and on Charlotte Motor Speedway's mile and a half 24 degree banked oval for final points in the

1998 WKA Hansen Supercharger National Enduro season.

At the same time drivers from 14 nations competed on the 6/10 mile infield track for the fifth annual George Kugler Memorial Cup and North American Sprint Track championships.

Thursday evening WKA / Elf Fuels Constructor's Championship national winners were crowned during an awards dinner.

Here's how it all unfolded:

BRIGGS & STRATTON 300

There were many similarities between this year's Briggs & Stratton 300 and last year's. Just like last year 150 drivers attempted to qualify for 40 feature positions. Clemmons, NC competitor Eddie Mishue earned the pole again and after driver introductions 4 year-old Emily Calder of Charlotte, NC sang the national anthem followed by a fireworks display that lit the skies over Charlotte Motor Speedway and echoed in the stands.

The differences began shortly after drivers were given the command to start their engines. Mishue lead several laps and then dropped into the field. On lap 71 a lifter in Mishue's motor broke forcing him out of the race.

As Mishue faded into the field Jonathan Cash assumed the lead with Creedmoor, NC racer Jason Petty on his tailpipe. Cash and Petty had just pulled from the field for their own battle when a fellow competitor spun out in turn two bringing out the first of five caution restarts on lap 18.

Two laps later caution waved again. Cash led the restart with Petty patiently trailing in second where he would stay for 14 laps. When opportunity knocked Petty took advantage and the lead. Petty poured on the power Tod Miller provided him and held the lead until lap 64 when he was forced to pit for fuel. Although Petty was just as fast in the pits and quickly back on the track Rhodesdale, MD racer Chris Mason was firmly in control when Petty returned to the race. Mason, who together with teammate Chris Gabehart of Louisville, KY won the

first 300 five years ago, held the lead until lap 80 when a thirsty motor needed refueling. Jason Higginbotham took charge when Mason pitted. Mason quickly passed through the pits and went back after the lead. As Petty was chasing Higginbotham through traffic they got behind a slower kart and Mason recaptured the lead.

On lap 92 Cash drafted back into the lead with Tod Miller in tow. Miller, who won the second annual 300 with a solo effort, shot past Cash at the 100 lap mark and held the lead for 8 laps before Brian Fox found the front for a brief two laps.

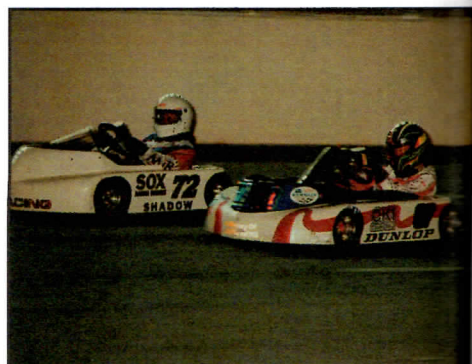
Miller recaptured the lead on lap 110 and held it until lap 123 when Mason made his way back to the front. This time Mason led for 11 laps before surrendering it back to Miller.

The third caution waved on lap 148. Mason led the restart and was first under the mid race signal. From there Mason held the lead until lap 181 when J.L. Farrow found the front which he kept until lap 213. Farrow turned the race's fastest lap time of 17.194 on lap 33.

On lap 213 Floridian Rohn Moon shined over the field and would do so until lap 236 when Mason found his way back into the lead again.

The fourth caution waved on lap 243. Kerry Parnell owned the lead and headed the restart, but left the track for a last splash of fuel for the final fifty laps. That put Joe Bodenschatz in charge of the field which he lead past the 250 lap mark and until lap 253 when Mason took over.

Meanwhile Dave Kapp, who with teammate Dwayne Craver kept their Craver



Photos:

1. Briggs & Stratton 300 Grid
2. The WKA Pace Kart
3. #87 C. Helms, #72 C. Sox



Photos:

1. #53 C. Vallandingham, #91 R. Swain, #35 J. Smith
2. #199 T. Craze, #88 D. Kepp

powered Shadow Kart in contention, moved into second and then first on lap 268. It was a short lived lead as Mason made yet another charge to the front.

The final caution would wave on lap 274 with Kapp back in command. Indian Trail, NC racer Buster Bennet grabbed the lead on lap 275 and then surrendered it back to Parnell.

As the final laps unfolded Kapp recaptured the lead on lap 286. With 14 laps left Kapp fought off Parnell's final challenges and was first to get the five laps to go signal. With Parnell still in hot pursuit Kapp held the lead for five more laps capturing the 5th annual Briggs & Stratton 300 with a 15.404 seconds advantage over Parnell.

"It got down to where I was worrying about fuel. I was praying real hard and kept counting down the laps," admitted the Concord, NC winner. "I want to thank God for the ability to do this, Dan and Charlie Sox, my pit crew Craig Donnley and Donnie Loflin for a great pit stop and most of all my brother-in-law Dwayne Craver for the great motor and set up," he added.

Craver started the team's effort from 12th and turned the kart over to Kapp on lap 180. "He did a great job," Craver said of Kapp. "We didn't do anything special, just run the last Pavement National with

the same pit crew and went with the flow without any special testing."

Briggs & Stratton Marketing Director David Klaus presented the winners with a \$2,500 check to which Sox & Son's Racing added \$500 because they were driving a Shadow Kart.

Last year's winning team of Parnell and Terry Idol, both of Kernersville, NC, finished second. "I just want to thank Robin Bradshaw," credited the Alford Trucking / Goodyear sponsored Parnell.

Third place Alan Redding posted the highest rookie finish and was followed by Chad Quick and Andy Whiten who completed the top five.

NORTH AMERICAN DIRT TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

More than 300 racers competed in this year's RLV / Douglas Wheel sponsored North American Dirt Track Championships at Charlotte Motor Speedway in Concord, NC October 30 to November 1st. Josh Wimbish and Chris Seay posted double wins.

Wimbish won Saturday's Briggs Restricted Junior Stock and Sunday's Briggs Junior Stock. It was the Hickory NC based 13 year-old racer's first time in those classes.

"I had to drive as hard as I could, be aggressive and stay on it to win", the Moon Powered Banshee double winner explained. "It took a lot of hard work and determination, but it feels great and I'm looking forward to running these classes next year," he added.

Joe McIntyre was just .182 of a second behind Wimbish in Restricted Junior Stock. Following in the top five of 30 were Scotty Weir, Dustin Powell and Richard Thomas.

Sunday, Powell and Matt Beroth crossed behind Wimbish in Junior Stock, but both were DQ'ed at tech making the official top five Weir, Tyler Stultz, Roger Newton and Tye Bray.

