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AUTO RACES PLANNED AT CLARK SPEEDWAY

WESTFIELD, Sept. 22.—Competition on the newly build Clark Township Speedway, located just outside of Westfield, will be inaugurated Tuesday night when a series of midget automobile races will be staged.

The races will be sponsored by Arthur Lord of Westfield. On the opening night Mayor Schultz of Westfield will cut the tape for the first race to officially open the speedway.

9/22/1934

NIGHT RACES

CLARK TOWNSHIP SPEEDWAY

(Near Westfield, N. J.)

Midget Auto Races

TUESDAY

SEPTEMBER

25th

9/23/1934

8:30 P. M.

ADMISSION, 50c, 75c--Tax Included

Sanctioned by National Midget Auto Racing Ass'n

Midget Races at Clark Township

9/23/1934

WESTFIELD, Sept. 22. — The **Clark Township Speedway**, located just outside of Westfield, will open Tuesday night with a card of midget auto races. The newly built track will be the mecca of auto pilots of New Jersey on the opening night and a large field is expected to take part in the program.

Cars entered in the races must have less than 100 cubic inches piston displacement, 70-inch wheelbase and 40-inch tread.

Mayor Schultz of Westfield will cut the tape for the first race at the opening on Tuesday night. Commissioners Lang and Knoll of Westfield will also take part in the opening program.

Midget Racers Start Tonight At New Track

10/5/1934

Popular New Sport to Get Airing In This Sec- tion Tonight at **Clark Township Speedway**

Midget auto racing, a popular sport on the West Coast and one that is rapidly gaining attention in the East, will come to this section tonight when a program of small-car events is staged at the new **Clark Township Speedway** near Westfield.

The races will be conducted by the National Midget Auto Racing Association and starting tonight will be held every Friday evening until the weather prohibits further meets. The track, newly constructed, is a one-fifth of a mile affair. Opening of the races has been held up several weeks pending completion of the track.

Sam Little, local sportsman, is in charge of the track while Al Stewart of Morristown will start the races. Joseph Meaney of this city will announce the events.

The Midget events have been attracting record crowds in the East since brought here and many leading drivers have abandoned the big cars to compete. Such well known drivers as Bozo Balus, Chuck Tabor, Harry Dunne, Henry Guerand and others are scheduled to drive in tonight's events.

The cars despite their size oft-times reach a speed of 60 to 70 miles an hour and a great deal of close competition usually results. The spills and skids of the big cars are echoed by the little affairs although fortunately accidents are usually less severe.

Ten events are scheduled tonight with the races scheduled for an 8:30 p. m. start. The track can be reached by taking Terrill Road to the abandoned schoolhouse and continuing straight ahead instead of turning right to Rahway.

Sam Little, local auto racing promoter, is dickering to take over one of the most famous racing ovals in this section. Little probably will also govern the activities at the **Clark Township** midget **track** although no definite announcements are ready as yet for that spot.

3/6/1935

Incorporation Papers

Filed for **Auto** Track

3/30/1935

The Courier-News Elizabeth Bureau

Elizabeth — For the purpose of establishing an automobile **racing** track in **Clark Township**, the **Clark Township Racing** Association, with headquarters at 120 North Avenue, Plainfield, filed a certificate of incorporation yesterday with County Clerk Neil McLeod Jr. With construction of the track, competition will be immediately introduced, probably during the ensuing summer and fall seasons.

Midget Auto Racing To Start Near Here

Midget auto racing will make its start at the **Clark Township Speedways** on May 19. The track is located between Rahway and Westfield on Raritan Road. Sam Little, noted auto racing promoter of this section, will also handle the match-making end of it at the Clark Township races.

4/30/1935

Sam Little, local racing promoter, announces that the midget car racing will open in this section on Sunday, May 19 at the **Clark Township Speedway**. This track, located between Westfield and Rahway, is a fifth of a mile affair with Little being in charge of operations for the promoters. Many are looking forward to getting their first look at the midgets.—

5/2/1935

Getting more of a kick out of their midget cars than the big machines, a number of well-known auto racing drivers, both of the Three-A and Independent ranks, are planning to continue to race their midgets this summer on outdoor tracks to the exclusion of the big wagons. Chuck Tabor of Bloomfield, one of the most promising of the Three-A drivers, is in this group. Tabor, Bozo Balus, Wild Bill Holmes, Mike Lowack, Myke Collins and others who have raced at New Market Speedway in the past will be seen in their midgets at the new **Clark Township Speedway** when that fifth of a mile oval opens its season under Sam Little's direction on Sunday, May 19. Large crowds were attracted to indoor meets at most of the larger cities of the country by the midgets during the winter.

5/9/1935

GOSSIPY SPORT NOTES

Among the drivers who will be seen in action in the midget car auto races at the **Clark Township Speedway** on Sunday, May 19 is George Villa of Westfield. Villa did well during the winter at the New York Coliseum and is now building a second car for the outdoor events. With the midgets being taken under the sanction of the AAA, it is likely that the leading race pilots of the country will fill in their open dates by driving the small motors and there is little doubt that many of these ranking stars will race for Sam Little at the Clark Township oval. Johnny Hannon and Bob Sall are two aces who know the midgets well and may try their hand at the outdoor races.

