

MICH. H.O.P.R.A. NEWSLETTER

1981 HO PROFESSIONAL RACING ASSOCIATION NATIONALS

THE 1981 H.O.P.R.A. NATIONALS WERE HELD ON JULY 26, IN JACKSON, MICHIGAN. ALAN MILTICH HOSTED THIS EVENT ON HIS 6-LANE 44 FOOT TRACK. ALAN AND MARK ROSENWINKEL WERE THE MAIN SPONSORS OF THE RACE AND HANDED OUT \$200 IN CASH FOR THE TOP TEN PLACES. AUTO WORLD, PARMA, AJ'S-TWINN K, POLLY S, RINO, RICK KNIFFEL, AULTMA PRODUCTS, PAKA PLAZA RADIO SHACK, AND WENDY'S OF JACKSON ALSO DONATED PRIZES.

THE CONCOURSE EVENT WAS THE FIRST ORDER OF THE DAY. TEN CARS MADE THE CUT FROM SIXTEEN ENTREES. VANYA LEVY OF MONTREAL WON FIRST PLACE WITH HIS RINO SHADOW PAINTED WITH FIVE SHADES OF RED STRIPS AND HAND LETTERED SPONSOR DECALS TOPPED OFF WITH A MAPLE LEAF. BOB DAME OF KALAMAZOO WAS A VERY CLOSE SECOND. BOB'S PORSCHE 917-30 WAS DONE IN ROGER PENSKE-SUNOCO COLORS WITH MARK DONAHUE AT THE WHEEL, THIS REPLICA WAS BRILLIANT. WELL DONE BOB AND WELCOME TO MICHIGAN H.O.P.R.A. THIRD PLACE WENT TO RICK DEROSA OF FOX LAKE, ILLINOIS. RICK DROVE A BLACK RINO SOHKEE.

THE TOP QUALIFIER WAS SCOTT TERRY OF GROSSE POINTE, MICHIGAN, TURNING 20.26 LAPS. KIM BARTHOLOMEW WAS SECOND WITH 19.29 LAPS. JOEL PENNINGTON OF L'ANSE, MICHIGAN, WAS THIRD WITH 19.19 LAPS. RICK DEROSA WAS THE ONLY OTHER DRIVER OVER 19 LAPS, QUALIFYING FOURTH.

THE FIRST CONSOLE RACE SHOWED US PHIL BECK AND DAVE LEE TIED FOR TOP HONORS AT 149. RICK DENIG MOVED UP WITH 139. LAURA DENIG WAS OUT EARLY WITH 138.

THE SECOND RACE CARL MILLER WON OVER SPENCER GOROFF 163 LAPS TO 161. TIM MILLER MOVED UP WITH 154. PAT PATTON WAS OUT, FINISHING WITH 150 LAPS.

THE NEXT RACE WAS PHIL MICHEALS CONTROLLING ALL THE WAY, FINISHING WITH 166 TO BOB WOODARD'S 137 LAPS. BOB DAME MOVED UP WITH 125, AND JOHN SCHMIDT HAD CAR PROBLEMS TO FINISH THE DAY 116 LAPS.

AL THURMAN ALL BUT WON THE FIRST SEGMENT IN THE FOURTH RACE, FINISHING WITH 179. RICHARD FUNK WAS SECOND AT 153, AND CARLO MUBANTE MOVED UP WITH 150 LAPS. ROBERT LEE WAS FOURTH WITH 145.

D SEMI BELONGED TO RICK DEROSA WINNING OVER RICK BELLEVILLE 276 TO 257. ALAN MILTICH WAS THIRD MOVING UP WITH 253 LAPS. PHIL BECK WAS FOURTH WITH 222.37, DENIG FIFTH 222.01, AND DAVE LEE SIXTH WITH 119 LAPS.

JOEL PENNINGTON WON HIS SEMI WITH 305 LAPS. MATT TERRY WAS SECOND WITH 275. MARK ROSENWINKEL MOVED UP WITH 254. TIM MILLER WAS FOURTH WITH 231, SPENCER GOROFF FIFTH WITH 229 AND CARL MILLER SIXTH WITH 207.

THE NEXT SEMI, KIM BARTHOLOMEW WON WITH 304 LAPS. VANYA LEVY WAS SECOND WITH 276, PHIL MICHEALS GOT THE LAST MOVEUP OF THIS GROUP WITH 257 LAPS. BOB WOODARD WAS FOURTH WITH 237, BRIAN SMITH FIFTH AT 218, AND BOB DAME WAS SIXTH WITH 197.

