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## SOUTHERN ALL STAR ASPHALT SERIES



Johnny Brazier avoided a last-lap crash and took the checkered flag in a 100-lap Southern All Star Asphalt Series event at half-mile Montgomery (AL) Speedway USA. (Brian McLeod photo)

Picking the right path through a final-lap tangle involving Tony Walls and Darrell Brown, Licksillet, AL driver Johnny Brazier earned a victory in a 100-lap Southern All Star Asphalt Series event held August 30 at half-mile Montgomery (AL) Speedway USA. It was his second win of the campaign. Walls led the 31-car field entering the last trip around the high-banked track but a low-groove challenge from Brown in turn two resulted in a tangle that sent both competitors spinning. Brazier ducked low, slowed his pace in a moment of indecision and finally went high around the pair of crashing machines. He crossed the stripe ahead of Scott Carlson, Ronald Walls, Andy Antinoro and Mardy Lindley. Completing the top 10 were Warren McMahan, Steve McBride, C.W. Sullivan, Kevin Gillum and Tommy Grimes. Dave Mader III earned the QuickCar Fast Qualifier Award with a lap clocked at 18.97 seconds, which was a new track record. (Information provided by Lynn Acklin)

### **Southern All Star 100 Finish:**

1. Johnny Brazier, 2. Scott Carlson, 3. Ronald Walls, 4. Andy Antinoro, 5. Mardy Lindley, 6. Warren McMahan, 7. Steve McBride, 8. C.W. Sullivan, 9. Kevin Gillum, 10. Tommy Grimes, 11. Tony Walls, 12. Shannon Berry, 13. Tim Fryar, 14. Darrell Brown, 15. Dave Mader III, 16. Curtis Gattis, 17. Brett Smith, 18. Chris Mullinax, 19. Buddy Welch, 20. Keith Cahela, 21. Jackie McGuire, 22. Jeff Wainwright, 23. Jimmy Kitchens, 24. Trab Crews, 25. Lee Hansard, 26. Roger Scott, 27. William Wambles, 28. Russell Bearden, 29. Wesley Stephens, 30. Heath Clark, 31. Heath Hindman.

Did not start - Jeff Morgan.



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### MONTGOMERY SPEEDWAY USA

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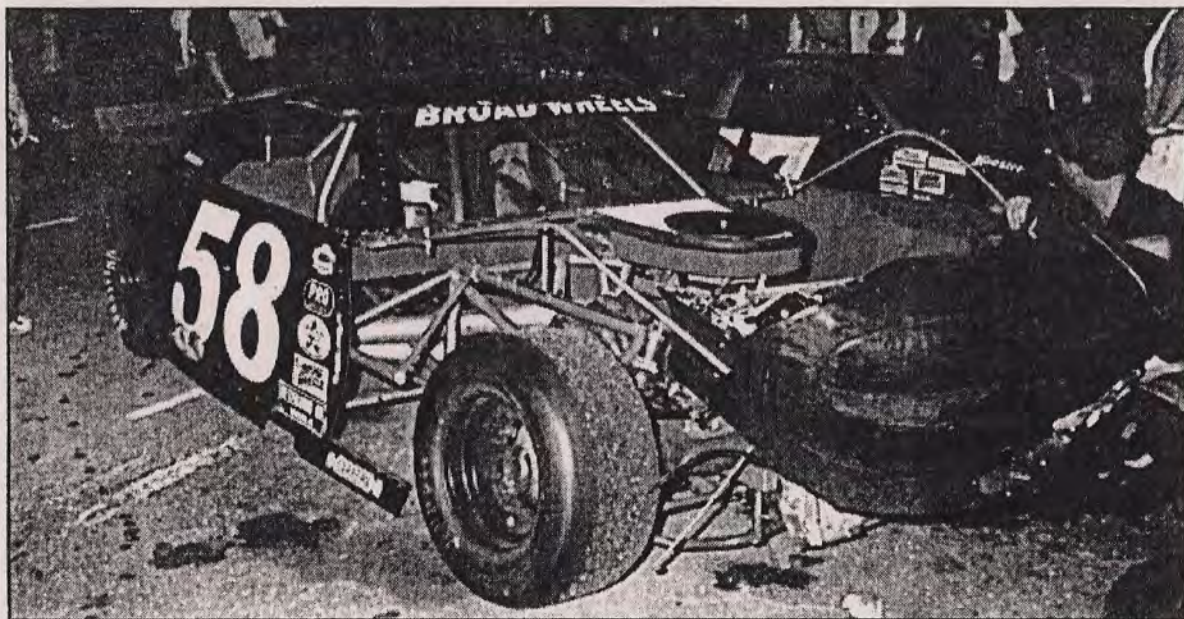
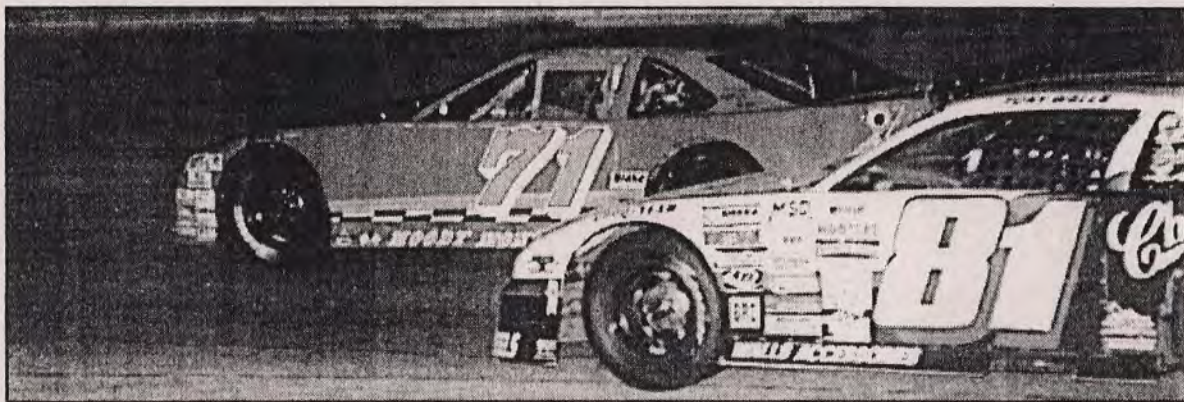
Above: Lickskillt, AL driver Johnny Brazier survived a thrill-filled evening to win a 100-lap Southern All Star Asphalt Series event held August 30 at half-mile Montgomery (AL) Speedway USA.