Seay swept both 2-Cycle classes. When Seay started on Saturday's Stock 2-Cycle pole it was his fifth straight pole. "We didn't make any changes from the heats, but we should have," admitted the Ultramax / Precision Bearing & Machine / Amsoil / Speed Karts / Douglas Wheel sponsored Spartanburg, SC winner who added, "I want to also thank RLV for sponsoring this event and giving 2-cycles a place to run."

His cousin Jason Seay was just .179-of

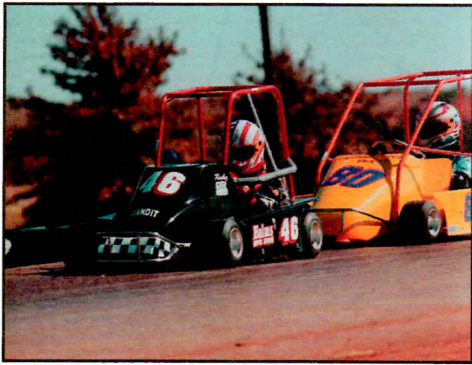


Photos:

1. Sr. Champ
2. Briggs Heavy
3. Briggs Jr. Sportsman 2
4. Stock 2-Cycle

a second behind him under Stock 2-Cycle's checkered. Taking the remaining top five positions were Daniel Kearns, Billy Tapman and Barrett Terry.

Sunday Seay edged out Charlotte, NC racer Ralph Mariano by just .754-of a second. Jay Smith took third, Daniel Kearns followed in fourth and Olin



Photos:

1. Jr. Sportsman 2
2. Sr. Champ

Baldwin rounded out the top five of 19.

Ricky Eaves ruled Saturday's first race Briggs Medium. "I started on the outside pole and took it from there and ran all the way," described the JS Racing / GISTO Tool sponsored Bessemer City, NC winner who added, "The Twister Kart was hooked up and I had a good motor. This is a big win for everybody on my crew."

Adam Ingram trailed Eaves by .893-second, but was DQ'ed at tech awarding second to James Triplett. Filling the rest of the top five of 29 were James Welch, Charles Klutz and Shane Evans.

Clint Mills captured Saturday's Briggs Junior Sportsman1 with a .171 of a second advantage over Justin Watson. "I started on the outside pole and took the lead on lap 15," described the 11-year-old Marshville, NC winner. "I hung on the outside and made my way through the field and then got the person that was left (Watson) on the white flag lap," he said adding, "What did it was the chassis we worked all day on setup and it worked. I want to thank Johnny and Nancy Bartlett, my mom and dad, my brother and most of all God," added Mills who is currently ranked 5th nationally.

Wayne Poole went wire-to-wire in Briggs Junior Sportsman-2. According to the 13-year-old High Point, NC competi-

tor, "The driver had a bunch to do with it, the kart had a bunch to do with it and Miller Power had a bunch to do with it."

Poole clocked the fastest lap time on lap 15 and finished 1.864-second ahead of Jamie Reed who was DQ'ed at tech.

"I want to thank Mark Gordon and all the Gordons," added the Beef Performance sponsored Poole who's currently ranked third nationally.

With Reid out David Larussa moved up to second, Bradley Mattlin made third, Ryan Pote followed in fourth and Jeffrey Whitener capped the top five of 19.

Brandon Ward bagged Saturday's final feature, Briggs Limited Medium, narrowly edging out Dustin Rhodes by .664 of a second. "Everybody else got a better start. It took 10 laps for the kart to come in, but once it did I just tried to stay out front," described the Beef Performance / Phantom Karts / Burris Racing / Dyno Cams / CV Products sponsored Winston-Salem, NC winner. "The kart was real loose at first because we had harder tires to be there at the end, but it was kinda tough at the beginning," admitted Ward who captured Limited Lite's championship in the North Carolina Dirt Series.

Jamie Weatherford crossed third, Bryan Stevens finished fourth and Chad Porginski rounded out the top five of 28. Although Eddie Mishue was first under Briggs Heavy's checkered the Clemmons, NC competitor was DQ'ed at tech and forced to surrender the win to Shane Evans. Behind Evans in the top five of 30 were Bradley Gerrells, J.T. Stillwagon, James Welch and Matt McCall.

Waxhaw, NC racer Roger Padgett ruled Senior Champ edging out Shawn Parker by .176 of a second. Virginian Thomas Chumney took third and was followed in the top five of 22 by Jason Merriman and Chuck Beech.

Brian Shy showed the way in Briggs Super Heavy taking the checkered flag .211-of a second ahead of Mishue who was DQ'ed again. Bubba Newsom moved up to second, Lonnie Hall to third, Thomas Hill to fourth and Allen Coley to fifth out of 29.

Dahlonega, GA racer Bradley Gerrells topped the event's final feature Briggs Limited Heavy taking the final flag 1.369 seconds ahead of Weatherford. Peter Petropoulos of Atlanta, GA trailed in third, David Vanhorn found fourth and Jimmy Bullard completed the top five of 32.

NAKC ENDURO

Barry Motsinger, Ronnie Jackson and David Clevenger claimed double wins at the WKA / Hansen Supercharger National Enduro Series' North American Enduro Championships hosted by Charlotte Motor Speedway in Concord, NC October 31st to November 1st. Raced as part of the fifth annual NAKC, the National Enduro Series' final race of the 1998 season had 437 racers competing in 31 classes.

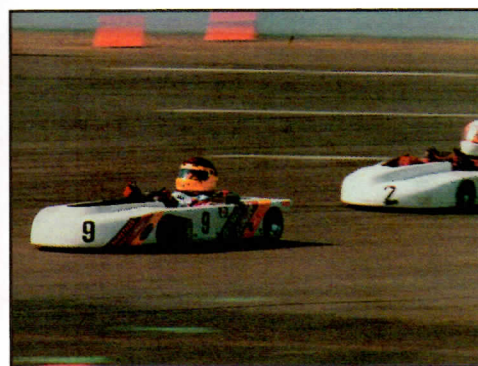
Motsinger swept the Piston Port Can Lite and Heavy races starting with Saturday's PRD Racing Engines sponsored Lite where his John Klutz powered CKI JK-1 kart captured the final flag 48.787-seconds ahead of Giehl D. King. The win secured Motsinger second place in the national points chase. "I lead coming off the line and never had anybody close to me," described the Winston-Salem, NC double winner who added, "The kart handled good and the engine ran great."

Sunday Motsinger topped TS Racing, Inc. sponsored Piston Port Can Heavy's 22 racer field taking the final flag with a narrow .253 of a second advantage over Jeffrey Karr.

