



At the end of the event, Avedisian, her father Ryan, and mom Kim found themselves holding a \$20,000 check—the biggest purse in micro sprint racing.

THEN THERE'S JADE...

How an unknown 13-year-old became this summer's most talked about micro racer.

By **Barry Angstadt**

The \$20,000 winner's purse at the John Hinck Memorial in Sweet Springs, Missouri, attracts the biggest names in micro sprint racing. However, it wasn't a national star like Frank Flud, Joe B. Miller, Frank Galusha, or Alex Bright in victory

lane—rather California's Jade Avedisian. And she is just 13-years-old.

Beating more than a hundred other hard-nosed racers and advancing through an alphabet soup of heats and qualifiers means the win was no fluke. She traded slide jobs with Indiana POWri racer Andrew Peters before pulling away for

the victory. Those paying attention may have seen Avedisian's breakout coming. A win seven months earlier at the Tulsa Shootout—in the Restricted class—got the attention of long-time racers.

"I always dreamed of winning the Shootout," said Avedisian. "I was pretty excited about that."