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Brandt Wins Fourth Oberto Championship Series Race

ELLENSBURG, Wash. — For the first time since 1999, R/C Unlimiteds a driver has a win streak of longer than three races..

Dave Brandt (Kennewick, Wash.) drove his 1995 PICO American Dream to a win in the 2003 R/CU Governor's Cup at Irene Reinhardt Park on Sunday. It was Brandt's fourth consecutive win. In 1999, **Jesse Robertson** won six in a row, marking the longest winning streak in the last six seasons.

The Governor's Cup was the eighth race in the R/C Unlimiteds 14-race Oberto Championship Series. The race was originally scheduled for Percival Cove in Washington's state capitol of Olympia, but milfoil had overcome the water, making the site unraceable. Some scrambling by race director **Harry Gatjens** and R/CU treasurer **Chet Lepinski** at the last minute, allowed the club to race in Ellensburg.

Brandt duelled series points leader **Don Mock** (Seattle, Wash.) for the early stages of the final, and eventually pulled away for the win. Mock finished second, driving his 1984 Atlas Van Lines. **Roger Newton** (Renton, Wash.) finished third driving his son David's 2002 Miss Budweiser (T-6). The younger Newton was unable to attend the race, and Roger drove the boat, using a wheel-style transmitter for the first time. **Rich Matkin** (Redondo, Wash.), was fourth with the 1999 Appian Jeronimo; **Bill Brandt** (Kennewick, Wash.) was fifth driving the 1998 Close Call; **Jeff Stubbers** (Issaquah, Wash.) was sixth at the controls of the 1983 Miss Rock, and **Harry Gatjens** (Seattle, Wash.) placed seventh with the 1994 Miss Budweiser (T-3).

The next stop in the R/CU Oberto Championship Series is the Columbia Cup, July 25-26 at the Family Fishing Pond, located adjacent to the HydroProp unlimiteds pits in Columbia Park. The R/CU Columbia Cup is an official part of the Tri-Cities Water Follies festival, and the Columbia Cup race weekend. Mock is the defending Columbia Cup champion.

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 GOVERNOR'S CUP

at Irene Reinhardt Park, Ellensburg, Wash.

Championship Heat Results

1. 1995 PICO American Dream, Dave Brandt, Kennewick, Wash.
 2. 1984 Atlas Van Lines, Don Mock, Seattle, Wash.
 3. 2002 Miss Budweiser (T-6), Roger Newton, Renton, Wash.
- DNF 1999 Appian Jeronimo, Rich Matkin, Redondo, Wash.
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