

## Dennie Rewis

Born: Sept. 29, 1938 — Alma, Georgia  
 Wife: Lois — Married 15 years

Dennie started racing in 1966. He then, was in partnership with Ed Moseley. They were running the Birmingham and Montgomery tracks in the cadet division. But in 1968, Dennie moved up to the late model sportsman division. In his second year driving late model sportsman, Dennie ran a great deal in Pensacola, from which he won the Good Sportsmanship Award, an award anyone would be proud to accept. In 1970 Dennie ran second in the Snowball Derby, driving a car owned by Wayne Niedecken. Niedecken was the winner. In the next few years Dennie improved a great deal, winning the pole for the 1972 Alabama 200, with a time of 22.49. He only lasted 40 laps because his engine blew, however, in 1973 he started every feature race at M.I.S. and his worst finish all year was fourth.



On Labor Day weekend, starting outside pole for the Montgomery 100 in 1973, Dennie took home all the honors of the night.

In June of 1974 Dennie was seriously injured in Birmingham. Being hospitalized for weeks didn't slow him down. Visiting Lois at the hospital, while Dennie was still unconscious, I knew that if Dennie still wanted to race she would not stand in the way. I knew he was a fighter and how much he loved to race, this accident would not keep him out of his race car. Dennie started the Alabama 200 just five months after his accident.

Dennie was third in points in the 1975 racing season at Montgomery and will be a strong contender here for the 1976 season. I'm sure most of you know he won the Late Model Championship here in 1972 and 1973 and has proved that with good equipment, a local driver can run up front with the Allisons and Farmers.

Dennie's most loyal fan is his lovely wife Lois and whenever you see the blue 26 in the pits, you can bet Lois will be in the stands giving him all her support.

I asked Dennie what he felt was the most exciting thing that happened to him during his racing career and his answer was — "The first time I out ran Red Farmer".

### FOURTH EVENT

Pos.	Car No.	Driver	Finish
1			
2			
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## Rewis Finds Victory

**May 15, 1976**

Dennie Lewis picked up his 1st feature win of the year Saturday night at M.I.S. Chasing him to the wire were Harry Deaton, Tommy Howe and Mack Post. Heat winners were Richard Waters and Ronnie Sanders while Deaton took the helmet dash.

In the spectator events Everette Norris and Robert Rogers won heats while John "Mercy" Moore won the feature.

Ernie Smith scored again in the Mini's followed by Jerry Peavy and Bill Bonds.

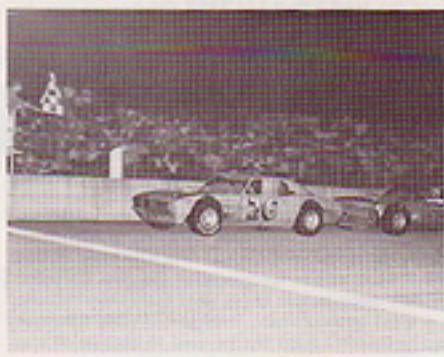
**May 29, 1976**

It appears that Dennie Lewis is well on the road to finding victory again at M.I.S. as he made it two in a row Saturday night. Lewis started on the pole and never gave up the lead, although he and Harry Deaton battled for 25 laps. Rounding out the top 5 were Tommy Howe 3rd, Ray Hanner 4th, Clyde Luster 5th.

Harry Deaton won the helmet dash while Tommy Howe took the fast heat. Mack Post won the slow heat.

Jerome Harberth won the heat and the spectator feature events. Rounding out the top 5 were Phillip Hollon 2nd, Everette Norris 3rd, Tommy Tanner 4th and James Monday. Robert Rogers won the 2nd spectator heat.

Aaron Crumpton won the Mini Stock heat, however, Ernie Smith kept up his winning streak in the feature event.



Dennie Lewis fought Harry Deaton for 25 laps but finally won.

### Mini Stock Points — 1976

1	Ernie Smith	906
2	Jerry Peavy	806
3	Aaron Crumpton	752
4	Dannie Spigner	732
5	Ray Matherson	612
6	Bo Esco	382
7	Larry Wood	244
8	Steve Campbell	232
9	Tommy Thompson	200
10	Ronnie Broderick	162
11	Joe Daekins	134
12	Red Farmer	104
13	Steve Stokes	98
14	Bill Bond	92
15	Benny Matherson	82
16	Bob Jones	46
17	Ronald Duett	44
	Larry Tidwell	44
	Harbert Nesbitt	44
20	Wilbur Heaton	40
	Mike Pate	40

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# Lady Luck With Harry Deaton

June 26, 1976

After waiting one week, to run the feature events at M.I.S., it appears that lady luck is finally with Harry Deaton, because he won his 1st late model sportsman feature. Deaton won the helmet dash while the heat race winners were Dennis Rewis and Mack Post. Behind Deaton in the 1st feature were Rewis, Tommy Shaw, Buffalo Wayatt and Clyde Luster.

