



The annual Wayne T. Magers memorial race at Island Dragway marks the end of the East Coast Gassers season. The points standings are always close with a handful of racers vying for the coveted points champion trophy and jacket. It is also the annual chili cook-off and it's revered chili champion award. New Jersey weather is always tricky and the fall is no exception but unlike last year's rain out the weather was seasonal, pleasant, and near perfect for racing!

### Qualifying Results

Low Reaction Time	Bob Bower	0.027
Low ET	Paul McCorkle	9.104
Top Speed	Ron Carson	138.70

The day began we a 17 car field but eliminations were run with 16 cars as Jim Wheeler had mechanical issues that prevented him from competing.

## Eliminations Round One:

**Race One:** Scott Hasko and Al Cocchiario started off eliminations. Al went .006 red (pink?) handing the win to Scott who ran an 11.16 on his 11.10 dial.



**Race Two:** This one was the race of two Jersey Brians with Brian Jones in the taking on Brian Hutchinson. Jones' 11.493 on an 11.35 dial was closer than Hutchinson's 11.859 on an 11.69 dial but Hutchinson's .059 RT was better than Jones' .088 and enough for the victory. This was a close race. If my math is correct the margin of victory (MOV) was .003 seconds at a distance of five inches!

**Race Three:** In Bob Troise met up with Ed Linus for race three. Ed was a little to anxious and went .037 red so Bob advanced to round two.

**Race Four:** Dave Fenzel and Clayton Deming squared off in race four. Dave's .80 RT was better than Clayt's .102 but Clayt's 10.382 on a 10.31 was better than Dave's 10.285 on a 10.19 and enough for the

win. Like race two this was an extremely close race with a MOV of .001 seconds and a few inches at the stripe!

**Race Five:** Bob Bower lined up against Ron Carson in this one. Ron went a disappointing .006 red. Bob advanced running 12.043 on his 11.92 dial.

**Race Six:** This one pitted Vinny Cocchiaro against Paul McCorkle. Neither racer had an impressive RT (.157 for Vinny and .351 for Paul) but Paul's 9.376 on a 9.00 dial was closer than Vinny's 10.355 on a 10.13 so Paul advanced.



**Race Seven:** Gerry Mildantri and Robert Carson were matched for this one. Robert had a distributor cap come off in the burnout box so Gerry made the bye run for the win.

**Race Eight:** The final race of the round featured Bruce Deming and Tommy Magers. With Tommy coming into the final race in the lead with 264 points and Bruce with 248 this was a decisive round in the

championship hunt. Bruce's .077 RT to Tommy's .124 made it look like a lead shift could be in the making but on the other end Bruce just barely broke out running 10.236 on a 10.25 index. Tommy ran a 10.755 on a 10.70 dial for the victory and moved closer to the championship.

## Eliminations Round Two:

**Race One:** Round two started off with Bob Troise and Paul McCorkle. Bob got off to a slow start with a .354 RT and broke out running a 12.16 on his 12.20 dial, so Paul advanced to round three.



**Race Two:** Bob Bowers took on Tommy Magers in race two. Both racers had similar reaction times but Tommy's 10.755 on a 10.70 dial was better than Bob's 12.059 on an 11.92 so Tommy advanced and essentially sealed the points championship.

**Race Three:** This race had Brian Hutchinson lined up against Clayton Deming. Clayt went .058 red handing the win to Brian who ran a 10.79 on his 10.80 index.

**Race Four:** Gerry Mildantri had mechanical problems and could not return for round two so the final race of the round was a bye for Scott Hasko. The air was getting better and Scott wisely used this for another time shot, running 11.09 and his 11.16 dial.

### **Eliminations Round Three (Semi-Final):**



**Race One:** Paul McCorkle took on Tommy Magers in the first race of the semi final round. Paul lit the red bulb by .029 so Tommy advanced to the final round.

**Race Two:** This one was Scott Hasko Vs. Brian Hutchinson. Another red-light race with Brian going .064 red. For the second year in a row Scott advanced to the final round of this event.



**Eliminations Round Four (Final):** Scott's period correct Willys and Tommy's equally correct 37 Ford made this look like a vintage picture from the 60's gasser wars! Both are good racers and both were on their game. Scott's .017 RT was a bit better than Tommy's .048. Tommy broke out running a 10.499 on his 10.50 dial while Scott ran an 11.165 on his 11.12 dial for the victory. Congratulations Scott and Tommy!





Scott Hasko: Top Eliminator/Event Winner. Magers Award winner



Tommy Magers: Runner up. 2022 Points Champion



## Sportsmanship

On an interesting note, at this event in 2017 Tommy and Scott met in round three. Scott won that round and the event and Tommy won the points championship. Also, Scott and Tommy are the only current racers with two points championships. Only John Olcott has more.

Congratulations to 2022 point champion Tommy Magers and runner up Bruce Deming.

The 2022 season final points tally is attached. Every year there is a cluster of mostly the same racers in the top 10. This year I would like to recognize a few racers who improved significantly and made it into the top ten for 2022:

Bob Bower #3

Dave Fenzel #4

Mike Alessi #5

Vinny Cocchiaro #8

Brian Hutchinson #9





We remember and honor Wayne...

Last but certainly not least congratulations to our 2022 chili cook-off champion Diane Deming! They were all culinary treats but hers was a bit better...and enough to get my vote!

And finally a special thanks to the Carson Boyz and crew for once again serving up some delicious Jersey dogs. Between the chili and the dogs I went into a self-directed purge and did not resume eating until dinner time Monday!





**Some closing thoughts:** Another season in the record books. Another year of fun and friendships! Thanks to Diane Deming for the hundreds and hundreds of photos she provided all season. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the banquet.

Ray

*Please excuse and errors or omissions, they are purely accidental.*