Birmingham, AL racer Ronnie Jackson posted a pair of wins Sunday. In KSF Racing sponsored Yamaha Sportsman Lite Jackson's CKI kart captured the final flag 25.849-seconds ahead of second place Jim Fry. "I got a good start and led wire-to-wire," Jackson described adding, "It was the motor chassis combination. I have 12 wins this season between Medium and Lite and I think the CKI kart is the biggest thing; I've been comfortable with it all year."

For his second win Jackson bagged B-Limited crossing the final stripe almost a minute ahead of fellow Alabama racer Robbie Harper-III.

Clevenger captured Briggs Sprint Medium on Saturday and backed it up with another in Sunday's Briggs Sprint Heavy with Jason King chasing him across the finish line each time. In Saturday's Kart Connection Plus sponsored Medium King was just .099 of a second behind Clevenger and in Sunday's Heavy race the difference was a mere .169-of a second. "I got a fair start and was seventh after the first lap," reported the 21-year-old Stevens City, VA racer after his second win. "I was running with the leaders and I got it on the last lap. I want to thank my crew, I had a lot of help and a lot of people came through for me and I couldn't have done it without them."



Photos:

1. PPCL Grid
2. Yamaha Sportsman Medium
3. Yamaha Medium
4. Yamaha Lite

Running with the 24 Briggs Sprint Heavy racers, from a staggered start, were eight Briggs Junior Sprint-2 racers who were lead across the finish line by Clevenger's younger brother Thomas who was piloting

a Ricky Ritter built Margay when he edged out Kyle Lawrence by .673 of a second in the Elite Karting sponsored race. "The start was fine. I rode around in second most of the race and passed on the last lap," 16-year-old Thomas said adding, "The kart handled great and the motor was fast and everything worked great."

A surprised Mark Taylor took the event's first checkered, WKA Sprint Lite. "I got a good start and then it was a battle between me, Shawn Gray, Scott Buerman and Patrick Mahoney," described the Manassas, VA racer. "My clock broke about half way. I passed Scott and Mahoney and looked up and there was the checkered flag waving in front of me!" added the Margay pilot who builds his own motors.

Noah Roe notched a win in Briggs Supercharger taking the final flag over 6 seconds ahead of second place Michael Cousin.

Saturday's second feature was a combined Junior Enduro Lite and Horstman Manufacturing sponsored Yamaha Sportsman Medium classes. Peter Ludwig posted Junior Enduro Lite's win and Justice, IL racer Scott Grenier's LAD built Coyote captured Yamaha Sportsman Medium's checkered. According to Grenier, "I got a fair start and then drafted with Brandon Fry and started catching Ronnie Jackson with six laps to go." "I had enough horsepower," Grenier added. "But it was the tires on this one more than anything."

Springfield, IL racer Randy Fulks ruled New Concept Design sponsored Yamaha Lite's 16 racer field finishing 4.156-seconds ahead of Eddie Davis. "I got a fair start. Gary Slahor and I battled it out early than in the last 15 minutes it was me and Eddie Davis. Eddie got hung up in lapped traffic and I lucked out because he (Davis) is a good driver," Fulks admitted.

Racing with Yamaha Lite were 14 IOOcc Controlled racers lead by Nathan Grindell who took the Hagar 4 Products sponsored race by 28.419-seconds over Paul Wyzga. But, Grindell was tossed out at tech and had to hand the win over to Wyzga.

Grindell avenged himself Sunday notching the event's final win taking Controlled Limited-2's checkered 4.158-seconds ahead of Marylander Greg Trimmer.

Reigning 250 Rotax national champion Mike Cima, of Turtle Creek, PA, clinched his seventh straight national title with a win in that class. "Mark (Croslyn) got out first and I was able to catch him on the second

lap and then had a clear track to open up a lead," said Cima, who earned the win piloting his legendary self built kart known as 'Old Faithful.' "This has been a great year; we've had six different winners," Cima said of the season adding that to win seven straight champions takes, "A lot of time and more effort than most people would believe."

Tim Hicks, of Gainesville, GA, trailed Cima by over a minute. "I was way, way back and I just got lucky," said the Swift Kart pilot.

Along with the eight 250-Rotax racers in Saturday's fourth race were 17 B-Stock competitors lead by Joe Galyon who won the Custom Trophy sponsored race with a .216-of-a second advantage over second place Ronnie Jackson.

Beacon, NY racer Phil Jackson handled Yamaha Heavy taking the Russell Karting / Dunlop sponsored race's final flag 2.42 seconds ahead of Tim Bryan. "I didn't get too bad of a start. I kind of left it a little rich to get heat in the motor before leaning it down," explained the New Concept Design sponsored Coyote by Heminway pilot explained adding, "Randy (Fulks) was real quick. He's the level we race at and it was his race until he broke."

Briggs Junior Sprint-1 was a down-to-the-wire battle between race winner Kevin Learnard and Andrea Gilder. With two laps remaining Gilder, of Whitman, MA, turned the race's fastest lap time, but it wasn't fast enough to catch Learnard who took the checkered flag with a narrow .16-of-a second advantage.

Saturday's seventh race had three classes, 125 Gearbox, Open and Controlled Limited-1, leaving the grid in staggered starts. Defending 125-Gearbox national champion Gene Davis dominated that class capturing the final flag 1.743-seconds ahead of Lakeville, MA racer Frosty Guimares.

Tulsa, OK racer Brian Thomas bagged the Open feature with a 1/2-minute lead over Dave Bradley at the end and Randy Beverage did the same in Controlled Limited-1.

Saturday's final feature also had three classes competing together. Posting the WKA Sprint Heavy win clinched Putnam, CT pilot Shawn Gray that national points title. Gray grabbed the Pi Research sponsored race's checkered flag with more than a minute lead over second place Steven Prater.

"I got a pretty good start and fell back to



Photos:

1. YSH Enduro
 2. Yamaha Lite
 3. Tight Draft!
- (Photo #3 courtesy of Curtis Davis)

4th. Andy Kiker (who produced the race's fastest lap time) had taken off, but I gained on him and then we got into lapped traffic and I managed it better than him and got about a 10-second lead over them," the Elite by Van Gilder pilot described.

In Junior Sprint-1 it was Jamie Bach over .314-of a second over Westford, MA racer Domenic Iovino who is also second in the national points chase.

Warrington, VA racer Laurence McKenny narrowly capped Piston Port Can Sprint's 19 racer field finishing just .507 of a second ahead of Carl Swanson.

Sunday's first race was a combined Yamaha Sprint Lite and Junior Sprint-2 feature. Venice, FL racer Patrick Mahoney narrowly edged out Mark Taylor by just .29-of a second in Yamaha Sprint Lite and in Junior

Sprint-2 Keith Shampine was just .116 of a second ahead of Domenic Iovino.

