

## ?Kentuckiana kids sweep Midwest Junior Dragster Super Series

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? Many children in the region drag race and drive junior dragsters. Junior dragsters are race cars that are half scale versions of Top Fuel dragsters. Using a five-horsepower, single cylinder engine, a Junior Dragster can go as fast as 85 mph and as quick as 7.90 seconds in an eighth mile.

These dragsters and their drivers are the future of NHRA drag racing. They compete with a handicapped starting system and classes are usually divided up into age groups. Both boys, as well as girls, compete in the junior drag racing league. The competition develops their skills and confidence, while preparing them to drive and race as adults in the NHRA programs. At the same time, it provides a hobby and a fun family activity for the participants and their families.

The local track here in Kentuckiana is Ohio Valley Dragway, located in West Point, Kentucky. On a weekly basis, an average of 24 children participate and compete at Ohio Valley Dragway to earn points toward their track championships.

This year, several local children, who normally compete weekly at Ohio Valley Dragway, also traveled and competed in a racing series called the Midwest Junior Dragster Super Series. This was the inaugural season of the series and had the biggest average attendance of any series like it in the country. The series is the hottest and most competitive junior drag series in the United States. The Midwest Junior Dragster Super Series allows talented junior dragster drivers to compete at a higher level of difficulty against a different set of peers. The Midwest Junior Dragster

Super Series is sponsored by Brad Holzhauser of Holzhauser Auto & Motorsports Group. The series consisted of six races in three states over a seven month period.

Four children from the Kentuckiana area received top honors while competing in the Midwest Junior Dragster Super Series. They are; Alexis Schindler, age 11 of Floyds Knobs, Brooklyn Schindler, age 15, of Floyds Knobs, Nick Michal, age 12, of Georgetown, and Derick Troxell, age 16, of Seymour.

Alexis and Brooklyn Schindler are the daughters of Tony and Cindy Schindler. Alexis took third place in her age group, 10-12 year olds. Brooklyn won first place in her age group, 13-14 year olds, and third place in the 7.90 Index class.

Nick Michal is the son of Ed and Missy Michal. Nick took first place in the 10-12 year old age group and third place in the 8.90 Index class.

Derick Troxell is the son of Richard and Tracy Troxell. He won first place in the Quick 32 class, and second place in the 7.90 Index class.

Two more competitors from Ohio Valley Dragway raced in the series, Travis Argabright of Brandenburg, Kentucky, and Justin Sowders of Louisville. They also placed in the series with Travis earning fourth place in the Quick 32 class and Justin took fourth place in the 15 year old and up age group.

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