

Rick Donnelly Wins Ocean Auto Parts Night "100"; Don Fowler And Harry Rice Share Victory Spotlight

It took a win in the consolation to make the feature lineup, then some 83 laps before he broke into the lead but once in front there was no stopping Rick Donnelly as he roared to victory in the 100 lap Ocean Auto Parts Night feature. For Donnelly it was his fifth feature triumph of the season.

Len Podbielski set the early lead as he held the top spot for the first nine laps. Joe Tiezzi was next in line as he looked for his second 100 lap victory of the season. Tiezzi's bid was short lived also as Bob Potter coming from deep in the pack shot past Tiezzi on lap 20.

Once in front Potter set a steady pace as Tiezzi, Mike Beebe, and Rick Donnelly move in the fourth turn with Tiezzi spinning into the infield and coming out to rejoin the rear of the pack.

Potter lead the charge until lap 57 as Beebe took command on a restart. Beebe also was a short lived leader though as two restarts back to back put Moose Hewitt alongside Beebe's 09. As the green flag flew Beebe in an attempt to keep Hewitt in the high groove rubbed wheels with the defending champion sending Hewitt spinning to the high side of turn three while Beebe himself slammed the retaining wall out of contention for the night.

With Beebe out of action, Potter went back into the lead with Donnelly riding on his rear bumper. On the 83rd lap Donnelly made his move taking over the lead with Dick Ceravolo following him past Potter. During the final ten laps Ceravolo tried repeatedly to overtake Donnelly, but at the checker it was Donnelly for the win, Ceravolo the runnerup, with Potter, Tiezzi, and Hewitt rounding out the top five.

The Super Stock feature was next on the schedule with the entire 20 lap distance running non-stop for the first time ever at the Speedbowl. Harry Rice claimed the victory with hard charging Mike Wood second and Bob Faiella third. Faiella was drivign the 66 Chevelle formerly driven by Scott Poirier who vacated the ride following the recent Firecracker 100.

Don Fowler made his first start of the season payoff as he guided his new Chevelle into victory lane in the 25 lap Grand American feature. A wild three car accident involving Bob Gada, Keith Eves, and Charles Andrade brought the crowd to its feet as the the trio running three wide down the homestretch slammed into the first turn retaining wall.

All three cars were eliminated, however, Gada jumped into son Mike's car adn finished second at the checker. Wayne Smith took home third followed by Walt Whisting and Bob LeBlanc.

The winners of the three features were presented trophies courtesy of Ocean Auto Parts by James Kinder of the Norwich store.

SUMMARIES

1st Super Stock heat - 10 laps - Gary D'lea

2nd Super Stock heat - 10 laps - Bob Faiella

1st Grand Am heat - 10 laps - Bob Gada

2nd Grand- Am Heat - 10 laps - Ron Cote

1st Modified heat - 12 laps - Bob Potter

2nd Modified heat - 12 laps - Joe Tiezzi

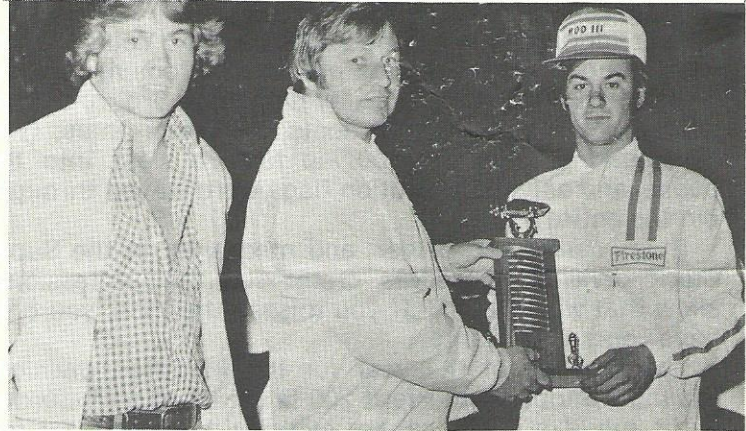
Super Stock consolation - 10 laps - Phil Evans

Modified consolation - 10 laps - Rick Donnelly

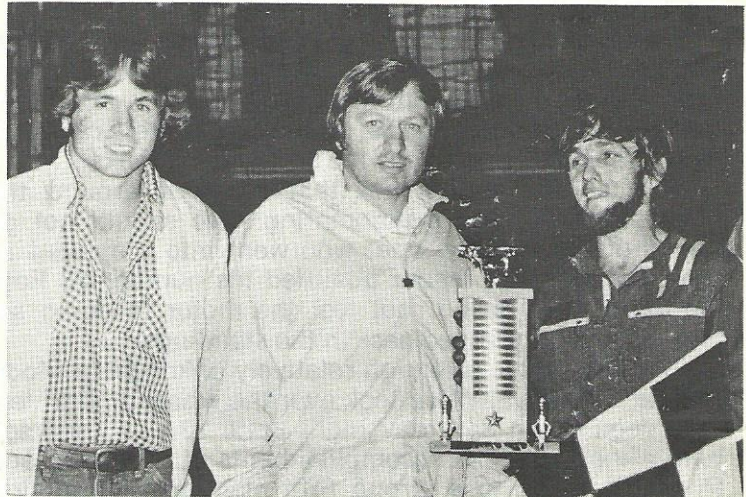
100 lap Modified Feature - Donnelly, Ceravolo, Potter, Tiezzi, Hewitt, Dale Holdridge, Mike Gero, Bruce D'Alesandro, Howie Nye, Len Podbielski

20 Lap Super Stock feature - Rice, Wood, Faielle, D'lea, Ed Yerrington, Jr., Rick Williams, Steve Topliff, Chris Banta, Bob Bennett, Scott Poirier

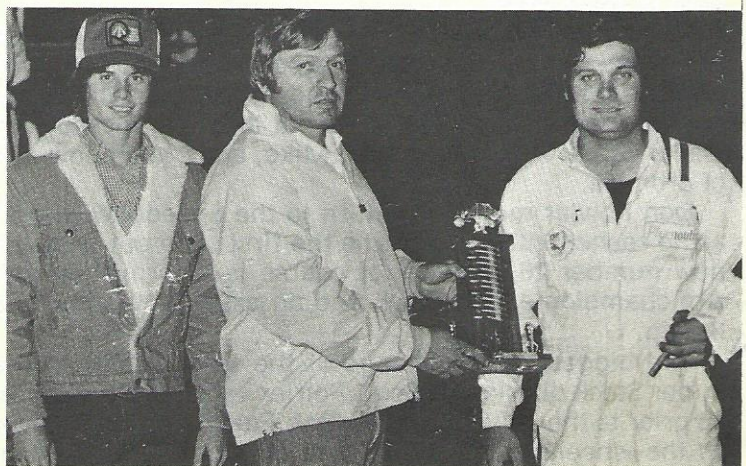
25 lap Grand American feature - Fowler, Bob Gada, Smith, Whisting, LeBlanc, Brian Baker, Ed Yindra, Fred Sentell, Gary Hartson, Keith Eves



Rick Donnelly receives winners trophy from Jim Kinder of Ocean Auto Parts.



Late Model winner Don Fowler.



Harry Rice winner of the mon-Stop Super Stock main.