Junior Enduro Heavy points leader Jesse Black of Lynchburg, VA dominated that feature finishing a comfortable 10.884-seconds ahead of Jamie Bach.

In Yamaha Sportsman Heavy Justice, IL racer Scott Grenier out ran current national points leader Michael McCombs of Pelham, AL.

Despite losing his clutch five minutes into RLV Tuned Exhaust sponsored Yamaha Medium Erik Day pulled off the win with a 1.888-seconds lead over Eddie Davis. "I was in the middle of the pack and the clutch wouldn't hookup. After five minutes I dropped down to seventh so I played with the carb and drove hard," Day described. "I had tons of horsepower, but had to work twice as hard because the clutch was toast and I burnt up a set of tires and I felt like I was going off every corner," added Day who is a six time undefeated points champion in the New Hampshire Kart Association.

Unlimited was captured by Brimingham, AL racer Robbie Harper-II's TS Racing powered CKI kart. "Junior Neal and I battled the first lap and then after we rubbed wheels I figured when I could go and then I was gone," described the Custom Fiberglass of Alabama sponsored winner who took the final flag 1.002 ahead of Andy Kiker who turned the race's fastest lap time on the final trip around. "I drove hard most of the race and Andy (Kiker) closed in a little at the end," Harper-II added.

Kiker, of Egg Harbor Township, NJ, also turned Yamaha Sprint Heavy's fastest lap time, but this time he out ran Gray by 1.329.

Piston Port Heavy points leader Abbi Ghatak clinched the championship with a final win in the Bridgestone / Grand Products sponsored class. Taking the final flag with a 9.876-seconds over Virginian Travis Miller earned Ghatak his fourth straight victory and his seventh of the season.

"It was the whole package," credited the Melrose, MA champion who added, "Van Gilder did a good job on the chassis and Bill Price gave me a good motor."

WKA Hansen Supercharger National Enduro Series racers next national event will be the 1998 Enduro World Championships held at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, FL December 27-30.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL 1998 GEORGE KUGLER MEMORIAL CUP AND NORTH AMERICAN SPRINT TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

American racers dominated six of 14 top podium positions at the fifth annual George Kugler Memorial Cup and North American Sprint Track Championships raced on the World Karting Complex's 6/10th - mile 15 turn sprint road course inside the Charlotte Motor Speedway near Concord, NC Saturday October 31st and Sunday November 1st. A record 263 racers from 14 countries competed in the WKA - FMK / FIA combined events.

Oxnard, CA competitor Philip Giebler lead the American sweep with wins in both of Sunday's Formula A classes. Following Giebler's Kuene powered Tony Kart in Formula A's top five of 34 were Cesar Campanico, fellow American, Margay Factory driver, Jonathan Strohm, Mexican Carlo Avila and Australian Ryan Briscoe. Trailing in Formula A 2's top five were Avila, Campanico, Fernando Diaz Alonso and Luis Schiavo. "Everything worked perfect and the kart was faster every time out," said Giebler who added, "The final setup was incredible."

Adam Kasick's Yellow Fin powered Tony kart captured Yamaha Medium's checkered flag 1.058-seconds ahead of Canadian Jason Papp. Kasick earned the feature pole but lost the lead a couple of times before showing the 11 racer field across the finish line. "With four laps to go I got it for good," described the 17 year-old Moore Racing / Horstman sponsored Munster, IN racer who added, "The Yellow Fin motor had more power and the Tony Kart had the best handling." Cottage Grove, WI racer Troy Hottman took third, Mark Beard finished fourth and Canadian Stefan Haas completed the top five.

Aston, PA Top Kart pilot Robbie Pecorari posted a solid win in Saturday's Junior Cadet taking the checkered flag 16.859 seconds over Wilton, CT competitor Michael Ruttkamp. "I had a good engine and a good set up, all I had to do was drive smart," said the 11-year-old winner. Evan Keresi, Paulie Harraka and Thomas Hartensveld, Jr rounded out the top five of eight.

Ted Tackett topped 125 Shifter National. His MTC built Honda powered BMR Kart crossed the final stripe with a healthy 2.342 seconds lead over Adam Andretti. "It was great!" beamed the Kalamazoo, MI winner who added, "I messed up the start,



Photos:

1. Formula Super A Start
2. Formula A
3. Formula A
4. Formula A Start

but caught Adam (Andretti) and cruised. My pipe broke with a couple of laps to go and I was praying on the last lap."

Mississippi racers T. Howard Rice Jr. and Scott Hume finished third and fourth fol-

lowed by Ohio racer Terry Pastor who completed the top five of nine.

In the final laps of Sunday's Formula Yamaha Junior Matthew Krechel muscled his way to the front taking the final flag just .149 of a second ahead of Lawson Aschenbach. But officials penalized Krechel two positions for pushing the leader off course and awarded Aschenbach the win. "I got a break," shrugged the 14-year-old Gaithersburg, MD winner. Taking the rest of the official top five of nine positions were Brandon Adkins, Krenchel, Humberto Donatto and Joshua Weber.

Canadian Kyle Herder captured a pair of wins. The 15-year old from Stouffville topped Saturday's Yamaha Junior Can and Sunday's Formula Yamaha Senior. "It was the kart handling and that made my driving better," explained the Gold Kart pilot who added thanks to sponsor Canadian Performance Products.

Saturday, Frank Gaeta, Jr. trailed Herder by just .425 of a second. Completing the rest of the top five of nine were Aschenbach, Matthew Krechel and Anthony Savalle.

Sunday's Formula Yamaha Senior was even closer with Matt Hottman threatened to with in a mire .199 of a second difference at the end. "He (Hottman) put the pressure on me all the way down to the line," Herder admitted adding, "This is my first senior race and I just took it when I could." Filling the rest of the top five of 12 were Jason Papp, Adam Kasick and Paul Montopoli.

Italian Gianluca Beggio defended his title in Saturday's FMK / FIA Formula C where fellow countryman Alessandro Manetti, Nico Biasuzzi, Ennio Gandolfi and Francesco Laudato followed in the top five of 34 entrees. "First place gave up the lead," said the Birel / Bridgestone sponsored champion who added, "Everything worked together, but it was mostly the engine and tires."

Three Junior North American classes completed Saturday. Nico Rosberg, of Italy, took the first by 1.745-seconds over Australian Reinhard Kofler who avenged himself in the second feature where he edged out Rosbert by just .263 of a second. "It was a really hard fight today," Rosberg said adding, "We managed to get the handling quite well and that was good." The rest of Junior NA-1's top five were filled by Franck Perera of France and Americans Travis Irving and Adam Peccorari.



