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Stock Cars Take Over Dorney Track Sat. 9-16-1949

Star drivers from the two leading racing associations in the stock car field, the American Stock Car Assn and the Eastern Stock Car Assn. will be assembled in competition when a new wrinkle will be tried on the one-fifth mile **Dorney Park Speedway** on Saturday night.

Director Sherman "Red" Crise, after closing down the midget automobile racing season which carried on weekly throughout the summer, decided to bring this highly thrilling form of racing here in an effort to give Lehigh Valley fans the greatest thrills they have ever seen.

Stock cars, in contrast to the tiny midgets, are full-sized vehicles, souped up to high speeds. Placing them on a small midget track is simply throwing these larger machines into a narrower space, and that means flips and flops and crashes such as fans have never seen.

Among the aces who will be seen Saturday night are Wally Campbell, Philadelphia; Lou Volk, Paterson; Roscoe Hough, Paterson; Lou Johnson, Trenton; Ken Marriett, Baltimore; Ken Wagner, Somerville; and Ernie McCoy, who will break in with the stocks after having driven midget.

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Stock Car Races Make Their Debut On Dorney Park Track Tonight

9-17-1949

The latest in thrill sports — stock car racing on a midget track — comes to the Eastern



TOMMY COATES

Pennsylvania sector for the first time tonight when a field of close to thirty drivers and cars compete in a series of qualifying sprint races topped off by a 25-

lap feature that promises to be plenty exciting, to say the least.

Taking over on the fifth of a mile track where the midget cars operated all summer, the stock cars, hopped-up standard automobiles, promise plenty of spine-tingling thrills as they do everything but leap over each other on the small track. That there will be crashes goes without saying, because that's how they generally manage to get past each other as the daring drivers maneuver their gas-buggies around.

For the protection of the spectators, **Dorney Park** officials have erected three three-quarter inch steel cables all around the track, and the old lighting system has been replaced with eight 80-foot poles for the floodlights.

The entry list tonight includes some of the top drivers in the American Stock Car Association as well as the Eastern Stock Car association. Wally Campbell, Charlie Breslin, Lou Volk, Ralph Scheeler, Ernie McCoy and Bill Gross are some of the former midget racing stars who will be here tonight in stock cars, while Tommy Coates, of Trenton, N.J., Sam Mallach, Cotton Kind, of Washington, D.C.; and Harold Brokaw, of Reading, are some of the others. Ken Marriett, of Reading, who won the 25-lap stock car feature at Washington Thursday night, will also compete here in tonight's events.

Starting at 8:15, the program includes three ten-lap qualifying heats, two 12-lap semi-finals, a match race and the 25-lap feature. The twelve fastest cars in the time trials will start in the feature event.

Scheeler Wins Dorney Stock Car Races Marked by Many Spills and Crack-ups

Stock car racing made its debut on the Dorney park oval last night. And upwards of 4,000 fans turned out for spin, pileup, speed program, first of a Saturday series.

The feature, after two jams forced restarts, went to Ralph Scheeler. Starting fourth in the third lineup of the souped up Fords and Mercuries, Scheeler went out for an early lead and held it to the end.

Despite frequent crackups and spins, no one was injured in the show. Jim Sassaman, however, bounced into the infield in the second pileup of the feature and had to make a hasty exit from his car as it caught fire.

Summaries:

Feature (25 laps): 1- Ralph Scheeler, 2- Wally Campbell, 3- Sam Mallich, 4- Lou Johnson, 5- Tom Coates, 6- Bill Marks, 7- Charlie Breslin. Time: 7:05.53.

3-car match race (5 laps): 1- Johnson, 2- Campbell, Lucky Lux. Time: 1:27.84.

Second semi-final (12 laps): 1- Mallich, 2- Johnson, 3- Jim

Sassaman, 4- Breskin, 5- Sam Bergstresser, 6- Hugh Lietz. Time: 3:24.48.

First semi-final (12 laps): 1- Lux, 2- Tony Canzoneri, 3- Coates, 4- Campbell, 5- Scheeler, 6- Marks. Time: 3:25.38.

Third heat (10 laps): 1- Johnson, 2- Campbell, 3- Marks, 4- Bill Smith, 5- Mallich, 6- Bergstresser. Time: 2:51.11.

Second heat (10 laps): 1- Scheeler, 2- Sassaman, 3- Canzoneri, 4- Johnson, 5- Marks, 6- Campbell. Time: 2:51.92.

First heat (10 laps): 1- Lux, 2- Coates, 3- Breslin, 4- Mallich, 5- Smith, 6- Bergstresser. Time: 2:47.02.

9-18-1949

Stock Car Races At Dorney Park Again Saturday

Stock car automobile racing on the midget track at **Dorney Park**, which gave some 4,000 spectators real chills and thrills in last Saturday night's debut there, will be continued this Saturday night and every Saturday night as long as favorable weather continues, Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the Dorney Park track, said last night.

The souped - up stock cars tangled in nearly a dozen crashes last Saturday night, and in addition one of the cars took fire. Yet, at times they came charging down the small track three abreast going into the turns.

"We'll have some new faces on hand for Saturday night's program this week," said Crise. "And we'll have some new thrills for the spectators as well."

There will be the usual three qualifying heats, two semi-finals, a match race of ten laps between the three fastest cars, and the twenty-five lap feature event.

Ralph Sheeler, winner of the stock car feature last Saturday night, will be back trying to repeat.

Stock Car Auto Races at Dorney Park Saturday

Some of the best known stock car drivers in the game have been entered for Saturday

9-23-1949



HANK

HANK STANLEY

night's second program of races on the Dorney Park track, Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the stock car races there, announced last night.

The opening stock car races on the midget track at Dorney Park last Saturday night made a decided hit, and another banner crowd is looked for tomorrow night.

The drivers have the hang of the track after the opening races last Saturday and the doubt that existed whether they would be able to pass each other was gone when they not only passed but came down three abreast at times. The new method of passing, that of pushing over the car in front, is popular with the fans.

Roscoe Hough, well known in midget and big car races, has entered the stock car events here tomorrow night, and will team up with Ralph Sheeler, winner of last week's opening feature.

Johnny Rodgers, of Paterson; Tommy Coates, of Trenton; Wally Campbell, of Trenton; Ken Mariett, of Baltimore; and many others will be on hand for Saturday night's races.

The stock car races are a bit rough at times, as was evidenced last Saturday night when there were several crashes and one of the cars caught fire, but the fans seem to enjoy that kind of racing.

One of the late entries last night was Hank Stanley, Virginia stock car driver who has been cleaning up in the races at Washington and Richmond and regarded as one of the most daring drivers in the game.

Saturday night's races start at 8:15, and will be topped off by the 25-lap feature.

Second Stock Car Auto Race 9-24-1949

Program at Dorney Park Tonight

The second in a series of stock car auto races on the midget track at Dorney Park is slated for tonight, and if comments heard regarding last week's opening events mean anything another banner crowd will be on hand for the first qualifying heat tonight at 8:15 sharp.

Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the **Dorney Park Speedway**, has announced that a field nearly double that of the opening stock car races a week ago, will be on hand for tonight's program of crash and smash as the cars seek to overtake each other on the small track.