Clark Township

Speedway Opens

Sunday Afternoon

5/14/1935

Midget auto racing, newest speed thrill, will be presented to New Jersey racing fans on Sunday afternoon next when the season opens at the Clark Township Speedway between Westfield and Rahway.

A new fifth of a mile track has been built there by Westfield interests in addition to a plant which will seat 5,000 persons. The midgets thrilled thousands of spectators through the larger cities of the country during the winter season and are expected to make just as many friends outdoors.

Outstanding pilots of the AAA and independent auto racing ranks will be seen in action at the Clark speedway on Sunday afternoon in an eight-event card. Some of the speedsters scheduled to race their little cars are: Wild Bill Holmes, Mike Lowack, Bozo Balus, Chuck Tabor, George Villa, Johnny Duncan, Myke Collins and Bill Scarince.

A big prize slip has been offered which no doubt will attract midget car owners from all Eastern points.

Holmes Enters Midget Races

5/16/1935

"Wild Bill" Holmes, kingfish of the Eastern midget auto-racing stars, will be one of the stars to be seen in action at the midget races scheduled Sunday at the Clark Township Speedway between Westfield and Rahway.

Holmes has sent in his entry and will drive a Hauptner Special, the same car which enabled the New York driver to clean up week after week at the New York Coliseum races during the winter season.

Others who are scheduled to compete are: Chuck Tabor, Mike Lowack, Herman Venth, Kingsley Woodsworth and George Villa. Ten events are scheduled with at least 20 cars competing over the fifth of a mile oval.

Al Stewart of Morristown, AAA starter, will serve in that capacity for the Clark Township events, assuring fans of well conducted races.

Midget Races

5/17/1935

Fans were assured of proper handling of the midget car auto races scheduled for the **Clark Township Speedway**, between Westfield and Rahway, when Manager Sam Little announced that sanctioned officials had been secured to handle the details.

Al Stewart, well known Morris-town AAA official, will handle the flags at Sunday's meet while Mrs. Stewart, the only woman checker sanctioned by Three-A in the United States, will serve in that capacity for the little cars. The two were in a great way responsible for the proper conducting of small-car events indoors last winter.

This type of official is available for the midget events through the fact that the AAA is scheduled to take over this branch of racing in the very near future.

Stewart will handle the flags on such well-known racing drivers as Wild Bill Holmes, Mike Lowack, Chuck Tabor, Herman Venth, Kingsley Woodsworth and George Villa in Sunday's races over the new fifth of a mile Clark Township oval.

Ten events will be staged including qualifying heats for the feature event, handicap and match races, etc. The program will get under way at 2 o'clock.

Midget Cars

5/18/1935

Holmes, Balus, Other Stars Will Drive at Clark Township Oval

Midget-car **auto racing** will make its debut in this section tomorrow afternoon when a 10-event program is staged at the **Clark Township** Speedway between Westfield and Rahway. The track is a new fifth of a mile affair especially suited to the small cars and is under the management of Sam Little of this city.

Stewart to Start

The program is slated to get under way at 2 o'clock with at least 20 cars competing in the 10 events which will include qualifying heats and the feature race in addition to special match and handicap events. Al Stewart of Morristown will serve as starter with other Three-A officials are aiding in conducting the program.

One of the leading drivers to appear is Wild Bill Holmes of New York. Holmes won the majority of the feature events at the New York Coliseum during the winter and also scored in mid-Western meets. He will drive the speedy Hauptner Special which carried him to victory time and again during the indoor season.

Another leading contender will be Bob Balus, veteran of all types of **auto racing** and well known to former patrons of the New Market Speedway. Bozo gained some at-

tention here two years back with his leaps from the rear of the speeding race car. Since the advent of the small cars Balus has come to the fore rapidly and is rated as one of Holmes' greatest rivals for the kingfish title. His customary devil-may-care attitude has stood him in good stead in the little cars.

Mike Lowack, Chuck Tabor, Kingsley Woodsworth, George Villa, Herman Venth and others of like caliber are also scheduled to compete and it is expected that several big-car race pilots will be on hand with no AAA race meets scheduled tomorrow in the East.

A number of out-of-state cars are also expected with Manager Little today receiving a wire from George Tuttle of Bridgeport, Conn., that he would be on hand with a fast car. Others probably will come from that location as well.

Despite their size, the midgets reach fair speeds and the sport is as dangerous as the big-car events with the usual slides, skids, etc., providing thrills. Many of the greatest drivers of the country found their skill tested with the midgets during the winter.

The **Clark Township** Speedway can be reached from Plainfield via Terrill Road and from Westfield by Central Avenue, turning right into Raritan Road.

Canfield Gains Feature Midget Automobile Race

5/2/1935

Pete Canfield of Bridgeport, Conn., won the feature 20-lap race as midget auto racing was inaugurated at the **Clark Township Speedway** yesterday afternoon. Canfield sped over the fifth of a mile track, 20 laps, in 6 minutes, 2 seconds.

Second honors went to Mickey Lowack of Brooklyn while Bill Krantz of Long Island was third. Qualifying heats were won by Wild Bill Holmes, George Villa, Canfield, Bill Heinsch and Bill Scarince.

