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Brandt Wins Gold Cup, Evans Memorial, Points Championships

CHELAN, Wash. — Sunday, Oct. 5 was a very good day for **Dave Brandt**.

Brandt (Kennewick, Wash.) came from behind to successfully defend his R/C Unlimiteds Oberto Championship Series drivers championship and the boat championship by winning the Gold Cup in Chelan. But the good news didn't stop there for Brandt. He also scored the most points in the event and won the Norm Evans Memorial, which counts as a race victory. **Mitch Evans**, winner of the American Power Boat Association Gold Cup this year, was on hand to present the R/CU Gold Cup to Brandt.

By the way, Brandt broke a club record in doing all of that.

During the 2003 Oberto Championship Series, Brandt — driving his 1995 PICO American Dream — scored 19,019 drivers points in his best 10 races, beating Jesse Robertson's club record of 18,961 set in 1999. **Don Mock** (Seattle, Wash.) led the drivers points chase all season long, until the Gold Cup, the final race on the 14-stop Oberto Championship Series. Brandt's near-perfect 2,700-point (2,800 possible) weekend made the difference as Mock had 2,225 points.

Second place in the Gold Cup went to **David Newton** (Renton, Wash.), driving the 2002 Miss Budweiser (T-6). **Gary Jensen** (Kirkland, Wash.) was third driving the 1972 Hallmark Homes, while **Lee Robertson** (Seattle, Wash.) was fourth piloting the 1978 Squire Shop (U-65). **Bill Brandt** (Kennewick, Wash.) was fifth driving the 1998 Close Call. Sixth place went to **Jeff Stubbers** (Issaquah, Wash.) with the 1983 Miss Houston. Mock did not finish the final with his 1984 Atlas Van Lines.

It was the first final of the year for Jensen, who also won the race's top-round nose boat award by scoring more points than any other round nose in the six-heat Gold Cup event. Mock held off Brandt's charge for the R/CU Triple Crown, which combined the most points scored in the Atomic Cup, Diamond Cup and Gold Cup to determine the winner. The difference was a slim 75 points. Mock has won four straight Triple Crowns.

Dave Brandt won eight of the Oberto Championship Series races, while Mock took four and Newton, **Kirk Maupin** (Monroe, Wash.), and Bill Brandt each won one.

Radio Controlled Unlimiteds is a racing club affiliated with the American Power Boat Association. The 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.

R/CU GOLD CUP

at Chelan Riverwalk Park, Chelan, Wash.

Championship Heat Results

1. Dave Brandt, Kennewick, Wash., 1995 PICO American Dream
 2. David Newton, Renton, Wash., 2002 Miss Budweiser (T-6)
 3. Gary Jensen, Kirkland, Wash., 1972 Hallmark Homes
 4. Lee Robertson, Seattle, Wash., 1978 The Squire Shop (U-65)
 5. Bill Brandt, Kennewick, Wash., 1998 Close Call
 6. Jeff Stubbers, Issaquah, Wash., 1983 Miss Houston
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