#### *Notes Of Interest:*

The Southern All Star Asphalt Series made its first appearance of the season at half-mile Montgomery (AL) Speedway USA August 30 and a wild evening was capped off by a wild ending that vaulted Johnny Brazier to the winner's circle at the conclusion of a 100-lap contest at the high-banked track. Fourteen caution flags dotted the festivities, but it was the 15th incident of the night that sent fans home buzzing about a last-lap tangle that decided the outcome of the race. Tony Walls was leading the field, weathering a storm of challenges from Birmingham, AL competitor Darrell Brown. Brown ducked low in turn two on the final circuit, but the two cars made contact and spun into the infield. Johnny Brazier,

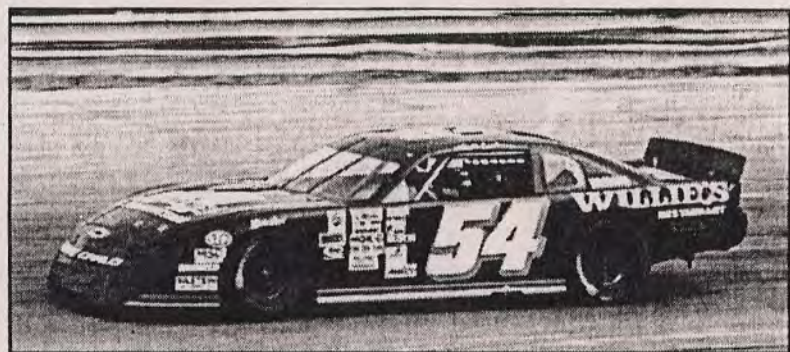
on the brakes real hard and went high. I didn't know if I could make it or not." Brazier had lost a right-front fender just a few laps before when Scott Carlson and Tommy Grimes collided while battling for position in the top five. He'd lost ground to the two leaders on the restart and was prepared to accept a third-place finish when his window of opportunity suddenly opened. "Tony (Walls) and Darrell (Brown) had gotten away from me and I knew I'd need a little help to catch them," Brazier said. "I wasn't hoping for them to crash, but when it happened, it was a big break for us." Walls recovered and was listed 11th in his Chandeaur Homes/ Tobacco Express and Spirits/ Walls Accessories/Broad Wheels/Schaeffer's Lubricants Chevrolet Monte Carlo, while

