

When the Trans-Am moved to Sears Point, Chevrolet was assured of at least a tie in the manufacturer's championship, regardless of whether Ford won the Sears Point and the Riverside races. For the Sears Point race, the Bud Moore team had three cars in the starting field, the Penske team had two, and Shelby had one entry. On the first lap, Parnelli Jones (15) leads George Follmer (15), Mark Donohue (6), Horst Kwech (2) (driving the third Bud Moore car), Jerry Titus (13), Ron Grable (4), and Peter Revson (1) into the second turn.

