

Backyard Bierschwale wins ARCA 500 at TWS

San Antonian holds off Allison to take flag

From Staff and Wire Reports

Eddie Bierschwale said it feels good to win a race in his own backyard.

Bierschwale, from San Antonio, slipped past Clifford Allison with two laps to go and held off the brother of NASCAR star Davey Allison to win Sunday's 500-kilometer ARCA stock car race at Texas World Speedway.

Bierschwale and Allison, from Hueytown, Ala., jockeyed for the lead over the final three laps in a sprint that was set up by a caution period.

"I ain't never been that close in a big car race," Bierschwale said. "It's a different feeling. I was just hanging out as far as I could go."

"This is definitely my biggest win. I've won a lot of short track races. They were all good, but this is the sweetest. It's only 174 miles from my driveway in San Antonio to this track."

Bierschwale said the Splitfire Spark Plugs team changed all four tires every time he pitted.

"I don't know how many sets we had," he said. "I know we put one set back on. I was all over the place and I kept screaming I've got a flat."

"I got sideways a couple of times out of turn two."

Allison, son of NASCAR legend Bobby Allison, held on until two laps remained when Bierschwale slipped his Oldsmobile past Allison's Buick in turn No. 1.

Allison regained the lead on the backstretch before Bierschwale pulled in front by the length of a fender crossing the line going into the final circuit around the two-mile Texas speedway.

"Going into turn three of the last lap, the car got really sideways and I had to lift," Allison said. "That's when Eddie took the lead. I'm still pleased with my performance."

Bierschwale lengthened his lead a bit and then held off Allison, winning by 0.32 of a second, or about four car lengths. They were the only two drivers on the lead lap.

Bierschwale averaged 124.786 mph for the race and collected \$18,500 for the win. He was the fastest qualifier, at 183.739 mph, but started 21st because he could not make the field in the first day of qualifying.

Clay Young, of Smyrna, Ga., finished third in a Buick, one lap back. Frank Kimmel, of Georgetown, Ind., was fourth, two laps behind in a Pontiac.

The race featured 21 lead changes among seven drivers.

The most serious crash oc-

curred on lap 75 when Stan Fox, more normally an Indy-car racer, tangled with Mark Thompson while battling for third place. Both cars wound up in the wall.

Fox, from Janesville, Wis., had been running as high as second.

Polesitter Loy Allen of Raleigh, N.C., grabbed the lead at the start of the 156-lap event and easily pulled away from the field before a yellow on lap 6 brought a caution flag.

But Allen, who qualified at 183.327 mph, slipped back into traffic after the caution and dropped out early with a blown engine.

Bill Venturini, of Chicago, the ARCA points leader, ran near or in the lead until lap 50, when an oil leak took him off the pace.

Attrition on the steep-banked oval was high. With only a quarter of the race complete, one-third of the starting field had retired. At the halfway mark, only six cars remained on the lead lap.

Bob Keselowski, of Rochester Hills, Mich., also made a bid with his Chrysler. He held the lead briefly before cutting a tire and breaking an oil line.

Keselowski, who lost several laps, appeared to have the fastest car on the track but could not make up lost ground and finished fifth, four laps down.



Texas A&M football coach R. C. Slocum waves the starter's flag to begin Sunday's ARCA 500 at Texas World Speedway.

Easy-going Couples win first Masters

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — just a hot streak, Freddie real.

Fred Couples, he of the nia laid-back manner, com his stature as golf's leading tioner with a two-stroke Sunday in the Masters.

He did it on the strength closing 2-under-par 70 — about two blades of grass.

Those were the sprigs steep bank, a few inches above surface of Raes Creek, that ball from backing into the on the 12th hole.

A brilliantly lofted little enabled Couples to save par and his lead — from that position and sent him to last six holes at Augusta with a 2-shot advantage.

Couples brought it home style, in sharp contrast to putting problems that embroiled him over the final nine holes 1990 PGA Championship at Creeks.

This time he finished by nining in a 10-foot birdie putt on 14th that all but slammed the on his challengers and assured Masters of its first American ner since Larry Mize in 1987.

Couples, now 32 and reaching his third victory of the ninth of his career and his since last June.

It was at that time, in the Open, that Couples began a streak that now has produced 20 firsts or better in 25 world events. In that period, he has lected \$2,666,725 in world earnings.

The \$270,000 he collected this title also gave Couples \$1,008,162 already this year, most ever at this stage of a season.

Couples also broke a seven string of four consecutive wins six of the last nine.

If there was any downside the triumph that lifted Couples a new plateau of achievement, that it came at the expense of mentor and Ryder Cup team Ray Floyd.

Gonzalez, Rangers nip Twins 4-3

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Production Kevin Brown needed Sunday night in his second consecutive complete game.

Gonzalez hit a three-run homer in the first inning and broke an eighth-inning tie with an RBI single, giving Texas a 4-3 victory.

The Rangers came into the game with 48 runs in their five previous victories, but only Gonzalez was hot this time.