The fact that the Dorney Park midget track is short enough so that the cars cannot get too far apart has made for dangerous driving, but the fans seem to like the pushing around each driver gives the other.

Ralph Sheeler, winner of last

week's 25-lap event, will be back tonight, and other speed notables to be on hand include Lou Volk, Johnny Rogers, Roscoe Hough, Tommy Coates, Ken Mariett, Wally Campbell, Cotton Kind, and many others.

The smash-em, crash-em style of stock car races made a big hit with the fans last Saturday night, when no less than six cars were in jams at various times, and one took fire. Now that they have had some experience on the small Dorney Park track, the drivers will be really rarin' to go tonight.

As in the midget races, there will be three ten-lap qualifying heats, along with two 12-lap semi-finals, the fastest cars in these races qualifying for the 25-lap feature event.

Instead of a consolation race, there will be a special match race between three of the fastest cars in the time trials also.

Stock Car Feud To Resume Here Saturday Night

Although Jim Strathman, of Philadelphia, was announced as the winner when last Saturday night's scheduled 25-lap stock car race at Dorney Park was halted on the 23rd lap because of a five-car pileup, the real winner was Tommy Coates.

This was revealed yesterday by Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the Dorney Park speed events, who explained that in the event of an accident in stock car racing, the standings go back one lap and the standing compiled from there. These standing show that Coates, of Trenton, was the winner.

Both Strathman and Coates will be back in competition at Dorney Park this Saturday night, and with the rivalry that has developed between them, some real excitement should be in store for the spectators.

Lou Johnson, the Newark driver who pushed Otto Harwi, of Easton, against the fence last Saturday night and then pushed him out in the infield and out of the race as he went by him, will also be back Saturday night, with another big field of drivers entered.

9-28-1949

Big Crowd Will See Stock Car Races Saturday

9-29-1949

One of the largest crowds at the **Dorney Park** Speedway this season is expected to be on hand Saturday night for the stock car races there, the advance ticket sale being unusually heavy.

Last Saturday night's scheduled 25-lap feature event was called off on the 23rd lap when five cars piled up against the fence, and spectators who saw that race claim it was one of the most thrilling of the season here.

Jimmy Strathman and Tommy Coates, who were leading the race when it was called off Saturday night, will both be back this Saturday, along with a field of drivers that includes Charlie Breslin, Len Duncan, Ernie McCoy, Lou Volk, and almost a score of others.

The first qualifying heat Saturday night starts at 8:30 o'clock.

Tommy Coates of Trenton Wins Stock Car Feature

10-2-1949

Tommy Coates, Trenton ace, beat out Lou Johnson and Jim Marks in a restarted 30-lap feature stock car race on **Dorney Park speedway** last night to take a total of three firsts.

Charlie Breslin led the pack in the original start of the feature but was spun out between the third and fourth turns and the race was restarted. The feature was run instead of the usual match race.

Fred Bergerstresser was out for the rest of the night after he broke the fence coming out of the first turn in the 10-lap heat opener.

It was announced during the program that last night was the

final one for the stock car contests. Next year they will run twice weekly.

Last night's results:
10-lap heat, Wally Campbell, Sam Mallach, Jim Marks. (no time due to accident)

Second 10-lap heat: Vince Canzoneri, Lou Johnson, Lucky Loux
Time 2:50:48.

Third 10-lap heat: Tommy Coates, Otto Harwi, Jim Marks.
Time 2:52:26.

First Semi-final 10 laps: Wally Campbell, Bill Scanlon, Sam Mallach, Al Collins. Time 2:47:12

Second Semi, 12-laps: Tommy Coates, Lucky Loux, Nick Binder, Otto Harwi. Time 3:16:92.

Feature, 30 laps: Tommy Coates, Lou Johnson, Jim Marks, Bill Scanlon, Lucky Loux and Vince Canzoneri. (No time due to restart).

Dorney Park Midget *Auto Races Will Start* *Off Saturday, May 6th*

Midget auto racing and stock car auto races on the slick **Dorney Park** midget track here were sanctioned yesterday at a meeting in Washington, D. C. between Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the races, and officers of two racing organizations

Crise closed with Eddie Allen, of the American Race Drivers club, for the first midget races of the year at **Dorney Park** on Saturday night, May 6th, and with Tommy Coates, president of the American **Stock Car** Racing association, for the first **stock car** events on Wednesday night, May 10th.

3/28/1950

Speed Fans Will Get Two Big Racing Cards Weekly At Dorney Park This Season

4/30/1950

With the **Dorney Park** midget auto races slated to open on Saturday night, May 13th, and alternate with the stock car race program there on Wednesday nights, starting on May 17th, the slick local fifth of a mile track gives promise of being a mighty popular spot with speed fans with races twice weekly during the summer months.

In former years the races on the local oval were confined to Saturday night events, but the popularity of the speed events with Eastern racing fans prompted the officials there to stage two events weekly, the stock cars on Wednesday nights and the midget cars every Saturday night.

Stock car racing, the sensation of 1949 and now ready to go again for 1950, is not a new sport but one which has been rejuvenated due to a change of the racing locations and conditions. For many years the stocks have operated on the one-half mile and one mile dirt tracks all over the country with mixed success.

The thrills were ever present due to the protection a hard top offered, and then the actual speeds of the cars were great enough to

provide real competition.

It remained, however, for the veteran promoter, Capt. S. F. "Red" Crise, who looking for a new angle in racing, decided to try **stock car** racing on a short one-fifth mile track. The stock drivers were contacted in New England with the thought of a trial race at the Riverside Speedway in Agawam, Mass., and while many refused to even try out on such a short track, enough cars were obtained to run a race in October of 1948. For the first night only 2500 cold fans were on hand, but after the first heat was over it was apparent to all on hand that a new sport was born and all settled down for one of the most thrilling evenings of the racing season. The next week another race was run, and this time the entire stadium was filled and another thrilling evening was history.

Crise then sold this idea to the veteran promoters of Yellow Jacket Speedway in Philadelphia, who went through the same throes and were convinced that here was a new sport that was here to stay. The 1948 racing season then closed with snow falling the last night in November. During the winter months the results got around as to what had happened and when Spring rolled around in 1949 the greater percentage of scheduled races were **stock cars**, despite forecasts that here was a flash in the pan and it would not last. . . but last it did and both promoters and drivers expressed the opinion at the end of the year that this had been the most profitable of all racing seasons.

Due to the hard top cars the hospital fund expenditures were kept to a minimum, and so the Associations' funds were built up to a point that in one instance a well organized group split a reputed \$80,000 . . . a nice profit

which in years past had been split among the various hospitals and drivers for benefits.

Now for the season of 1950 the racing fraternity has much past history to base their plans for this year. Hospital demands being down, paid-in funds are being reduced. Associations which had sprung up all over in hopes of catching the cream are starting to pull together to be sure that the sport is not overdone.

Promoters are insisting that they be a part of racing organizations and it is apparent to all that for the first time in a great while a well-organized effort is being made to keep a great sport before the public eye in all its thrilling ways.

The half-miles are continuing to operate as before with Sunday events the big card, but it will again be the short hard surface tracks with their close confined areas to race in that will provide the big moments of the 1950 season, for it has been proven that nothing can compare to the fields of 15 and 20 cards (in some cases many more) which start in the heats and features and which, due to the small tracks, never get a chance to run away but which result in skillful driving and many thrilling crashes and spills which the public so delights in.

