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Hovercraft championship truly world event

Early leaders represent UK, Sweden, Italy

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Did anyone ever doubt this was the *world* hovercraft championship coming to Terre Haute this week?

Drivers from the United Kingdom, Sweden and Italy filled the top three positions in the fastest class of Wednesday's time trials for the 2002 World Hovercraft Championship.

Conrad Beale of the United Kingdom completed one lap around the one-mile course in his green No. 9 hovercraft in 51.97 seconds to take the pole in the Formula 1 class for today's heat races. The course is roughly 70 percent water and 30 percent land at a lake across from the Wabash Valley Family Sports Center in eastern Vigo County.

Beale's closest competitor Wednesday was Sweden's Magnus Ivanoff, who finished his qualifying lap in 52.34 while driving a white No. 3 craft with black letters.

"The winds were quite gusty today," assessed the 32-year-old Ivanoff, who lives in Stockholm. "I could have gone faster, but I wanted to do it safely. If you go as fast as you can, you flip over."

Next in line is Michael Scanivino, 31, of Bardonecchia, Italy. A two-time defending world champion in the Formula 1 class, he steered his white No. 1 around the course in 53.62.

"It was quite windy," confirmed Scanivino, who claimed the last two world titles in 1997 and 2000. "We couldn't go 100 percent."

Others posting the fastest qualifying times Wednesday were France's Francois

Dupont (1:04.21 in Formula 2), the United Kingdom's John Bucknall (1:04.18 in Formula 3), France's Alain Larribe (1:03.44 in Formula S), the United States' Shane Wilkey (1:26.94 in Formula 25) and Sweden's Marcus Westerberg (1:25.16 in Formula J).

Heat races in each class will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and Friday at the same lake, with class championships to be determined Saturday.

A World Speed Record Challenge is scheduled for Sunday, along with the World Hovercraft Federation awards ceremony, at Fairbanks Park.

Wednesday's time trials

Formula 1 -- Conrad Beale (United Kingdom) 51.97, Magnus Ivanoff (Sweden) 52.34, Michael Scavino (Italy) 53.62, Michael Mitzner (Germany) 53.82, Daniel Newton (United Kingdom) 55.32, Andreas Feulner (Germany) 55.41, Jonathan Spedding (United Kingdom) 55.91, Jonas Cnattingius (Sweden) 55.97, Paul Hibbard (United Kingdom) 56.60, Bill Zang (USA) 59.60, Tony Goldney (United Kingdom) 1:00.25, Colin Horne (United Kingdom) 1:01.41, Johan Oberg (Sweden) 1:01.50. No times: Luke Sedzikowski (United Kingdom), Terry Lobdell (USA), Marquis Songer (USA), Ben Tilson (USA), Glenn Shick Jr. (USA), Gary Lutke (USA).

Formula 2 -- Francois Dupont (France) 1:04.21, Tony Sullens (United Kingdom) 1:06.43, Michel Thiry (Belgium) 1:06.68, Kent Gano (USA) 1:06.78, Anne Christine-Dupont (France) 1:06.87, Clinton Buckwell (Australia) 1:07.04, Craemers Frank (Netherlands) 1:09.09, Hans Westerberg (Sweden) 1:09.63, Robert Waugh (Australia) 1:12.37, Denis Ragot (France) 1:13.06, Angus Kerr (Australia) 1:14.47, Kazutoyo Matsuda (Japan) 1:14.68, Leif Westerberg (Sweden) 1:15.18, Owen Ellis (Australia) 1:15.48, Henk Martens (Netherlands) 1:17.97, Jason Kuehn (USA) 1:19.65, Steve Pope (USA) 1:22.59, Carl Smith (United Kingdom) 1:22.88, Raoul Dahms (USA) 1:40.91, Mike McFarland (USA) 1:54.12, Nathan Hill (USA) 1:57.47, Shinji Kato (Japan) 2:09.18. No times: Chris Barlow (United Kingdom), Clyde Carstairs (Australia), Chris Barczynski (Canada).

Formula 3 -- John Bucknall (United Kingdom) 1:04.18, Daniel Turnbull (United Kingdom) 1:05.44, Rupert Baker (United Kingdom) 1:08.75, Daniel Thibault (France) 1:09.40, Christian Godicheau (France) 1:11.03, Scott Tilley (United Kingdom) 1:13.50, Jamie Lewendon (United Kingdom) 1:18.06, Klaus Blank (Germany) 1:18.69, Bryan White (United Kingdom) 1:19.19, Fred Wilson (United Kingdom) 1:24.32, Kiyoharu Saito (Japan) 1:28.28, Terry Chapman (USA) 1:28.78, Tom Hyde (United Kingdom) 1:30.62. No times: Anthony Lallier (France), Satorj Hanai (Japan), Mark Allman (United Kingdom).

Formula S -- Alain Larribe (France) 1:03.44, Robert Waugh (Australia) 1:04.31, Michel Thiry (Belgium) 1:07.37, Kent Gano (USA) 1:07.50, Clinton Buckwell (Australia) 1:07.88, Kazutoyo Matsuda (Japan) 1:15.91, Owen Ellis (Australia)

1:16.00, Angus Kerr (Australia) 1:17.16, Steve Pope (USA) 1:19.97, Carl Smith (United Kingdom) 1:20.87, Raoul Dahms (USA) 1:39.65. No times: Albert Hill (USA), Lynne Ellis (Australia), Ralph Dubose (USA), Clyde Carstairs (Australia).

Formula 25 -- Shane Wilkey (USA) 1:26.94, Graham Spencer (USA) 1:29.88, Chris Barczynski (Canada) 1:36.44, Billy Zang (USA) 1:38.50, Owen Ellis (Australia) 1:40.16, Lynne Ellis (Australia) 1:59.78. No time: Bob Rennick (Canada).

Formula J -- Marcus Westerberg (Sweden) 1:25.16, Tommy Osterman (Sweden) 1:34.09, Chris Chapman (USA) 2:13.07.

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