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DAN GURNEY

Dan Gurney, 37, Santa Ana, Calif., ranks as America's top international driver and one of the most versatile stars of motor sports.

He is the only driver in history to have scored major victories in each of the four primary types of motor racing - Grand Prix, Indianapolis, stock cars and sports cars.

Gurney has won more Formula 1 Grand Prix races (six) than any other American driver, and his victory last June in the Belgian Grand Prix, piloting his own Eagle, was the first Grand Prix victory by an American driver and car in more than 46 years.

His other important victories in the past year included the Le Mans 24-hour race in a Mark IV with co-driver A. J. Foyt; the Rex Mays 300 road course race at Riverside, Calif., in an Indianapolis car (his Olsonite Eagle), and the Riverside 500 stock car race in a Mercury Monterey. Gurney's victory in the Riverside 500 stock car race marked the fifth time he had finished first in this event in the past six years.

Gurney, father of four children, is president and owner of All-American Racers, Inc., Santa Ana, Calif., the firm which builds his Indianapolis and Grand Prix Eagles.

Testimony of Gurney's driving skills in all types of motor racing was voiced by Car & Driver magazine in its ranking of this year's top 10 U. S. drivers. The publication ranked Gurney No. 1 in the U. S., noting, "The greatest American race driver active today - maybe even the best of all time - is Dan Gurney".

In the magazine's world rankings, Gurney was named No. 2 behind the late Jimmy Clark of Scotland.

Gurney was born in Port Jefferson, L. I., N. Y. His family moved to Southern California when Gurney was a teen-ager, and he grew up in the Riverside, Calif., area.

Gurney's international popularity is second to no American driver in history. Along with the late Jimmy Clark of Scotland, he is the only two-time winner of the Martini & Rossi Motor Sportsman of the Year award, selected by popular vote of motor racing fans of the world.

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