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WILLY T. RIBBS DOMINATES BUDWEISER TRANS-AM® CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT AT BRAINERD

BRAINERD, Minn. -- The domination of the 1983 Sports Car Club of America Budweiser Trans-Am® continued Sunday at Brainerd International Raceway as Willy T. Ribbs picked off the third-straight DeAtley/Budweiser team victory and also won for the third time this season.

Ribbs, who also won at Portland and Mid-Ohio, was the quickest qualifier of the weekend as he rounded the three-mile track in a time of 1:37.953, 110.257 mph, a record. That was just one of 11 qualifying times that bettered the 1982 mark set by Elliott Forbes-Robinson, a time of 1:40.540.

The 27-year-old black driver from San Jose, Calif., had little trouble in reaching the winner's circle. He jumped ahead at the start and teammate David Hobbs, who has accounted for three victories as well this season, fell in right behind as the red-and-white Camaros paced the pack.

Ribbs managed to build on his lead as the rest of the top 10 began to battle with longtime SCCA National standout, Jerry Hansen. Hansen, running on his home course and also racing in three other categories on the weekend, picked his way through the field and quickly vacated his ninth starting position. By lap 22, Hansen had moved up to third place and was beginning a push to overtake Hobbs.

His charge was aided by a yellow flag, which came out for a three-lap period on lap 24 when oil was dumped at the entrance of turn 10. That yellow closed the lead Ribbs held over both Hobbs and Hansen to just over three seconds and that threesome raced to the last lap in that order until Hansen spun off course at turn nine trying to pass Hobbs. He ended up ninth.

Tom Gloy is stuck on third-place finishes as he ended up in that position for the sixth-straight race. The Mercury Capri driver finished ahead of defending series champion and fourth place finisher Elliott Forbes-Robinson, in his STP Son of a Gun Trans-Am. Fifth place went to Paul DePirro in his U.S. Electric Camaro. For the Lombard, Ill., driver, it was his best finish in his short Trans-Am career.

The best finish by a foreign make Sunday went to Paul Newman who finished 24th in his his Datsun 280ZX Turbo.

The points chase remains a three-way race after eight events with Hobbs holding a 122-102 lead over Gloy and Ribbs is third at 84. Elliott Forbes-Robinson is fourth at 73 and Gene Felton is fifth at 59 points.

The next round of the 1983 series is scheduled for September 4 when the series makes it's final Eastern appearance at Trois-Rivieres, Quebec, Canada.

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1983 SCCA BUDWEISER TRANS-AM® CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

ROUND 8, 1983 BUDWEISER TRANS-AM® CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE PEPSI BRAINERD WEEKEND AT BRAINERD INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY, Brainerd, Minn., (3.0 miles, 10 turns),
 RACE LENGTH: 33 laps, 99 miles. TIME OF RACE: 58:58.57 August 8, 1983.
 WINNER'S AVERAGE SPEED: 100.719 mph. MARGIN OF VICTORY: 1.80 seconds.
 FASTEST RACE LAP: #28 Willy T. Ribbs, 1:40.420, 107.548 mph, (Record). FASTEST QUALIFIER: #28 Willy T. Ribbs, 1:37.953, 110.257 (Record).
 LAP LEADERS: #28 Willy T. Ribbs, 1-33.

