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BUDWEISER TRANS-AM® CHAMPIONSHIP GOES TO CAESARS FINALE AFTER HOBBS WIN AT RIVERSIDE RIVERSIDE, Calif. -- Englishman David Hobbs moved one step closer to his first-ever Budweiser Trans-Am® Championship Sunday as he drove to flag-to-flag victory in the Meguiar's Grand Prix Trans-Am event at Riverside International Raceway.

For Hobbs, it was his fourth Trans-Am win of 1983 and more importantly, pushed him to a 146-129 lead in the season points standings over Tom Gloy. The season finale is slated for October 8 at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, Nev. Hobbs' teammate, Willy T. Ribbs, mathematically still has a chance for the title, sitting third in the points chase with 126 points.

Hobbs took the pole position in Friday's TRW Fast Five Qualifying session and never again trailed during the weekend. The 44-year old driver from Upper Boddington, England set a qualifying record of 1:22.581, 111.032 mph, topping the mark of 106.590 mph set at Riverside in 1980 by Roy Woods.

"The cars have been good all season and that is a tribute to John Dick and our fine DeAtley crew," said Hobbs after qualifying. "Now if I can just stay out in front till the end of the race, everything will be just fine."

That's exactly what he did as he jumped ahead at the green flag and was dogged by Ribbs and second-place starter, Elliott Forbes-Robinson, through the first half of the event. Ribbs was on Hobbs' tail through the first 16 laps before a blistered tire forced him into the pits under the yellow flag. He returned to the track in 10th spot.

Forbes-Robinson moved into second and stayed there until lap 27 when a broken gear differential ended his day. Paul Newman then took his Datsun 280ZX Turbo to second place. Tom Gloy slipped into third and looked to maintain his series points lead until lap 34 when he was forced to retire with engine trouble.

Ribbs had charged through the field after his tire change and by lap 37, he passed Newman to gain second place. Newman eventually ended up third.

Santa Clara's Frank Leary finished fourth in his Trans-Am and fifth place went to Wally Dallenbach, Jr. in his first-ever Trans-Am ride in the Oftedahl Racing Pontiac Trans-Am.

A total of 60 cars are entered for the season-ending event at Caesars Palace. The Trans-Am cars will be running with the PPG/Indy cars and the NASCAR Winston West Series

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1983 SCCA BUDWEISER TRANS-AM® CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

ROUND 11, 1983 SCCA BUDWEISER TRANS-AM® CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE MEGUIAR'S GRAND PRIX AT RIVERSIDE INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY, Riverside, Calif., (2.547 mi., 9 turns).
 RACE LENGTH: 40 laps, 100 miles
 WINNER'S AVERAGE SPEED: 102.078 mph
 FASTEST RACE LAP: #28 1:24.021, 107.940 mph
 LAP LEADERS: David Hobbs 1-40
 TIME OF RACE: 1 hour, 00 minutes, 37.6 seconds
 MARGIN OF VICTORY: 11.6 seconds
 FASTEST QUALIFIER: David Hobbs, 1:22.581, 111.832 mph
 September 25, 1983.

