

## Super win for Joe Gosek; Cicconi mighty among midgets



**Joe Gosek**  
Supermodified Feature winner

Local supermodified driver Joe Gosek ran away from the rest of the field Saturday night at Oswego Speedway in winning his first feature race of the 1989 season. Gosek's impressive 45-lap super win was preceded by a special 33-lap race for the midget racers, making their 1989 appearance at Oswego after becoming a big hit among race fans last year in their initial visit. Midget veteran and now current regular supermodified competitor Bob Cicconi of Prospect Park, PA won the midget race, as he did last year, in convincing fashion.

The double-feature evening began with three qualifying heats for the midgets, and the very first heat was highlighted by the

appearance of two nationally-recognized drivers who compete occasionally in the midget class. Rich Vogler, veteran Indianapolis driver who finished among the top ten at Indy this year, was on hand to drive the Lou Seymour owned number 29. Also making the 13-hour trip from Indianapolis to compete at Oswego was long-time veteran Mel Kenyon. The winningest driver in the midget racing class, Kenyon has 111 career wins.

Vogler led the first heat until a drive train problem sidelined his car. Cicconi went on to win that heat, while Mike Streicher of Findlay, OH and Billy Hughes of Southampton, PA won the other heats. Supermodified heats were won by A.J. Michaels, Doug

Heveron, and Gary Morton. After being sidelined early by a faulty oil pump belt, Doug Didero came back in the Rammage 73 to win the supermodified consolation race.

23 midget racers took the green flag to begin their 33-lap feature, lined up in their traditional three-abrest fashion. Having moved over to the Bill Tapply owned number 8 after car 29 was disabled, Vogler started the race from last position.

At the start of the midget race, Bobby Seymour of Marlboro, MA put his car 4 to the front. Coming up quickly from his fifth starting spot, Cicconi had his 59 midget in second position by the fourth lap and was challenging for the lead when the caution lights came on for a car stalled in the first turn.

On the restart, Cicconi took an inside lane past Seymour and vaulted to the lead. At that point in the race, Vogler had already moved up to 12th place while the other Indy veteran, Kenyon, was running seventh.

With a third of the race complete, Cicconi was continuing to build a lead of several seconds over Brian Caruso's car 23 and Drew Fornoro's midget number 45. Meanwhile, Vogler continued to move up, running sixth by lap 14.

