

NATIONAL RACING REPORT

Early-season results in MiDiv National Racing show a handful of drivers eager to run up early points totals. After three races in MiDiv, only one driver has more than 50 points yet, seven have scores above 40 and another seven have topped 30.

Our five 2006 national champions seem intent on backing up their accomplishment. None has yet lost a race this year -- not, at least, in the class in which they won their championship.

F/Atlantic champion **Mirl Swan** (KC) posted one of the earliest scores, winning the Sebring-Homestead pair that annually begins the season in Florida. F Production champ **Jesse Prather** (Kan) also has two wins, taking both ends of a double National at Texas World.

Also with two wins is CSR champ **Hans Peter**, who won both at Hallett and Gateway. GP Champ **Chuck Mathis** (Sill) began his season at Gateway for his first victory.

Only Formula Vee champ **Steve Oseth** (Kan) is winless to date, mostly because he has no FV starts yet. He's been concentrating on Formula Ford, currently fourth in points.

John Saucier (Okla), who was runner-up in the SSC race at the Runoffs last year, is one of just two drivers to have run and won all three MiDiv Nationals so far. Add in his journeys to Phoenix and Houston and he's run his total to 54 points.

Already past 40 is **Lisa Noble** (Kan) with two wins in Formula Vee, Hallett winner **Jack Walbran** (StL) in F500, three-time winner **Rob Sherwood** (StL) in S2000, four-time winner **Milton Grant** (MidS) in GT3, three-time winner **Peter Zekert** (StL) in GT Lite, two-time winner **Mark Weber** (StL) in HP, and Gateway winner **Jim Drago** (MidS) in Spec Miata.

Formula Atlantic is the only class with two drivers at 30 points or more, a result of **Keith and David Grant** (MidS) going 1-2 in four races with Keith winning three of them.

GT1 leader **Shawn Gray** (MidS) is the only other driver to win all three races at Memphis, Hallett and Gateway. Also at 30 or more is **Jim Lynch** (StL) in T1, **Dennis AuBuchon** (StL) in T2, **Eric Prill** (Kan) in FP, and **Jim Wheeler** (KC) in American Sedan. *--Rocky Entriken*

The Midwest Division I.T. Tour

Andy Wolverton (Neb) is the only driver to rack up victories in all three I.T. Tour races so far, leading ITE.

Only two other drivers have even run all three races, and they stand 1-2 atop ITA -- **Ed Mabry** (Ark) and **Jeff Seelig** (StL) -- although neither has yet won a race.

ITC leader **Curt Weilandich** (StL) is the only other driver with as many as two victories so far.

--R.E.