



# A crash & a photo finish



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A wreck in the back of the pack right at the beginning of the third lap causes a caution period during the women's Little 500 race Friday.

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Sigma Phi Epsilon rider Nick Torrance gestures at how close the margin of victory was as the riders cross the finish line Sunday at Bill Armstrong Stadium. The team edged out Black Key Bulls by .024 seconds to win the men's Little 500.

## Kappa Alpha Theta repeats as Little 500 champion after crash



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Kappa Alpha Theta rider Liz Lieberman hugs her father, Kurt Lieberman, after her bike team won the Little 500 women's race for the second year in a row Friday at Bill Armstrong Stadium.

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With a group of about 10 riders in the lead pack on lap 99, it looked as though it would be a sprint to the finish. But a majority of that group was wiped out after a wreck on turn 3. It left just Liz Lieberman of Kappa Alpha Theta and Tabitha Sherwood of Phoenix Cycling. All the riders who would challenge them for the lead now didn't have a chance. "I looked back, and I just saw

Tabitha on my right and the rest of the field had crashed," Lieberman said. "That's unfortunate, but that's just bike racing." The yellow flag was waved, and with just one lap to go, the race ended on a caution lap. Sherwood never got a chance to catch Lieberman. Theta Cycling became Little 500 Champion for the second consecutive year. The win gives Theta the most

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## Sigma Phi Epsilon uses late pass to win Little 500 by .024 seconds



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Charlie Hicks of Sigma Phi Epsilon celebrates after winning the men's Little 500 on Sunday at Bill Armstrong Stadium. The team beat defending champion Black Key Bulls by .024 seconds.

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The last thing Nick Torrance wanted to do was celebrate prematurely. Crossing the line wheel-to-wheel with Black Key Bulls' Spencer Brauchla, Torrance was nearly certain he and his Sigma Phi Epsilon teammates had won the 65th Little 500. He knew for sure he had won when he saw the Sig Ep fans in the stands. They were erupting with cheers and storming onto the track. Sig Ep's margin of victory was just .024 seconds. Less than half a

wheel's length was the difference between first and second. But the gap didn't matter. All that mattered was they won. "I was fairly confident, but I wasn't super confident (we had won)," Torrance said. "Not confident enough to start celebrating. Then I looked around and saw our fans get really excited after they announced something I couldn't hear, so I figured we won." Torrance's last lap was Sig Ep's

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