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True Value Silver Crown Series 100
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1993 USAC Racing Schedules True Value Hardware Silver Crown Championship Series

Date	Location	Track	Type	Track	D/N	Feature Distance
2/28	Phoenix, AZ	Phoenix International Raceway (TV)	(Winner: Mike Bliss)			50M
5/28	Indianapolis, IN	Indiana State Fairgrounds	(Winner: Steve Butler)			100M
6/26	Indianapolis, IN	Indianapolis Raceway Park (TV)	(Winner: Mike Bliss)			60L
8/1	West Allis, WI	The Milwaukee Mile (TV)	(Winner: Mike Bliss)			100M
8/21	Springfield, IL	Illinois State Fairgrounds	(Winner: Jack Hewitt)			100M
9/6	DuQuoin, IL	Du Quoin State Fairgrounds		1D	D	100M
9/11	Indianapolis, IN	Indiana State Fairgrounds		1D	N	100M
9/24-26	Rossburg, OH	Eldora Speedway		1/2D	N/D	50L
10/9	Sacramento, CA	CalExpo State Fairgrounds		1D	N	100M

1993 True Value Hardware/ Silver Crown Championship Series Point Standings (PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 6 RACE AT DU QUOIN, ILLINOIS)

Drivers	Pts.	Owners	Car No.....	Pts.
1. Mike Bliss	460	1. Del McClure	#69	460
2. Steve Butler	348	2. 6R Racing	#26	454
3. Jack Hewitt	345	3. Foxco Engineering	#56	343
4. Chuck Gurney	343	4. Kenneth Jarrett Farms	#1	308
5. Ron Shuman	282	5. M & L Plumbing	#4	282
6. Gary Hieber	273	6. E.W.H. Service	#66	273
7. Jim Keecker	255	7. Gene Nolen	#20	242
8. Johnny Parsons	242	8. Bob Consani	#3	203
9. Jimmy Sills	203	9. Ben Leybe	#8	187
10. Tony Stewart	187	10. Clare Pattee	#37	165

Points Available at Du Quoin September 6

1	200	7	60	10	5	16	5	22	3	28	2
2	160	8	50	11	20	17	4	23	3	29	1
3	140	9	40	12	10	18	4	24	3	30	1
4	120	10	30	13	5	19	4	25	2		
5	100	11	20	14	5	20	4	26	2		
6	80	12	10	15	5	21	3	27	2		

ABOUT THE COVER — Long-time race organizer Bill Oldani awarded Johnny Parsons his trophy after the 1992 True Value Hardware USAC Silver Crown race at the Du Quoin State Fair.

Photo By Gerald Walker - Du Quoin - September 7, 1992.



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ENTRY LIST

True Value Hardware Silver Crown Championship Race
Du Quoin State Fairgrounds — Du Quoin, Illinois
September 6, 1993

