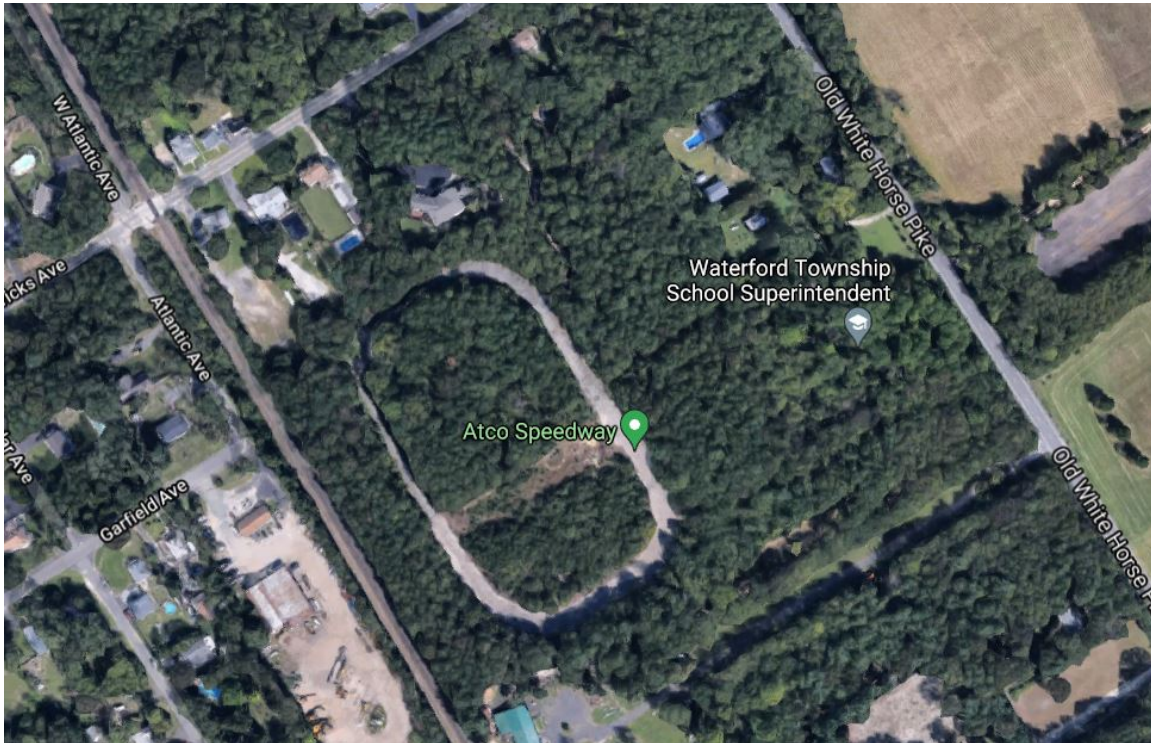


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# Stock Car Race At Atco Sunday

4/16/1950

Several Trenton stock car drivers will compete in races next Saturday and Sunday on South Jersey tracks.

The new half-mile dirt track at Atco, N. J., will be the scene of action next Sunday afternoon, April 23. The same drivers will compete at Pitman Saturday, April 22. All of the drivers are members of the Eastern States Stock Car Racing Club.

The DiNatale brothers, Chick and Rocky; Johnny Karp and Wally Campbell head the Trenton contingent. Paul Barbiche of Flemington is another entry in both events. Frank Mundy, the thrill show star from Atlanta, Ga., also is slated to compete.

Chick DiNatale claimed the distinction in 1948 and '49 of winning the New Jersey-Eastern stock car racing championship. His brother, Rocky, was runner-up in the special point scoring for this group.



# ***Sports Whirl***

4/18/1950

## **Stock Car Pilots Busy**

Trenton's many stock car drivers have launched what bids fair to be a busy season . . . . . On Sunday at Richmond, Va., Johnny Rogers of Charlotte, N. C., roared to victory in a car owned by Wally Marks of Trenton . . . . Second, third and fourth in the feature event were three drivers from Trenton — Wally Campbell, Tommy Coates and Johnny Karp . . . . . There were 44 starters in the 25-mile event . . . . . Coates established a new record half-mile time of 28.4 in the trial.

The flying DiNatale brothers, Chick and Rocky, will head a group of Trenton speedsters in South Jersey stock car races this week . . . . . The scenes of action will be Alcyon Speedway at Pitman, N. J. on Saturday and the new Atco half-mile dirt track on Sunday afternoon . . . . . Atco is located on the route between Bordentown and Hamonton.

## Entry In Atco Race



**Chick DiNatale**

4/19/1950

One of Trenton's many stock car speedsters, Chick will help inaugurate the racing season at the new Atco half-mile track in South Jersey Sunday afternoon. Brother Rocky DiNatale and Johnny Karp are other Trenton entries. The same drivers will compete Saturday at Pitman, N. J.

# DiNatale Brothers Vie In Atco Opener

4/20/1950

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The new Atco half mile dirt speedway will be given its baptism of high speed competition Sunday afternoon. A stock car racing program will be staged on the Atco track. Among the participants will be several drivers from Trenton and vicinity.

Chick and Rock DiNatale, brothers, will be included in the Trenton contingent. Johnny Karp is another Capital City driver who will try for top honors on the speed program. Paul Barbiche of Flemington hopes to be in the thick of the competition.

Atco is located in South Jersey on the route between Bordentown and Hammonton.

Several of the drivers in the Atco races also will compete Sunday at Alcyon Speedway, Pitman.

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## Atco Speedway

# Races Sunday

4/21/1950

The newest center of stock car racing will officially open its doors Sunday, with 65 laps of competition on the new dirt track constructed and operated by Atco Speedway. The oval is located on White Horse pike, 20 miles from Camden and 36 miles from Atlantic City.

Operating the new plant are James DiNatale and his brother Chick, who holds the eastern stock car racing championship for 1948 and '49. A third brother, Rocky, placed third both years and is now president of the Eastern Stock Car Racing Club, which is cooperating in the new venture. The three brothers are natives of Hammonton.

Time trials will get under way at 1 p. m., with approximately 35 drivers from several states competing. The feature event will be a 25-lap grind around the half-mile gravel and clay track with a minimum purse of \$150 going to the winner. Several women also are expected to compete.

# Atco Speedway Opens Sunday

4/22/1950

The popular sport of stock car racing will make its debut at the newly laid out dirt track at the Atco Speedway on Sunday. The competition will consist of 65 laps on the entire program.

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# Women Drivers In Race At Atco

4/23/1950

Women drivers are scheduled to be in the field today as stock cars roar around the new half-mile Atco Speedway in South Jersey. The new racing oval is located on the route between Bordentown and Hammonton.

Today's program, starting at 2:30 o'clock, will consist of three preliminaries, a consolation and a feature event.

Lucy DiNatale, trophy winner in a recent women's race at Islip, L. I.; Barbara Edwards, Jean Smith and Mabel Stoy are the women drivers who have submitted entries.

Chick and Rocky DiNatale, both of Trenton, are among the outstanding male entries. Johnny Karp, Trenton, and Paul Barbiche, Flemington, are other well-regarded speedsters from this area.



*Seeks Speed Honors***Rocky DiNatale****Atco Opener  
Set Sunday**

Atco Speedway, located in South Jersey, will present its first stock car racing program on Sunday afternoon, starting at 2:30 o'clock.

The Atco inaugural speed card was scheduled for last Sunday but did not take place on account of rain. As a result, the entire program was carried over until today. The races will be under the auspices of the Eastern Stock Car Racing Club, Inc. This organization has its headquarters at 1198 South Olden Avenue, Trenton.

Rocky Di Natale, one of the entries for the Atco races, is the president of the ESCRC.

Rocky's brother, Chick Di Natale, will be one of his chief competitors Sunday. Others who figure to be in the thick of the contention include Angelo Lombardi of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and Paul Barbiche of Flemington. Barbiche is a law student who finds his stock car race earnings extremely helpful toward his tuition.

# STOCK CAR RACING

4/28/1950 **SUNDAY**

**APRIL 30, 1950**

**NEW ATCO**

**SPEEDWAY**

**Five Miles East of Berlin**

**Off the White Horse Pike**

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**100 LAPS OF RACING**

**Time Trials start at 1 P. M.**

**Sanctioned by  
EASTERN STOCK CAR  
RACING CLUB**

# Atco Speedway To Open Sunday

4/29/1950

The opening of stock car racing at the **Atco** Speedway, located two blocks off the White Horse pike at Waterford, will be held on Sunday.

James **DiNatale**, promoter, is featuring a 50-lap grind, plus three qualifying heats. This new half-mile track, reported to be one of the finest in the East, was scheduled to hold its first race last Sunday, but was cancelled because of rain.

The **Atco** Speedway will have available on Sunday 3000 grandstand seats for the large crowd expected to be on hand. A safety feature introduced at this track is a 40 feet canal dug between the track and the spectators.

The stock cars entered for this race will be mostly modified Fords with specially built motors and parts. The souped up coupes attain a straightaway speed of 115 miles per hour and 80 miles per hour on the turns. Three qualifying rounds will be run prior to the main event.

**DiNatale** stated he intends to run two stock car races monthly with a thrill show, midget and big cars, on other Sundays.

Topping the list of sporting daredevils is the well known Frank Moody, 28-year-old driver of one of the hottest cars in the country. The "millionaire sportsman," as he is popularly known, rolled his Ford into honors at Pitman last week, giving a grandstand jammed with fans a taste of the bang-up thrills he used to give when he raced with Jack Kochman.

Also competing for honors in this event are Chick **DiNatale**, of Hammonton, who holds the Eastern stock car championship for 1948 and 1943. Twenty-four-year-old Fred Yurgin, a promising runnerup from **Atco**, who, in his first year on the track won considerable acclaim at various meets in Pennsylvania.

From Glassboro, Jimmy Marks, and from Flemington, Paul Barbiche, the handsome blond, who although riding the track high, gave champion **DiNatale** no little pressure last season. Trial time at the new track is 1 p. m., and racing time, 2.30.



# Rocky Seeks Second Atco Win Sunday

Rocky DiNatale, daring stock car racing chauffeur and winner of the 25-lap feature event last Sunday at Atco Speedway, will be trying to make it two in a row Sunday on the same oval. A new card featuring 50 laps of racing will be presented at the track near Hammonton.

The Trenton speedster came out of the pack last week to head the leaders midway in the event. He held the top spot, outlasting Jimmy Marks of Camden, who was in hot pursuit all the way. Chick DiNatale, brother of the winner, placed third. All three will be back in action Sunday.

More than 3,500 spectators turned out for the second running on the newest stock car track in the East. Ideal weather conditions prevailed. The starting time Sunday will be the same—2:30 o'clock.

5/12/1950

No less than 20 cars with some of the leading drivers in the sport responded to Starter Harry Reeves' signal for the 25-lap grind. Most or all of the contestants will be back in Sunday's dash for the prize money. Among those expected back are Roy Muhs, Vince and Frank Cannizzara, the Flying Bakers from Trenton; Al Tasnady, Johnny Almack and Chappie Wagner of Mays Landing.

In the first 10-lap qualifying heat last Sunday the winner was Frank Cannizzaro, Trenton; Johnny Almack, Trenton, second; and Bill Simpson, Atco, third. Second heat winner was Jimmy Marks, Camden, with Chick DiNatale, Trenton, second; and Len Blomgren, Trenton, third.

Third heat winner was Al Tasnady, Trenton; Vince Cannizzaro, Trenton, second; and Bill Smith, Willow Grove, third.

Many of the drivers on the Atco program Sunday also will race tonight under the lights at Alcyon Speedway, Pitman, N. J.

# **DiNatale Brothers Seeking Atco Speed Honors Today**

5/14/1950

Atco Speedway, South Jersey's latest race track, will hum to the roar of the stock cars this afternoon. The season's second program will start at 2:30 o'clock. As usual, the DiNatale brothers from Trenton—Rocky and Chick—will be the drivers to watch.

Rocky DiNatale won the feature on last week's delayed inaugural card. The program had been rained out twice previously. Brother Chick finished third. Jimmy Marks of Camden was second. Marks as well as the two DiNatales will be back in action today.

Others who will try for places in the 25-lap feature race on the half-mile oval will include two other Trenton brothers, Vince and Frank Cannizzara, Roy Muhs, Al Tasnady, John Almack, Chappie Wagner, Bill Simpson and Bill Smith.

Qualifying events leading up to the feature race will be 10 laps

each. Last week's winners of qualifying events included Frank Cannizzara, Marks and Tasnady.

Several of the same drivers on today's Atco program were scheduled to race the night before last at the Alcyon Speedway, Pitman, N. J. The Alcyon card was rained out.

# Smith Winner Of **Atco** Race

Thirty-four stock car drivers competed in the auto races held yesterday, at the Atco Speedway, before a crowd of 2500.

Bill Smith won the main event of 20 laps; George Petryk was second; Rocky **DiNatale**, third; Angelo Lombardi, fourth; Vince Cannizzaro, fifth, and Len Blomgren, sixth.

The first heat was won by Harry Herman, the second by Dick Marcillos and the third by Petryk. The other qualifiers in the first heat were Jim Strathman, Lud Yurgen, Joe Carlson and Bill Miller.

The other qualifiers in the second heat were Lombardi, Smith, DiNatale and Paul Barbiche. The other qualifiers in the third heat were Bill Soden, Chick **DiNatale**, Cannizzaro and Blomgren.

The consolation race was halted in the seventh lap due to an accident.



# 50-Lap Race Due Sunday At Atco Oval

5/18/1950

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A 50-lap feature stock car race will be held Sunday at the new Atco Speedway located on the White Horse Pike, Route 30, between Hammonton and Berlin, N. Y.

Rocky Di Natale of Trenton, winner of the inaugural race, and Bill Smith of Willow Grove, Pa., also a feature event winner, will be out trying for their second wins.

Other speed demons who will be trying for cash and glory include Chick Di Natale, Angelo Lombardi, Vince and Frank Cannizzari and Johnny Almock, all of Trenton; Paul Barbiche of Flemington, George Petryck of Somerville and several other drivers from the Eastern Stock Car Racing Club, the sanctioning body.

First race starts at 2:30 p. m.

# Boy Scout Day At **Atco** Races

5/19/1950

It will be Boy Scout Day Sunday when the new **Atco** Speedway presents its third program of modified stock car racing on the newest dirt track in the East. All Boy Scouts in uniform, accompanied by an adult, will be admitted to the grounds free of charge.

The feature race, a 50-lap grind, slated for Sunday is the **Atco** Handicap. In addition, three 10-lap qualifying heats will be run and a consolation event.

Thirty-five of the most daring stock car drivers in the business will take to the oval Sunday, including Bill Smith, the Willow Grove flier who copped top money last Sunday in the feature 25-lap event.

Supplying the stiffest competition will be Rocky DiNatale, who won the feature here two weeks ago and was close to the winner last week; his brother Chick, who was Eastern Stock Car Racing champion in 1948 and '49; and Red Wilson of Trenton, who finished in the number two spot last week.

More than 2000 spectators were on hand for the special Mother's Day card last Sunday, and **Atco** Speedway is planning on a record turnout this Sunday. Ample grandstand space is available behind 40-foot canals which separate the fans from the track as a new safety precaution.

# Boy Scout Day Set Sunday At Stock Car Race Program

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Many of the most daring stock car chauffeurs in the business will take to the oval Sunday. Among them will be Bill Smith, the Willow Grove flier, who copped first place and top money last week in the feature 25-lap event.

Supplying stern competition will be Rocky DiNatale, who won the feature here two weeks ago and was close to the winner last week; his brother Chick, who was Eastern Stock Car Racing champion on 1948 and '49, and Red Wilson of Trenton, who finished in the number two spot last week.

Ample grandstand space is available behind 40-foot canals which separate the fans from the Atco track as a new safety precaution.

Winners in the qualifying rounds last week were: (First Heat) Harry Herman, Somerville, first; Jim Strathman, Trenton, second; and Lud Yurkin, Pitman, third; (Second Heat;) Dick Marcellus, Trenton, first; Angelo Lombardi, Wilkes Barre, Pa., second; and Bill Smith, Willow Grove, third Heat) George Petryck, Somerville, first; Ed Soden, Red Bank, second, Chick DiNatale, Trenton, third. Bud Simpson, a local boy from Atco, won the consolation race. Frank Cannizzaro, the Flying Baker from Trenton, was second and Bud Wilson, also Trenton, was third.

Starting time for the first event Sunday will be 2 p. m.

# 35 Drivers Seek Atco Triumph

5/20/1950

Thirty-five of the most daring stock car drivers will take the oval Sunday when the new **Atco Speedway** presents the third program of modified stock car racing on the newest dirt track in the East.

It will be Boy Scout day and scouts in uniform, accompanied by adults, will be admitted to the grounds free of charge.

The feature race, a 50-lap grind, slated for Sunday is the Atco Handicap. In addition, three 10-lap qualifying heats will be run and a consolation event.

Bill Smith, the Willow Grove flier, who copped top money last Sunday in the feature 25-lap event, will top the field.

Supplying the stiffest competition will be Rocky DiNatale, who won the feature here two weeks ago and was close to the winner last week; his brother Chick, who was Eastern Stock Car Racing champion in 1948 and '49; and Red Wilson of Trenton, who finished in the number two spot last week.

More than 2000 spectators were on hand for the special Mother's Day card last Sunday, and **Atco Speedway** is planning on a record turnout this Sunday. Ample grandstand space is available behind 40-foot canals which separate the fans from the track as a new safety precaution.

# Atco Track Lists 50-Lap Race Today

Stock car auto racing will resume at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon at the half-mile Atco Track in South Jersey. The feature event will be a 50-lap race—the longest main event of the Atco season to date.

Popularity of stock racing is attested to by the number of tracks now in operation in the East. Atco is the newest of them all, having opened its racing plant just this Spring.

## Sanctioning Body Here

The Eastern Stock Car Racing Club Inc., with headquarters in Trenton, is one of the pioneers in the organization and development of the stock car sport. This group is the sanctioning body of the Atco races.

Two of the leading threats on today's Atco program are expected to be George Petryk of Linden and Al Tasnady of nearby Ringoes. Both of these men are comparative newcomers to the hazardous game. They started their careers as racers last season. Petryk placed second at Atco last Sunday. Motor trouble has hampered Tasnady from performing at his best so far this year.

5/21/1950

## Mechanics Helpful

In a 50-lap race the drivers will be more dependent than ever on their mechanics and pit crews. Not only must the pilot have the necessary experience and skill. He must also have his car in the best possible condition to survive the long test of endurance supplied by 50 spins around a half-mile dirt track.

As a result, there's always the possibility of a previous unknown flying across the finish line in front.

The usual program of preliminary qualifying events will precede today's 50-lap feature at the Atco oval.

Boy Scouts in uniform will be admitted free this afternoon if accompanied by adults.



# DiNatale Captures Atco Feature

5/22/1950

Atco, May 22.—Rocky DiNatale, one of the most outstanding speed drivers in the area, yesterday thrilled more than 2500 persons with a sensational victory in the 50-lap feature race here.

DiNatale topped a large field of outstanding drivers when he survived a grueling race that saw two accidents.

Jim Marks led the field for the first 25 laps but had a broken throttle and was forced to leave the race.

On the thirty-third lap Bill Smith crashed through the fence but suffered only minor injuries.

George Petrick was second and DiNatale's brother Chick third.

Petrick won the special five-lap match event when he covered the distance in two minutes and seven seconds.

The 10-lap preliminary races saw Jim Marks win the first heat, Al Palmere the second and Ed Soden the third.

# Rocky DiNatale Wins 50-Lap Atco Feature

BERLIN, N. J., May 21.—Rocky DiNatale won the 50-lap feature race of the modified stock car racing program on the **Atco Speedway** today. In second place was George Petryk, Somerville.

5/22/1950

The summaries follow:

**50 LAP FEATURE:** 1, Rocky DiNatale, Trenton; 2, George Petryk, Somerville; 3, Chick DiNatale, Trenton; 4, A. Lombardi, Wilkes-Barre; 5, Al Tasmany, Newark; 6, Bud Simpson, Camden; 7, Bill Larson, Trenton; 8, Len Blomgren; 9, Chappy Wagner.

**FIRST QUALIFYING HEAT:** 1, Jimmy Marks; 2, George Petryk; 3, Billy Larson; 4, Al Tasnady; 5, Bud Wood; 6, George Waller. 5:27.5. **SECOND QUALIFYING HEAT:** 1, John Palmere; 2, Rocky DiNatale; 3, Bill Smith; 4, Red Wilson; 5, Jim Strathman. 5:45.5. **THIRD QUALIFYING HEAT:** 1, Ed Soder; 2, Bud Farrell; 3, Ang Lombardi; 4, Len Blomgren; 5, Chick DiNatale.

# Stock Car Rivalry Resumes At Atco Speedway Sunday

5/24/1950

The new Atco Speedway, located two blocks from the White Horse Pike between Hamonton and Berlin, will run its fourth weekly event of Stock Car Racing this Sunday afternoon. The Atco events are sanctioned by the Eastern Stock Car Racing Club, which includes some of the best drivers in the nation.

Rocky Di Natale of Trenton, winner of the 50-lap Atco handicap last Sunday and winner of the inaugural race of the season, will be back again this Sunday trying for his third feature. Another feature winner at the new speedway, Bill Smith of Willow Grove, Pa., the Golden Boy of the stocks, will be back trying for his second win.

A six-car pileup in which no one was injured marred the 50-lap feature last week. Bill Smith, who was a real threat for the

leader, also turned over after breaking an axle and going out of control.

Other notables who will be on hand this week trying for their first wins will include Chic Di Natale, the 1948 and 1949 Eastern Champion; Paul Barbiche from Flemington, George Petryck from Newark, Angelo Lombardi of Wilkes Barre, Pa., Al Gross of Philadelphia and Walt Leitz of Atco.

Safety factors at the speedway are a 40-foot canal between the race track and the grandstand and a double rail around the track.

Sunday's six event card will start at 2:30.

# **Smith Seeks Second Atco Stock Car Win**

5/25/1950

Bill Smith of Willow Grove, Pa., looms the No. 1 threat to Trenton's Rocky Di Natale in the stock car races Sunday at **Atco Speedway**. Smith already holds one feature race win at the popular South Jersey oval. He hopes to score a second triumph Sunday, thereby duplicating Di Natale's record. Rocky was the winner in last Sunday's 50-mile main event.

The first of six races on Sunday's program will get under way at 2:30 p. m.

# Atco in 4th Week Of Auto Racing

5/27/1950

The new **Atco Speedway**, located two miles from the White Horse pike, between Hammonton and Berlin, will run its fourth weekly event of stock car racing Sunday afternoon. The Atco events, sanctioned by the Eastern Stock Car Racing Club, lists the nation's best drivers.

Rocky DiNatale, of Trenton, winner of the 50-lap Atco handicap last week, also winner of the Atco inaugural race, will be back again Sunday trying for his third feature.

Another event winner, Bill Smith, of Willow Grove, Pa., the Golden Boy of the stocks, will be back trying for his second win.

A six-car pile-up in which no one was injured marred the 50-lap feature last week. Bill Smith, a threat to the leader, turned over after breaking an axle and going out of control.

Notables who will be on hand trying for their first win are Chic DiNatale, the 1948 and 1949 Eastern champion; Paul Barbiche, the Flemington fence buster deluxe; George Petryck, Newark, second place man in last week's event; Angelo Lombardi, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Al Gross, Philadelphia; Walt Leitz, Atco, and scores of others.

First race of a six-event card starts at 2.30 p. m.



# Auto Racing At Atco Today

ATCO, N. J., May 27.—A six-event card will be run tomorrow at the new **Atco Speedway** located on Whitehorse Pike between Berlin and Hamonton, beginning at 2:30 P. M.

A special race between Rocky DiNatale, Trenton, a two-time winner at Atco, and Paul Barbiche, Flemington, who claims victory in a previous race, will highlight the program. Barbiche claimed he had heating trouble in his last encounter with DiNatale.

# Atco Cards Six Events For Today

5/28/1950

A six-event stock car racing card will be staged today at the new Atco Speedway, located on the White Horse Pike between Hammonton and Berlin, N. J.

One event is a special match race between Rocky Di Natale of Trenton, a two-time winner at the new Speedway and point leader for the 1950 Eastern Championship now held by his younger brother Chick, and Paul Barbiche of Flemington, who claims victory even though he didn't receive the checker flag from Starter Harry Reeves. Paul's argument is that he has been running into heating trouble and the only reason he hasn't had a win is because his No. 18 car, owned by the E & S Auto Parts of Flemington, will not last the distance. Bill Smith, also a winner at the new Speedway and known as the Golden Boy of the stocks, will be another starter in the special match race.

The track has been groomed carefully and should be in the best of condition for today's events. A new track record may be in store for the fans.

Other drivers expected to take the green flag for this afternoon's feature grind are Bill Larison, Joe Chester, Johnny Almack and the ever popular flying bakers, Vince and Frank Cannizarro, all of Trenton; Al Gross, Philadelphia; George Petryck, Newark; Jimmy Marks, Glassboro; Bill Snowden, Long Branch; Joe Carlson, Dover; John Edwards, Chester, N. Y.; Walt Leitz, Atco; Bill Mollineaux, Camden, and Jim Fletcher, Philadelphia. The first event will get under way at 2:30 p. m.

A 50-lap race will be run by the Eastern Stock Car Racing Club at the Alcyon Speedway, Pitman, N. J., on Tuesday, Memorial Day.

# Cannizzaro Cops

## Atco Feature

5/29/1950

Atco, May 29.—Vince Cannizzaro won the wild and exciting feature race before more than 2000 fans at the Atco Speedway yesterday afternoon.

Cannizzaro came in ahead of Jim Marks and George Petryk who finished second and third respectively in the main event which saw seven cars crash the fence. No driver was seriously injured.

Bill Strathman won the special match race from Petryk in the semi-final event.

Cannizzaro finished second to Chick DiNatole in the second heat to qualify for the main race. Marks won the first heat, beating out Petryk while Stratham came in ahead of Nick Pomponio in the third heat.

First heat—Marks, Petryk, Wagner. Time, 4.22.25.

Second heat—Di Natole, Marks, Cannizzaro. Time, 4.21.25.

Third heat—Stratham, Pomponio, Kanickl.

Match race—Strathman, Petryk.

Feature—V. Cannizzaro, Marks, Petryk, Smith, Casmady and F. Canlizzaro.

# Vince Cannizzaro Winner at Atco

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HAMMONTON, May 28—Vince Cannizzaro of Trenton cracked the Atco Speedway track record here today in winning the 25-lap feature stock car race on the program sanctioned by the Eastern Stock Car Racing Association of Trenton.

Cannizzaro made the trip in 12 minutes flat. Jimmy Marks of Glassboro was second, George Petryck of Newark third and Roy Muhs of Trenton fourth.

Chappy Wagner of Mays Landing turned over in the feature but escaped with minor bruises.

Cannizzaro was fresh from a victory in a Tri-State SCRA feature at Nazareth, Pa., Friday.

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# 40-Lap Feature Heads Card At Atco Speedway On Sunday

6/2/1950

A 40 lap feature is carded for stock car racing fans Sunday at the new Atco Speedway, located just off the White Horse Pike between Berlin and Hammonton.

All previous Atco feature winners are expected to be on hand for the big event. Bill Smith of Willow Grove, Rocky Di Natale of Trenton and Vince Cannizzaro, also of Trenton, have scored winners at the new oval. Atco runs weekly stock car races with the first event getting under way at 2:30 o'clock.

Other notables who will be out fighting for the checkered flag on Sunday include Paul Barbicoe, Flemington; Jim Marks, Glassboro; George Petryck, Newark; Chic Di Natale, Trenton; Al Gross, Philadelphia; Walt Leitz, Atco; Bill Larison, Trenton; Bill Mollineaux, Camden and Roy and Ray Muhs, brother team just breaking into the sport. Jim Weatherhead, also a newcomer to the sport, will be on hand with his new No. 27 machine. He had to rebuild his car after a double roll in the first event at the fast new track.

The Route 43 oval is one of the newest of its kind in the country and is almost dust free, due to the excellent care by the management. Another important factor in this week's event is the reverse start. The fastest cars will start in the

rear and must catch 20 or 25 other cars if they expect to get the checkered flag.

Three 10-lap qualifying heats, a 10-lap consolation race and a special match race will precede the 40-lap feature. This will provide the fans with almost a hundred laps of racing.

Besides the drivers listed, there will be others on hand for the program sanctioned by the Eastern Stock Car Racing Club.



# Stock Car Events

## At **Atco Speedway**

6/3/1950

A 40-lap feature is the big event in store for stock car racing fans at the **Atco Speedway**, located just off the White Horse Pike, between Berlin and Hamonton. The first event will start at 2.30 p.m.

All previous feature winners will be on hand. Bill Smith, Willow Grove, Pa., Rocky DiNatale, Trenton; and Vince Cannizzaro, also of Trenton, all are winners at the new oval.

Other notables who will be out fighting for checkered flag are Paul Barbiche, Flemington; Jim Marks, Glassboro; George Pettryck, Newark; Chic DiNatale, last year's champion, Trenton; Al Gross, Phila. Pa.; Walt Leitz, Atco; Bill Larison, Trenton; Bill Mollineaux, Camden; Roy and Ray Muhs, a brother team just breaking into the sport, and Jim Weatherhead, also a new comer, will be on hand for the big event, the later driving his new No. 27.

An important factor in this week's event is the reverse start, which means that the fastest cars will start in the rear and must go through 20 or 25 cars if they expect to get the checker flag.

Three 10-lap qualifying heats, a 10-lap consolation race and a special match race will precede the big 40-lap grind.

# Local Drivers In Atco Races

6/3/1950

At least four Trenton drivers are expected to be on hand tomorrow for the feature 40-lap stock car race at the Atco Speedway, located off the White Horse Pike between Berlin and Hamonton. The feature event is slated for 2:30 P. M.

Heading the list of Trenton drivers is Rocky DiNatale, who won one feature at Atco so far this season. His chief competition is due from Chick DiNatale, Bince Cannizzaro and Bill Larison, all of Trenton; Bill Smith of Willow Grove, Jimmy Marks of Glassboro and Al Gros of Philadelphia.

The reverse start will be in use with the fastest cars starting in the rear. Three 10-lap qualifying heats in addition to a 10-lap consolation and a special match race will precede the 40-lap feature. Other drivers from the Eastern Stock Car Racing Club are expected to swell the field of entries.

# List 40-Lap Race At Atco Today

6/4/1950

Today's program at the new dirt **Atco Speedway**, off the White Horse pike between Berlin and Hammon-ton, will be highlighted by a 40-lap feature. The program starts at 2:30 P. M.

All previous feature winners will be back—Bill Smith, Willow Grove, Pa., Rocky Di Natale, Trenton, and Vincent Cannizzaro, of Trenton.

Other entries are: Paul Barbiche, Flemington; Jim Marks, Glassboro; George Petryck, Newark; Chic De Natale, 1949's champion, Trenton; Al Cross, Philadelphia; Walt Leitz, Atco; Bill Larison, Trenton; Bill Mollineaux, Camden; Roy and Ray Muhs (another brother team), and Jim Weatherhead, a newcomer.

Three 10-lap qualifying heats, a 10 lap consolation race, and special match races precede the big 40-lap grind.

# Trenton Aces Seek Laurels At Atco Oval

6/4/1950

Trenton stock car drivers, as usual, will play prominent roles in the races today at the Atco half-mile track; located between Berlin and Hammonton in South Jersey. The feature event this afternoon will be over the 40-lap distance. Also on the program will be three 10-lap qualifying events, a consolation race and a special match race. The action will start at 2:30 p. m.

Vince Cannizzaro, the "Flying Baker" from Trenton, scored his first Atco feature race triumph last week. He will be endeavoring to repeat today. His brother, Frank, also will be among the many entries in the Eastern Stock Car Racing Club-sactioned card.

The Di Natale brothers, Rocky and Chick, are another Trenton brother team. Rocky already has won a feature event. Chick has yet to crash that charmed circle.

Other entries include Paul Barbiche from Flemington, Bill Smith from Willow Grove, Pa., Jimmy Marks from Glassboro, George Petryk from Newark, Al Gross from Philadelphia, Bill Larison from Trenton and Walt Leltz from Atco.

The reverse start will be used for today's events. This means that the fastest cars start in the rear and must overhaul all rivals to take the checkered flag.

# 40-Lap Event Tops Program At Atco Track

6/9/1950

Atco Speedway's 40-lap stock car feature, postponed last week on account of wet grounds, will be presented Sunday afternoon. The program, consisting of almost 100 laps of racing, will begin at 2:30 o'clock.

Practically all of the drivers racing under Eastern Stock Car Racing Club sanction will be on hand. Included in the classy field will be at least three sets of brothers. Rocky and Chick Di Natale will be two of the most closely watched entries. Another well regarded pair will be Trenton's Cannizzarro brothers, Vince and Frank, known as the "Flying Bakers." The other brother racing duo is made up of Ray and Roh Muhs, newcomers to stock car racing.

Vince Cannizzarro and Rocky Di Natale are among the select circle of feature event winners at Atco earlier this season.

The track, just opened this year, is located between Hammon-ton and Berlin in South Jersey.

Other prospective entries Sunday include Paul Barbiche, Jim Weatherhead, Bill Mollineau, Walt Leitz, Al Gross, George Petryk, Jimmy Marks, Bill Larison and Bill Smith.

The popular reverse start will be used in all events, including the 40-lap feature as well as the 10-lap qualifying and consolation races.



# **Auto Races Sunday At **Atco Speedway** Attracts Top Drivers**

The 40-lap feature auto race, which was twice postponed by rain, will be held this Sunday at the **Atco Speedway**. First event is scheduled to get under way at 2:30 P. M.

6/10/1950

Three new entries for the big grind were received this week. Eddie Ader, brother to Walt Ader the 500 mile runner, will be on hand driving the very fast Strupp No. 24. Also entered for this week are Nelson Applegate of Trenton and Jackie Reynolds of Mt. Tabor, N. J. Reynolds won the Becker Memorial race at the Alcyon Speedway on Memorial Day.

The new speedway is located on the White Horse Pike, between Hammonton and Berlin, N. J.

Chic DiNatale, last year's champion, will be riding in the new No. 69 just being completed and should be in there when the big event gets under way. Other entries include, Bill Smith, Willow Grove, Pa., Al Gross, Phila., Pa., Johnny Almack, Trenton, Roy Muhs, Trenton, Bill Mollineaux, Camden, George Petryck, Newark, Paul Barbiche, Flemington, and many more of the nations top notch drivers.

# DiNatale Winner In Atco Car Race

6/12/1950

Rocky DiNatale gunned his stock car to victory in the 40-lap feature race at the **Atco Speed** way yesterday in a program that was marred by two spills in the cofeatures.

In the feature race Frank Cannizzara slid on the eighth lap and upset, his brother Vince piling into him as the car spun across the track. Frank was taken to the hospital, but returned to the races after a check-up.

The same event found Bill Smith slipping on the ninth lap, but no serious injury resulted.

Second place in the main event went to Paul Barbashe, with Ed Sodon finishing third.

In the Class B cofeature, Frank Cannizzaro won the event with Don McFarland second.

In the three heats Barbashe won the first with Rocky DeNatale scoring in the second and Smith in the third.

First heat—1. Paul Barbashe; 2. Roy Muhs; 3. Chick DiNatale; 4. Ed Sodon. Time, 4.24.37.

Second heat—1. Rocky DiNatale; 2. Vince Cannizzaro; 3. Frank Cannizzaro; 4. Don McFarland. Time, 4.18.54.

Third heat—1. Bill Smith; 2. Don Moore; 3. Roy Muhs; 4. Jim Marx. Time, 4.25.03.

Class B feature—1. Frank Cannizzaro; 2. Don McFarland; 3. Chubby Wagner.

Feature, 40 laps—1. Rocky DiNatale; 2. Paul Barbashe; 3. Ed Sodon; 4. Jim Marx; 5. Jim Watkins; 6. Bob Stump.

# ***Atco Speedway Win For Rocky Di Natale***

6/12/1950

ATCO, N. J. — Threading his way around crashed cars, Rocky Di Natale of Trenton scored his third feature event victory of the Atco Speedway stock car racing season here yesterday. Paul Barbiche finished second and Eddie Soden third.

A car driven by Bill Smith of Willow Grove Pa., turned over on the 10th lap. Smith was shaken up but not injured. The Cannizzaro brothers, Vince and Frank, both crashed in front of the grandstand. The race was halted at one stage while the track was cleared. As a result, no official time was kept for the 40-lap event.

Qualifying race winners included Frank Cannizzaro, Bill Smith, Rocky Di Natale and Barbiche.

# Stock Car Race Card

## At Atco On Sunday

6/14/1950

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ATCO, N. J.—Another thrilling afternoon of stock car racing is in store for devotees of this sport on Sunday. The new half-mile Atco Speedway oval will be the scene of a program calling for more than 60 laps of racing. Rocky Di Natale of Trenton will try for his fourth feature event victory of the season. The program, sanctioned by the Eastern Stock Car Racing Club, will get under way at 2:30 p. m.

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# Stock Cars Race At Atco Sunday

6/15/1950

Another great card of stock car riding is in store for fans at the Atco Speedway this Sunday. The two-month old speedway located on the White Horse Pike between Hammonton and Berlin, is one of the trickiest in the east and supplies plenty of thrills and spills for the fans.

Rocky Di Natale of Trenton made it three wins last Sunday, driving the very fast Persy No.

and seems to be the man to beat in the modified stocks. He will be back again this week trying to make it four. Bill Smith of Willow Grove, Pa., also a feature winner, will be back driving the No. 77 which he flipped Sunday while pressing Paul Barthe of Flemington, for second

spot in the thrill packed feature event.

Vince Cannizzaro, another feature winner who demolished his No. 41 when he ran into the car driven by his brother Frank after it had rolled on the straight away in front of the grand stand. Eddie Ader of Bernardsville and brother to Walt Ader, will be on hand this Sunday. Eddie was expected to run last Sunday but had to withdraw his entry after his motor went out on him in a race in New York Saturday night, but his car will be ready for Sunday and he will definitely be there trying for his first win at the new oval.

Other entries are Chic Di Natale, Roy and Ray Muhs, Angelo Lombardi, all of Trenton; Al Gross, of Philadelphia; Chappie Wagner, Mays Landing; Jack Singer, Philadelphia; Jim Weatherhead, Berlin; George Petryck, Newark, and many more of the nation's topnotch drivers.



# Fourth Win Is Atco Goal Of Di Natale

6/15/1950

The usual card of stock car racing is on tap for speed fans at the Atco Speedway Sunday. The two-month-old track, located on the White Horse Pike between Hammonton and Berlin, N. J., is one of the trickiest in the East and supplies plenty of thrills and spills.

Rocky Di Natale of Trenton made it three wins last week, driving the very fast Persey No. 9. Rocky seems to be the man to beat in the modified stocks. He will be back again this week trying to make it four. Bill Smith of Willow Grove, Pa., also a feature winner, will be back in the No. 77 which he flipped while pressing Paul Barbiche of Flemington for second spot in last Sunday's thrill-packed feature.