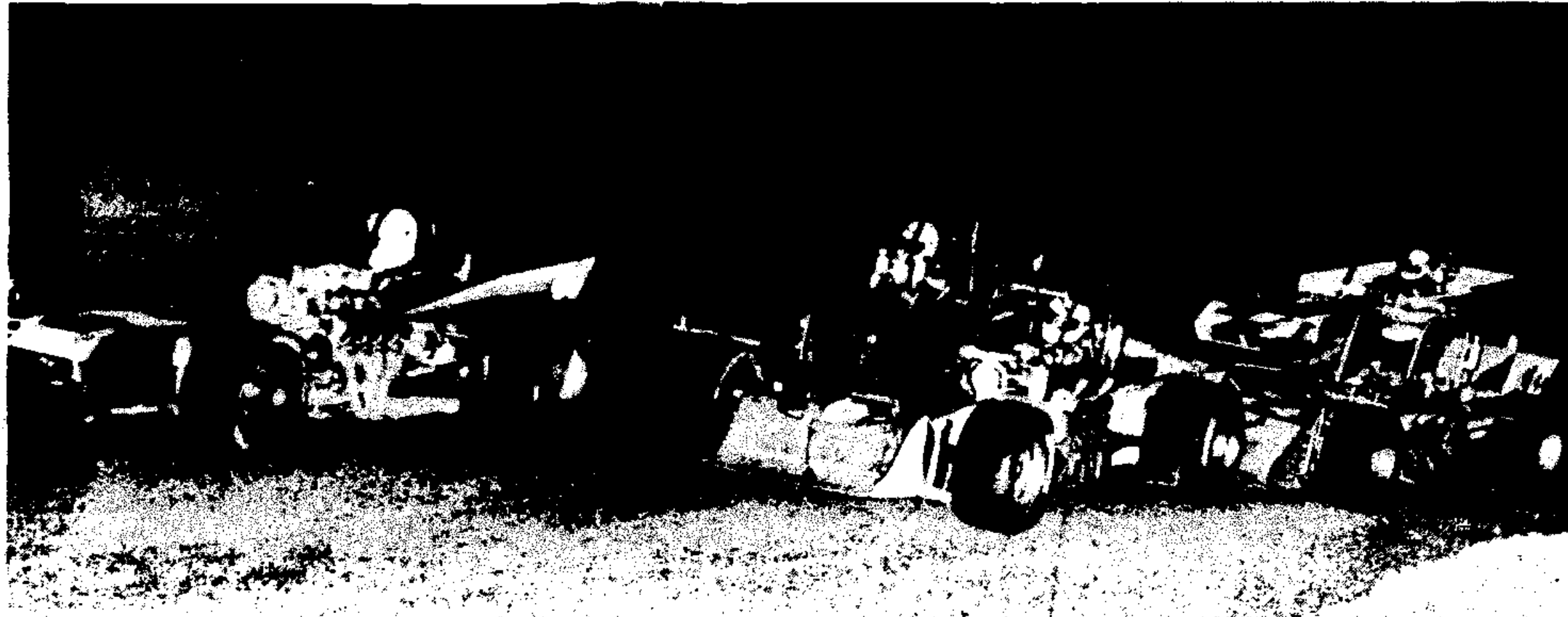
On Lap 20, Vogler moved into fifth place by passing Kenyon with an outside move. Appearing to be running fastest at this point in the race, Vogler improved one position per lap between laps 23 and 25, taking over second place but still several seconds behind Cicconi. Then on lap 28, midget speedster Mike Streicher returned Vogler's favor and passed him to take over second spot.

When the checkered flag fell, Cicconi had another convincing midget win at Oswego followed by Streicher, Vogler, Caruso, and Kenyon. Having come from last to third place in the 33-lap race, Vogler was recognized with the media-chosen Outstanding Performance Award sponsored by Ames.

In victory lane, a happy Bob Cicconi commented, "If we could get the super hooked up like that, we'd be in great shape." It was soon evident that it would not be happening on this Saturday night, as the Cicconi-driven number 4 supermodified was the first of several to drop out in the early stages of the 45-lap supermodified feature. Also falling out early or losing laps in the pits with mechanical ills were the 70 of Gary Morton, the 87 of Randy Ritskes, the 10 of Mike Muldoon, and the 98 of A.J. Michaels.

Central New York supermodified veteran Danny Soule had a healthy machine, however, as he put his blue 32 to the lead early in the race and maintained it for several laps with times in the 17.7-range. By the 10th lap, Soule had Joe Gosek and Doug Heveron right on his tail challenging for the lead, but when Heveron tried an inside move under the Gosek in the fourth turn, his Graves car 1 nipped the inside hub rail, damaging the left front and sending him to the pits. During the caution period, two more competitors visited the pits to deal with mechanical problems--Tim Nelson and Bobby Fitzpatrick.

On the restart, Gosek managed to slip to the inside of Soule's 32, going through the third turn and took over the lead. Dave

