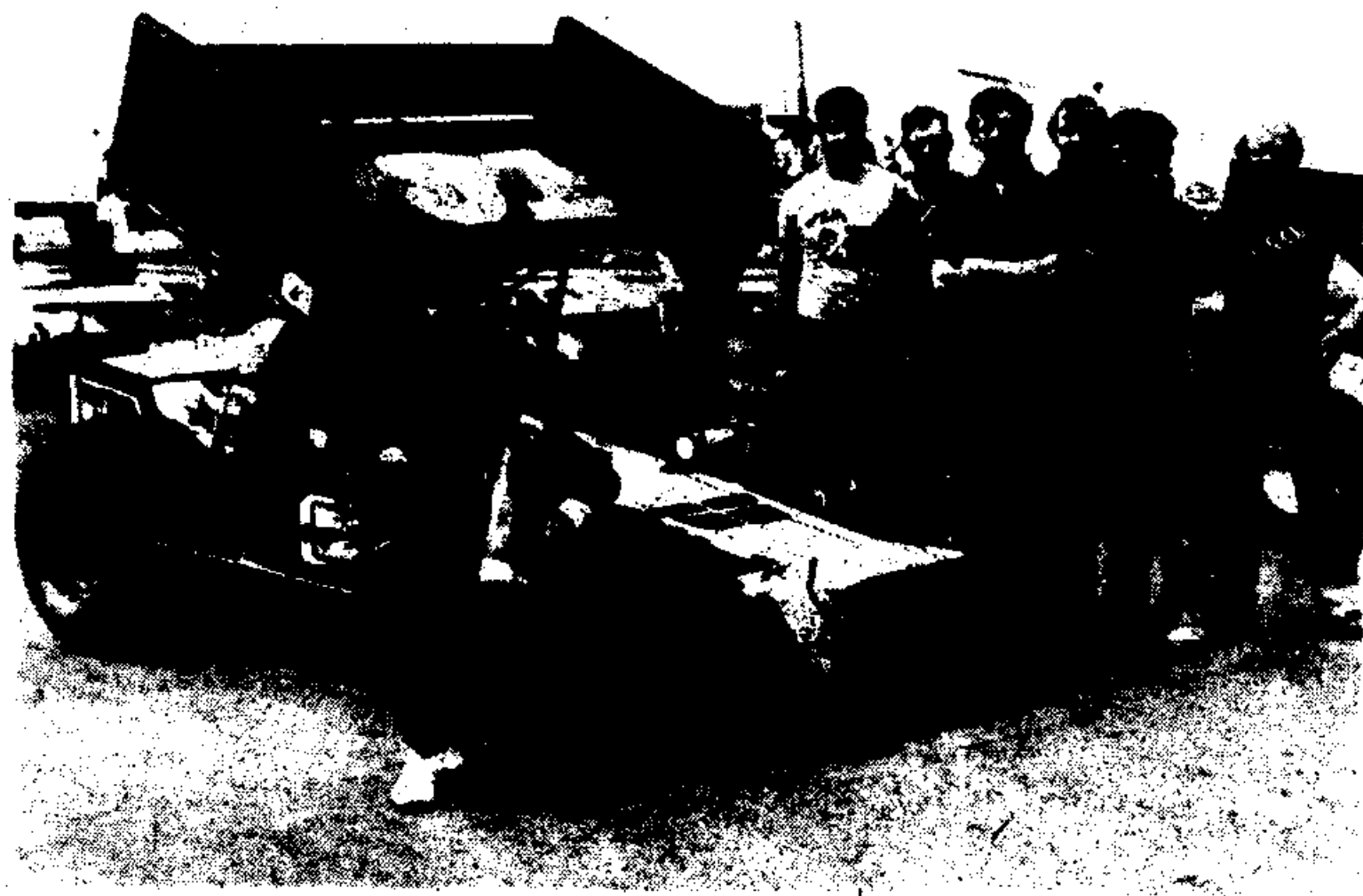


# 1982 DIRT Week Review

By BOB CONNELLY



**SECOND IN CUP**-Ed Thompson finished second in the annual Syracuse-Oswego Challenge Cup and the Front Door Tavern Special picked up \$1000. Driver Ed Thompson and crew consisting of Jerry Kritzman, Fran Fetterly, Paul Stepien, Frank Russo, Fletcher Petrie and John Bush are caught before the running of the Syracuse Super

Nationals where Thompson finished ninth. Later that night Thompson had a hymen break that set the machine solidly into the wall where a 22nd finish was settled for. Mike McLaughlin was the Cup winner, but a 11th place finish or better by Ed on Saturday would have brought home the top spot.