Vince Cannizzaro, another feature winner, demolished his No. 41 car when he ran into the auto driven by his brother, Frank, after it had rolled on the straightway in front of the grandstand.

Eddie Ader of Bernardsville, brother of big car driver Walt Ader, will be on hand this Sunday. Eddie was expected to run last Sunday but had to withdraw his entry after his motor went out on him in a race in New York Saturday night. He reports that his car will be ready for Sunday and he will definitely be trying for his first win at the new oval.

Other entries include Chic Di Natale, Roy and Ray Muhs, Angelo Lombardi, Al Gross, Chappie Wagner, Jack Singer, Jim Weatherhead and George Petryk.

The event, sanctioned by the Eastern Stock Car Racing Club, will get under way at 2:30 p. m.

# Atco Plans Weekly Racing Card Sunday

Another card of stock car racing is in store for the racing fans at the **Atco Speedway**, Sunday. The two-month-old speedway located on White Horse Pike between Hammonton and Berlin is one of the trickiest in the east.

Rocky Di Natale of Trenton, made it three wins Sunday driving the very fast Persy No. 9 and seems to be the man to beat in the modified stocks. He will be back again this week trying to make it four. Bill Smith of Willow Grove, Pa., also a feature winner, will be back driving the No 77 which he flipped Sunday while pressing Paul Barbiche of Flemington, for second spot in the thrill-packed feature event.

The event sanctioned by the Eastern Stock Car Racing Club gets under way at 2:30 P.M.

# DiNatale Victor In Atco Racing

ATCO, N. J., June 18.—Rocky DiNatale, Trenton, won an interrupted 40-lap feature stock car race today at the **Atco Speedway** before 2500. The race was halted temporarily at the end of the second lap because of a six-car pileup and no time was kept from that point.

In a class B feature, Walt White, Atco, edged out Philadelphia's Nestor Tabor, crossing the finish line in 6:04. Lucy DiNatale won the women's match race.

The summaries follow:

**40-LAP FEATURE:** 1. Rocky DiNatale, Trenton; 2. Walt White, Atco; 3. Angelo Lombardi, Trenton; 4. George Petryk, Pindern; 5. Jimmie Marks, Bridgeton; 6. Paul Barbiche, Flemington.

**CLASS B:** 1. Walt White, Atco; 2. Nestor Tabor, Philadelphia; 3. Chappy Wagner, Mays Landing; 4. Pokey Campbell, Philadelphia; 6:04.

**FIRST QUALIFYING HEAT:** 1. Rocky DiNatale; 2. Bill Smith, Willow Grove; 3. Chris Brodbeck, Trenton; 4. Nestor Tabor, Philadelphia. No time kept.

**SECOND QUALIFYING HEAT:** 1. Chris DiNatale, Trenton; 2. George Petryk, Pindern; 3. Lou DiNatale, Trenton; 4. Mike Dudash, Trenton; 6:00.25.

**THIRD QUALIFYING HEAT:** 1. Angelo Lombardi, Trenton; 2. Paul Barbiche, Flemington; 3. Chappy Wagner, Mays Landing; 4. Jimmie Marks, Bridgeton; 6:03.37.

# Camden 'Cap Set For Atco Sunday

Two new entries will be on hand Sunday to add to the great field of cars in this 40-lap Camden Handicap at the Atco Speedway located between Hammon-ton and Berlin. Jackie Reynolds of Mt. Tabor, and Nelson Applegate of Trenton, have submitted entries for the big grind. Reynolds took the checker flag of Harry Reeves first in the 50-lap Becker Memorial race Tuesday at Alycon Speedway.

Other possible entries are Joe Chester and Johnny Almack, both involved in major accidents Tuesday and have plenty of work to be done on their cars. Chester went out of control on the straight away and rolled four times, while Almack went over a 20-foot bank and completely demolished his car. Luckily, both boys came out with only minor cuts and bruises.

Eddie Ader, brother of Walt Ader, the Indianapolis 500 driver, will be on hand driving the Sonny Strupp No. 24, in which he placed second in the 50-lap race Tuesday.

Other notables entered this week are Paul Barbiche, Flemington; Bill Smith, Willow Grove, Pa.; Al Tasnady, Somerville; George Petryck, Newark; Rocky and Chic Di Natale, Vince and Frank Cannizzaro. The two brother teams are out of Trenton and a host of other top-notch drivers should make this the most talked about race of the year.

The most important factor of this race are the reverse starts in the feature, which means that the fastest cars will start in the rear of the field and will have plenty of iron to go through if they expect to get the checker flag first.

## *Atco Threat Sunday*



**Paul Barbiche**

— 6/22/1950

Known as the "fence buster" from Flemington, Barbiche looms a stern threat in Sunday's stock car races at the new Atco Speedway in South Jersey. Paul led for 23 laps of last week's race, only to spin on the 24th lap when being closely pressed by Rocky Di Natale of Trenton. Di Natale won the race, his fourth Atco feature triumph of the season. Barbiche has been close on a number of occasions but is still seeking his first win.



# Trenton Cars 6/23/1950 In Atco Race

The thrill-packed stock car races run weekly at the new Atco Speedway are drawing many Trenton stock cars and drivers. The track is located just off the White Horse Pike between Hamrington and Berlin, N. J.

Rocky Di Natale of Trenton captured last week's event, making it four wins at Atco. The only other winners at the speedway are Vince Cannizzaro, also of Trenton, and "Wild Bill" Smith of Willow Grove, Pa. Rocky cruised into the checker flag of Starter Harry Reeves after Paul Barbiche of Flemington had set the pace for 23 laps and spun on the 24th. He drove wildly into the north turn as Rocky pressed him. Paul, who had lapped the majority of the 21 cars, pulled out of his spin and collected sixth money.

Other top notch drivers entered in Sunday's events are Chic Di Natale, last year's Eastern champion and brother to Rocky; George Petryck, Newark, N. J.; Al Tasnady, Somerville, N. J.; Roy and Ray Muhs, Trenton; Jim Weatherhead, Berlin, N. J.; Bill Wible, Atco; Jim Strathman, Doylestown, Pa., the Cannizzaro brothers, Vince and Frank, of Trenton; Chappie Wagner, Mays Landing, N. J. and Jimmy Marks, Glassboro.

Atco offers a reverse start feature which calls for the fastest cars to start last. This crowd-pleasing system will be run again this Sunday, with the first event getting under way at 2:30 p. m.

A special added event will be a match race for girl drivers.

# 40-Lap Feature At Atco Track

6/24/1950

Several new drivers will be among the field to contest the issue in the featured 40-lap Camden Handicap as the stock cars while around the **Atco Speedway** on Sunday afternoon.

Two are Jackie Reynolds of Mt. Tabor and Nelson Applegate of Trenton.

Other possible entries are Joe Chester and Johnny Almack, both involved in major accidents Tuesday and have plenty of work to be done on their cars. Chester went out of control on the straight away and rolled four times, while Almack went over a 20-foot bank and completely demolished his car. Luckily, both boys came out with only minor cuts and bruises.

Eddie Ader, brother of Walt Ader, the Indianapolis 500 driver, will be on hand driving the Sonny Strupp No. 24, in which he placed second in the 50-lap race Tuesday.

Other notables entered this week are Paul Barbiche, Flemington; Bill Smith, Willow Grove, Pa.; Al Tasnady, Somerville; George Petryck, Newark; Rocky and Chic Di Natale, Vince and Frank Cannizzaro.

# Three Trenton Brother Duos In Races Today At Atco Oval

6/25/1950

Three sets of brothers, all from Trenton, will be among the competitors in today's stock car races at the Atco Speedway in South Jersey. Rocky and Chick Di Natale, Vince and Frank Cannizzaro and Roy and Ray Muhs are the brother duos.

Family relationships are forgotten, however, once the motors start roaring on the Atco race track. A few weeks ago, for instance, the cars driven by the Cannizzaro brothers collided in front of the grandstand. Fortunately, neither Frank nor Vince suffered serious injury.

Rocky Di Natale currently is the No. 1 Atco speedster. He has won four feature events this season. He will be trying for No. 5 this afternoon. One of the foremost threats to his continued supremacy is his brother, Chick, runnerup to Bernardsville's Ed Ader in a recent night race at the Flemington Fair Grounds. Chick was the Eastern Stock Car Racing Club champion in 1949. Unless he

starts winning feature events soon, however, he may be forced to yield this honor to Rocky for 1950.

One of the Cannizzaro boys already has crashed the circle of Atco feature winners. Frank shares that distinction with Rocky Di Natale and Bill Smith, the Willow Grove speedster. Vince and Frank Cannizzaro are known to stock car fans as the "flying bakers."

The Muhs boys, Ray and Roy, are comparative newcomers to the stock car sport. They hope to crash the victory column this season.

Another stern threat from this area is Paul Barbiche of Flemington. Barbiche led last Sunday's Atco feature for 23 of the 40 laps. On the 24th lap, at the north turn, Paul's reckless speed resulted in a spin. Rocky Di Natale took advantage of this opportunity to pass Paul and win the race.

Today's Atco program will begin at 2:30 p. m.

# Race Car Kills Mother, Son

6/26/1950

BERLIN, N. J. — AP — A 33-year-old mother and one of her children were killed at Atco Speedway by a speeding stock car racer that crashed through a guard rail yesterday. Another child was injured seriously.

Several thousand racing fans saw the car, driven by Don MacFarland of Horsham, Pa., hurtle through the fence on the track's Southeast corner. He was not hurt.

Killed was Mrs. Mary Suggs of Camden and her son, William, 6.

The other child, Dolores Suggs, 8, is under observation at Audubon Hospital with a possible skull fracture.

The father, William Suggs Jr., truck driver, had taken the family to the races for a day's outing. He was standing not far from his wife and children at the time of the crash.

# Racing Car Kills Mother And Son At **Atco Speedway**

6/26/1950

A Camden mother and her six-year-old son were killed and another child was seriously injured before the horrified gaze of thousands of spectators at the **Atco Speedway**, Waterford Township, yesterday when a racing car crashed through the guard railing.

State Police identified the victims as Mrs. Mary Suggs, 33, of 1339 Whitman ave., and William A. Suggs, 3rd. Mrs. Suggs was dead when admitted to the Audubon Hospital and her son died there a short time later.

Dolores Suggs, 8 years old, was admitted to the hospital with a possible fractured skull. The husband and father, William A. Suggs, Jr., was standing near-by with a group of friends and escaped injury.

The racing car, driven by Don McFarland of Horsham, Pa., crashed into the guard railing at the southeast corner of the track, not far from where a lead-in road crosses a three foot ditch which circles the track for the protection of the patrons.



# Midget Auto Card Sunday At Atco Oval

6/29/1950

Midget auto races will be run Sunday at Atco Speedway, located just off the White Horse Pike between Hammonton and Berlin, N. J.

"Pop" De Varcelly, one of the oldest drivers in the business and president of the midget car sanctioning group, has promised no less than 24 cars. As a result, a slam-bang speed card should be in store for the midget racing fans.

Entries have been received from such drivers as Johnny Coy, last year's American Racing Association champion; Walt Fair, Morristown speed demon; George Marshman, Philadelphia, who pilots stocks and big cars as well as midgets; Danny Gibson, Islip, L. I.; Art Gourtier, Philadelphia; Earl Kennedy, Reading, Pa.; Buster Williams, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Stan Disbrow, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Steve Yanigan, Scranton, Pa.; Lyle Scott, Port Washington, L. I., and Bob McCoughlough, Mineola, L. I.

The half-mile track is being reconditioned for the Sunday afternoon event, which will get under way at 2:30 o'clock.

Stock car races will resume at Atco on the following Sunday afternoon, July 9.

# Auto Track To Open At Bangaintown

6/29/1950

A Philadelphia man and Atlantic City interests have begun construction of an automobile race track at Bangaintown, Atlantic county, which is expected to open sometime in July.

The project which will cost some \$14,000, is being built by Frank H. Craven and unnamed persons from the shore resort.

Work has been halted, however, since the fatal accident at **Atco Speedway**, Camden county, in which two spectators were killed. It was thought that further state restrictions will be enforced, thus making changes in original construction plans.

# Coy to Feature Midget Races

7/1/1950

Johnny Coy, last year's ARA champion and a host of other midget auto drivers will top the field Sunday afternoon in races to be held at the Atco Speedway on Route 43 between Hammonton and Berlin.

Starting at 2.30 o'clock, Pop De Varcelly, one of the oldest drivers in the business and ARA president, has promised no less than 24 cars and a possibility of 35.

Entries have been received from such drivers as Walt Fair, Morristown speed demon; George Marshman, Philadelphia, Pa., who pilots stocks and big cars as well as midgets, and Danny Gibson, the Islip, L. I., flash. Art Goutier, Philadelphia, Pa., Buster Williams, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Stan Disbrow, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Steve Yanigan, Scranton, Pa.; Lyle Scott, Port Washington, L. I.

Bob McCougough, Mineola, L. I., and a host of other lead-footed midget pilots. The track is being reconditioned by the management and should be very fast.

The weekly stock car races will resume on the following Sunday afternoon.

# Midget Auto Races Today At Atco Oval

7/2/1950

Midget motors will roar this afternoon on the half-mile Atco Speedway track in South Jersey. The first midget auto race program of the Atco season will start at 2:30 o'clock.

Director Pop De Varcelly has lined up what he considers an excellent field of tiny car pilots. Johnny McCoy, 1949 American Racing Association champ, is one of two dozen or more drivers scheduled to participate.

Prospective rivals of McCoy include Walt Fair of Norristown, Pa.; Bob McCullough, Mineola, L. I.; George Marshman, Philadelphia; Lyle Scott, Port Washington, L. I.; Danny Gibson, Islip, L. I.; Steve Yanigan, Scranton, Pa.; Art Gourtier, Philadelphia; Stan Disbrow, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Earl Kennedy, Reading, Pa., and Buster Williams of Brooklyn.

Director De Varcelly, a former driver himself, believes the new Atco racing strip ideal for midget car competition.

# 2 Drivers Injured; Dispute Ends Race

ATCO, N. J., July 2.—Two drivers were hospitalized in a midget auto race program at **Atco Speedway** today abbreviated by a dispute between management and Automobile Racing Association drivers over purse money. After the main event was canceled, some 650 patrons were issued refunds or rain checks.

Bob McCullough, 27, Mincola, L. I., suffered a brain concussion when he flipped into a fence on the second turn of the first heat. Richard Saxton, 25, Philadelphia, suffered abrasions of the right shoulder, arm and hand, along with contusions, when he also flipped on the backstretch. Both were taken to Audubon Hospital. The race was declared off.

Pop De Vercelly, Far Rockaway, L. I., won the second heat; Karl Kennedy, Birdsboro, Pa., the third; Frank Aubrey, Philadelphia, the first semi, and Sid Cook, Long Beach, L. I., the second.

A double stock car feature will be staged next Sunday.



# Stock Car Races Slated at Atco

7/8/1950

Vince Cannizzaro, rated among the top stock car drivers in the area, is a heavy favorite to win one of tomorrow's two features at the **Atco Speedway** located just off the White Horse Pike between Hammonton and Berlin.

Stock car racing fans will see the greatest show ever to be presented at the speedway with Paul Barbiche, of Flemington; Wild Bill Smith, of Willow Grove, Pa.; George Petryck, of Newark; Jimmy Marks, of Glassboro, Ohio, and Rocky DiNatale, of Trenton; Ray Muhs, of Trenton, and a host of other lead footed stock car pilots.

The Cannizzaro brothers, Vince and Frank, of Trenton, are ready to roll again after a three-week layoff in readying their cars which were demolished when Frank rolled and Vince plowed into him at this speedway. Vince, a previous feature winner, is a big favorite to win at least one of the two features. Al Collins, of Philadelphia, also will be on hand to vie for the cash and glory received in the checker flag of starter Harry Reeves, if he can get his very fast No. 34 going by then. Al wrecked his car when he went over a bank at the Pitman Speedway last week.

# Barbich, DiNatale Win at Atco

7/10/1950

Paul Barbich and Rocky DiNatale shared the winner's circle yesterday in a thrilling double feature stock car program at the **Atco Speedway** yesterday.

More than 2000 persons spent an exciting two hours watching the stock car experts fight tooth and nail for the winner's purses. Each of the featured races were marred by minor accidents in which there were no injuries.

The three qualifying heats were void of accidents with Barbich winning the first, DiNatale the second and Rocky DiNatale the third.

Each of the feature races were 25 lap affairs with the cars being reversed after the first 25 and racing another 25.

Rocky DiNatale, winner of the 10 lap second qualifying heat, won the first feature when his car covered the distance in 10.28.80. Barbich was a close se-

ond with Ed Smith third, Nestor Tabor fourth and Ed Soden fifth.

Barbich, however, came right back in the second feature to win by a wide margin. Cars driven by Vince Cannazzaro, Ed Smith and Sherrill Griggs tangled on the third and fourth turns although there were no injuries.

Walt White flipped his car at the start, crashing into the starters stand and guard rail. No one was injured in the accident.

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# Auto Track Safety

7/10/1950

State-enforced safety regulations for New Jersey's 15 automobile race tracks are proposed by Harry Reeves of Haddonfield, a starter for the Eastern States Stock Car Racing Association. Reeves was officiating at Atco Speedway June 25 when a car jumped the fence and killed a Camden woman and her son who were watching the races.

Reeves says he has discussed his plan for such safety legislation with Governor Driscoll, Senator Wallace, and Assemblyman Neutze and that all have given it tentative approval. While track operators should be the ones primarily responsible for the safety of their patrons, there is apparent merit in having a uniform, statewide safety code enforced by the state. Anything to prevent other tragedies like that at Atco will be worthwhile.

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# Rocci Di Natale Winner at Atco

7/10/1950

ATCO, N. J., July 9. — Rocci Di Natale, Trenton, carried off high honors in the feature race at today's weekly stock car program at **Atco Speedway**.

Paul Barbiche, Flemington, second in the feature race, was first in a reverse start race which highlighted the double-feature program.

Winners of the heats.

1—Barbiche, Soden; Chappy Wagner, Mays Landing; Almack; Taber, 6:09.75; 2—Chic De Natale, Trenton; Griggs; Moore; White; Mel Cameron, Philadelphia, 6:03.29; 3—Rocci De Natale, Moore; Cannizzaro; Wagner; Smith, 6:05.80.

# Atco Race Honors To Rocky DiNatale

7/10/1950

ATCO, N. J. —AP— Rocky DiNatale of Trenton carried off the high honors in the feature race of yesterday's weekly show at the ATCO Auto Speedway.

Paul Barbiche of Flemington who was second in the feature race came out first in the reverse start race which highlighted the day's double feature program.

Other winners in the first race, the time of which was 10:28.80, were Wild Bill Smith of Willow Grove, Pa., Nester Taber of Philadelphia, Eddie Soden, George Moore of Pennsauken Township, Bob Stumpp of Willow Grove, Johnny Almack of Trenton, and Roy Muhs of Trenton.

Walt White flipped on the home stretch while three cars tangled between the third and fourth laps. The jammed up cars were driven by Smith, Vince Cannizzaro of Trenton and Sherrill Griggs of Pitman.

Winners of the heats were:

1—Barbiche, Soden, Chappy Wagner, Mays Landing; Almack, Taber. Time-6:09.75.

2—Chick DiNatale, Trenton; Griggs, Moore, White, Mel Cameron of Philadelphia. Time-6:03.29.

3—Rocky DiNatale, Moore, Cannizzaro, Wagner, Smith. Time-6:05.8.

The crowd was estimated at 2,000.



# Trophy Race Set As Atco Feature

7/15/1950

Rocky DiNatale, of Trenton, and Paul Barbiche, of Flemington, two of the most outstanding drivers in the area, race each other at the **Atco Speedway** Sunday in quest of the coveted Atco Trophy.

The mid-season race has attracted a large field of prominent drivers in the east, including Chick DiNatale. Entries have also been sent in by Johnny Karp, of Trenton, and Jackie Reynolds of Dover, both ESCRC winners this season. Chic Di Natale, also a club winner this season and a tough luck driver at the speedway, will be back again this week trying for his first win at the new oval.

Other entries include Bill Smith, of Willow Grove, Pa.; Roy and Ray Muhs, the brother team riding out of Trenton; Al Collins, Philadelphia, Pa.; Bill Gross, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jim Weatherhead, Berlin; Jimmy Marks, Glassboro; Angelo Lombardi, Trenton; Jim Strathman, Doylestown, Pa.; Bill Mollineaux, Camden.

Three qualifying heats, a consolation event preceding the feature event, will get under way at 2.30 p. m.

A special match race between girl drivers which was canceled last week because of the double feature will also be run this week. Cars will be furnished for any local feminine talent who care to get into the sport.

# At Atco

7/21/1950

The rained out trophy race scheduled for last Sunday will be the big event this Sunday at the **Atco Speedway** located just off the White Horse pike between Berlin and Hammonton.

All previous feature event winners will be on hand to vie for the beautiful trophy and also top money. Paul Barbiche, Flemington; Vince Cannizzaro, of Trenton; Wild Bill Smith, of Willow Grove, Pa., and Rocky Di Natale, of Trenton, are all previous winners at the new oval and are all anxious for a shot at the trophy.

Other lead-footed drivers who will compete are George Petryck, Newark; Jimmy Marks, Glassboro; Bill Mollineaux, Camden; Al Gross, Philadelphia; Lud Yurgin, Haddonfield; Roy and Ray Muhs, the brother team from Trenton; Angelo Lombardi and a host of other top notch drivers.

The track has been completely scarified by the management and should be very fast. First event gets under way at 2.30 p. m.

# Herman Captures Feature at Atco

7/24/1950

Harry Herman, of Somerville, captured the featured 25-lap stock car race at the **Atco Speedway** before some 2000 spectators yesterday.

The main event was marred by an accident on the fourth turn of the tenth lap when four cars piled into each other. However, after the cars again got straightened out the race was resumed.

Vince Cammizzaro, of Trenton, who captured the opening event of 10 laps, finished second in the feature with Bud Diaz, of Chester, Pa., coming in third. Twenty cars started and only 12 finished.

After Cammizzaro had won the first 10-lap race, Chappie Wagner took the second such race with Bill Smith, of Willow Grove, winning the third race of 10 laps.

In a match race of five laps, Herman defeated Jimmy Marks of Bridgeton.

Following are the results:

First race, 10 laps—1, Vince Cammizzaro, Trenton; 2, Jimmy Marks, Bridgeton; 3, Mike Dudash, Trenton. Time—4.66.

Second race, 10 laps—1, Chappie Wagner, Mays Landing; 2, Rocky DiNatale, Trenton; 3, George Moose, Atco. Time—4.45.

Third race, 10 laps—1, Bill Smith, Willow Grove; 2, Bud Strathmann, Philadelphia; 3, Bid Simpson, Trenton. Time—4.42.5.

Match race, 5 laps—1, Harry Herman, Somerville; 2, Marks.

Feature race, 25 laps—1, Herman; 2, Cammazzario; 3, Bud Diaz, Chester, Pa.; Wagner; 5, Dudash; 6, Marks.

# Herman Triumphs In Stock Car Race

ATCO, N. J., July 23.—Harry Herman, Somerville, N. J., made an impressive debut today at **Atco Speedway**, beating a field of 20 in the mid-season stock car championship race.

No time was taken because accidents slowed the race. Carl Sterling, Philadelphia, went through a fence and Bill Smith, Willow Grove, came to a halt with his right wheel on the fence.

Vince Cannizzaro, Trenton, finished second, while Ben Diaz, Williamstown, N. J., placed third in his first venture as a stock car racer.

Besides winning the feature, Herman beat Jimmy Marks and Rocky DiNatale in a match race. 7/24/1950

# At Speedway 7/28/1950

A five-event card is in store for stock car racing fans at the **Atco Speedway** Sunday. The event will start at 2.30 p. m.

Harry Herman, winner of the mid-season trophy race last week will be back again trying for another win. Rocky Di Natale, Bill Smith, Paul Barbiche and Vince Cannizzaro, all previous feature event winners, will also be back trying for another win.

Herman won after Rocky and Bill Smith crashed going into the third turn and were eliminated from competition. Vince Cannizzaro came in for second place money just a half length behind the winner.

The new price of \$1.20 which includes tax, entitles everyone to grand stand seats.

Other lead-footed drivers listed for this week's event are Angelo Lombardi, Trenton; the Muhs brothers, Ray and Roy, of Trenton; Jim Strathman, Doylestown, Pa.; Bill Molineaux, Camden; Rocky Campbell, Philadelphia; Al Gross, Philadelphia; Jimmy Marks, Glassboro; Chappy Wagner, Mays Landing, and other late entrants.



# Herman Captures Atco Feature

7/31/1950

Atco, July 31—Despite three straight victories in preliminary heats, George Moore of Pennsauken was forced to settle for third place in the feature race at the **Atco Speedway** yesterday afternoon.

More than 1800 stock car fans saw Somerville's Harry Herman streak over the 20-lap distance in 8.36.20 in the top competition of the day as Paul Baroiche and Moore watched the winner's exhaust from second and third places respectively.

Moore had completely overshadowed the rest of the field in the warm-up races as he finished first in the first, second and third heats, making a clean sweep of the preliminaries.

There were a few accidents during the afternoon's activity but none of the drivers was hurt.

In the second lap of first heat, Rocky DiNatale, of Trenton, was rammed through the fence by his wife Lucy as they headed down the stretch for the second

DiNatale also was the center of another mishap when he turned completely over on the fifth lap of the third heat. He climbed out of his hotrod unharmed.

Because of the hot weather, the Atco management announced yesterday there will be no racing at the track until August 20.

Following are the complete results:

First heat—George Moore, Pennsauken; Chapp Wagner, Mays Landing; Don Wilkins, Philadelphia. Time, 4.25.03.

Second heat—George Moore, Pennsauken; Harry Herman, Somerville; Mike Dudash, Trenton. Time, 4.28.60.

Third heat—George Moore, Pennsauken; Chapp Wagner, Mays Landing; Bud Simpson, Atco.

Feature race—Harry Herman, Somerville; Paul Baroiche, Flemington; George Moore, Chapp Wagner, Mike Dudash. Time, 8.36.20.

# Somerville Driver Wins Race at Atco

ATCO, N. J., July 30.—Harry Herman, Somerville, again won the feature at **Atco Speedway** today, leading the field in stock car event.

Rocky Di Natale, Trenton, overturned at the first turn in an early heat and was unhurt.

The summaries follow:

FIRST HEAT: 1—George Moore, Pennsauken township; 2—Ed Forte, Atco; 3—John Wilkins, Pennsauken township; 4—Paul Barbiche, Flemington. 4:25.03.

SECOND HEAT—Moore; Harry Herman, Somerville; Dudash; Bill Slaughter, Trenton. 4:28.60.

THIRD HEAT: Moore; Chappy Wagner, Mays Landing; Bud Simpson, Atco; Barbiche. No time taken because of upsets.

7/31/1950

## \$125,000 Asked in Suit For Auto Race Deaths

William A. Suggs Jr., a truck driver, of 1339 Whitman avenue, filed suit in Superior Court today to obtain \$125,000 damages for the death of his wife, Mary, 33, and son, William A. 3d, 6, killed June 25 while watching stock car automobile races at Atco.

Named as defendants in the suit are the **Atco Speedway**, Inc., and the Eastern Stock Car Racing Club, Inc., and the four brothers said to own and operate the two organizations—James Di Natale, of Hammonton, and James, Rocco and Charles Di-Natale, all of Trenton.

8/21/1950

# **\$120,000 Suit Filed For Speedway Deaths**

8/22/1950

CAMDEN, N. J. — AP — Damages of \$120,000 are asked in a superior court suit filed by William A. Suggs, Jr., against the Atco Speedway in the death of his wife and son.

The Camden man's wife, Mary, 33, and 6-year-old son, William 3d, were killed at the speedway June 25 when a car broke through a guard rail during a race. A daughter, Dolores, 8, suffered a skull fracture in the same accident.

The suit, charging negligence in the track's operation, names as defendants the Atco Speedway, Inc., the Eastern Stock Car Racing Club, Inc., and four brothers who operate the track.

# List Women's Show At Atco Speedway

A show comprising all women drivers is scheduled to be held tonight at the **Atco Speedway**. It will start at 8.30.

Lucy DiNatale, Eastern women's stock car champion, will lead a group of dare devil gals into a program designed to give the fans thrills and chills aplenty.

The girls are scheduled to perform the famous "T-bone" crash when they drive at top speed over a ramp and crash broadside into a parked car. Other attractions includes flipping and driving through walls of fire.

The night will conclude with a 25-lap feature race among Bill Smith, Rocky and Chick DiNatale and Jack Yardley. 8/26/1950





9/4/1950 **MIKE DUDASH**

The Atco Speedway will be the scene of 75 laps of stock-car racing, consisting of three 10-lap heats, one 15-lap consolation and a 30-lap feature, tonight. Dudash of Trenton, a former prize fighter and 24-year-old navy veteran, is among the entrants. Rocky Di Natale, president and point leader of the Eastern Stock Car Racing Association, says over 30 entry blanks have been received. Two sets of Trenton brothers, Roy and Ray Muhs and Joe and Ed Chester, will be in action. Four women, Lucy DiNatale, Mae Stoy, Olga Purcell and Mary Larison, also will compete. The program starts at 8:30 o'clock.

# Simpson, Moore To Race at Atco

9/23/1950

Atco, Sept. 23—Bud Simpson and George Moore a pair of outstanding stock car drivers, will be out to improve their point standing at **Atco Speedway** tonight when they drive their cars in the three qualifying heats and the consolation race. They will be competing to enter the 25-lap mid-season trophy race. The program will start at 8.30 o'clock.

Simpson and Moore have been regular competitors at Atco this season and both have rolled up enviable point totals. Simpson has 17 points, while Moore has compiled 10, followed by Chappy Wagner who has eight to his credit.

Offering formidable opposition are a host of fast drivers including Walt White, Atco; Ed Forest, Woodstown; Ed Forte, Atco; Jack Costello, Riverside, and many others.

# Standout Drivers At **Atco** Sunday

9/30/1950

Some of the area's most outstanding stock car drivers are ready to compete in tomorrow's five-event card at the **Atco** Speedway.

Topping the long list of daredevils are Walt White, **Atco**, and **Rud Simpson** Berlin. The events will get underway at 2.30 p. m.

Chappy Wagner, Mays Landing; George Moore, Pennsauken; who came in fourth at Langhorne, Pa., last Sunday in the 100-mile national stock car championship race. Both previous feature event winners, will be back trying for another win.

Other lead footed drivers listed for this week's event are Edward Foster, Jimmy Hogate, both of Salem, Bill Bryant, Englishtown, and Dub Bell, also of Englishtown.

**Bud Simpson** will be out there trying to better his point standing for the season's trophy. Simpson is leading in points and Moore is in second place.

# Moore Captures Atco Feature

10-02-1950

George Moore, who is leading in points for the coveted Valadino Trophy for stock car drivers, topped a field of 22 cars yesterday to win the feature race at the Atco Speedway.

Moore took the lead from Joe Vigue on the 24th lap of the 25 lap race although the latter might have won had he not been involved in a minor accident early in the contest.

Three minor accidents marred the feature event, but none of the drivers were injured.

Other results follow:

First heat—**Rud Simpson:** 2, Bill Bryant; 3, George Moore; 4, Chappie Wagner.

Second heat — Joe Vigue; 2, Harold Ludwig; 3, Jack Costello; 4, Frank McMann.

Third heat—Lucy DiNatali; 2, Frank Souder; 3, Ray Muhs; 4, Steve Elias.

Consolation—Jim Shelton; 2, Walt White; 3, Bob Robinson; 4, Charles Shaffer.

# Stock Cars Race

## Sunday at **Atco**

10/6/1950

Stock car **racing** will be resumed Sunday at the Atco Speedway, starting at 2.30 p. m.

Featuring the drivers who will compete is George Moore, Pennsauken, who ran fourth in the 100-mile stock car championship race held recently at the Langhorne, Pa., track.

Moore is expected to receive his greatest opposition from Chappy Wagner, Mays Landing, who is second to Moore in point scoring at the **Atco** track.

About 30 drivers are expected to compete in Sunday's events, which include three 10-lap races, a 25-lap feature race and a five-lap match race between Moore and Wagner.

As a special attraction, Lucy DiNatale, stunt girl of the nation, will present her all-women **auto** dare-devil show. She will take her car over a ramp, turning it over in every possible way.

A point trophy will be awarded the driver scoring the most points and will be presented the winning driver by Miss **Auto** Racing of 1950. Admission to Sunday's race is one dollar.



A driver in the feature **auto** race at the **Atco** Speedway was injured seriously Sunday when his car went out of control on a curve, jumped the rail and overturned three times.

The victim, James T. Souder, 21, of White Horse pike, Berlin, was taken to Our Lady of Lourdes hospital in an ambulance which was halted at Stratford, seven miles west of the speedway, to pick up a couple injured in another accident.

Souder was **racing** in a 25-lap event which was called off when wreckage of his car was strewn over the track. The mishap occurred before hundreds of horrified spectators as he was completing the thirteenth lap and was several yards behind the competitors in the lead.

### **Has Head Injury** 10/9/1950

At the hospital, doctors after a preliminary examination diagnosed Souder's injuries as a possible skull fracture and numerous cuts and bruises of face and body.

# Vigue Captures Atco Feature

10/16/1950

By DOLORES VAN DOVER

Joe Vigue, of Camden, zoomed to victory in the 35-lap feature race at **Atco Speedway** yesterday.

Vigue began his drive after the field spread out and did some lead-footed driving for the front spot. Jimmy Glover, Trenton, was leading on the tenth lap but spun his car out, allowing Chappy Wagner, Mays Landing, to move into winning contention, but he was overtaken by Vigue on the thirty-fourth lap when his oil line broke.

Walt White, Atco, came from fourth place in the first heat to beat Bud Richards, Salem, who was leading in the sixth lap. Other heat winners were George Moore who came up from eighth spot when he took over on the third lap to beat Russ Kline, Philadelphia. Bud Simpson, Berlin, took Stew Bakely, Merchantville on the fifth lap, coming from fifth, place where he started.

In the second heat Ed Forte, Atco, broke the front axle of his stock car and crashed into the fence where he stayed until the completion of the race. He was uninjured.

Even before the races started, fans at the Speedway were given their share of thrills during warmup trials. Frank McMahon, a favorite of the fans and always a crowd pleaser, lost control of his car and rolled it over three times before it came to a halt. He also escaped uninjured.

Results follow:

First heat, 10 laps — Walt White, Atco; Bud Richards, Berlin; Chappy Wagner, Mays Landing.

Second heat, 10 laps—George Moore, Pennsauken; Al Williams, Salem; Ralph Bush, Camden.

Third heat, 10 laps—Bud Simpson, Berlin; Rocky DiNatale, Trenton; Joe Vigue, Camden.

Feature event — Joe Vigue, Camden; Chappy Wagner, Mays Landing; Jimmy Glover, Trenton; George Moore, Pennsauken.

Lucy Di Natale, foremost woman dare-devil in the East, drove a stock car onto a ramp and through a wall of fire, as an added attraction for the hundreds of spectators. This feat is believed never to have been successfully performed by a woman.

# Joe Vague Takes 1st Place In Main Event At **Atco Speedway**

Joe Vague flashed across the finish line first in the main event at **Atco Speedway** Sunday after Chappy Wagner, who had the race in the bag, developed engine trouble in the 34th lap and limped in to take second place. Wagner, from Mays Landing, had passed the field taking the lead in the 11th lap.

Jim Glover, of Princeton, took third in the main event.

Heat winners were: Walt White, Atco, first; George Moore, of Pennsauken, second; Bud Simpson, third.

10/16/1950

Bob Bole and Ed Forte went into spins in the early heats, but neither driver was injured.

# Stock Drivers Compete Sunday

10/20/1950

Some of the area's most outstanding stock car drivers are ready to compete in Sunday's five-event card at the **Atco** Speedway. Starting time is 2:30 p. m.

Topping the long list of lead-footed drivers are Ed Forte, **Atco**; **Bud Simpson**, Berlin; George Moore, Pennsauken, and Walt White, Atco. All previous feature event winners will be back trying for another victory.

George Moore will drive his last race at **Atco** before being drafted into the Army. Moore is ahead in point standing for the

Valadino Trophy, which is to be given Sunday to the driver who has won the most feature events during the season. The drivers also will pick Miss Auto Racing of 1950. She will turn present the trophy to the winner. The runner-up also will receive a trophy.

As an added attraction, Lucy Di Natale will drive a stock car blindfolded over a ramp and through a wall of fire, where she will attempt to land on another ramp turning her car over. Another woman daredevil will be Marge De Falco, who will try to flip her stock car in her first attempt.

Each of the qualifying heats will be 10 laps, while the consolation will consist of 12, followed by the 25-lap feature.

# Card **Atco** Races For Sunday

10/21/1950

The weekly stock car races will be held again Sunday afternoon starting at 2.30 o'clock at the **Atco** Speedway. There will be five races and a special feature.

Lucy DiNatale, of Trenton, will give the fans a thrill when she takes her stock car over a ramp, through flaming pit to another ramp and closes the stunt by flipping the vehicle.

As another special feature, the Valadino Trophy will be awarded to the driver with the most points compiled during the season. George Moore, who expects to be inducted into the Army soon, has a very good lead for the cup.

Drivers expected to take part in the five races are **Rud Simon**son, Berlin; Walt White, **Atco**; Frank McMahon, Berlin; Chappy Wagner, Mays Landing; Moore, Pennsauken; Joe Vigne, Camden.

There will be three heats of 10 laps and a consolation race of 12 laps before the 25-lap feature race.



# Simpson Wins Atco Feature

10/23/1950

Bud Simpson, of Atco, won the 25-lap featured stock car race at the **Atco Speedway** yesterday despite a re-start caused by a slight accident.

Simpson nosed out George Moore, of Pennsauken, and Rocky DiNatale, of Trenton, who finished second and third respectively.

Moore, who will enter the service shortly, was awarded the Valadino Trophy during yesterday's intermission. He was given the prize on the basis of his point accumulation since the season started. The troph was awarded by Dolores VanDover, of the Courier-Post.

The program featured stunt driving by Lucy DiNatale and Marge DeFalco. Miss DiNatale drove her stock car onto a ramp, through a wall of fire, onto another ramp and turned over in mid air.

Other results follow:

First heat—1. Moore, Pennsauken; 2. Steve Alla, Camden; 3. Walt White, Atco.

Second heat—1. Rocky DiNatale, Trenton; 2. Walt Peterson, Pennsauken; 3. Vic Hughes.

# Simpson Will Try To Boost Points

10/27/1950

"Bud" Simpson will attempt to increase his season's point total Sunday, at the **Atco Speedway** when a five-event stock car racing program will be held, starting at 2.30 p. m.

Last Sunday, George Moore was presented with the Valadine trophy as it was his last race before entering the armed forces. Moore was leading and it was doubtful if Simpson could have headed him in the remaining events.

