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## Backgrounder and Fact Sheet:

### JON WOODNER

At the ripe old age of 30, Jon Woodner is observing his 15th year in motor racing. In 1959 he ran a sprint type kart at various circuits in Long Island, New York, and in 1974, he is racing a Formula 5000 Norris Talon in its premier season. The years in between were filled with participation in every form of motor racing from Bonneville to Baja.

After Jon moved to California in 1961 to attend the University of California at Berkeley, he raced motorcycles in both road racing and half-mile dirt track events. Riding both a Ducati and a Norton Manx, he won numerous events in California in those years before moving up to cars.

His first car race was in 1966 in an Alfa Romeo at Cotati, California. A series of wins with that car resulted in his being named to drive the factory Datsuns in 1967. After two years he moved to the MG camp. During the years he raced Production type cars, he was named Northern Pacific Champion eight times and scored forty-three individual victories. In 1972 Jon became the National Champion in F Production and that same year had his first professional victory: the Laguna Seca Super Vee Championship race.

In 1973 Cuddy Racing of Los Angeles signed him to drive their McRae Formula 5000 car in the L&M Championship. He finished 9th in points standing. Jon was the highest placed rookie and the only rookie to break into the top ten.

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Career Summary:

Age: 30

Height: 5' 11"

Born: April 8, 1944  
New York, New York

Weight: 155 lbs.

Hometown: Berkeley, Calif.

Martial  
Status: Single

Awards and Events:

L&M Championship, Formula 5000 - 1973 - 9th in Points Standing,  
highest placed rookie

VW Gold Cup Professional Series - 1972 - 1st place Laguna Seca;  
2nd place, Riverside

National Championship, F Production - 1972 winner, Atlanta, Georgia

Northern Pacific Championships 1968-1973, winner all events

Pat Piggott Award - 1972 - top under two liter driver

Northern California Motor Sports Writer's "Driver of the Year" 1972