Car #	Driver/Hometown	Entrant/Sponsor
1	STEVE BUTLER/Kokomo, IN	Kenneth Jarrett Farms/Kenneth Jarrett Farms
3	JIMMY SILLS/Placerville, CA	Bob Consani Racing/Pioneer Concrete
4	RON SHUMAN/Tempe, AZ	M & L Plumbing Company/M & L Plumbing - Rasmussen Auto - VHT
5	TRAY HOUSE/Chesterfield, IN	David LaFevre/Richardson Building Rentals - Dick Krieg Motors
6	ERIC GORDON/Greenfield, IN	Gary Hill Racing/Valvoline-Goodyear Tire -ABC Cutting Contractors
7	GARY CAMERON II/Tulsa, OK	Cameron Motorsports/Anse Sports Bottles - Cameron Trucking
8	TONY STEWART/Rushville, IN	Ben Leyba/Ben's Hoosier Tire
9	STAN FOX/Janesville, WI	Gary & Jackie Runyon/Jack's Tool Rental-Partytime Rentals - Beast
11	GEORGE SNIDER/Bakersfield, CA	Snider-Foyt Racing/Skoal Classic Racing
12	JEFF SWINDELL/Memphis, TN	Delrose-Holt Racing/Terre Haute First National Bank
18	TONY ELLIOTT/Kokomo, IN	Debbie Conroy/Conroy Racing - Griff's Engines
19	ART BISCH, JR./Las Vegas, NV	K & B Racing/Palace Station Hotel & Casino
20	JOHNNY PARSONS/Indianapolis, IN	Gene Nolen/Columbus Container-LJ Mold-MIG Supply
22	ANDY MICHNER/Jackson, MI	John Lawson/Double Deuce Motorsports Spares
24	CHIP THOMAS, Belleville, IL	Thomas Racing/Bollmeier Hobby Shop
25	JACK HEWITT/Troy, OH	6R Racing/DuPont Automotive Finishes - Mayflower
27	CARY FAAS/Yorba Linda, CA	Leonard Faas/Valvoline - Check Cashing Centers - Whaleshead R.V. Park
31	MARK ALDERSON/Brownsburg, IN	Mataka 3n1 Motorsports/Raceweld Company
33	DAVE DARLAND/Lincoln, IN	Frank & Jane Faurote/R. W. Brown - Earlywine - K-Motion
36	JIM HALL/Charlston, MO	Jim Hall/Hall Racing Engines-Big Lake Transport
37	STEVIE REEVES/Speedway, IN	Clare Pattee/Pattee
38	TOM BIGELOW/Winchester, IN	Basala- MacPherson/J.D. Gould - Aerodine - Windswept Farm-
39	DONNIE BEECHLER/Springfield, IL	Dennis McQuinn/McQuinn Auto Service
43	DAVE FEESE/Saybrook, IL	Ricky Nix/Rick's Tire Service
42	RON DUSTAN/Coplay, PA	Colleen Dustan/Dustan Racing
44	GREG STAAB/Cincinnati, OH	Wolf Motorsports/Wolf Motorsports
46	RONNIE BURKE/Katy, TX	George Egan/Delta Tank -Kwik-Way Machine
47	JIM KEEKER/Cicero, IN	6R Racing/DuPont Automotive Finishes - Mayflower
55	RANDY BATEMAN/Murphysboro, IL	Randy Bateman/C.P. Engines-Tom Via Trucking
56	CHUCK GURNEY/Livermore, CA	Foxco Engineering/Foxco Engineering
61	RANDY TOLSMA/Meridian, ID	Gary Howard/Anthony's Autocraft - Spies Hecker - Red Line Oil
66	GARY HIEBER/Langhorne, PA	EWH Service/Bucks County International
68	MIKE BLISS/Milwaukie, OR	Del McClure/McClure Racing
70	JIM WHITESIDE/Indianapolis, IN	Whiteside Racing/Trucker's 24-Hour - All-Type Clock Shop - Troy Auto Parts
72	DODIE MILLER/Seabrook, TX	Dodie Miller/Miller's Machine and Welding - Tookies Hamburgers
73	LARRY DICKSON/Indianapolis, IN	Thomas Dickson/Tomax Racing
78	BILL BAUE/Indianapolis, IN	B & G Engines/Ramada Hotel Valley Ho - Giuffre Brothers Crane Sales
80		Gus Sohn/Sohn Enterprises
84	BRAD MARVEL/Brownsburg, IN	Red Paderson/State Bonding
88	DAVID STEELE/Tampa, FL	J & J Marine/Quickload Aluminum Boat Trailers - J. W. Hunt Produce
91	PERRY FERRELL/Memphis, TN	Ferrelli Racing/Lunati Cams
93	BLAKE HOLLINGSWORTH/Indianapolis, IN	Duke Henning/Henning
99	RALPH LIGUORI/Tampa, FL	Ralph Liguori/Sunshine Trailer Park

USAC Silver Crown Track Records at the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds

Distance	Date	Driver	Time	Speed
1 Lap	9/7/92	Johnny Parsons	30.516	117.971 mph
12 Laps	9/4/89	Tom Bigelow	6:29.73	110.846 mph
15 Laps	9/2/91	Jim Mahoney	8:12.48	107.467 mph
100 Miles	9/7/92	Johnny Parsons	56:03.00	107.047 mph



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Silver Crown Championship Series Drivers



STEVE BUTLER

Kokomo, Indiana
 Birthdate: Sept. 26, 1956
 Steve captured his second USAC Silver Crown Championship in 1992, beating Jeff Swindell by the narrowest margin in series history - just seven points! He came from behind in the standings by winning the final race at Rossburg, Ohio, his second

career Silver Crown triumph. In addition to his two career wins, he has eight runnerup finishes, including the 1992 "Tony Bettenhausen 100" at Springfield, Ill. Steve is the only 4-time USAC Sprint Car Champion and in 1985 was voted the Silver Crown "Rookie of the Year." He has 25 career USAC Sprint car victories.