Simpson now is leading the pack at the South Jersey racing strip. Chappy Wagner, Mays Landing, Joe Vigue, Camden, and Walter White, Atco, also are in the race for the second trophy to be awarded the leading driver.

Other drivers who are entered in Sunday's events are:

Walt Peterson, Pennsauken; Bob Robertson, Philadelphia; Ed Forte, Atco, and Bill Jones, Hightstown.

# Stock Drivers Clash at Atco

10/28/1950

More than a victory in a race will be at stake tomorrow when some of the area's most outstanding stock car drivers clash at the Atco Speedway.

"Rud" Simpson currently leading the pack for the Valadine trophy, tops a field of drivers that includes such names as Chappy Wagner, Mays Landing, Joe Vigue, Camden, and Walt White. Atco.

Simpson currently is leading the pack in point total for the coveted trophy and will be out to increase his advantage.

George Moore, another top driver, last Sunday was presented with a similar trophy before leaving for the Armed Forces. Since Moore will be unable to finish the season, Simpson and the others are competing for a second trophy.

Other drivers who are entered in Sunday's events are:

Walt Peterson, Pennsauken; Bob Robertson, Philadelphia; Ed Forte, Atco and Bill Jones, Hightstown.

Three qualifying heats consisting of 10 laps, a consolation race of 10 laps and a feature race of 25 laps comprise the program.

# Simpson Wins Atco Feature

10/30/1950

Winning feature races at the **Atco** Speedway on Sunday afternoons is getting to be pretty much of a habit with **Bud Simpson** the redhot **Atco** driver.

Simpson copped the 25-lap main stock car event yesterday to rack up his sixth win in his last 10 starts. And he won by a big margin to further illustrate his superiority over the field.

For the first nine laps it was an boys race. At various times Ed Forte, **Atco** and Rocky Di Natale, Trenton alternated in taking second spot. But Forte took the lead for second place in the 14th lap and stayed there although Di Natale was very close behind.

Simpson, who started all the way back in the field, had worked his way through quickly and was running third in the seventh lap. He then collared DiNatale on the tenth lap to take over second place and a lap later on the third turn Stew Bakely, Merchantville, who was leading, lost control of his mount and turned it over three times before it landed on all four wheels. After that it was Simpson's race. Lucy DiNatale, Trenton and Marge DeFalco, **Atco** performed the sensational twin flip.

Other results are as follows:

1st heat—Ja Costello, Heightstown;

Chappy Wagner, Mays Landing; Al Williams, Camden.

2nd heat—**Bud Simpson**, **Atco**; Rocky Di Natale, Trenton; Ed Forte, **Atco**.

3rd heat—Walt Peterson, Pennsauken; Vic Hruza, Port Norris; Stew Bakely, Merchantville.

Feature Event—Bud Simpson, Ed Forte, Rocky DiNatale, Chappy Wagner, Mays Landing.

# Set Benefit Race For Jim Souders

11/02/1950

Jimmy Souders, of Berlin, with a heart as big as the world and a will to live, remains unconscious today in his home at 127 White Horse pike, Berlin, after being injured in a stock car race two weeks ago.

But Jimmy, whose car turned a flip during the 25-lap feature race at the **Atco Speedway**, isn't going to lose this race because of his many friends who have arranged a race for his benefit this Sunday.

Atco officials hope the attraction will draw a record crowd for the spunky youngster who spent his twenty-second birthday in the hospital fighting for his life.

He suffered a serious brain concussion and is being treated by Dr. Walter Scheurman, the physician who attended the late Sonny Morrell, Camden Catholic High school gridster who died of a broken neck suffered in a game.



# Souders Benefit

## Set at Atco

11/4/1950

Stock car racing continues at the Atco Speedway Sunday starting at 2:00 p. m.

Three qualifying heats consisting of 10-laps and a 12-lap consolation precede the Jimmy Souders benefit race of 25-laps.

So the drivers will have an incentive, Joe Iagulli, a disabled veteran of War 2 and a stock car owner, is offering a trophy to the feature race winner.

Many of Souders' friends will be there including Rud Simmson, Atco; the leader in point standing for the Valadino trophy to be presented at the close of the season; Chappy Wagner, Mays Landing; Walt White, Atco; Joe Vigue, Hightstown; Ed Forte, Atco; Bob Robertson, Philadelphia.

Two weeks ago Souders, of Berlin, was driving in the feature race when he lost control of his car and flipped it over three times before it came to a halt, causing Jimmy to have a serious brain concussion. A week ago Jimmy spent his Twenty-second birthday unconscious in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital. Atco officials hope the benefit race for Jimmy will draw a record crowd for the season.

Lucy Di Natale, Trenton, is bringing with her a few of her all girl dare-devil drivers who will put on a match race plus a few of their acts as an added attraction.

The Atco Speedway is located on the White Horse Pike just below Berlin.

# DiNatale Wins Atco Feature

11/6/1950

Despite an exceptionally muddy track, Rocky Di Natale, of Trenton, won the 25-lap Jimmy Souder benefit race at the **Atco** Speedway yesterday.

DiNatale took the lead on the twenty-fourth lap after Frank Souder, no relation to Jimmy, and **Bud Simpson** left the race.

Only two minor accidents marred the four race program with Frank Souder crashing broadside into a car driven by Joe Walters and Dick McMahon went into a spin.

Other results follow:

First heat—Walt White, **Atco**; Jim Shelton, Trenton; Walt Peterson, Pennsauken.

Second heat—Joe Walters, Trenton; Ralph Errie, Hightstown; Simpson, **Atco**.

Third heat—DiNatale; Peterson; Ray Muhs, Trenton.

# Smith Captures Atco Race

11/13/1950

Wild Bill Smith, riding out of Willow Grove, Pa., captured the feature 25-lap stock car race, yesterday at the **Atco Speedway**.

Smith, heavy-footed and daring, came from last place in a field of 13 cars to take the lead on the 14th lap to beat Roy Muhs, Trenton. Muhs was leading but his car just wasn't fast enough to keep ahead of Smith's No. 52.

The race was run without any serious mishaps but on the 10th lap Ed Forte lost control of his car and skidded on the 4th turn. He was able to get it back under control before it went over the embankment.

Winners of the other heats follow:

First heat—Ralph Eric, Woodlynne; Rocky Di Natale, Trenton; Wal White, Atco; Walt Peterson, Pennsauken.

Second heat — Bul Simpson, Atco; Roy Muhs, Trenton; Ed Forte, Atco; Charles Curtin, Mays Landing.

Third heat—Bill Smith, Willow Grove; Rocky Di Natale, Roy Muhs, Walt Peterson.

Feature — Bill Smith, Roy Muhs, Chappy Wagner, Mays Landing; Wal White, Dick McMahon, Clementon.

# Wild Bill Smith Returns to Atco

11/17/1950

Featuring the competing stock car drivers at the **Atco** Speedway Sunday at 2.30 p. m., is Wild Bill Smith of Willow Grove, Pa.

Smith won last week's feature event with no trouble. Wild Bill is noted for driving modified cars at Langhorne, Pa., Pleasantville, and Pitman.

Since **Rud Simpson** of **Atco** is leading in point standing for the track's seasonal trophy he is expected to offer formidable opposition for Smith.

More than 30 drivers are expected to compete in Sunday's events which includes three eight-lap heats, a consolation of 12 and the 25-lap feature event.

Some of the chauffeurs who will handle the erstwhile family buses include Jack Smith, Camden; Chappy Wagner, Mays Landing; Ed Foote, **Atco**; Dub Bell and Bill Bryant Englishtown; Walt Peterson, Pennsauken; Frank Souder, Audubon; Vic Hruza, Woodlynne.

Beacuse of the cold weather the management has arranged for the spectators to sit in their own cars and watch the races.

# Simpson Wins Atco Feature

11/20/1950

By DOLORES VAN DOVER

After qualifying in the second heat, Bud Simpson, Atco, came through with an impressive victory in the 25-lap feature race at the **Atco Speedway** yesterday.

The red hot Atco driver won more feature events than any other driver, entitling him to the track's seasonal trophy, which was presented by Rocky Di Natale, track manager.

For the first 16 laps it was Walt Peterson's race, but after that Simpson took over to win by a big margin.

Bud, who started in the rear of the field, had worked his way through quickly and was running fourth on the eleventh lap. He then caught Roy Muhs on the fifteenth lap and collared Walt Peterson. After that it was Simpson's race.

Only one accident marred the race, when Frank Souders, Audubon, right front wheels hooked

Rocky Di Natale's rear left wheel, causing them both to lose control of their mounts and go through the fence. No one was injured.

Bill Watkins hit Simpson's car in the rear during the second 10-lap heat, sending the feature race winner into a spin. Despite the accident, however, Simpson continued, to win the event, and Watkins lost the pace, to finish third.

In the third heat of 10 laps Ralph Eric took the fourth turn a little too high and a mite too fast, when he hit the fence and turned his car over on its roof. He escaped uninjured.

Other results follow:

First heat—Roy Muhs, Trenton; Ralph Eric, Woodlynn; Walt Peterson, Pennsauken; Vic Hruza, Port Norris.

Second heat—Bud Simpson, Atco; Rocky Di Natale, Trenton; Bill Watkins, Philadelphia; Frank Souder, Audubon.

Third heat—Walt Peterson, Pennsauken; Bill Watkins, Philadelphia; Lou Nicoletti, Berlin; Vic Hruza, Port Norris.

Feature—Bud Simpson, Walt Peterson, Bill Watkins, Roy Muhs, Chappy Wagner, Mays Landing.



# STOCK CAR RACES

Sunday, 2:30 P.M.

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**ATCO SPEEDWAY**

Located between Berlin and  
Hammonton, on the White  
Horse Pike.

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# Stock Car Races

5/19/1951

## At **Atco** Track

Stock car racing will be resumed tomorrow, at the **Atco** Speedway, starting at 2.30 p. m.

The Capital City Stock Car Racing Association is sponsoring the events.

The speedway is under new management and the owners have erected a new reinforced guard rail for the protection of racing fans. A new oil top surface has been laid over the track, insuring better visibility and less dust.

Among the drivers who expect to compete are **Rocky** DeNatale, Trenton, and Bud Simpson, **Atco**, both well known to South Jersey fans.

A 75-lap program is scheduled. There will be three races of 10 laps each, a 15-lap consolation race and a 30-lap feature event.

# Atco Speedway

## Opens Sunday

5/26/1951

Waterford, May 26.—A banner crop of racing drivers is predicted for the delayed opening of the **Atco Speedway** here on Sunday.

According to promoter Joe Mondics, some of the best cars and drivers in this section will perform to the delight of the fans on the newly oiled track.

The opening originally planned for last Sunday, was delayed because of a heavy rainfall. Mondics plans races every Sunday afternoon beginning at 2.30 p. m.

# Topflight Drivers Listed at **Atco**

Several topflight entries are in the field of 35 drivers slated to see action at **Atco** Speedway Sunday at 2.30 p. m.

Sharing the spotlight will be such drivers as Rocky DiNatale, of Trenton, 1950 Eastern champion; Roy **Muhs**, of Freeport, L. I., and Jimmy Blair, of Reading, Pa., winner of four feature races so far this season.

The speedway located between Berlin and Hammonton on the White Horse pike, has been re-oiled according to Joseph D. Mondico, promoter.

# DiNatale Snares Second Feature Race at Atco Oval

ATCO, N.J., June 28— Rocky DiNatale of Trenton, N.J.: won his second feature event of the season at the Atco Speedway tonight as he overtook leader Al Williams on the first turn of the 17th lap and went on to win by several car lengths over Williams with Jim Shelton finishing third followed by Tom Johnson, Bud Simpson and Ed Forte in that order.

Rock's win now gives him a record of two wins and one second in the three meets that he has competed in at the Atco Speedway this season.

The feature event had to be stopped and restarted on the first lap when Walt Peterson, Al Latwinas and Roy Muhs tangled in trying to get through the heavy traffic going into the first turn. No one was injured and all the cars were able to return to competition. Buddy Speed, Bob Roberts, and Roland Stoltz all spun out during the main event but the caution flag was not needed and the race was completed without further mishaps.

1st heat—(10 laps)—Jim Shelton, Roland Stoltz, Bud Simpson.

2nd heat—(10 laps)—Dan Mondeaux, Ed Forte, Roy Muhs.

3rd heat—(10 laps)—Rocky DiNatale, Tom Johnson, Bill Wilson.

Match race—(5 laps) — Ed Forte, Bud Simpson, Tom Johnson.

Feature—(20 laps) — R. DiNatale, Williams, Shelton, Johnson, Simpson, Forte, Mondeaux and Latwinas.

(No times were taken on the above heats).



# Rocky DiNatale Wins

7/10/1951

## Third Atco Feature

ATCO, N.J. July 6—Rocky DiNatale, Trenton, N.J. won his third feature event of the season and second in a row at the 1/4 mile banked Atco Speedway Monday night as he out classed a field of twelve starters in the twenty lap main event.

Rocky took over the lead at the three quarters mark from Steve Elias and went on to a comfortable victory over Roy Muhs and Ralph Eric who quickly moved into the second and third positions when Elias experienced motor trouble toward the end of the race.

1st heat—(10 laps)—Ralph Eric, Ed Forte, Dan Mondics (only finishers).

2nd heat—(10 laps)—Al Latwinas, Rocky DiNatale, Steve Elias.

3rd heat—(10 laps)—Dick McMahon, Al Williams, Bud Conklin. (only finishers).

Feature—(20 laps)—R. DiNatale, R. Muhs, Eric, Mondics, Conklin and Ed Forte.

# Atco to Stage Races Tonight

Atco Speedway will feature a main event of 50 laps tonight with three 10-lap heats and a special match race.

Among the speedsters to be on hand are Rocky Di Natale, Eastern stock car champion of 1950, and a winner of three feature races at the Atco Speedway this

season, and Boy Muhs, of Trenton, also a feature winner at Atco.

The two popular Atco favorites, Bud Simpson and Ed Forte, have been a constant threat in every race. Simpson and Forte will certainly bear watching at this coming event Thursday evening at 8.30.

**Atco Speedway** is located 16 miles from Camden, on the White Horse pike between Hammonton and Berlin.

# **Atco** Will Stage Races Tonight

Competition will be wide open for Monday night's race at the **Atco** Speedway with four drivers with 50 points apart fighting for the beautiful trophy to be presented to the driver with the most points at the end of this month.

First in points is **Rocky** Di Natale 1950 Eastern stock car champion and 15 points behind is Roy Muhs who won the last race at the **Atco** Speedway. Third is Ed Forte, a local boy who is 35 points from first spot and in fourth place is Bud Simpson. Atco, speedster, 50 points out of top spot.

7/16/1951

# 24 Star Drivers At Atco Sunday

8/10/1951

Another crackerjack field of stock cars drivers is due to race at **Atco Speedway** Sunday.

In the field are two Camden drivers — Bill Cannon and Walt Peterson.

In all, 24 cars will be in the feature race according to promoter Joe DiMondics.

Such big names as Bud Simpson and Ed Forte, both of Atco, Steve Elias, National Park and many Trenton men will compete.

From the State capital will come Dan Mondics, Jim Shelton, Roy Muhs and Red Moran.

Adding thrills and chills to the event will be Bill Murray, of Haddonfield; Al Williams, Mt. Holly; Jack McLaughlin, Thorofare; and Al Latwinus, of Pennsauken.

However not to be overlooked are such men as George Fields, Riverside; Al Tasnady, Lambertville; Walt Rudledge, Toms River, and Joe Alter and Ralph Shaw, both of Berlin.

# 2 Camden Drivers In **Atco** Feature

8/11/1951

Twenty-four drivers are slated to compete in **Atco Speedway's** stock car feature race Sunday.

Located at Waterford on the Old White Horse pike, the speedway is expected to be jammed by a huge crowd of racing fans when the starting flag goes down.

Two Camden drivers will be entered. They are Bill Cannon and Walt Peterson. One driver is from Haddonfield, Bill Murray, while Bud Simpson and Ed Forte will carry the colors of **Atco** into the gruelling race.

Three competitors come from Trenton. They are Dan Mondics, Jim Shelton and Roy Muhs. Also Steve Elias, of National Park; Al Williams, Mt. Holly and Jack McLaughlin, Thorofare.

Pennsauken's George Fields is expected to furnish plenty of trouble before being ruled out of the running as are George Fields, Riverside, Al Tasnady, Lambertville; and two Berlin men, Joe Alter and Ralph.



# Rain Halts Races At Atco Track

8/13/1951

Rain called a halt to the feature of 25 laps just as the race started in yesterday's **Atco Speedway** modified - sportsmen stock car program.

However, the first four events on the five-race card were completed with the fans enjoying several thrills and crashups.

# Barbisch Victor In Atco Races

8/20/1951

Paul Barbisch, of Flemington, was the big noise in the weekly Sunday auto racing card at Atco Speedway yesterday by snaring a pair of races.

The Flemington driver first won a match race from Ed Forte, of Atco, and Al Tasmandy, also of Flemington, and then went on to take the feature 25 lap race with the same two drivers finishing second and third also in this event.

The feature was marred only by one accident when Jack McLaughlin, of Thorofare, upended his car, but came out of the race unscathed, while Don Mondics, of Trenton, also had a minor accident.

Winners in the other three races were Al Latwanas, Riverside; Bill Dougherty, Pennsgrove and Mondics.

Following are the results:

First, 10 laps—1, Al Latwanas, Riverside; 2, Dan Mondics, Trenton; 3, Rocky DiNatale, Trenton. Time, 4.16.

Second, 10 laps—1, Bill Dougherty, Pennsgrove; 2, Paul Barbisch, Flemington; 3, Ed Forte, Atco. Time, 4.15.

Third, 10 laps—1, Dan Mondics, Trenton; 2, Walt Peterson, Riverside; 3, Jack McLaughlin, Thorofare. Time, 4.15.

Special match race, 5 laps—1, Paul Barbisch, Flemington; 2, Ed Forte, Atco; 3, Al Tasmandy, Flemington.

Fifth, 25 laps—1, Paul Barbisch; 2, Ed Forte, Atco; 3, Al Tasmandy, Flemington.

# Forte Race Victor At Atco Track

8/24/1951

Ed Forte, Atco, won the feature 20-lap stock car race last night, at the **Atco Speedway.**

But the Atco driver was pressed to the limit by Don Mondics, Trenton, who finished a close second. Both Forte and Mondics won earlier heats and Forte won the feature in a reverse start.

Jim Jett, Berlin, finished third and Joe Cullen, Camden, was fourth.

# Forte Tops Field In Atco Program

8/25/1951

Ed Forte seeks his second consecutive feature victory tomorrow when he drives in a star-studded main event at the Atco Speedway.

A winner in Thursday night's feature, Forte leads a large field of the area's most skilled drivers when he competes against such stars as Paul Barbasche, Bud Simpson and Al Tasnady.

The field is replete with New Jersey drivers with only two of the 27 entries from out of the state.

The field includes Roy Muhs, Trenton; Dan Mondics, Trenton; Charles Whitehead, Flemington; Tom Oliver, Oaklyn; Steve Elias, National Park; Bill Cannon, Palmyra; Dick McMahon, Clementon; Al Williams, Mt. Holly;

Vince Tuscano, Hammonton; Walt Rutledge, Toms River; George Fields, Riverside; Al Latwinnus, Pennsauken; Jim Rett, Flemington; Chick Walker, Flemington; Jim Rett, Philadelphia; Bill Dunkel, Atco; Red Moran, Trenton; Sam Canning, Philadelphia; Anthony Turner, Bridgeton; Lucky Jorden, Riverton, and Ralph Shaw, Lindenwold.

It was announced today that a benefit racing card of sportsmen's stock cars will be held Sunday, Sept. 16, the proceeds, barring expenses, to be donated to the New Jersey Society for the Welfare of Epileptics.

The benefit was arranged by the track operators and E. J. Kern, president of the Camden chapter of the society. Kern said the event also had been sanctioned by the state society.

It is hoped that Jersey Joe Walcott, world heavyweight boxing champion, will act as starter of the feature 30-lap race.

# Three-Car Crash

8/27/1951

## In Atco Stock Race

A three-car crack-up at the first turn reduced the field from 18 to 15 in the feature event of yesterday's stock car program at the **Atco Speedway**. Ed Forte came out victorious in the race which lost two more cars before it was over. Forte's car was followed by that of Paul Barbus, and the third-place position was won by Dan Mondics.

Mondics made out better in the day's first heat when he drove past the finish flag leading the pack with Harry Updike and Al Latwinus coming in second and third, respectively.

In the second timed heat Al Tasnady drove the winning car, while Rocky Di Natale finished second, and Walt Peterson ended up third.

The last pre-feature heat was won by Paul Barbiche, with Di Natale again coming in second. Latwinus also repeated a previous performance by ending up in the third position as he did in the opening heat.

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# Forte Wins Third Straight at **Atco**

Ed Forte, **Atco**, scored his third straight victory at the **Atco Speedway** when he won the 20-lap sportsmen's stock car feature last night.

An accident between the cars driven by Rocky DiNatale, Trenton, and Walt Peterson, Camden, on the fourth lap of the fourth turn of the feature race resulted in a restart and Forte went on to win the race.

Jack McLaughlin, Thorofare, won the first heat; Forte won the second, Peterson the third and DiNatale the consolation heat.

# 27 Stock Cars Race at Atco

8/27/1951

Twenty seven drivers are entered in the **Atco Speedway** feature stock car event Sunday afternoon.

According to promotor Joseph D. Mondics another thrilling program is expected at the track on Old White Horse Pike at Waterford.

Three Atco drivers will be entered. They are Ed Forte, Bud Simpson and Bill Dunkel.

Three cars are entered from Pennsylvania and one from Delaware. The rest are South Jersey favorites.

# Forte Tops Pilots At Atco Speedway

9/6/1951

Ed Forte will try for his fourth straight victory in the feature race at the **Atco Speedway** tonight as the stock cars again perform, starting at 8.30 o'clock.

The Atco driver is in first place in the season's point standing, but can expect plenty of opposition tonight from other pilots.

Second in the point standing is Dan Mondics of Trenton and is pushing Forte hardest for the title.

Chick Walker of Philadelphia, will be back in the running after nearly demolishing his car by going through a fence but escaped injury as his car went end over end in the third heat of last Sunday's card.

Among the 24 other entries are Rocky DiNatale, Trenton; Al Tasnady, Lambertville; Charley Whitehead, Lambertville; Paul Barbische, Flemington, and Al Williams, Mt. Holly.

The Atco track is located between Berlin and Hammonton on the old White Horse pike.

# Atco Races Off Until Sunday

9/7/1951

Due to inclement weather, which made the track treacherous, last night's scheduled stock car races at the **Atco Speedway** were cancelled.

According to Promoter Mondics there will be no more night racing at the Atco track. However, the regular racing programs will be held on Sundays.

A regular five-event card has been scheduled for this Sunday with the top stock car drivers to compete. Ed Forte, of Atco, will be seeking his fourth straight victory on Sunday and also striving to boost his adge on first place in the annual point standings.

The first race on Sunday is scheduled to start at 2.30 o'clock, which will also include a 25-lap feature.

# Atco Feature Won By Dan Mondics

9/10/1951

Dan Mondics, Trenton speeds. ter, continued his drive for first place in the annual point standings at the **Atco Speedway** by driving his modified stock car to victory in the feature race yesterday.

Mondics got off to a late start but stepped on the gas to win on handily from a large field. Dave Watson finished in second place with Chick Walker, of Gloucester, taking third.

Walt Peterson, of Merchantville, and Eric Sawyer, of Magnolia, registered their first victories of the season in two of the four preliminary races.

Other winners of eight lap events were Ed Forte, of Atco and Fred Rotan, of Delaware Gardens.

In the consolation race prior to the feature, Watson hit the

fence and turned over, practically demolishing his car. However, he managed to get the car in shape for the feature to finish second in that event.

In the feature event Forte tangled with another car that later involved four others, and was sent to the hospital. But after an examination Forte did not suffer any serious injury.

The collision occurred on the second lap.

On the fourth lap of the same race Bill Smashey also hit the fence and turned over, being forced out of the race when the car failed to run.

First race, 8 laps, 4 miles—1. Ed Forte, Atco; 2. Bud Simpson, Atco; 3. Steve Elias, Merchantville.

Second race, 8 laps, 4 miles—1. Eric Sawyer, Magnolia; 2. Spider Smith, Camden; 3. Steve Elias, Merchantville.

Third race, 8 laps, 4 miles—1. Walt Peterson, Merchantville; 2. Danny Mondics, Trenton; 3. Jack McLaughlin, Pennsauken.

Fourth race, 8 laps, 4 miles—1. Fred Rotan, Delaware Gardens; 2. Al Latwinis, Riverside; 3. Ed Forte, Atco.

Fifth race, 20 laps, 10 miles—1. Dan Mondics, Trenton; 2. Dave Watson; 3. Chick Walker, Gloucester.



# Atco Benefit Race

9/14/1951

Many of the outstanding stock car drivers in New Jersey and Pennsylvania are expected to compete in the benefit racing program to be staged Sunday at the **Atco speedway**, starting at 2.30 p. m.

The proceeds of the program, barring expenses, will be donated to the Camden Chapter of the New Jersey Society for the Welfare of Epileptics. A crowd of at least 6000 is expected to attend.

Promoter Joe Mondics has arranged a 30-lap feature race. In addition, three 10-lap heats and a consolation race also will be presented.

More than 45 drivers, among whom are Bud Simpson, Ed Forte, Danny Mondics, Al Tasnady and Charley Whitehead, have entered the events. Mondics believes a new track record may be established, as the track now is in excellent condition.

# 45 Drivers Vie In Atco Benefit

9/15/1951

Racing thrills by the barrel are on tap at the **Atco Speedway** tomorrow when ace stock car drivers compete in a special program being held for benefit of the Camden County Chapter of the New Jersey Society for the Welfare of Epileptics.

More than 45 drivers from New Jersey and Pennsylvania are expected to compete on the benefit card.

Promoter Joe Mondics has arranged a 30-lap feature race. In addition, three 10-lap heats and a consolation race will be presented.

Among the drivers to compete are Bud Simpson, Ed Forte, Danny Mondics, Al Tasnady and Charley Whitehead. Mondics believes a new track record may be established.

Following are the drivers:  
Ed Forte, Atco; Bill Cannon,

Camden; Paul Barbsche, Flemington; Dan Mondics, Trenton; Rocky DiNatale Trenton; Bud Simpson, Atco; Al Tasnady, Lambertville; Charles Whitehead Lambertville; Steve Elias, National Park; Ralph Shaw, Lindenwold; Sam Canning, Philadelphia; Al Latwinus, Pennsauken; George Fields, Riverside; Joe Alter, Berlin; George Seittle, Philadelphia; Walt Rudledge, Toms River; Bill Kobb, Philadelphia; Bill Murray, Hadonfield; Jim Jett, Flemington; Roy Muhs, Trenton; Bill Dougherty, Palmyra; Walt Peterson, Camden; Vince Tuscano, Hamonton; Russ Marion, Philadelphia; Jack McLoughlin, Thoro-fare; Jim Shelton, Trenton; Al Williams Mt. Holly; Thomas Oliver, Oaklyn; Dick McMahon, Clementon; Chick Walker, Philadelphia; Tony Turner, Bridgeton; Bill Dunkel, Atco; Smokey Johnson, Clarksburg; Jim Emons, Bristol Pa.

# ***Benefit Races At Atco Today***

9/16/1951

**ATCO** — A benefit auto racing card will be held today at the Atco Speedway, starting at 2:30 o'clock. Proceeds of the sportsman stock car races will go to the Camden Chapter of the New Jersey Society for the Welfare of Epileptics.

Danny Mondics, winner of last Sunday's 25-lap feature, will be on hand to show the boys the way around the one-third-of-a-mile oval. Mondics, a newcomer to stock car racing this season, has piled up enough points to take over second place in the competition for the point trophy being given by the Speedway.

# Accidents Mar Atco Benefit

9/17/1951

Frequent accidents, none serious, marred the **Atco Speedway** stock car races yesterday, which saw Rocky DiNatale, Trenton ace, cop the feature of the benefit performance. All proceeds went to the Camden County Chapter of the New Jersey Society for the Welfare of Epileptics.

Because of the numerous collisions, no times were recorded in any of the four preliminaries or the feature.

Two drivers were taken away in an ambulance, but returned to compete in later events. They were Jack McLaughlin, of Thorofare, who won the first event, and Charlie McMahon, Clementon.

The feature was stopped three times due to collisions. Twenty-six cars started and eight finished in the event, which was halted at the end of 26 of the scheduled 30 laps.

First race, 10 laps—Won by Jack McLaughlin, Thorofare; 2, Earl Connors, Berlin; 3, Steve Elias, Berlin.

Second race, 10 laps—Won by Steve Elias, Berlin; 2, Al Williams, Mt. Holly; 3, Bill Dunkel, Camden.

Third race, 10 laps—Won by Walt Peterson, Merchantville; 2, Stan Mondica, Trenton; 3, Ed Forti, Atco.

Fourth Race, consolation, 10 laps—Won by Al Tasnady, Lambertville; 2, Tony Dell, Philadelphia; 3, Rocky DiNatale, Trenton.

Feature—Won by Rocky DiNatale, Trenton; 2, Danny Mondica, Trenton; 3, Steve Elias, Berlin.

# Rocky DiNatale Wins Stock Feature at Atco

**Rocky DiNatale** won the feature race for stock cars last night at the Atco Speedway, Atco, N. J. The race, scheduled for 30 laps, went only 25 because of numerous accidents. A field of 26 started the race but the frequency of the accidents was so great that only eight cars completed the 25 laps.

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The summaries follow:

**FIRST HEAT** (10 laps)—1. Jack McLaughlin, Thorofare; 2, Earl Connors, Berlin; 3, Steve Elias, Berlin.

**SECOND HEAT** (10 laps)—1, Steve Elias; 2, Al Williams, Mt. Holly; 3, Bill Dunkel, Camden.

**THIRD HEAT** (10 laps)—1, Walter Peterson, Merchantville; 2, Dan Mondics, Trenton; 3, Ed Forte, Atco.

**CONSOLATION** (10 laps)—1, Al Tasnady, Lambertville; 2, Tony Dell, Phila.; 3, Rocky DiNatale.

**FEATURE** (25 laps) — 1, **Rocky DiNatale**, Trenton; 2, Dan Mondics; 3, Steve Elias.



# *Rocky DiNatale Takes Halted Atco Stock Go*

9/18/1951

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ATCO, N. J., Sept. 18th — Rocky DiNatale won the feature race for stock cars Sunday night at the Atco Speedway. The race, scheduled for 30 laps, went only 25 because of numerous accidents.

A field of 26 started the race but the frequency of the accidents was so great that only 8 cars completed the laps.

1st heat (10 laps)—McLaughlin, Connors, Elias.

2nd heat (10 laps)—Elias, Williams, Dunkel

3rd heat (10 laps)—Peterson, Mondics, Forte.

Consy (10 laps)—Tasnady, Dell, DiNatale.

Feature (25 laps)—DiNatale, Mondics, Elias.

# Mondics Annexes Atco Feature

9/24/1951

Dan Mondics, of Trenton, survived an early accident yesterday to roar to a close victory in the 20 lap feature race at the **Atco Speedway.**

His victory was particularly impressive in view of two restarts and several minor accidents that marred not only the feature, but the three heats and consolation race.

The results follow:

First race—1, Bill Dunkel, Atco; 2, Earl Connors, Berlin; 3, Steve Elias, National Park.

Second race—1, Dave Watson, Pennsauken; 2, Dan Mondics, Trenton; 3, Fred Rotan, Merchantville.

Third race—1, Jack McLaughlin, Thoro-fare; 2, Ed Forti, Atco; 3, Mondics.

Consolation race—1, Ted Shearer, Moorestown; 2, Dick Garrison, Camden; 3, Elias.

Feature race—1, Mondics; 2, Spider Smith, Camden; 3, Watson; 4, Shearer; 5, Elias.

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# Atco Speedway

## Reopens Track

5/16/1952

Stock cars will reopen the **Atco Speedway** Saturday night with a 25-lap feature race and four 10-lap events, the first of which will start at 8.30.

According to Promoter Jimmie DiNatalie, the track will be the only dust-proof racing oval in this vicinity. He announced the track had been scarified about a foot and 25,000 gallons of a tar and oil product was worked into the ground.

He also announced that new lights had been installed for the night races, which will be held every Saturday and Tuesday night.

Some of the drivers entered in Saturday night's events are:

Elmer Conover, Carle Collins, Bill Dankel, Steve Elias, Mike Fannelli, Sam Flood, Morton Hickman, Bill Hill, Bill Lewis, Joe Moore, Bill Molineaux, Jack McLouclin, Vince Pino, Gordon Perkins, Walt Peterson, Howard Parker, Pappy Hess, Clifford Conerr, Dave Watson and Joe Smith.

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# Atco Opens Season With Stock Race

5/17/1952

ATCO, N. J., May 16.—More than 50 drivers are expected to compete in the season's inaugural program of stock car racing at **Atco Speedway**, Old White Horse Pike, tomorrow night, starting at 8:30 o'clock.

Four 10-lap heats and a 25-lap feature are scheduled over the half-mile dust-proofed oval. Jimmie DiNatale plans to run races every Saturday and Tuesday nights through the remainder of the season. Competition will be on an open basis with guaranteed purses for winners.

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# Ray Burris Wins Main Event In Atco Opener

5/20/1952

Ray Burris, of Vineland, served notice on **Atco Speedway** drivers that he has a "hot" car, by capturing the main event in the season's opener Saturday night. He also won the fourth event and placed third in the second.

A crowd of close to 1000 attended the meet, and both the fans and drivers highly praised the new, dust-proof half-mile track on Old White Horse Pike, Atco. The track was still a bit "spongy," but promoter "Jimmy" DiNatale stated that with continued rolling and a few more days of "aging," the oval should be in even better condition for this Saturday night's five-card event. The first race will get underway at 8:30. Next Tuesday at 8:30 is also a night scheduled for five events.

Two spectacular crash<sup>4</sup>ups right in front of the grandstand occurred on Saturday. Angelo Gellura, of Mount Ephraim, piled up in the first heat—but got his car rolling again later to place second in the fourth event. In the second heat,

John Balsam, of Atco, threw a wheel, rolled over three times, and came to rest across the fence. The car was a total wreck, but Balsam was only slightly injured.

Other drivers to place in the various events were: Walt Peterson, Atco; Steve Elias, National Park; Dave Watson, Merchantville; Frank Seven, Vineland; Ed Forte, Atco; Bill Hill, Woodbury; Spider Smith, Vineland; Al Williams, Mt. Holly.



# 60 Drivers to Vie At Atco Races

5/24/1952

More than 60 stock car drivers are expected to compete in tonight's racing program at **Atco Speedway**, Old White Horse pike. The first race is scheduled for 8.30.

Five events are carded, four 10-lap heats and a 25-lap feature around the dust-proofed half-mile racing strip.

Ray Burris, Vineland, will be among the favored entries because of his domination in the opening program. Burris won one of the heat races, placed third in another and captured the main event.

Other drivers expected to score toward the season's point championship include Angelo Gellura, Mt. Ephraim; Walt Peterson, Atco; Steve Elias, National Park; Dave Watson, Merchantville; Frank Seven, Vineland; Ed Forte, Atco; Bill Hill, Woodbury; Spider Smith, Vineland, and Al Williams, Mt. Holly.

# Slate Five Races At Atco Speedway

More than 40 drivers are expected to participate in tomorrow night's races at the Atco Speedway.

The usual 25-lap feature and four 10-lap events are on the stock car card. Rain washed out last Saturday night's scheduled races and the promoters are hopeful of resuming racing tomorrow night.

5/26/1952

# Trophy at Stake In Atco Race

The usual 25-lap race will feature tomorrow night's stock car races at the **Atco Speedway**. Four 10-lap events also will be run off, starting at 8.30.

Val Valdone, Atco, will present the winner of the feature race with a trophy.

More than 35 drivers are expected to compete. Ed Forte, Atco, won the feature race last Tuesday night and again will participate in tomorrow night's events.

5/30/1952

# Atco Feature Won By Ed Forte

6/4/1952

Ed Forte, of Atco, drove three different cars last night and won three races at the Atco Speedway before a crowd thrilled with some superb driving from a standout field.

The Atco speedster topped off one of the most successful nights of his career with a thrilling victory in the 25-lap feature, an event that was without an accident.

He nosed out Camden's Walt Peterson and Merchantville's Paul Gower.

Forte captured the second heat and also won the consolation.

# Forte After 3d Atco Victory

6/7/1952

Ed Forte, Atco, who won the last two features at the **Atco Speedway**, again will be one of the contestants in tonight's events.

Forte, who drives as if he owns the speedway, is expected to receive stiffer competition in quest of his third straight win.

About 35 of the most prominent stock car drivers in this area are expected to compete in the four 10-lap events. A 25-lap feature race also will be held.

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# Tasnady Wins, Sets Track Mark

Al Tasnady, Philadelphia, cracked the track record at **Atco Speedway** last night when he streaked to victory in 11 minutes, one second in the 25-lap feature. Tasnady's triumph gave him a strong lead for the point scoring trophy which will be awarded on July 5.

Bud Simpson, Atco, N. J., and Quill Smatz, Berlin, N. J., finished second and third, respectively, in last night's top event. 6/11/1952



# Tasnady Seeks 2d Atco Feature

6/14/1952

Al Tasnady, Tuesday's winner, is expected back tonight in the feature race on Atco Speedway's five-event card.

After four 10-lap preliminaries, the 25-lap feature will be run off with the first race getting underway at 8.30

Challenging Tasnady for the winner's flag tonight will be such standout drivers as Bud Simpson, Ed Forte and many others.

# Atco Resumes Races Tonight

The second of a point-scoring trophy series will be held tonight at **Atco Speedway**. The series is held on Tuesday and Saturday nights and will conclude July 5.

Tonight's program will consist of four 10-lap events to be followed by a 25-lap feature.

6/14/1952

# Tasnady Seeks 3d at Atco

6/17/1952

Al Tasnady, Philadelphia, will be seeking his third straight victory tonight in the feature stock car race, at the **Atco Speedway**.

Tasnady has won the last two feature events, scoring his latest victory last Saturday night. However, many of the best drivers in the Chamden-Philadelphia area are entered in tonight's five-event show and will be out to break Tasnady's winning streak.

A 25-lap feature race and four 10-lap races will be held, starting at 8.30.

# Simpson Winner Of Atco Race

6/25/1952

Bud Simpson, Atco, won the feature 25-lap stock car race last night at the **Atco** **Speedway** thereby gaining a leg on the point trophy.

Forty-one cars and drivers appeared for the races, which included four 10-lap events and the feature race.

Al Latwinas, Angelo Gellura, Dave Watson and Simpson won the 10-lap events. Al Tasnady, Philadelphia, who won the last two feature races, did not compete.