THE LAST SEMI WAS WON BY SCOTT TERRY DOING THE JOB WITH 311 LAPS. THOM HITCHCOX SECOND WITH 284, AL THURMAN GOT THE MOVE UP WITH 282, RICK KNIFFEL WAS FOURTH WITH 248, CARLO MUBANTE WAS FIFTH WITH 238, AND RICHARD FUNK WAS SIXTH PLACE AT 232.

SUPER SEMI A SHOWED FOUR MICHIGAN DRIVERS MOVING INTO THE MAIN. SCOTT TERRY WON THE FIRST SEGMENT WITH 77 LAPS, MATT TERRY WAS SECOND WITH 71 LAPS. MATT WON THE SECOND SEGMENT AND TOOK THE EARLY LEAD WITH 142 LAPS. SCOTT TERRY WAS ON THE SAME LAP AND IN SECOND PLACE. AL THURMAN WAS THIRD AT 137 LAPS. THOM HITCHCOX WAS FOURTH WITH 129 LAPS. JOEL PENNINGTON WAS FIFTH WITH 115 LAPS. MARK ROSENWINKEL WAS SIXTH WITH 106 LAPS. THOM AND JOEL TIED FOR FIRST PLACE IN THE THIRD SEGMENT WITH 170 LAPS. MATT TERRY THIRD WITH 68 LAPS. THE FOURTH SEGMENT WAS A REPEAT WITH THOM AND JOEL GOING 72 LAPS. SCOTT TERRY WAS THIRD WITH 70 LAPS. THOM WON THE SEGMENT WITH 73 LAPS JUST AHEAD OF SCOTT AND JOEL TIED AT 72 LAPS EACH. THOM AND JOEL FINISHED IN A TIE WITH 69 LAPS IN THE SIXTH SEGMENT. SCOTT WAS THIRD WITH 68 LAPS. MARK ROSENWINKEL FINISHED THE DAY WITH 307 LAPS. AL THURMAN FINISHED HIS EFFORT WITH 377 LAPS. MATT TERRY MOVED UP WITH 387 LAPS. JOEL PENNINGTON MOVED UP WITH 400 LAPS. THOM HITCHCOX WON LANE CHOICE IN THE MAIN WITH HIS IMPRESSIVE 413 LAP SEMI VICTORY.

SUPER SEMI B SHOWED US KIM BARTHOLOMEW AND RICK DEROSA GETTING THE MOVES TO THE MAIN. KIM AND RICK FINISHED FIRST AND SECOND IN THE FIRST THREE SEGMENTS GIVING KIM THE LEAD AT THE HALF WAY POINT WITH 215 LAPS. RICK DEROSA SECOND WITH 203 LAPS. ALAN MILTICH WAS THIRD WITH 181 LAPS. RICK BELLEVILLE FOURTH WITH 174 LAPS. VANYA LEVY FIFTH WITH 168 LAPS. PHIL MICHEALS SIXTH WITH 144 LAPS. KIM AND RICK BELLEVILLE WERE TIED AT 60 LAPS IN THE FOURTH SEGMENT. ALAN WON THE FIFTH SEGMENT WITH 70 LAPS. RICK DEROSA SECOND WITH 65 LAPS. VANYA LEVY WON THE SIXTH SEGMENT WITH 67 LAPS, WITH DEROSA SECOND. PHIL MICHEALS FINISHED HIS EFFORT WITH 306 LAPS. VANYA LEVY WAS OUT WITH 341 LAPS. RICK BELLEVILLE HAD FINISHED HIS DAY WITH 348 LAPS. ALAN FINISHED THE DAY WITH 369 LAPS. RICK DEROSA MOVED UP WITH 390 LAPS. KIM BARTHOLOMEW MADE THE MAIN WITH 398 LAPS.

THE MAIN STARTED WITH SCOTT TERRY WINNING OVER RICK DEROSA 94 LAPS TO 92 LAPS. THE SECOND SEGMENT WENT TO MATT TERRY WITH 91 LAPS. KIM BARTHOLOMEW WAS SECOND WITH 89 LAPS. JOEL PENNINGTON AND THOM HITCHCOX WERE TIED FOR FIRST WITH 90 LAPS IN THE THIRD SEGMENT. AT THE HALF WAY POINT, IT WAS ANYONE'S RACE. MATT WAS IN THE LEAD WITH 261 LAPS. RICK SECOND WITH 255 LAPS. THOM WAS THIRD WITH 254 LAPS. KIM BARTHOLOMEW FOURTH PLACE WITH 249 LAPS. JOEL FIFTH WITH 245 LAPS, AND SCOTT TERRY WAS SIXTH WITH 244 LAPS. THE FOURTH SEGMENT THOM AND SCOTT TIED FOR THE WIN WITH 86 LAPS. JOEL WON THE FIFTH WITH 94 LAPS. SCOTT SECOND WITH 89 LAPS. SUDDENLY, THOM HAD TAKEN THE LEAD WITH 429 LAPS. JOEL HAD MOVED UP TO SECOND WITH 419 LAPS. SCOTT AND THOM WENT FOR IT LEAVING THE FIELD IN THE LAST SEGMENT. SCOTT WON THE SEGMENT WITH 88 LAPS OVER THOM'S 87. JOEL WAS THIRD WITH 81 LAPS.