JEFF SWINDELL

Memphis, Tennessee
 Birthdate: Jan. 6, 1961
 Jeff narrowly lost the 1992 Silver Crown title in the final race, finishing fifth at Rossburg, Ohio and ending up seven points behind Steve Butler in the final standings. The 1987 Silver Crown "Rookie of the Year" owns victories in the 1987 "Hulman Hundred,"

the 1990 DuQuoin 100 and the 1991 "Hoosier Hundred," but a pair of seconds were his best 1992 finishes. They came at the "Hulman Hundred" and the "Hoosier Hundred" in Indianapolis. Jeff also owns a USAC Sprint car victory at Odessa, Mo.



JIMMY SILLS

Placerville, California
 Birthdate: May 26, 1953
 One of USAC's most versatile drivers, Jimmy won the 1990 Silver Crown Championship and was voted series "Rookie of the Year" in 1989. He won the "Golden State 100" at Sacramento, Calif. in 1990 and in 1992 won the "Tony Bettenhausen 100" at

Springfield, Ill., halting Chuck Gurney's 3-year winning streak. He added a third in the "Mello Yello 100" pavement race at Indianapolis Raceway Park in 1992. In both 1991 and 1992 he scored "Saturday Night Thunder" USAC Midget victories at Ventura, Calif.



JACK HEWITT

Troy, Ohio
 Birthdate: July 8, 1951
 Although his best 1992 Silver Crown Championship finish was a third in the "Hulman Hundred" in May at Indianapolis, Ind., Jack finished fourth in the 1992 standings. The winningest driver in Silver Crown history, he owns 14 victories in the

"big cars." A two-time Silver Crown titlist (1986-87), he also was the 1988 points runnerup. He owns 27 USAC Sprint car wins, including a 1992 race at Chillicothe, Ohio, and four USAC Midget wins. In 1986 he scored six victories in seven Silver Crown starts!



JOHNNY PARSONS

Indianapolis, Indiana
 Birthdate: May 16, 1967
 Johnny finished fifth in the 1992 Silver Crown points, winning the 100-miler at the DuQuoin (Ill.) State Fairgrounds and finishing second in the "Mellow Yello 100" at Indianapolis Raceway Park. A Silver Crown veteran since the series debuted in 1971, J.P.

finally earned his first series triumph in 1991 at I.R.P. He was the series points runnerup in 1976 and 1989. He now has 29 career USAC Midget wins and five victories in the Sprint cars. An 11-time starter in the Indianapolis 500, he finished fifth in 1977 and 1985.



TONY ELLIOTT

Kokomo, Indiana
 Birthdate: Jan. 24, 1961
 Named STP "The Most Improved Driver" in the 1992 Silver Crown Championship Series, Tony scored impressive second-place finishes in the DuQuoin, Ill. 100-miler and the "4-Crown Nationals" 50-lapper at Rossburg, Ohio. He ended up sixth in the 1992 final Silver

Crown points but was second to Stevie Reeves in the 1992 USAC National Midget Series standings. He has four career USAC Sprint car triumphs, including one at Kokomo, Ind. in 1992, and four career USAC Midget wins, which includes three during 1992. He also received Foxco Engineering's "Sheldon Kinser Meritorious Achievement Award" in 1992 in recognition of his position as a good will ambassador for USAC.



GEORGE SNIDER

Bakersfield, California
 Birthdate: Dec. 8, 1940
 The first driver to win USAC's Silver Crown Championship when the series was inaugurated in 1971, George has competed every year since and owns seven feature victories. His seventh-place point ranking in 1992 marked the 11th time he has finished in

the "top-10" in the final standings. A veteran of 20 Indianapolis 500's, he finished eighth at the "Brickyard" in 1975 and 1978. A fourth at Springfield, Ill. and a fifth at DuQuoin, Ill. were his best '92 finishes. In addition to his Silver Crown victories, he also has six career USAC Sprint Car wins, including the inaugural "Tony Hulman Classic" at Terre Haute, Ind. in 1971, and four USAC Midget triumphs.



JIM KEEKER

Cicero, Indiana
 Birthdate: Aug. 20, 1958
 Victories in the 1992 "Copper World Classic" at Phoenix, Ariz. and the "Mello Yello 100" at Indianapolis Raceway Park earned Jim the Champion Spark Plug Silver Crown Championship Series "Rookie of the Year" honors. They ended up being his only

two starts as he suffered a season-ending arm injury in a Lawrenceburg, Ind. Sprint car crash in August while leading the Silver Crown standings. In 1988 he was named the National Midget Series "Rookie of the Year," winning races at I.R.P. and Milwaukee, and he now owns five USAC Sprint car wins and three Midget victories. His two wins left him eighth in the final Silver Crown points for '92.