# Point Race Close In Stock Racing

7/1/1952

ATCO, N. J., June 30.—Tomorrow night's stock car racing at **Atco Speedway**, Old White Horse Pike, has taken on added interest with the race for the point scoring trophy, which ends July 5, growing tighter.

Spider Smith won last week to become a threat. Al Tasnady, Philadelphia, is the only double winner. Henry Johnson, Mount Holly, triumphed after Tasnady had won two straight. Bud Simpson, Atco, also scored.

Tomorrow night's program, starting at 8:30, calls for four 10-lap races in addition to the 25-lap feature over the half-mile dustproofed raceway.

# Tasnady Captures Atco Race Trophy

7/7/1952

Al Tasnady, Philadelphia, won the **Atco Speedway** point trophy last Saturday night although he failed to finish in the feature 25-lap race. He compiled 295 points over the last six weeks.

A new trophy will be at stake Tuesday night when Tasnady and many others, including Saturday's winner, Dave Watson, hurdle over the speedway in the feature and four 10-lap preliminaries. The promoters also announced a trophy for Saturday night points will be offered.

Behind Watson in Saturday's finale were Andy Sarcelette and Bud Simpson. The race was marked by a five-car crackup and the straddling of the rail in front of the grandstand by another car after doing a flip.



# Forte Captures Atco Feature

9/15/1952

Ed Forte, of Atco, captured the feature 25-lap modified stock car race at the **Atco Speedway** on Saturday night.

Runnerup honors went to Bud Simpson, also of Atco. The start of the racing program was delayed about one and one-half hours because of power trouble with 1000 spectators patiently awaiting the start.

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# Driver Is Injured In Stock-Car Race

William Jones, 40, a stock-car driver, was injured seriously yesterday when his car overturned during a race at the **Atco Speedway**, on the old White Horse pk. three miles south of **Atco**, N. J.

James, who lives at 100 3d ave., Pitman, N. J., suffered three fractured ribs and head injuries. He was taken to West Jersey Hospital, Camden.

5/25/1953

# Waterford Couple Asks Court Ban On Car Racing

7/31/1953

A Waterford Township couple today sought a court order to halt stock car races on land adjoining their farm.

The couple, Faustino Bianchi and his wife, Mary, asked Superior Court Judge Elmer B. Woods to issue a temporary restraining order against Ateo Speedway Inc., and James DiNatale, owner of the land leased by the corporation for races.

Judge Woods continued the case until Monday when a further hearing will be held in Atlantic City.

The Bianchis operate a 9½-acre farm on the Berlin-Waterford rd., adjoining the land on which races are run on Thursday and Sunday nights. According to their attorney, Joseph A. Maressa, their house is less than 100 feet from the race track. The couple, Maressa said, have been unable to sleep because of the noise and have feared possible crashes on their property.

Antonio R. Cioffi represented the defendants.

The two lawyers were the only witnesses this morning. Judge Wood said he wanted to hear additional testimony from members of the Bianchi family and from operators of the speedway before acting on the plea for a restraining order.

# Defers Decision In Suit to Bar Atco Car Races

1/23/1954

Superior Court Judge Goldman has taken under advisement a motion by counsel for an Atco farmer to restrain the **Atco Speedway** Inc. from operating stock car races on property adjoining his farm.

The suit was instituted by Faustino Bianchi, and his wife, Mary, of Berlin and Waterford rds., Atco. Named as defendant in the action is James DiNatale, operator of the **Atco Speedway**.

The Bianchis contended their health has been injured mentally and physically by reason of the noise at the track, and that farm

crops have been destroyed by dust from the track and parts of wrecked racing cars.

Joseph A. Maressa, counsel for the Bianchi, asked the court to restrain the speedway firm from operating races, and to compensate the couple for damages.

Di Natale denied any damage had been caused to the Bianchi farm by the races. He said he has erected a 12-foot fence to prevent damage to the adjoining property. He is represented by Antonio R. Cioffi. Judge Goldman, after hearing testimony, said he will make his decision early next week.

# Dawson Captures Atco Feature

7/26/1954

Chris Dawson, Pitman, won the feature 25-lap race yesterday at the **Atco Speedway** after the event had to be twice restarted because of accidents, which however, didn't result in any injuries.

Al Williams, Mt. Holly, took a flip on the backstretch, but was uninjured while two other cars piled into the fence during the race.

Stanley Shill, Camden, finished second; Ralph Ensign, Maple Shade, third; Bud Simpson, Atco, fourth; John Vilecca, fifth and Harry Johnson, Mt. Holly, sixth.

The summaries follows:

First heat—1. Bill Smashey, Woodbury; 2. Stanley Shill, Camden; 3. Al Williams, Mt. Holly.

Second heat—1. Ralph Ensign, 2. Bill Smashey; 3. Stanley Shill.

Third heat—1. Kent Powell, Mt. Holly; 2. Johnny Vilecca, Woodbury; 3. Chris Dawson, Pitman.

Consolation—Henry Johnson, Mt. Holly; 2. Al Cahill, Mt. Holly; 3. Babe Vaskinski, Blackwood.

Feature—1. Dawson; 2. Shill; 3. Ensign; 4. Simpson; 5. Vilecca; 6. Johnson.



# Smashy Wins Atco Feature

7/28/1954

Woodbury's Quill Smashy weathered a minor accident and a restart to win the 25 lap feature race at the **Atco Speedway** last night.

Smashy, who had won the third heat with little difficulty, roared to a close victory over John Vellica, also of Woodbury, and Stan Shill, a Camden driver.

Smashy took the lead from the start and held until the 16th lap when Jack McLaughlin, Paulsboro, had trouble with the front end of his car.

He flipped over on the first turn, was removed from the race and suffered only minor injuries.

Smashy took the lead after a restart but had to use all of his driving skill to win the race over Vellica and Shill.

Following are the results:

1st heat—1. John Vellica (No. 210), Woodbury; 2. Jack Smith (702), Westville; 3. Ken Powell (2 plus 2), Mt. Holly.

2d heat—1. Stanley Shill (18), Camden; 2. Jack McLaughlin (1), Paulsboro; 3. Bill Smashy (8), Woodbury.

3d heat—1. Quill Smashy (57), Woodbury; 2. Herm Fisher (56), Blackwood; 3. Bill Dougherty (25), Atco.

4th heat—1. Ken Powell (2 plus 2); 2. Al Williams (Circle 1), Mt. Holly; 3. Larry Voss (32), Mays Landing.

Feature—(25 laps)—1. Quill Smashy; 2. John Vellica; 3. Stan Shill; 4. Bill Smashy; 5. Herm Fisher; 6. Ken Powell.

# Fisher Wins Atco Feature Race

8/11/1954

Blackwood's Herm Fisher last night won a nip-and-tuck battle for first place in the feature race at the **Atco Speedway** over a 12½-mile course.

Fisher nosed out Bill Dougherty, of Palmyra, as the second, third and fourth place cars finished less than a length behind the leader. Al Graver, of Pleasantville, started out in the lead of the feature and held it until he discovered half of the rubber on one of his front tires was missing.

This was found when the race was stopped on the 14th lap as

three cars piled up on the first turn. Graver went into the pit and Fisher, who with Dougherty, Bud Simpson, of Atco, and John Vellica of Westville, had been trailing Graver closely, took the lead and never was headed.

Graver started from scratch and moved up to finish sixth.

Fisher, Dougherty, Simpson and Larry Voss, of Pleasantville, were winners in the 10-lap preliminary heats.

## Feature

Herm Fisher, Blackwood; Bill Dougherty, Palmyra; Bud Simpson, Atco; John Vellica, Westville; Henry Doerr, Egg Harbor; Al Graver, Pleasantville.

## First Heat

Larry Voss, Pleasantville; Babe Vishinsky, Westville; Henry Johnson, Mt. Holly.

## Second Heat

Bill Dougherty, Palmyra; Stan Skill, Camden; Bill Smashey, Woodbury.

## Third Heat

Herm Fisher, Blackwood; John Vellica, Westville; Quill Smasher, Woodbury.

## Fourth Race

Bud Simpson, Atco; Ray Bell, Hilltop; Henry Doerr, Egg Harbor.

# Atco Speedway In Benefit Races

8/24/1954

Officials of the **Atco Speedway** announced last night that tonight's card of stock car races will be held for the benefit of William Smith Jr., son of the late "Wild Bill" Smith, who was fatally injured recently while racing at Alcyon Speedway.

All drivers of cars in tonight's races have declined all purse money, while others connected in the operation of the track have also donated their services.

In fact, every cent taken in at the gate will go into a trust fund for young Smith's education. The youngster will be on hand to award the trophy to the winner of the feature race.

Jim DiNatale, track promoter, stated that the proceeds of tonight's show which will be turned over to Smith, will be announced before the final race.

Bill Dougherty, Riverside, will be out to make it two straight feature victories tonight and be the first driver at the track to repeat. He won last Tuesday night but was given a close battle by Henry Doerr and Bill Smashey who finished second and third respectively.

The 25-lap feature race will be preceded by four preliminary heats of 10 laps each, the first of which getting under way at 8.30 p. m.

The three above will be among the field tonight, including such drivers as Quille Smashey, Woodbury; Stan Shill, of this city; Bill Dougherty, Palmyra; Bud Simpson, Atco; Ralph Ensign, Maple Shade; Henry Johnson, Mt. Holly; Ken Powell, Mt. Holly; Henry Doerr, Egg Harbor; Al Graver, Pleasantville; Larry Voss, Pleasantville; Babe Vishinsky, Westville; Ray Bolli, Hilltop; Earl Cahall, Lumberton; Charley Hildebrand, Gloucester; Bill Lewis, Westville; Joe Groves, Mt. Holly; Ray Burris, Vineland; Bill McAleer, Bordentown, and Howard Parker, Camden.

9/25/1954

# Atco Speedway<sup>N</sup> In Action Sunday

Sixty-five laps of stock car racing again will be presented Sunday, at the **Atco Speedway** starting at 2.30 p. m.

As usual, most of the outstanding stock car drivers are entered. Competition is expected to be keen as the high point scores are fairly well-bunched and a win in the 25-lap feature race may decide the issue.

Besides the feature, five eight-lap events will be run off.

# Moore Winner At Atco Oval

9/27/1954

Pennsauken's George Moore clinched a thrill-marked afternoon when he won the feature race at the **Atco Speedway** Sunday afternoon as a large crowd saw five cars roll over and another catch fire.

Forty cars attempted to gain one of the 20 qualifying spots in the feature, which was started four times before Moore finally took it from Stan Schill, of Camden, who had started from scratch position.

Two of the cars flipped over in the consolation race, one of which was Vineland's Andy Scarletti's auto, which rolled three times and then caught fire. Scarletti escaped with minor singes as he was quickly pulled out of the vehi-

cle by Ken Powell, of Mt. Holly, another driver.

Moore, besides winning the feature, came in first in the initial qualifying heat. Ralph Ensign, Maple Shade; Schill and Al Williams, of Mt. Holly, were other preliminary winners.

One of the causes for a restart of the feature was Henry Doerr, of Egg Harbor, whose car flipped going down the back stretch and came down on the roofs of two other cars racing side-by-side.

## FIRST HEAT

George Moore, Pennsauken; Larry Voss, Pleasantville; Henry Doerr, Egg Harbor.

## SECOND HEAT

Ralph Ensign, Maple Shade; Ken Powell, Mt. Holly; Bill Smashey, Woodbury.

## THIRD HEAT

Stan Schill, Camden; George Moore, Pennsauken; Chris Dawson, Pitman.

## CONSOLATION

Al Williams, Mt. Holly; Chas. Ginger, Pleasantville; Bud Pearce, Merchantville.

## FEATURE

George Moore, Pennsauken; Stan Schill, Camden; Ray Burris, Vineland; Ralph Ensign, Maple Shade; Henry Doerr, Egg Harbor; Henry Johnson, Mullica Hill.



# Moore Atco Ace; Lewis Injured

10/1/1954

Pennsauken's George Moore, after winning one of the warm-up heats, yesterday captured the 25-lap feature race at the Atco Speedway just before he blew a tire that put his car out of commission.

Moore, who took over the lead in the feature, which was started three times, at the outset of the second restart was pressed throughout the race by Sol Maschello, of Pleasantville.

Many times during the thrilled crammed race, the two cars were riding side-by-side, but Moore finally leaped into the lead near the end to capture top prize. Just after he was given the checkered flag, the car blew a tire and he spun out on the first turn.

The race was marred by an accident which sent Westville's Bill Lewis to the hospital. Doctors at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital said last night that Lewis was suffering from possible fractures of the back and nose, contusions of the face and was being detained awaiting outcome of X-rays. His condition was reported good.

He was injured when his car flipped end-over-end three times on the back stretch of the 10th lap of the first restart.

The original start of the feature race was nullified when Ralph Ensign, Maple Shade, hit the fence and flipped, demolishing the vehicle. Ensign was knocked out, but was pronounced okay by the track doctor.

Donations of \$300 by 65 owners and drivers of the Delaware Valley Stock Car Association, **Atco Speedway** promoter Nick DiNatale, and stock car fans who attended yesterday's races were turned over to Daniel Kaminski, who is facing eviction from his Highland Park apartment in Gloucester. Kaminski's three-year-old daughter, Donna Marie, is suffering from an incurable disease.

## First Heat

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Bill Smashey, Westville; Larry Voss, Pleasantville; Howard Parker, Camden.

## Second Heat

George Moore, Pennsauken; Ray Burris, Vineland; Sol Maschello, Pleasantville.

## Third Heat

Jack McLaughlin, Paulsboro; Chris Trainer, Philadelphia; Herm Fischer, Blackwood.

## Consolation

Bill Hill, Westville; Bill Lewis, Westville; Henny Johnson, Mullica Hill.

## Feature

George Moore, Pennsauken; Sol Maschello, Pleasantville; Chris Dawson, Pitman; Ray Burris, Vineland; Andy Scarlett, Vineland; Hen Johnson, Mullica Hill.



# Atco Car Feature

10/2/1954

George Moore, of Pennsauken, will attempt to make it two straight feature victories as the **Atco Sneedway** resumes stock car racing on Sunday afternoon, starting at 2.30 p. m.

Moore had to come from behind to win last Sunday's feature race from the favorite Stan Schill, of this city, and hopes to repeat.

However, he'll face some stiff competition as there are a number of drivers who are in the thick of the battle for the point scoring championship for the season and determined to boost their standings.

There will be four preliminary heat races of eight laps each prior to the feature of 12 laps, making a total of 50 laps of racing.

In addition to the two mentioned above others likely to see action on the Atco dirt track are Ralph Ensign, Maple Shade, and Al Williams, both heat winners last Sunday, along with Schill and Moore; Larry Voss, Pleasantville; Henry Doeer, Egg Harbor; Ken Powell, Mt. Holly; Bill Smashey, Woodbury; Chris Dawson, Pitman; Ray Burris, Vineland, and Henry Johnson, Mullica Hill.

## GENEROUS RACE FANS

To the Editor: 10/9/1954

Sometime ago in the Mail Bag there were letters as to the hazards and so-called danger of stock car racing. I think that in a return letter someone explained that those cars are safer to drive than the ones we drive on the road. Compare the fatalities on the track to the ones on the road, on the weekend alone.

Nevertheless, those boys proved on Sunday, Oct. 3, at the **Atco Speedway** that they have a bigger heart than a good many readers.

Some of the drivers, owners and a good many of the fans donated to the Kaminski family and little Donna Marie. A donation of \$300 was taken. Some of the drivers donated their winnings.

Small mention of the club, Delaware Valley Stock Car Racing Association and their fans' donations, was made on the sports page, which a lot of women don't read. Give credit where credit is due.

DOROTHY A. SENIOR  
Cross Keys rd.  
Glassboro

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# Atco Speedway Races Sunday

**Atco Speedway** will present its usual Sunday program of stock car races tomorrow, starting at 2.30 p. m.

The 25-lap feature race has attracted the usual number of outstanding South Jersey drivers and a big field is expected to compete.

Five eight-lap events also are on the card, making a total of 65 laps for the day.

10/16/1954

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# Atco Speedway

## Events Sunday

**Atco Speedway** will present its weekly program of stock car racing tomorrow, starting at 2.30 p. m.

Sixty-five laps of racing are scheduled to be held, with the 25-lap feature having attracted the best drivers in the South Jersey area.

Five events of eight laps each will precede the feature race.

The Delaware Valley Sportscar Association opened its time trials today at the track, starting at 10.30 a. m. Admission was 55 cents.

Twenty assorted cars, mostly of foreign make, were entered. Besides the time trials, braking and acceleration also were on the program.

10/23/1954

# Diaz Makes Best Time In Sports Car Trials

James Diaz, Turnerville, made the best time in the Sports Car events held last Saturday, at the **Atco Speedway**. He drove a Jaguar XK 120 to win the Class B event in 2:58.00.

Robert Thomas, Oaklyn, won Class B in the time of 3:00.06 while driving an MG. Stanley Miller, Trenton, won Class C, also in an MG and Bryce Gray, Woodbury, won Class C while driving a Ford.

10/25/1954

# Stock Cars Race At Atco Sunday

There will be plenty of stock car racing on hand for South Jersey's hot rod fans when the **Atco Speedway** puts on its weekly show Sunday afternoon starting at 2.30 at the Old White Horse pike oval.

Sixty-five laps of racing are offered over an oiled track with some of the section's foremost car jockies taking part in the events.

Three preliminary races of 10 laps each and a consolation race will be run off before the 25-lap feature race on the one-half mile track.

Other than Pennsauken's George Moore, one of the leading feature race winners of the season, there are several top drivers from South Jersey who will be driving. Some of them include Dave Watson, Blackwood; John Velecca, Westville; Bill Smashey, Woodbury; Andy Scarletti, Vineland, and Stan Schill, Camden.



# Sal Moschella Sweeps Card at Atco Speedway

11/9/1954

By WALTER T. CHERNOKAL

ATCO, N. J., Nov. 7.—Sal Moschella took the measure of all comers at the Atco, N. J., Speedway this afternoon with a clean sweep of the stock car program as the Delaware Valley Racing Association members are making a strong bid for the "Polar Club" title in this part of the racing country. At a time of season when winter sports take over, this quarter-mile oval is still going strong and made the announcement that racing would resume next Sunday afternoon at 2 P.M.

Today's event got underway with a chilling wind sweeping over the track from over the backstretch almost nullifying the warm rays of the sun. However, this had no effect on the first heat as Dick Richards and his orange sedan sneaked past Larry Voss on the last lap to win by a car length with Harry Doerr and Jack Smith following in 3rd and 4th respectively.

Popular Al Tasnady was well on his way to victory in the second heat but Moschella, ala Richards, had other ideas. Going into the 2nd turn on the last lap, Sal pushed ahead of Tasnady and narrowly edged out Al With Fischer and MacLaughlin following.

The third heat produced more confusing than competitive racing as Henry Johnson spun in the 2nd turn when his water hose blew off. Shill came along and also spun while Dawson who was now leading due to Johnson's losing it, spun in water in the third turn and ended up hanging on the fence. This gave Ken Powell the victory with Shill recovering in time from his spin to come in second ahead of Scarletti.

Eighteen cars started the 25 lap main but three laps later 16 remained. For 13 laps the fences stayed intact and action was resolved to Moschella taking the lead from Tasnady on the 6th lap. Suddenly Bill Dougherty flipped his blue and white coupe coming out of the third turn and on the restart the field shrunk to twelve. Another restart came about with 6 laps to go after Dawson blew a tire and rammed the outside third turn fence. Water from his damaged radiator caused the stoppage. Of the 6 remaining laps only four were run before Larry Voss ended the day's racing with a crash identical to Dawson's.

The summaries:

1st heat — 10 laps—Dick Richards, Larry Voss, Henry Doerr. Time—3:56.5.

2nd heat — 10 laps — Sal Moschella, Al Tasnady, Herm Fisher. — Time: 3:45.3.

3rd heat — 10 laps — Ken Powell, Stan Shill, Andy Scarletti. — Time: 3:56.4.

Consy — 10 laps — Henry Johnson, Bill Smashey, John Villeco.— No time.

Feature — 25 laps — Moschella, Tasnady, Fisher. No time — halted 23 laps — accident.

## Injured on Atco Course

The injured racing driver is Salvatore Moschella, 28, of 715 W. Adams ave., Pleasantville, who was critically hurt in a spill at the **Atco Speedway.**

Moschella was taken to Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital suffering from a possible fracture of the spine, a brain concussion and numerous cuts. There was no police report available, but witnesses reported Moschella was participating in the feature race when there was a pileup of cars on a banked turn.

Moschella's auto apparently went out of control and plunged over the embankment.

11/15/1954

# Atco Speedway Opens Sunday

3/26/1955

**Atco Speedway** will open the auto racing season Sunday with the usual stock car program, which will start at 2 p. m.

A 25-lap feature race in addition to four 10-lap races will be held.

Among the drivers expected to compete are Chick DiNatale, Trenton; Jack McLaughlin, Woodbury; Stanley Shill, Camden; Johnny Valento, Mt. Holly; Henry Dore, Egg Harbor; Hen Johnson, Mt. Holly, Lew Mood, Pitman, and Ralph Ensign, Mt. Holly.

Races are scheduled to be held Sundays until warm weather when races more than likely also will be held Tuesday nights.

# Atco Opens Car Races Sunday

4/2/1955

After being "blown off" the schedule on its original opening date for the automobile racing season, the **Atco Speedway** will hold its 1955 inaugural program Sunday afternoon starting at 2 p. m.

The track originally was slated to open last week, but high winds and generally bad weather over the weekend forced the postponement of the card until tomorrow.

The spring schedule at Atco has racing on tap every Sunday afternoon. When the summer sets in, racing will be held every Tuesday night until autumn, when again Sunday afternoons will be the racing day.

Expected to take part in the opening festivities tomorrow are many of the top South Jersey drivers who have been competing on the track for the past few years. Included in that group are Stanley Shill, of Camden; Jack McLaughling, Woodbury; Chick DiNatale, Trenton; John Valento, Mt. Holly; Ralph Ensign, Mt. Holly; Hen Johnson, Mt. Holly; Lew Mood, Pitman, and Henry More, Egg Harbor.

Tomorrow's card will open with a 10-lap, five-mile race and will be followed by three similar events before the 12½-mile, 25-lap feature race is run.

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04/29/1954

**NADCO**, the stock car association which was initiated here, now has added a third track to its lineup: **Atco**, N. J., **Speedway** . . . **Atco** will conduct Saturday night racing, thus giving NADCO-member drivers a full week-end of competition . . . Friday nights, NADCO stocks race with the Inter-State Association group at Vineland, N. J., Saturdays will find them at **Atco** and, of course, on Sundays they run at Wilmington **Speedway**.



# Atco Race Track To Open Tonight

4/30/1955

The **Atco Speedway** will make its 1955 inaugural debut tonight under the management of Frank Schneider, one of the leading car drivers in the East.

There will be five races, four heats of 10 laps each and a feature of 25 laps with the opening event scheduled to start at 8.30 o'clock.

The program will consist of modified stock and sportsmen cars, with a trophy to be presented to the winner of the feature race. The drivers are members of the NADCO Association.

Among the top pilots expected to drive tonight are Tom Elliott, Daytona Beach, Fla., who was the modified champion of Wall Stadium upstate last year; Bill Chevelier, Sayresville; Lenny Brown, Lambertville; Jim Delaney, Hope, who holds the 100-mile record at Langhorne and Chubby Hower, Asbury Park.

South Jersey drivers entered in the 35 car field are Al Tasnady and Ed Forte, both of Atco; Hen Johnson, Mullica Hill; Chick Di-Natalie, Trenton; Bill Dougherty, Palmyra and "Spider" Smith and Jack Helgate, both of Clayton.



# Atco Speedway

## Races Saturday

A thrill-packed racing program has been planned by Promoter Jim DiNatale for Saturday night at the newly renovated Atco Speedway on old White Horse Pike, starting at 8:30 p.m.

The star-studded field will include Jim Delaney, last week's feature winner and holder of the Langhorne 100-mile record; Tommy Elliott, of Daytona Beach, 1954 modified champion at Wall stadium; Al Tasnady, a local favorite from Lambertville and Richie Hall from Toms River who will be driving a new souped-up car.

The program will consist of five races, three heats, a consolation and a 25-lap feature. 5/20/1955

# Tasnady Takes Atco Feature

5/23/1955

Al Tasnady, of Atco, returned to the winner's circle by capturing Saturday night's feature stock car race at the **Atco Speedway**.

Tasnady flashed ahead of Ken Marriott to snare the 25-lap feature, while Johnny Hagen was third and Ed Forte fourth.

Winners of the four heat races were Herm Fisher, Tasnady, Hagan and in the fourth event—a match race—Tasnady was also the victor.

FIRST HEAT—1. Herm Fisher. 2. Ed Forte. 3. Dave Watson.

SECOND HEAT—1. Al Tasnady. 2. Ken Marriott. 3. Bill Dougherty.

THIRD HEAT—1. Johnny Hagan. 2. Jim Delaney. 3. Dick Worcham.

MATCH RACE—1. Tasnady. 2. Marriott. 3. Delaney.

FEATURE—1. Tasnady. 2. Marriott. 3. Hagen. 4. Forte.

# Atco Track Holds 30-Lap Feature

5/27/1955

More thrills are in store for stock car racing fans at the **Atco Speedway** on old White Horse pk. Saturday. Of special interest is the new 30-lap feature race with a trophy to be awarded to the winner. This event has aroused considerable excitement among drivers and spectators alike.

Al Tasnady, last week's feature winner, will again compete. Tasnady was second in point standing with the Interstate Racing Association as well as high point winner at Dover, for 1954.

A new contender, who appeared last week at the **Atco Speedway**, was Ken Marriott from Baltimore, Md. Marriott recently drove Paul Whiteman's Jaguar in a sports car event.

These and other favorites such as Steve Elias, Ed Forte, Lou Volk, Tommy Elliott, Bill Hill and Jim Delaney will be on hand to add excitement next Saturday night.

The program will consist of three heats, a consolation event and the feature.

NADCO Stock Car Racing Association and Interstate Stock Car Racing Association will be racing together at this meet.

# 30-Lap Feature Marks Atco Card

5/28/1955

A special 30-lap feature will highlight the stock car racing program at the **Atco Speedway** on the old White Horse pike this evening.

Al Tasnady, last week's feature winner, and a host of other top-notch chauffeurs including Ken Marriott, Steve Elias, Ed Forte, Lou Volt, Tom Elliott, and Bill Hill are expected to compete for the feature trophy award.

The program will consist of three heats, a consolation, and the feature.

NADCO Stock Car Racing Association and Interstate Stock Car Racing Association will be racing together in this meet.

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5/28/1955

# Elliott Winner At Atco Speedway

The 30-lap stock car feature at the Atco Speedway Saturday night provided thrills and excitement for the fans.

5/30/1955

Using the reverse starting system, the fastest cars were placed in the rear. Tommy Elliott, Al Tasnady, Jim Delaney, Johnny Hagan and Bill Chevalier were forced to battle their way to the front. It soon became obvious that Tasnady and Elliott were fighting desperately for first position. Elliott finally gained and maintained the lead from the 20th lap. As a special honor, he was awarded a beautiful trophy.

Local favorite Aasnady came in for second honors while third position went to Bill Chevalier.

Winners of the other events were:

First Heat—1. Chris Dawson. 2. Dick Worsham. 3. Jack Mastrangelo.

Second Heat—1. Al Tasnady. 2. Bill Chevalier. 3. Jimmy Metzler.

Third Heat—1. Tommy Elliott. 2. Jim Delaney. 3. Kenny Powell.

Match Race—1. Johnny Hagan. 2. Tommy Elliott. 3. Al Tasnady. 4. Bill Chevalier.

Feature Race—1. Tommy Elliott. 2. Al Tasnady. 3. Bill Chevalier.



# Atco Speedway Resumes Racing

6/11/1955

The **Atco Speedway** will resume stock car racing under the arc lights tonight on the oval, located on the old White Horse pike.

First of three heats and a consolation race, each of 10 laps, will get underway at 8.30 o'clock.

Many of the top drivers in the East are expected to be on hand, including such crowd pleasers as Jim Delaney, Lambertville; Tom Elliott, Florida; Jim Metzler, Newark; Al Tasnady and Ed Forte, both of Atco; Ken Powell, of Mt. Holly and Bill Dougherty, of Palmyra.

These drivers along with many others will strive to gain a berth in the 20-car feature event of 25 laps.

Promoters of the track have also added a surprise event by Tom "Iron-Man" Moore.

Starting next Tuesday night, Atco will stage a combined sportsmen and stock car racing program, beginning at 8 p. m.

# Atco Speedway

## Races Resumed

The **Atco Speedway** is scheduled to resume racing Saturday night, with the usual 25-lap stock car race as the feature.

Four heats of 10 laps also are scheduled to be held. It was announced by the management that Tuesday night races will be held, starting next week.

Some of the drivers who are expected to compete Saturday night are:

Chubby Howard, Red Bank; Tommy Elliott and Jim Delany, Lambertville; Al Tasnady and Ed Forte, **Atco**; Henry Johnson, Mt. Holly; Pete Frazer, Elizabeth; and Jack McLaughlin, Paulsboro.

The first heat is slated to start at 8.30.

6/17/1955

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# Tasnady Winner In Atco Race

6/20/1955

Al Tasnady, of Atco, Saturday night took the measure of one of the finest fields of cars and drivers to race this season at the Atco **Speedway** when he won the feature of 25-laps over the four-tenths of a mile oval.

Tasnady won out after a bitter battle with Tom Elliott, of Miami, Florida, last year's modified champion of Walls Stadium, Belmar. Third place went to Jim Delaney, of Hope, who lost a hard struggle to take the lead from the top pair.

Jim finished in front of Ken Marriott, the Baltimore flash.

A four car pileup on the third turn of the first lap in the feature caused the race to be restarted. After the restart, Ed Forte held the lead for six laps until he was forced into the pits with engine trouble. From there it was the battle between Tasnady, Elliott and Delaney.

An added attraction was a spectacular t-bone crash executed by Iron Man Tom Moore, Hollywood stunt man who will perform at least one of his 27 specialties every Tuesday and Saturday nights along with the regular NADCO-sanctioned stock car races at Atco.

The complete results of Saturday's racing follows:

1st heat—1. Art Scott, Atlantic City; 2. Ken Powell, Mt. Holly; 3. Bill Smashey, Woodbury.

2nd heat—1. Ken Marriott, Baltimore; 2. Al Tasnady, **Atco**; 3. Bill Cheveller, Newark.

3rd heat—1. Jim Delaney, Hope; Tom Elliott, Florida; 3. John Hagan, Wilmington, Del.

Consolation—1. Ken Smith, Atco; 2. Vince Carroll, Philadelphia; 3. Herm Fischer, Blackwood.

Feature—1. Al Tasnady; 2. Tom Elliott; 3. Jim Delaney; 4. Ken Marriott; 5. John Hagan; 6. Art Scott.

6/20/1955

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# Stock Cars Race At Atco Tonight

The **Atco Speedway** will be the scene of NADCO sanctioned stock car races this evening starting at 8.30 o'clock.

Al Tasnady, who copped the 25-feature a week ago when he defeated Tom Elliot, of Miami, after a bitter battle, hopes to make it two in a row tonight but he must face some competition.

The **Atco** speedster will be out to beat such lead-footed drivers as Jack Villeco, Charles DiNatale, and Jack McLaughlin. 6/25/1955

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Al Tasnady, **Atco** speedster who had copped a number of first places in recent weeks in local events, Bill Dougherty, Bill Powell, Stan Shill, Ed Forte, and Jack McLaughlin are expected to see action in the Delaware Valley Stock Car Club affair. 6/28/1955



# Tasnady Favored At **Atco** Tonight

7/2/1955

Al Tasnady will lead a pack of talented drivers around the **Atco Speedway** Saturday night when the weekly show gets under way at 8.30 p. m.

Tasnady, the local flash, has had more than his share of victories on the popular oiled soaked track.

However, plenty of competition is expected for the leading rider as quite a number of top notch drivers are entered for the five weekly races.

Included in the pack that will be seeking to upset Tasnady are Bill Smashey, Ken Powell, Ed Forte, Ken Marriott, Herman Fisher, and Jim Delaney.

# Atco Speedway Races Tonight

Stock car racing will be resumed tonight, at the **Atco Speedway.**

The usual 65 laps of racing will be presented.

Four 10-lap events and the 25-lap feature race will comprise the card. Most of the well known South Jersey stock car stars are entered.

# Powell Captures Atco Feature

7/13/1955

Mt. Holly's Ken Powell walked off with the feature race at the **Atco Speedway** Tuesday night when he edged Larry Voss, of Pleasantville for top honors in the fourth and final race of the evening.

Powell had considerable trouble getting into the lead in the race which was restarted three different times. However, he finally took over on the 15th lap after Chris Dawson, of Glassboro, had pulled out of the race due to engine trouble.

Three accidents marred the 25-lap feature race, the worst of which was when Vince Correll, of Philadelphia, hit the fence on the fourth turn of the first lap and flipped over. However, Correll, although his car was badly damaged, escaped the mishap without injury.

1st race—1, Tony Voltz, Philadelphia; 2, Tom Collins, Paulsboro; 3, John Itzi, Philadelphia.

2d race—1, John Vellico, Westville; 2, Larry Voss, Pleasantville; 3, Bill Errico, Philadelphia.

3d race—1, Ken Powell, Mt. Holly; 2, Walt Shoppe, Philadelphia; 3, Stan Shill, Camden.

Consolation—1, Chris Dawson, Glassboro, and Bill Smashey, Sewell; 3, Bud Pearce, Maple Shade.

Feature—1, Ken Powell; 2, Larry Voss; 3, Bill Smashey; 4, Bill Errico; 5, Tom Collins.

# Top Drivers Vie At **Atco** Track

7/15/1955

Outstanding drivers will compete in the **Atco Speedway** auto races on Saturday night.

The competitors will be attempting to improve their standing in the point system which currently is paced by John Vilecco.

The program tonight will consist of four 10-lap heats and a 25-lap feature event. Jim DiNatale, **speedway** promoter, will present two trophies for the feature race, one to the victorious driver and one to the owner of the winning car.

In addition to the regular program, Tom "Iron-Man" Moore will be on hand to present some daring and breath-taking stunts.

Among the drivers expected to compete on Saturday are Stanley Shill, Al Tasnady, Jack McLaughlin, Vilecco, Ken Powell, Ed Forte, Vince Carrol, Chris Dawson, Bud Pierce, Jerry Gartner and many others.

Races are also held on Tuesday nights.

7/15/1955

## AUTO RACING

Stock car races, Flemington Fairgrounds,  
8:30 p. m.

Stock car races, Airport Speedway,  
Hightstown, 8:30 p. m.

Stock car races, **Alco Speedway.**

# Car Races Listed At **Atco** Tonight

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# Shill Wins Car Race

ATCO, N. J., July 16.—Stanley Shill, Camden, won the 25-lap feature stock car race tonight at **Atco Speedway**. Tony Volpe, Willow Grove, Pa., was second and Walt Shoppe, Philadelphia, finished third.

7/17/1955

# Stinchcomb Wins 7/18/1955 Feature at Atco

Stan Stinchcomb, Philadelphia, won the featured 10-mile sprint car race before 3000 Saturday night at **Atco Speedway**. His time was 6:28.8.

He was followed in order by Al Tasnady, Wilmer Reese, Reds Brennan and Rod Albright.

# Stocks in Action

## At Atco Tonight

7/19/1955

The regular Tuesday night, five-race stock car program will be held tonight at the **Atco Speedway** starting at 8.30 o'clock.

The popular Atco oval has been the scene of some thrilling races in recent weeks and this evening's program promises to be no exception.

Ken Powell, of Mt. Holly, and Larry Voss, Pleasantville, who finished one-two respectively in the feature a week ago, are again Glassboro's Chris Dawson, who had to withdraw with engine trouble last week after leading the pack for the greater part of half the race.

Other listed for action include; Tony Voltz, Philadelphia, John Vellico, Westville, Stan Shill, Camden, Bud Pearce, Maple Shade, and John Itzi, Philadelphia.

# Atco Feature

7/27/1955

Taking the lead on the final lap, Steve Elias, National Park speedster, captured his first 25-lap feature of the season at the **Atco Speedway** Tuesday night when he nosed out Tony Volz, of Philadelphia.

Volz, winner of the second, eight-lap race of the evening, set the pace for most of the feature run then dropped behind at the last moment to the blistering rally of Elias who had been riding second over half the distance.

John Vellecco, Westville, winner of the first heat, Larry Voss, Petersburg, and Bill Dougherty, Palmyra, who captured the top spot in the fourth race, were forced out of the feature when they became involved in a three-car pile-up. All three pilots escaped injury.

The evening's program was for the benefit of the Medford Lions Club.

First race—1, John Vellecco, Westville; 2, Larry Voss, Petersburg; 3, Ray Burris, Vineland. Time, 3.27.

Second race—1, Tony Volz, Philadelphia; 2, Paul Hampton, Philadelphia; 3, Quill Smashey, Pitman.

Third race—1, Stanley Shill, Camden; 2, Steve Elias, National Park; 3, Tom Moore, Atco. Time, 3.26.

Fourth race—1, Bill Dougherty, Palmyra; 2, Walt Shoppe, Philadelphia; 3, Tom Collins, Paulsboro. Time, 3.28.

Feature—1, Steve Elias; 2, Tony Volz; 3, Stan Shill; 4, Walt Shoppe; 5, Ray Burris.

# Shoppe Race Victor At Atco Speedway

**ATCO.** N. J., Aug. 2. — Walt Shoppe, Philadelphia ace, won the feature auto race at the **Atco** Speedway tonight, with Bill Dougherty, Palmyra, second, and John Villecco, Gloucester, third.

Henry Dorrer, Egg Harbor, finished fourth, and Tom Moore, **Atco**, fifth. Two spills occurred during the race.

8/3/1955

# Atco Stock Races Set Tonight

8/6/1955

The **Atco Speedway** resumes its stock car racing program this evening when it offers a 65-lap program at its oval on Old White Horse Pike.

There will be four 10-lap preliminary races with a 25-lap, 12½-mile feature race concluding the evening's program.

Walt Shoppe, of Philadelphia, will be out for his second straight victory within a week tonight. He won the feature race Tuesday night when he edged Bill Dougherty, of Palmyra.

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# Dawson Wins Atco Feature Race

8/10/1955

Chris Dawson, of Glassboro, captured the feature race in **Atco Speedway's** final Tuesday night racing card when he edged Larry Volz of Philadelphia at the White Horse Pike oval Tuesday evening.

The management of the Atco track announced that it would begin racing on Sunday evenings at 7 p. m. commencing this weekend and cancel all of its Tuesday and Saturday night racing cards.

Several accidents marred the three preliminary races and the feature attraction, but there were no serious injuries.

Push outs and spin outs, leaving the field cluttered with cars marked the 12½-mile feature race in which Dawson did not gain the lead until the ninth lap when he took over from Henry Doerr, of Egg Harbor.

It was all Dawson's race from that point, although he was threatened by Bill Smashey, of Woodbury, on three laps near the end of the race.