Below: During the early stages of the race, eventual winner Johnny Brazier (71) passed Tony Walls on the high side to gain the point. Much later, Walls and Darrell Brown crashed on the last lap while battling for the top spot, which handed the victory to Brazier.



running third a safe distance behind the two leaders, headed low to miss the accident, changed his mind and steered to the top groove. He escaped involvement and two turns later, drove his Frogg Toggs/Moody Mondays/Moore's Auto Paints/Blake Carburetion/Nova Glass/Carrera Shocks/Jon Kaase Racing Engines/BRJ Chassis Ford Thunderbird underneath the waving checkered flag. "I came off the corner and started to go low, but those two guys skidded low," Brazier recalled. "I got

Brown was placed 14th in the final rundown. Neither driver was pleased and emotions ran high in the pits after the race. The two competitors' tow rigs were parked fairly close to each other and a shouting match ensued. Walls, demanding an explanation, wanted to know why Brown didn't go to the high side of the race track. When the situation simmered down, Brown stood next to his Cooler Refrigerated Products/Veteran's Oil/Jeff Hamner Racing Engines Chevrolet Monte Carlo and gave his view



Above: Pensacola, FL resident Scott Carlson (54) made a rare appearance on the traveling circuit and crossed the stripe as the runnerup finisher in the 31-car field.

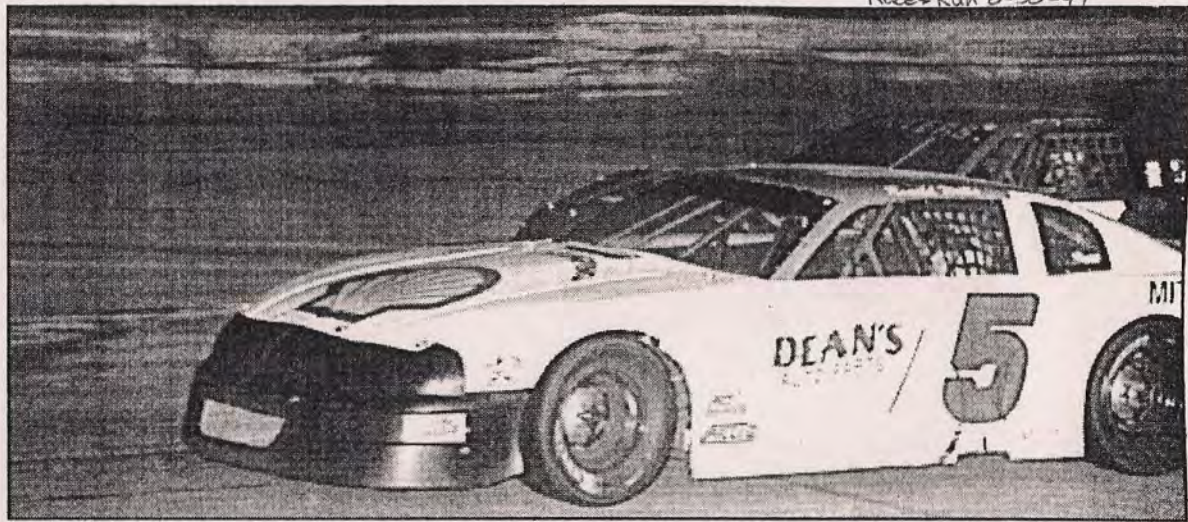
Left: Darrell Brown's last-lap challenge for the point resulted in a collision with Tony Walls. The incident knocked both drivers out of contention and rearranged the sheet metal on Brown's Chevrolet Monte Carlo.

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of the accident. "All I can say is that I didn't want to run second," the veteran driver stated. "It was the last lap and I had to go. I felt my car was under him (Walls) enough in the corner. I wasn't trying to spin him out, but it got a little crowded."..... Russell Bearden's championship hopes dimmed a bit when the Rocky Face, GA driver dropped out early and finished 28th in his Hilltop Racing/Action Leasing/E & T Converters/Broad Wheels/AFCO Products/Schaeffer's Lubricants/Port City Racing South Chevrolet Monte Carlo. Bearden, Tim Fryar and Johnny Brazier entered the race embroiled in a dogfight for the title, but Bearden lost precious ground. "A bolt came out of the crankshaft and we burned the motor up," a disappointed Bearden said. "The engine isn't destroyed but we've got a lot of hours ahead of us."..... One of the hardest wrecks of the night occurred when Buddy Welch was racing in a side-by-side formation and failed to recognize that a lapped car loomed ahead of his Air Flow Awning Company/Fountain

