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DAVID HOBBS ROLLS TO THIRD 1983 BUDWEISER TRANS-AM® CHAMPIONSHIP WIN AT ROAD AMERICA

ELKHART LAKE, Wisconsin -- Englishman David Hobbs tightened his grip on the points lead in the 1983 Budweiser Trans-Am® Championship Sunday as he rolled to his third Trans-Am® victory of the season before 50,000 road racing fans at Road America.

It marked the fifth victory of the season for the DeAtley Budweiser Camaros and pushed Hobbs' lead in the points to a 106-88 margin over Tom Gloy, who finished third Sunday.

Hobbs smashed the Trans-Am qualifying record during Friday's TRW Fast Five qualifying session when he turned a 2:17.233, 104.931 lap. That topped the record of 2:21.001, 102.129 mph, set here last year by Jerry Hansen in a Pontiac Trans-Am.

A near Trans-Am record field of 55 cars (59 is the record, in 1966 at Sebring) took the green flag and Hobbs immediately jumped ahead with teammate Willy T. Ribbs right behind. But that one-two combination didn't last long as Ribbs lost his engine and Paul Newman, in his Bob Sharp Racing Datsun 280ZX Turbo, moved into second spot.

Fourth and fifth-place qualifiers, Gloy and Paul Miller, got together in turn five early in the race, Gloy suffering damaged right front bodywork and Miller thereafter never being in contention. Gloy managed to bring in his Lane Sports Racing Capri right behind defending series champion Elliott Forbes-Robinson.

"I felt a lot of relief when I saw Willy (Ribbs) fall out of the race," said Hobbs. "He is as good a competitor as we have in the series. Of course, it wasn't really good for our team. But the car worked perfectly all day for me."

Hobbs built his lead to as much as 16 seconds over Newman through the first-half of the race before a yellow flag came on lap 15 when Darin Brassfield, who was running fourth at the time, blew a tire and hit the guardrail at turn 12 on the four-mile circuit.

The yellow stayed out for four laps and Hobbs pulled away from Newman, and then Forbes-Robinson, when the 58-year-old actor fell by the wayside with a collapsed intake hose to the turbo charger on lap 20 of the 25-lap, 100-mile race. Hobbs had things under control the final five laps.

Ludwig Heimrath Sr., finished fourth in the STP Henninger Porsche Turbo and Jerry Hansen was fifth in his LSI/Photo Mill Pontiac Trans-Am.

Hobbs averaged 93.72 miles per hour en route to the victory and he beat Forbes-Robinson to the finish line by just 4.6 seconds.

The next stop for the Budweiser Trans-Am Championship cars is Sunday at Brainerd International Raceway in Brainerd, Minn.

In Saturday's Robert Bosch/VW Super Vee Championship event, Price Cobb led from start to finish to gain his third victory of the season.

Cobb, who qualified fastest, averaged 106.554 mph over the 15-lap, 60-mile race. He beat Mike Rosen to the checker flag by 11.84 seconds.

The flag-to-flag win by Cobb marked the fifth time, all of the events in the 1983 series, that the winner has led from beginning to end.

The points race finds Cobb leading with 72 points while Chip Robinson, who finished tenth Saturday, is second at 58. Roger Penske Jr., moves into third with 56 after his third-place finish Saturday and Ed Pimm is fourth in the points at 53 after not finishing in the points on Saturday.

The next Super Vee event is scheduled for August 14 at Pocono International Raceway in Pennsylvania.

1983 SCCA BUDWEISER TRANS-AM® CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

ROUND 7, PROVIMI VEAL WEEKEND FEATURING THE 1983 BUDWEISER TRANS-AM® CHAMPIONSHIP AT ROAD AMERICA, ELKHART LAKE, Wisconsin, (4 miles, 14 turns), July 31, 1983.
 RACE LENGTH: 25 laps, 100 miles. TIME OF RACE: 1:04:01.37
 WINNER'S AVERAGE SPEED: 93.72 mph. MARGIN OF VICTORY: 4.6 seconds.
 FASTEST RACE LAP: #29, David Hobbs, 2:11.01, 102.120 mph. FASTEST QUALIFIER: #29, David Hobbs, 2:17.233. 104.931 mph, (New Record).
 LAP LEADERS: #29, David Hobbs, laps, 1-25.