In the second race of the preliminaries, Smashey had flipped over and hit the fence. He escaped uninjured.

First Race—1. Herm Fisher, Oaklyn; 2. Henry Doerr, Egg Harbor; 3. Larry Voss, Petersburg.

Second Race—1. Chris Dawson, Glassboro; 2. Bill Dougherty, Palmyra; 3. Larry Volz, Philadelphia.

Third Race—1. Walt Shoppe, Philadelphia; 2. Quill Smashey, Pitman; 3. Bill Smashey, Woodbury.

Match Race—1. Dougherty.

Feature—1. Dawson; 2. Volz; 3. Bill Smashey; 4. Doerr.

# Powell Triumphs In Atco Race

8/15/1955

Kenny Powell, heavy-footed Mt. Holly driver, captured Sunday night's feature stock car race at the **Atco Speedway** after a thrilling race.

The 25-lap event had to be restarted twice because of minor accidents, the first of which resulted on the eighth lap when Walt Chappey, of Philadelphia, had a tire blowout and crashed into the fence.

Later on the 16th lap, Johnny Vellicco, of Westville, broke a spindle and also wound up into the fence. The race was restarted each time.

In the mean time, Powell assumed the lead between the two accidents and finished three car lengths in front of Ralph Ensign, of Maple Shade, with Bill Smashey, of Woodbury, taking third place.

Heat winners were Bill Hill, Woodbury; W. Quill Smashey, Pitman; Paul Hanson, Philadelphia and Vellicco.

1st, 10 laps—1, Bill Hill, Woodbury; 2, Ralph Ensign, Maple Shade; 3, Herm Fisher, Audubon. Time—3.47.

2nd, 10 laps—1, Quille Smashey, Pitman; 2, Ken Powell, Mt. Holly; 3, Fisher.

3d, 10 laps—1, Paul Hanson, Phila.; 2, Hill; 3, Earl Cahall, Lumberton.

4th, 10 laps—1, John Vellicco, Westville; 2, Henry Doerr, Egg Harbor; 3, Walt Chappey, Phila. Time—3.42.

5th, 25 laps—1, Powell; 2, Ensign; 3, Bill Smashey, Woodbury; 4, Tony Volz, Phila.; 5, Bill Dougherty, Palmyra.

# Atco Speedway Lists Night Races

Sixty-five laps of stock car racing will feature Sunday nights' program at the Atco Speedway, starting at 7.30.

A 25-lap feature race and four 10-lap heats comprise the card. Most of the prominent South Jersey drivers will compete. 9/10/1955

# Ace Drivers Enter Atco Races

9/24/1955

Stock car racing should be at its best at the **Atco Speedway** Sunday. The first heat starts 2.30 p. m.

Some of the area's best drivers are expected to be on hand. Among those expected to try for the trophy being presented by the promoter are Jackie McLaughlin, Al Tasnady, Chic Di Natale, Ken Powell, Sal Moschella, Larry Voss, Johnny Villecco, Chris Dawson, and many others.

# 40-Lap Stock Race Listed at **Atco**

A 40-lap feature will highlight a stock car racing program at **Atco** (N. J.) **Speedway** on Sunday at 2:30 P. M. As an added attraction, all previous feature winners will race in a 20-lap event.

The program is being held in co-operation with the Delaware Valley Stock Car Racing Association.

Among the top-notch drivers expected to compete are John Villecco, Ken Powell, Al Tasnady, Ed Forte, Jim Delaney, Frank Snyder, Henry Doerr, Herm Fisher and Stanley Shill.

10/28/1955

# Atco Schedules Racing Sunday

10/29/1955

Stock racing will continue at the **Atco Speedway**, White Horse Pike, on Sunday, starting at 2.30 p.m.

Promoter Jim DiNatale, in conjunction with the Delaware Valley Stock Car Racing Association, will present one of the finest programs of the season.

There will be a trophy presented to the winner of the 40-lap feature. As an added attraction the schedule for the day includes a 20-lap race of all previous feature winners.

Among the top-notch drivers expected to be on hand are John Villecco, Ken Powell, Al Tasnady, Ed Forte, Jim Delaney, Frank Snyder, Henry Doerr, Herm Fisher, Stanley Shill, Chris Dawson, Larry Voss, Ralph Ensign, Bob Henry, Henry Johnson, Bud Pierce, Tom Collins, Bill McAleer, and many others.



# Atco Speedway Lists 2 Features

11/05/1955

The **Atco Speedway** will attempt to put on another of its weekly stock car programs on Sunday with the opening race scheduled to start at 2 p. m.

The events to be included in the program include a 40-lap feature with a trophy to be presented to the winning driver. Also there will be a 20-lap co-feature for all previous **Atco Speedway** winners this season.

Among the top notch drivers slated to appear are Chris Dawson, Jim Delaney, Al Tasnady, Ed Forte, Jack McLaughlin, Chick DiNatalie,\* Stanley Shill, John Villecco, Ken Powell, Tom Collins, Bob Henry, Larry Voss, Ralph Ensign, Bud Pierce, Bill McAleer and many others.

The same program had been scheduled for last Sunday, but rained out.

# Atco Speedway

## Opens Saturday

4/13/1956

The **Atco Speedway** will officially open the curtain this Saturday at 8 p. m.

The program will consist of the usual five events, including three 10-lap qualifying heats, a 10-lap consolation race and a 25-lap feature. The winner of the feature will be rewarded for his part in the race by receiving a beautifully engraved trophy.

The track has been completely renovated for the 1956 season and boasts such features as a new guard rail, new lighting and a new public address system. The three eighths of a mile asphalt surface has been worked and re-worked to provide racing fans with the most thrilling and fastest racing in this part of the country.

The track this year will be co-promoted by Johnny Villecco, last year's Delaware Valley stock car club champion and his brother Vincent, who have taken over the plant.

On hand Saturday night will be the boys of the Delaware Valley Stock Car Racing Association including such popular drivers as

Bill and Quille Smashey, Woodbury; Ken Powell and Henry Johnson, Mt. Holly; Larry Voss, Pleasantville; Henry Doerr, Egg Harbor; Ray Burris, Vineland, and track promoter Johnny Villecco.

As an added attraction this year, racing fans will have the pleasure of watching the skillful chauffeurs of the Interstate Stock Car Racing Association in their hot and sizzling modifieds. This club, which has agreed to run with Delaware Valley at Atco all this season will have on hand such well known drivers as 1955 club champion Al Tasnady, Don Stumpf, Perth Amboy flash; Jim Delaney, of Hope; Bridgeton's Jimmy Marks and Dick Wershan, Vineland.

All children present will receive souvenirs from the new promoters of the track. General admission will be \$1.25, including tax.

# Tasnady Victor In Atco Feature

4/16/1956

Al Tasnady, popular South Jersey stock car veteran, won the first 25-lap feature race of the season at **Atco Speedway** Saturday night before a crowd of 1600 spectators.

It was a nip-and-tuck battle for the first 15 laps between Tasnady, Herm Fisher of Blackwood and Don McBride of Collingswood.

Tasnady moved into second spot on the 17th lap and was challenging Fisher for the lead when the latter collided with a car driven by Zeke Parkerson.

Fisher hit with such terrific force that he did a double end-for-end flip, thereby allowing Tasnady to take the lead. Neither Fisher nor Parkerson were injured in the mishap.

Tasnady received a trophy for driving the first modified car to finish the race.

Johnny Villecco, of Westville, who finished third in the feature, also received a trophy for bringing home the first sports car in the race.

## Race results:

First heat—1, Bill Smashey; 2, Don McBride; 3, Bud Pierce.

Second heat—1, Al Tasnady; 2, Herm Fisher; 3, Johnny Villecco.

Third heat—1, McBride; 2, Ken Powell; 3, Bud Pierce.

Consolation—1, McBride, 2, Herm Fisher, 3, Walt Shoppe.

Feature event, 25 laps—1, Tasnady; 2, Ken Powell; 3, Johnny Villecco; 4, Bud Pierce; 5, Walt Shoppe.

# Tasnady Wins 3d In Row at Atco

4/23/1956

Atco's Al Tasnady chalked up his second major victory of the current campaign by winning the 25-lap feature event at the **Atco Speedway** Saturday night before the second largest crowd in the history of the track.

To add to his recent victories at the track, Tasnady also won the last race of the 1955 season at Atco which brings his record to three in a row.

One major thrill of the night came in the consolation race when Ray Cumins and Tony Voltz tangled on the third turn during the first lap of the race.

Voltz locked bumpers with Cumins sending him into a spin which resulted in the latter rolling his car over no less than two and one-half times. Neither driver was injured in the mishap.

As an added attraction last night, two trophy's were presented. Joseph Stainer, of Philadelphia, was awarded the Sportsman trophy. Romeo Gelsi, of Vineland, took home the modified owners trophy.

First Heat 1—Walt Shoppe, Phila.; 2—Bill Smashey, Woodbury; 3—Johnny Villecco, Westville. Time 3:59

Second Heat: 1—Al Tasnady, Atco; 2—Rags Curtey, Miami Fla.; 3—Herm Fisher, Hilltop; Time—3:10.

Third Heat: 1—Don McBride, Collingswood; 2—Bill Sherry, Vineland; 3—Cadillac Jack, Vineland; Time—3:52.

Consolation Tony Voltz, Phila.; 2—Steve Elias, National Park; 3—Jerry Willgus; Time—3:43.

Feature Event: 1—Tasnady; 2—Curtey; 3—Shoppe; 4—Ray Cumins; 5—Herm Fisher; Time—10:02.



# Curtey to Race At Atco Saturday

4/27/1956

Rags Curtey, veteran stock car chauffeur from Miami Beach, Fla., will be on hand Saturday night at **Atco Speedway** to try for his first feature victory of the season in this part of the country.

Curtey, who appeared at Atco for the first time last Saturday night, put on an excellent exhibition of racing skill.

Al Tasnady, popular driver from Atco, really had his hands full last week in taking the checkered flag away from Curtey, who rode wheel to wheel with him through most of the feature race, only to lose to Tasnady by about one car length.

Each week the track is becoming more familiar to these lead-foots, and even though the season is still young, the cars are already exceeding speeds of over 65 miles per hour.

Headlining this week's card along with Curtey and Tasnady will be such well known drivers as Cadillac Jack, of Vineland, with his flying 710; Herm Fisher, of Hilltop, driving Toots Lee's 1018; Tony Voltz, Philadelphia, in Ray Bolli's red and white 01, and Walt Shoppe, also of Philadelphia, driving Joe Sainer's white 25, along with many others.

The box office opens at 6.30 p. m., and the first race will take the green flag at 8 o'clock.

# Elias Winner In Atco Feature

4/30/1956

Steve Elias, National Park stock car driver, won the 25-lap feature event at the **Atco Speedway** Saturday night before a thrill seeking crowd of 2000 persons.

Elias was pressed for the lead during the entire race by Dave Watson, of Gloucester, who finished in the runner-up slot.

Al Tasnady, of Vineland, last week's feature winner, finished in third position in a car that he was driving for the first time.

Saturday's feature had to be restarted before the first lap had been completed. As the cars were coming into the third turn on the first lap of the race, Herm Fisher, of Hilltop, developed steering trouble and could not avoid hitting the guard rail head-on.

The car was blocking the track, and for safety's sake, starter Harry Reeves stopped the race so the track could be cleared of the wreckage. Fisher was not injured seriously in the mishap but the car was put out of the running, for the night.

Other preliminary race winners were Dave Watson, Gloucester; Henry Doerr, Elwell; Billy Walker, Wilmington, Del., and Chris Dawson, of Glassboro.

First heat: 1—Dave Watson, Gloucester; 2—Don McBride, Oaklyn; 3—Bill Smashley, Blackwood. Time—3.47.

Second heat: 1—Henry Doerr, Elwell; 2—Herm Fisher, Hilltop; 3—Ken Powell, Mt. Holly. Time—3.34.

Third heat: 1—Billy Walker, Wilmington, Del.; 2—Bud Pierce, Maple Shade; 3—Vince Carroll, Phila. Time—3.51.

Consolation: 1—Chris Dawson, Glassboro; 2—Walt Shoppe, Phila.; 3—Ken Powell, Mt. Holly. Time—3.39.

25-Lap feature: 1—Steve Elias, National Park; 2—Dave Watson; 3—Al Tasnady, Vineland; 4—Powell; 5—Bill Smashey. Time—9.48.



# STOCK CAR RACES



5/4/1956

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# Third for Tasnady At Atco Track

5/7/1956

Al Tasnady, of Vineland, annexed his third feature victory of the current season Saturday night at the **Atco Speedway** before a crowd of 1600 persons.

Tasnady moved from the rear of the field into first position on the fifth lap and led all the way to the checkered flag.

Thrill seekers saw a lot of action in the feature event and also in the second qualifying heat of the night. The main event had to be restarted twice because of accidents before it had been completed.

The first accident came before the cars had made their first lap, when Chris Dawson and Ken Powell, who were fighting it out for the same spot, tangled on the fourth turn and ended up on top of the fence. Powell's car was put out of competition for the night.

The race had to be stopped again on the twelfth lap when Vince Carroll, of Phila., snapped his right rear axle on the first turn blocking the path of the other

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Another mishap came in the second qualifying heat when Steve Elias and Dawson, who were battling it out for third spot locked wheels coming out of the fourth turn, and traveled hooked about 200 feet down the straight-away.

Don McBride, of Oaklyn, popular driver and official of the Delaware Valley Stock Club did not do as well as expected when he suddenly developed ignition trouble half way through the feature race.

First Heat—1. Dave Weston, Gloucester. 2. John Kuneritsky, Allentown, Pa. 3. Vince Carroll, Phila. Time, 3.45.

Second Heat—1. Henry Doerr, Ellwell. 2. Al Tasnady, Vineland. 3. Bill Smashey, Blackwood. No Time, Accident.

Third Heat—1. Ken Powell, Mt. Holly. 2. Walt Shoppe, Phila. 3. Stan Shill, Camden. Time, 3.42.

Consolation—1. Steve Elias, National Park. 2. Chris Dawson, Glassboro. 3. Dave Watson, Gloucester. Time, 3.41.

Feature Event, 25 laps—1. Tasnady. 2. Elias. 3. Doerr. 4. Dawson. 5. Watson. No Time, Accident.

# Tasnady Racks Up 4th at Atco

5/14/1956

Al Tasnady, of Vineland, annexed his fourth major triumph of the season Saturday night at the **Atco Speedway** by winning the 25-lap feature event before the track's largest attendance.

A crowd of 3000 racing fans witnessed one of the most action-packed race programs ever held at Atco. A light failure almost put an abrupt end to the show. Just as the cars were lining up for the main event, the track was plunged into sudden darkness when one of the electrical transformers burned out. However, in 30 minutes time the trouble was corrected.

On the first lap of the second qualifying race Bill McCourt, Bridgeton, slid into the fourth turn fence, bounced off and spun into the path of Woodbury's Bill Hill. Hill hit McCourt's car with such force that the latter rolled over. Tasnady, who was about 10 feet from the pileup, rammed into Hill's car and sent it head-on into the straightaway fence.

Just before the completion of the second lap in the feature, Bob Irely blew a right front tire coming out of the fourth turn. He hit the fence and bounced back into the path of the other cars, stopping the race.

After the race was restarted, the cars went another 15 laps when Steve Elias from National Park lost a wheel on the third turn. The car hit the fence head-on, stood on its nose, then rolled over on its roof. No one was injured in the mishaps.

First heat—1. Dave Watson, Blackwood; 2. Don McBride, Oaklyn; 3. Johnny Villecco, Westville. Time—3.45.

Second heat—1. Henry Doerr, Ellwell; 2. Al Tasnady, Vineland; 3. Bill Wilson, Phila. Time—3.29.04.

Third heat—1. Walt Shoppe, Phila.; 2. Jim Delaney, Hope, N. J.; 3. Herm Fisher, Hilltop. Time—3.51.02.

Consolation race—1. Chris Dawson, Glassboro; 2. McBride; 3. Fisher. Time—3.55.

Feature event—1. Tasnady; 2. Wilson; 3. Doerr; 4. Shoppe; 5. Dawson. No time, accident.

# Victor at Atco

5/21/1956

Little Henry Doerr, the 5-feet-2-inch stick of dynamite from Ellwell, chalked up his first feature victory of the 1956 racing season Saturday night at the **Atco Speedway** before a crowd of 2500 racing fans.

Doerr turned the 25 laps in 8 minutes 49 seconds, almost breaking the record of 8.33 set by Al Tasnady last season. He had his hands full for the last 10 laps of the feature, staying in front of Philadelphia's Walt Shoppe and National Park's Steve Elias.

He finally won out, beating Shoppe to the checkered flag, with Elias finishing third. Tasnady, of Vineland, who had won the last four features at Atco, was forced to sit out the main event when his car developed a cracked block during the second race of the night.

## Race results:

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First Heat—1. Dave Watson. 2. Ken Powell. 3. Bud Pierce, Maple Shade. Time—3.43.09.

Second Heat—1. Doerr. 2. Shoppe. 3. Tasnady. Time—3.36.05.

Third Heat—1. Powell. 2. Watson. 3. Don McBride, Oaklyn. Time—3.41.06.

Consolation—1. Shoppe. 2. Elias. 3. Herm Fisher, Hilltop. Time—3.41.09.

Feature Event—1. Doerr. 2. Shoppe. 3. Elias. 4. Watson. 5. Fisher. Time—8.49.01.



# Tasnady Is After 6th Atco Victory

6/2/1956

Al Tasnady, of Vineland, will be seeking his sixth feature victory when the **Atco Speedway** resumes its weekly Saturday night stock car races, beginning at 8 p. m.

He is expected to receive much of his opposition from Frankie Schneider, Lambertville speed demon, who is considered a definite threat.

Schneider, who spent most of last season in a North Jersey hospital as a result of a racing accident that almost cost him his life, has made such a tremendous come-back that he proves to be a threat to anyone who competes with him on any track in the country.

Another boy to watch this week will be Little Henry Doerr from Ellwell, who has one checkered flag to his credit, and who finished a very close second to Tasnady last week.

Add to these boys such other skillful chauffeurs as Steve Elias, National Park; Johnny Villecco, Westville; Herm Fisher, Hilltop; Chris Dawson, Glassboro; Dave Watson, Gloucester; Bill Smashey, Blackwood; Walt Shoppe and Billy Wilson of Phila. and Don McBride from Oaklyn and you have the makings of the finest and fastest stock car racing on any track in this part of the country.

# Villecco to Drive At Atco Track

6/8/1956

Johnny Villecco, Westville, defending champion of the Delaware Valley Stock Car Racing Association, will be trying for his first checkered flag of the season Saturday night at **Atco Speedway**. Villecco will be driving the car which carried him to the championship last year.

Joining Villecco in the headlines this week will be a pair of champions from two other racing clubs.

They are Frankie Schneider, Lambertville, who is currently the state champion of Florida, and Al Tasnady, the 1955 champion of the Interstate Stock Car Racing Club.

As an added attraction this week, co-promoters Johnny and Vince Villecco have made arrangements to present a special 15-lap race featuring the Non-Ford cars of the Bell Auto Club, Philadelphia. Some of the entrants in this race include: Jim Trevakthen, Earl Heary, Jim Heller, Harry Rizner, Bill Moore, Walt Walter and many, many others.



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# Henry Doerr Wins

Henry Doerr won the feature race at **Atco Speedway** Saturday night with Al Tasnady second.

6/11/1956

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# Doerr After 2d Feature at Atco

6/15/1956

The action should be fast and furious Saturday night at **Atco Speedway**, when Henry Doerr, Ellwell speedster, attempts to score his second feature in as many weeks.

If Doerr does it again this week, it will bring his score of main event wins to three for the Atco season.

Al Tasnady, Vineland, was second last week, but he won five of the eight feature races run at Atco.

Other favorites on tap this week will include such well-known chauffeurs as Ken Powell, Mt. Holly; track champion Johnny Villecco, Herm Fisher and Walt Shoppe, Philadelphia. Add these, Jerry Garten, Camden; Ralph Ensign, Crescent Park; Bill Wilson, Philadelphia; Steve Elias, National Park; Chris Dawson, Glassboro, and Gloucester's Dave Watson and you have a roster of fast drivers.

A special added attraction this week, the Bell Auto Club, Philadelphia, will present a special 15-lap feature race featuring their non-Ford cars. Headlining this week's card of drivers participating in the special event will be Franny Daliessio, Philadelphia.

Along with Franny this week will be Bell Auto drivers Jim Trevakthen, Henry Rizner, Bob and Dick Wilkie, Harry Moore, Derald Hey and Jim Heller.

The first race will get under way at 8 p. m.

# 2 Feature Races At **Atco Speedway**

6/22/1956

Due to rain last Saturday night that curtailed the stock car racing program, at the **Atco Speedway**, two 25-lap features will be presented Saturday night.

The first 25-lapper will consist of the cars which qualified in last Saturday's heat races and will start at 8 o'clock. The regular program of another 25-lap race, and the Bell Club, of Philadelphia, will follow.

Bill Wilson, Philadelphia, and Henry Doerr, Elwell, are expected to give Al Tasnady a close and exciting race. Other drivers expected to compete are Steve Elias, Frankie Schneider, Walt Shoppe, Dave Watson, Chris Dawson, Herm Fisher and Johnny Villeco.

Promoters John and Vincent Villeco today announced the start of Tuesday night racing at the Speedway. Starting July 3 and every Tuesday and Saturday night thereafter stock car racing will be held.

# Schneider Wins With Atco Mark

7/2/1956

Coming on top of Frankie Schneider's first feature victory of the season in the record-breaking time of 8 minutes 32 seconds Saturday, the **Atco Speedway** announced it would begin Tuesday night stock car racing tomorrow with the first preliminary race scheduled to go off at 8 o'clock.

Schneider, of Lambertville, who won the nip-and-tuck feature from pressing Al Tasnady, the Vineland flash, will be out to make it two straight when the pair head-line Tuesday night's card.

Although Tasnady jumped to the lead early in Saturday night's contest, Schneider took command on the fourth lap after putting on steam the previous lap to overtake the pacesetting Vinelander.

It was a hard-fought battle all the way, as Tasnady was on Schneider's heels all the way over the remainder of the 25-lap course.

However, when the Lambertville ace took the checkered flag, he also established a new lap record by gunning through the 25th in 20.4 seconds.

In the Bell Auto Club feature of non-Fords the race was halted several times as cars flipped and hit the fence, narrowing the field to nine cars at the finish. There were no injuries.

Besides Tasnady and Schneider, drivers also expected to race Tuesday include Henry Doerr, Bill Wilson, Walt Schoppe, Steve Elias, Bill Smashey, Vince Carroll, Herm Fisher, Bill Hill, Dave Watson, Chris Dawson, Bill McAleer, Bud Pierce, John Villecco, Stan Shill, Jack Mastrangelo and many other well-known local boys.

Also present will be the Bell Auto Club of Philadelphia in their special race.

First race—1. (1st Sportsman) Bill Hill, Woodbury. 2. Bill Smashey, Blackwood. 3. Jack Helgate. 4. Bud Pierce, Maple Shade.

Second race, modified—1. Frankie Schneider, Lambertville. 2. Al Tasnady, Vineland. 3. Bill Wilson, Phila. 4. Henry Doerr, Ellwood.

Third race—1. Dave Watson, Gloucester. 2. Vince Carroll, Phila. 3. Steve Elias, National Park. 4. Bill McAleer, Mt. Holly.

Consolation—1. Bill Smashey. 2. Stan Shill. 3. Jack Mastrangelo, Crum Lynn, Pa. 4. John Bennett.

25-lap feature—1. Frankie Schneider. 2. Al Tasnady. 3. Henry Doerr. 4. Bill Wilson. 5. Walt Schoppe, Phila. 6. Bill Hill, (1st Sportsman). 7. Bill Smashey. 8. Steve Elias. Time—8.32.



# Tasnady Victor In Atco Scramble

7/5/1956

Atco Speedway's Tuesday night Stock Car Racing program started off with a bang with Al Tasnady taking the feature event after a fast and furious duel between the Vineland flash, Henry Doerr, and Walt Schoppe.

For 12 laps Dave Watson held the lead and it looked like a run-away race. But in the 13th lap Watson's car broke a rear axle and Doerr, the Elwood hot pepper shaker, took the lead with Tasnady and Schoppe right on his heels.

Tasnady flashed ahead of Doerr but lost the lead again in the 18th lap. On the 24th lap Tasnady and Doerr were running bumper to bumper. At the finish line the Vineland Flash managed to get that extra power to forge ahead of Doerr and win with his front bumper crossing the line just ahead of Doerr's.

As a result a match race was held between these three. In one of the fastest races seen at the **Atco Speedway**, Walt Schoppe posed ahead of Tanady and Doerr in the five-lapper.

Promoters John and Vincent Villecco announced that with the popularity of the Tuesday Nite Races with the fans, they will be continued every Tuesday night at 8.30 p. m., along with their usual Saturday night programs.

1st race—Sportsman—1. John Villecco, Westville; 2. Steve Elias, National Park; 3. Jack Helgate; 4. Bill Smashey, Blackwood.

2nd race—1. Al Tasnady, Vineland; 2. Henry Doerr, Elwood; 3. Walt Schoppe, Phila.; 4. Bill Hill, Woodbury.

3rd race—1. Bill Hill; 2. John Villecco; 3. Larry Voss, Petersburg; 4. Steve Elias.

Feature—1. Al Tasnady; 2. Henry Doerr; 3. Walt Schoppe; 4. John Villecco (1st Sportsman); 5. Larry Voss; 6. Bill McAleer, Mt. Holly; 7. Stanley Shill; 8. Steve Elias; 9. Dave Watson; 10. Bill Hill.

# By Atco Drivers

7/7/1956

As the season approaches the half-way mark in stock car racing tonight at **Atco Speedway**, the pace is really accelerating as the local pilots go after the point leadership of the Delaware Valley Stock Car Racing Association.

To these chauffeurs, to become champion of their division is an honor, as many opportunities are available to them if victorious. So far, Al Tasnady has the lead. But Little Henry Doerr is a close competitor.

Each week he presses Tasnady to add a third of his two feature victories at Atco. But the Vineland Flash means to stay in front. Frankie Schnieder, Lambertville ace and Florida's champ, is right on their heels. Chris Dawson, Glassboro, Walt Schoppe and Bill Wilson, Philadelphia's threat, are also in the thick of the fight.

In the Sportsman division, Bill Hill, veteran driver from Woodbury, is after the leadership. But Steve Elias, Johnny Villecco, last year's winner, Bud Pierce, Bill Smashey, Stan Shill, Jack Garten, veteran midget driver, Bill McAleer, Vince Carroll, Dave Watson, Jack Helgate and many others are out to upset his appplecart.



# Schneider Atco Victor 2d Time

7/9/1956

Frinkie Schneider, Lambertville, roared to his second consecutive victory in a field of 51 stock cars before a sellout crowd at **Atco Speedway** Saturday night.

Schneider, a Florida champion, after weeks of trying to find the groove at Atco, made a spectacular finish in the feature marred by a series of pileups on the third turn of the fifth lap. There were no injuries and after the track was cleared, Schneider, followed by Al Tasnady and Steve Elias, edged his way through the pack of 22 cars to take the lead.

With Schneider's car running to perfection, Tasnady, Interstate champ, just didn't have enough to catch the crafty winner and had to be satisfied with second place for the second week in a row.

Elias, in the #37 Doodlebug, was third. Steve was a serious

threat to the leaders until his front tire lost some rubber on the turns.

Bill Hill, driving John Steuber's 210, came in as first Sportsman.

In the Bell Auto Non-Ford feature, the crowd was treated to a sensational series of head over rolls right in front of the grandstands when Ken Reibert, of Philadelphia, lost control of his car. After some exciting moments Ken emerged from the car without a scratch to the applause of the spectators.

Promoters John and Vincent Villecco announced that Tuesday night racing has been cancelled until further notice to the public. Stock Car racing will be held on Saturday nights only.

1st heat—1. Bill Hill, Woodbury; 2. Don McBride, Oaklyn; 3. Lucky Weber; 4. Jerry Garten; 5. Joe Hayes. Time, 3.38.

2nd heat—1. Frankie Schneider, Lambertville; 2. Al Tasnady, Vineland; 3. Irv Streets; 4. Herm Fisher, Hilltop. Time, 3.34.

3rd heat—1. Dave Watson, Gloucester; 2. Eriton Hildreth, Bridgeton; 3. John Villecco, Westville; 4. Bill Smashey, Blackwood; 5. Bud Pierce, Maple Shade. Time, 3.39.

Cons—1. Steve Elias, National Park; 2. Bill Wilson, Phila. 3. Henry Doerr, Elwood; 4. Walt Schoppe, Phila. 5. Stan Shill, Camden. Time, 3.23.

Feature—1. Frankie Schneider; 2. Al Tasnady; 3. Steve Elias; 4. Bill Wilson; 5. Walt Schoppe; 6. Irv Streets; 7. Bill Hill (1st Sportsman); 8. Don McBride; 9. John Villecco; 10. Herm Fisher.

Bell Auto Club Feature—1. Ed Stover; 2. George Gathers; 3. Derald Hay; 4. Jim Trevarthen; 5. Frank Delissio; 6. Tom Cass; 7. Jim McGinnis; 8. Walt Joseph.

# Elias Captures Atco Feature

7/16/1956

Steve Elias, of National Park, thundered home to his second win of the season before an enthusiastic crowd who saw Elias come from behind a field of 20 cars on Saturday to battle his way to the lead on the 23rd lap at the Atco Speedway.

Al Tasnady, favorite at the track, was forced out the free-for-all when his mount developed trouble in the rear housing. Bill Wilson, of Philadelphia, took over the lead and for a while looked like he would easily outrun the field. But Elias, running 7th at the time of Tasnady's forceout, and slowed down by a half-lap behind Wilson due to some cars spinning out on the turns, burned rubber in some of the fastest laps recorded to catch and pass Wilson, who had to be satisfied with second spot.

The largest crowd in **Atco's Speedway** history was on hand to watch the Bell auto non-Ford feature. They were rewarded with an exciting show when Jim McGinnis, of Philadelphia, in the circle 14, clobbered the fence on the

third turn, involving numerous other cars. He escaped unhurt, but his car was demolished beyond repair.

After the clearing of the track, starter Harry Reeves gave them the green flag, and George Gathers, of Philadelphia, surged ahead in the remaining 10 laps to grab the checkered flag. Out of a field of 21 cars, 13 failed to finish.

1st race—1. Don McBride, Oaklyn. 2. Elkon Hildrth, Bridgeton. 3. Jack Helgate, Clayton. 4. Frank Ashman. 5. Bill James, Glassboro. Time, 3.39.

2nd race—1. Henry Doerr. 2. Al Tasnady. 3. Bill Wilson. 4. Tony Voltz, Phila. 5. Bill Stausser, Wastzman, Pa. Time, 3.32.

3rd race—1. Walt Schoppe. 2. Bill Hill. 3. John VILLECCO, Westville. 4. Herbie Schoch, Pitman. 5. Bill Reinel. Time, 3.37.

Cons. race—1. Steve Elias. 2. Chris Dawson, Blackwood. 3. Dave Watson, Gloucester. 4. Bill Smashey, Blackwood. 5. Harry Clover. Time, 3.36.

Feature—1. Steve Elias. 2. Bill Wilson. 3. Walt Schoppe. 4. Henry Doerr. 5. Bill Hill. 6. John VILLECCO. 7. Don McBride. 8. Erlton Hildrth. 9. Chris Dawson. 10. Bill Smashey. Time, 10.34.

Bell Club feature—1. George Gathers. 2. Frank Dallessio. 3. Ed Stover. 4. Tom Gass. 5. Bill Moore. 6. Jim Trevarthen. 7. Detwiler. (No time, accident).

# Doerr Triumphs In Atco Feature

7/23/1956

Despite the dreary and threatening weather that plagued South Jersey Saturday night, the stock car fans turned out enmasse at **Atco Speedway** to witness a show that was punctuated by brawls, spills, collisions and fence smashing.

In the tenth lap of the feature event, with Henry Doerr in the lead, the spectators were treated to two simultaneous mishaps. In one Tony Voltz, lost his brakes due to a broken line, and unable to control his car on the third turn, careened around hitting other cars and then flipping head over several times to land finally on the roof, after putting several other cars in the fence and out of the running for the night.

Tony's car was so badly damaged that it left the fans, other drivers, and himself wondering how he managed to crawl out and walk away unscathed. At the same time Don McBride blew a front tire on the second turn, putting him on the fence and de-

molishing his car. He too escaped unhurt. The other cars involved were able to continue in the race.

At the restart, Doerr, went on to take the lead. Pushed by Elktion Hildreth, Johnny Villecco, and Bill Smashey, Doerr was able to fend off his competitors and take his third feature victory at the **Atco Speedway**.

The non-Ford Bell Auto feature also held the fans in tension as they saw Smokey Stover, Henry Ryzner and Dick Wilkie toe it out to the finish line in a race strung out with overturned cars, lost wheels, and several restarts. Smokey Stover went on to take the checkered flag.

1st Race—1, Bill Smashey, Blackwood; 2, Jim Marks, Pitman; 3, Jerry Garten, Camden; 4, Bill McAlleer, Mt. Holly; 5, Frank Ashman, Time, 3.41.

2nd Race—1, Bill Wilson, Phila.; 2, Steve Elias, National Park; 3, Jim Marx, Woodbury (No time accident).

3rd Race—1, Henry Doerr, Elwood; 2, Walt Schoppe, Phila.; 3, Dave Watson, Gloucester; 4, Johnny Villecco, Westville; 5, Bill Hill, Woodbury, Time, 3.35.

Feature—1, Henry Doerr; 2, Johnny Villecco; 3, Elktion Hildreth, Bridgeton; 4, Bill Smashey; 5, Frank Ashman; 6, Jim Marx; 7, Bill McAlleer; 8, Smokey Stover, Phila.; 9, Bill Diggo, Phila. (No time accident).

Bell Club Feature—1, Smokey Stover; 2, Henry Ryzner; 3, George Gathers; 4, Dick Wilkie; 5, Joe Oettel; 6, Bill Moore; 7, Sam Wiggins; 8, Bob Ray. (No time accident.)



7/30/1956

# Rain Postpones Races At Atco Speedway

With a splendid turnout of stock cars and drivers raring to match their skills against each other and spectators streaming in to witness the events the heavens opened up with rain at **Atco Speedway** to halt the races Saturday night.

As the rains came down the first and second turns filled with water forcing Promoters John and Vincent Villecco to postpone the races until next Saturday night.

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# Shoppe Takes 1st Atco Feature

8/6/1956

Walt Schoppe, Philadelphia speedster, took his first feature victory of the season with a big grin at **Atco Speedway** Saturday night before a sellout crowd of enthused spectators.

Schoppe, trying all season to find the groove at Atco's tricky oval, finally hit the jackpot after weeks of finishing among the top five. Starting well in the rear of the pack, Schoppe managed little headway.

In the fifth lap, the feature was halted when Harry Clover, in the 59, blew a front tire resulting in a series of flips winding up over the fence at the third turn. His car was demolished, but Clover emerged with only a few bruises.

At the restart, Schoppe boomed through the pack following little Henry Doerr, of Elwood. Doerr took the lead holding it for 15 laps but was denied a victory when his motor threw a rod. Schoppe took advantage of Doerr's misfortune, and pressed by Bud Pierce and Bob Becker, showed championship colors in grabbing his first feature checkered flag from starter

Pappy Hess.

In the Bell NON-Ford feature, Smokey Stover outdrove his club members in a show that had the fans on edge as he bulldozed his way through cars which had spun in the turns and blocked his path to victory.

First Race: 1—Bob Becker, Woodbury, 2—Jack Holgate, Camden, 3—Frank Ashman, 5—Jim Mead, 5—Bill James, Pitman.

2nd Race: 1—Walt Schoppe, Philadelphia, 2—Henry Doerr, Elwood, 3—Bud Pierce, Maple Shade, 4—Ken Powell, Mt. Holly, 5—Sam Flood, Camden.

3rd Race: 1—Stanley Shill, Camden, 2—Harvey Simon, 3—Don McBride, Oaklyn, 4—Jerry Garten, Camden, 5—Harry Clover, Philadelphia.

Feature: 1—Walt Schoppe, 2—Bud Pierce, 3—Bob Becker, 4—Ralph Ensign, Maple Shade, 5—Stanley Shill, 6—Jerry Garten, 7—Jack Helgate, 8—Don McBride, 9—Harvey Simone, 10—Jim Mead.

Bell Feature: 1—Smokey Stover, 2—Harry Ryzner, 3—Jim McGinnis, 4—George Gathers, 5—Tom Gass, 6—Bob Wilkie, 7—Will Moore, 8—George Delisio, 9—Dick Wilkie, 10—Ed Young.

# Shoppe Garners 2d Atco Feature

8/13/1956

Walt "Sloppy" Shoppe, of Philadelphia, outdueled two South Jersey drivers Saturday night to win his second straight feature race at the **Atco Speedway** in Waterford.

Starting from scratch position, Shoppe wormed his way to the second spot after a restart in the seventh lap, caused when Jack Helgate clobbered the fence. From then on the race developed into a seesaw battle between Bud Pierce, Maple Shade; Kenny Uowell, Mt. Holly, and Shoppe. On the 20th lap, Shoppe forged ahead to stay.

Then, in a battle for second between Pierce and Powell on the last lap, Powell, slicing a little to close to Pierce, was sent spinning into the infield ending his bid.

Trophies were awarded to Joe Stainer, Dick Wilkie, and Smoke Stover as owners of the winning cars of the feature.

In the Bell Non-Ford feature, Stover captured the event in a spine chilling duel between his opponents and a hairline finish

with Harry Ryzner. The race was stopped several times due to accidents. In one Al Herman, coming out of the third turn, flipped over several times ruining his machine but escaping with only slight bruises.

Promotors John and Vincent Villecco announced that through the cooperation of the DVSCRA club a benefit race will be held on Thursday, Aug. 23, for Quille Smashey, a former stock car driver at Atco. Smashey was killed in a plane crash at Glassboro last week. All proceeds to go to his wife and children.

1st Race—1. Harvey Simons, Mt. Holly. 2. Ken Powell, Mt. Holly. 3. Jack Helgate, Camden. 4. Loren Mead, Woodbury. 5. Bill James, Pitman.

2nd Race—1. Jack Helgate. 2. Al Herman, Westville. 3. Jim Bryne, Philadelphia. 4. Frank Ashman, Camden. 5. Bill McAleer, Maple Shade.

3rd Race—1. Bud Pierce, Maple Shade. 2. Walt Shoppe, Philadelphia. 3. Ralph Ensign, Maple Shade. 4. Dick Wilkie, Philadelphia.

Feature Race—1. Walt Shoppe. 2. Bud Pierce. 3. Kenny Powell. 4. Dick Wilkie. 5. Bill James. 6. Al Herman. 7. Loran Mead. 8. Frank Ashman. 9. Harry Clover. 10. Jack Helgate.

