



USAC Midget Race Post-Race Quotes, continued

#70 Garrett Hansen (24th): “There was quite a bit of grip. Everybody’s either real loose or real pushy. I thought everybody used their head and I saw a few guys do some dumb stuff but luckily there were no repercussions. It was pretty clean, not counting the engine blow ups. That’s what caused all the crashes. We were pretty good until we got stuck in an oil slick and hit the wall. I’m pretty disappointed. We expected better than that. We wanted to finish the race and ended up coming up short. We’ll race again next year. (On PIR) It’s a lot of fun. I always like racing in Arizona. We’ve almost always had good luck in this state for some reason. Not today, but it’ll change.”

#98 Bobby Santos III (winner): “It was exciting – we passed back and forth a bunch. I think I didn’t need the last yellow (flag). We were pretty good in the long run. If it stayed green, I think we would have got him (Bryan Clauson) and it probably wouldn’t have been as exciting. After the yellow and the red, it took me a few laps to get going. But once I got going, I just passed him in the bottom going into (turn) one. Bryan (Clauson) got me back then I think he put a little block on me, so on the next lap I just sent it in again on the bottom of one. The last lap he didn’t like my pass, so he decided to bump me a little bit. It was just hard racing – me and Bryan race hard with each other a lot and, you know, it’s always good racing. I love racing with him; it’s a lot of fun. It’s awesome. I felt like I’ve won every big-payout midget race but this one, so it’s pretty cool to win this one. I’m excited just driving with these guys – Cole Whitt, I knew he was “the man” two years ago at Irwindale; when he raced me in a sprint car, I knew he was “the man” – three championships, this guy is something else. We’re a small, family owned team. We barely made it out here. No tires compared to other teams all year long racing and buying used tires from the (number) 9 race team that went out of business. We’ve been buying used tires from them all summer. We’re barely getting along, but we work hard. My dad is an awesome crew chief and makes awesome decisions. That’s what it’s about.”

Start of the 34th Copper World Classic 100-lap USAC Silver Crown race at 8:25 p.m.

Green Flag Waved by Miss Arizona, Savannah Troupe.

Leader Lap 1 -- #10 Levi Jones takes the lead from pole sitter #3 Jason Leffler high in Turns 1 and 2.

LL5 -- #3 Leffler passes #10 Jones for the lead.

LL8 – Order: 3,10,30,17,32,19,99,22,07,23

LL22 – Order: 30,3,17,07,19,32,6,10,28,99

LL31 – Order: 30,07,3,19,6,32,17,22,10,29

LL32 – Yellow Flag. #17 stops to change Left Rear tire.

LL45 – Green Flag. #30 Cole Whitt leads from #07 Jacob Wilson and #3 Leffler.