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1. Formula A Start
2. Formula A-1

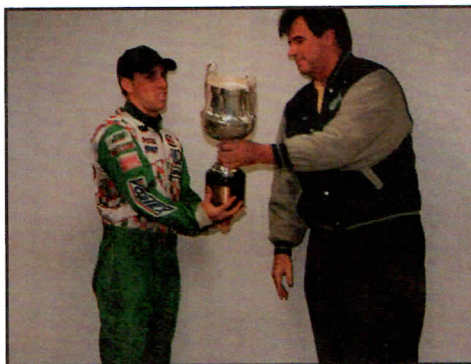
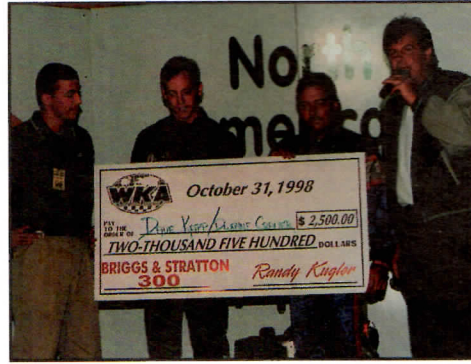
According to the Tony Kart / Vortex / Vega sponsored 13 year old Kofler, "It was a lot of hard work that did it." This time Perera took third, Irving followed in fourth and Canadian Matt Champagne capped the top five of 27.

Perera posted the Junior NA-3 win taking the final flag by just .229 of a second over Rosberg. Trailing Rosberg in the top five of 30 were Kofler, Aeccorari and Canadian Christoph Green.

Formula Super A 1 and 2 were captured by Italian Vitanltonio and Australian James Courtney who swapped feature positions. Of his win Liuzzi said, "I got a good start, and then went away with it. The chassis worked good and that was a big part of it." Italians Roberto Toninelli and Alessandro Manetti completed Super A 1's top five of nine. "This is a pretty cool track. I'm impressed," said Tony Kart / Vortex sponsored Courtney. "I was sliding a little at first, but I fixed it for the final and the Tony Kart was gone," he described adding, "I've been racing karts since I was nine; I should be good at it by now."

A podium presentation followed each day's racing giving competitors a chance to shower each other in champagne and be recognized for their achievements.

Results for all NAKC finishes are on a following page.



Photos:

1. Yamaha Medium; A. Kasick, J. Papp, T. Hottman, S. Haas
2. Philip Giebler receiving George Kugler Memorial Cup from WKA President Randy Kugler
3. Yamaha Jr. Can; K. Herder, F. Gaeta, Jr., L. Aschenbach, M. Krechel, A. Savalle
4. Briggs & Stratton 300 Winners; K. Parnell, R. Craven, D. Kepp, A. Reddiz

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1. Briggs & Stratton Podium; D. Klaus, D. Kapp, R. Craven, Randy Kugler
2. Jr. Cadet; R. Pecorari, M. Ruttkamp, E. Keresi, P. Harraka, T. Hartensveld, Jr.
3. Jr. NA-1; N. Rosberg, R. Koffler, F. Perera
4. Formula Yamaha Jr.; L. Aschenbach, B. Adkins, M. Krechel, H. Donatto, J. Weber

Photos:

1. FMK President Ernest Buser presenting Randy Kugler with a watch
2. Formula C; G. Beggio, A. Manetti, N. Biasuzzi, E. Gandolfi
3. Skip Barber Racing School



WKA / NORTH AMERICAN KARTING CHAMPIONSHIP

BRIGGS & STRATTON 300

1. D. Craver / Dave Kapp, Jr
2. Kerry Parnell
3. Allen Redding
4. Chad Quick / Chris Bailey
5. Andy Whitten
6. Buster Bennett
7. Michael Dowell
8. Bryan Fox / Scott Lee
9. James Kirby
10. Terry Idol
11. T. Dillman / Shane Davis
12. M. Schumacher / T. Lucas
13. Rodney Swain / Ray Ellis
14. C. Helms / Kenneth Jones
15. C. Mason / Brad Sellers
16. Charlie Sox / Dan Sox
17. T. Triplett / Jason Weiser
18. J. Miller / P. Petropoulos
19. J. Stoltz / Louis Humphrey
20. C. Vallandingham / J. Young
21. Rohn Moon / Matt McCall
22. J. Bodenschatz / E. Garland
23. Tom Craze / Dan Craze
24. J. Higginbotham / K. Colborn
25. John Smith
26. M. Burns / Jimmy Burns
27. Richard Jacobs
28. J.L. Furrow
29. J. Petty / Jason LaVere
30. B. Ward / Jeffrey Carter
31. Tod Miller
32. J. Cash / Cameron Ham
33. R. Moore / Matt Adams
34. E. Adkinson / T. Chumney
35. R. Ensor / Caroline Young
36. Eddie Mishue / Brian Shy
37. Barrett Terry
38. J. Perry / Ronnie Robinson
39. C. Gabehart / A. Oakley

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 2. Justin Watson
 3. Patrick Rineman
 4. Josh Strickland
 5. Mason Temple
 6. Brandon Dean
 7. Chris Reaves
 8. Jonathan Ross
 9. Trey Carr
 10. Daniel Hemric
- Fast Time - Trey Carr

BRIGGS JR SPORTSMAN 2

1. Wayne Poole
 2. David Larussa
 3. Bradley Matlin
 4. Ryan Pote
 5. Jeffrey Whitener
 6. Brent Baumgartner
 7. Chris Neleson
 8. Andrew Tate
 9. Wesley Potts
 10. Brandon Wherritt
- Fast Time - Wayne Poole

BRIGGS JR STOCK

1. Josh Wimbish
 2. Scotty Weir
 3. Tyler Stultz
 4. Roger Newton
 5. Tye Bray
 6. Chris Cardwell
 7. Daniel Mills
 8. John Oliverio
 9. Joshua Haire
 10. Caleb Mullins
- Fast Time - Matt Beroth

BRIGGS RESTRICTED JR

1. Josh Wimbish
 2. Joe McIntyre
 3. Scotty Weir
 4. Dustin Powell
 5. Richard Thomas
 6. Matt Matlin
 7. Josh Redding
 8. Garrett Swiggart
 9. Matt Beroth
 10. Chad McCumbee
- Fast Time - Joe McIntyre

BRIGGS LIMITED MEDIUM

1. Brandon Ward
 2. Dustin Rhodes
 3. Jamie Weatherford
 4. Bryon Stevens
 5. Chad Porginski
 6. Stevie Stephenson
 7. Josh Nichols
 8. Neal Lewis
 9. David VanHorn
 10. Victor Blankenship
- Fast Time - Brandon Ward