Bell Feature—1. Smokey Stover. 2. Harry Ryzner. 3. Dick Wilkie. 4. Bill Moore. 5. Skip Oettle. 6. Jim Traveathen. 7. George Gathers. 8. Robert Ray. 9. Robert Ray. 10. Lou Weggani.



# Keen Rivalry Seen At Atco Track

8/18/1956

Another thrilling and interesting feature race should result at the **Atco Speedway** tonight when Henry Doerr, Walt Schoppe and Bud Pierce renew their rivalry.

Also an hand to qualify in the 10-lap heats and make their bid in the 25-lapper will be Kenny Powell, Mt. Holly; Jack Helgate, Bill McAleer, Frank Ashman, Ralph Ensign, Harry Clover, Al Herman, Dick Wilkie and many others.

Expected also for the first time to try their skills are such luminaries of the South Jersey Stock Car circuit as Jackie McLaughlin, Paulsboro ace; Bud Olsen, Pitman star; Otto Harwi, Bill "Popcorn" Lewis, Bobie Becker, ning under open competition. Bill James and many others run-

The Bell non-Ford chauffeurs again will compete in a 15-lap duel, which has become a popular attraction. They have provided the fans with excitement, with the thrills missing in the modified class.

Promoters John and Vincent Villecco announced that through the cooperation of the DVSCRA

Club, a benefit race will be held Thursday, Aug. 23, at 8.30 p. m. for Aquille Smashey's wife and children. Smashey was killed in a plane crash at Glassboro. He was a former stock car driver. Most of the South Jersey drivers will be present to compete for trophies only. All proceeds to go to Smashey's wife and children.

Four 10-lap heats and the usual 25-lap feature race will comprise Saturday's program, which starts at 8.30.

# Schoppe After 4th Atco Win

8/24/1956

Walt Schoppe, Philadelphia, will attempt to make it four consecutive wins Saturday night in the feature stock car race, at **Atco Speedway**. The first heat will start at 8.30.

Schoppe rapidly is becoming as well known as Al Tasnady and Frankie Schneider, both of whom have established brilliant records this year. The Philadelphian has outstripped all opposition in his last three starts at the Atco track because of his split second timing and his daredevil driving.

However, he faces keen competition in attempting to win his fourth straight.

The field is expected to include Kenny Powell, Herm Fisher, Bud Pierce, Frank Mrychouck, champion of North Jersey tracks; Stanley Shill, Ralph Ensign, Don McBride, Bill McAleer and Bud Morgan, all of whom can give Schoppe plenty of opposition.

Four 10-lap heats will precede the feature of 25 laps. The non-Ford Bell Club, Philadelphia, will give its usual stirring performance.

# Fisher Captures Atco Car Feature

8/27/1956

One of the best programs of the season was unveiled last Saturday night at the **Atco Speed** way when Herm Fisher, of Hilltop, snapped Walt Schoppe's skein of three straight wins before an enthusiastic crowd of 2000.

Fisher, starting 17th in a field of 20 cars, with Schoppe holding last spot, broke to the front early in the race that was restarted twice in the early stages due to pileups on the crowded raceway. Schoppe, however, had his hands full in maneuvering around the solid pack of cars that included the well known pilots of the All-Stars and New Egypt Speedways, new to the Atco oval.

Fisher, maintaining his lead and lapping cars in his brand new stock, used his skill in a record breaking pace in the last few laps to achieve his first feature victory of the season in a well earned and close race.

Schoppe, unable to gain ground on Fisher, managed to edge his way to second place, with Bill Dougherty, of Palmyra, back

again to his favorite oval, sliding into third spot.

Stanley Shill, of Camden, involved in an accident at the start of the feature when a wheel came off of car 9D, crashed into his windshield, splattering glass through his car and shaking him up. He showed his spunk and daring by getting back into the race and advancing to 4th position.

Henry Ryzner, of Almar, Pa., outdrove his mates of the Bell Club in the Non-Ford feature race that was stopped several times due to sensational pileups in the turns. Ryzner fought off Bill Moore and Dick Wilkie in a close three-car finish and emerged the victor.

First race: 1-Cliff Watts, Hatfield Pa.; 2-Hank Laukaitis, Phila.; 3-Oscar Siner, Pitman; 4-Joe Alter, Phila.; 5-Bill Watkins, Phila.

Second race: 1-Kenny Powell, Mt. Holly; 2-Walt Schoppe, Phila.; 3-Bud Pierce, Maple Shade; 4-Bob Wilkie, Hatfield, Pa.; 5-Ralph Ensign, Maple Shade.

Third race: 1-Bill Walker, Camden; 2-Bill Dougherty, Palmyra; 3-Al Herman, Camden; 4-Bud Morgan, Mullica Hill; 5-Loren Meade, Phila.

Consolation: 1-Herm Fisher, Hilltop; 2-Stan Shill, Camden; 3-Dan Blount, Phila.; 4-Bud Morgan; 5-Bill James, Pitman.

25-Lap feature: 1-Herm Fisher, 2-Walt Schoppe; 3-Bill Dougherty; 4-Stanly Shill; 5-Bud Pierce; 6-Bill Walker; 7-Ralph Ensign; 8-Loren Meade; 9-Dan Blount; 10-Bill McAleer.

15 lap Non-Ford feature: 1-Henry Ryzner, Almar, Pa.; 2-Bill Moore, Montgomery, Pa.; 3-Dick Wilkie, Cedars Pa.; 4-Ed Deery, Lexington, Pa.; 5-Ed Stover, Lansdale Pa.; 6-Joe Detwier, Lansdale Pa.; Skip Oettle, Hatfield Pa.



# Star Drivers Vie At Atco Track

9/1/1956

With the season nearing a close, keen competition is expected on tonight's stock car racing program at the **Atco Speedway** which gets started at 8.30 o'clock.

As usual the program calls for four 10-lap heats and a 25-lap feature in which the drivers will be battling to improve their point standing.

Currently, Al Tasnady has won seven feature races; Walt Shoppe, three; Henry Doerr, three; Frankie Schneider, two; Steve Elias, two, and Herm Fisher, one.

All six are expected to be back in contention tomorrow night, but should receive keen competition from the remainder of the field, which includes Kenny Powell, Mt. Holly; Bud Pierce and Ralph Ensign, Maple Shade; Stanley Shill and Jerry Garten, Camden; Bud Morgan, Mullica Hill, Al Herman, Woodbury, Bill James and Oscar Sinex, Pitman.

Also Bill Walker, Glassboro; Tom Dale, Jim Meade, Dan Blount, Hank Laukaitis, Joe Altar, Bill Altar, Bill Watkins, Cliff Watts, Bill Dougherty and Frank Myrochunck.

The Bell Auto Club will stage their usual 15-lap race. Among the drivers will be Smokey Stover, Dick Wilkie, George Gathers, "Skip" Oettle and Bill Moore.

# Schoppe Wins 5th Atco Feature

9/10/1956

Stock car fans braved chilly weather Saturday night to watch Philadelphia's Walt Schoppe overtake Herm Fisher, Hilltop, in the last lap of the feature race to win his fifth main event at the **Atco Speedway.**

The qualifying heats eliminated a large number of cars which developed motor trouble and broken axles leaving only 19 cars to run the main event. However, the cars remained bunched for the entire race creating quite a problem for the faster cars trying to break through.

Don Barron flipped over on the first lap and the race was restarted with the full 25 laps run at a near record pace.

Fisher grabbed an early lead and looked a sure winner until Schoppe skipped around his opponents and overtook the pace-setter on the 23rd lap. Schoppe came in for a hard earned victory.

tory with Fisher trailing a half car behind in second. The race for third spot was hot and heavy as Kenny Powell, Bill Walker and Don Allison battled for 10 laps, positions changing intermittently with Don Allison finally thrusting his mount into third spot on the 25th lap and Walker and Powell crossing fourth and fifth.

For the first time this year the non-Ford feature was brought to a thrilling climax without the race occurred but Atco's experienced starter, Pappy Hess, saw no apparent danger and continued the race. Smokey Stover, last week's winner, took first.

First race—1. Don Allison, Philadelphia; 2. Art Stienberger, Philadelphia; 3. Cliff Watts, Philadelphia; 4. Bill McAlleer, Mt. Holly; 5. Oscar Sinex, Pitman.

Second race—1. Kenny Powell, Mt. Holly; 2. Walt Schoppe, Philadelphia; 3. Herm Fisher, Hilltop; 4. Tony Voltz, Hatfield, Pa.; 5. Bud Pierce, Maple Shade.

Third race—1. Bill Walker, Wilmington, Del.; 2. Walt Laueremann, Vineland; 3. Dick Porter, Wilmington, Del.; 4. Don Barron, Philadelphia; 5. Oscar Sinex.

Consolation—1. Cliff Watts, Philadelphia; 2. Bud Pierce; 3. Bill James, Pitman; 4. Kid West, Philadelphia; 5. Neale Van, Philadelphia.

25-lap feature—1. Walt Schoppe; 2. Herm Fisher; 3. Don Allison; 4. Bill Walker; 5. Kenny Powell; 6. Ralph Ellison; 7. Art Stienberger; 8. Kid West; 9. Dick Porter; 10. Laueremann.

15-lap non-Ford—1. Smokey Stover, Philadelphia; 2. Henry Ryner, Philadelphia; 3. Don Daliesso, Wilmington, Del.; 4. Gorge Gathers, Philadelphia; 5. Buzz Irey, Philadelphia; 6. Jim Detweiler, Philadelphia; 7. Joe Knowmavill, Philadelphia; 8. Lou Weggand, Philadelphia.

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# Rain Cancels Races At **Atco Speedway**

The stock car racing program at the **Atco Speedway** was called off Saturday night because of rain.

The same program will be held this Saturday evening. In the event of rain, it will be held Sunday afternoon.

9/17/1956

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# Mitchell Takes Feature at Atco

9/24/1956

A complete upset was scored Saturday night at Atco when Howard Mitchell, a newcomer from Virginia now of Oaklyn, rode to the front in Bolli's 01 to the plaudits of the fans.

Starting 18th in a field of 21 cars, Mitchell soon showed his appetite for the tricky oval in a feature restarted several times due to pileups involving the top cars of the raceway. In the 7th lap Walt Schoppe, Herm Fisher, Stanly Shill, Bud Morgan and several others were eliminated from the fray in a seven car pileup with Don McBride, on leave from army duty leading the pack and Don Allison ready to challenge and take over.

On the restart Allison, was relegated to the rear due to a pit stop for a tire change. Mitchell jumped to the lead with Bill Smashy on his heels and Johnny Villecco pressing hard. Addison, trying hard to make up for lost ground, passed all cars except Mitchell's in a hard fought tussle for first. Mitchell crossed the fin-

ish line a car length ahead of Allison with Villecco showing his skill in passing Smashy for the third spot.

In the Bell Non-Ford feature, Henry Ryzner snapped Smoky Stover's skein of victories in a thriller that was punctuated by a sensational rollover in the 14th lap by Ira Russell. Russell emerged bruise free from the badly battered car.

Last Saturday night stock car fans witnessed the close of night racing at **Atco Speedway** with the announcement by Promoters John and Vincent Villecco that for the balance of the season racing will be held on Sunday afternoons starting on September 30 at 2.30 p. m.

First race—1, Art Steinberger, Camden; 2, Bud Morgan, Mullica Hill; 3, Loren Meade, Westmont; 4, Harry Clover, Camden; 5, Stan Shill, Camden.

Second race—1, Herm Fisher, Hilltop; 2, Harv y Mitchell, Oaklyn; 3, Walt Schoppe, Phila.; 4, John Villecco, Westville; Don McBride, Oaklyn.

Third race—1, Don Allison, Phila.; 2, Stan Shill, Camden; 3, Bud Pierce, Maple Shade; 4, Don Blount, Phila.; 5, Walt Lauremann, Vineland.

Consolation—1, Bill Smashy, Blackwood; 2, Ralph Ensign, Maple Shade; 3, Dick Porter, Phila.; 4, Hank Laukaitus, Phila.; 5, Dan Blount.

20 Lap feature—1, Howard Mitchell; 2, Don Allison; 3, Johnny Villecco; 4, Bill Smashy; 5, Bud Pierce; 6, Ralph Ensign; 7, Don McBride; 8, Dick Porter; 9, Loren Meade; 10, Bill MacAleer, Mt. Holly.

15 Lap Bell feature—1, Henry Ryzner; Phila.; 2, Smoky Stover, Phila.; 3, Don Dalissio, Delaware; 4, Art Moore, Phila.; 5, Jim Detweiler, Phila.; 6, George Gathers, Phila.; 7, Joe Babes, Phila.; 8, Irv Pitts, Phila.

**Atco Speedway** will continue to hold its weekly stock car races every Sunday during the fall season. This Sunday's events will start at 2.30 p. m.

Walt Schoppe, Philadelphia, point-leader, will be back to try and increase his lead. Schoppe's winning streak was broken last Sunday by Howard Mitchell, Oaklyn, a newcomer who nosed out Don Allison by a length.

However, Schoppe and four other drivers were eliminated because of a five-car pile-up on the seventh lap of the 25-lap feature race.

Mitchell and Allison then dueled for the lead, with Mitchell scoring his initial victory.

Allison, Bill Smashey and Johnny Villecco, last year's champion, also will be in the field along with Herm Fisher, Stanley Shill, Bud Pierce, Billy Walker, Cliff Watts, Loren Meade, Dick Porter, Don McBride, Bud Morgan, Joe Alter, Bill McAleer, Ralph Ensign, Bill James, Hank Laukatius, Art Steenberger and Walt Lauraman.

The non-Fords also will stage their usual thrill-packed 15-lap race.

Besides the feature stock car race, four 10-lap qualifying heats also will be presented.

# Fisher Captures Feature at Atco

10/8/1956

Herm Fisher of Hilltop came back into the limelight in the races held Sunday afternoon at **Atco Speedway**. The speedy youngster opened up the throttles and surged ahead of the 21 cars, starting the 25-lap feature from the 17th spot. Once in the lead, he showed his heels to the field, lapping all cars but three.

The feature was stopped twice due to accidents. Once, on the first lap, when a severe pileup caused a complete restart, and in the third lap, when Dick Porter, caught in the tangle of slowing cars due to the red lights being on for Johnny Villecco, who had hit the fence on the third turn, flipped his car completely, demolishing it. He escaped unhurt. In the qualifying third heat Jim Curlin's car careened into the fence, also due to a blowout on a front tire. He was involved in a series of flips after bouncing from the fence. He, too, escaped unhurt.

A race developed for second spot between Walt Schoppe of Philadelphia and Johnny Villecco, Westville, with Walt coming in

the victor and Johnny taking third in a close finish.

In the Bell non-Ford 15-lap feature Henry Ryzner of Colmar, Pa., outclassed the 20-car starting field to pull ahead at the finish for his third feature win of the season. Bob Wilkie of Philadelphia finished second after a tremendous burst of speed in the last two laps to overtake Bill Diggs, who finished third.

Due to a small misunderstanding when the fans left the track, the promoters wish it to be known that stock car racing will be held as usual this coming Sunday at 2.30 p. m.

First race—1, Dick Porter, Woodbury; 2, Bill Sherry, Camden; 3, Jim Dale, Phila.; 4, Ralph Ensign, Maple Shade.

Second race—1, Johnny Villecco, Westville; 2, Don Allison, Hatfield, Pa.; 3, Kenn Powell, Mt. Holly; 4, Ralph Ensign, Maple Shade.

Third heat—1, Herm Fisher, Hilltop; 2, Ralph Smith, Camden; 3, Bill McAleer, Mt. Holly; 4, Oscar Sinex, Pitman; 5, Joe Genth, New Egypt.

Consolation: 1, Herm Fisher, Ralph Ensign, Oscar Sinex, Bill McAleer, Bill Hayes, Mt. Holly.

25 lap feature—1, Herm Fisher; 2, Walt Schoppe; 3, Johnny Villecco; 4, Stanley Shill, Camden; 5, Kenny Powell; 6, Ralph Smith; 7, Bill Sherry; 8, Jim Dale; 9, Bill McAleer; 10, Oscar Sinex.

15 Lap Non-Ford Feature—1, Henry Ryzner; 2, Bob Wilkie; 3, Bill Diggs; 4, Smokey Stover; 5, Don Dallesio; 6, Buz Irey; 7, Joe Rauxsawell; 8, Skip Oetle.



# At Atco Track

10/19/1956

Herm Fisher, Hilltop, will attempt to make it three consecutive victories when he starts in the feature stock car race Sunday, at the **Atco Speedway.**

At the beginning of the season, Fisher never came close to winning the top event, but since then he has acquired a new car he has won the last two 25-lappers at the Speedway.

He broke the long winning streak of Walt Shoppe, Philadelphia, who, along with Al Tasnady, are the only two other drivers to win two consecutive races.

With most of the New Jersey tracks closed for the season, a number of new drivers are expected to make their appearance at Atco. The old stand-bys, Shoppe, Don Allison, Bill Smashy, Bill Wark, Tony Voltz, Bud Pierce, Johnny Villeco, Stanley Shill, Bill James, Dick Porter, Loren Meade, Ralph Ensign, Bill McAleer and Hank Laukaitus also will be on hand.

Four 10-lap qualifying heats and the usual 25-lap feature race will be presented. The first heat will start at 2.30 p. m.

# Schoppe Wins 7th Atco Feature

10/22/1956

A crowd of 1500 spectators saw Walt Schoppe, of Phila., come from behind to annex his seventh feature win of the season at **Atco Speedway** yesterday.

Twenty-four cars started the feature in a race studded with thrills as the lead changed no less than 11 times. Al Herman jumped to the lead with Herm Fisher following suit on the third lap. Nick Dale took over on the fourth and then Don McBride pushed through to open a wide gap. He held sway for six full laps until Bobby Becker caught him, and the next lap McBride regained the front position and seemed on his way to victory.

But Bill Wark, in his powerful 47A, overtook him on the 16th lap and from here on in it was a seesaw battle as Bud Pierce forged ahead only to lose the lead again to Wark. Don Allison came into the play on the 22d lap and then seemingly from nowhere Schoppe zoomed ahead to stay on the 24th lap.

The race was halted when Gene Cianci, of Phila., blew a front tire and hit the third turn fence. He escaped with minor injuries.

Next Sunday will be the Steve Van Buren Trophy race in honor of the former football great of the Philadelphia Eagles. He will attend to present trophies to the winner of the feature.

# Fisher Captures Feature at Atco

10/29/1956

Herm Fisher, of Hilltop, in the first modified car and Don McBride, of Oaklyn, in the first sportsman, car thrilled the more than 2000 chilled fans by winning trophies presented by Steve Van Buren at the **Atco Speedway** yesterday afternoon.

Fisher and McBride accomplished no easy task as they outdrove the 24 cars that started the Van Buren feature. Both started well in the rear of the field with McBride taking over the lead from Bill Diggs in the early laps.

Pete Ambrosio, Steve Elias, Walt Schoppe and Johnny Villecco finally managed to squeeze their way through when an accident to the latter's car on the 12th lap stopped the race and put him out of the running. On the restart Fisher floored the throttle and on the next completed lap was in front to stay all the way.

Schoppe, McBride, Ambrosio, Stanly Shill, Bud Pierce and Bobby Becker, who finished in that order made a des-

perate last minute attempt to catch the flying Fisher but were thwarted in a sensational climax when George Wolf, caught in the tightly squeezed pack, flipped his car several times in the 12th lap. He escaped unhurt. Pappy Hess, official starter of the **Atco Speedway**, called it a completed race rather than restart the tangled cars for the one remaining lap.

Next Sunday will be the last race of the 1956 season at Atco Speedway. Trophies will again be presented in the Francano Tire feature race plus a winner take all 15-lap thriller, including the winners of all previous races.

1st race: 1—Vince Carroll, Phila.; 2—Herm Fisher (car #3); 3—Bill Diggs, Phila.; 4—Jim Dale, Phila.; 5—Oscar Sinex, Pitman.

2nd race: 1—Walt Schoppe; 2—Johnny Villecco, Westville; 3—Steve Elias, National Park; 4—Bud Pierce, Maple Shade; 5—Bobby Becker, Woodbury.

3rd race: 1—Don McBride, Oaklyn; 2—Stanly Shill, Camden; 3—John Ace, Phila.; 4—Bill Wark, Woodbury; 5—Bill Sherry, Camden.

Consolation: 1—Herm Fisher (car 01JR); 2—Larry Voss, Pleasantville; 3—Pete Ambrosio, Paulsboro; 4—Ralph Ensign, Maple Shade; 5—Loren Meade, Camden.

25 lap feature: 1—Herm Fisher; 2—Walt Schoppe; 3—Don McBride; 4—Pete Ambrosio; 5—Stanly Shill; 6—Bud Pierce; 7—Bobby Becker; 8—Bill Diggs; 9—Bill Sherry; 10—Bill Wark.



# Elias Captures Finale at Atco

11/5/1956

Steve Elias, of National Park, swept the slate clean in a brilliant performance in the season's closing feature at **Atco Speedway**. He followed the same pattern in both the feature and the special 15-lap winner take all race, by collecting a good share of the purse and also took home a trophy for his feats.

In the 25-lap feature, Don McBride seemed a sure winner as he pulled to the front and opened a wide lead. He held it for 16 laps before Elias managed to overcome the gap and close in on McBride who finished second and winner of the Sportsman trophy.

Bobby Becker, Bud Pierce and Stanly Shill also thrilled the fans as they battled for third spot in a race to the wire finishing in that order.

Walt Schoppe, Herm Fisher and Johnny Villecco, three of the top pilots of **Atco Speedway**, sat out the last feature race of the season when their cars developed track fever from the steady pounding of the rods.

1st race: 1. Bill Smashey, Blackwood; 2. Stanly Shill, Camden; 3. Carl Greiner, Trenton; 4. Loren Meade, Watsonstown; 5. Bill James, Pitman.

2nd race: 1. Bobby Becker, Woodbury; 2. Steve Elias, National Park; 3. Bill Walker, Camden; 4. Johnny Villecco, Westville; 5. Larry Voss, Pleasantville.

3rd race: 1. Don McBride, Oaklyn; 2. Mose Moore, Phila.; 3. Tony Dell, Mt. Holly; 4. Loren Meade; 5. Bill James.

Consolation: 1. Walt Schoppe, Phila.; 2. Bud Pierce, Maple Shade; 3. George Wolf, Camden; 4. Carl Greiner; 5. Bill James.

25 lap Feature: 1. Steve Elias; 2. Don McBride; 3. Bobby Becker; 4. Bud Pierce; 5. Stanly Shill; 6. Bill Walker; 7. Larry Voss; 8. Bill Smashey; 9. George Wolf; 10. Carl Greiner.

15 lap winner take all: 1. Steve Elias; 2. Walt Schoppe; 3. Bobby Becker; 4. Bud Pierce; 5. Stanly Shill; 6. Herm Fisher.

# Atco Auto Track Opens April 7

3/29/1957

The 1957 season of sportsman and modified stock car racing at **Atco Speedway** will have its initial opening this year on Sunday, April 7 at 2.30 p. m.

Operating under the flag of the strongest and largest independent stock car club of its class in South Jersey, the DVSCRA, with its lenient policy of allowing outside drivers and stock car owners to participate without penalties, has acquired a large following of skilled drivers representing the Northeastern seaboard.

Promoter Vince Villecco has announced that the infield has been declared of all obstructions, giving spectators a clean view of the stock car races at all times and from any angle. Along with the new policy of 90c general admission, the public has one of the finest accommodations in South Jersey to enjoy their favorite sport.

# Atco Will Start Racing Sunday

4/5/1957

The **Atco Speedway** will reopen Sunday with a program of sportsman and modified stock car racing. The first event will start at 2.30 p. m.

According to the promoters, the track has undergone a face-lifting with the result that the fans will have a better view of the track from every angle.

Walt Schoppe, last year's Atco champion, will be back to defend his laurels Sunday against a big field of drivers from the eastern seaboard.

All told, about 40 drivers are expected to compete in the five events. Four 10-lap races and the usual 25-lap feature comprises the card.

General admission has been lowered to 90 cents and there will be free parking facilities.

# Schoppe Victor In Atco Opener

4/8/1957

Walt Schoppe, Philadelphia, sped to victory in the 25-lap feature race Sunday in the opening meet of the season for the **Atco Speedway**.

More than 2000 racing fans watched last year's Atco champion take the lead for keeps on the 12th lap, then fight off challenges from John Villecco, Westville, and Don McBride, Oaklyn, to the checkered flag.

McBride took second place in the main event ahead of Villecco, while Bill Smashey was fourth and Ralph Ensign, Maple Shade, fifth.

In the qualifying race, Schoppe was outclassed by the driving of McBride and Villecco and had to settle for the 12th spot in the 20-car feature.

More than 40 competitors were on hand for the opening day program of the track, which will continue to hold Sunday events until May.

First Race: 1. Don McBride, Oaklyn; 2. Bob Germenden, Franklinville; 3. Ralph Ensign, Maple Shade; 4. Henry Doerr, Pleasantville; 5. Stanley Shill, Camden. Time 4:03.

Second Race: 1. Jack Hart; 2. Loren Meade, Bellmawr; 3. John Coghlan, Camden; 4. Bill Walker, Wilmington, Del.; 5. Charles Denner, Philadelphia. Time 3:64.

Third Race: 1. Herm Fisher, Hilltop; 2. Johnny Villecco, Westville; 3. Walt Schoppe, Philadelphia; 4. Don Allison, Philadelphia; 5. Henry Doerr. Time 3:49.

Fourth Race: 1. Bill Smashey, Blackwood; 2. John Bennent, Camden; 3. Bob Ray, Philadelphia; 4. Oscar Senix, Pittman; 5. John Dennis, Philadelphia. Time 3:71.

25-Lap Feature: 1. Walt Schoppe, 2. Don McBride, 3. Johnny Villecco, 4. Bill Smashey, 5. Ralph Ensign, 6. Kenny Powell, 7. Herm Fisher, 8. Stanley Shill, 9. Loren Meade, 10. John Bennent. Time 9:49.



# Hart May Press Schoppe at Atco

Walt Shoppe, winner of last Sunday's feature 25-lap stock car race, at the **Atco Speedway**, may receive stiffer competition in this Sunday's event.

Jack Hart, who won one of the four qualifying heats, pressed Schoppe at the outset, but was forced out because of motor trouble. However, he will be back to again challenge Schoppe, of Philadelphia, last year's DVSCRA champion.

Other familiar drivers who will compete are: Don McBride, Oak-

lyn; John Villeco, Westville; Herm Fisher, Hilltop, second in point-standing last year; Bill Smashey, Blackwood; Dave Watson and Bill Wark, both of Woodbury.

Also Henry Doerr, Elwood; Ralph Ensign and Bud Pierce, both of Maple Shade; Ken Powell, Mt. Holly; Don Allison, Mose Moore, Dan Blount and Hank Laukits, all of Philadelphia; Oscar Sinex and Bill James, Pitman; Stanley Shill and John Bennett, Camden; Billy Walker, Wilmington, Del., and Loren Meade, Bellmawr.

An extra 15-lap non-Ford jalopy race will be staged by the Bell Club, of Philadelphia. The first qualifying heat will start at 2.30 p. m.

# Shoppe Victor In Atco Race

4/15/1957

Philadelphia's Walt Shoppe took advantage of a competitor's broken axle Sunday afternoon to walk off with the feature stock car race at the **Atco Speedway**.

Approximately 1500 shivering fans watched Hilltop's Herm Fisher lead most of the way in the 25-lap feature until his car's rear axle snapped and forced him out of the race on the 18th lap, to enable Shoppe to take over the lead and eventually win the top prize.

It was the second time in the race Shoppe had taken over command from Fisher.

The Hilltop speedster led for about five laps at the start of the 12 and one-half mile stint, but lost first place to the Philadelphian.

The race was stopped on the 17th lap because of a three-car accident which involved Shoppe. On the restart, Fisher regained the lead momentarily, but then the axle snapped and Shoppe

On the restart, Fisher regained the lead momentarily, but then the axle snapped and Shoppe again got command and never trailed after the 18th lap.

Ken Powell, of Mt. Holly, and Bill Wark, of Barrington, were in the three-car pile-up with Shoppe. All cars escaped injury and the three drivers were unhurt and able to continue in the race.

Maple Shade's Ralph Ensign was second in the feature.

First race—1. Ralph Ensign, Maple Shade; 2. Bill Sherry, Camden; 3. Henry Doerr, Elwood; 4. Meade, Bellmawr. Time: 3.47.

Second race—1. Jack Reiser, Philadelphia; 2. George Gatheris, Philadelphia; 3. Clint Ditweiler, Philadelphia; 4. Don Delisso, Philadelphia. Time: 4.05.

Third race—1. Herm Fisher, Hilltop; 2. John Villecco, Westville; 3. Walt Shoppe, Philadelphia; 4. Ken Powell, Mt. Holly. Time: 3.44.

Fourth Race—1. Don McBride, Oaklyn; 2. Bill Mark, Barrington; 3. Bill Walker, Wilmington, Del.; 4. Bud Pierce, Maple Shade. Time 3.49.

Feature—1. Walt Shoppe; 2. Ralph Ensign; 3. Don McBride; 4. Bill Walker; 5. Bill Sherry; 6. John Villecco; 7. Bill Wark.

Rookie race—1. Bob Carl, Phila.; 2. Clint Ditweiler; 3. Boo Delissio, Phila.; 4. Jack Reiser, Phila.



# Fisher Winner In Atco Feature

4/22/1957

Taking the lead for keeps on the sixth lap, Herm Fisher, Hilltop, sped to victory in an accident-marred 25-lap feature race Sunday at the **Atco Speedway**.

John Villecco, Westville lead-foot, escaped serious injury in the race after his car collided with another on the first turn of the 21st lap and flipped over.

Villecco was taken to Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, where it was reported he had suffered a mild concussion and multiple bruises. He was detained for observation.

Fisher's victory broke the streak of Walt Schoppe, Philadelphia, as a small crowd of fans looked on. Schoppe had won the feature the first two weeks of the Atco meet, but was forced out of Sunday's final when his car developed engine trouble.

The Hilltop driver fought off

the bids of Schoppe, Ralph Ensign, Maple Shade, and Ken Powell, Mt. Holly, after taking the lead. Ensign managed to grab second after Schoppe had to quit while Powell took third in the race, which was stopped on the 21st lap after the accident involving Villecco.

First Race—1. Tommy Voltz, Philadelphia; 2. Loren Meade, Belimawr; 3. Pete Janchy, Philadelphia; 4. Gerald Hay, Philadelphia. Time: 4.14.

Second Race—1. Walt Schoppe, Philadelphia; 2. Herm Fisher, Hilltop; 3. John Villecco, Westville; 4. Fran Steimetz, New Egypt. Time: 4.04.

Third Race—1. Don McBride, Oaklyn; 2. Bill Smashey, Blackwood; 3. Ralph Ensign, Maple Shade; 4. Paul Hansen, Philadelphia. Time: 4.10.

Fourth Race—Henry Doerr, Ellwood; 2. Bill Walker, Wilmington, Del.; 3. Bill Wark, Barrington; 4. Buz Irey, Philadelphia. Time (no time, accident).

25-lap feature—1. Herm Fisher; 2. Ralph Ensign; 3. Ken Powell, Mt. Holly; 4. Henry Doerr; 5. Don McBride; 6. Bill Smashey; 7. Tony Voltz. (No time, accident).

# Doerr's Comeback Wins Atco Race

4/29/1957

In one of the most thrilling races of the season, Henry Doerr, Elwood, grabbed the lead for keeps on the 21st lap then out-raced John Villecco and Ralph Ensign to the checkered flag to grab the 25-lap feature race at the **Atco Speedway** yesterday.

Doerr, in taking his first feature of the season, first pulled ahead on the 17th lap but then dropped behind Ken Powell, Mt. Holly.

On the 21st, Powell was forced to quit when his car developed engine trouble and Doerr flashed in front to stay.

The first half of the race was marked by a duel for the lead between Herm Fisher, Hilltop, who led over the first 10 laps, and Bill Fisher.

On the six lap, the feature had to be halted then re-stated after the car of Bob Gemedon, Camden, spun out of control and stalled on the track.

First Race—1. Laren Meade, Bellmawr; 2. Henry Doerr, Elwood; 3. John Bennett, Pleasantville; 4. Stan Shill, Camden.

Second Race—1. Herm Fisher, Hilltop; 2. Ken Powell, Mt. Holly; 3. John Villecco, Westville; 4. Henry Doerr Time: 3.46.

Third Race—1. Don McBride, Oaklyn; 2. Bill Smashey, Blackwood; 3. Ralph Ensign, Maple Shade; 4. Bill Sherry, Philadelphia. Time: 3.59.

Fourth Race—1. Bill Wark, Barrington; 2. Laren Mead; 3. Vince Carrol, Camden; 4. Bill Walker, Wilmington, Dela. Time: 4.01.

25 Lap Feature—1. Henry Doerr; 2. John Villecco; 3. Ralph Ensign; 4. Bill Wark; 5. Don McBride; 6. Mead; 7. John Bennett. No time, accident.

# Night Racing Begins at Atco

5/11/1957

The **Atco Speedway** inaugurates its twilight racing season when it christens its newly surfaced track Sunday at 7 p. m.

There will be 65-laps of racing, with four 10-lap heats preceding the 25-lap feature race.

The new asphalt surface will permit all types of racing including convertibles and midgets and is expected to be one of the fastest in the area, according to Vince Villecco, promoter.

Sunday night's races will be confined to modified-sportsmen cars.

The drivers expected to compete Sunday night include Walt Schoppe, Herm Fisher, Henry Doerr, Ralph Ensign, Bill Smashley, Don Allison, Bill Wark, Bobby Becker, Loren Meade, Bob Gemenden.

Also Johnny Villecco, Don McBride, Kenny Powell, Tony Voltz, Fran Steinmetz, Bill Walker, Stanley Shill, Fran Steinmetz, Bud Pierce, Vince Carroll, Harvey Simons and Cliff Watts in a brand new four-carburetor car.

# Schoppe Takes Atco Feature

5/13/1957

Taking command for keeps on the 17th lap, Walt Schoppe, Philadelphia driver, roared to victory in the 25-lap feature race Sunday as the **Atco Speedway** inaugurated twilight racing.

Schoppe breezed home in front of Henry Doerr, of Elwood, and Jackie McLaughlin, of Paulsboro, in one of the closest finishes in the history of the track. Irv Streets and Tony Voltz, both of Philadelphia, also were pushing the leader at the end as five cars crossed the finish line practically together.

More than 2500 fans were on hand to witness numerous spin-

outs, attributed to the new asphalt surface placed on the track last week and a new Atco mark for 10 laps.

Voltz won the third heat in 3.15, to smash the former track mark of 3.23. It was the only race on the program which was clocked, as the other four, including the feature, had to be restarted after minor mishaps and spin-outs.

The most serious mishap of the day occurred when the car of Lauren Mead, of Bellmawr, crashed into the wall on the seventh lap of the second race. Mead was unhurt in the crash.

First race—1. Frank Leeds, Pleasantville; 2. Charles Angerman, Philadelphia; 3. Bill Diggs, Philadelphia. No time, accident.

Second race—1. Henry Doerr, Elwood; 2. Bob Gemenden, Pleasantville; 3. Walt Schoppe, Philadelphia. No time, accident.

Third race—1. Tony Voltz, Philadelphia; 2. Bill Smashey, Blackwood; 3. Ralph Ensign, Maple Shade. Time, 3.15 (record for 10 laps, former 3.23).

Fourth race—1. Bill Wark, Barrington; 2. Bob Walker, Wilmington, Del.; 3. Bob Hunt, Philadelphia. No time, accident.

Feature (25 laps)—1. Walt Schoppe; 2. Henry Doerr; 3. Jack McLaughlin, Pleasantville; 4. Irv Streets; 5. Tony Voltz. No time, accident.

# Shoppe Five-Time Winner at Atco

5/20/1957

Redhot Walt Shoppe, of Philadelphia, walked off with his fifth feature race victory at the **Atco Speedway** Sunday night when he shot over the 25-lap course in the record time of 8 minutes, 37 seconds.

Speeding over the newly surfaced asphalt oval, Shoppe knocked 25 seconds off the old mark set by Henry Doerr, of Elwood, in 1956. Doerr had to settle for second in Sunday's race as Shoppe chalked up his fifth victory in seven features run at Atco this season.

The Philadelphian bided his time as he usually does in the early laps of the races and then took over the lead with 10 laps to go and was never headed.

Paulsboro's Jack McLaughlin was the early leader, but gave way to Doerr on the fifth lap. Doerr and Shoppe waged a nip-and-tuck battle over the next 10 laps with the Elwood drive holding slight command all the way.

However on the 15th, Shoppe made his move and shot into first place. Doerr nor the rest of the field couldn't catch him, although Doerr stayed close to him until he crossed the finish line.

1st race (10 laps)—1. Bill Wark, Barrington; 2. Carl Griner, Pleasantville; 3. Ralph Ensign, Bellmawr; 4. Bill Biggs, Philadelphia. Time, 3:22.

2d race (10 laps)—1. Walt Shoppe, Philadelphia; 2. Henry Doerr, Elwood; 3. Bill Walker, Wilmington, Dela.; 4. Jack McLaughlin, Paulsboro. Time, 3:18.

3d race (10 laps)—1. Ensign, Bellmawr; 2. Bill Biggs, Philadelphia; 3. Wark, Barrington; 4. Jim Heller, Philadelphia. Time, 3:24.

Consolation (10 laps)—1. Tony Volta, Philadelphia; 2. John Villecco, Westville; 3. George Wolf, Philadelphia; 4. Carl Griner, Pleasantville. No time (accident).

Feature (25 laps)—1. Walt Shoppe; 2. Henry Doerr; 3. Jackie McLaughlin; 4. John Villecco; 5. Bill Wark. Time, 8:37 (new track record, old 9:02 last year by Henry Doerr).



# Streets, Shoppe Win Atco Races

6/3/1957

A pair of Philadelphia drivers, Irv Streets and Walt Shoppe, roared to victories Sunday night in the twin 25-mile feature races at the **Atco Speedway**.

Streets outbattled John Villecco, Westville, and Henry Doerr, Elwood, to take the first feature event, which was postponed from last week because of a sudden rainstorm, while Shoppe edged Streets in the other event.

A capacity crowd was on hand for the dual program and watch Steve Van Buren, former Philadelphia Eagles star, present trophies to Streets and Norm Kidd, Oak, Pa., for victories in the first feature.

'Streets' was the first modified stock car to get the checkered flag, while Kidd, though sixth in the race, drove the initial sportsman model across the line.

The initial feature event was a real thriller, with the lead changing hands a number of times between Streets, Villecco and Doerr before the former flashed in front to stay on the last few laps.

In the second event Shoppe took the lead for keeps on the 19th lap. Earlier, Ralph Ensign, Streets and Steve Elias ran in front for several laps each.

First race—1, Bill Diggs, Phila.; 2, Charles Decker, Phila.; 3, Darald Hay, Phila. Time—3.38.