Truly a sensational sport, stock car racing under the lights on the short hard surface tracks will attract the big racing crowds for 1950.

Dorney Park, however, will not neglect the midget races. The local track, regarded as one of the finest midget racing ovals in the east, has attracted practically all of the leading midget drivers in the east and mid-west in the past dozen years, and will continue to book the top-notch drivers for its Saturday night programs under the lights.

Double-Barreled Card

ALLENTOWN, Pa. — A double-barreled weekly speed program on the slick fifth-of-a-mile asphalt track at **Dorney Park Speedway** here was announced today by Sherman (Red) Crise, the speedway director, who revealed that stock car racing would be held under the lights every Wednesday night and regulation midget car races every Saturday night. 5/6/1950

WEDNESDAY, SATURDAY RACING AT ALLENTOWN

Allentown, Pa., May 8 — A double-barreled weekly speed program of the slick fifth of a mile asphalt track at **Dorney Park** Speedway here was announced today by Sherman "Red" Crise, the Speedway director, who revealed that **stock car** racing would be held under the lights every Wednesday night and regulation midget car races every Saturday night.

With the first events listed as the midget races on Saturday night, May 13th, the **stock car** events will start the following Wednesday, May 17th, and continue every Wednesday and Saturday night through the spring and summer months.

5/8/1950

Top Midget Stars Of Racing Game Here Saturday

5/9/1950

There will be at least sixteen Offenhausers, probably more, in the season's initial midget auto races on the **Dorney Park** track Saturday night, it was announced last night by Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the slick local racing oval.

"It seems as though everybody in the midget racing game wants to race in the opener here Saturday night," said Crise yesterday. "We ought to hve some of the best races in the track history, judging by the field we have already entered."

Crise then reached over on his desk and picked up a list of entries in yesterday's mail.

"Here's one from Tony Bonadies, who'll be here with an Offenhauser," said Crise. Art Cross, who won last week's opening feature at Philadelphia, will also be here. Dutch Schaffer has filed his entry. Charlie Miller will be here in the new Offy he's driving for Frank Baker of Wilmington. Ernie McCoy will be here in an Offy, too."

There will also be a big contingent of mid-west drivers, several of whom will be making their first appearance of the season on the slick **Dorney Park** oval.

The midget races Saturday night will launch the **Dorney Park** racing season. There will be **stock car** events the following Wednesday, and every Wednesday night thereafter for the remainder of the season, with the midgets holding forth on Saturday nights.

Classy Field Saturday

ALLENTOWN, Pa.—Probably the greatest field of cars and drivers ever to compete on the slick fifth of a mile macadem track at **Dorney Park Speedway** here will be on hand for the first midget race events of the season here on Saturday night.

5/10/1950

New Crash Rail Protects Fans At Dorney Park

5/12/1950

Profiting from the shows of 1949 in Dorney Park, Bob Plarr Wednesday started work on the new crash rail of the Dorney Speedway which will insure that no car will go through the fence.

Plarr said that the antics of the stock cars had impressed him as one of the most thrilling shows he had ever seen, and that the ever present problem of what happens when the cars flip was one which he was going to take care of before the season opened, and not after.

Starting as they did late in 1949, the stock cars under the supervision of S. F. Red Crise put on three of the most thrilling events ever seen at Dorney Speedway before cold weather moved in and the season closed.

Before even the first show, however, Plarr changed the lights and installed a new system so that any car hitting the rail would not cause any damage to the lighting plant.

In addition, new supporting posts were put in, and two lengths of steel cable encircling the track were attached to the poles.

In the following events it was found that these precautions were in good time, as many a car was thrown back on the track after hitting the wall.

The 1950 season now about to start, Plarr is again taking precautions by installing new hickory posts around the track and tying

them in with 3/4-inch steel wire all this to be sure that the racing cars will stay inside the track and not be a hazard to the spectators.

Tommy Coates, on hand for a trial run last Saturday, said that the Dorney Speedway will be the most thrilling track in the circuit for the same reason that it was for the midget, namely that once the race was started you had to keep your car pointed up the speedway for there was no other place to go.

Coates is now president of the American Stock Car Racing Assn. and will drive No. 25 in the opening program next Wednesday night.

Before the stock cars take over next Wednesday, however, the Dorney Park Speedway will formally launch its season on Saturday night of this week with the initial midget racing program. A field of more than thirty top flight midget stars from the East and mid-west have entered for Saturday night's inaugural.

Many Top Speed Stars Entered In Dorney Midget Races Tonight

With probably the strongest field of drivers and cars ever entered for any previous speed event here,

5/13/1950



LEN DUNCAN

the midget automobile racing season gets started off on the slick fifth of a mile asphalt track at Dorney Park Speedway tonight, and all indications point to a rec-

ord opening night crowd if weather conditions are favorable.

Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the Dorney Park track, has lined up a field that will include no less than sixteen Offenhausers, in addition to more than a dozen other speed jobs.

Such stars as Tony Bonadies in an Offy; Dutch Schaeffer in his Golden Arrow; Len Duncan, an old favorite here; Art Cross, who won the opening feature at the Hatfield track last week; Charlie Miller, veteran local driver who is piloting a new Offenhauser for Frank Baker, of Wilmington, Del.; Ernie McCoy, who will be driving his new Kurtis Kraft, and many others are listed for competition tonight when the opening qualifying heat gets under way at 8:30 o'clock.

One of the old familiar faces in Dorney Park racing will be missing from tonight's opening events, however, Mike Joseph, of Philadelphia. Joseph was killed in a crash at Atlanta, Ga., last Sunday.

Tonight's speed events mark the opening of what promises to be a big season on the Dorney Park track. In addition to the regular Saturday night midget programs, there will be stock car races every Wednesday night, starting next Wednesday.

McGrath, A Last-Minute Entry, Wins 25-Lap Opening Dorney Park Feature Race

5/14/1950

Steve McGrath, Detroit, Mich., and Stamford, Conn., midget race driver who captured five feature races at the Dorney Park Speedway last summer, last night came back to take up where he left off in 1949, taking the 25-lap opening feature race last night with his sleek Offenhauser.

McGrath, who had not previously filed an entry blank for last night's races and who came to the track just a half hour before the races began, gave the big opening night crowd plenty of thrills with his daring driving on the outside of the track. Where most of the drivers try to get on the rail where the distance is shorter, McGrath, as he did last year, seems content to take the long way around, and generally makes good in his attempts.

Driving in the second qualifying heat, McGrath placed third, coming up from sixth, where he started. Fred Meeker, another Stamford, Conn., driver, with a V-8, won the heat and Tony Martino, of New York, placed second.

Then in the first semi-final heat McGrath placed second, to Dick Dowd, but in the 25-lap feature event Steve started back in the pack but by the second lap was up front and stayed there to the finish.

Jimmy DiMarco, of Long Island, also in an Offy, placed second to McGrath in the feature, with Andy Van Heusen, of New York, third and Charlie Miller, of Allentown, now driving an Offy owned by Frank Baker, of Wilmington, Del., fourth.