FIN POS.	QUAL POS.	CAR NO.	DRIVER/HOMETOWN	SPONSOR/CAR	POINTS	\$PRIZE	LAPS/REASON OUT
1.	1	29	David Hobbs, Upper Boddington, England	DeAtley Motorsports/Budweiser Camaro	22#	8650	40
2.	3	28	Willy T. Ribbs, San Jose, Calif.	DeAtley Motorsports/Budweiser Camaro	16	5850	40
3.	7	33	Paul Newman, Westport, Conn.	Bob Sharp Racing/Datsun 280ZX Turbo	14	4830	40
4.	8	48	Frank Leary, Santa Clara, Calif.	Peterson Tractor/Trans Am	12	3850	40
5.	6	2	Wally Dallenbach Jr., Basalt, Colo.	Oftedahl Racing/Trans Am	11	2650	40
6.	11	40	Jim Derhaag, Chaska, Minn.	Derhaag Racing Firebird	10	2000	40
7.	14	30	Jerry Brassfield, Los Gatos, Calif.	DeAtley Racing/Budweiser Camaro	9	1850	40
8.	18	91	Bob Hagestad, Littleton, Colo.	Hagestad Porsche Audi/Porsche 926	8	1700	40
9.	20	9	Mark Wolocatiuk, Riverside, Calif.	Pickett Racing/Corvette	7	1600	40
10.	12	80	Les Lindley, Anaheim, Calif.	Bernard Engineering/Camaro	6	1500	40
11.	17	18	Lyn St. James, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	Lane Sports Racing/Mercury Capri	5	1300	39
12.	7	6	Darin Brassfield, Los Gatos, Calif.	Pickett Racing/Corvette	4	1200	39
13.	16	5	Andy Porterfield, Newport Beach, Calif.	Porterfield Ent.-Harry Hams Chev./Camaro	3	1100	39
14.	15	78	Vern Smith, York, Penn.	Trans-Lease Mercury/Capri	2	1000	39
15.	19	79	Larry Park, Milpitas, Calif.	Park Performance/Corvette	1	800	39
16.	30	52	Rick Ware, Malibu, Calif.	Ware Cobra Racing/Camaro		550	38
17.	37	0	Richard Wall, Arcadia, Calif.	Bernard Engineering Camaro		450	38
18.	26	20	Harry Kauffman, San Leandro, Calif.	Round Table Pizza Trans-Am		370	38
19.	28	21	Pete Brallier, Hillsboro, Calif.	Round Table Pizza Trans-Am		325	38
20.	25	55	Rick Borlase, Las Vegas, Nev.	Coin Operated Racing Porsche 930 Turbo		300	38
21.	32	73	Jim Helton, Salem, Ore.	Price Chevrolet-Oldsmobile Camaro			38
22.	33	98	John Klug, Newport Beach, Calif.	John Klug Porsche 911			38
23.	36	99	Doug Hooper, Highland Park, Calif.	Commodity Refining Exchange Corvette			37
24.	29	4	Rob McFarlin, Dallas, Texas	Oftedahl Racing/Trans Am			37
25.	13	3	John Bauer, Salinas, Calif.	Brooks Racing Ford Thunderbird			34
26.	5	8	Tom Gloy, Lafayette, Calif.	Lane Sports Racing/Mercury Capri			33 engine
27.	23	32	Mark Piesticker, Orinda, Calif.	Performance Plus/Speed Shops Camaro			31 running
28.	27	27	Rich Sloma, Cupertino, Calif.	Automotive Enterprises Corvette			28 differential
29.	31	17	Rick Stark, Kirkland, Washington	Rick Stark Enterprises/Corvette			27 engine
30.	2	1	Elliott Forbes-Robinson, Petaluma, Calif.	Huffaker Racing/STP Son of A Gun/Firebird			26 transmission
31.	24	31	Gary Schons, Los Alamitos, Calif.	Coast Citrus/Signart Camaro			26 unknown
32.	21	78	David Dralle, Torrance, Calif.	Super Shops Camaro			12 engine
33.	34	19	Glenn Fox, Albuquerque, N. M.	Spirit of the Cherokee Nation Monza			9 accident
34.	22	98	Bill Osborne, Rialto, Calif.	BORC Inc. Camaro			8 brakes
35.	10	37	Dave Watson, Milton, Wis.	Deppe Lundy Old Style/Firebird			7 oil leak
36.	4	81	Joe Varde, Carmel, Calif.	Adams Associates/Escort/Firebird			6 head gasket
37.	38	61	Jeff James, Campbell, Calif.	Panasonic Camaro			3 oil leak
38.	35	63	Gail Chase, Granada Hills, Calif.	Kadee Installation Co. Camaro			2 transmission
39.	DNS	96	Parker Stevenson, West Hollywood, Calif.	Porsche			Did Not Start

SCCA/BUDWEISER TRANS-AM CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS STANDINGS (After 11 of 12 events)