TONY STEWART

Columbus, Indiana
 Birthdate: May 20, 1971
 One of USAC's brightest young lions, Tony ranked ninth in the 1992 Silver Crown standings, starting five races and scoring fourth-places at DuQuoin, Ill. and Rossburg, Ohio. He scored his first USAC Sprint Car victory at Lebanon, Mo. in June and

ranked fourth in the USAC Sprint Car standings. In 1992 he was named the True Value Hardware Company Sprint Car "Rookie of the Year" after placing 15th in the points. He also earned the 1991 Indianapolis Speedrome Midget "Rookie of the Year" honors, scoring 50-lap and 100-lap wins on the 1/5-mile paved oval.



LEALAND McSPADDEN

Tempe, Arizona
 Birthdate: July 16, 1946
 Nicknamed the "Tempe Tornado" for his aggressive driving style, Lealand earned national attention in 1992 by dominating the "Hulman Hundred" Silver Crown 100-miler at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis. He led every lap to beat Jeff

Swindell and Jack Hewitt in the race promoted by A. J. Foyt. A Silver Crown veteran since 1978, he also excels in Midget racing, where he scored a victory in the ESPN "Saturday Night Thunder" series at Ventura, Calif. in April. He finished 10th in the final 1992 Silver Crown standings.



RON SHUMAN

Tempe, Arizona
 Birthdate: Sept. 15, 1952
 Ron broke a USAC Silver Crown record with his victory in the "Hoosier Hundred" in 1992, earning the largest paycheck in series history - \$23,950, which included lap prizes and point fund bonuses. In that 100-miler, he escaped a last-lap tangle with

series champion Steve Butler to win the race after starting from the pole. He wound up 11th in the final series points. He capped the 1992 campaign in great style, scoring a record seventh victory in the "Turkey Night Grand Prix" USAC Midget classic at Oildale, Calif. He also won a "Western States" Midget feature at Hanford, Calif. in November and owns three USAC Sprint car career victories and 11 National Midget wins. His only other Silver Crown victory came in the 1982 "4-Crown Nationals" at the Eldora Speedway in Rossburg, Ohio.

**STAN FOX**

Janesville, Wisconsin
 Birthdate: July 7, 1952
 One of several Indianapolis 500 veterans competing in the Silver Crown cars, Stan is entering his fourth year in the series. He started five races in 1987 and finished third at the DuQuoin, Ill. State Fairgrounds on Labor Day, ending up 10th in the final series points. In 1990 he finished second in a 100-miler at the Milwaukee Mile and in 1991 he climbed to fifth in the Silver Crown points on the strength of a pair of third-place finishes. Always a top qualifier, he won the pole for the 1991 "Tony Bettenhausen 100" at Springfield, Ill. but ended up third in the 100-mile feature. The winner of 18 USAC Midget races, including the 1990 and 1991 "Turkey Night Grand Prix" in California, he has twice been a "top-10" finisher at Indy, with a seventh in 1987 and an eighth in 1991. He finished 12th in the 1992 USAC National Midget Series, winning the "Rex Easton Memorial" at the Springfield, Ill. mile for a record third time.

**ERIC GORDON**

Greenfield, Indiana
 Birthdate: Nov. 17, 1967
 The 1990 Silver Crown Championship "Rookie of the Year," Eric suffered through a dismal 1992 Silver Crown campaign, scoring only two "top-10" finishes in six starts. In his inaugural season he was runnerup to Jimmy Sills in the points, and he had three second-place finishes in 1991 enroute to eighth in the final standings. Sixth in the "Hoosier Hundred" and eighth at DuQuoin, Ill. were his best '92 finishes. He has excelled in the USAC Sprint Cars, finishing second in the final points three years in a row (1989-91) and third in 1992. He was the 1989 Sprint car "Rookie of the Year" and has eight career wins in that division, including a 1992 win at Marn, Mich. A versatile driver, he also campaigns USAC Midgets when time allows. His biggest USAC triumph came in 1990 when he won a 100-mile Silver Crown race at the Milwaukee Mile.