BRIGGS LIMITED HEAVY

1. Bradley Gerrells
 2. Jamie Weatherford
 3. Peter Petropoulos
 4. David VanHorn
 5. Jimmy Bullard
 6. Matt McCall
 7. Dustin Rhodes
 8. Ray Parker
 9. Grant Wimbish
 10. Brent Smith
- Fast Time - Bradley Gerrells

BRIGGS SR CHAMP

1. Roger Padgett
 2. Shawn Parker
 3. Thomas Chumney
 4. Jason Merriman
 5. Chuck Beech
 6. Jon Wood
 7. Matthew Connell
 8. Brian Wyrick
 9. Shannon Bogan
 10. Ricky Riddle
- Fast Time - Roger Padgett

STOCK 2-CYCLE

1. Chris Seay
 2. Jason Seay
 3. Daniel Kearns
 4. Billy Tapman
 5. Barrett Terry
 6. Jeff Narron
 7. Michael Gordan
 8. John Garde
 9. Brian Webber
 10. Andy Adair
- Fast Time - Chris Seay

BRIGGS MEDIUM

1. Ricky Eaves
 2. James Triplett
 3. James Welch
 4. Charles Klutz
 5. Shane Evans
 6. Lee Malone
 7. Josh Nichols
 8. Tom Sawyer
 9. Donald Bradsher
 10. Dale Hill
- Fast Time - James Triplett

BRIGGS HEAVY

1. Shane Evans
 2. Bradley Gerrells
 3. J.T. Stillwagon
 4. James Welch
 5. Matt McCall
 6. Paul Hubble
 7. James Russell
 8. Lonnie Hall
 9. Brian Shy
 10. Scotty Bullins
- Fast Time - Eddie Mishue

BRIGGS SUPER HEAVY

1. Brian Shy
2. Bubba Newsome
3. Lonnie Hall
4. Thomas Hill
5. Allen Coley
6. Randy Hill
7. Lee Richardson
8. Perry Snow
9. Andretti Stephens
10. Charles Hayes

UNLIMITED

1. Chris Seay
 2. Ralph Mariano
 3. Jay Smith
 4. Daniel Kearns
 5. Olin Baldwin
 6. Randy Adair
 7. Chuck Clark
 8. Chris Harrell
 9. Bill Gardner
 10. Michael Gordon
- Fast Time - Ralph Mariano

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3. Abbi Ghatak
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5. Phil Jackson
6. Gary Mikusch
7. Dan Stowell
8. Tim Melnick
9. Dean Cate
10. Easton Dreher

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1. Gene Davis
2. Frosty Guimares
3. Don Brown
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5. Mark Venia
6. Mike Neal
7. Nelson Hicks
8. Mark Nagy
9. Ron Schimmelpfenning
10. Michael Romann

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2. Tim Hicks
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4. Jim Brannon
5. Don Brown
6. Jonathan Clark
7. Mark Croslyn
8. Frosty Guimares

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1. Ronnie Jackson
2. Robby Harper-III
3. Joe Galyon
4. Robby Harper
5. Fred Jeffries
6. Ken Forsha
7. Laurence Metzler
8. John Foster
9. Brad Price
10. Allen Cox

B STOCK

1. Joe Galyon
2. Ronnie Jackson
3. Thomas O'Reilly
4. Allen Cox
5. Mike Sheehy
6. Robby Harper
7. Fred Jeffries
8. Ken Forsha
9. Laurence Metzler
10. Brad Price

BRIGGS JR SPRINT 1

1. Kevin Learnard
2. Andrea Gilder
3. Kyle Lawrence
4. Thomas Clevenger
5. Greg Peck
6. Sean Ballantine
7. Brandon Klos
8. Colt White

BRIGGS JR SPRINT 2

1. Thomas Clevenger
2. Kyle Lawrence
3. Andrea Gilder
4. Kevin Learnard
5. Colt White
6. Greg Peck
7. Sean Ballantine
8. Brandon Klos

BRIGGS SPRINT MEDIUM

1. David Clevenger
2. Jason King
3. Duncan Stewart
4. Jim Courson
5. Allen Redman
6. Eric Oleson
7. Barry Wilson
8. Sean Davis
9. Michele Hyman
10. Sherry Tichenor

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1. David Clevenger
2. Jason King
3. Dan Roe
4. Jim Courson
5. Darrell Platt
6. Sean Davis
7. Mike Cousins
8. Noah Roe
9. Allen Redman
10. Travis Bryan

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1. Noah Roe
2. Michael Cousin
3. Bart Bartusiewicz
4. Richard MacLeod

CONTROLLED LIMITED 1

1. Randy Beverage
2. Steven Towe
3. Michael Fischer
4. Chris Harper
5. John Foster
6. Larry Eford
7. Wayne Coleman
8. Sherri Coleman
9. Pierre Huang
10. Todd Behrens

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1. Nathan Grindell
2. Greg Trimmer
3. Randy Beverage
4. Mike Fisher
5. Paul Wyzga
6. Sherri Coleman
7. Dan Stowell
8. Steve Towe
9. Chris Harper
10. Easton Dreher

JR ENDURO LITE

1. Peter Ludwig
2. Jamie Bach
3. Jesse Black
4. Danny Jessee
5. Colt White
6. Bob Gelles

JR ENDURO HEAVY

1. Jesse Black
2. Jamie Bach
3. Peter Ludwig
4. Danny Jessee
5. Bob Gelles
6. Chase Coleman

JR SPRINT 1

1. Jamie Bach
2. Domenic Iovino
3. Jason Slahor
4. Kyle Schrieber
5. Brandon Taylor
6. Greg Barber
7. Chris Carlson
8. Joshua Perini
9. Scott Davis
10. Derek Dreher

JR SPRINT 2

1. Keith Shampine
2. Domenic Iovino
3. Jason Slahor
4. Jamie Bach
5. Brandon Taylor
6. Chris Carlson
7. Greg Barber
8. Joshua Perini
9. Derek Dreher
10. Scott Davis

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1. Brian Thomas
2. Dave Bradley
3. Bill Skinner
4. Albert Slavick
5. Bill Miller
6. Wil Leonard
7. Chris Brook
8. Jon Ludwig
9. John Gay
10. Ted Swiontek

PISTON PORT CAN LITE

1. Barry Motsinger
2. Giehl David King
3. Lance Fry
4. Jon Bruner
5. Amanda Holeswski
6. David Somers
7. George Holeswski
8. Ron Fleming
9. Donald Dump
10. Patrick Willey

PISTON PORT CAN HEAVY

1. Barry Motsinger
2. Jeffrey Karr
3. David Somers
4. Tim Jennings
5. Tim Hutt
6. Dennis Riddle
7. Donald Dump
8. Ron Fleming
9. Curt Davis
10. Jon Bruner