1. David Hobbs	146	23. Darin Brassfield	17	45. Dave Heinz	5
2. Tom Gloy	129	24. Richard Spenard	16	46. Peter Deman	4
3. Willy T. Ribbs	126	25. Karl Durkheimer	16	47. Doug Rippie	4
4. Elliott Forbes-Robinson	98	26. Les Lindley	15	48. Ken Murray	4
5. Frank Leary	73	27. Rob McFarlin	15	49. Dan Furey	3
6. Jim Derhaag	67	28. Frank Search	13	50. Tony Brassfield	3
7. Gene Felton	59	29. Murray Edwards	11	51. Herb Forrest	3
8. Paul Newman	51	30. R.J. Valentine	10	52. Bill Morrison	3
9. Dave Watson	43	31. Richard Wall	9	53. P.L. Baljet	3
10. Paul Miller	43	32. David Schroeder	9	54. Paul Musschoot	2
11. Greg Pickett	41	33. Jim Sanborn	8	55. Van McDonald	2
12. Lyn St. James	40	34. Rick Stark	8	56. Ken Yeo	2
13. Paul DePirro	36	35. Brad Murphey	8	57. Richard Danielson	2
14. Vern Smith	29	36. Tim Evans	8	58. Kim Campbell	2
15. Steve Saleen	28	37. Andy Porterfield	8	59. Warren Fairbanks	2
16. Ludwig Heimrath Sr.	22	38. Frank Emmett	8	60. Gary Schons	1
17. Bill Craine	21	39. Mark Wolocatiuk	7	61. Ron Boelts	1
18. Phil Currin	21	40. Craig Shafer	6	62. George Hulse	1
19. Larry Park	21	41. Rick Ditman	6		
20. John Paul Jr.	20	42. Glenn Fox	5		
21. Jerry Brassfield	19	43. Michael Oleyar	5		
22. Jerry Hansen	18	44. Dick Kantrud	5		

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

DRIVER	CAR	PTS	\$PRIZE	Moroso May 1	Summit Point May 15	Sears Point June 5	Portland June 12	Seattle June 26	Mid-Ohio July 17	Road America July 31	Brainerd August 7	Trois-Rivieres Sept. 4	Sears Point Sept. 18	Riverside Sept. 25	Caesars Palace October 8
1. David Hobbs	DeAtley/Budweiser Camaro	146	\$56,100	2	1	1	4	25	2	1	2	-	26	1	
2. Tom Gloy	Lane Sports Racing Capri	129	40,450	26	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	5	2	26	
3. Willy T. Ribbs	DeAtley/Budweiser Camaro	126	47,900	5	21	7	1	23	1	51	1	12	1	2	
4. Elliott Forbes-Robinson	STP Huffaker Son of a Gun Trans-Am	98	30,600	-	-	4	-	1	5	2	4	3	5	30	
5. Frank Leary	Peterson Tractor Pontiac Trans-Am	73	19,500	4	#	25	6	5	22	11	7	-	3	4	
6. Jim Derhaag	Derhaag Pontiac Firebird	67	16,050	13	12	11	10	9	9	16	8	8	7	6	
7. Gene Felton	Oftedahl Racing Trans-Am	59	19,500	1	27	2	5	26	23	38	6	-	-	-	
8. Paul Newman	Bob Sharp Racing Datsun 280ZX Turbo	51	14,080	10	3	-	21	30	7	33	24	-	8	3	
9. Paul Miller	Herman+Miller Porsche Carrera Turbo	43	13,150	16	5	17	30	2	12	34	27	6	-	-	
	Dave Watson	43	9,800	-	6	#	-	-	-	7	25	4	4	35	
11. Greg Pickett	Pickett Racing Corvette	41	13,275	3	7	18	2	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	
12. Lyn St. James	Lane Sports Racing Capri	40	10,650	19	8	19	11	4	19	9	30	28	13	11	
13. Paul DePirro	RAR Camaro	36	7,800	9	-	-	-	-	8	6	5	-	-	-	
14. Vern Smith	Trans-Lease Mercury Capri	29	7,700	27	#	5	25	21	21	-	10	10	12	14	
15. Steve Saleen	Mecham Escort M.S.E. Trans-Am	28	5,700	-	-	6	24	8	6	-	-	-	-	-	
16. Ludwig Heimrath, Sr.	STP Porsche 930	22	5,350	6	22	-	-	-	-	4	-	21	-	-	
17. Larry Park	Park Performance Corvette	21	5,750	-	-	24	13	6	-	-	-	-	9	15	
	Bill Craine	21	5,250	17	9	-	8	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Phil Currin	21	4,800	7	4	-	-	-	33	47	-	-	-	-	
20. John Paul, Jr.	DeAtley/Budweiser Camaro	20	8,600	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
21. Jerry Brassfield	DeAtley/Budweiser Camaro	19	2,850	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	9	-	-	-	
22. Jerry Hansen	LSI/Photo Mill Trans-Am	18	4,100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
23. Darin Brassfield	Pac. Summit Corv./Pickett Corvette	17	5,500	32	33	22	-	-	4	39	32	20	15	12	
24. Richard Spenard	CKTM T.V./LaLonde Sport Oftedahl T-A	16	5,800	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	
	Karl Durkheimer	16	3,100	-	-	21	7	11	-	-	-	-	14	-	
26. Les Lindley	Lindley Rac./Barnard Eng. Camaro	15	4,650	-	-	9	14	22	-	49	31	-	16	10	
	Rob McFarlin	15	3,300	23	-	10	26	28	30	-	26	7	25	24	
28. Frank Search	On-Track Engineering Corvette	13	3,550	29	10	30	9	17	-	-	-	-	31	-	
29. Murray Edwards	Cavendish Farms Corvette	11	3,800	-	-	-	-	-	14	12	20	11	-	5	
	Wally Dallenbach, Jr.	11	2,650	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
31. R.J. Valentine	Oftedahl Racing Trans-Am	10	3,625	-	13	23	16	-	#	18	-	-	-	-	
	Richard Wall	9	3,750	-	-	15	#	14	-	-	-	-	10	17	
	David Schroeder	9	1,800	-	-	-	31	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	
34. Jim Sanborn	Motorsports Int'l. Porsche 911SC	8	2,725	-	-	-	-	-	11	19	13	-	-	-	
	Jim Sanborn	8	2,725	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	29	
	Rick Stark	8	2,725	-	-	-	12	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Brad Murphey	8	2,450	8	17	20	28	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	