Although there were no serious accidents, Hawley Kight and Andy Van Heusen tangled on the tenth lap of the feature, and both spun out. Neither was injured, however.

Kight also spun out right in front of the finish line in the sixth lap of the second qualifying feat, but some nifty driving by Charlie Miller, who was travelling right on his tail at the time, avoided a smash-up, Miller cutting his car over and

away. Jimmy DiMarco also spun out in the sixth lap.

The speed program last night was the first of the season at the Dorney Park track, where stock cars will run every Wednesday night and the midgets every Saturday night during the summer season.

Last night's summaries:

First Heat — Ten Laps

1 — Walt Gregory, Norristown; 2 — Len Duncan, the Bronx, N. Y.; 3 — Dutch Schaffer, Floral Park, L. I. Time: 2:30.32.

Second Heat — Ten Laps

1 — Fred Meeker, Stamford, Conn. 2 — Tony Martino, New York; 3 — Steve McGrath, Detroit. Time: 2:33.08.

Third Heat — Ten Laps

1 — Dick Dowd, Bound Brook, N. J.; 2 — Charlie Miller, Allentown; 3 — Ernie McCoy, Reading. Time: 2:33.22.

First Semi-Final — 12 Laps

1 — Dick Dowd; 2 — Steve McGrath; 3 — Fred Meeker; 4 — Bill Compton, Allentown; 5 — Larry Bloomer, Norristown; 6 — Fred Peters, Paterson, N. J. Time: 3:03.56.

Second Semi-Final — 12 Laps

1 — Walt Fair, Norristown; 2 — Walt Gregory, Collegeville; 3 — Jimmy DiMarco, Long Island; 4 — Andy Van Heusen, New York; 5 — Charlie Miller, Allentown; 6 — Len Duncan, Bronx. Time: 3:03.54.

Consolation — 15 Laps

1 — Hawley Kight, Philadelphia; 2 — Dutch Schaffer. Time: 2:59.51.

Feature 25o Laps

1 — Steve McGrath; 2 — Jimmy DiMarco; 3 — Dick Dowd; 4 — Walt Fair, Len Duncan, Bill Compton. Time: 6:15.19.

Wally Campbell In Wednesday's Stock Car Races

Among the big field of stock car auto race drivers to compete in the season's opener tomorrow night

5/16/1950



WALLY CAMPBELL

Stock Car racing association.

Campbell recently set a new track record on the Charlotte, N.C., track, and will handle the No. 91 car owned by W. O. Traylor, of Winston-Salem, N.C. A former midget and big car auto race driver, he also served for a time as a stuntman with Indian Joe Chitwood's thrill show.

Red Crise, director of the **Dorney Park Speedway** said last night that there would be more than thirty cars and drivers entered in Wednesday night's initial event on the Dorney Park track.

"When you get six, eight, ten or twelve cars out on that small track, all trying to get past each other on the turns, you can just imagine what is going to happen" said Crise last night. "We had threestock car races here last Fall before the cool weather set in, and thrills in those events were a dime a dozen."

Wednesday night's stock car races start at 8:30 sharp. There will be stock car races every Wednesday night on the local track, with the midget races holding forth on Saturday nights each week.

on the fifth of a mile track at Dorney Park will be Wally Campbell, of Trenton, N. J., last seasons high point driver in the American

STOCK CAR RACES AT ALLENTOWN, WEDNESDAY

Allentown, Pa., May 16—The first stock car races of the season on the slick Dorney Park fifth of a mile macadam track here are booked for Wednesday night and will follow every Wednesday night during the summer months. Races will get under way at 8:30.

Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the **Dorney Park speedway**, has arranged for the east's two leading stock car racing organizations to compete on the local dustless track, which means that the leading jockeys in the smashem-crashem style of racing here will provide some rare thrills for the speed spectators.

Stock Car Races Make 1950 Debut

Tonight at Dorney Park Speedway

5/17/1950

Stock car racing under the lights makes its 1950 debut tonight on the fifth of a mile macadam track at

8:30 o'clock sharp, with the 25-lap feature event as the big event of the night.



LOU JOHNSON

Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the Dorney Park Speedway, said that a field of more than thirty drivers from two stock car racing organizations, American Stock Car Racing association and the Atlantic association, would be on hand for tonight's smash 'em-crash 'em program on the midget race track here.

Night time stock car races on the small tracks such as Dorney Park are comparatively new, and late last season were introduced for the first time at Dorney Park. Only three stock car events were staged before cold weather set in, but the fans who saw those three thrilling programs know they are in for something good tonight.

Such well known stock car drivers as Wally Campbell, last year's nation point scoring champion; Lou Johnson, of Wilmington, Del., who led the ASCRA point-scoring in 1949; Tommy Coates, of San Antonio, Texas, and Trenton, N. J.; Dick Eagen, the southern champion of last season from Winston-Salem, N. C.; Johnny Karp, of Trenton; Al Tibbets, of Newportville, Pa.; Lucky Loux, of Sellersville; and many others are entered for tonight's events.

The stock car races starting tonight will be a regular Wednesday night feature on the Dorney Park track, with the midget racers holding forth each Saturday night.

Dorney Park, and indications are that a banner crowd of speed fans will be on hand to watch the hopped-up hot rods perform in the season's opener. The first of the qualifying heats gets under way at

Opening Stock Car Races Here Are Rained Out

Rains last night forced a postponement of the scheduled opening stock car races of the season on the Dorney Park midget track, but there were more than thirty drivers and cars on hand when the decision was made to postpone the opening until Wednesday night of next week.

Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the **Dorney Park Speedway**, said the same crack field of drivers would be back for next Wednesday night's stock car inaugural.

Meanwhile, the midget auto racers take over on the Dorney track in their regular Saturday night program.

Steve McGrath Back In Dorney Park Races This Saturday Night

5/18/1950

Steve McGrath, former Detroit speed star now located in Stamford, Conn., and who won last Saturday night's opening 25-lap feature midget race at the Dorney Park Speedway, will be back again to compete in Saturday night's races, it was announced yesterday by Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the **Dorney Park Speedway**.

The big crowd which saw the opening midget events here last Saturday were surprised when McGrath drove his sleek Offy out on the track, for he had not been announced as one of the entries. He took it on himself to come here, however, and entered at the last minute.

Last season McGrath won four feature events here, and because of his daring outside driving is a prime favorite with local fans.

He'll have plenty of real competition Saturday night, however, for among the speed stars slated to compete are Tony Bonadies, Dutch Schaffer, Charlie Miller, Ernie McCoy and nearly a score of others.

Steve McGrath Seeks Second Win In Dorney Midget Races Tonight

With Jupe Pluvius' promise to let up with his sprinkler tonight, the second midget auto race program of the season is slated for the slick fifth of a mile macadam track at Dorney Park, and with favorable weather conditions another large crowd is expected to see the speed stars perform.

The first of the three ten-lap qualifying heats for the 25-lap feature, as well as the two 12-lap semi-final features, is scheduled for 8:30 o'clock sharp.

Steve McGrath, Stamford, Conn., star who won four midget features at Dorney Park last season and then came back last Saturday night to take the 25-lap inaugural feature this season, will be back again tonight, and he will have many of the big crowd cheering for him to repeat with his sleek little Offenhauser.