The summaries:

Qualifying heat, 8 laps — first, Holmes, Brooklyn; second, Lowack, Brooklyn; third, Canfield, Bridgeport; time—2:17.2.

Qualifying heat, 8 laps — first, Villa, Westfield; second, Dick, Long Island; third, Rye, New York City; time—2:55.

Qualifying heat, 8 laps — first, Canfield, Bridgeport; second, Krantz, Long Island; third, Trepino, Bridgeport; time—2:21.

Qualifying heat, 8 laps — first, Heinsch, Mt. Vernon; second, Marlow, Newark; third, Scarince, Passaic; time—2:31.2.

Consolation, 8 laps—first, Scarince, Passaic; second, Heinsch, Mt. Vernon; third, Gritzlock, New York; time—2:25.1.

Feature, 20 laps—first, Canfield, Bridgeport; second, Lowack, Brooklyn; third, Krantz, Long Island; time—6.2.

Time trials—tie between Holmes, Lowack, Canfield—17 seconds.

—Midget auto races at the **Clark Township Speedway** will be discontinued until a number of improvements are made in the plant. The promoters went for plenty on last Sunday's events because of a big prize slip given the drivers of the little wagons. 5/22/1935

6/26/1935

WILL REOPEN TRACK

Claiming that they learned plenty as the result of their first race which cost them plenty but found them going through with the entire program, officials of the midget auto-race track at Clark Township plan to open night midget racing on Tuesday evening, July 2.

Track conditions will be changed to keep down the dust and other alterations probably will be made in seating arrangements to better take care of the fans. A new group of midget races has been signed up headed by such well known figures as Larry Beals and Rick Decker.

If the promoters of the Clark Township track make the changes they have promised and get a good break from the racing association, there is every reason to believe that this type of racing under the big bulbs can be made an outstanding success. Properly conducted this type of racing should add a great deal to the summer outdoor sports program of this vicinity.

Night Midget Races to Open Next Tuesday

6/28/1935

Midget auto racing under the lights will be inaugurated at the Clark Township Speedway, near Westfield, on Tuesday night, July 2. The track is a one-fifth mile affair, newly built.



6/29/1935

*Missing from the auto race ranks for some time, Firman Lawshe of Flemington will be seen in action again on Tuesday night when he drives a midget car in the races scheduled for the **Clark Township Speedway** near Westfield. Lawshe is one of the well known AAA drivers who will pilot the little wagons under the lights on the new fifth-mile track.*

Midget Auto Races

Scheduled on Tuesday

6/30/1935

Midget auto racing under the lights will be inaugurated at the **Clark Township Speedway**, near Westfield, on Tuesday night. The track is a one-fifth mile affair, newly built.

A full program will be offered with the competing cars being supplied by the American Midget Association which is headed by the former AAA racing stars, Rick Decker of Staten Island and Larry Beals of Boston.

The two "headman" are scheduled to drive along with other well known sanctioned auto race pilots such as Lloyd Broshart of Dunellen, Firman Lawshe of Flemington, Johnny Concannon of Germantown, Pa., and Charles Goggi of Staten Island.

The time trials will start at 7:45 p. m.

Three-A Stars Will Drive in Midget Events

7/1/1935

Well known AAA auto racing drivers will try their hands at piloting the midget racing machines on the program of races scheduled tomorrow evening at the **Clark Township Speedway** between Westfield and Rahway. The races will start with the time trials at 7:45 o'clock.

Such well known aces of the dirt tracks as Johnny Concannon, Firman Lawshe, Lloyd Broshart, Larry Beals, Rick Decker and Charlie Goggi will be seen in action. Goggi is an interesting character as well as a good driver and is known as the smallest man in the racing game, his build being perfect for the small cars.

Work was completed last week in arranging lights for the night events around the fifth of a mile track while other construction work was done on the track to make it as fine as any midget oval in the East.

The races will be put on by the American Midget Association with Westfield men as promoters.

Night Midget Auto Races at Nearby Track

7/2/1935

Ace Drivers to Race Tonight at New Clark Township Speedway—Rick Decker in Charge

Midget auto racing returns to this section tonight with a lengthy program of races scheduled under the lights at the Clark Township Speedway, between Westfield and Rahway. The track is located just off Terrill Road with the time trials scheduled to start at 7:45 o'clock.

The track is a new fifth of a mile affair and has been treated with chemicals to prevent dust. Races will be staged under the direction of the American Midget Association, promoters to be Westfield men.

Arrangements at the track will be under the direction of the well-known AAA racing stars of national fame, Rick Decker of Staten Island and Larry Beals of Boston along with Charles Goggi, also of Staten Island and called the smallest racing driver in the country.

Among the other well-known racers who are scheduled to compete are Lloyd Broshart of Dunellen, Firman Lawshe of Flemington, and Johnny Concannon of Germantown, Pa.

The midget cars belonging to the American Midget Association are said to be the smallest in the game but as fast as any now racing in the East.

Dick Captures Top Money in Midget Races

7/3/1935

West New York Driver Wins 25-Lap Feature At Clark Township— Turns Car Over Later

Night midget auto racing was inaugurated at the **Clark Township Speedway** last night with Art Dick of West New York racing off with the feature 25-lap event after a hectic battle with Edgar Reid of New Brunswick.