PISTON PORT CAN SPRINT

1. Laurence McKenny
2. Carl Swanson
3. Matt Roma
4. Gary Tinker
5. Patrick Burke
6. Richard Dubay
7. Brandon Barber
8. Scott Chiras
9. Bobby Wilson
10. Dean Brumm

PISTON PORT HEAVY

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10. Rick Skinner

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1. Mark Taylor
2. Patrick Mahoney
3. Scott Buerman
4. Shawn Gray
5. Scott Chiras
6. Todd Tracy
7. Steven Prater
8. Jenny Sheehy
9. Laurence McKenny
10. David Bruinsma

WKA SPRINT HEAVY

1. Shawn Gray
2. Steven Prater
3. Ron Simpson
4. Ed Blair
5. Randy Barcomb
6. Phillip Clements
7. Jeff Vandertoll
8. Eric Stockford
9. Christine Sandor
10. John Lamper

YAMAHA LITE

1. Randy Fulks
2. Eddie Davis
3. Gary Slahor
4. Bernie Baldus
5. Brian Fisher
6. Josh Butler
7. Richard Warren
8. Marcelo Perini
9. Tim Bryan
10. James Rupert

YAMAHA MEDIUM

1. Erik Day
2. Eddie Davis
3. Tim Jennings
4. Gus Vidal
5. Gary Slahor
6. Tim Bailer
7. Marcelo Perini
8. Tom Johnson
9. William Anderson
10. Randy Fulks

YAMAHA HEAVY

1. Phil Jackson
2. Tim Bryan
3. Alec Cielland
4. Bob Anderson
5. Robert Gelles
6. James Simmons
7. Peter Rosati
8. Glenn Eckel
9. Peter Dzielsinski
10. Joseph Dempsey

YAMAHA SPORTSMAN LITE

1. Ronnie Jackson
2. Jim Fry
3. Cynthia Kalinski
4. Louie Magiera
5. Giehl David King
6. Scott Berkheiser
7. Stephen Mastine
8. John Fisher

YAMAHA SPORTSMAN MD.

1. Scott Grenier
2. Ronnie Jackson

3. Brandon Fry
4. Michael McCombs
5. Scott Berkheiser
6. David Lee
7. Jeffrey Karr
8. Gus Vidal
9. Cynthia Kalinski
10. David Stolte

YAMAHA SP'MAN HEAVY

1. Scott Grenier
2. Michael McCombs
3. Robert Gelles
4. Mike Baldus
5. Jeffrey Karr
6. David Lee
7. Peter Rosati
8. Bob Anderson
9. Tim Hutt
10. Steve Baucom

YAMAHA SPRINT LITE

1. Patrick Mahoney
2. Mark Taylor
3. Scott Buerman
4. Steven Prater
5. Laurence McKenny
6. Brandon Barber
7. David Bruinsma
8. Richard Dubay
9. Scott Chiras
10. Matt Roma

YAMAHA SPRINT HEAVY

1. Andy Kiker
2. Shawn Gray
3. Carl Swanson
4. Phillip Clements
5. Jeff Vandertoll
6. Brandon Barber
7. Scott Chiras
8. David Aziz
9. Travis Bryan
10. Dean Brumm

NORTH AMERICAN KARTING CHAMPIONSHIP SPRINT TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

JR CADET

1. Robbie Pecorari
2. Michael Ruttkamp
3. Evan Keresi

4. Paulie Harraka
5. Thomas Hartensveld
6. Brandon Weber
7. Mark Krechel
8. Cameron Stache
- Fast Time - Robbie Pecorari

YAMAHA JR CAN

1. Kyle Herder
2. Frank Gaeta
3. Lawson Aschenbach
4. Matthew Krechel
5. Anthony Savalle
6. Joshua Weber
7. Kyle Brown
8. Dominic Mocer
9. Chris Wehrheim
- Fast Time - Lawson Aschenbach

FORMULA YAMAHA JR

1. Lawson Aschenbach
2. Brandon Adkins
3. Matthew Krechel
4. Humberto Donatto
5. Joshua Weber
6. Michael Ordonez
7. Dominic Mocer
8. Anthony Savalle
9. Frank Gaeta
- Fast Time - Lawson Aschenbach

FORMULA YAMAHA SR

1. Kyle Herder
2. Matt Hottman
3. Jason Papp
4. Adam Kasick
5. Paul Montopoli
6. John Morley
7. Adam Walsh
8. Paul Kennedy
9. Claudio Daquer
10. Chris Rhein
- Fast Time - Matt Hottman

YAMAHA MEDIUM

1. Adam Kasick
2. Jason Papp
3. Troy Hottman
4. Mark Beard
5. Stefan Haas
6. Matt Brun
7. Herb Sweeney
8. Adam Walsh
9. Eric Gerchak
10. David Clubine
- Fast Time - Jason Papp

125 NATIONAL

1. Ted Tackett
2. Adam Andretti
3. Howard Rice
4. Scott Hume
5. Terry Pastor
6. Derek Brown
7. Regan Smith
8. George Marschall
9. Jim Rogers
- Fast Time - Ted Tackett

1998 NORTH AMERICAN KARTING CHAMPIONSHIP GEORGE KUGLER MEMORIAL CUP

FORMULA C

1. Gianluca Beggio, IT
2. Alessandro Manetti, IT
3. Nico Biasuzzi, IT
4. Ennio Gandolfi, IT
5. Francesco Laudato, IT
6. Michael Valiante, CN
7. Davide Fore, IT
8. Giorgio Pantano, IT
9. Vitantonio Liuzzi, IT
10. Marino Spinuzzi, IT

FORMULA A - FINAL 1

1. Philip Giebler, USA
2. Cesar Campanico, P
3. Jonathan Strohm, USA
4. Carlo Avila, MEX
5. Ryan Briscoe, Aus
6. Patrick Long, USA
7. Steve Welk, USA
8. Brandon Miller, USA
9. Luis Schiavo, YV
10. Jarkko Venalainen, SF

FORMULA A - FINAL 2

1. Philip Giebler, USA
2. Carlo Avila, MEX
3. Cesar Campanico, P
4. Fernando Diaz Alonson, E
5. Luis Schiavo, YV
6. Jonathan Strohm, USA
7. Jarkko Venalainen, SF
8. Patrick Long, USA
9. James Giacomelli, USA
10. James Gue, USA

FORM. SUPER A - FINAL 1

1. Vitantonio Liuzzi, IT
2. James Courtney, AUS
3. Roberto Toninelli, IT
4. Alessandro Manetti, IT
5. Charlotte Helberg, NL
6. Anthony Davidson, GB
7. Rickard Kaell, S
8. Milton Rytarbris, S
9. Danilo Rossi, IT