McGrath, whose daring driving on the outside has seen him take all kinds of chances on the Dorney Park track, is a prime favorite with speed fans here, but he will face some stiff competition tonight from such drivers as Len Duncan, Dutch Schaffer, Charlie Miller, Tony Bonadies, Ernie McCoy, Dick Dowd and nearly a score of other drivers in Offenhausers.

With the midget races booked for tonight, the opening of the stock car events, originally booked for last Wednesday night but postponed because of rain, will go on next Wednesday night.

Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the **Dorney Park Speedway**, said last night that the same classy field of more than thirty stock car drivers here last Wednesday night would return for the events next Wednesday.

5/20/1950

Frank Mundy Enters Dorney Park Stock Car Races Wednesday Night

Frank Mundy, Atlanta, Ga., speed king who won the 25-mile stock car feature at Williams Grove a week ago yesterday and placed third in the feature event at Reading yesterday on a half mile track, has filed his entry for the opening stock car races of the season on the Dorney Park fifth of a mile track here Wednesday night.

Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the **Dorney Park Speedway**, announced at Reading yesterday that Mundy had filed his entry for Wednesday night's races here. The Dorney Park stock car events were scheduled to open last Wednesday night, but were rained out, as were the midget races Saturday night.

Crise said there would be a field of close to thirty drivers and cars here for Wednesday night's stock car events on the slick Dorney Park track.

5/22/1950

Wally Campbell In Dorney Stock Car Race Opener

Wally Campbell, Southern stock car racing champion who won the 25-lap feature at the Reading Fair



LUCKY LOUX

Grounds half mile track Sunday afternoon, will attempt to repeat on the small fifth of a mile track at the **Dorney Park Speedway** tomorrow night in the opening stock car

5/23/1950

of racers from that organization for tomorrow night's opening event of the season, slated for 8:30 o'clock

The opening Stock car races were slated at Dorney Park last Wednesday night but rained out, but the entire field of more than thirty drivers on hand then will be back for tomorrow night's opener.

Among the driver to compete tomorrow night will be Lucky Loux, Sellersville speedster who appeared here in other years in both midget and big car racing.

Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the **Dorney Park Speedway**, said last night that the field of drivers to compete on the dustless macadam track here will be one of the finest ever seen on any track, and that real thrills are in store for the anticipated banner crowd.

There will be three eight-lap qualifying heats, two semi-finals and a 25-lap feature race Wednesday night.

Opening Stock Car Races of Season Booked at Dorney Park Tonight

Originally scheduled to get going a week ago tonight but postponed then because of adverse



LOU JOHNSON

weather conditions, the first stock car races of the season on the Dorney Park fifth of a mile track are scheduled for tonight, with the first qualifying heat scheduled to get under way at 8:30 o'clock.

It will be the first crash 'em-smack 'em meet of the year here, and those who saw the stock car jockeys perform with their hopped-up hot-rod in four races on the local track know that there are certain to be a series of close shaves, to say the least.

5/24/1950

Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the Dorney Park speed events, said last night that members of two stock car racing organizations, the National and Atlantic, have filed their entries for tonight's races, and that there would be a field of at least thirty cars and drivers competing.

"Stock car races provide more real thrills for the spectators than any other style of racing," said Crise last night. "And when you get six, eight or ten stock cars in a small fifth of a mile macadam track like we have at Dorney Park, then things are bound to happen."

Included among the entries here tonight are such well known speed stars as Wally Campbell, who won the feature at Yellow Jacket Speedway in Philadelphia Monday night, Frank Mundy, who captured

the feature event at William Grove half mile track recently, Lucky Loux, the Sellersville flash, Tommy Coates, the former Texas and Trenton driver rated tops among the stock car drivers last season; and Lou Johnson, former big car driver and third place

man in the point scoring race of the American Stock Car Racing Association last year.

There will be the usual three qualifying heats tonight, two semi-final features of 12 laps each and a 25-lap feature event.

New Racing Wrinkle

ALLENTOWN, Pa.—A “mystery driver” will be behind the wheel in a “mystery car” in the second **Dorney Park** Speedway **midget** race program here on Saturday night, it was announced today by Sherman (Red) Crise, director of the local speedway.

5/25/1950

Stock Car Races At Dorney Park Wed. Night 5/29/1950

Rained out in two previous attempts to launch the 1950 stock car racing season on the slick fifth of a mile track at **Dorney Park**, more than thirty top flight hot rod jockeys from two racing organizations will be on hand at **Dorney Park** Wednesday night of this week when another attempt will be made.

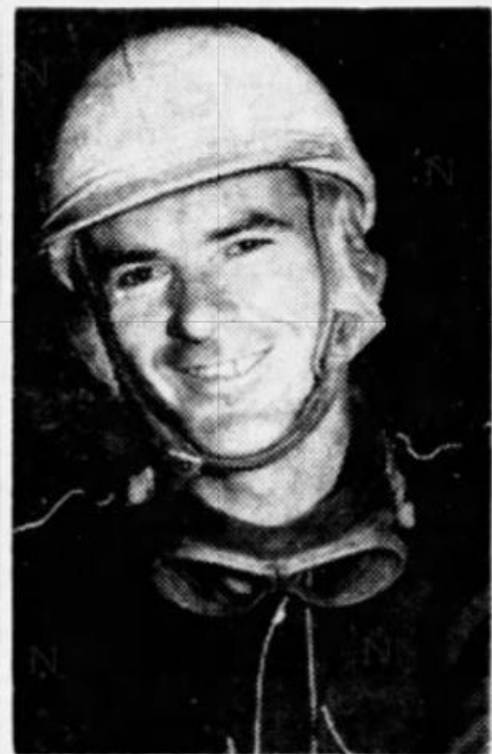
Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the **Dorney Park** speed events, said Sunday that both Atlantic **Stock Car** Racing association drivers will be on hand for Wednesday night's events, and that with a select field of speed notables there should be plenty of thrills in store for the fans when the first event gets under way at 8:30 o'clock.

All of the top **stock car** drivers in the east will be among the entries for the first event of the season here. Crise said, since all will be trying to get the 'feel' of the **Dorney Park** oval.

Top Field of Drivers Challenge 'Mystery Man' Here Tonight

6/3/1950

Art Cross, flashy Staten Island speedster who won three 25-lap feature races here last season,



LARRY BLOOMER

may be the driver tonight to make it mighty interesting for the big field of midget stars to compete on the Dorney Park fifth of a mile macadam track. Included in the big field tonight will be The Mystery Driver, making his first ap-

pearance on the local track. Tonight's races start at 8:30 sharp.

Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the Dorney Park speed events, said last night that no one will know who the Mystery Man in tonight's races is, not even after the events are over. He will be masked, and his car kept in the ambulance space at the track instead of in the pits with the other cars.

"The Mystery Man is one of the top midget race drivers in the nation," said Crise last night. "We had planned to have him here last week, but because he was at Indianapolis for the big Memorial Day race we had to postpone his appearance here for one week. However, he and his Offy will definitely be on hand Saturday night."

With Steve McGrath, winner of the first two 25-lap feature races here this season, booked for a meet in Boston tonight and not competing here, most of the attention will center on the Mystery Man, but he will have plenty of competition from such drivers as Cross, Dutch Schaeffer, Larry Bloomer, Ernie McCoy, Dick Dowd, Charlie Miller and nearly a dozen other top-notch speed pilots.