After leading for 20 laps Reid slid into the infield and lost first position to the hard-riding Dick, but immediately piloted his car back on the track to grab second money from the heavy-footed Quinty Villa of Westfield, who pressed through-out. The time for the 25 laps was 7:50.1.

Immediately after the feature Dick engaged in a match race with Dave Harris of New York and nar-

rowly escaped serious injury when his car overturned on the second lap. Leading into the first turn, Dick's car rolled over on him with Harris barely escaping a wreck. A few minutes after the crackup Dick was walking about and chatting about his thrill.

Ten races were presented in all with such stars as Firman Lawshe, Frankie Bailey, Johnny Concannon and others taking part in the events. Rick Decker and Larry Beals, Indianapolis aces, were unable to ride because of damaged cars. A feature performer was 22-year-old Charlie Goggi, who stands but three feet, six inches in height. Racing will be continued next Tuesday.

The summaries:

8-lap heat—first, Edgar Reid, New Brunswick; second, Beanie Jann, Grant City, L. I.; third, Tom Pinter, Perth Amboy. Time 2:17.2.

8-lap heat—first, Art Dick, West New York; second, Ken Stowe, Morristown; third, John Concannon, Germantown, Pa. Time 2:15.

8-lap heat—first, Firman Lawshe, Flemington; second, Quinty Villa, Westfield; third, Frank Maple, Bound Brook. Time—2:17.1.

8-lap heat—first, Larry Ball, Staten Island; second, Tom Pinter, Perth Amboy; third, John Concannon, Germantown, Pa. Time—3:20.2.

10-lap consolation—first, Frank Bailey, Hoboken; second, Frank Maple, Bound Brook; third, John Murphy, New York. Time—3:50.

25-lap feature event—first, Art Dick, West New York; second, Edgar Reid, New Brunswick; third, Quinty Villa, Westfield. Time—7:50.1.

4-lap helmet dash—first, Frank Bailey, Hoboken; second, Firman Lawshe, Flemington; third, Beanie Jann, Grant City. Time—1:11.2.

Four-cornered pursuit race—first, Frank Bailey, Hoboken; second, Quinty Villa, Westfield. Distance—25 laps, time—7:22.

5-lap match race—first, John Murphy, New York; second, Charlie Goggi, Staten Island. Time—1:35.

5-lap match race—first, Dave Harris, New York; second, Edgar Reid, New Brunswick.

DICK WINS MIDGET AUTO RACE EASILY

7/3/1935

Narrowly Escapes Death As Car Spills In Another Race

(By Associated Press)

Westfield, July 3—Victory and a narrow escape from disaster were the lot of Arthur Dick, West New York speed merchant, in last night's midget automobile racing program at the **Clark Township Speedway**

Dick led Edgar Reid of New Brunswick and Squinty Villa of Westfield home across the finish line in the 25-lap feature. His time was 7:50 1-5.

In a match race with Dave Harrison of New York, Dick's car overturned in the second lap but the driver landed safely at the side of the track.

Midgets to Race Again on Tues.

7/5/1935

Midget auto racing under the lights having made a hit with the fans at the Clark Township Speedway near Westfield, races will be continued there next Tuesday night with a full program of at least 10 events. The track is a one-fifth mile affair.

Art Dick of West New York who performed so capably in capturing the feature event last Tuesday night will be back as will Edgar Reid of New Brunswick who finished second. Reid led with four laps to go in the feature race only to spin into the infield. Reid insists he will top Dick next week.

Other drivers scheduled to see action are: Rick Decker of Staten Island; Larry Beals of Boston, Charlie Goggl of Staten Island, Johnny Concannon of Germantown, Pa.; Firman Lawshe of Flemington, Frankie Bailey of New Brunswick and others. The program will open at 7:45 p.m. with the time trials.

Midget Driver in Midget Auto Race

7/7/1935

The smallest auto racing driver in the world will be seen in action at the **Clark Township Speedway** night midget auto races on Tuesday night. The track is a one-fifth mile affair between Westfield and Rahway.

The diminutive driver is Charlie Goggi of Staten Island whose height of 3 feet, 6 inches belies his 22 years. Regardless of his size Goggi is a capable pilot of the midget racing cars and is also a student of the game.

Young Westfield Ace to Drive In Midget Events

7/8/1935

Among the leading contestants in the midget auto races scheduled tomorrow night at the fifth-mile **Clark Township Speedway** near Westfield is 18-year old Quinty Villa of Westfield.

Villa was one of the stars of last week's fine show under the lights and will be back in his blue colored No. 11 midget car. Villa believes he is headed for victory tomorrow night if only because of his association with the Clark Township track.

Living but a short distance from the track, Villa has taken advantage of that fact to practice there at every opportunity. The result is that he has mastered the turns and takes fewer skids than other drivers. His car also is so constructed that he can keep his foot on the gas throughout the lap, gaining him valuable ground.

However, he will go up against star opposition tomorrow in the persons of such well known drivers as: Frankie Bailey, Rick Decker, Larry Beals, Art Dick, Edgar Reid, Johnny Concannon, Firman Lawshe and others.

