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Newton Outlasts Field, Posts First Career R/CU Victory

QUINCY, Wash. — May 4, 2003 will probably be one of those days that **David Newton** (Renton, Wash.) will remember for a long time.

It certainly wasn't a bad one.

Newton, 18, was invited to his high school prom and later drove his 2002 Miss Budweiser (T-6) to the first Radio Controlled Unlimiteds race win of his career on Sunday, staking a claim to the championship of the Apple Blossom Regatta at Crescent Bar Recreational Area in Quincy. Between the second and third flights of heat racing, Newton's girlfriend stepped to the public address system and invited him to the prom. In front of nearly 100 spectators and all of his racing counterparts, Newton accepted her invitation by giving her a big hug.

It wasn't the only good news of the day in the Newton pits, as the younger Newton not only had to hold off **Don Mock** (Seattle, Wash.), the series points leader and winner of the season's first three races, but also had to survive some Detroit-like rough water and gusty winds. Because of the rough water, Newton's Miss Budweiser was the only one of the seven in the final that finished the heat.

The Apple Blossom Regatta was the fourth race in the R/C Unlimiteds 14-race **Oberto Championship Series**, and continues to be one of the regular events in the nearby city of Wenatchee's annual Apple Blossom Festival.

It was the first time in four races that Mock didn't win the final. Mock has taken first place in 18 of 20 heats this season, and placed second in the other two. Both of his second place finishes have been behind a Newton, as David's father, **Roger Newton** (Renton, Wash.), took a first place finish in a heat with Mock behind him at a race earlier this season.

The 2000 Oh Boy! Oberto of **Nelson Holmberg** (Vancouver, Wash.) was given the race's best of scale award, and later in the day the boat was damaged when hit in the backstretch by another boat.

The next stop in the **Oberto Championship Series** is the Rose Cup at Horseshoe Lake Park in Woodland, Wash., May 17-18.

Radio Controlled Unlimiteds is a racing club affiliated with the American Power Boat Association. The 90-member club races radio controlled model unlimited hydroplanes that duplicate the real hydroplanes as closely as possible. The boats are nearly four feet long and two feet wide, and travel at speeds between 50-65 miles per hour. There are nearly 150 boats registered to owners in the club. No two boats in the club are alike.

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2003 OBERTO CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

April 4-6, Atomic Cup, Kennewick, WA; **April 12-13** Gar Wood Memorial, Longview, WA; **April 26-27** Dean Chenoweth Memorial, Arlington, WA; **May 3-4**, Apple Blossom Regatta, Quincy, WA; **May 17-18**, Rose Cup, Woodland, WA; **May 31-June 1**, President's Cup, Tacoma, WA; **June 21-22**, Bill Muncey Memorial, Ellensburg, WA; **July 12-13**, Governor's Cup, Olympia, WA; **July 25-26**, Columbia Cup, Kennewick, WA; **August 16-17**, Silver Cup, Ellensburg, WA; **September 1**, Diamond Cup, Spokane, WA; **September 14**, Champion Spark Plug Regatta, Arlington, WA; **September 27-28**, Willamette Cup, Woodland, WA; **October 3-5**, Gold Cup/Norm Evans Memorial, Chelan, WA.