The program for tonight will include the usual three ten-lap qualifying heats, two 12-lap semi-finals, the 25-lap feature race and the 10-lap consolation, all of which should make up some rare sport for the speed fans.

Park Wednesday

6/6/1950

Convinced that the rainy season is about over, that good weather is here to stay and that followers of stock car auto races are anxious to see the crash 'em-smash 'em style of racing on the fifth of a mile midget track at Dorney Park, Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the **Dorney Park Speedway**, yesterday said Wednesday night's stock car program here would include no less than thirty drivers and cars.

The weather man dealt three terrific jolts at the scheduled opening stock car races at Dorney Park, calling off the events after big fields had been signed to appear here.

"We have the sanction of both the Atlantic Stock Car Racing association and the National Stock Car Racing association, and drivers from both organizations will be on hand for Wednesday night's speed events," Crise said yesterday. "We'll have some of the top stock car drivers in the nation here Wednesday night, and if it doesn't rain again we should have one fine program of races."

The first of Wednesday night's qualifying trials will start at 8:30 sharp, and from then on there ought to be plenty of excitement, topped off by the 25-lap feature race.

With eight, ten and twelve cars competing on the small Dorney Park track at one time, there should be lots of excitement for spectators and drivers alike.

Season's First Stock Car Auto Races at Dorney Park Tonight

Rained out on three previous attempts this season, stock car automobile races on the fifth of a mile macadam track at Dorney Park are slated to get under way tonight for the first time, with a field of more than thirty hot rod artists entered.

Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the Dorney Park speed events, said last night that since sanction had been applied to the local track by both the American Stock Car Racing association and the Atlantic Stock Car Racing association, drivers from both those organizations will be eligible for competition and a large number of entries have been received from them.

One of the many drivers who will be entered in tonight's races is an old midget favorite here, Roscoe Hough. Other entries include Lucky Loux, of Sellersville, who also drove in the midget races on the Dorney Park track; Al Tibbets, Newportville, Pa., veteran; Johnny Karp, of Trenton; and over two-score others.

6/7/1950

Late last season Dorney Park officials decided to give the stock cars a whirl on the small fifth of a mile macadam track, and local fans remember how popular those races proved. Only four were conducted before the outdoor season was cut short by cool weather, but the races proved that the fans liked those kinds of thrills.

With eight, ten or twelve cars on the small Dorney Park track at one time, there are bound to be crashes as the drivers seek to outmaneuver each other, but in the four events last season not one driver was seriously hurt. However, a number of the cars were battered up, and quite a few took fire right on the track.

With the big field of drivers entered tonight, the first qualifying heat is booked for 8:30, with the 25-lap feature event as the big event of the night.

Sheeler Grabs 25-Lap Feature In 1st Stock Car Race of Year

6/8/1950

Ralph Sheeler, Paterson, N.J., captured the 25 lap feature last night to be the first winner in the delayed stock car racing season on the **Dorney Park speedway.**

The final race was a rough-riding affair but marred by only one accident that came in the 12th lap when Don Allen, riding third, blew a tire on the front straightaway and plowed into the guard fence.

First heat: 10 laps, 1, Roscoe

Hough, Paterson, N.J.; 2, Bill Gross, Philadelphia; 3, Tony Battle, Emerson, N.J.; time: 2:50.72.

Second heat: 10 laps, 1, Dick Eagen, Stamford, Conn.; 2, Al Metz, Easton; 3, Freddy Fehr, Easton; time: 2:57.02.

Third heat: 10 laps, 1, Frank Schneider, Lambertville, N.J.; 2, Baer Herman, Montauk Pt., N.Y.; 3, Otto Harwi, Easton. Time: 2:58.13.

First semifinal: 12 laps, 1, Otto Harwi; 2, Baer Herman; 3, Al Metz; 4, Jim Marks, Bridgeton, N.J.; time: 3:36.58.

Second semifinal: 12 laps, 1, Roscoe Hough; 2, Bill Gross; 3, Tony Battle; 4, Ralph Sheeler, Paterson, N.J. time: 3:21.64.

Feature: 25 laps, 1, Ralph Sheeler; 2, Roscoe Hough; 3, Bill Gross; 4, Dick Eagen; 5, Jim Marks; 6, Freddy Fehr; time 7:08.56.

MIDGET AUTO RACES AT ALLENTOWN, SATURDAY

6/8/1950

Allentown, Pa., June 8—Rained out on the last two Saturday nights the Mystery Men of midget automobile racing is slated to make his debut on the slick fifth of a mile track at **Dorney Park Speedway** here Saturday night of this week.

Stock Car Auto Racers

Here Tonight Engage in Fist Fight at Newark

Auto race fans watching the television of last night's stock car races in Ruppert Stadium at Newark got a real close-up of what sometimes happens in the pits—a fist fight. And the two principals in the fist fight are slated to drive in the stock car races at Dorney Park here tonight.

Johnny Cabrel had been leading the feature with six laps to go when Frankie Snyder came up behind him, bumped him off the track, spun him out entirely. In the pits Cabrel first fired his helmet at Snyder, and then the two racers went at it hammer and tongs before other race drivers halted them.

Both Cabrel and Snyder will be racing at Dorney Park in the stock car races tonight.

6/14/1950

Mystery Man Auto Racer to Face Keen Competition Here Tonight

6/17/1950

The **Dorney Park midget** race track, hard hit by rainy weather this season, should pack one of



ART CROSS

the largest crowds there in recent years tonight if Jupe Pluvius holds off with his sprinkling can. Although the weather forecast late last night was for thunder showers early today with clearing this afternoon, race officials were hopeful that tonight's speed program could go through as scheduled at 8:30 o'clock.

Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the **Dorney Park** speed events, said last night that the Mystery Driver, originally scheduled to appear here last Saturday night when the entire program was rained out, will be on hand tonight, ready and willing to race if the weather permits.

The Mystery Driver, who will pilot an **Offenhauser** car, is rated one of the top **midget** race drivers in the country by Crise, who is sure he will be able to give the rest of the big field entered plenty of competition.

Crise said that none of the other drivers entered in tonight's races know who the Mystery Man is. He will be masked and kept apart from other drivers, his Offy being parked in the ambulance space instead of in the regular pits.

One of those expected to give the Mystery Man a real run for honors tonight is Art Cross, crack Long Island driver who won two features here last season. He will also pilot an Offy.

Along with Cross, the field of entries for tonight at **Dorney Park** includes such topnotch speed stars as Andy Van Heusen, Charlie Miller, Ernie McCoy, Dick Dowd, Frank Specker, Tony Martino, Al Herman, and nearly a score of others.

The first qualifying heat tonight gets under way at 8:30 o'clock sharp, with the 25-lap feature event the big race of the night.

Len Duncan Wins Midget Feature at Dorney Park; Mystery Man Is Second

6/18/1950

Len Duncan, winning his first feature race of the year at the **Dorney Park Speedway**, had to step on it all the way last night to beat out the Mystery Man, who placed second after starting in fifth position. Duncan's time in winning the 25-lap feature was 6:09.79.

