

CAESARS PALACE GRAND PRIX WILL DECIDE TITLE

LAS VEGAS — The battle lines have been drawn and the stage is set for the final shootout that will decide the 1984 National Championship at the Caesars Palace Grand Prix Nov. 11.

With 15 races now completed for the 16-race CART/PPG Indy Car World Series for 1984, only Mario Andretti and Tom Sneva remain as candidates to win America's oldest continuing motorsports title, an honor both drivers have won previously in their individual careers.

Going into the Caesars Palace Grand Prix finale, Andretti holds an 18-point lead over Sneva, and needs only to finish 9th or better, regardless of Sneva's finish in the 200-miler, to wrap up his fourth National Championship and the \$300,000 bonus that goes with it from the

1984 PPG points fund. "We really won't know our strategy until we get there and see how things go in qualifying," Andretti said after finishing second to Bobby Rahal at Laguna Seca on Oct. 21.

"Being conservative has never been my style," he added. "We always like to go for the win."

Sneva, who remained in the chase by hanging on for a tenth place finish at Laguna and thus preventing Andretti from wrapping up the title at that point said there wasn't any doubt about his plans.

"We've got to win," the two-time champion said. "We've got to win and Mario has got to drop out, but we haven't shown that kind of potential lately. We've just got to go to Las Vegas and run good," he added.

If he is not able to overcome Andretti's lead, Sneva will also have to worry about holding off the fast-charging Rahal in order to hang on to second place in the final point standings. The Laguna winner is only 9 points behind Sneva.

The coveted National Championship was established by the AAA

Contest Board shortly after the turn of the century and — discounting the World War II years of 1942 thru 1945 when there was no racing — a champion has been crowned every year since 1909.

Over the course of history, a total of 41 drivers have won the title, and the list includes some of the

sport's all-time greats, from 1909 winner George Robertson to Earl Cooper who was first to win it three times, Ralph DePalma, Rex Mays, Ted Horn, Tommy Milton, Jimmy Bryan, seven-time champion

A.J. Foyt and defending champion Al Unser, Sr. Andretti last won the title in 1969.

The Caesars Palace Grand Prix, scheduled to get underway at 1:45 p.m. Nov. 11.

WHEELCHAIR OVER-THE-LINE SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

A Wheelchair Over-the-Line Softball Tournament will be held on Saturday, Nov. 3 from 9 a.m. thru 5 p.m. For more information on location and other details, call John Chambers at 386-6297.

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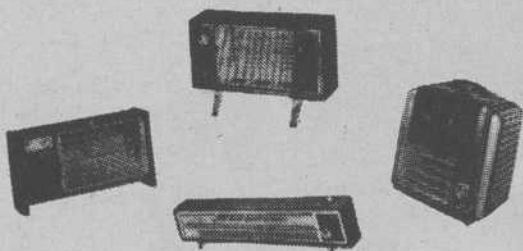


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