- Did Not Start; - Did Not Enter.

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FINISHING POSITIONS															
Andy Porterfield	Stock Car Products Camaro	8	2,400	-	-	-	32	-	-	-	-	-	11	13	
Tim Evans	Klain Racing Trans-Am	8	2,250	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	16	-	-	-	
Frank Emmett	Super Cuts Corvette	8	1,700	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	#	-	
Bob Hagestad	Hagestad P-A Porsche Carrera Turbo	8	1,700	-	-	-	34	-	25	-	-	-	29	8	
41. Mark Wolocatiuk	Pickett Racing Corvette	7	1,600	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	
42. Craig Shafer	Shafer Racing Camaro	6	1,800	-	24	-	-	-	10	20	-	-	-	-	
Rick Dittman	Desks Inc./North Shore Corvette	6	1,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	29	-	-	-	
44. Glenn Fox	Spirit of the Cherokee Nation Monza	5	1,750	-	-	12	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	33	
Michael Oleyar	Jet-Syn Oil Corvette	5	1,675	-	11	-	-	-	18	-	-	-	#	-	
Dave Heinz	Heinz Imports Camaro	5	1,300	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Dick Kantrud	Pyroprotect Firebird	5	1,300	-	-	-	-	-	-	21	11	-	-	-	
48. Peter Deman	Deman Racing Team Corvette	4	1,900	-	-	-	-	-	15	-	-	13	-	-	
Ken Murray	Motorsport Marketing Camaro	4	1,200	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Doug Rippie	LSI Corvette Unlimited Corvette	4	1,200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	
51. Dan Furey	Quaker Manufacturing Corvette	3	1,800	34	14	-	-	-	28	-	-	15	-	-	
Tony Brassfield	Wirth Corvette	3	1,100	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
P.L. Baljet	Oftedahl/Bondo Pontiac Trans-Am	3	1,100	-	-	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Bill Morrison	Western Ave. Auto Parts Corvette	3	1,100	-	-	-	-	-	13	40	-	-	-	-	
Herb Forrest	Corvette	3	1,100	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	
56. Paul Musschoot	PM Racing Corvette	2	1,600	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	15	-	-	-	
Van McDonald	McDonald Porsche 911SC	2	1,000	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Ken Yeo	T & S Racing Corvette	2	1,000	-	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	-	
Richard Danielson	Gerald Burke Camaro	2	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	#	-	-	-	
Kim Campbell	Oftedahl Racing Trans-Am	2	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	43	14	-	-	-	
Warren Fairbanks	Fairbanks Racing Camaro	2	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	-	-	
62. Gary "Fritz" Schons	Coast Citrus/SignArt Firebird	1	1,175	25	30	26	-	15	24	22	18	-	-	31	
Ron Boelts	Specialities Racing Corvette	1	1,350	15	16	-	-	-	-	-	21	-	-	-	
George Hulse	Foreign Car Repair Porsche 911SC	1	800	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