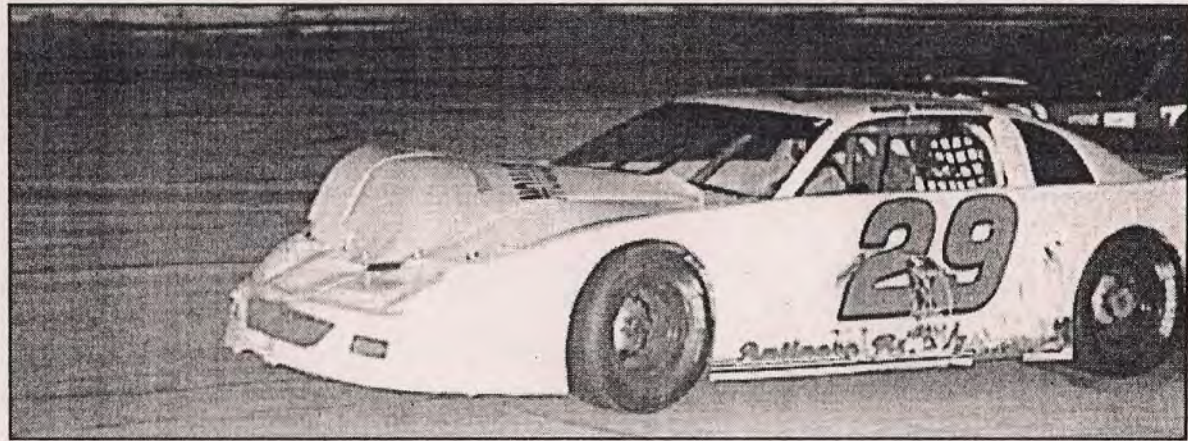
City Auto Repair Chevrolet Monte Carlo, running a slower pace than the rest of the field. Contact was made, triggering a chaotic multi-car accident that left Welch with a wrecked car and a slightly-injured elbow. Keith Cahela was also involved, and suffered major damage to his Y-Mart/Boaz Motorsports/Big Ed's Fireworks/Boaz Tax Service Chevrolet Monte Carlo. "I was racing door to door with Andy Antinoro and it was time to make my move," Welch explained. "I ran up on a lapped car before I realized it. I just made a dumb mistake, and once that happened, it was all over." After the race, Cahela's crew members struggled to load their heavily-damaged car into the team's trailer. Cahela manned a jack and elevated the car while team members inched the badly-mangled machine into the confines of the enclosed hauler. "It's no fun at all when you load 'em in backwards," Cahela said with a sheepish grin. "There wasn't much I could do to avoid the wreck. A bunch of cars spun right in front of me. I hit them and then somebody

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Above: Ronald Walls (5) and Mardy Lindley (16) do some door-to-door rumbling at the high-banked track. Walls posted a third-place finish in the 100-lapper.

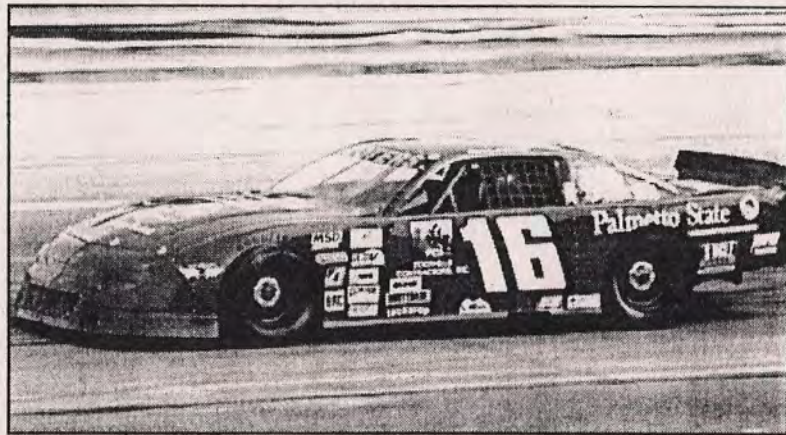
Below: Andy Antinoro (29) worked through some last-lap chaos to earn a fourth-place finish in the 100-lap Southern All Star Asphalt Series event.



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Below: Greenville, SC driver Mardy Lindley (16) raced to a fifth-place finish in the 50-mile affair at Montgomery (AL) Speedway USA.