**MIKE BLISS**

Milwaukie, Oregon
 Birthdate: April 5, 1965
 Mike opened the 1992 Silver Crown campaign on a high note, finishing second to Jim Keeker in the "Copper World Classic" 50-miler at Phoenix, Ariz. He added a fourth-place finish later at Indianapolis Raceway Park. He also scored second-place finishes in his only two USAC "Western States" Midget appearances at Phoenix and Carson City, Nev. He was fastest qualifier for the Carson City race. He's been a USAC participant since 1987 and ranked 14th in the 1992 Silver Crown points.

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**CHUCK GURNEY**

Livermore, California
 Birthdate: April 20, 1949
 Only Jack Hewitt has won more USAC Silver Crown races than Chuck. His 10 victories tie him with Gary Bettenhausen for second on the all-time list behind Hewitt's 14. The 1989 Silver Crown Champion competed

only four times in 1992, but had three "top-10" finishes. He missed victory lane for the first time since 1987. In addition to his Silver Crown wins, he also has five USAC Sprint wins, eight USAC Midget wins and six USAC Supermodified wins to his credit. In 1978 he was the USAC Sprint car point runnerup and in 1985 he won the USAC Supermodified title. He's one of only a handful of drivers to have won races at the "big three" - Springfield, DuQuoin and Indianapolis, and won back-to-back "Turkey Night Grand Prix" Midget races at Gardena, Calif.

**RUSS GAMESTER**

Peru, Indiana
 Birthdate: Jan. 9, 1965
 Voted "Most Improved Driver" after finishing third in the Silver Crown Championship Cars in 1991, Russ dropped to 16th in the 1992 standings but had three "top-10" finishes. A seventh in the "Hoosier Hundred" in Indianapolis was his best finish. He started 1992 with a flourish, winning the "Hoosier Dome Invitational" Midget race and the ESPN "Saturday Night Thunder" Midget opener at Ventura, Calif. His career has included 11 National Midget triumphs and in 1989 he won the USAC National Midget Championship. He also won his first USAC Sprint car feature ever - at Kokomo, Ind. - in 1990!

**JIM MAHONEY**

Peru, Illinois
 Birthdate: Aug. 16, 1961
 Jim competed in five USAC Silver Crown races in 1992 and was fifth in the "Mello Yello 100" at Indianapolis Raceway Park. He wound up 18th in the final standings for the year. In USAC Sprint car racing he captured the "Rich Vogler Classic" and the "Oldtimers Weekend" races at Winchester, Ind., and the "Joe James/Pat O'Connor Memorial" at Salem, Ind. and ended up 12th in the final standings. He now has four career USAC Sprint car wins to his credit. Jim is also a veteran of the USAC Midget wars.

**CHIP THOMAS**

Belleville, Illinois
 Birthdate: Aug. 14, 1970
 Chip started seven Silver Crown races in 1992 and had three "top-10" finishes. Ninth-place finishes occurred at Indianapolis Raceway Park, DuQuoin, Ill. and Rossburg, Ohio, helping him to 20th in the standings. Chip has also been a regular in the USAC Sprint cars. His best Silver Crown point ranking came in 1991 when he was 15th at season's end.

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**GARY HIEBER**

Langhorne, Penn.
 Birthdate: March 4, 1960
 Gary earned the Silver Crown Championship Series "Most Improved Driver" distinction in 1990, winning the prestigious "Hoosier Hundred" at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis and finishing sixth in the final points. He's been a Silver Crown participant since 1980 and had a seventh and 10th in the two races at the 1-mile dirt Indianapolis oval in 1992. He hails from a famed racing city, Langhorne, Pa. - the home of one of racing's most notorious one mile dirt ovals - the Langhorne Speedway, now defunct.

he came back to take the 1992 title with three victories and seven other "top three" finishes. In 1991 he scored a dramatic victory in the 100-mile Silver Crown Championship race at the DuQuoin, Ill. State Fairgrounds and was ninth in that year's final points. He owns eight USAC National Midget triumphs, including the 1991 "Hut Hundred" at Terre Haute, Ind. In 1987, he won the first USAC feature he ever participated in - a Midget race at Lawrenceburg, Ind.