FIN POS.	QUAL POS.	CAR NO.	DRIVER/HOMETOWN	SPONSOR/CAR	POINTS	\$PRIZE	LAPS/REASON OUT
1	1	29	David Hobbs, Upper Boddington, England	DeAtley/Budweiser Camaro	22#	8,650@	25
2	3	1	Elliott Forbes-Robinson, Denver, N.C.	Huffaker STP Son of a Gun Trans-Am	16	5,850@	25
3	4	8	Tom Gloy, Lafayette, Calif.	Lane Sports Racing Capri	14	4,300@	25
4	9	7	Ludwig Heimrath, Sr., Scarborough, Ontario	STP Henninger Porsche 930	12	3,000	25
5	12	44	Jerry Hansen, Long Lake, Minn.	LSI/Photo Mill Trans-Am	11	2,500	25
6	8	39	Paul DePirro, Lombard, Ill.	USA Electric Camaro	10	2,000	25
7	13	37	Dave Watson, Milton, Wisc.	Deppe-Lundy Old Style Firebird	9	1,800	25
8	20	10	Tim Evans, Northville, Mich.	Klain Racing Trans-Am	8	1,700	25
9	19	18	Lyn St. James, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	Lane Sports Racing Capri	7	1,600	25
10	14	24	Rick Dittman, Mt. Prospect, Ill.	Desks Inc./North Shore Auto Parts Corvette	6	1,500	25
11	16	48	Frank Leary, III, Santa Clara, Calif.	Peterson Tractor Trans-Am	5	1,300	25
12	30	70	Murray Edwards, Kentville, Nova Scotia	Cavendish Farms Corvette	4	1,200	25
13	32	82	Herb Forrest, Tulsa, Okla.	Herb Forrest Racing Corvette	3	1,100	25
14	33	19	Richard Danielson, Hartland, N.J.	Gerald Burke Camaro	2	1,000	25
15	34	74	Paul Musschoot, Barrington, Ill.	PM Racing Corvette	1	800	25
16	11	40	Jim Derhaag, Chaska, Minn.	Gold Coast Auto Louvers Pyroprotect Firebird		550	25
17	23	58	Robert Dyson, Pleasant Valley, Mich.	Dyson Racing Firebird		450	25
18	26	85	R.J. Valentine, Braintree, Mass.	USA Racing/MBA Companies Firebird		375	24
19	39	35	Jim Sanborn, Waterloo, Iowa	JS Racing Corvette		325	24
20	32	68	Craig Shafer, Somerset, Pa.	Shafer Racing Camaro		300	24
21	24	43	Dick Kantrud, New Brighton, N.J.	Pyroprotect Firebird			24
22	37	31	Gary "Fritz" Schons, Los Alamitos, Calif.	Coast Citrus/Signart Firebird			24
23	43	46	Keith Feldott, Hinsdale, Ill.	Milwaukee TV 24/Pro Motor Engineering Monza			24
24	29	96	James Kidd, Milwaukee, Wisc.	Accell-Design Group Corvette			24
25	40	21	Terry Farber, LaGrange, Ill.	Chrome Company Corvette			24
26	35	79	Dennis Cuppy, Indianapolis, Ind.	Corvette			24
27	42	91	John Klug, Newport Beach, Calif.	Porsche 930			24
28	52	84	Roger Blink, Appleton, Wisc.	Blink Corvette			24
29	49	67	Steve Gentile, Hanover Park, Ill.	Midwest Racing Distributors Corvette			24
30	54	17	Dan Schoot, Oshkosh, Wisc.	Corvette			23
31	25	38	Buzz Fyhrrie, Elk Grove, Ill.	Fick Rotary Grinding Special Corvette			23
32	44	98	Howard Nardick, Salem, Wisc.	Napa Fox Lake/Howdi Camaro			23
33	6	33	Paul Newman, Westport, Conn.	Bob Sharp Racing Datsun 280ZX Turbo			19 - Turbo Intake hose
34	5	36	Paul Miller, Morristown, N.J.	Herman+Miller Porsche Carrera Turbo	250@		19 - Oil Pump
35	15	47	Wayne Harper, Bolton, Ontario	Technique Corvette			19 - Bodywork
36	47	94	Richard Anderson, Northbrook, Ill.	Keepin Track Mag./Quinlan & Tyson Corvette			18 - Unknown
37	45	42	Michael Kehoe, Waukesha, Wisc.	Kehoe Racing Camaro			17 - Unknown
38	10	2	Gene Felton, Marietta, Ga.	Oftedahl Racing Trans-Am			13 - Accident
39	7	6	Darin Brassfield, Los Gatos, Calif.	Pickett Racing Corvette			12 - Crash
40	36	87	Bill Morrison, Kenilworth, Ill.	Western Ave. Auto Corvette			12 - Suspension
41	57	64	James Gradel, Big Savings, Texas.	Gradel Racing Corvette			12 - Engine
42	27	32	Mark Pielsticker, Orinda, Calif.	Performance Plus Camaro			11 - Unknown
43	21	4	Kim Campbell, Grand Prairie, Texas	Oftedahl Racing Trans-Am			10 - Engine
44	41	76	Dale Durovy, Oconomowoc, Wisc.	Corvette			10 - Engine
45	28	20	Paul Canary, Delaven, Wisc.	Paul Canary Racing Firebird			9 - Spin
46	55	15	Joe Gonzalez, Miami, Fla.	Centurion Racing Camaro			9 - Mechanical
47	18	77	Phil Currin, Gainesville, Fla.	Trans-Lease Mercury Capri			6 - Mechanical
48	46	90	Chip Boatright, Wauconda, Ill.	North Shore Auto Parts Corvette			6 - Unknown
49	22	80	Les Lindley, Anaheim, Calif.	Barnard Engineering Camaro			6 - Overheating
50	53	27	Rich Sloma, Cupertino, Calif.	Sloma Enterprises Corvette			6 - Unknown
51	38	75	Bard Boand, Barrington, Ill.	Flying Tiger/Keepin' Track Mag. Corvette			3 - Unknown
52	2	28	Willy T. Ribbs, San Jose, Calif.	DeAtley/Budweiser Camaro	450@		2 - Engine
53	48	51	Richard Reynolds, Sr., Grand Rapids, Mich	Pit Stop Racing Trans-Am			2 - Engine
54	56	34	George Drolsom, Jacksonville, Fla.	Rexroat P-A Porsche 924 Turbo			1 - Unknown
DNS	50	52	Darwin Bosell, Cedar, Minn.	Kramer Tire 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 Seven Events)

