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DAVID HOBBS MAKES IT TWO IN A ROW IN THE SCCA BUDWEISER TRANS-AM[®] SONOMA, Calif. -- The question is, "WHO can stop David Hobbs?"

Hobbs took his second SCCA Budweiser Trans-Am[®] Championship victory in a row by cruising to victory in the Motorcraft 100 at Sears Point International Raceway.

Hobbs now has a commanding 20-point lead in the chase for the 1983 SCCA Budweiser Trans-Am Championship, going into the June 12 G.I. Joe's Rose Cup, the fourth round of the 12-race series.

At Sears Point, George Follmer, Elliott Forbes-Robinson, Greg Pickett, Gene Felton, and others did their best to stop Hobbs, but his DeAtley/Budweiser Camaro was once again victorious.

In the only '83 race Hobbs hasn't won, at Moroso, he was passed by Felton on the last lap and finished second.

Felton took the Bondo/Oftedahl Trans-Am to a second place finish at Sears Point. He dropped to 10th place from his seventh starting position but strongly worked his way to the front, taking Tom Gloy for second on the 38th of 40 laps.

Gloy, in his Lane Sports Mercury Capri, hung on to take third, after running second much of the race.

Elliott Forbes-Robinson, making what may be his only start of the season, brought his Huffaker Engineering Trans-Am home fourth. Vern Smith took his best Trans-Am finish ever by coming from 18th qualifying spot to take fifth in his Trans-Lease Mercury Capri.

Steve Saleen came home sixth one lap down in his Pontiac Trans-Am after starting 14th. Willy T. Ribbs ran as high as third, ahead of Felton, but suffered tire problems, including a puncture, and finished seventh in his DeAtley/Budweiser Camaro. Frank Emmett was eighth in his Supercuts Corvette, Les Lindley was ninth in his Camaro and Rob McFarlin was 10th, after running sixth, ahead of Smith.

Follmer's shot at Hobbs never materialized as he crashed his Camaro heavily in qualifying. Follmer was unhurt and he should have his '84 Corvette ready for the Mid-Ohio Trans-Am.

Greg Pickett took his eighth pole position since 1980 in his Corvette and led the first four laps. But Pickett waved Hobbs by on the fifth lap and dropped out after 18 laps with transmission failure.

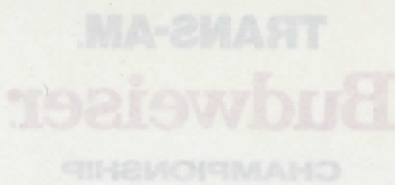
The TRW Fast Five Awards club got two new members as Elliott Forbes-Robinson and Frank Leary joined. Pickett, Hobbs and Gloy the latter three have been in the TRW Fast Five at all three races so far. Leary ran in fifth spot for 11 laps before suffering drive train failure.

In the Trans-Am tire wars, Goodyear won it's third race of the season, though Firestone had the pole position. Hobbs, Felton and Gloy were all on Goodyear Eagles, unlike Forbes-Robinson and polesitter Pickett were on "Stones".

Paul Miller qualified his Herman+Miller Porsche Carrera Turbo ninth but suffered ignition failure and dropped out. Darin Brassfield dropped out with driver exhaustion and Lyn St. James suffered a blown engine after running eighth ahead of Felton.

The Trans-Am had three models from three manufacturers in the top three finishers, after having four models in the top four qualifiers.

The Trans-Am points standings has Hobbs with a 56 to 36 points lead over Felton. Gloy moved into third in points with 32 points while Pickett's pole points put him in fourth with 25. Ribbs has 22 with Phil Currin, a non-entrant, sixth with 21 and Paul Newman, also a non-entrant, at 20.



1983 SCCA BUDWEISER TRANS-AM® CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

ROUND 3, 1983 SCCA BUDWEISER TRANS-AM® CHAMPIONSHIP PORTION OF THE MOTORCRAFT 100 AT SEARS POINT INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY, Sonoma, Calif. (2.52 miles, 12 turns).
 RACE LENGTH: 40 Laps, 100.92 miles. TIME OF RACE: 1:12:42.560
 WINNER'S AVERAGE SPEED: 83.280 mph. MARGIN OF VICTORY: 26.020 seconds.
 FASTEST RACE LAP: #29 David Hobbs, 1:42.390, 88.608 mph. FASTEST QUALIFIER: #6 Greg Pickett, 1:40.709, 90.081 mph.
 LAP LEADERS: #5 Greg Pickett, 1-4, #29 David Hobbs, 5-40.
 Safety Car Controlled Period Laps 15 & 16.

