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DAN GURNEY

Dan Gurney, 39, 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 1967 victory 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.

Since 1967, Gurney has compiled an impressive record of victories in major races of every type. In addition to his Grand Prix triumphs, he has won the Le Mans 24-hour race in a Mark IV with co-driver A. J. Foyt, six important USAC road course races (including the Rex Mays 300 twice), and the Riverside 500 stock car race six times in the eight years it has been held.

In USAC racing alone, since December, 1967, when he formed an association with car owner Oscar L. (Ozzie) Olson, Detroit Industrialist and sportsman, he has entered 11 events with his Olsonite Eagle, winning six, finishing second three times, third once, and fourth once. And, just as importantly, he won the pole

position in eight of the nine road course races included in the 11 events, setting a new track record each time to confirm his ranking as America's foremost road racer.

Also included in the 11 USAC events is the Indianapolis 500, where Gurney finished second in both 1968 and 1969.

Father of four children, he is president and owner of All-American Racers, Inc., Santa Ana, Calif., the firm which builds his Indianapolis and Grand Prix Eagles, and redesigns his Trans-Am and Can-Am race cars.

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".

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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