The big crowd turning out for the midget races last night were given an added treat, for among the spectators and introduced to the gathering was Johnny Parsons, winner of the recent 500-mile race at Indianapolis on Memorial Day.

All of last night's races were hotly contested, and even in the feature event Al Herman, Allentown driver, made things decidedly interesting for the big name drivers when he went out in front and stayed there for more than half the distance, altho he had to be content with third place at the finish.

The Mystery Man, however, proved that he is one of the top drivers in the country, even though none of the other drivers nor any of the spectators knew his identity. He will be back again next Saturday, it was announced, and now that he knows the Dorney Park track should make things interesting for the other drivers.

There were no serious mishaps last night, altho Joe Rose spun out and into the fence in the third qualifying heat.

The summaries:

First Qualifying Heat—Ten Laps

1—Eddie Sacks, Allentown; 2—Len Duncan, Brooklyn; 3—Georgie Fonder, Lansdale; 4—Charlie Roth, Philadelphia. Time: 2:35.53.

Second Qualifying Heat—Ten Laps

1—Larry Bloomer, Lansdale; 2—Lou Krouza, Paterson, N. J.; 3—Art Cross, Long Island; 4—Mike Mazarek, East Meadow, Long Island. Time: 2:31.79.

Third Qualifying Heat—Ten Laps

1—Al Herman, Allentown; 2—Hawley Kight, Philadelphia; 3—Bill Compton, Allentown; 4—Charlie Miller, Allentown; 5—The Mystery Man. Time: 2:29.53.

First Semi-Final—12 Laps

1—Art Cross, Long Island; 2—Len Duncan, New York; 3—Lou Krouza, Long Island; 4—Walt Fair, Norristown; 5—Fred Peters, Stamford, Conn.; 6—Dick Dowd, Paterson, N. J. Time: 2:59.59.

Second Semi-Final—12 Laps

1—Al Herman, Allentown; 2—Eddie Sacks, Allentown; 3—Mystery Man; 4—Georgie Fonder; 5—Larry Bloomer; 6—Charlie Roth, Philadelphia. Time: 2:57.94.

Feature—25 Laps

1—Len Duncan; 2—Mystery Man; 3—Al Herman; 4—Georgie Fonder; 5—Art Cross; 6—Larry Bloomer. Time: 6:09.79.

Consolation—15 Laps

1—Charlie Miller, Allentown; 2—Fred Meeker, Stamford, Conn. Time: 3:42.59.



ENTERS DORNEY STOCK CAR RACES—Tommy Coates, now of Trenton but originally from San Antonio, Texas, has filed his entry for Wednesday night's stock car races at **Dorney park**. He is one of more than 30 drivers already entered. He has been a driver for 15 years in **midgets** and stock car races. Other entries for Wednesday night's races here include Wally Campbell, Bill Gross, Bobby Cartright and many other outstanding stars. 6/20/1950

Dick Eagen, 2nd in 2 Prelims, Wins **Stock Car** 25-Lap Feature

6/22/1950

Dick Eagen, of Stamford, Conn., led from start to finish to take the **stock car** feature last night at **Dorney park** track.

Ralph Sheeler, Paterson, N. J., challenged Eagen for several laps but had motor trouble and limped to a fifth place.

Six of the starting field of 13 didn't finish the 25 laps because

of assorted troubles, notably blown tires.

The second semi produced a collision between Al Metz, of Easton, and Tex Enright, of Paterson. Both were forced out of further action as a result of the crackup.

Summaries:

First heat (10 laps): 1—Hully Bunn, Stafford Springs, Conn.; 2—Ralph Sheeler, Paterson, N. J.; 3—Lucky Loux, Quakerstown; 4—Tex Enright, Paterson. Time: 2:35.69.

Second heat (10 laps): 1—Gene Stonewall, Paterson; 2—Dick Eagen, Stamford, Conn.; 3—Happy Hough, Paterson; 4—Otto Harwi, Easton. Time: 2:51.57.

Third heat (10 laps): 1—Jack Reynolds, Hawthorne, N. J.; 2—Enright; 3—Len Duncan, Brooklyn; 4—Charlie Dyer, Paterson. Time: 2:54.03.

First semi-final (12 laps): 1—Bunn; 2—Eagen; 3—Hough; 4—Stonewall; 5—Reynolds; 6—Loux. Time: 3:23.27.

Second semi-final (12 laps): 1—Sheeler; 2—Dyer; 3—Harwi; 4—Jack Pellinato, Paterson; 5—Ray Fleming, Easton. Time: 3:37.22.

Feature (25 laps): 1—Eagen; 2—Loux; 3—Bunn; 4—Hough; 5—Sheeler; 6—Dyer. Time: 7:17.31.

McGrath Races 'Mystery Man' Here Saturday

6/23/1950

MYSTERY MAN

Because the name of Steve McGrath, who won two feature races here this season and five in 1949,

wasn't listed among the entries last Saturday night at Dorney Park there were some of the racing drivers and fans who figured that The Mystery Man was in reality McGrath.

Last Saturday, however, McGrath was racing in Boston while the Mystery Man was placing second to Len Duncan in the 25-lap feature here.

This Saturday night, however, both McGrath and the Mystery Man will be at Dorney Park Speedway, and that should make for some interesting racing.

McGrath yesterday notified Red Crise, director of the Dorney Park races, that he would positively be here with his Offy Saturday night, and that he was looking forward with interest to racing against the Mystery Man.

There will be many other favorites in Saturday night's program here, including Duncan, last week's winner; Andy Van Heusen, Fred Peters, Charlie Miller, Larry Bloomer, Georgie Fonder and many others.



McGrath Wins 3rd Feature In Dorney Midget Races

6/25/1950

Steve McGrath continued his domination of the Dorney park midget auto races last night as he won his third feature of the season before 4,700 persons.

McGrath has appeared on three Dorney bills and won three features this season. He carried away top honors seven times last season.

McGrath won last night's headliner the hard way, coming from 11th position at the start and finishing ahead of Hawley Kight and Len Duncan, the latter having won last week's feature.

In the reverse start, with drivers lining up according to point standing, the time was slower than usual but the race was interesting.

Larry Bloomer spun out at the halfway mark of the 25-lap race

and Len Duncan went out on the 15th lap. The Mystery Man finished a disappointing seventh.

Summaries:

First heat, 10 laps: Len Duncan, Brooklyn; Andy Van Heusen, Paterson; Al Herman, Allentown; Steve McGrath, Stamford, Conn. Time: 2:30.51.

Second heat, 10 laps: Eddie Sacks, Allentown; Jimmy DeMarco, Bronx; Art Cross, Paterson; Bill Coates, Philadelphia. Time: 2:33.56.

Third heat, 10 laps: Hawley Kight, Philadelphia; Teddy Renard, Freeport, L. I.; Mystery Man; Ray Ziegler, Allentown. Time: 2:33.39.

First semi-final, 12 laps: Coates and DeMarco, tied for first; Walt Fair, Norristown; Steve McGrath; Eddie Sacks; Charlie Miller, Allentown. Time: 3:03.53.

Second semi-final, 12 laps: Duncan, Kight, Larry Bloomer, Norristown; Mike Mazaruk, Freeport, L. I.; Van Heusen, Mystery Man. Time: 2:59.91.