FIN POS.	QUAL POS.	CAR NO.	DRIVER/HOMETOWN	SPONSOR/CAR	POINTS	\$PRIZE	LAPS/REASON OUT
1	3	29	David Hobbs, Upper Boddington, England	DeAtley/Budweiser Camaro	20	8,350@	40
2	7	2	Gene Felton, Atlanta, Ga.	Oftedahl Racing Trans-Am	16	5,500	40
3	2	8	Tom Gloy, Lafayette, Calif.	Lane Sports Racing Capri	14	4,450@	40
4	4	55	Elliott Forbes-Robinson, Denver, N.C.	Huffaker Pontiac Trans-Am	12	3,300@	40
5	18	77	Vern Smith, York, Pa.	Trans-Lease Mercury Capri	11	2,500	40
6	14	12	Steve Saleen, Scottsdale, Ariz.	Escort MSE Trans-Am	10	2,000	39
7	8	28	Willy T. Ribbs, San Jose, Calif.	DeAtley/Budweiser Camaro	9	1,800	39
8	15	65	Frank Emmett, Novato, Calif.	Supercuts Corvette	8	1,700	39
9	21	80	Les Lindley, Anaheim, Calif.	Lindley Camaro	7	1,600	39
10	16	78	Rob McFarlin, Dallas, Texas	Kontrolle Shocks Mustang	6	1,500	39
11	19	40	Jim Derhaag, Chaska, Minn.	Pyroprotect/Gold Coast Louver Firebird	5	1,300	38
12	25	19	Glen Fox, Albuquerque, N.M.	Spirit of the Cherokee Nation Monza	4	1,200	38
13	24	3	Tony Brassfield, Los Gatos, Calif.	Wirth Corvette	3	1,100	35
14	23	35	Ken Yeo, Auburn, Calif.	T+S Racing Corvette	2	1,000	38
15	17	82	Richard Wall, Arcadia, Calif.	Camaro	1	800	36 - Shifter
16	20	24	Glenn Klimek, Campbell, Calif.	Pontiac Trans-Am	500	500	31
17	6	36	Paul Miller, Morristown, N.J.	Herman+Miller P-A Porsche Carrera Turbo	450	450	30
18	1	6	Greg Pickett, Alamo, Calif.	Pickett Racing Corvette	2#	1,025@	28 - Transmission
19	12	18	Lyn St. James, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	Lane Sports Racing Capri	325	28	28 - Engine
20	22	38	Brad Murphey, Scottsdale, Ariz.	Lane Sports Racing Capri	200	28	28 - Engine
21	29	56	Karl Durkheimer, Portland, Ore.	V. Polak Porsche 911SC		24	
22	10	11	Darin Brassfield, Los Gatos, Calif.	Pacific Summit Motor Sports Corvette		23	23 - Driver Exhaustion
23	28	85	R.J. Valentine, Hingham, Mass.	USA Racing/MBA Companies Firebird		22	
24	11	79	Larry Park, San Jose, Calif.	Merritt Tire Corvette		20	
25	5	48	Frank Leary, Santa Clara, Calif.	Peterson Tractor Pontiac Trans-Am	250@	13	13 - Drive Train
26	33	31	Fritz Schons, Los Alamitos, Calif.	Coast Citrus/SignArt Firebird		12	12 - Oil Leak
27	30	21	P.J. Brallier, Washington, D.C.	Round Table Racing Trans-Am		9	9 - Crash
28	27	46	Marta Leonard, Suisun, Calif.	Leonard Company Trans-Am		2	2 - Clutch
29	35	89	Walter Benson, Sonoma, Calif.	Views Land Camaro		2	2 - Overheat
30	13	0	Frank Search, San Leandro, Calif.	On Track Engineering Corvette		1	1 - Axle
31	31	67	Ron Hunter, Lakewood, Colo.	AutoVest Mercury Capri		0	0 - Oil
DNS	9	16	George Follmer, Huntington Beach, Calif.	Follmer Racing Camaro			
DNS	34	37	Dave Watson, Milton, Wis.	Deppe-Lundy Old Style Firebird			
DNS	32	43	Doug Dodd, San Jose, Calif.	Free Spirit Plymouth Volare			
DNS	26	74	Casey Mollett, La Canada, Calif.	Datsun 280ZX			

@Includes TRW Fast Five Awards, but not contingency awards. #Earned two points for pole position.

1983 SCCA BUDWEISER TRANS-AM CHAMPIONSHIP DRIVER POINT STANDINGS (After Three Events)

1. David Hobbs	56	15. Jim Derhaag	9
2. Gene Felton	36	16. Brad Murphey	8
3. Tom Gloy	32	Lyn St. James	8
4. Greg Pickett	25	Frank Emmett	8
5. Willy T. Ribbs	22	19. Paul DePirro	7
6. Phil Curran	21	Bill Craine	7
7. Paul Newman	20	Les Lindley	7
8. Frank Leary	12	22. Rob McFarlin	6
Elliott Forbes-Robinson	12	Frank Search	6
10. Vern Smith	11	24. Michael Oleyar	5
Paul Miller	11	Dave Heinz	5
12. Ludwig Heimrath	10		
Steve Saleen	10		
Dave Watson	10		

NEXT SCCA BUDWEISER TRANS-AM EVENT: June 12, 1983, Portland International Raceway, Portland, Oregon.