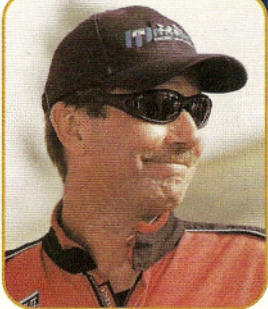


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M.K. Kanke, of Frazier Park, Calif., holds nearly every statistical record in the Featherlite Southwest Series. The one record missing from his portfolio is that of champion. The fifteen-year series veteran looked for redemption in 2002 after his 2001 campaign was cut short due to injury. Kanke rallied to second in the standings heading into the final event at Phoenix only to suffer mechanical woes that dropped him to fourth place in the final points.

Kanke won on the 3/8-mile Cajon Speedway in 2002 and followed that up with seven top-five and ten top-10 finishes to lead all competitors. He scored his career and series-leading 27th Bud Pole at Mesa Marin Raceway and reached the \$350,000 mark in career winnings by season's end.

Kanke's hard driving and winning attitude has made him a legend in the series, and he has schooled many as they try to compete. Kanke calls the Featherlite Southwest Series home and chooses to stay there in spite of offers to move up. From his dirt track roots at Ascot Speedway, where he scored numerous wins and several championships, he has made his mark in NASCAR racing. Kanke has raced against and beaten some of the best drivers in the business, and he will take another run at that elusive title in 2003.