Second race—1, Walt Shoppe, Phila.; 2, Steve Elias, National Park; 3, John Villacco, Westville. Time—3.21.

Third race—1, Norm Kidd, Oak, Pa.; 2, Bill Smashey, Blackwood; 3, Ralph Ensign, Bellmawr. Time—3.26.

Fourth race—1, Bill Wark, Barrington; 2, Henry Doerr, Elwood; 3, Bud Pierce, Maple Shade. Time—3.30.

1st feature—1, Irv Streets, Phila.; 2, John Villacco; 3, Henry Doerr; 4, Walt Shoppe; 5, Steve Elias; 6, Norm Kidd.

Second feature—1, Walt Shoppe; 2, Irv Streets; 3, John Villacco; 4, Steve Elias; 5, Herm Fisher, Hilltop.

# Sunday Action Set At Atco Track

6/7/1957

Action is the word this Sunday at 7.30 p. m. as the leadfeet take to the new \$12,000 asphalt surface at **Atco Speedway**. Each week the traffic gets hotter and the competition keener as new drivers test their skills at the oval.

Last Sunday Steve Elias, National Park, and Dave Watson, of Gloucester, added their names to the steadily growing list of top notch drivers appearing at Atco. Elias was driving the new "56W" powered by the engine from Al Tasnady's "44." He missed taking the feature in his initial appearance by a car length and should do better this week.

Watson had trouble with his mount but both should be a heavy contender. Irv Streetz of Philadelphia, and Johnny Villecco, of Westville, are two other threats to seize the checkered flag.

Streetz captured the first race from Villecco by a hood length, both out maneuvering Walt Schoppe in the main event, however, he lost to Schoppe after brushing the fence in near disaster and finishing the race with a bent front axle a car length behind.

Still, Schoppe, the Philadelphia school teacher, is the man to watch.

Others, no less skilled than the above mentioned, are: Henry Doerr, Elwood; Bill Wark, Barrington; Herm Fisher, Hilltop; Dick Rodenberger, Hatfield, Pa.; Norm Kidd, Oakes, Pa.; Bill Smashey, Blackwood; Ralph Ensign, Bellmawr; Al Herman, Camden; Vince Carroll, Philadelphia, Loren Meade, Bellmawr; Bud Pierce, Maple Shade; Hank Laukitus and George Wolf, of Philadelphia; Bill McAleer, Mt. Holly; Jack Helgate, Camden; Charles Decker, Pitman; Bill Diggs, and Derald Hay, of Philadelphia.

Jimmy Roland, of Mt. Ephraim, daring rookie of the year, also will race.

Four 10-lap heats plus the big 25-lap feature fill the night's card.

# Rain Halts Races

## At Atco Speedway

6/17/1957

The regular Sunday stock car racing program at the Atco Speedway was postponed Sunday because of a sudden rain storm just before the first race was to start.

Promotor Vince Villecco stated that the same program will be held next Sunday.

On Saturday at the Vineland Speedway, Ken Marriott, Baltimore, sped to his third feature race victory of the season in the NASCAR modified-sportsmen races before 3000 fans.

Bud Olsen, Paulsboro, finished second and third was Tom Finley, Augusta, Ga.

# Streetz Outpaces Schoppe at Atco

6/24/1957

Irv Streetz, of Wilmington, Dela. ended a seven-race winning streak by Walt Schoppe Sunday night when he captured the feature race at the **Atco Speedway**.

Schoppe, the Philadelphia school teacher, who has been running wild at the Atco track, finished second and never was in the lead after the accident-marred race had been started for the second time.

Bill Lewis of Westville was the leader when the 25-lap feature was originally begun before a capacity crowd. He held command for the first three laps until Bill Smashey took over.

Smashey led until the fourth lap when a pile occurred as Tony Volz, another Philadelphian, spun out and was rammed by four other cars. There were no injuries.

The race was restarted and Streetz took over the lead on the initial lap. Schoppe and Augis Machera, of New Egypt, almost caught the Wilmington speedster on the last lap, but Streetz had enough to last him through the homestretch.

Machera, Smashey, Volz, Westville's Johnny Villecco and Charles Trainer, of Wilmington, were heat winners.

First race—Charles Trainer, Wilmington; 2, Charles Grinner, Pleasantville; 3, Ed Cable, Bridgeton. Time: 3.39.

Second race—1, Augis Machera, New Egypt; 2, Irv Streetz, Wilmington; 3, Fran Steinmetz, New Egypt. Time: 3.18.

Third race—Bill Smadhey, Blackwood; 2, George Wolf, Philadelphia; 3, Ralph Knorr, Bellmawr.

Fourth race—1, John Villecco, Westville; 2, Herm Fisher, Hilltop; 3, Bill Wark, Barrington. Time: 3.28.

Fifth race—1, Tony Volz, Philadelphia; 2, Hank Laukitus, Philadelphia; 3, Bud Pierce, Maple Shade. Time: 3.39.

Feature—1, Streetz; 2, Walt Schoppe, Philadelphia; 3, Machera; 4, Jackie McLaughlin, Paulsboro; 5, Wolf. No time accident.

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# Shoppe Streak Broken

ATCO, N. J., June 23.—Irv Streetz, Wilmington, Del., handed Philadelphia's Walt Shoppe his first loss in eight feature races at **Atco Speedway** tonight when he won the 25-lap stock car event before a capacity crowd. Augie Machera was third and Jack McLaughlin fourth. No time was available due to an accident on the fifth lap in which no one was injured.

6/24/1957

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# Villecco Captures Atco's 35-Lapper

7/1/1957

Johnny Villecco, of Westville, carried off top honors in the first 35-lap feature race held at the **Atco Speedway** this season when he won by two lengths before a capacity crowd Sunday night.

Villecco didn't gain the lead until the 30th lap after an accident had stopped the race. The feature was halted when Herm Fisher, of Hilltop, flipped his car on the third turn. Although Fisher got out unharmed, his car was badly damaged.

Irv Streetz, of Wilmington, Del., had been leading the race from the fifth lap until the accident, but Villecco slowly had crept into striking distance of first place.

On the restart, he got the lead from Streetz and retained it until the end of the race. Both he and the Wilmington driver, the winner in last week's 25-lapper, lapped the entire field.

1st race (10 laps)—1. Charles Trainor, Philadelphia; 2. Hank Laukatius, Philadelphia; 3. Bill Diers, Philadelphia; 4. Nick Hale, Camden. Time, 3.38.

2d race (10 laps)—1. Irv Streetz, Wilmington, Del.; 2. Henry Doerr, Elwood; 3. Herm Fisher, Hilltop; 4. Walt Schoppe, Philadelphia. Time, 3.23.

3d race (10 laps)—1. Bill Smashey, Blackwood; 2. Dave Huls, Point Pleasant; 3. Sam Hanks, Absecon; 4. Ralph Ensign, Bellmawr. Time, 3.28.

Consolation (10 laps)—1. Bill Wark, Barrington; 2. Tony Volts, Philadelphia; 3. Frank Lees, Pleasantville; 4. Bill Walker, Wilmington. Time, 3.28.

Feature (35 laps)—1. John Villecco, Westville; 2. Irv Streetz; 3. Bill Wark; 4. Bob Gemenden, Franklinville; 5. Charles Trainor. Time, (No time, accident).

# Villecco Seeks 2d Atco Triumph

7/6/1957

Johnny Villecco, of Atco, will attempt to make it two straight feature victories when he competes in the weekly stock car races on Sunday evening at the **Atco Speedway**, starting at 7.30 o'clock.

There will be four preliminary races which will be followed by a 25-lap feature. The contestants will be after Villecco's triumph who won the 35-lap feature last Sunday.

He is expected to get his chief competition from Irv Streetz, of Wilmington, Del., and Walt Schoppe, of Philadelphia, two of the top drivers at the track this season.

It was Streetz who held the lead most of the way in the big race last week. He was just starting the 35th lap when his car developed engine trouble and he

was forced out of the race.

Similar trouble plagued Schoppe, the Philadelphia school teacher, who has won seven feature races at Atco this year.

Further competition will come from Bob Gemenden, Franklinville; Herm Fisher, Hilltop; Henry Doerr, Elwood; George Wolf, Philadelphia; Dick Rodenberger, Hatfield; Bobby Becker, Woodbury; Charles Trainer, Philadelphia; Bill Smashey, Blackwood; Ralph Ensign, Maple Shade; Tony Voltz, Philadelphia; Bill Walker, Wilmington; Al Herman, Camden; Sam Hanks, Absecon; Frank Leeds, Pleasantville; Dave Hulse, Point Pleasant; Oscar Sinex, Pitman; Bud Pierce, Maple Shade and others.

Also expected is the big red head from Mt. Holly, Kenny Powell, who will drive his own modified car which he built in the last six weeks.

# Streetz Drives To Atco Mark

7/8/1957

Irv Streetz set a new mark when he led most of the way to capture the 25-lap feature race before 2000 stock car racing fans Sunday at the **Atco Speedway**.

The Wilmington, Dela. car jockey breezed home in eight minutes, 21 seconds to knock 12 seconds off the former record which was set by Vineland's Al Tasnady last year.

Streetz took over the lead on the third lap after Hank Laukatius, of Philadelphia, had set the pace for the first two times around the track.

Once he gained the lead, Streetz was never in serious danger of losing it. He finished a good 10 car-lengths in front of second place Norm Kidd, of Philadelphia. Kidd stayed right with Streetz most of the way, but never had enough to make too serious a threat.

The third qualifying race of 10 laps was marred by an accident which sent Nick Dale, of Philadelphia, to the hospital.

Dale's car hit the fence on the third turn of the eighth lap and became badly damaged. Dale received a bump on the head and was taken to Audubon Hospital where he was held overnight for observation.

1st race (10 laps)—Hank Laukatius, Philadelphia; 2, Loren Mead, Bellmawr; 3, Nick Bolli, Camden; 4, Frank Buchart, Mt. Holly. Time, 3.36.

2d race (10 laps)—1, Irv Streetz, Wilmington, Dela.; 2, Dick Rodenberger, Hatfield, Pa.; 3, Tony Voltz, Philadelphia; 4, Henry Doerr, Elwood. Time, 3.22.

3d race (10 laps)—1, Bob Gemenden, Franklinville; 2, Charles Trainer, Philadelphia; 3, Bill Smashey, Blackwood; 4, Ralph Ensign, Bellmawr. No time, accident.

4th race (10 laps)—1, Norm Kidd, Philadelphia; 2, Don Allison, Philadelphia; 3, Nick Reinert, Philadelphia; 4, Walt Schoppe, Philadelphia. No time, accident.

Feature (25 laps)—1, Irv Streetz; 2, Norm Kidd; 3, Don Allison; 4, John Villacco, Westville; 5, Bill Smashey. Time, 8.21 (new track record).

# New Atco Record Eyed by Streets

A persistent Erv Streets, Wilmington, Dela., will be after his second straight feature stock car victory at the **Atco Speedway** on Sunday night hoping to shatter a track record he set last week.

In capturing the headline event last Sunday for his second triumph of the season, Streets set a new mark of 8.21 over the 25-lap route, lowering the standard formerly set by Al Tasnady in May, 1956, by 12 seconds.

It is quite possible that Streets will accomplish both objectives, winning the feature and again

lowering the mark, for last week in scoring the triumph he rode the last two laps on a peeled front tire.

Among those expected to be in contention will be Walt Shoppe, Philadelphia, who has seven wins under his belt; Johnny Villecco, Westville, victor in the 35-lap championship race; Herm Fisher, Hilltop, with a single triumph; Henry Doerr, who will be driving a new car.

Also Bill Smashey, Blackwood; Charles Trainer and Tony Voltz, Philadelphia; Kenny Powell and Harvey Simons, Mt. Holly; Bud Hayes, Philadelphia; Ralph Ensign, Bellmawr; Don Allison and Dick Rodenberger, from upstate Pennsylvania.

Four 10-lap qualifying races sets the cars up for the 25-lap feature, the first of which will go off at 7.30 p. m.



# Streets Wins 3d In Row At Atco

7/22/1957

Erv Streets captured his third straight feature victory at the **Atco Speedway** when he set the pace for a tough field most of the way Sunday night.

More than 1400 stock car racing fans watched the Philadelphia driver take over the lead when the race was restarted on the fifth lap and never lose command.

Herm Fisher, of Hilltop, who pressed Streets most of the way but never had enough to claim the lead spot, rode home second with Blackwood's Bill Smashey claiming third place.

It was Smashey who led during the early laps of the 25-lap grind, but he got a bad break when Vince Carroll, also of Philadelphia, spun out between the first

and second turn on the fifth lap and the race was forced to a halt.

That's when Streets took over as he got first place on the restart and never relinquished it.

Streets also won the second 10-lap qualifying heat. The first went to Bill Walker, of Wilmington, Dela., while Smashey took the third and Bob Gemenden, of Franklinville, won the consolation.

1st race (10 laps)—1, Bill Walker, Wilmington; 2, Bill Smashey, Blackwood; 3, Charles Trainor, Philadelphia. Time, 3.36.

2d race (10 laps)—1, Erv Streets, Philadelphia; 2, Herm Fisher, Hilltop; 3, Bob Gemenden, Franklinville. Time, 3.21.

3d race (10 laps)—1, Smashey; 2, Nick Bolli, Camden; 3, John Karnuk, Philadelphia. Time, 3.29.

4th race (10 laps)—1, Gemenden; 2, John Villecco, Westville; 3, Bill James, Pitman. Time, 3.27.

Feature (25 laps)—1, Streets; 2, Fisher; 3, Smashey; 4, Gemenden; 5, Vince Carroll, Philadelphia. Time, no time accident.



# Streets Cops 4th Straight at Atco

7/29/1957

Erv Streets continued to dominate the Stock car racing at the **Atco Speedway** today after he won his fourth straight feature race victory Sunday night.

It was the Wilmington, Dela., driver's fifth victory of the season at Atco, but he had a tough battle from Hilltop's Herm Fisher on his hands for awhile.

John Villecco, of Westville, held first place for the first eight laps of the 25-lap, 12½-mile grind, but he received a tough break when Bill Sherry spun out on the fourth turn of the ninth lap causing the race to be stopped.

When it was restarted, Streets

jumped into the lead and it was then his battle with Fisher began. Fisher finally gained command on the 16th lap, but could not hold it too long as Streets caught him on the 18th.

From there it was all Streets.

Fisher finished second with Walt Schoppe, of Philadelphia, an early season sensation at Atco, pulling in third; fourth went to Villecco and Bill Walker, of Wilmington, finished fifth.

First race—1, Frank Leeds, Pleasantville; 2, Henry Doerr, Elwood; 3, Jerry Camp, Pleasantville. Time: 3.37.

Second race—Erv Streets, Wilmington, Dela.; 2, Babe Gemenden, Franklinville; 3, Walt Schoppe, Philadelphia. Time: 3.25.

Third race—1, Bill Walker, Wilmington, Dela.; 2, Don McBride, Oaklyn; 3, Bill Smashev, Blackwood. Time: 3.35.

Fourth race—1, Bill Diggs, Philadelphia; 2, Henry Doerr; 3, John Villecco, Westville. Time: 3.36.

25-lap Feature—1, Streets; 2, Herm Fisher, Hilltop; 3, Walt Schoppe; 4, John Villecco; 5, Bill Walker. No time accident.

# Combined Show At Atco Track

8/2/1957

This Sunday **Atco Speedway** will feature a combined show with the cooperation of the South Jersey Stock Car Racing Association of Pleasantville adding its talents to the Delaware Valley Stock Car Racing Association now sanctioned at the track.

The SJSCRA only allows its members slight modifications in their cars and are practically strictly stock with the winner of each feature being torn down to make sure it confirms to its specifications. On the other hand the DVSCRA permits any and all modifications a car owner is willing to undertake to make his car faster.

Among the drivers competing from the SJSCRA are Frank Leeds, Jerry Camp and Hal Lewis, all of Pleasantville; Tony Dell and Bill Diggs, of Phila.; Henry Doerr, Elwood and John Bennett, Egg Harbor, plus John Villecco, Westville and Bill Smashey, Blackwood. All are top men in the point standing of their club.

Old favorites returning to Atco will be Erv Streets, Wilmington, gunning for his sixth victory of the season; Walt Schoppe, Phila.; Herm Fisher, Hilltop; Bob Gemenden, Franklinville; Ralph Ensign, Bellmarw; Charles Tranor, Phila.; Billy Walker, Wilmington; Don McBride, Oaklyn; Geo. Wolf, Phila., and many others.

Heading the card will be four 10-lap qualifying heats bringing the first five place winners into the 25-lap feature over the  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile asphalt course.

First race starts at 7.30 p.m.

## Upset Enlivens Race At Atco Speedway

Floss Edwards, Cape May, was the winner of a 10-lap women's race and Mel Holloway, Egg Harbor, took the 25-lap feature before 2000 last night at Atco (N. J.) Speedway. The sportsman stock car program was enlivened when Ed Bender, Bridgeton, ran off the track and upset on the seventh lap of the feature. He was not seriously injured.

8/12/1957

# Villecco Takes Feature At Atco

8/19/1957

Johnny Villecco, of Westville, carried off the feature race honors after a thrilling finish last night at the **Atco Speedway**.

Ralph Ensign, Bellmawr, took the lead at the start of the 25-lap headliner and held it for seven laps when a spinout forced a halt.

When the race was resumed, Ensign again went into the lead but gave way to Villecco on the 10th lap. Villecco held the pace until the 17th lap when Elmer Auer, Northfield, went out in front for a lap before the ultimate winner regained the lead. From there on out it was a nip and tuck race with Villecco barely nosing out Auer.

In the women's 10-lap first event, Helen/Camp, of Millville, registered the victory.

In the three men's heats, the winners were Darrald Hay, Philadelphia; Villecco and Bill Diggs, Philadelphia.

1st race (10 laps, Women's)—1. Helen Camp, Millville; 2. Dot Ott, Somers Point; 3. Marie Mulford, Bridgeton.

2d race (10 laps)—1. Darrald Hay, Phila; 2. John Bennett, Mays Landing; 3. Russ Ensign, Bellmawr. Time, 3.32.

3rd race (10 laps)—1. John Villecco, Westville; 2. Mel Halloway, Egg Harbor; 3. Elmer Auer, Northfield.

4th race (10 laps)—1. Bill Diggs, Phila; 2. Henry Doerr, Elwood; 3. Frank Leeds, Pleasantville. Time, 3.31. @

5th race (25 laps)—1. John Villecco, Westville; 2. Auer; 3. Ensign; 4. Leeds; 5. Diggs; 6. Hay.

# Atco Racing Program Postponed By Rain

Rain forced postponement of the regular stockcar racing program at the **Atco Speedway** last night.

The regular preliminary card capped by a 25-lap feature race will be held next Sunday.

8/26/1957



# Villecco Wins 2, Sets Atco Mark

9/3/1957

One of the largest crowds of the season watched John Villecco, of Westville, start as scratch in a 15-car qualifying heat and worm his way to victory in the record time of 3.14.9, Sunday at the **Atco Speedway.**

Driving a semi-sportsman stock car, Villecco not only broke Tony Voltz' record of 3.15 set last May but he also won the 25-lap feature.

Starting 20th in the fender scraping windup, Villecco managed to work his way to eighth spot when Ralph Ensign of Bellmawr, rounding the fourth turn, lost a wheel. The mishap resulted in a series of flips in front of the grandstand and badly damaging Ensign's car. The driver escaped unhurt.

On the restart, the lead changed several times as Al Herman, Camden; Tony Dell, Philadelphia, and Mel Holloway, Egg Harbor, each held command.

On the 17th lap Villecco finally gained control, but never had a

secure lead, as Elmer Auer, bat-Northfield, coming up fast, battled him to the wire.

In the 12-car Woman's feature race Pat Fitzgerald, of Wildwood, managed to survive the accident-marred event which involved a five-car pileup when Floss Ashman, of Berlin, lost control of her car due to a blowout. No one was hurt.

Helen Camp, of Millville, followed Miss Fitzgerald across the finish line in a close second. This crowd-pleasing feature will be held every Sunday night along with the regular show for the balance of the season.

First race (10 laps)—1. Carl Griner, Pleasantville; 2. Al Herman, Camden; 3. Sam Ridgeway, Millville; 4. Frank Mathews, Camden. Time: 3.31.

Second race (10 laps)—1. Earl Collins, Wildwood; 2. Tony Dell, Philadelphia; 3. Bill Diggs, Philadelphia; 4. Bob Little, Bargaintown. Time: 3.33.

Third race (10 laps)—1. John Villecco, Westville; 2. Henry Doerr, Elwood; 3. Mel Holloway, Egg Harbor; 4. Ed Tablem, Vineland. Time: 3.14.9. (New record, old 3.15, Tony Voltz, May 1957).

Fourth race (Woman's feature), 10 laps—1. Pat Fitzgerald, Wildwood; 2. Helen Camp, Millville; 3. Ruth Eisenhower, Somers Point; 4. Ruth Kesselman, Philadelphia. No time accident.

Consolation race (10 laps)—1. Hal Lewis, Millville; 2. Ralph Ensign, Bellmawr; 3. Frank Leeds, Philadelphia; 4. John Plummer, Haddonfield. Time: 3.16.

Feature race (25 laps)—1. Villecco; 2. Elmer Auer, Northfield; 3. Henry Doerr; 4. Earl Collins; 5. Mel Holloway; 6. Hal Lewis, Millville; 7. Jerry Camp, Millville. No time accident.

# Villecco Repeats In Atco Feature

9/9/1957

John Villecco, Westville, sped to his second straight win and fourth of the season in the 25-lap feature stock car race at the **Atco Speedway** last night.

Accidents marred each of the five regular races along with the women drivers' special 10-lap event which was won by Hazel Young, Somers Point. No one was injured in any of the mishaps.

Villecco didn't take the lead in the feature until the 23rd lap. Then he turned backed several threats by Elmer Auer, Northfield, and Herm Fisher, Hilltop who finished second and third respectively.

On the 10th lap of the feature, a five-car pileup on the 3rd turn make it necessary to restart the race. It was then that Auer took over the lead and held it until the 23rd turn when Villecco roared to the front.

Forty-eight cars competed on the program.

First race—1. Gene Cianci, Phila.; 2. Bill Diggs, Phila.; 3. Carl Griner, Vineland. No time, accident.

Second race—1. Walt Lauraman, Vineland; 2. Frank Leads, Pleasantville; 3. Hollie Hindus, Millville. No time, accident.

Third race—1. Mel Holloway, Pleasantville; 2. Bill Moore, Camden; 3. Herm Fisher, Hilltop. No time, accident.

Fourth race—1. Earl Collins, Wildwood; 2. John Plumber, Millville; 3. Henry Doerr, Elwood. No time, accident.

25-lap feature—1. John Villecco, Westville; 2. Elmer Auer, Northfield; 3. Herm Fisher; 4. Earl Himmelback, Vineland; 5. Frank Leads. No time, accident.

Women's Race—1. Hazel Young, Somers Point; 2. Helen Camp, Millville; 3. Florence Edwards, Millville. No time, accident.

# Fisher After 2nd Atco Feature Win

9/20/1957

Herm Fisher, of Hilltop, will attempt to make it two straight feature victories on Sunday when the Atco Speedway stages its weekly five-race program, starting at 7.30 p. m.

Fisher came up with a sensational victory last Sunday in the 25-lap feature by repeatedly staving off threats by John Villecco, Westville, and Carl Griner, Millville.

These three will again compete on Sunday along with Elmar Auerr, Northfield; Mel Halloway, Egg Harbor; newcomer Sol Moschella, Pleasantville; Ralph Ensign, Bellmawr; Tony Dell, Philadelphia; Frank Leeds, Pleasantville, Gar Collins, Vineland, and Henry Doerr, Elwood.

Other drivers trying for their first victory are Al Herman, Camden; Frank Mathews, Moorestown; Bill Diggs, Derald Hay and Frank Terlitz, all of Philadelphia; John Bennett, Mays Landing; Lou Jeffreis, Port Norris and many others.

The Woman's Stock Car Auto Association with its growing membership are beginning to post times approaching those of the men as they gain experience in maneuvering the iron horses. The winner of this 10-lap special feature is unpredictable as each week a new girl emerges victorious.

So far Ruth Eisenhower, Somers Point; Florence Edwards, Millville; Pat Fitzgerald, Wildwood; Hazel Young, Somers Point have each tasted victory. Ethel Kesselman and Peggy Morable, of Philadelphia; Helen Camp, Millville; Florence Ashman, Berlin, and Marie Mulford, Camden, are other girls who have come close to victory.

# Augerman Scores

ATCO, N. J., Sept. 29.—Charles Augerman, Phila., won the 25-lap stock car feature race tonight at **Atco Speedway** in the season's final night race. Starting next Sunday, Atco races will be staged in the afternoon.

9/30/1957

**By TOM JUNO**

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A Philadelphia sportsman has taken over the ownership of the Bristol Saints, area semi-pro football team. Joe Braun, who also owns the **Atco Speedway**, will own the Saints, lock, stock and barrel.

10/7/1957



# Villecco Takes Feature At Atco

10/14/1957

Johnny Villecco, heavy-footed Westville driver, came from behind to captured the featured 25-lap stock car race yesterday afternoon at the **Atco Speedway**.

Hank Laukitius, Philadelphia, took the lead at the start and held it for six laps when Villecco took over. However, Herm Fisher, Elwood, stepped on the gas and assumed the lead on the 11th lap, then giving away to Villecco on the 15th.

From there on out Villecco and Fisher had a see-saw battle for the lead until the 23d lap when the former took it over for good to win by a car length.

The four heat winners were Laukitius, Henry Doerr, Elwood; Bill Wark, Barrington and Sol Moschello, Pleasantville.

The 10-lap women's feature was won by Esther Kesselman, Philadelphia, in 3 minutes 34 seconds.

First race—1. Hank Laukitius, Phila.; 2. Ed Himmelback, Phila.; 3. Bob Kay, Phila. (no time, accident).

Second race—1. Henry Doerr, Elwood; 2. Tony Dell, Phila.; 3. John Bennett, Egg Harbor. Time—3.24.

Third race—1. Bill Wark, Barrington; 2. Mel Holloway, Egg Harbor; 3. Henry Doerr. Time—3.22.

Fourth race—1. Sol Moschello, Pleasantville; 2. George Wolfe, Phila.; 3. Frank Leeds, Pleasantville. Time—3.27.

25-lap feature—1. John Villecco, Westville; 2. Herm Fisher, Elwood; 3. Hank Laukitius; 4. Walt Schoppe; 5. Mel Holloway. Time—8.29.

10-lap Women's Feature—1. Esther Kesselman, Phila.; 2. Ruth Eisenhower, Lynwood; 3. Florence Edwards, Woodbury. Time—3.34.

# Villecco Takes Final Atco Race

10/21/1957

John Villecco, Westville, captured the final stock car race of the season at the **Atco Speedway** yesterday to take down the point leadership for the year. It was his ninth feature win at the track and his thirty-third of the year.

The main event was halted on the second lap when Al Harris, Vineland, flipped his car on the third turn but came out of it unscratched. On the restart John Bennett, Mays Landing, took the lead and held it for seven laps.

Then Carl Griner, Vineland, took over with Charles Augerman, Pleasantville, right on his

heels. However, Herm Fisher, Hilltop, broke through the pack and assumed third place on the 11th lap. The three then ran in that order until the 22d lap.

Villecco, who started from scratch, picked off one by one and overtook the three leaders on the 24th lap to beat Griner in a back stretch duel.

Winners of the four heats were Hal Lewis, Millville; Villecco and Tony Dell, Philadelphia.

The women's feature of 10 laps was won by Florence Edwards, Millville, in the fast time of 3 minutes 41 seconds.

1st race (10 laps)—Hal Lewis, Millville; 2. John Bennett, Mays Landing; 3. Bill Diggs, Philadelphia; 4. Al Herman, Camden. Time: 3.29.

2d race (10 laps)—John Villecco, Westville; 2. Charles Augerman, Pleasantville; 3. Carl Griner, Vineland; 4. Bill Wark, Barrington. Time: 3.24.

3d race (10 laps)—1. Tony Dell, Philadelphia; 2. John Plumber, Millville; 3. Earl Collins, Bridgeton; 4. Frank Leeds, Pleasantville. Time: 3.26.

Women's feature (10 laps)—1. Florence Edwards, Millville; 2. Hazel Young, Pleasantville; 3. Ethel Kesselman, Philadelphia; 4. Pat Fitzgerald, Wildwood. Time: 3.41.

Feature (25 laps)—1. John Villecco, 2. Carl Griner, 3. Herm Fisher, Hilltop; 4. Charles Augerman, 4. Bill Wark, 5. John Bennett.

# Stock Car Numbers

If anyone knows the whereabouts of any of the following stock car numbers that raced at the **Atco Speedway** last summer, please get in touch with me at once. Even the driver of one of these cars will be a great help. Numbers are as follows: 2, 1, 101, 100, 100-X, F-86, 27, 29.

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# Atco Auto Oval Opens On Sunday

4/12/1958

The **Atco Speedway** may be the first to inaugurate stock car racing for 1958 in this area, weather permitting, when it opens the season on Sunday, starting at 2.30 p. m.

This marks the third opening of the speedway under the promotion of the Villeco brothers, Vince and John. Under their management, the track was re-surfaced last year and now is one of the fastest asphalt-paved tracks in the area.

The South Jersey Stock Car Racing Association will sponsor all events. With approximately 200 members, the club also sponsors the races at Pleasantville and permits all members to race at all leading tracks in the South Jersey-Penna. area.

Members of other clubs also are allowed to compete in races sanctioned by the club so long as they meet specifications approved by the New Jersey State Department of Motor Vehicles for Racing.

Most of the drivers who competed last year are expected to be back for the opener.

They are:

Tony Dell, 1957 association champion; Johnny Villeco, speedway titleholder; Lou Mood, Larry Voss, Herm Fisher, Sol Moschello, Elmer Auerr, Henry Doerr, Mel Halloway, Frank Leeds, Steve Elias, Ralph Ensign, Carl Griner, Earl Collins, Hal Lewis and Walt Schoppe.

The track will open at 11 a. m. for trials. The first of four 10-lap heats will start at 2.30 with the feature 25-lap to follow.

# Young Star Returns to Atco Oval

4/18/1958

An overnight sensation has cropped up at the **Atco Speedway**, which will stage its second stock car program Sunday, starting at 2 p. m.

He is Charley Angerman Jr., Barrington, who won last Sunday's feature race in a field of experienced drivers.

Trying to break into stock car racing the early part of last season, the youngster was stopped for being under age. He now is 21. His excellent timing at the wheel and his superb command in the field may well take him to the championship of the track and a qualified position in the lineup of the 100-mile Stock Car Race at Langhorne this fall.

However, the test will come Sunday. His driving ability will be pitted against more veterans and champs of prior years. Tony Dell, Philadelphia, and Johnny Villecco. But they have assured

Promotor Vince Willecco they will be ready to drive Sunday.

Others who will try to make 1958 their best season are:

Herm Fisher, Hilltop; Ralph Ensign, Bellmawr; Lou Mood, Sol Moschello, Frank Leeds, all of Pleasantville; Henry Doerr, Egg Harbor, whose car was a casualty last week but will be back with another; George Wolfe, and Bill Diggs, Philadelphia; Al Herman, Camden; Larry Voss and Carl Griner, of Vineland, and Steve Elias, National Park.

Four 10-lap qualifying heats will give the 20 starters their positions in the 25-lap feature.

By popular demand Promotor Villecco will bring back Oklahoma Jim and his Rock & Roll Western swing band to entertain the fans before the races and during the intermission.



# Voss Takes Feature Race At Atco Oval

4/21/1958

Larry Voss, Vineland speedster, took the lead for keeps on the eighth lap then sped to victory in the 25-lap feature stock car race at the **Atco Speedway** on Sunday.

More than 1200 fans saw Voss fight off several challenges by Charles Angerman, winner of last week's feature from Bargaintown, and Sal Moschello, Pleasantville, who finished second and third respectively.

The first eight laps of the feature saw the lead change hands several times.

Then Moschello bolted from the pack to go in front temporarily but Voss took over and stayed there the rest of the way. By the 18th lap, Voss started lapping slower cars in the race.

First race—1. John Bennett, Egg Harbor; 2. Stanley Shill, Camden; 3. Charles Mottran, Woodbury. Time: 3.58.

Second race—1. Larry Voss, Vineland; 2. Henry Doerr, Elwood; 3. Ralph Ensign, Bellmawr. Time: 3.43.

Third race—1. Sal Moschello, Pleasantville; 2. Bob Gibbons, East Camden; 3. Joe Delleo, Vineland. Time: 3.42.

Fourth race—1. Charles Angerman, Bargaintown; 2. Al Herman, Camden; 3. Bill Milton, Camden. Time: 3.43.

25 lap feature—1. Larry Voss; 2. Charles Angerman; 3. Sal Moschello; 4. Al Herman; 5. Bill Milton. Time: 8.59.

# Atco Track Shifts Races After Sunday

4/25/1958

Sunday night modified stock car racing will supplant afternoon racing at the **Atco Speedway** after this Sunday, it was announced today by Promoter Vince Villecco.

This Sunday's races will start at 2.30 p. m., while the night races will begin at 7.30 p. m.

Stanley Shill, Camden, who was the point champion in 1955 and '56, will make his reappearance at the track after an absence of a year.

Larry Voss, Vineland, last week's feature winner, also will be back to try and repeat. But if the pattern follows the past two races, a new name will be added to the list.

Jerry Camp, another Camden boy, last year won the title "Most Improved Driver." This season he has shown his ability by winning a feature at Pleasantville Speedway and will be on hand Sunday.

Charles Angerman Jr., 21-year-old sensation of Bargaintown, is another boy to watch, as is Johnny Villecco, Westville, 1957 champ. Villecco is off to a slow start. In the first two races, he blew apart two motors, but Jim Tomlin, Millville builder of the No. 10 Villecco drives, is sure to have him among the top in points for the season.

Sol Moscello, Lou Mood, Herm Fisher, Ralph Ensign, Al Herman, Frank Leeds, Tony Dell, Henry Doerr, George Wolfe, Bill Diggs, Carl Griner, Steve Elias and Don McBride, will be among those who make their weekly appearances.

Four 10-lap qualifying heats and the 25-lap feature climaxing are on the program.

## Atco, Vineland Races Halted by Rain

Rain forced the postponement of stock car races at the Vineland and **Atco Speedways** on Sunday.

Rain also forced a week's postponement of the scheduled 100-mile United States championship race for midget auto drivers at Langhorne Speedway.

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**ATCO SPEEDWAY**

# Voss Seeks 2d Victory At Atco

5/3/1958

The **Atco Speedway** switches to twilight racing this weekend with the usual five race card. The program will get underway at 7.30 o'clock.

Larry Voss, Vineland, is expected to return in quest of his second straight victory in the 25-lap feature race which will cap the program.

Voss sped to victory over Charles Angerman, Bargaintown, two weeks ago. Last week's program was rained out.

Angerman also owns a victory at the Atco oval this year and is expected to be on hand on Sunday. Angerman won the 25-lap feature when the oval staged its first program of the season three weeks ago.

Other drivers slated to be on hand include: John Villecco, Westville; Sal Moschello, Pleasantville; Henry Doerr, Elwood; Al Herman, Camden; Stanley Shill, Camden, and Ralph Ensign, Bellmawr.

Ruth Eisenhower, Somers Point, also is scheduled to participate in the races.

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# Atco Races Again Postponed by Rain

For the second straight week, the stock car races at the **Atco Speedway** were postponed on Sunday due to a heavy rainstorm just before the program was to get underway.

The same five-race card is planned for next week when many top-notch drivers are expected to participate including Larry Voss, Vineland, who won the 25-lap feature two weeks ago. The program will get underway at 7.30 o'clock.

5/5/1958

# Atco Expects Big Field For Races

5/10/1958

Another top entry of at least 35 stock cars are expected Sunday evening when the **Atco Speedway** resumes its racing program at 7 o'clock.

Rained out in its last two attempts to get the oval in action, Atco expects to have plenty of competitors on hand this weekend and foresees a possible record group of more than 35 entries.

There were 35 cars on hand when the races were last held there two weeks ago.

One of the top attractions is the entry of Mrs. Ruth Eisenhower who is expected to compete against the male drivers for the first time at Atco.

Others who will compete are: Sol Moscello, Pleasantville, who will drive Pete Chrisitelli's new No. 325; Lou Hunter, Philadelphia, long famous for his entries of Plymouth stocks, but who this week will enter a new Ford, with Bill Diggs doing the driving.

# Atco Slates Race Card Sunday

5/17/1958

After three consecutive rain-outs, the **Atco Speedway** again will try to get its twilight racing program underway on Sunday starting at 7.30 o'clock.

The usual five-race card capped by the 25-lap feature is on the card and many top drivers are expected to be on hand for the competition.

Among the drivers expected to compete are Charles Angerman, Merchantville, winner of the first feature race of the season at Atco several weeks ago; and Larry Voss, who took the 25-lap race on the last program held at the oval.

Jerry Camp, Camden, last year's "rookie of the year," Sal Moschello, Pleasantville, John Villecco, Westville; Tony Dell, Philadelphia; Steve Elias, Vineland; Henry Doerr, Egg Harbor; Herm Fisher, Hilltop; Ralph Ensign, Bellmawr; and Al Herman, Camden, are among the other drivers expected to see action.

On May 25 during intermission, the fans will be treated to a show of prize winning units from the Mummers parade. Among those participating will be the Hog Island Fancy Club and the Gallagher String Band, and the Laurel Springs American Legion string band.

# Atco Feature Taken by Villecco

5/19/1958

John Villecco, Westville speedster, chalked up first victory of the season Sunday at the **Atco Speedway** when he captured the 25-lap feature race which was marred by two accidents.

With a near-capacity crowd on hand, Villecco grabbed the lead for keeps on the 20th lap and took the checkered flag ahead of Charles Angerman, Bargaintown, and Carl Griner, Millville, respectively.

It was the first twilight program of the season at Atco since three successive cards were rained out.

On the second lap of the feature, the car of Weston Beck, Philadelphia, spun out of control and the result was an eight-car pile up. Six of the 25 cars which started the race were forced to withdraw but no one was in-

jured.

After the restart, George Wolfe, Philadelphia, forged in front and held on until the 10th lap when Angerman took over. For the next five laps, Angerman battled Villecco for the front spot.

On the 15th lap, Al Lewis, Millville, lost control of his car and it flipped over the fence. Lewis was unhurt but his car was demolished.

Angerman and Villecco then continued their battle for the lead until the 20th when Villecco took over for keeps.

1st race—1. George Havens, Phila.; 2. Earl Collins, Vineland; 3. Bill Diggs, Phila. Time: 4.47.

2d race—1. Al Lewis, Millville; 2. Ed Himmelsback, Millville; 3. Ralph Dittwiler, Haddonfield. Time: 4.25.

3d race—1. Henry Doerr, Egg Harbor; 2. Larry Voss, Vineland; 3. Carl Griner, Millville. Time: 4.22.