(Photo by Don Kranz)



**ROARING START**-50 of the top modifieds in the country roar down the front straight at the Syracuse Fairgrounds for the start of the Schaefer

200. Merv Treichler won the event for the second year in a row and is seen here leading the event at the start.

(Photo by Steve Poydock)

**SYRACUSE**-Sammy Swindell, Merv Treichler and Pete Bicknell all scored major victories during the 1982 edition of Super Dirt Week held at the New York State Fairgrounds in Syracuse. Bob McCreadie, George Kent and Doug Heveron were also winners of satellite shows held in conjunction with DIRT week.

In the Syracuse Super Nationals, Sammy Swindell led the entire distance from green to checker after starting on the pole. Swindell started on the pole after setting a new world record for a mile dirt oval in Friday's qualifications in the Nance sprinter.

Keith Kaufmann, Bobby Davis, Doug Wolfgang, George Bischoff, Kenny Jacobs, Bobby Weaver, Jack Hewitt, Ed Thompson and Jeff Swindell completed the top ten in the 63 lap and mile event.

Oswego's Thompson was real impressive on the mile oval in starting 36th and finishing ninth. If it wasn't for a late race tag that Thompson received, a seventh place finish would have been had. At any rate it was a super run for the only super-modified in the field.

The race was a safe one, but tragedy could have occurred when Brian Seidel lost a tire on the front straight which went flying up in the air almost as high as the light towers. On its downward flight the tire was heading for the grandstand and landed about three rows from the bottom.

Luckily no one was sitting there, but a row up were three slightly intoxicated individuals that weren't even stunned by the event. After hitting the tire flew back on to the Speedway and this reporter went back into the infield after being very close to the ordeal.

In the BM&F Invitational, Pete Bicknell won the 20 mile event in easy

fashion after a lap 10 pass of eventual second place driver Steve Botcher. The only local small block that finished the event was Marcel LaFrance, but that was far off the pace in ninth.

One of the pre-race favorites, Bob McCreadie blew a motor in practice before the event, came up with another power plant that didn't do the job. Dave Haeslip, Gary May and Tim Hatt all ran into mechanical failure.

In the Schaefer 200, Merv Treichler made it two in a row in the event, living up to his name of "Marvelous." The win wasn't a easy one though as Treichler passed leader Alan Johnson with only eight circuits remaining in the 125 lap event. Treichler was also aided by late race caution periods in the Jackson and Johnson owned machine.

Brett Hearn finished third and completing the top ten were Will Cagle, Danny Johnson, Darrell Welty, Dave Lape, Jack Johnson, Scott Tobias and Bob Malzahn.

Only 12 cars completed the entire distance, with numerous caution periods plaguing the action.

Probably the best show of DIRT week was staged at the Rolling Wheels Raceway in Elbridge with the small block modifieds on hand for a BM&F qualifier.

Doug Hoffman, Bob McCreadie and Pete Bicknell were locked in a three car battle for the lead for over thirty laps, before McCreadie outbattled Hoffman for the top spot. Bicknell was right there at the end challenging for the win.

There were over 90 mods in the pits that competed in six heats and three consis to determine the 40 car feature field. Action was super with plenty of aggressive racing.

George Kent and Doug Heveron were the winners of twin 30's at Oswego on Saturday night.

## Oswego Runs With the Best

**HANNIBAL**- The Oswego Varsity Cross Country Team had the opportunity to participate against the best runners in Central New York at the Hannibal Invitational held on Saturday.

In the Class A competition, McQuade of Rochester took top honors as they won the boys division with 80 points. Coming in a close second with 88 points was Fulton. Central Square finished 13th with a score of 315 while Oswego took 15th with 424

points.

Oswego's Mark Purtell finished 10th in the Class A Competition while his sister Traci Purtell was kept out of the girls varsity race with a sprained ankle.

Chris Gilmore was the only Oswego girl running in the varsity competition in which she finished 40th. Central Square went on to win the Class A girls meet.

Two of the area's leading harriers had a chance to go at it neck to neck in the Class B race when OCS's Joe Thedford topped Bishop Cunningham's phenom Jim Nicholson as both runners ran the course under the previous record.

The previous course record of 14:51 had been held by Marty Beauchamp of Tupper Lake who was N.Y.S. Champion his junior and senior year (1979-80).

On Saturday, Thedford ran a blistering 14:21 to take top honors while local harrier Nicholson

took second in 14:45 in the B Competition. OCS went on to win the B Race for boys.

In the Junior High Race, Shawn Brown of Oswego remained unbeaten as he won over the field and Oswego's Heather Purtell took 6th in Junior High competition.

Oswego High School's next start is Wednesday at F-M with C-NS as well in the field.