THOM HITCHCOX WINS THE 1981 H.O.P.R.A. NATIONALS WITH 516 LAPS. SCOTT TERRY SECOND WITH 507 LAPS. JOEL PENNINGTON THIRD WITH 500 LAPS. RICK DEROSA FOURTH WITH 478 LAPS. MATT TERRY FIFTH WITH 471 LAPS. KIM BARTHOLOMEW SIXTH WITH 463.

THERE WERE 28 ENTREES IN THIS YEAR'S NATIONALS. SIXTEEN OF THE ENTREES WERE FROM MICHIGAN, SIX OF THE TOP TEN DRIVERS WERE FROM MICHIGAN H.O.P.R.A. MICHIGAN MOTOR MAN, RICK KNIFFEL, HAD ELEVEN MOTORS IN THE RACE INCLUDING THE WINNER'S. BOB DAME DID A GREAT JOB IN CONCOURSE GETTING A SECOND PLACE FOR MICHIGAN. SCOTT TERRY DID SOME NICE DRIVING WHEN HE CAME FROM SIXTH TO FINISH SECOND IN THE MAIN. MATT TERRY WAS THE "CINDERELLA" STORY OF THE RACE, MAKING THE MAIN AND THEN LEADING THE RACE IN SEGMENTS THREE AND FOUR. STILL THE DAY BELONGED TO THOM WITH A GREAT CAR THAT GOT STRONGER AS THE RACE WENT ON. THOM DROVE WELL ALL DAY, AND WHEN IT WAS 8:30 PM, THOM'S DRIVING LOOKED SMOOTHER THAN EVER. CONGRATULATIONS MR. HITCHCOX!

1981 H.O.P.R.A. NATIONALS TOP 10

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| 1. THOM HITCHCOX | DETROIT, MICH |
| 2. SCOTT TERRY | GROSSE POINT, MICH |
| 3. JOEL PENNINGTON | L'ANSE, MICH |
| 4. RICK DEROSA | FOX LAKE, MICH |
| 5. MATT TERRY | GROSSE POINTE, MICH |
| 6. KIM BARTHOLOMEW | MONTREAL, QUEBEC |
| 7. AL THURMAN | HAMOND, IND |
| 8. ALAN MILTICH | JACKSON, MICH |
| 9. RICK BELLEVILLE | STERLING H.G.T.S., MICH |
| 10. VANYA LEVY | MONTREAL, QUEBEC |

THE 1981-82 MICHIGAN H.O.P.R.A. SEASON WILL OPEN AT MARK TAYLOR'S TRACK IN MT. CLEMENS ON SEPTEMBER 20, 1981. PRACTICE WILL BEGIN AT 9:00AM. CONCOURSE CARS MUST BE ENTERED BY 11:00AM. PRACTICE AND TECH WILL BE CLOSED AT 12:00 NOON AND QUALIFYING WILL BEGIN, WITH RACING TO FOLLOW.

THE SEASON WILL INCLUDE EIGHT RACES FOR CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS. POINTS WILL BE AWARDED AS FOLLOWS: FIRST THROUGH FIFTEENTH PLACES (20, 18, 16, 14, 12, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1).

THIS YEAR YOUR RACE ENTREE FEE WILL PAY FOR YOUR NEWSLETTER. EACH RACE YOU ENTER YOU WILL RECEIVE THE NEXT TWO NEWSLETTERS. IF YOU DON'T PLAN TO RACE MUCH, OR IF YOU ARE FROM OUT OF STATE, A SUBSCRIPTION IS AVAILABLE FOR \$5 FOR A YEAR.

MICHIGAN H.O.P.R.A. MEMBERSHIPS WILL BE \$5 FOR A YEAR. THIS DONATION WILL GIVE YOU A VOICE IN MICHIGAN H.O.P.R.A., AND THE RIGHT TO VOTE IN ANY MICHIGAN H.O.P.R.A. RULES MEETING.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS I CAN HELP YOU WITH, PLEASE WRITE TO ME. I WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN ANY HO ACTIVITIES IN YOUR AREA SUCH AS, RACING, HO TRACKS IN MICHIGAN, CLUBS IN MICHIGAN, HO RACING PRODUCTS, AND YOUR GENERAL VIEW ON IMPROVING OUR SPORT.

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