4th race—1. Herm Fisher, Hilltop; 2. Ralph Ensign, Bellmawr; 3. George Wolfe, Phila. Time: 4.28.

25 lap feature—1. John Villecco, Westville; 2. Charles Angerman, Bargaintown; 3. Carl Griner; 4. Ralph Ensign; 5. George Wolfe. No time accident.

# Rain Halts Racing At Two Speedways

For the fourth time in five weeks, rain forced the postponement of stock car racing at the **Atco Speedway** on Sunday. The same show, including entertainment by the Mummers and a group of clowns, will be held next week.

The afternoon thunderstorm also washed out the 100-lap late model show at the Vineland Speedway. The program has been rescheduled for Friday, June 6.

5/26/1958

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# Angerman Wins Atco Main Race

6/2/1958

Charley Angerman sped to his second victory of the season Sunday in the feature 25-lap stock car race at the **Atco Speedway**.

Angerman, Bargaintown lead-foot, took the lead for keeps on the ninth lap, then fought off repeated challenges by John Villecco, Westville, to the finish.

Gene Cianci was the early leader in the race but gave way to Angerman on the ninth turn around the asphalt oval.

Villecco had plenty of trouble breaking through the pack but he finally moved into the second position of the 14th lap and from then on pressed Angerman.

Carl Griner finished in third place while Ed Table, Vineland was fourth.

First race—1, Gene Cianci, Phila.; 2, Ed Table, Vineland; 3, Frank Turlis, Phila. No time, accident.

Second race—1, Earl Collins, Millville; 2, Bill Diggs, Phila.; 3, Dareld Hay, Phila. Time: 3.47.

Third race—1, Ed Himmelsback, Pleasantville; 2, Carl Griner, Millville; 3, Charles Angerman, Bargaintown. Time: 3.31.

Fourth race—1, John Bennett, Pleasantville; 2, Sal Moschella, Pleasantville; 3, George Wolfe, Phila. Time: 3.35.

25-lap feature—1, Charles Angerman; 2, John Villecco, Westville; 3, Carl Griner; 4, Ed Table; 5, George Havens, Phila. Time: 8.34.

# Carl Griner

## Wins Atco

## Speed Race

6/9/1958

Carl Griner, Millville speedster, posted his first victory of the season in a 25-lap feature stock car race at the **Atco Speedway** on Sunday night.

With a near capacity crowd watching, Griner took command for keeps on the seventh then outsped Charles Angerman, Bargaintown, and John Villecco, Westville, who finished second and third respectively.

Tony Dell, Philadelphia, led for the first five laps of the feature before Griner took over.

On the seventh lap, the race had to be halted when the car of George Wolf, Philadelphia, caught fire. Wolf escaped uninjured.

Griner remained in command after the event was restarted. From that point on, the main interest was centered in the battle for second place between Angerman, Villecco and Dell. The three drivers battled practically bumper-to-bumper for 12 laps before Angerman started to pull away.

First race—1, Bill Sherry, Camden; 2, Jack Helgate, Haddonfield; 3, Ed Mazzolo, Phila.

Second race—1, Darald Hay, Phila; 2, John Karnauk, Collins Lake; 3, Ed Nickols, Camden.

Third race—1, Carl Griner, Millville; 2, John Bennett, Pleasantville; 3, Charles Angerman, Bargaintown. Time, 3.31.2.

Fourth race—1, Frank Leeds, Egg Harbor; 2, Gene Chanci, Phila.; 3, Walt Laurman, Vineland. Time, 4.04.7.

25-lap feature—1, Carl Griner; 2, Charles Angerman; 3, John Villecco, Westville; 4, Tony Dell, Phila.; 5, Bill Diggs, Phila. No time, accident.

# Take Atco Point Lead

6/14/1958

Carl Griner, Millville, stands a good chance to take over the season point lead Sunday in stock car racing at the **Atco Speedway**.

Griner will be looking for his second straight victory of the season in the 25-lap feature race. If he succeeds, he could grab the point lead from Charley Angerman, Bargaintown, providing the latter does not finish among the leaders.

The usual five-race program will get underway at 7.30 o'clock.

A number of other drivers are expected to push Griner to the limit.

They are: John Villecco, Jerry Camp, Larry Voos, Bill Diggs, Sal Moschello, and Tony Dell.

While it was Griner's first victory of the season at Atco, it was an impressive one. He took the lead during the fourth lap and probably would have set a track record but for an accident.

Starter Pappy Hess stopped the race at this stage to allow track firemen to extinguish a blaze in the car driven by George Wolf, Philadelphia.

When the race was restarted, Griner increased his lead as the race progressed, and won going away.

# Atco Races Continue Sunday

6/28/1958

Another thrilling night of stock car racing is expected to take place at the **Atco Speedway** on Sunday starting at 7.30 p. m.

A hard driving crew headed by Carl Griner, Charley Angerman, Sol Moschello and Johnny Villecco, should continue to produce some of the best stock car racing in the area.

Griner, of Millville, won the 25-lap feature last week when he pulled out of second place on the final lap.

Earl Collins, of Wildwood, appeared to have the race sewed up, but encountered engine trouble on the 24th lap.

Moschello, of Vineland, came home second while Bargaintown's Angerman took third with Villecco fourth.

Griner will be out to become the first driver this season to win two straight Atco features.

Among others trying to block his bid will be: Ed Nichols, Camden; Tony Dell, Philadelphia; Ed Table, Vineland; Hal Lewis, Millville; Bill Wark, Barrington; Al Herman, Camden; Herm Fisher, Hilltop; Frank Leeds, Pleasantville, and Henry Doerr, Egg Harbor.

Competition is becoming keener as the season advances. Twenty-six cars have been starting in the feature, which causes a close race as the cars tend to bunch together and barrel into the turns three and four abreast.

The more daring drivers get their "breaks" on the turns and usually capture the feature races.

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# Griner Would Repeat

Carl Griner, Millville pilot, who gained a 25-lap feature victory last week at the **Atco Speedway**, will be striving to make it two in a row in tonight's racing at the South Jersey oval. The first race is set for 7:30. Four qualifying heats will precede the feature.

6/29/1958

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# Carl Griner Takes Race At Atco Oval

7/14/1958

Taking the lead for keeps on the eighth lap, Carl Griner, Millville, sped to victory in the 25-lap feature stock car race Sunday night at the **Atco Speedway**.

The triumph earned Griner "The Power X" trophy offered as part of the festivities for Pete Taylor Day. Taylor is a Camden radio personality.

A near capacity crowd was on hand to watch Sal Moschello, Pleasantville speedster, lead in the early stages of the feature race while driving a borrowed car.

But Griner pulled ahead on the eighth lap. By the time he took the checkered flag he was five car lengths in front of the second place Moschello.

While Griner won with ease, Moschello had quite a time clinching second place. For the

final 15 laps, the battle for second was a duel between Griner, Frank Leeds, Pleasantville, and Earl Collins, Millville.

Leeds eventually wound up in third place ahead of Collins.

Twenty-five cars started the main go. But three drivers, John Villecco, Westville, Charley Angerman, Bargaintown, and Tony Dell, Philadelphia, had to withdraw when their cars developed mechanical troubles.

First race—1, Al Herman, Camden; 2, Gene Cianci, Philadelphia; 3, Joe Sharp, Camden. Time: 3.4

Second race—1, Jerry Camp, Marmora; 2, Hal Lewis, Millville; 3, Earl Collins, Millville. Time: 3.36.

Third race—1, Carl Griner, Millville; 2, John Villecco, Westville; 3, Tony Dell, Philadelphia. Time: 3.29.

Fourth race—1, Frank Leeds, Pleasantville; 2, John Karnuah, Collins Lakes; 3, San Ridgeway, Philadelphia. Time: 3.32.

25-lap feature—1, Carl Griner; 2, Sal Moschello, Pleasantville; 3, Frank Leeds; 4, Earl Collins; 5, Henry Doerr, Egg Harbor. Time: 8.47.

# Atco Feature Race Taken By Moschello

7/21/1958

Sal Moschello, Pleasantville, today is in a select circle. He is one of three drivers who have won three 25-lap feature stock car races at **Atco Speedway.**

Moschello captured his third main go Sunday after a thrilling dual with Charles Angerman, Bargaintown, Carl Griner, Millville, and John Villecco, Millville. Angerman and Griner were both after their fourth victory of the season.

A near capacity crowd saw Bill McCourt, Baltimore, lead for the first ten laps. Then the race was halted when the car of Harry Reese, Millville, spun out of control and hit the fence.

After the restart, Moschello, Angerman and Griner forged through the pack and for the next 12-laps battled neck-and-neck.

On the 23rd lap, Griner's car spun out of control. Before he could get back into the race, Moschello forged in front to stay while Villecco, who had been pushing the trio, took over the third spot. Moschello took the checkered flag ahead of Angerman while Villecco stayed in third.

First race—1, Walt Lauerman, Vineland; 2, Harry Clover, Camden; 3, Bill Sherry, Wilmington, Dela. Time: 3.48.

Second race — 1, Ed Himmelback, Pleasantville; 2, Earl Collins, Millville; 3, Jerry Camp, Camden. Time: 3.43.

Third race—1, Sal Moschello, Pleasantville; 2, Carl Griner, Millville; 3, Charles Angerman, Bargaintown. Time: 3.38.

Fourth race—1, Tony Dell, Philadelphia; 2, George Wolfe, Philadelphia; 3, Halli Hyder, Vineland. Time: 3.41.

25-lap feature—1, Sal Moschello; 2, Charles Angerman; 3, John Villecco, Westville; 4, Earl Collins; 5, Ed Himmelback. No time, accident.

# Atco Racing Card Postponed by Rain

Rain forced the postponement of the stock car racing program at **Atco Speedway** Sunday night.

The regular card, capped by a 25-lap feature event, will be held next Sunday evening starting at 7.30 o'clock. 7/28/1958

# To Compete At Atco

8/1/1958

Point leaders at the **Atco Speedway** will resume their rivalry Sunday, when promoter Vince Villecco presents his usual stock car program, starting at 7.30 p. m.

Charley Angerman, Bargaintown; Sal Moschello, Pleasantville, and Carl Griner, Millville, each has scored three feature race victories and were set to battle it out for the lead last Sunday, but the program was washed out by rain.

All three again will be in the field Sunday in an attempt to break the three-way deadlock and assume the leadership.

But the three can expect keen competition from Johnny Villecco, Westville, last year's track champion. He has won one feature and several seconds and thirds, but has been dogged by bad luck.

Now, however, he has the bugs out of the black and white No. 10 he drives and from now on constitutes a threat to the leaders.

Over 40 drivers have been competing in the races and competition is keen as six cars from each heat have been qualifying for the feature race, making a total of 24 cars in the 25-lap event.

The usual four 10-lap qualifying heats also will be presented.



# Two Feature Races Sunday

8/9/1958

**Atco Speedway** fans will be treated to two 25-lap stock car races Sunday when the track presents its weekly program.

The first 25-lapper will start at 7.30 p. m. and will consist of qualifiers of last Sunday night's rained out card.

The first of four 10-lap heats will precede the second 25-lapper, making a total of 90 laps for the night.

A three-way deadlock for the leadership continues due to last week's rain-out. Charley Angerman, Bargaintown; Sal Moschello, Pleasantville, and Carl Griner, Millville, each has won three feature events.

All three will be back in action this weekend, and with two features at stake, the fans can ex-

pect the same keen competition which has characterized every race.

Should one of the three tied leaders win both events, he would take a commanding lead in the point standing and would be hard to catch during the remainder of the season.

However, Johnny Villecco, Westville, and John Bennett, Millville, both are threats to the leaders.

Villecco holds the track record for 10 laps, making the four miles in 3:14.8. Last year, he won eight feature events and with them the track championship.

Bennett last Sunday set a new track record for one lap, negotiating the distance in 20 seconds. Angerman previously held the record with 20.2.

At least 40 drivers are expected to be on hand.



# Griner Tops Drivers At **Atco Speedway**

Carl Griner, of Millville, today is the leading driver at the **Atco Speedway** after taking first place in both 25-lap feature races Sunday night.

8/12/1958

Griner edged Charley Angerman, of Bargaintown, in both races to rack up his fourth and fifth main event victories of the season. In the second race, Angerman had been leading most of the way, but gave way to Griner on the 24th lap.

# Two Threaten Leader at Atco Track

8/16/1958

Knocked out of the lead after last Sunday's double victory by Carl Griner, Sol Moschello and Charley Angerman are expected to lead an attempt to halt the victory skien of the track's point leader at the **Atco Speedway** when stock car racing resumes there Sunday night.

Moschello and Angerman had been deadlocked with Griner for the point lead before last Sunday's two 25-lap races. Griner, with some exceptional driving skill, came from behind in both thrillers to capture his fourth and fifth feature victories of the season.

That is a lot of ground to make up for Moschello, who hails from Pleasantville, and Bargaintown's Angerman. However, the two will head a field which is expected to give Griner plenty of competition Sunday.

John Villecco, Westville; John Bennett, Camden, and Hal Lewis, Millville, along with Moschello and Angerman, still have an outside chance to overtake Griner. Villecco finished third and Lewis fifth in the second race last Sunday and Bennett finished fourth in the first race.

Others who will compete are: Henry Doerr, Frank Leeds, Tony Dell, Harry Cilver, George Wolfe, Derald Hay, Ralph Ensign, Walt Lauraman and Ed Nichols.

The first of four 10-lap heats will start at 7.30 p. m. with the feature to follow.

# Close Race Expected at Atco Sunday

8/30/1958

The 25-lap feature stock car race at Atco Speedway Sunday could well turn into a battle royal between Charley Angerman, Bargaintown, Carl Griner, Millville and Sol Moschello, Pleasantville. The first race starts at 7.30 p. m.

Angerman will be returning to action after an absence of two weeks during which he underwent a training course with the Marine reserves.

Griner, the point leader at Atco, will be seeking his seventh feature victory of the year. The Millville speedster set a track record last week when he negotiated the 25-lap distance in 8.41.

With Angerman back in action, Griner's winning streak is endangered as Angerman, a daring and skillful driver, will be out to win his fourth feature event. Moschello also is a threat as he, too, will be seeking his fourth victory.

Larry Voss, Vineland, will be making his first appearance of the season. In past years, he was among the leaders at the track.

Others in the field will be:

John Villecco, Frank Leeds, John Bennett, Hal Lewis, Earl Collins, Tony Dell, George Wolfe, Henry Doerr, Bill McCort, Halli Hyder and Bill Diggs.

Starting Sunday and continuing for the next three weeks, the first 10 drivers of the 26 who normally start a feature will be pitted against each other Sept. 21 in a special 25-lapper, the winner to represent the Speedway in the 100-mile Sportsman race Oct. 12 at Langhorne.

# Atco Feature Taken by Angerman

9/2/1958

Charley Angerman, Bargaintown, won the 25-lap feature race, at the **Atco Speedway**, Sunday.

Hallie Hyder, Millville; was second and Johnny Bennett, Pleasantville, was third, and Frank Leeds was fourth, Pleasantville.

Twenty-three cars started the feature race, but only 10 finished.

Carl Griner, Millville, track point-leader, went out of the race on the second turn, slamming into the fence and demolishing his car. Johnny Villecco, Westville, also hit the fence, but managed to get his car running again before the race was over.

After the restart, Angerman and Hyder passed Johnny Bennett, who had held the lead for 17 laps before the accident to Griner's car.

The summaries follow:

First heat — Hyder, Bennett, Gene Cianci, Phila.

Second heat—Earl Collins, Millville; George Havens, Phila., Ralph Ensign, Bellmawr.

Third heat — Angerman, Griner, Sol Moschello, Pleasantville.

Consolation — Villecco, Ed Nichols, Pleasantville, Hal Lewis, Millville.



# Angerman On Spot in Atco Race

9/5/1958

Charlie Angerman, 22-year-old driver from Bargaintown, N. J., will be back driving his Flying 8 Duck again Sunday at **Atco Speedway**.

Angerman will have quite a bit of competition after winning last week's feature. He nosed out Halli Hyder and Johnny Bennett, who had held the lead for 17 laps.

Carl Griner, Millville's leading driver at the Atco oval, will be trying to stop Angerman although his winning streak was shattered last Sunday when his Zero went through the fence on the second turn.

Sal Moshella also will be looking for the checkered flag as he seeks his fourth victory.

Griner is one race up on Angerman. Griner has six victories to his credit, Angerman five, and Moshella, four.

Others in the field will include John Villecco, Frank Leeds, John Bennett, Dick McMahon, Halli Hyder, Bill Diggs, Tony Dell, George Havans, Ed Nichols, Henry Doerr, and the very capable young driver from the state of Maine, Ben Wyman.

The first race gets under way at 7.30 p. m.

Starting last Sunday and continuing for the next two weeks, the first 10 drivers who complete the features will race against each other Sept. 21 in a special 25-lap race. The winner will represent **Atco Speedway** in the 100-mile Sportsman Race on Oct. 12 at Langhorne, Pa.



# Griner Beats Angerman in Atco Feature

9/8/1958

Carl Griner, Millville, leadfoot, took a firmer grip Sunday night on the points lead at **Atco Speedway** when he won his seventh 25-lap feature stock car event.

Griner edged out his nearest rival for the season championship, Charles Angerman, Bargaintown, while Holli Heider, Millville, finished third.

The feature produced torrid competition from start to finish. Heider held the advantage for the first 14 laps then the car of Ralph Ensign, Philadelphia, blew a tire, calling for a restart.

On the 22d lap, Angerman was forced to swerve wide on a turn because of faulty steering mechanism. This gave Griner his chance and he zoomed in front and took the checkered flag going away.

First race—1, Gene Ciani, Philadelphia; 2, Frank Terlitz, Pleasantville; 3, Hal Lewis, Millville.

Second race—1, George Havens, Philadelphia; 2, Ralph Ensign, Bellmawr; 3, Holli Heider, Millville.

Third race—1, Charles Angerman, Bargaintown; 2, Carl Griner, Millville; 3, Larry Voss, Pleasantville.

Fourth race—1, Derrold Hay, Philadelphia; 2, Stan Schill, Camden; 3, Charles Ginger, Pleasantville.

25-lap feature—1, Carl Griner; 2, Charles Angerman; 3, Holli Heider; 4, George Havens, Pleasantville; 5, Larry Voss.

# Atco Slates Big Duel Sunday

9/13/1958

Charley Angerman hopes to shake the jinx which prevented him from winning last week's feature race at the **Atco Speedway** when racing resumes there Sunday at 7.30 p. m.

Angerman, who has been making a bid to overtake Carl Griner, of Millville, and the track's leading driver, almost made a big step in that direction last week.

The Bargaintown speedman was right in the thick of the 25-lap feature when his steering mechanism failed and forced him out of the race.

Griner is ahead of Angerman by a few points for the track's seasonal trophy to be awarded in October.

Also vieing for the checkered flag will be Halli Hider. Hider has been driving his 23X just one year and already has made quite a name for himself as a driver.

The 23X had held the lead for 22 laps last Sunday when Ralph Ensign blew a tire and the race was stopped. Angerman took over on the restart until Griner moved in front on the next lap and took the checkered flag.

Some of the other drivers will be Ben Wyman, Bill Diggs, Hal Lewis, Ed Nichols, George Havans, John Bennet, John Villecco, winner of last year's championship, and Ed Kusmaull.

# Villecco Wins; Takes Atco Main Event

9/15/1958

Westville stock car driver Johnny Villecco returned to the winners' spotlight at **Atco Speedway** as he won the 25-lap main event Sunday night after being sidelined for five weeks with motor trouble.

Villecco took over on the ninth lap.

The feature was thrilling as one by one the cars dropped out due to accidents. On the first lap of the feature, little Henry Doerr, Pleasantville, and Herm Fisher, Camden, tangled. The ninth lap found Charlie Ginger and Carl Griner, both of Millville, locking wheels on the first turn. On the same lap, Charlie Angerman was forced out with a bent front axle.

After five restarts, Villecco took the lead from Hal Lewis, Millville, who had held it up to that point.

Promoter Vince Villecco announced racing will be held on Saturday nights at 8.30 starting this week.

Johnny Villecco is in third place for the trophy to be presented on Oct. 18 in Atlantic City. The leader is Carl Griner with eight victories. Angerman is second with six.

## The summaries:

1st heat: Hal Lewis, Millville, Ezra Cox, Camden, Bobby Joyce, Millville.

2nd heat: Charlie Ginger, Millville, Ralph Ensign, Bellmawr, Tony Dell, Philadelphia.

3rd heat: George Havans, Philadelphia, Frankie Leeds, Pleasantville, Johnny Bennett, Mays Landing.

Consolation: Carl Griner, Charles Angerman, Darrold Hay, Philadelphia, Stan Shill, Camden.

Feature: Villecco, F. Leeds, Sal Moschella, Pleasantville, Lewis, Dell, Bennett, Doerr.

# Villecco Eyes 2d Straight At Atco

9/19/1958

Johnny Villecco, of Westville, seeks his second straight feature victory at the **Atco Speedway** when stock car racing resumes there Sunday at 7.30 p. m.

Villecco, long a favorite at the asphalt track, finally gained the checker flag last week after several near misses to take a firmer grip on third place in the point standings at Atco.

The Westville driver had been having a lot of trouble with his No. 10 car, but an engine overhaul appears to have put the car back in good shape.

Sunday, Villecco will be chasing Carl Griner, of Millville, the track's leading driver, who has been getting much of his competition from Charlies Angerman, the Bargaintown speedster.

Both Griner and Angerman had difficulties with their cars in last week's race. Griner was experiencing engine trouble and Angerman was forced out of the race with a bent front axle.

Griner has been a whiz in most of his recent races, coming into contention in every feature after starting back in the field.

Promoter Vince Villecco has announced racing after this week will be held Saturday nights, starting at 8.30 o'clock.

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# Atco Feature Taken by Angerman

9/22/1958

Charles Angerman, Bargaintown, sped to his sixth victory of the season in a 25-lap feature race marked by six accidents on the first eight laps at **Atco Speedway** on Saturday night.

The victory unofficially gave Angerman the lead in the tight race for the points trophy over Carl Griner, Millville, who finished sixth Saturday to drop from the top spot.

The main event had to be stopped and restarted six times. Each of the mishaps involved from six to eight cars. In one, Larry Voss, Brasly Point, suffered a lacerated chin. He was taken to Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital where he was treated and discharged.

After the sixth restart, John Bennett, Pleasantville, forged into the lead.

Angerman, who had started last, finally overtook Bennett on the 20th lap and roared to victory going away. Bennett finished in the second spot while Frank Leeds, Pleasantville, was third.

First race—1, Hal Lewis, Millville; 2, John Ace, Paulsboro; 3, Harry Bachelor, Woodbury. Time: 4.07.

Second race—1, Larry Voss, Brasly Point; 2, Ralph Ensign, Bellmawr; 3, Chas. Ginger, Vineland. Time: 3.58.

Third race—1, Frank Leeds, Pleasantville; 2, George Havens, Philadelphia; 3, Henry Doerr, Egg Harbor. Time: 3.59.

Fourth race—1, Ed Nichols, Hammon-ton; 2, Charles Angerman, Bargaintown; 3, Nick Dale, Philadelphia.

25-lap feature—1, Charles Angerman; 2, John Bennett, Pleasantville; 3, Frank Leeds; 4, Jerry Camp, Camden; 5, Charles Ginger No time, accident.



# Point Leaders Battle in Atco Races

9/27/1958

A hot fight for the winning position in tonight's feature stock car race at the **Atco Speedway** is anticipated as the season draws to a close.

Currently, Carl Griner, Millville; Charlie Angerman, Bargaintown, and Johnny Villecco, are running one-two-three for the South Jersey Stock Car Racing Association point leadership, with Griner only slightly ahead of Villecco.

Angerman gained on Griner and Villecco when he won last Saturday's feature, the two others being forced out through accidents.

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# Point Lead At Stake At Atco

10/3/1958

The South Jersey Stock Car Association championship will be at stake Saturday at the **Atco Speedway** when the first of five events starts at 8.30 p. m.

This will be the last 25-lap feature which will count toward the championship and will be fought out between Carl Griner, Millville, and Charlie Angerman, Bargaintown.

Currently, Griner holds a slight point advantage but could be displaced by Angerman if he wins the feature and Griner finishes out of the money. However, they are so far ahead of the field that the loser automatically will finish in second place.

Johnny Villecco, last year's track champion, has virtually clinched third place. But seven other places are at stake as the 10 highest point-leaders will receive trophies at association's annual dinner Saturday, Oct. 18, at Atlantic City.

So, keen competition is expected in the four 10-lap heats and also the "main" of 25 laps.

Other drivers who are certain to compete are:

Sal Mochello, John Bennett, Frank Leeds, Henry Doerr, Hal Lewis, Earl Collins, Ralph Ensign, Halli Hyder, George Havens, Ed Himmellsback, Larry Voss and "Bugs" Higbee.

In event of rain, the program will be rescheduled for Sunday, starting at 2.30 p. m.

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# Racing Starts At Atco Oval On Sunday

4/18/1959

**Atco Speedway** will open its 1959 racing season Sunday with the first 10-lap heat getting underway at 2.30 p. m.

For the first time Atco races will be sanctioned by NASCAR.

The oval is promoted this year by Bill Vail Jr., aided by his race-father, Bill Vail, who has done such a noteworthy job with Pitman's Alcyon Speedway.

Climax of the afternoon's events will be a 25 lap feature.

Hobbies are also expected to get underway this Sunday.

Top entries in the events include Budd Olsen, National Modified NASCAR point leader in 1958; Jackie McLaughlin, Al Tasnady, Ed Lindsay, Jack Hart, Vince Conrad, Bill Lewis, Bob Gemenden, Bob Becker, Bill Wark, Pee Wee Pobletts, Glenn Guthrie and others.

# Olsen Takes 35-Lap Race At Atco Oval

4/27/1959

Bud Olsen, Paulsboro, won the 35-lap feature stock car race as **Atco Speedway** opened its season Sunday.

More than 1500 watched Olsen grab the advantage for keeps on the 15th lap then fight off the challenges of Charles Cregar, Trenton, and Ed Lindsay, Vineland, over the rest of the route.

Jim Smith, Ridley Park, Pa., set the pace for the first five laps then gave way to Cregar. It stayed that way until Olsen, national NASCAR modified champion, took over. Cregar finished in the second spot, while Lindsay was third.

The program, rescheduled after being rained out last week, was the first conducted by new promoter Bill Vale Jr.

First race—1, Charles Cregar, Trenton; 2, Bob Gemenden, Franklinville; 3, Jim Smith, Ridley Park, Pa.; 4, Vince Conrad, Kutztown. Time, 3.55.5.

Second race—1, Ed Lindsay, Randallstown, Md.; 2, Bob Malzahn, Fords; 3, Al Tasnady, Vineland; 4, Ralph Perkins, Trenton. Time, 3.24.1.

Third race—1, Bud Olsen, Paulsboro; 2, Jim Smith, Ridley Park; 3, Charles Becker, Nooristown, Pa.; 4, Bob McKay, Camden. Time, 3.24.7.

Fourth race—1, Ed Lindsay; 2, Bob Malzahn; 3, Bud Olsen. Time, 2.01.

35 lap feature — 1, Bud Olsen; 2, Charles Cregar; 3, Ed Lindsay; 4, Bob Malzahn; 5, Jim Smith. Time, 11.40.6.

# Second Race Tomorrow

5/2/1959

Atco **Speedway** will open its doors for the second time this season at 2.30 o'clock Sunday with a full card of NASCAR sanctioned stock car races.

Expected back at the White Horse Pike Raceway is Budd Olsen who won the 35-lap inaugural last Sunday with a clean win over Charley Cregar, Ed Lindsay, Bob Malzahn, Jim Smith, Bob Gamenden, Ralph Perkins, Bill Wark, Bob McKay, Charley Decker, Vince Conrad, Jack Hamilton, Bill Lewis, Al Tasnady and Jackie McLaughlin.

A special heat of sportsman cars will be driven by Sal Moschella, Tony Dell, Charley Augerman and Larry Voss. Thus, the top men of four heats will meet together for a trip 25 times around the oval to see who wins the second feature of the year.

Promoter Bill Vail Jr., and his famous promoting dad, Bill Sr., and former well known and popular stock car chauffeur, Chick DiNatale, were more than well pleased with the opening show, which drew a good crowd.



# Wins 25-Lap Race at Atco

5/4/1959

Bob Malzahn, of Ford, roared to victory in the 25-lap feature stock car race at **Atco Speedway** on Sunday.

Malzahn took the advantage from Jim Smith, Ridley Park, Pa., on the 10th lap, then fought off challenges from Ed Lindsey, Randallstown, Md., and Jack McLaughlin, Paulsboro, to the checkered flag.

On the 13th lap, Bud Olsen, Paulsboro, escaped injury when his car went out of control and flipped over. The race had to be halted, but Malzahn stayed in front after the restart.

First race—1. Jim Smith, Ridley Park, Pa.; 2. Bill Wark, Barrington; 3. Frank Leeds, Pleasantville; 4. Charles Angerman, Pleasantville. Time, 3:45.7.

Second race—1. Charles Decker, Camden; 2. Bud Olsen, Paulsboro; 3. Bob Malzahn, Ford; 4. Ed Lindsay, Randallstown, Md. Time 3:21.8.

Third race—1. Jack McLaughlin, Paulsboro; 2. Bob Becker, Barnsboro; 3. Sal Moschella, Pleasantville; 4. Charles Angerman. Time, 3:28.5.

Fourth race (Sportsman)—1. Charles Angerman; 2. Walt Donnell, Pleasantville; 3. Frank Leeds; 4. Ed Nichols, Pleasantville. Time, 4:03.8.

25-lap feature—1. Bob Malzahn; 2. Ed Lindsey; 3. Jack McLaughlin; 4. Charles Decker; 5. Jim Smith. Time, no time, accident.

# Malzahn Victor In Atco Feature

ATCO, N. J., May 3.—Bob Malzahn, of Fords, N. J., today won the feature 25-lap race for modified-sportsman cars at **Atco Speedway**. Ed Lindsay, Randallstown, Md., was second and Jackie McLaughlin, Paulsboro, N. J., was third.

No times were recorded for the 8 $\frac{1}{3}$ -mile event because of a minor accident.

5/4/1959

# Malzahn in Good Racing Form

Bob Malzahn, Keansburg, driver of the "SSS," hot modified stock car, is off to a successful start. Bob won the 25-lap feature event at the Polo Grounds, New York City, on April 25. The following day, Malzahn finished fourth in the 25-lap feature at **ATCO Speedway**, South Jersey. Bob finished in third place during the 1958 MASCAR national modified competition and was the runnerup for the track crown at the Polo Grounds.

5/7/1959

# Atco Stages Third Week Of Races

5/9/1959

Atco **Speedway** will offer its third racing bill of the young season Sunday with the first of what should be four heats, each over a 10-lap route, starting at 2.30 o'clock.

The completion of the four heats, or a combination of 40 laps of half mile hard top driving, should see the fastest cars from these heats being placed into a 25-lap feature.

Jackie McLaughlin, Bill Lewis, Bob Gemenden, Sal Moschella, Charles Decker, Bill Wark, Jim Smith, Walt Donnell, Ed Nichols, Frankie Leeds, Charley Angerman, are just a few of the boys looked for at the White Horse Pike Raceway.

Co-promoter Bill Vail Jr., and Chick DiNatale, the latter a former well known stock car driver just a few years back, are looking for not only a large field of cars but a lot of competitive racing.

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# Weather Postpones Atco Racing Card

5/11/1959

**Atco Speedway** was forced to postpone its scheduled stock car racing program Sunday because of inclement weather. Promoter Bill Vale Jr. announced that racing will be resumed May 24 when the regular program capped by a 25-lap feature will be held at night, starting at 8.30 o'clock.

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# Atco Feature Race Won by Angerman

5/25/1959

Charles Angerman, Pleasantville, came from behind to finish first in the 25-lap feature stock car race here at **Atco Speedway** on Sunday night.

Angerman started in the 15th spot and worked his way gradually up to third. On the 23rd turn around the oval, he took over the lead for keeps.

Larry Voss, Petersburg, made a great bid to overtake Angerman on the final lap. He finished second by less than a car's length.

First race—1, Himmel Bach, Millville; 2, Bob Kattell, Mantua; 3, Bill Kold, Philadelphia; 4, Bill Diggs, Philadelphia.

Second race—1, Larry Voss, Petersburg; 2, Henry Doerr, Egg Harbor; 3, Walt Donald, Sewell; 4, Ed Nichols, Pleasantville.

Third race—1, Carl Griner, Millville; 2, Tony Dell, Philadelphia; 3, Charles Angerman, Pleasantville; 4, Frank Leeds, Pleasantville.

Fourth race—1, Charles Ginger, Pleasantville; 2, Ed Nichols; 3, Walt Donald; 4, Bill Hess, Vineland.

25-lap feature—1, Charles Angerman; 2, Larry Voss; 3, Charles Ginger; 4, Tony Dell; 5, Walt Donald.

# Atco Offers Second Night Of Racing

5/29/1959

The second night show of the season will be offered at the **Atco Speedway** Sunday night at 7.30 o'clock when the members of the South Jersey Stock Car Racing Association descend upon the track.

In their first session last Sunday night it remained for Charley Angerman to outlast Larry Voss in a driving finish in a 25-lap battle. Voss just missed clipping the flying Angerman to finish up in second spot ahead of Carl Ginger, Tony Del and Walt Donald.

They will be opposed by Himmel Bach, Bob Kattell, Bill Kold, and Bill Diggs, Henry Doerr, Ed Nichols, Carl Gringer and and Bill Hess.

An added attraction will be "My Fair Ladies" in a special event of their own, the famous "Powder Puff Derby" and instead of powder puffs flying it will be the stock cars that the girls will wheel around.

# 'Powder' Derby On Stock Card

A "Powder Puff Derby" will be an added attraction on the second stock car program at **Atco Speedway** tonight. The first heat will start at 7:30.

Four 10-lap heats will be climaxed by a 25-lap feature with South Jersey Stock Car Racing Association drivers participating.

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# Atco Car Races To Start Friday

The stock car racing season at the **Atco Speedway** gets underway Friday night with the first of five scheduled races starting at 8.30 o'clock.

4/28/1960

Co-promoters Harry Van Dyke and Pete Crescitelli, of Vineland, announced four 10-lap races will precede the 25-lap feature over the three-eighths mile asphalt oval.

Drivers from the Cracker Jax's, of Vineland, and the South Jersey Stock Car Racing Association, of Pleasantville, will compete at Atco this season.

Among them are such veterans as Henry Doerr, Carl Griner, Charlie Angerman, Sal Moschel-lo, Larry Voss, Tony Dell, Hal Lewis, Mel Halloway, and Frank Leeds.

# Will Cagle Wins Feature at ATCO

8/24/1960

ATCO — Will Cagle, top New Jersey sportsmen driver, won his second straight at **Atco Speedway** Sunday when he topped Tony Dell and Bunky Higbee in the 25-lap open competition feature.

Three heat races earlier in the evening went to Al Herman, Hal Lewis and Cagle. After breaking down in the third heat, Carl Griner went on to win the consolation event.

Atco will continue to have open competition, anything goes, races every Sunday night.

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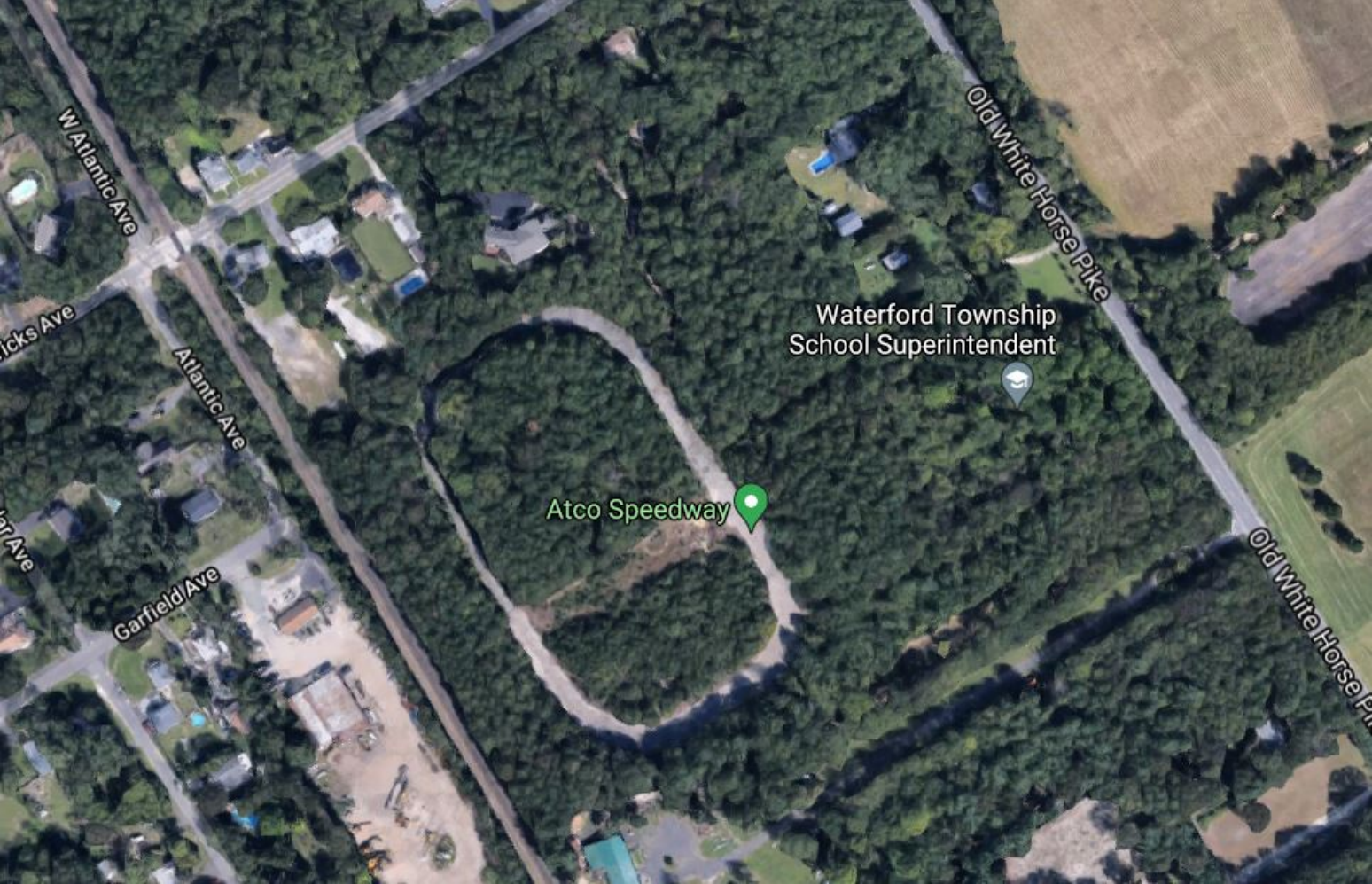
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