



**TRANS-AM.**  
**Budweiser**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**



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**BUDWEISER TEAM MOVES BACK TO FRONT AS WILLY T. RIBBS WINS MID-OHIO TRANS-AM®**

LEXINGTON, Ohio -- Willy T. Ribbs made it two out of the last three Sunday as he raced to victory in the Sports Car Club of America's Budweiser Trans-Am® Championship at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course.

For Ribbs, it was his second win in the last month in the series. He scored his first-ever Trans-Am® triumph at Portland on June 12. The 27-year-old black driver from San Jose, Calif., had little trouble securing the victory, winning by 12.4 seconds over teammate David Hobbs. Both drivers were in their DeAtley/Budweiser Camaros.

"Everything went perfectly with the car," said Ribbs who set the fastest race lap and fastest average race speed records in the 100.8-mile event.

"I didn't have any trouble getting past Elliott (Forbes-Robinson) when I went ahead," he added. "He moved over and let me past when I was right there on his bumper. He was a real gentlemen about it."

Forbes-Robinson started on the pole and led the first seven laps before Ribbs took the lead. Ribbs said he felt his conditioning was a major factor in the heat and humidity that was evident throughout the weekend.

"I worked out the last two weeks with Bundini Brown (trainer of former Heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali) in Los Angeles," Ribbs said. "I ran 45 minutes each day and then worked on the heavy bag in 95-degree heat each day for two hours. I think it paid off."

And Ribbs didn't even need his left jab en route to the win.

He went ahead on lap eight of the 42-lap race and battled for a while with Hobbs, but it was apparent that on this day Ribbs had the better car.

Finishing behind Hobbs was Tom Gloy, in the Lane Sports Racing Capri, and fourth was Darin Brassfield, who raced hard with fifth-place finisher Forbes-Robinson before taking the advantage with a lap to go. It was the 20-year-old Brassfield's first outing since joining Greg Pickett Racing and driving the 1982 Corvette.

It was a tough day for the Ford machines, outside of Gloy's effort. Lyn St. James, who started ninth, ended up 29th with a power steering pump failure. Vern Smith, also in a Capri, was 21st, and Rob McFarlin, in a Mustang, was 30th.

Datsun 280ZX Turbo driver Paul Newman finished seventh, his best effort since Summit Point when he ended up third, for the best finish by a foreign car entry.

The next stop on the Trans-Am trail is July 31 when the production-appearing cars race with the CART/PPG Indy cars at Road America in Wisconsin.

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**TRW Fast Five Awards**

# 1983 SCCA BUDWEISER TRANS-AM® CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

ROUND 6, RED ROOF INNS WEEKEND FEATURING THE 1983 SCCA BUDWEISER TRANS-AM CHAMPIONSHIP, MID-OHIO SPORTS CAR COURSE, Lexington, Ohio, (2.4 miles, 15 turns),  
 RACE LENGTH: 42 laps, 100.8 miles. TIME OF RACE: 1:09:06.330 July 17, 1983.  
 WINNER'S AVERAGE SPEED: 87.518 mph. (Record). MARGIN OF VICTORY: 12.4 seconds.  
 FASTEST RACE LAP: #28, Willy T. Ribbs, 1:35.110, 90.842 mph, (Record). FASTEST QUALIFIER: #1, Elliott Forbes-Robinson, 1:33.056, 92.84 mph.  
 LAP LEADERS: #1, Elliott Forbes-Robinson, 1-7;  
 #28, Willy T. Ribbs, 8-42.