RACES POSTPONED

Midget automobile races at Clark Township Speedway, scheduled tonight, have been postponed because of a wet track, to next Tuesday evening. 7/9/1935

Midgets to Ride On Tues. Night

Rained out last Tuesday night, the American Midget Racing Association drivers will return to the **Clark Township Speedway**, near Westfield, on Tuesday night to present a program of midget auto racing under the lights.

Art Dick of West New York, who won the 25-lap feature two weeks back, will be on hand to defend his laurels against such aces as Rick Decker, Larry Beals, Johnny Concannon, Frankie Bailey, Edgar Reid, Firman Lawshe and a dozen others.

At least 10 events will be staged with the time trials starting at 7:45 p. m.

Villa Will Race At Clark Track

7/13/1935

Quinty Villa, young Westfield auto racing pilot, will drive one of two cars owned by a group of Westfielders in the midget auto racing events at the Clark Township Speedway near Westfield on Tuesday night under the lights.

Villa will drive the little blue racer No. 11 in which he did so well two weeks back at the Clark Speedway. This car is a mate of the one which George Miller drove to a record at Camden recently.

Aided by his fast car and familiarity with the track, Villa is expected to provide stiff opposition for Frankie Bailey, Rick Decker, Larry Beals, Edgar Reid, Firman Lawshe and other stars in the 10-event card.

Midget Races Due Tonight, Nearby Track

7/16/1935

Decker, Seals, Lawshe And Other Stars to Compete Under Lights, Clark Twp. Speedway

A full program of midget auto racing will be staged at the **Clark Township Speedway** tonight with outstanding drivers entered representing the American Midget Racing Association. At least 10 events will be staged under the lights with the first race being scheduled for a 7:45 o'clock.

One of the leading entrants is Rick Decker of Staten Island, former Indianapolis star and known wherever racing cars have appeared. Decker's old partner of the big-car racing days will also be on hand, namely Larry Beals of Boston.

Another who is slated to compete is Art Dick of West New York, who won the feature 25-lap event two weeks back. Edgar Reid, New Brunswick veteran, will also be present seeking to take Dick's measure after losing the feature to the West New York ace two weeks ago when he went into a skid with three laps to go.

Frankie Bailey of Hoboken, Quinty Villa of Westfield, Johnny Concannon of Germantown, Pa.; Frank Maple of Bound Brook; Ferman Lawshe of Flemington, Tom Pinter of Perth Amboy, Charles Goggi of Staten Island, Beanie Jann of Grand City, L. I., and Ken Stowe of Morristown are others scheduled to see action in the little racing machines.

Ball to Defend Midget Laurels

7/18/1935

Larry Ball of St. George, S. I., winner of the feature 25-lap race at the **Clark Township Speedway** midget auto events on Tuesday night, yesterday signed to return next Tuesday evening to defend his laurels. Ball won out after a sensational battle with Firman Lawshe of Flemington and Frank Maple of Bound Brook.

Among Ball's rivals next Tuesday under the lights will be Art Dick of West New York, the winner of the main event two weeks back. Lawshe, Maple and others will also return.

Midget Races Will Continue

7/22/1935

Stars of the big car ranks as well as newcomers who have come to the fore of late in the small speedsters will be seen in action in the midget auto racing card scheduled under the lights at the **Clark Township Speedway**, near Westfield tomorrow night.

Among those who will be seen in action are Firman Lawshe of Flemington, Frankie Bailey of New Brunswick, Edgar Reid of New Brunswick, Rick Decker of Staten Island, Larry Ball of St. George, S.I. Art Dick of West New York and Quinty Villa of Westfield.

Special interest will surround Ball and Dick, winners of the two features at the Clark Township track to date. Dick was unable to do his best last week because of an injury but should be in condition for Tuesday night's meet. There is some talk of staging a match race between the two stars.

At least 10 events will be staged with the time trials starting at 7:45 o'clock.

Midget Races Due Tonight, Nearby Track

7/23/1935

An interesting meeting between Art Dick of West New York and Larry Ball of St. George, S. I., will be one of the features of the midget auto racing card at the **Clark Township Speedway**, near Westfield, tonight under the lights.

The two are winners of the 25-lap feature events to date and are expected to be in the thick of the competition for tonight's main race. Ball turned in some sensational driving to win last week and probably will be favored tonight.

Another contender is Quinty Villa of Westfield who drove brilliantly last week only to be forced out by motor trouble. Firman Lawshe of Flemington, Frank Maple of Bound Brook, Charlie Goggi of Staten Island, Ken Stone of Morristown and Edgar Reid are others who are given a chance to cop. In addition there are several new entries scheduled to compete with new cars.

Tonight's program will get under way at 7:45 p. m. with the time trials and will be composed of several special events in addition to the qualifying heats and consolation for the final event.

Races Postponed

Rain last night caused the postponement of the midget auto races scheduled at **Clark Township Speedway** until next Tuesday night. Stars of the American Midget Racing Association will compete. 7/24/1935

Midget Races Due Tonight, Nearby Track

7/30/1935

Frankie Bailey of New Brunswick Will Compete Under Lights at Clark T'w'p Speedway

Midget **auto racing** will be continued tonight, weather permitting, at the **Clark Township** Speedway, near Westfield with a program of approximately 10 races. Two of the last three programs at the nearby track have been washed out but promoters and drivers are hoping for a better break tonight.