"It's great to have all that of-

fense," Brown said. "I just don't think I should be counting on it."

"My job is to get guys out, not worry about what the hitters are doing."

"You don't want to put the pressure on the offense," he said.

Brown shut out Seattle in his other start this year and kept his streak alive by blanking the Twins through six innings.

But the 3-0 cushion Gonzalez gave Brown in the first evaporated in the seventh when he allowed four of his six hits.

Portland blazes San Antonio, 123-97

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The Portland Trail Blazers clinched their second straight Pacific Division title Sunday with a 123-97 victory over San Antonio as Terry Porter scored 28 points and Kevin Duckworth tied his season high with 23.

The Blazers, even without Clyde Drexler because of a sore right knee, never doubted they ensured themselves the homecourt playoff advantage through the Western Conference finals. Drexler rested his knee for the second time in the last three contests.

The Spurs, 3-7 since losing David Robinson with a torn ligament in his left hand, stayed close until

Portland outscored them 11-2 over the final two minutes of the first half to take a 62-48 lead.

A 9-1 Portland run boosted it to 85-69 with 31/2 minutes left in the third period. The Blazers scored the first seven points of the final quarter to turn the game into a blowout.

Porter, who scored 14 in the second quarter, was 6-for-7 from 3-point range and had 10 assists. He has averaged 27 points per game in his last six contests.

Duckworth also tied his season high of 12 rebounds. He had eight points and seven rebounds in the game's first 41/2 minutes.

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•Rock Climbing Trip	NOW!	April 20	April 24-26	April 24-26	\$42/48*
•Windsurfing	NOW!	April 20	April 25	April 25	\$18/22*

* This price is for non A&M affiliates.

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•Cozumel (Divers)	NOW!	April 24	May 18-22	May 18-22	\$575
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COZUMEL TRIP IN MAY!

Registration ends April 24

Join TAMU Outdoors and Sea-U Underwater in a dive adventure to Cozumel, Mexico! Spectacular reef formations, crystal clear water and consistent water temperatures make Cozumel a diver's paradise. Non-divers find Cozumel equally enjoyable strolling the town square, bargaining for handicrafts, snorkeling, exploring the Mayan ruins or sunning on the white, sandy beaches.

Cost:	\$574 for divers	
	\$465 for non-divers	
Includes:	Airfare	
	5 days/4 nights lodging	
	Mexican hotel tax	
	Diving trip also includes:	3-2 tank dives
		unlimited beach diving
		tanks, weight belts

For more information please call Patsy at 845-7826.

THIS WEEK'S GAME PLAN

MONDAY, APR. 13	TUESDAY, APR. 14	WEDNESDAY, APR. 15	THURSDAY, APR. 16	FRIDAY, APR. 17	SATURDAY, APR. 18	SUNDAY, APR. 19
Entries Open Baseball Hitting Softball Hitting						

SWIM MEET BEGINS TONIGHT!

All events will be held at Wofford Cain (Outdoor Pool).

Corps & Fish Preliminaries

Tonight, 7:30 p.m.

Rain Date: Wednesday, April 15, 7:30 p.m.

Divisionals (for all Divisions*)

Monday, April 20, 7:30 p.m.

Rain Date: Wednesday, April 22, 7:30 p.m.

*Men's and Women's Residence Hall, and Men's and Women's Independent will not have preliminaries but will begin with divisionals due to time constraints.

All-University Finals

Thursday, April 23, 7:30 p.m.

Rain Date: Sunday, April 26, 7:30 p.m.

Note: CoRec Corps outfits may enter 1 Corp & 1 Women's team. The women will compete against the Women's Residence Hall Division during the Divisional Meet.

Order of Events

- 100 M Freestyle
- 200 M Medley Relay
- 200 M CoRec Freestyle Relay
- 50 M Backstroke
- 50 M Breaststroke
- 100 M Masters Freestyle
- 50 M Butterfly
- 50 M Freestyle
- 200 M CoRec T-shirt Relay
- 200 M Individual Medley
- 200 M Freestyle Relay

Meet Points

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| 1st place = | 12 points |
| 2nd place = | 10 points |
| 3rd place = | 8 points |
| 4th place = | 6 points |
| 5th place = | 4 points |
| 6th place = | 3 points |
| 7th place = | 2 points |
| 8th place = | 1 point |

Note: Points for Relay events are doubled.

NEXT WEEK...

CLOSING ON TUESDAY, APRIL 14!

Baseball Hitting
Fee: Free!
Softball Hitting
Fee: Free!

REC PHOTOS

During the semester, you may have seen a Rec Photographer taking pictures of you or your team in action. You can order any photograph on file at the Rec Sports Office in 159 Read Building. Some photographs will be available to view on bulletin boards on the first floor in the Read Building. The cost for 5x7 is \$4.00 and an 8x10 is \$6.00.

SUMMER SCHEDULES COMING!

Keep an eye out for the 1992 Summer Sessions Intramural Sports Schedule here in the Rec Sports Hi-Lites

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