

MID-AM REPORT

Just past halfway of the 18-race Mid-Am season only 27 of the 172 registered drivers have the minimum three finishes/four starts. That means in just 13 of the 44 Mid-Am classes has someone qualified for a championship. Of course, eight races remain. A zero-points driver could still score the max.

Three drivers are now listed on the Driver of the Year tally. **ITE** leader **Andy Wolverton** (Neb) leads with 72 points from seven wins. Also at 72 is **IT7** leader **Charles Casteel** (KC), a 6-time winner. **FM** leader **Charles Dillon** (KC) is ranked third after taking his fifth win at the KVRG doubleheader.

At 57 points is **ITC** leader **Curt Weilandich** (StL), one runner-up finish at Memphis the only thing between him and a DotY ranking.

The two largest classes are both topped with 56-point scores. **Mark Zwolle** (MidS) actually is fairly comfortably atop **SPEC MIATA** with 22 points of margin over **Oren Tucker** (Ark), who is up just two on **Brian Patnode** (KC). In **ITA**, leader **Jeff Seelig** (StL) enjoys only a 2-point edge on **Mac Spikes** (MidS), who is eight points up on **Ed Mabry** (Ark).

Four wins in four starts distinguish the leaders in three classes. One more victory earns each a spot in the DotY rankings. Of the three the only one with a challenger is **Andy Wolverton** (Neb) in **ITR**, who has **Jeff Goodnow** (KC) but one victory behind. **Ralph Woodard** (Neb) is only three points behind Goodnow. Four-time winners **John Nelson** (KC) in **S2000** and **Kenneth Kirkland** (Ark) in **FORMULA 500** have no challengers.

With 45-point scores, three wins and one 2nd place, **Bill Denton** (MidS) tops **ITS** by 12 points over **Mark Andrews** (StL), while **Matt Guzowski** (StL) sits atop **FORMULA VEE** with a 21-point margin over **Patrick Hughey** (KC).

SPEC RACER FORD is typically tight with KC drivers in the top four places. **Robin Kirkland** at 42 points has just a 3-point margin over **Jim Coté Jr.** **Duane Dean** is another 6 behind and **Marc Wilson** sits in fourth.

Bernie Mermis (Wich) has 40 points to lead **ITB** but perennial champ **Chris Albin** is on the move, 4 points behind with three wins after spending much of the season chasing gremlins in his usually bulletproof VW Golf.

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