The races will get under way in the vicinity of 7:45 o'clock with the time trials with qualifying heats for the feature event and special races being staged along with the 25-lap main contest.

Art Dick of West New York and Larry Ball of St. George, S. I. winners of a recent main event at the **Clark Township** fitch-mile track, will head the field while others to be seen in action are Quinty Villa of Westfield, Firman Lawshe of Flemington, Frank Maple of Bound Brook, Ken Stowe of Morristown, Charlie Goggi of Staten Island Edgar Reid of New Brunswick and others.

Frankie Bailey, youthful New Brunswick speedster, has notified the promoters that he will be on hand again tonight and probably will have a new car. In his only appearance at the track some weeks back, Bailey turned in a brilliant performance and is looked upon as a real threat for tonight's feature.

Meyers Captures Midget Feature

7/31/1935

Clark Township—Bob Meyers of New Dorp made a clean sweep last night at the **Clark Township** midget automobile races. Bob equaled the track record to make the best qualifying time, and then went on to win the fast car race and the 25-lap feature sweepstakes event.

Bob had trouble making his new job perk just right before the race but was clearly the class of the evening as he almost lapped the field in the feature event.

Eight-lap races were won by Gene Francis of Long Island and Ken Stone of Red Bank. Frank Maple won the helmet dash, and Art Dick took consolation honors. Charles Goggi of Stapleton, a real midget **auto** racer, not much over four feet tall, raced a dead heat in a match race with Art Dick.

An unscheduled thrill was given the large crowd of cash customers when Dave Harris attempted to regain some of his lost distance in one of the eight-lap events, and climbed up on Joe Thatch's car and turned over. He looked to be in a bad way, but examination by the doctor found him suffering only minor bruises.

The summaries:

Best qualifying time—Bob Meyers, New Dorp, 16 seconds (equals record).

Fast car race, 8 laps—Won by Bob Meyers, New Dorp; second, Frank Maple, Bound Brook; third, Beanie Jann, Grand City; time, 2:12.2.

8-lap race—Won by Gene Francis, Long Island; second, Firman Lawshee, Flemington; time, 2:37.

8-lap race—Won by Ken Stone, Red Bank; second, Frank Bailey, New Brunswick; time, 2:19.

Helmet dash, 4 laps—Won by Frank Maple, Bound Brook; time, 1.8.

Consolation race, 10 laps—Won by A. Dick, North Bergen; second, Joe Thatch, New Monmouth; time, 3:10.

Feature sweepstakes, 25 laps—Won by Bob Meyers, second, Art Dick; time, 7.2.

Big-Car Drivers Meet New Stars In Midget Races

8/3/1935

Well-known racing drivers who have extended the scope of their activities to the midget auto racing ranks will be seen in action at the fifth-mile Clark Township Speedway on Tuesday evening under the lights along with other riders who have come to the fore with the launching of this new type of speed mania.

Such well-known aces of the big-car ranks as Firman Lawshe of Flemington, Frankie Bailey of New Brunswick, Edgar Reid of New Brunswick, Rick Decker of Staten Island and others will match skill and courage with such newcomers as Bob Meyers of New Dorp, Beanie Jann of Grand City, S. I., Frank Maple of Bound Brook, Larry Ball of St. George, S. I., and others.

Approximately 10 events will be staged under the big bulbs at the Clark Township track with the time trials, always an interesting feature in the midget ranks, getting under way at 7:45 o'clock.

Match Event Likely to Top Midget Races

8/5/1935

Plan Special Contest at Clark T'w'p Oval Be- tween Winners of Past Three Feature Events

A match race between the three winners of the recent feature races at the **Clark Township Speedway** midget auto races may be one of the features of the lengthy program scheduled at the nearby track tomorrow night under the lights.

Tom Brown, track manager, is attempting to arrange a five-lap contest between the winners as an additional feature of an already promising program. If successful in his attempts he will send out three of the most capable drivers if Art Dick of West New York, Larry Ball of St. Georges, L. I. and Bob Meyers of New Dorp. All three have shown unusual ability in handling their cars over the tricky fifth-mile track at Clark Township and is staged,

should be one of the outstanding events of the evening.

In addition to the match race the trio will compete in the qualifying heats and 25-lap feature event where they will meet such outstanding drivers as Frankie Bailey, Frank Maple, Quinty Villa, Edgar Reid and others. Each of the previous winners will seek an additional financial award for being the first to repeat in the main event.

Repeaters in the midget events are few as the result of the numerous hazards the drivers must face. Unless the pilot qualifies well in the trials and finishes well up in the qualifying heats, he faces an almost impossible task in capturing the feature.

As the result of this situation each of the events including the trials is packed with thrills as the drivers down the throttle in hopes of getting a lead berth.

Approximately 10 events will be staged with the time trials getting under way at 7:45 o'clock.

One of the cars to compete in tomorrow night's events is on display in the HOB Motors, Park Avenue, this city. It is the car owned by the former Indianapolis driver, Rick Decker.

Midget Races Due Tonight

8/6/1935

Midget auto racing under the lights will be offered at the **Clark Township Speedway**, between Westfield and Rahway, tonight with the program opening at 7:45 o'clock with the time trials.