1983 SCCA BUDWEISER TRANS-AM CHAMPIONSHIP MANUFACTURERS STANDINGS (After Eleven Events)

MANUFACTURERS	DRIVERS, points scored each	PTS	Moroso May 1	Summit Pt. May 15	Sears Point June 5	Portland June 12	Seattle June 26	Mid-Ohio July 17	Road America July 31	Brainerd August 7	Trois-Riv. Sept. 4	Sears Point Sept. 18	Rivers Sept. 25	Caesars October 8	
TOP FINISHING POSITIONS															
1. Chevrolet Motor Division	David Hobbs 42, Willy T. Ribbs 36, John Paul, Jr., 9, Larry Park 1.	88	2	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
2. Pontiac Motor Division	E. Forbes-Robinson 20, Gene Felton 17, Frank Leary 8, Richard Spenard 6, Dave Watson 1.	52	1	6	2	5	1	5	2	4	2	3	4		
3. Ford Motor Company	Tom Gloy 38.	38	26	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	5	25		
4. Porsche AG	Paul Miller 9, Ludwig Heimrath, Sr., 4.	13	6	5	17	30	2	12	4	27	6	-	8		
5. Datsun (Nissan)	Paul Newman 8.	8	10	3	-	21	30	7	33	24	-	8	3		

FACT SHEET FOR THE BUDWEISER TRANS-AM PORTION OF THE NISSAN/CAESARS PALACE GRAND PRIX

WHAT The 12th and final round of the 1983 Budweiser Trans-Am Championship.

WHEN Thursday, Friday, Saturday, October 6-8, 1983.

WHERE Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, Nevada (1.125 miles, 5 turns).

PRIZE More than \$50,000, including contingencies and a share of the \$55,000 year-end points fund. Winner receives a minimum of \$8,000.

CARS The Budweiser Trans-Am Championship features U.S.-built automobiles running head-to-head with foreign makes. Leading U.S. models include Chevrolet Camaro, Pontiac Trans-Am, Mercury Capri, Chevrolet Corvette and Ford Mustang. Top foreign models are Porsche Carrera and 930 Turbo and Datsun 280ZX Turbo.

OTHER RACES Also on the weekend's schedule is a round of the CART/PPG Indy Car World Series and a Winston West NASCAR event.

SCHEDULE

Thursday, October 6

10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. -- CART Practice
 12:00 p.m.- 1:30 p.m. -- Trans-Am Practice
 2:30 p.m.- 3:30 p.m. -- CART Practice
 4:00 p.m.- 5:30 p.m. -- Trans-Am Qualifying (TRW Fast Five)

Friday, October 7

9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. -- CART Practice
 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. -- CART Practice
 12:30 p.m.- 1:30 p.m. -- Trans-Am Qualifying
 2:30 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. -- CART Qualifying
 4:30 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. -- CART Practice

Saturday, October 8

9:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m. -- NASCAR Practice
 11:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. -- Trans-Am Warmup
 12:30 p.m.- 2:30 p.m. -- CART Race
 3:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m. -- Trans-Am Race (80 Laps, 90 miles)
 5:15 p.m.- 5:45 p.m. -- NASCAR Qualifying

Sunday, October 9

10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. -- NASCAR Qualifying
 12:30 p.m.- 2:00 p.m. -- NASCAR Race

QUALIFYING

The TRW Fast Five will be set during Thursday's qualifying session. The top five qualifiers are locked into their positions on the grid, regardless of times produced in the remaining sessions.

POINTS/
PURSE

POS.	PTS.	PURSE	POS.	PTS.	PURSE	QUALIFYING FOR TRW FAST FIVE AWARDS		
1	20	\$8,000	11	5	\$1,300			
2	16	5,500	12	4	1,200			
3	14	4,000	13	3	1,100	POS.	PTS.	PURSE
4	12	3,000	14	2	1,000	1	2	\$ 650
5	11	2,500	15	1	800	2		450
6	10	2,000	16		550	3		350
7	9	1,800	17		450	4		300
8	8	1,700	18		375	5		250
9	7	1,600	19		325			
10	6	1,500	20		300			

TOP
EXPECTED
COMPETITORS

David Hobbs, points leader for most of 1983 season.
 Willy T. Ribbs, Hobbs' teammate and winner of three events this year.
 Tom Gloy, one of Trans-Am's top competitors over past couple of seasons.
 Elliott Forbes-Robinson, defending series champion.
 Paul Newman, always near the front in Datsun 280ZX Turbo.
 George Follmer, one of road racing's all-time top drivers.
 John Bauer, won Trans-Am title in 1980.