FIN POS.	QUAL POS.	CAR NO.	DRIVER/HOMETOWN	SPONSOR/CAR	POINTS	\$PRIZE	LAPS/REASON OUT
1	1	28	Willy T. Ribbs, San Jose, Calif.	DeAtley/Budweiser Camaro	22#	8,650@	33
2	2	29	David Hobbs, Upper Boddington, England	DeAtley/Budweiser Camaro	16	5,950@	33
3	8	8	Tom Gloy, Lafayette, Calif.	Lane Sports Racing Capri	14	4,000	33
4	3	1	Elliott Forbes-Robinson, Denver, N.C.	STP Son of a Gun Pontiac Trans-Am	12	3,350@	33
5	11	39	Paul DePirro, Lombard, Ill.	U.S. Electric Camaro	11	2,500	33
6	4	2	Gene Felton, Marietta, Ga.	Bondo/Oftedah Pontiac Trans-Am	10	2,300@	33
7	5	48	Frank Leary, Santa Clara, Calif.	Peterson Tractor Pontiac Trans-Am	9	2,050@	33
8	12	40	Jim Derhaag, Chaska, Minn.	Derhaag Racing Pontiac Firebird	8	1,700	33
9	9	44	Jerry Hansen, Long Lake, Minn.	LSI/Photo Mill Pontiac Firebird	7	1,600	33
10	7	77	Vern Smith, York, Pa.	Trans-Lease Mercury Capri	6	1,500	32
11	24	43	Dick Kantrud, Minneapolis, Minn.	Pyroprotect Firebird	5	1,300	32
12	21	84	Doug Rippie, Plymouth, Minn.	LSI/Corvette Unlimited Corvette	4	1,200	32
13	23	35	Jim Sanborn, Waterloo, Iowa	J/S Racing Corvette	3	1,100	32
14	19	4	Kim Campbell, Grand Prairie, Texas	Oftedah Pontiac Firebird	2	800	32
15	30	74	Paul Musschoot, Barrington, Ill.	P.M. Racing Corvette	1	550	32
16	15	10	Tim Evans, Northville, Mich.	Klain Auto Racing Pontiac Firebird	450	30	
17	31	14	Mick Fischer, Wauwatosa, Wisc.	Fischer Motorsports Monza	325	28	
18	26	31	Gary "Fritz" Schons, Los Alamitos, Calif.	Coast Citrus/SignArt Firebird	325	26	
19	28	3	Dave Chizek, Tonka Bay, Minn.	Physics Enterprise Camaro	300	26	
20	27	78	Murray Edwards, Kentville, Nova Scotia	Cavendish Farms Corvette		26 - Engine	
21	32	71	Ron Boelts, Wellsburg, Iowa	Boelts Veal Farms Corvette		23 - Engine	
22	22	32	Mark Pielsticker, Clarendon Hills, Ill.	Performance Plus Camaro		21 - Engine	
23	17	27	Rich Stoma, Cupertino, Calif.	Automotive Enterprise Corvette		18 - Driver Retirement	
24	6	33	Paul Newman, Westport, Conn.	Bob Sharp Racing Datsun 280ZX Turbo		14 - Turbocharger	
25	10	37	Dave Watson, Milton, Wisc.	Deppe-Lundy Trans-Am Firebird		13 - Rocker Arm	
26	18	78	Rob McFarlin, Dallas, Texas	Kontrolle Shocks Mustang		13 - Unknown	
27	14	36	Paul Miller, Morristown, N.J.	Herman+Miller Porsche Carrera Turbo		11 - Head Gasket	
28	29	52	Darwin Bosell, Cedar, Minn.	Kramer Tire Corvette		10 - Engine	
29	25	24	Rick Dittman, Mt. Prospect, Ill.	Desks Inc. Northshore Auto Parts Corvette		9 - Unknown	
30	16	18	Lyn St. James, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	Lane Sports Racing Capri		8 - Ignition	
31	20	80	Les Lindley, Anaheim, Calif.	Lindley Rac./Barnard Engineering Camaro		6 - Ignition	
32	13	6	Darin Brassfield, Los Gatos, Calif.	Pickett Racing Corvette		5 - Ignition	

@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 Eight Events)

1. David Hobbs	122	15. Bill Craine	21	31. Murray Edwards	6	47. Kim Campbell	2
2. Tom Gloy	102	16. Phil Currin	21	32. Craig Shafer	6	48. Dan Furey	2
3. Willy T. Ribbs	84	17. Dave Watson	19	33. Rick Dittman	6	49. Ken Yeo	2
4. Elliott Forbes-Robinson	73	18. Jerry Hansen	18	34. Rob McFarlin	6	50. Van McDonald	2
5. Gene Felton	59	19. Vern Smith	17	35. Glenn Fox	5	51. Dick Danielson	2
6. Frank Leary	47	20. Karl Durkheimer	14	36. Dick Kantrud	5	52. Paul Musschoot	2
7. Greg Pickett	41	21. Frank Search	13	37. Michael Oleyar	5	53. Ron Boelts	1
8. Jim Derhaag	40	22. Larry Park	13	38. Dave Heinz	5	54. George Hulse	1
9. Paul DePirro	36	23. Darin Brassfield	12	39. Doug Rippie	4	55. Gary Schons	1
10. Paul Miller	33	24. Les Lindley	9	40. Ken Murray	4	56. Peter Denman	1
11. Lyn St. James	32	25. David Schroeder	9	41. R.J. Valentine	3		
12. Paul Newman	29	26. Rick Stark	8	42. Richard Wall	3		
13. Steve Saleen	28	27. Brad Murphey	8	43. Tony Brassfield	3		
14. Ludwig Heimrath, Sr.	22	28. Frank Emmett	8	44. Herb Forrest	3		
		29. Tim Evans	8	45. Bill Morrison	3		
		30. Jim Sanborn	8	46. P.L. Baljet	3		

NEXT SCCA BUDWEISER TRANS-AM CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT: September 4, Labatt's Grand Prix de Trois-Rivieres, Trois-Rivieres, Quebec.