Approximately 10 events will be held with several special events scheduled in addition to the usual qualifying heats for the 25-lap feature event. One of the specials will probably be a match race between Larry Ball of St. Georges, S. I., Art Dick of West New York and Bob Myers of New Dorp, winners of recent feature events at Clark Township.

Other drivers who will be seen in action are: Firman Lawshe of Flemington, Frank Maple of Bound Brook, Quinty Villa of Westfield, Ken Stone of Morristown, Frank Bailey of New Brunswick and Edgar Reid of New Brunswick.

Lawshe Captures Midget Feature

8/7/1935

Firman Lawshe, ace Flemington speed pilot, captured top honors in the midget auto races staged under the lights at the Clark Township Speedway last night.

Lawshe, victim of unfortunate breaks in recent midget events, won the 25-lap feature event on last evening's program in the time of 6:28.3 after tying for first place in the time trials with Boy Meyers of New Dorp and winning the fast-car race.

Lawshe led Dick Cressman of Old Bridge and Ken Stone of Red Bank to the tape in that order in the feature. There were no accidents.

Slate 10-Event

Midget Racing Card at Clark

8/10/1935

Another strong field of midget auto racing drivers will gather at the **Clark Township Speedway**, near Westfield, on Tuesday night to compete in a 10-event program under the lights. The card will open at 7:45 o'clock with the time trials.

Firman Lawshe, popular Flemington driver, will be back in an attempt to score his second straight victory in the feature 25-lap race, a feat no driver has been able to accomplish this season over the fifth-mile Clark Township track.

Bob Meyers, Larry Ball and Art Dick, other winners of feature events at the track, will also be on hand in an attempt to be the first to take top money twice at Clark Township. Edgar Reid, Frank Bailey, Quinty Villa, Charles Goggi, Frank Maple and Beanie Jann are others slated to drive.

Midget Races Due Tonight

8/13/1935

Midget **auto racing** under the lights will be staged again at **Clark Township** this evening with the time trials opening the program at 7:45 o'clock. The events will be sponsored by the American Midget **Racing** Association.

Among the leading entries are Firman Lawshe of Flemington, Art Dic'c of West New York, Larry Ball of St. George, Bob Meyers, Frank Maple, Edgar Reid, Ken Stone and Quinty Villa.

Approximately 10 events will be staged with Lawshe attempting to score his second victory in the 25-lap feature event, a feat no driver has been able to accomplish this season.

Jaun Is Victor In Midget Race At Clark Track

8/14/1935

The jinx which has prevented any driver from scoring more than one victory in the feature 25-lap event at the Clark Township Speedway midget races this season was in effect last night with Beanie Jann of Grant City, S. I., becoming the fifth man to take top honors while other former winners trailed.

Jann captured the main event in the excellent time of 7:02 $\frac{4}{5}$ with W. R. Pierce of Long Branch, second and Harry Scheeler of Paterson, third. Bob Meyers, a former main event winner, sheared off a wheel while in second place and thus lost a chance to crack the jinx.

Other races were won by Jann, Pierce and Meyers while Ken Stone of Red Bank defeated Pierce in a match race and Jann defeated Scheeler. Meyers time of 16.4 in the time trials was the best of the evening.

Big Field Likely For Midget Races

8/17/1935

A challenge to the ace drivers of the American Midget Racing Association is seen in the results of recent programs at the Clark Township Speedway, near Westfield, where independent drivers have been earning a major share of midget auto racing honors under the lights.

Despite the advantage over better and faster cars, the Association drivers have been hard pressed to maintain their superiority over newcomers willing to take more than their share of chances in order to get into the top money.

As the result of this situation, Director Charles Goggi has called upon every driver of the AMRA to be on hand next Tuesday night at the Clark Township track to aid in maintaining the reputation of that organization. The result likely will be the best racing of the season.

Time trials started at 8 o'clock with approximately 10 events scheduled.

Slate Midget Races Tonight

8/20/1935

Midget auto races under the lights will be held at the Clark Township Speedway tonight, a lengthy program getting under way at 8 o'clock with the time trials.

A full field of drivers is expected with a call being sent out by Charlie Goggi for every member of the American Midget Racing Association to turn out and seek to halt the honors from going to independent drivers as has been the custom of late.

In addition to the time trials and the 25-lap feature event, there will be the usual qualifying heats in addition to several specialties and match races.

Art Dick Wins Midget Feature

8/21/1935

Clark Township — Art Dick of West New York finally cracked the jinx which has prevented past winners of feature midget auto races at the **Clark Township Speedway** from repeating and scored his second win in the 15-lap event here last night.

Beanie Jann of Grant City, S. I., was second and Ken Stone of Red Bank third in the time of 6:01.

Dick also won two other events at the fifth-mile local speedway while other races were taken by Dick Cressman of Old Bridge, Bob Meyers of New Dorp and Jann.

Dick Will Seek 3rd Midget Win At Clark Track

8/26/1935

Midget auto racing under the lights will be offered again at the **Clark Township Speedway**, near Westfield, tomorrow evening, the final night program of the year with promoters planning to shift activities to Sunday afternoons starting early next month.