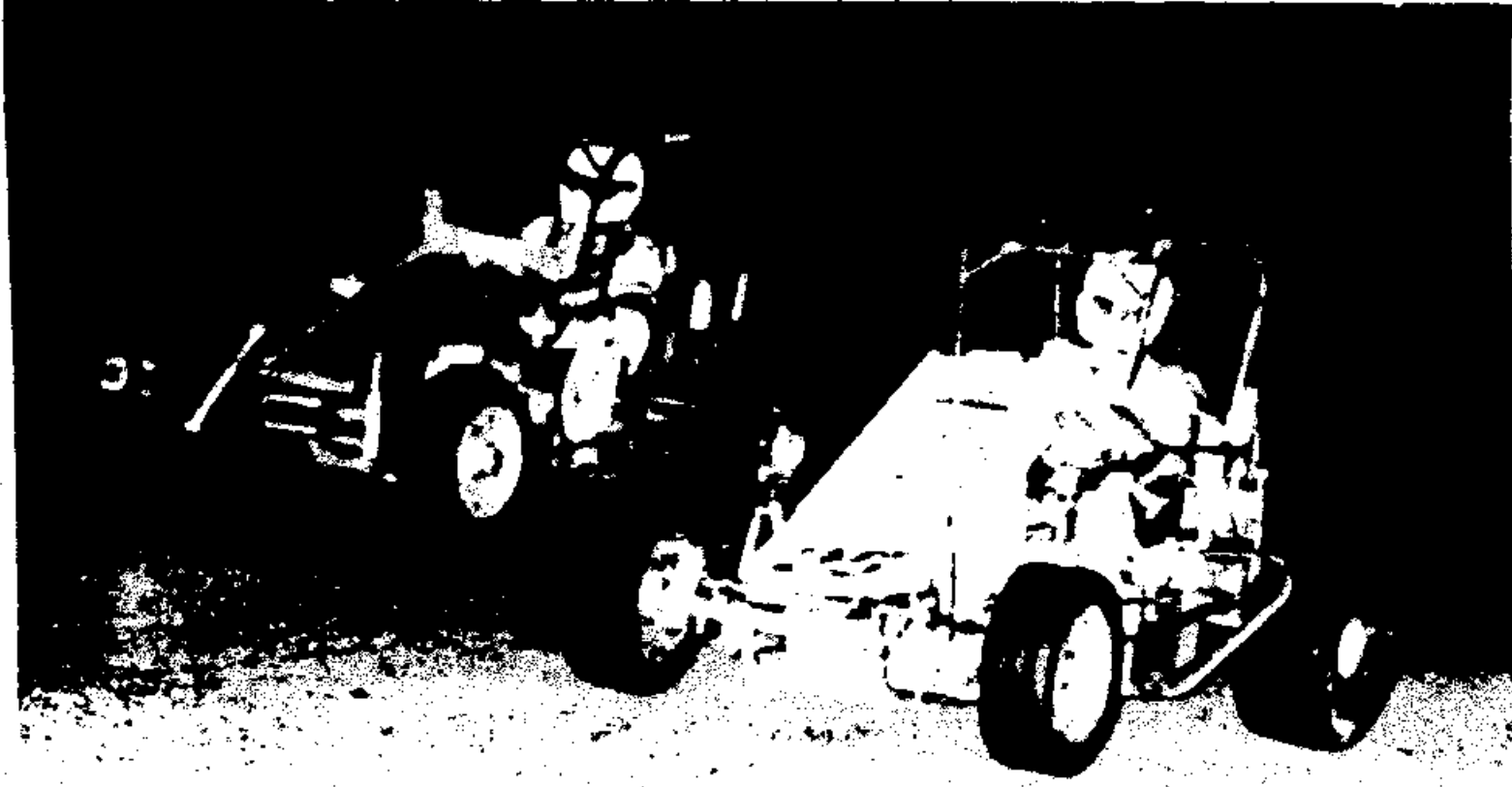


*Congested turn*

Competition was tight along the lead pack in the early stages of the supermodified feature race at Oswego Speedway Saturday night. Here, eventual winner Joe Gosek (00) leads Dave

McKnight (6), Doug Heveron (1), Jamie Moore (44), and Mike Ordway (21) through the first turn on his way to victory.

-Valley News photos by Bill White Jr.



*Monster midget*

The little midget racers made their second appearance in as many years at Oswego Speedway Saturday night, and Bob Cicconi (59) picked up where he left off in 1988, winning the Oswego stop on the midget tour. Here, Cicconi races past fellow Pennsylvanian Randy Hitt to take the lead in the 33-lap midget feature.



**Bob Cicconi**

Midget winner being interviewed in victory lane by track announcer Bill Foley.



*Chasing second*

Three of the quickest midget racers in the field Saturday night at Oswego Speedway are shown here battling for second position. Mike Streicher (18) holds the spot as two of racing's biggest names ride side by side chasing him: Mel Kenyon (6) and Rich Vogler (8).

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