**STEVIE REEVES**

Indianapolis, Indiana
 Birthdate: May 16, 1967
 The 1991 Silver Crown "Rookie of the Year" was less than spectacular in 1992 Silver Crown competition, but he made up for that by winning the Copenhagen/Skoal Racing USAC National Midget Championship. After losing the 1991 Midget Crown in the final race,

he came back to take the 1992 title with three victories and seven other "top three" finishes. In 1991 he scored a dramatic victory in the 100-mile Silver Crown Championship race at the DuQuoin, Ill. State Fairgrounds and was ninth in that year's final points. He owns eight USAC National Midget triumphs, including the 1991 "Hut Hundred" at Terre Haute, Ind. In 1987, he won the first USAC feature he ever participated in - a Midget race at Lawrenceburg, Ind.

**WALLY PANKRATZ**

Orange, California
 Birthdate: Aug. 30, 1945
 Wally finished fifth in the "Copper World Classic" Silver Crown opener at Phoenix, Ariz. in 1992 but failed to crack the "top-10" the rest of the year. He spent most of 1992 protecting his second-place point ranking in the USAC "Western States" Midgets. Although he didn't make it to victory lane in '92, he had five seconds and three thirds in the Midgets and finished right behind "Western States" titlist Sleepy Tripp in the points. In 1985 and 1986, this versatile driver finished second in the USAC Supermodified points and he owns three career USAC Supermodified wins. He has 12 career "Western States" Midget wins to his credit, one of which had National significance. His best Silver Crown finishes to date were a third in the 1990 "Hoosier Hundred" in Indianapolis and thirds at Phoenix, Ariz. and Indianapolis in 1991.

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**TRAY HOUSE**

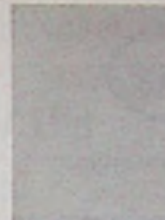
Anderson, Indiana
 Birthdate: April 8, 1964
 Tray finished third in the final Silver Crown race of 1992 - the "4-Crown Nationals" at Rossburg, Ohio. That matched his third-place finish two years earlier at Milwaukee, Wis. as his best in seven seasons of competition. A USAC Sprint car regular, he was

third in the 1987 point standings and fifth the following year. He was again fifth in 1992, scoring a great second-place finish behind Jack Hewitt at Chillicothe, Ohio. He also scored a pair of second-place finishes in Sprint racing in 1989. In 1987 he won the pole position for the first USAC Silver Crown race ever held at Phoenix International Raceway.

**LARRY DICKSON**

Marietta, Ohio
 Birthdate: Sept. 8, 1938
 The second-winnigest driver in USAC Sprint Car history, Larry has also had his measure of success in the Silver Crown Championship Cars. He scored a ninth-place in the 1992 "Copper World Classic" opener at Phoenix, Ariz. and started six of the seven series

races. A participant since the series debut in 1971, Larry won a 100-miler at Syracuse, N.Y. in 1977 and a 100-miler at Springfield, Ill. in 1982. He was the first driver to win three USAC Sprint car titles (1968, 1970, 1975) and has 45 career Sprint car wins and five wins in the USAC Midgets.

**ROBBIE STANLEY**

Brownsburg, Indiana
 Birthdate: Nov. 16, 1967
 Robbie had a 10th in the "Copper World Classic" Silver Crown opener in 1992 and a seventh in the series finale - the "4-Crown Nationals" at Rossburg, Ohio. He won the USAC National Sprint Car Championship for the second year in a row in 1992, winning

a race at Kansas City, Kans. and adding four second-places. He now has three career USAC Sprint car wins and also occasionally competes in the Midgets.



Photo By Gerald Walker
 Du Quoin, Sept. 7, 1992

Gary Heiber (66) leads Belleville, Illinois' Chip Thomas (24) during one of the last year's "last chance" races for the Du Quoin State Fair USAC Silver Race.

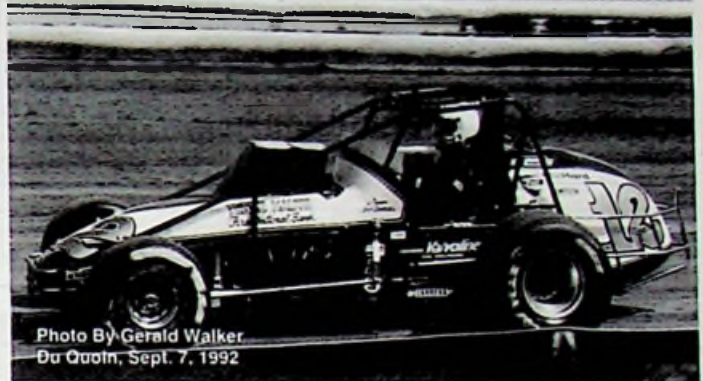


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HEWITT WINS "OLDANI MEMORIAL" AT SPRINGFIELD MILE BLISS RETAINS POINT LEAD WITH SEVENTH-PLACE FINISH

Jack Hewitt of Troy, Ohio added another True Value Hardware/USAC Silver Crown victory to his career-leading total Saturday, winning the William A. "Wild Bill" Oldani Memorial 100-miler at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield.