FORM. SUPER A - FINAL 2

1. James Courtney - AUS
2. Vitantonio Liuzzi, IT
3. Alessandro Manetti, IT
4. Roberto Toninelli, IT
5. Anthony Davidson, GB
6. Rickard Kaell, S
7. Danilo Rossi, IT
8. Milton Rytarbris, S
9. Charlotte Helberg, NL

JR NA - FINAL 1

1. Nico Rosberg, IT
2. Reinhard Kofler, AUS
3. Franck Perera, FR
4. Travis Irving, USA
5. Adam Peccorari, USA
6. Fernando Rees, BR
7. Matt Champagne, CN
8. Christoph Green, CN
9. Ryan Floer, CN
10. Jesse Mason, CN

JR NA - FINAL 2

1. Reinhard Kofler, AUS
2. Nico Rosberg, IT
3. Franck Perera, FR
4. Travis Irving, USA
5. Matt Champagne, CN
6. Pastor Maldonado
7. Adam Peccorari, USA
8. Christoph Green, CN
9. Preston Peebles, USA
10. John Byrne, GB

JR NA - FINAL 3

1. Franck Perera, FR
2. Nico Rosberg, IT
3. Reinhard Kofler, AUS
4. Adam Peccorari, USA
5. Christoph Green, CN
6. Michael McDowell, USA
7. Ernesto Viso, VEN
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23-1/8	7-3/8	Large 59
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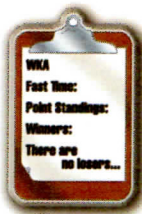
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Race Report

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ELF FUELS SCHOLARSHIP

Concord, NC - Through the joint efforts of Elf Fuels and the World Karting Association 20 WKA drivers were selected to compete for a scholarship to Elf Fuel's La Filiere driving school in Paris, France. Five top drivers from four WKA national series were selected to compete on the World Karting Complex's 6/10 mile sprint road course inside Charlotte Motor Speedway Monday, November 2nd. Drivers were chosen from the George Kugler Manufacturer's Series, the Elf Fuels Constructor's Championship, the WKA / Horstman Gold Cup Series and the WKA / Hanson Super Charger Enduro Series.

According to Elf Fuels Director of Competition Gary Miller the top three drivers would be invited to 'fly to Paris for the final competition where one driver will be selected for a \$50,000 scholarship to La Filiere.

La Filiere was created by Elf Fuels in 1994 with the help of partners such as Renault, FACOM and Michelin, and with the support of the French Ministries of Education and Sports and Youth as well as the French Federation of Automobile Sports. The Permanent Housing and Education Center was built on the prestigious site of the Le Mans circuit and is the first "Sports & Studies" system devoted to motor racing.

Now in its fifth year La Filiere has definitely confirmed its international status. In the 1998 season 44 drivers from 12 nationalities raced in six championships mostly sponsored by Elf subsidiary companies in those countries.

Racers took turns competing against each other in Birel Karts with Yellow Fin power plants prepared by Lynn Haddock of Haddock LTD to maintain fairness and allow driving talent to rule. Racers were rated by three La Filiere officials who also conducted interviews to determine drivers abilities to handle media questions and to insure that, if chosen, they could back up the scholarship with sponsor money or their own.

Racers were given a brief chance to practice followed by group competition.

Manufacturer's Cup racer Steve Welk,

of Franklin, WI, topped Group A's finals - A and Super A. In the A group Welk out ran Constructor's Championship standout Phillip Giebler of Oxnard, CA by just .971 of a second. Trailing Giebler were Gold Cup racers Jason LaVere of Milford, DE and Baltimore, MD racer Daniel Koehler. In the Group A Super final Welk crossed the finish line .951 of a second before Manufacturer's Cup racer Nicholas Watt of Naperville, IL who was followed by Agoura, CA Constructor's Championship racer Patrick Long.

Long took Group B's checkered by a comfortable 3.047 seconds over Jonathan Macri, Tophie Stewart and Enduro sprint racer Shawn Gray of Putnam, CT. Group B's Super final was topped by Hookset, NH Enduro sprint racer Matt Hottman who narrowly edged out Jonathan Strohm of St Louis, MO. Strohm championed eight classes this season, four each in the Gold Cup and Manufacturer's Cup Series. Hottman beat Strohm by just .524 seconds.

Hottman also captured Group C's final edging out Valiante by .798 of a second. Watt took third and Virginia Beach, VA Enduro racer Travis Miller.

Group D's first feature went to Strohm by 1.453-seconds over Gold Cup racer Billy Dickson of West Decatur, PA. and J.P. Guindon, of Pickering, Ont. who is second in the Constructor's Championship Formula 125 class.

Constructor's Championship racer Brandon Miller, of Rancho Santa FE, CA, capped the Group E final finishing just .081-second over Manufacturer's Cup competitor Bryan Sellers of Centerville, OH, Enduro racers Adam Sodano, of Boston, MS and Tim Jennings of Downers Grove, IL.

The competition was followed by interviews and then it was time for the judges to make their decisions.

According to Miller, "All of the kids here are winners. They're great kids and they're all committed to karting and it will be hard to pick just three."

After trying to select just three the judges announced they were deadlocked and it was decided that eight would be invited to Paris for the final competition.

Elf Fuels Scholarship Winners!

Chosen were: Jonathan Strohm "This is a really great opportunity. It's the chance of a life-time to climb the ladder of open wheel racing," said the Margay factory pilot.

Steve Welk "This is an unreal opportunity, it will be a great experience and I can't wait to go," said the 16-year old.

Patrick Long "It's a tremendous opportunity to go a school where many of my heroes have gone and I've seen what they've accomplished. I'm looking forward to go on to higher levels of open wheel racing and this will be a big help in that direction," Long described.

Brandon Miller "Words can't describe how I feel. This is a once in a life-time opportunity," Miller said adding, "I hope to move onto cars and hopefully get a good ride, maybe even in an Indy car."

Mike Valiante "This is a great opportunity to break into European racing," said the Canadian hot shoe.

Matt Hottman "It's great!" Hottman said, "It's a great experience to race with and to be placed with these top drivers. Now I know I'm able to run with the best in the country and in the world."

Nick Watt "Just this experience will reflect a lot on my racing career, it's weird how things happen when you put your mind to it," said the 17-year-old racer.

Phillip Giebler "To be able to do something like this is a great opportunity," said Giebler who topped two NAKC podiums the day before.



Photos:

Scholarship Winners: Back Row, Randy Kugler, and Elf Fuel Judges. Winners are not in order: J. Strohm, S. Welk, P. Long, B. Miller, M. Valiante, M. Hottman, N. Watt, P. Giebler