1.	David Hobbs	106	18.	Karl Durkheimer	14	38.	Ken Murray	4
2.	Tom Gloy	88	19.	Frank Search	13	39.	R.J. Valentine	3
3.	Willy T. Ribbs	62		Larry Park	13		Richard Wall	3
4.	Elliott Forbes-Robinson	61	21.	Darin Brassfield	12		Tony Brassfield	3
5.	Gene Felton	49	22.	Vern Smith	11		Herb Forrest	3
6.	Greg Pickett	41		Jerry Hansen	11		Bill Morrison	3
7.	Frank Leary	38	24.	Les Lindley	9		P.L. Baljet	3
8.	Paul Miller	33		David Schroeder	9	45.	Dan Furey	2
9.	Jim Derhaag	32	26.	Rick Stark	8		Ken Yeo	2
	Lyn St. James	32		Brad Murphey	8		Van McDonald	2
11.	Paul Newman	29		Frank Emmett	8		Richard Danielson	2
12.	Steve Saleen	28		Tim Evans	8	49.	Ron Boelts	1
13.	Paul DePirro	25	30.	Murray Edwards	6		George Hulse	1
14.	Ludwig Heimrath, Sr.	22		Craig Shafer	6		Fritz Schons	1
15.	Bill Craine	21		Rick Dittman	6		Paul Musschoot	1
	Phil Currin	21		Rob McFarlin	6		Peter Denman	1
17.	Dave Watson	19	34.	Glenn Fox	5			
				Michael Oleyar	5			
				Jim Sanborn	5			
				Dave Heinz	5			

NEXT SCCA BUDWEISER TRANS-AM CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT: August 7, 1983, Brainerd International Pepsi Grand Prix, Brainerd, Minnesota.

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TRW Fast Five Awards