Starting from the inside of row four in the 30-car field, Hewitt began his charge to the front after 25 laps, moving past Gary Hieber for third place. He caught 5-time Springfield winner Chuck Gurney for second on lap 32 and three laps later



Jack Hewitt, #21 — Springfield, 1992 — USAC Dirt Cars.

overhauled pole starter and new track record holder Larry Dickson for the lead.

He built a seven-second lead in 10 laps, lost it when the race was red-flagged for Dave Darland's flip on lap 61, but stretched it out again to nine seconds in the final 40 laps for a convincing victory in the DuPont Automotive Finishes/Mayflower Special. The win was his 15th in Silver Crown competition, five more than any other driver in the 23-history of series.

Dickson, USAC's first three-time Sprint Car champion and a former Springfield winner (1972), set a new record of 117.008 mph in qualifying and led the first 34 miles. Gurney finished second, Jeff Swindell third, defending race winner Jimmy Sills fourth and Gary Hieber fifth.

Series point leader Mike Bliss scored a scintillating victory over defending series champion Steve Butler and Springfield favorite Donnie Beechler in the exciting "last-chance" race. Beechler came from back in the pack to thrill the fans and nearly caught the two leaders as the three came to the checkered flag together. Bliss then motored through the field in the 100-miler to finish seventh and retain the series lead over Butler, who finished ninth.

The race was slowed by just three cautions and one red. Randy Tolsma hit the wall in turn three on lap seven. Tony Stewart did the same eight laps later and series newcomer Lee Dunn stalled on the frontstretch on lap 60. Darland executed his flip in turn three on the next lap, bringing out the day's only red flag. There were no driver injuries.

George Snider of Bakersfield, California retired after just 31 laps with engine problems but earned his 99th career Silver Crown start. He could tie Larry Rice's all-time series mark of 100 starts when the series continues September 6 at the Du Quoin (Illinois) State Fairgrounds.



1993 True Value Hardware Silver Crown Championship Series Point Standings

Drivers	Pts.
1. Mike Bliss	460
2. Steve Butler	348
3. Jack Hewitt.....	345
4. Chuck Gurney	343
5. Ron Shuman.....	282
6. Gary Hieber.....	273
7. Jim Keeker	255
8. Johnny Parsons.....	242
9. Jimmy Sills	203
10. Tony Stewart.....	187



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Johnny Parsons (20) and Tony Elliott (18) lead the field to the start of the 1992 Du Quoin Silver Crown race.



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Driving the Gary Hill-owned #6, Eric Gordon powers the Valvoline Car through a corner during the 1992 running of the Du Quoin Silver Crown race.

True Value 15 Lap Consolation



Top 10 finishers transfer to the back of the 100 mile event.