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else hit me in the right rear and pushed me back into it."..... Jimmy Kitchens, who's been competing in selected superspeedway events on the ARCA Bondo Mar-Hyde Supercar Series circuit, made a rare appearance on the Huntsville, AL-based touring series. "We're struggling with the car and changing a few things around," Kitchens said before the race, pointing to several springs that were sitting next to his KC Racing/Jeff Hamner Racing Engines/Newman Race Cars Chevrolet Monte Carlo. Kitchens qualified 19th but his night didn't last long enough. He finished

23rd in the 31-car field..... Dave Mader III was hampered by three flat tires on his Jeff Hamner Racing Engines/BRJ Chassis Chevrolet Monte Carlo, losing two laps to the field. He made one of them up in semi-controversial fashion when he bumped then-leader Johnny Brazier on the frontstretch at the same time that a multi-car accident was littering the track with battered machines between the third and fourth turns. Mader, who ultimately finished 15th, later apologized to Brazier for the incident. "I was trying to get a lap back and slipped a little bit, but I didn't mean to do it," Mader said. "Once I saw he was going to lose

it and possible hit the concrete, I stayed on the gas and drove through him to purposely spin him all the way around. By turning him completely in a circle, I was trying to save him from hitting the wall. And it worked, although I'm still sorry it happened"..... When Tim Fryar slowed with a flat tire late in the race, drivers scrambled for position behind him and several broke free of traffic to advance quite a few positions. Lacey's Spring, AL driver Ronald Walls was one of them, hopping from mid-pack to sixth in very little time. The veteran driver went on to place third in his Dean's Auto Parts/Dennis Mitchell Racing

Engines/Kendall GT-1 Motor Oil/D & D Stamping/Shell Oil Company/David Allen's Body Shop/Oakes Oil Company/Southern Racing Chevrolet Monte Carlo..... Various incidents, including a last-lap melee, elevated

when Tony Walls swept past him on the high side. Shortly thereafter, Antinoro and Wesley Stephens bumped hard under yellow, an incident that happened when Antinoro was "cleaning" his tires and Stephens was looking to head for the pits. Despite the solid contact, Antinoro maintained a solid top-five status until pitting on lap 83. He restarted from the rear of the lead lap and ended up with a fourth-place finish when a couple of late-race accidents took out drivers in front of him. Although those incidents certainly helped his cause, Antinoro had already displayed his car's strength, turning in a solid performance throughout the night..... Pensacola, FL driver Scott Carlson made his first appearance

tangled with Scott Carlson in the first turn. Carlson was able to continue and finish second while Grimes dropped to a 10th-place finish. "The wreck knocked the ductwork back into the car and busted the radiator," Grimes said. "We were beside Tony (Walls) at one point but it didn't last." Indeed, prior to the accident, the San Antonio, TX competitor battled Walls for the point for several laps as the race hit its latter stages..... With 17 laps remaining, Chattanooga, TN competitor Tim Fryar dropped from sixth place on a restart and steadily faded in the field. "Fast car but bad luck," Fryar said after finishing 13th in his Fryar Trucking/AFCO Shocks and Springs/Kendall GT-1 Motor Oil/Southern Racing/Emerald Coast

Hueytown, AL driver Steve McBride to a seventh-place finish in his Guaranty Pest Control Chevrolet Monte Carlo. C.W. Sullivan and Kevin Gillum also benefited from the late-race chaos, which allowed them to score top-10 performances. Sullivan finished eighth while Gillum was ninth in his Buckeye Plumbing/Schaeffer's Lubricants/Jeff Hamner Racing Engines/Newman Race Cars Chevrolet Monte Carlo..... Andy Antinoro paced the opening 12 circuits aboard his Guaranty Pest Control/Competition Engines/Custom Graphics by Simmons Chevrolet Monte Carlo, but was displaced at the head of the field

of the season on the traveling circuit and survived some turn-three contact with Lee Hansard to post a runnerup finish. Hansard lost the handle on his machine and slid sideways in front of the field, collecting Carlson. Through perseverance and with help from attrition, Carlson worked through the field in his Willie's Restaurant/Advance Construction/Compu-Graphix/Fast Eddies Fun Center/Jeff Hamner Racing Engines Chevrolet Monte Carlo. He missed a last-lap wreck involving the two leaders and was grateful for his finish. "Considering all the cautions tonight, and knowing all the wrecks we got through, I guess a second-place finish is great," said Carlson..... There were 32 cars on hand for the race and all but one received the opening green flag. When the event started, Jeff Morgan's Nelson Family Racing/HN Chassis/Lunati Cams/Alabama Machinery/Stephens Tile Chevrolet Monte Carlo was sitting on the trailer, which was a big disappointment for the weekly track regular..... Tommy Grimes was headed for a possible top-five finish when he