## Bowling

**CAPTAIN'S LOUNGE**  
October 6

Terri Wood- 479 (163-172-144); Shirley Yablonski-477 (163-153-161); Carol McManus- 474 (157-180-137); Hazel Askew- 471 (145-166-180).

**SUNSHINE BOYS**

October 7

Ron Seeley- 575 (184-149-242); Jack Brown- 573 (201-197-134); John Audlin- 570 (174-183-213).

## Wilbur Lowers Record Once Again

**OSWEGO**- Donna Wilbur broke the Oswego High School Swim Team record in the 500 free style for the fourth time this year on Friday although the locals went down to defeat at the hands of West Genesee, 77-41.

Donna Wilbur actually finished second in the 500, but still shaved several

seconds off her previous school record when she turned in a time of 5:51.8. Her week's old previous record had been 5:58.

Wilbur also took first in 200 free style, where she set a personal best time of 2:08.

Other firsts by OHS were by Joanne Kraus in the diving competition

where she topped three West Genesee entries with a point total of 153.9, and also Mary Spencer who took first in the 50 free style with a time of 27.5

Seconds in the meet by Oswego were by the 200 Medley Relay Team of Heather Shepard, Donna Wilbur, Mary Spencer and Gretchen Helmke; Becky

Botting in the 200 IM; Mary Spencer in the 100 Butterfly and Gretchen Helmke in the 100 free style.

Thirds going to the swimming Bucs went to Heather Shepard in the 100 Back Stroke, Gretchen Helmke in the 100 Breast Stroke and the 400 Free Style Relay Team of Laura Koszewski, Michelle LaFlora, Dawn Mulcahey and Lori Bridgers.

## Stickers Handed Third Setback

By PAT SPADAFORÉ  
Special to the Messenger

The Oswego State Field Hockey Team dropped a tough decision to Houghton College 3-0 last week.

Things didn't start off too well for the visiting Lakers as the officials were 45 minutes late in showing up for the game.

When the game did get underway, Houghton jumped out quickly scoring two goals in the first half.

The first goal for the home team was a controversial one for the visitors as the Houghton player apparently kicked in the ball for the game's first goal. After a conference, the referees ruled the goal was good.

Leading 1-0, Houghton was able to score again, this time on a long slap shot past a screened Laker goalie.

Oswego was held scoreless as the half ended 2-0.

In the second half, the Lakers chances fell short and Houghton added a third goal to clinch a 3-0

victory.

After the game, Coach Hodge commented, "They just outhussed us, that's all I can say."

Over the weekend the Lakers scored an exhibition victory over the Alumni, 2-1.

Coach Hodge was happy with the turn out of 15 Alumni players. "What really surprised me is that 5 of the 15 players now play club field hockey," she said.

After the game, Hodge joked, "I was a little scared that they would beat us."

She added, "I was able to play some players that haven't been playing too much." That should help the Lakers who are now 5-3 on the season.

**FLICK OFFS:** The Lakers have two important home games this week against Wells College on Tuesday and Hamilton on Thursday. As one player said, "We can't afford to lose anymore games if we want to make the playoffs." Last year the Lakers beat Houghton 5-1.

## Messenger Picks Milwaukee 6-5 Favorites Over Red Birds in Series

The baseball fans on the staff of the Oswego County Messenger, having closely examined the 1982 season and recent American and National League Playoffs, have established that the Milwaukee Brewers, American League Champs, are 6-5 favorites to win the World Series over the St. Louis Cardinals.

Actually, 11 members of our staff were recently polled as to their favorite in the annual Fall Classic that gets underway in St. Louis tonight, and the following newspaper people have made their predictions known.

Six staffers favor the Brewers, headed by Mary Fultz and Andy Mazzoli, who both predict that Milwaukee will sweep the Red Birds under the rug in four games. Showing slightly more favor for the Cards are Jim Coniski and Dick Braco, who feel the power

hitting Brewers will put away the Cards in just five games. Managing Editor Carol Wilczynski and family are rooting for the Brewers, figuring it will take six games while Dick "Sam Seagull" Mandeville thinks the Series will go the full seven games with the Brewers prevailing.

On the other side of the coin, five Messenger employees see the Cardinals as the stronger of the two clubs and have called for the pennant to fly in St. Louis this year. Publisher Don McCann, a big favorite of the City of St. Louis, calls for a four game sweep against the best of the American League. Pete Morrison and Bob Connelly, realizing the speed of the Red Birds to be a factor in the Series, call for St. Louis to win in six while Don Kranz and Sports Editor Tom Nevich agree St. Louis will win, but only after the seventh and deciding game.