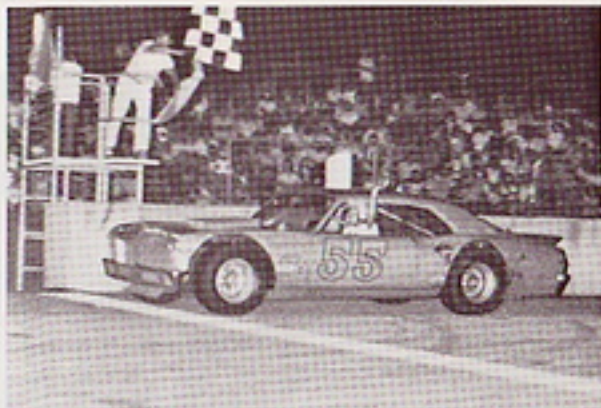
Alan Cruise won the Spectator heat and feature events followed by Robert Rogers, Phillip Hollon, Tommy Tanner and Mike Hollon.

Earnie Smith won again in the Mini Stock Class.

## Double Header

Now starting the program over, Ronnie Sanders took the honors in the 2nd late model sportsman feature followed by Jerry Lawley, Harry Deaton, Dennis Rewis and Tommy Shaw. Heat race winners were Sanders and Clyde Luster while Jerry Lawley won the consey.

When the Spectator's started running for the 2nd time around there was quite a few wrecks knocking out a few of the front runners. Tommy Tanner scored his first feature win followed by Alan Cruise, Mike Hollon, John Klumker and Buddy Pitts. Heat race



Harry Deaton wins late model sportsman feature.

winners went to Tanner and Robert Rogers. In two separate wrecks Baron Tidwell and Phillip Hollon got together on the front stretch putting them both out, later on Mike Hollon, Robert Rogers and Everette Norris tangled in the No. 3 turn and they all ended up in the guard rail. None of the drivers were injured.

Smith won again in the Mini Stock Class.

# Lawley Gets His First Feature Win

July 10, 1976

Jerry Lawley picked up his 1st feature win at M.I.S. in the late model sportsman. Lawley, fastest qualifier of the night took honors in the fast heat. Chasing Jerry to the wire were Tommy Martin, Harry Deaton, Mack Post, and Dennis Rewis. Post took the slow heat while Deaton won the consey.

In whate turned out to be a wild night of racing in the Spectator Class, Everette Norris picked up his first feature win. Fron runners Phillip Hollon, John More, and Alan Cruise tangled on the last few laps of the race, this gave Norris the break he needed, and he really took advantage, he came out on top. John Moore managed to finish 2nd, Alan Cruise 3rd and Mike Hollon 4th. Heat winners were John Moore and Tommy Tanner.

Earnie Smith was back in his Mini Stock and claimed another heat and feature win.

Jerry Lawley sees the checkered flag.



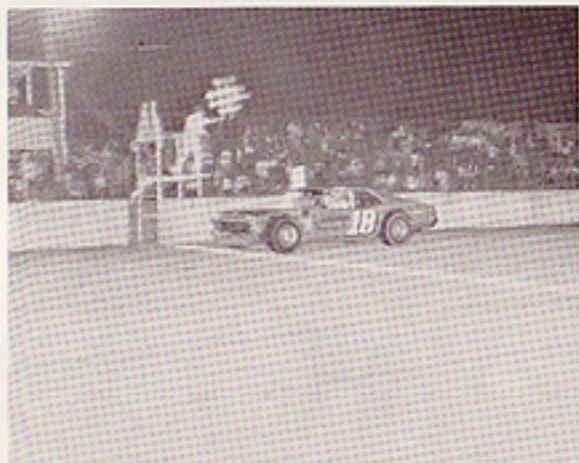
# Ronnie Sanders Wins Again

July 17, 1976

Ronnie Sanders scored another win in the late model sportsman, fastest qualifier of the night. Sanders took the lead from Dennie Rewis half way through the race, rounding out the top 5 were Jerry Lawley, Harry Deaton, Dennie Rewis and W. Connell. Sanders won the fast heat. Doug Reid won the slow heat and Mike Bagwell the consey.

Robert Rogers returned here this week in his new Chevelle and won both the heat and feature in the Spectator Class. Chasing Robert were John Moore, Alan Cruise, Phillip Hollon and Tommy Tanner. John Moorw won the 2nd heat.

Ernie Smith claimed another win in the Mini Stock Class. It seems as if no one is going to stop his winning streaks. Chasing him to the wire were Donnie Spigner, Jerry Peavy, Ronald Duitt and Steve Campbell.





# Deaton Wins Late Model Sportsman

August 20, 1976

Harry Deaton picked up another win Saturday night a M.I.S. in the late model sportsman. Deaton gained the lead on the 10th lap and never let up. Chasing him to the wire were Mike Bagwell, Dennie Rewis, Henry Brooks and Clyde Luster. Heat winners were Mike Bagwell and Tommy Tanner.

Robert Rogers claimed another feature win in the Spectator Class followed by John Moore, Alan Cruise and Phillip Hollon. Heat winners were Rogers and Moore.

Jerry Peavy won the Mini Stock heat, however, Earnie Smith was back in the winner's seat for the main feature.