Racing Engines/Port City Racing South Chevrolet Monte Carlo. "We had a right-rear tire going down. We thought it was the right front. It just kept getting worse and worse."..... Veteran Jackie McGuire qualified eighth and appeared capable of staying with the leaders until mechanical trouble sidelined his Shelby Concrete/McGuire Excavating Chevrolet Monte Carlo. He finished 21st. "The master cylinder tops pulled off," McGuire said. "We lost the brakes and the fluid was leaking on the tires, so we parked it for the night."..... Flat tires plagued several drivers but few suffered as much as second-generation driver Brett Smith. The Chelsea, AL driver was slowed four times by deflated rubber. He finished 17th at the half-mile facility..... Little Rock, AR driver Curtis Gattis ran in the top five at one point but got collected in a late-race wreck in the second turn. He finished 16th in his Gattis Racing/Turbo Blue Racing Fuel Ford Thunderbird. Asked what happened, Gattis replied, "Massive confusion. Two cars got to beating and banging in front of

me and I got hit from behind and shoved into it. It got the upper and lower strut rods. Basically, we'll have to put a whole new right front back on the car."..... Greenville, SC driver Mardy Lindley registered a fifth-place finish in his CR-59 Racing Products/Palmetto State Transportation/Foothills Contractors Inc./Thompson Roofing/Automotive Specialists Racing Engines/Grand American Race Cars Chevrolet Monte Carlo. Enroute to the top-five performance, Lindley was partially involved in a multi-car wreck between the

third and fourth turns. "At the time, I was catching the leaders, but a big part of the field had a huge wreck and someone ran over me from behind," Lindley said. "After that, I did the best I could. We were coming back through the pack and had a good car." On the final lap, much of the field backed off the throttle when Tony Walls and Darrell Brown wrecked in turn two while racing for the lead. "I was running back in the pack a little and if I'd stayed in the gas, it'd probably have been a dash to the finish," Lindley noted..... "We

missed all the wrecks and got a pretty good finish," Tennessean Warren McMahan said after placing sixth aboard his Gante Appraisal/Fish Farms/C & C Graphics/McSpadden Inc. General Contractors/Patterson's Body Shop Chevrolet Monte Carlo. "Maybe things are turning around for us." McMahan certainly used his share of good fortune during the caution-plagued grind. Several times, McMahan played a Houdini-like role in escaping involvement in various multi-car wrecks.....



Above: It wasn't a good night for Keith Cahela. The Boaz, AL driver was involved in a hard crash between the third and fourth turns, which severely wrecked his Chevrolet Monte Carlo. Cahela wasn't injured. Buddy Welch, also involved in the accident, suffered a bruised elbow.

MONTGOMERY, AL (Aug. 30) —

Weaving through a last-lap crash between the two leaders, Johnny Brazier collected his second win of the season in a 100-lap event at high-banked Montgomery Speedway USA. Tony Walls led the field into the race's final lap and received a low-side challenge from Darrell Brown in the second corner. The two cars made contact and both went spinning. Brazier ducked low, slowed his pace in a moment of uncertainty and then changed his approach to the high groove to avoid the incident. He missed the wreck and went on to secure the checkered flag.

Completing the top five were Scott Carlson, Ronald Walls, Andy Antinoro and Mardy Lindley. Dave Mader III was the fastest qualifier, setting a new track record with a lap clocked at 18.97 seconds.



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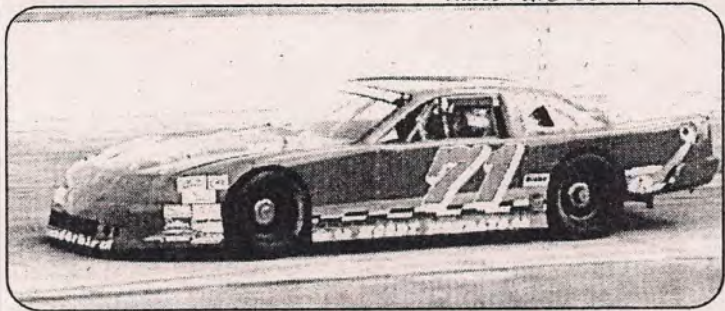
Four wide action at Montgomery Speedway USA with X1 Chris Mullinax, #12 Shannon Berry, #16 Mardy Lindley and #32 C W Sullivan.

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Johnny Brazier in victory lane at Montgomery.

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