Among the entrants is Art Dick of West New York who last week cracked the jinx which has been bothering star drivers throughout the season, Dick becoming the first speedster to win the feature 25-lap event more than once.

Dick has made a boast that now the jinx is broken, he will make it three straight in his fast little black and white No. 5 midget car. Others scheduled to drive are: Beapie Jann, Bob Meyers, Harry Scheeler, Ken Stone and others.

MIDGET AUTO RACES AT WESTFIELD TRACK

8/27/1935

Art Dick of West New York will seek his third victory of the season and his second in as many weeks in the 25-lap feature event of the program of midget auto races at the **Clark Township Speedway**, near Westfield, tonight.

Dick cracked the old finz which has prevented any driver winning the feature more than once last week and has his speedy little No. 3 midget ready for the new test. However, he probably will receive stiff opposition from Beanie Jann of Grant City, S. I., and Bob Meyers of New Dorp in their fast little red jobs.

Approximately 10 events will be staged with the time trials getting under way at 8 o'clock.

Ken Stone Cops In Midget Races

8/28/1935

Westfield — Ken Stone of Red Bank was a heavy winner of honors at the Clark Township Speedway here last night in the various midget auto racing events staged before rain washed out the program. Stone won the 15-lap feature, defeated Harry Scheeler of Paterson in a special match race and tied with Scheeler for first money in the time trials. Frank Colosino of Perth Amboy and Scheeler were second and third respectively in the feature event.

Scheeler spun into the infield during the feature event, knocking down the starter and breaking the flag-holder but Starter Gene Goggi fortunately escaped injury. Racing will be resumed on Sunday, Sept. 8.

Midget Oval Will Reopen

9/7/1935

Clark Township Speedway near here, home of the midget auto racers, will re-open tomorrow afternoon with a full program of midget events. The schedule of events will get under way at 2 o'clock with the time trials.

The one-fifth-mile track just outside of Westfield has been out of operation for two weeks while it was being prepared for the resumption of Sunday afternoon races. The races will be under the direction of Pete Capetella and Tom Brown.

Leading stars of the American Midget Racing Association are scheduled to return for tomorrow's races with such star as Beanie Jann, Firman Lawshe, Bob Meyers, Charles Goggi, Art Dick, Larry Ball, Harry Scheeler and others.

Dick recently cracked the jinx which has followed winners of feature events at the Clark Township track by becoming the first driver to win more than once. It took Dick over a month to repeat but he insists that now the jinx is cracked that he is going to town.

However, he faces great opposition from Jann who has one of the finest midgets in the East while Meyers also ranks as top-notch competition with a fine car powered by an outboard motor.

Cressman to Ride In Midget Races

9/8/1935

WESTFIELD, Sept. 7. — Dick Cressman of Old Bridge is numbered among those who will ride in tomorrow's program of midget auto races at the Clark Township Speedway, near here.

Cressman will find himself opposed to some of the leading gas-jockeys in the east when he lines up against Bob Meyer of New Dorp, S. I., Harry Sheeler of Paterson, Beanie Jann of Garden City, L. I., and Ken Stone of Red Bank.

Sunday's card will get under way at 2 o'clock.

Jann Is Victor In Midget Race

9/35/1935

Westfield — Beannie Jann of Grant City, S. I., won the 25-lap race, the featured event of the midget car auto races at Clark Township Speedway yesterday afternoon. Jann coursed his little red racer about the track in 7 minutes 43 1/5 seconds. He was paced by Art Dick and Walter Curran.

In the qualifying heats, Frank Maple of Bound Brook, piloted his K4 around the track for the fastest time of 2 minutes 1 4/5 seconds, for the eight laps. Nester Jones, the lone Westfield contestant, hit the fence during the running of the second heat, which put him out of further competition. Winners of the other qualifying heats were Art Dick, Walter Curran and Bob Meyer.

An effort was made to lower the track record, but the best timing was Maples 16.3 seconds.

Dick Cressman of Old Bridge took the special 5-lap event, clocked at 1 minute 24 seconds.

Card Midget Auto Events

9/14/1935

Midget auto racing will be continued at the Clark Township Speedway, near Westfield, tomorrow afternoon with time trials carded to open a full program of activity at 2 p. m.

Thirteen cars were on hand last Sunday and provided an interesting afternoon of activity and all drivers have promised to be on hand tomorrow. Among the star pilots slated are: Beanie Jann of Grant City, L. I., who raced off with top honors last Sunday afternoon.

Among Jann's leading rivals tomorrow will be: Bob Meyers, Harry Scheeler, Frank Maple, Ken Stone and Art Dick.

Jann Is Victor

Beanie Jann of Staten Island captured the feature event of the midget auto racing events held yesterday at the **Clark Township Speedway**. Second honors went to Leslie Francis also of Staten Island, while Bruno Berton of West New York was third.

9/23/1935

Midget auto **racing** gained a degree of popularity in the metropolitan district last season and the sport will be returned starting May 11 at Olympic Park in Irvington. A number of the better known big car pilots will seek to earn a little extra dough in the small cars. Haven't heard anything from the promoters of the **Clark Township** track as yet regarding their plans for the summer.

4/25/1936

9/6/1940

Five Years Ago Today

Plans announced to reopen **Clark Township Speedway** near here for midget car events.