FIN POS.	QUAL POS.	CAR NO.	DRIVER/HOMETOWN	SPONSOR/CAR	POINTS	\$PRIZE	LAPS/REASON OUT
1	2	28	Willy T. Ribbs, San Jose, Calif.	Budweiser/DeAtley Camaro	20	\$8,450@	42
2	4	29	David Hobbs, Upper Boddington, England	Budweiser/DeAtley Camaro	16	5,800@	42
3	3	8	Tom Gloy, Lafayette, Calif.	Lane Sports Racing Capri	14	4,350@	42
4	7	6	Darin Brassfield, Los Gatos, Calif.	Pickett Racing Corvette	12	3,000	42
5	1	1	Elliott Forbes-Robinson, Denver, N.C.	Huffaker Engineering Pontiac Trans-Am	13#	3,150@	42
6	10	12	Steve Saleen, Glendale, Arizona	Mecham Racing Escort MSE Trans-Am	10	2,000	42
7	11	33	Paul Newman, Westport, Conn.	Bob Sharp Racing Datsun 280ZX Turbo	9	1,800	41
8	13	39	Paul DePirro, Lombard, Ill.	U.S. Electric Camaro	8	1,700	41
9	16	40	Jim Derhaag, Chaska, Minn.	Gold Coast Louvers Firebird	7	1,600	40
10	21	68	Craig Shafer, Somerset, Pa.	Shafer Racing Camaro	6	1,500	39
11	23	35	Jim Sanborn, Waterloo, Iowa	JS Racing Corvette	5	1,300	39
12	6	36	Paul Miller, Morristown, N.J.	Herman+Miller Porsche Carrera Turbo	4	1,200	38
13	34	87	Bill Morrison, Kenilworth, Ill.	Western Ave. Auto Parts Corvette	3	1,100	38
14	17	70	Murray Edwards, Kentville, N.S.	Cavendish Farms Corvette	2	1,000	38
15	35	42	Peter Denman, Mississauga, Ontario	Denman Racing Team Corvette	1	800	38
16	24	60	John Brandt, Lebanon, Pa.	Brandt Racing Corvette		550	38
17	27	90	John Klug, Newport Beach, Calif.	John Klug Racing Porsche 930		450	38
18	32	93	Michael Oleyar, Freeland, Pa.	Jet-Syn Corvette		375	37
19	25	74	Dennis Cuppy, Indianapolis, Ind.	Corvette		325	36
20	31	15	Joe Gonzalez, Miami, Fla.	Centurion Racing Camaro		300	36
21	8	77	Vern Smith, York, Pa.	Trans-Lease Racing Mercury Capri			34 - Mechanical
22	12	48	Frank Leary, Santa Clara, Calif.	Peterson Tractor Pontiac Trans-Am			29 - Mechanical
23	5	2	Gene Felton, Marietta, Ga.	Oftedahl Pontiac Trans-Am		250@	24 - Gear Box
24	33	31	Gary "Fritz" Schons, Los Alamitos, Calif.	Coast Citrus/SignArt Firebird			22 - Unknown
25	19	91	Bob Hagestad, Denver, Colo.	Bob Hagestad Porsche Audi Porsche 924 Turbo			19 - Right Front Suspension
26	29	81	Gordon Hunt, Roanoke, Va.	SHR Engineering Monza			19 - Unknown
27	22	20	Doug Mills, Hagerstown, Maryland	Penns Woods Racing Camaro			19 - Unknown
28	28	73	Dan Furey, Columbus, Ohio	Quaker Mfg. Corvette			14 - Unknown
29	9	18	Lyn St. James, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	Lane Sports Racing Capri			7 - Power Steering Pump
30	15	78	Rob McFarlin, Dallas, Texas	Kontrolle Shocks Mustang			6 - Mechanical
31	36	4	James Kidd, Milwaukee, Wisc.	Kidd Racing Corvette			4 - Broken Rear Suspension
32	26	25	Jon Gray, Darlington, Pa.	APS/Gray Racing Corvette			4 - Mechanical
33	14	99	Phil Currin, Gainesville, Fla.	Currin Racing Corvette			1 - Crash
34	30	51	Richard Reynolds, Zeeland, Mich.	Pit Stop Racing Trans-Am			1 - Oil Pressure
DNS	20	85	R.J. Valentine, Braintree, Mass.	USA Racing/MBA Companies Firebird			
DNS	18	47	Wayne Harper, Bolton, Ontario	Technequip Corvette			

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

## 1983 SCCA BUDWEISER TRANS-AM CHAMPIONSHIP DRIVER POINTS STANDINGS (After Six Events)

1. David Hobbs	84	17. Frank Search	13	34. Ken Murray	4
2. Tom Gloy	74	Larry Park	13	35. R.J. Valentine	3
3. Willy T. Ribbs	62	Darin Brassfield	12	Tony Brassfield	3
4. Gene Felton	49	Vern Smith	11	Bill Morrison	3
5. Elliott Forbes-Robinson	45	Dave Watson	10	Richard Wall	3
6. Greg Pickett	41	Ludwig Heimrath Sr.	10	P.L. Baljet	3
7. Frank Leary	33	Les Lindley	9	Dan Furey	2
Paul Miller	33	David Schroeder	9	Ken Yeo	2
8. Jim Derhaag	32	Frank Emmett	8	Van McDonald	2
9. Paul Newman	29	Brad Murphey	8	Murray Edwards	2
10. Steve Saleen	28	Rick Stark	8	44. Ron Boelts	1
11. Lyn St. James	25	Rob McFarlin	6	George Hulse	1
12. Phil Currin	21	Craig Shafer	6	Fritz Schons	1
Bill Craine	21	30. Jim Sanborn	5	Peter Denman	1
13. Paul DePirro	15	Michael Oleyar	5		
14. Karl Durkheimer	14	Dave Heinz	5		
		Glenn Fox	5		

NEXT SCCA BUDWEISER TRANS-AM EVENT: July 31, Road America, Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin.