

LEONARD BASHAM, LEGEND OF THE WORLD FIGURE 8® CHAMPIONSHIP

Bryant Heating and Cooling Indianapolis Speedrome®
Greatest Figure 8 Race on the Planet®
World Figure 8® Championship
Three Hour Endurance Race®
Indianapolis, Indiana

This history of the Pure Power Technologies & UAW World Figure 8® Championship is filled with great stories and marquee names from the motorsports world. Leonard Basham is one of the immortal drivers who has captured victory the World Figure 8® Championship. He won the punishing Three Hour Endurance Race® in 1988. The 35th Anniversary edition will be held September 8-10, 2011 at the Bryant Heating and Cooling Indianapolis Speedrome®. Racers and fans will travel from all across the country. Incredibly priced \$35 3-Day Super Saver Reserved Seats are available. Make your plans to see this amazing event. For tickets call (317) 353-8206 or visit us on the web at <http://www.speedrome.com/>.

Leonard Basham won the World Figure 8® Championship in 1988 starting from the coveted pole position. He was also the third place finisher in 1990, 1994, and 2008. On five occasions, he had the best result for an out-of-town driver. Basham is the all-time leader in victories in the Friday night Jonathan Byrd's Cafeteria World Figure 8® qualifying races with 8 wins. This included the inaugural qualifier in 1992 which was a 50-lap contest. His Three Hour Endurance Race® statistics also include 5847 laps completed which are good for 8th on the all-time list. Leonard is a five-time track champion at the Sportsdrome Speedway and has won the prestigious Midwestern Figure 8 title on a record 6 occasions. That event is one of the oldest Figure 8 races in the country. Basham has been an icon for most of today's Southern Indiana and Northern Kentucky crossover stars giving them a mark to shoot at over the years.

Leonard is on a short list of drivers to have raced against nearly all of the all-time greats. Beginning near his home, he has competed against legends like James Taylor, Steve Browne, Andy Vertrees, Charlie Reithmuth, Bob Miller, Rance and Larry Harmon. On his early Indianapolis visits, he raced with Hall of Famers Kenny St John, Sonny Thompson, and Wayne Arnold before mixing it up with all the top guys from recent years. He has been a semi-regular at the Speedrome for decades with some nice success. From Open Competition Figure 8 victories in the late 1970's to his best Late Model season campaign in 2007 in which he captured four features, he is actually the first racer to ever win Figure 8 features in four different decades at the Speedrome. Do not be surprised if Leonard tops the World Figure 8® field once again 23 years later?

The Bryant Heating and Cooling Indianapolis Speedrome® is located at 802 South Kitley Avenue in Indianapolis, Indiana 46219 and proudly in the community and the historical district of Irvington. The world famous fifth-mile asphalt short track has been featured in the New York Times as well as SPEED, Spike, and ESPN television in addition to racing publications around the country. We proudly celebrate our 70th anniversary season in 2011. Please join us for the best in short track motorsports entertainment most notably the Pure Power Technologies & UAW 35th Annual World Figure 8® Championship held September 8-10, 2011. To view more, log on to our web site <http://www.speedrome.com/> or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.