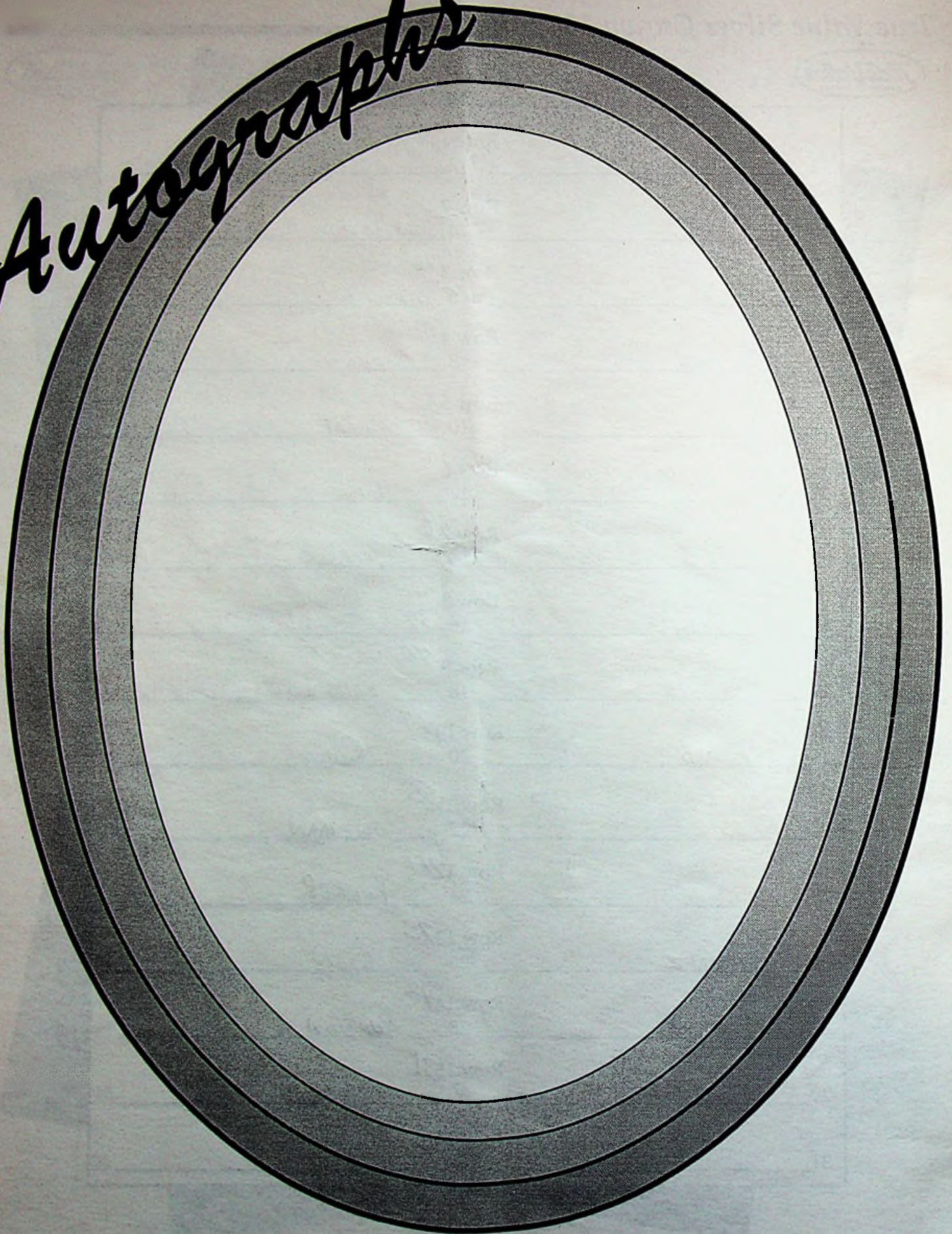
47	1 YEEKER	Row 1 55	2 BATTMAN	2
69	3 BLISS	Row 2 80	4 NEIMIRE	
50	5 FRANKRATZ	Row 3 73	6 DICKSON	
38	7 BIELOW	Row 4 58	8 MARKHAM	
36	9 DUNN	Row 5 42	10 DUSTAN	
79	11 LIGWORTH	Row 6 53	12 DRIDAN	
49	13 BABB	Row 7 88	14 STEALE	
31	15 ANDERSON	Row 8 78	16 BOWIE	
72	17 MILLER	Row 9 19	18 ZISCH	
		Row 10	20	
		Row 11	22	
		Row 12	24	
		Row 13	26	
		Row 14	28	
		Row 15	30	
		Row 16	32	

True Value Silver Crown 100 Mile



26 1 HOWITT	Row 1 12 2 SWINDELL
4 3 SHUMAN	Row 2 11 4 SNIDER
18 5 ELLIOTT	Row 3 66 6 HEIBER
24 7 THOMAS	Row 4 56 8 GURNEY
61 9 TOLSON	Row 5 8 10 STEWART
1 11 BUTLER	Row 6 5 12 HOUSE
3 13 SILLS	Row 7 6 14 GORDAN
91 15 FORDALL	Row 8 16 39 - BOECHLER
20 17 PARSONS	Row 9 70 18 WHITESIDE
44 19 STABB	Row 10 37 20 REEVES
69 21 BLISS	Row 11 55 22 BOTEMAN
80 23 NEMIRE	Row 12 47 24 KEEKER
50 25 PANKRATZ	Row 13 73 26 DICKSON
38 27 BIGELOW	Row 14 42 28 DUNSTON
36 29 DUNN	Row 15 31 30 ALDERSON
31	Row 16 32

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