Class B race, 12 laps: Ernie McCoy, Reading; Charlie Ross, Philadelphia; Lou Krouza, Paterson; Bill Compton, Allentown. Time: 3:02.78.

Consolation, 12 laps: Renard, Fred Meeker, Stamford, Conn. Time: 2:58.35.

Feature, 25 laps: McGrath, Kight, Duncan, Mazaruk, Van Heusen, Sacks. Time: 6:15.04.

IN STOCK CAR RACES HERE— Dee Toran, swash-buckling Mexican driver who displayed a lot of know how in the midget races at **Dorney Park** for the past two seasons, will come back to the local track tomorrow night as a **stock car** driver, one of a field of more than 30 entries for the Wednesday night speed program on the fifth of a mile asphalt track.

Toran, who drove several Offices at **Dorney Park** last year with more than ordinary success and was mixed up in several arguments about the ownership of one of the Offices, thinks that in the **stock car** races he can really go to town.

"I drove in the stocks down in

Washington last Friday night, and I did all right" said Toran yesterday. "I know one thing for sure: I know that small **Dorney Park** track better than most of those other drivers entered for Wednesday night, and I may be able to show them a few things."

But Toran will have some real competition tomorrow night in the **stock car** races, however, for among the entries are Dick Eagen, of Stanford, Conn., who won last week's 25-lap feature; Lucky Loux, Roscoe Hough, Ralph Sheeler, Tex Enright, Gene Stoneall and many other top notch hot rod jockeys.

The first event Wednesday night starts at 8:30 sharp.

6/28/1950

Stock Car Races To Attract Big Crowd at Dorney Park Tonight

Stock car automobile racing, gaining in popularity all over the country, particularly with the younger generation, returns to the **Dorney Park Speedway** tonight with another big entry list of hot-rod driving stars ready to compete for gold and glory. Tonight's races start at 8:30 o'clock.

Racing officials at Dorney Park have noted the difference in the crowds attending the stock car races and the midget auto race programs. The stock car followers are mostly youngsters just out of their teens, while the midget auto race fans for the most part are a more mature species of racing fan.

the fellow who has been watching the racers for quite a few years.

Most of the stock car jockeys are newcomers to the game. The cars they drive sometime appear to be old wrecks, but that concerns only the outside body. The engines are hopped up plenty.

There are some older drivers in the stock car races, however. Among these are Roscoe Hough and Pappy Sheeler, and tonight at Dorney Park they'll have another veteran driver joining them, Dee Toran, the fiery little Mexican who competed here for a number of years in the midget competition, filing his entry for tonight's stock

Fists Fly After Lucky Loux Wins In Dorney Park Stock Car Feature

6/29/1950

An on-track feud which precipitated a 30 minute brawl following the feature highlighted the stock car races at **Dorney Park** track last night.

Instigators of the fuss were Charlie Wismer, of Easton, and the Hough racing team of Roscoe Hough and Charlie Dyer. First Dyer and Wismer banged each other around in a semi-final, finally smashing into a fence.

Then, after Wismer got his car repaired and into the feature, Hough took over. Getting behind Wismer in the straightaway, Hough slammed Wismer into a fence.

The feature concluded four laps later with Lucky Loux, of Quaker-

town, the winner. Then the fun began. The crowd poured onto the track and began mixing it up to the delight of just about everyone.

Hurriedly summoned police finally restored order a half hour later.

Promoter Red Crise announced that there'll be no stock car racing next Wednesday because of the holiday the day before. Stock racing will resume July 12.

Summaries:

First heat (10 laps): 1—Otto Harwi, Easton; 2—Vince Canzoneri, Paterson, N. J.; 3—Roscoe Hough, Paterson; 4—Bill Gross, Tampa. Time: 2:59.21.

Second heat (10 laps): 1—Tony Battle, Emerson, N. J.; 2—Ralph Sheeler, Paterson; 3—Charlie Dyer, Paterson; 4—Eddie Riker, Dover, N. J. Time: 2:45.73.

Third heat (10 laps): 1—Larry Dodd, Philadelphia; 2—Lucky Loux, Quakertown; 3—Fred Fehr, Easton; 4—Jack Reynolds, Hawthorne, N. J. Time: 2:49.68.

First semi-final (15 laps): 1—Hough; 2—Riker; 3—Reynolds; 4—Charlie Morrison, Easton; 5—Mickey Rohrer, Trenton; 6—Ray Fleming, Bethlehem. Time: 3:30.51.

Second semi-final (15 laps): 1—Battle; 2—Harwi; 3—Wheeler; 4—Canzoneri; 5—Loux; 6—Fehr. Time: 3:32.78.

Feature (25 laps): 1—Loux; 2—Reynolds; 3—Sheeler; 4—Gross; 5—Harwi; 6—Dodd. Time: 7:20.72.

Stock Car Race

6/29/1950

Crash Results In Free-for-all

Hard-driving stock car pilots, their mechanics, and even some of their spouses, demonstrated their competitive versatility last night in a fistie free-for-all following a crash in the feature race at **Dorney Park**.

An estimated 50 to 75 drivers and crewmen of various racing factions mixed it up for more than 20 minutes on the first turn after three cars piled into the fence. As soon as the race ended the fireworks started.

Police rushed to the area and had their hands full trying to calm rising tempers. After the big melee several smaller battles broke out in the **stock car** parking area.

Nobody was reported hospitalized, but "mouses" and torn shirts marked several of the participants.

The exact cause of the disturbance could not be determined, but racing fans said that bad blood had been brewing throughout the night between a Paterson, N. J., group and local drivers.

Lucky Loux Cops

Stock Car

Feature

6/29/1950

Beats Large Field In Fastest Time

Lucky Loux made it two major triumphs in succession last evening. The Sellersville stock car pilot raced to a first place victory on the Dorney Park track.

Forty two hundred race fans can't be wrong and on Monday night the screams of the hot-rod followers were in sheer delight. Sellersville's Lucky Loux rammed Frank Rorer's modified stock car over the Yellowjacket Speedway at G St. and Erie Avenue in Philadelphia to triumph in the feature event at that oval. Loux's time of 6 minutes 41:01 seconds for the twenty-five laps was the fastest for the season.

Not only did Loux eclipse any previous time but he had to out-speed the strongest and largest field of the season. Johnny Cabral, Reading, and Wally Campbell, of Trenton, had to be taken in the joust. More than 50 cars appeared in the show with 16 starting in each heat and a total of eighteen in the final dash.

Campbell is recognized as one of the outstanding racers of the East. Wally is particularly effective in the stock car jaunts. Monday night Loux shoved him into an also ran.

Throughout the year the Sell-Perk racing team has been running in bad luck. Engine trouble has plagued Loux and Rorer. Monday the story was different. The car was functioning perfectly and the outfit did what the duo had predicted for quite a time, "when we hit a night the car is running right, we'll win".

Win they did.

Midget Stars in 50-Lap Race Here Saturday

6/30/1950

FRED PETERS

With the prize money nearly double that of the usual 25 - lap feature, the list of entrants for

Saturday night's 50-lap championship feature at the **Dorney Park Speedway** has attracted just about every one of the top rank midget auto race drivers in this section of the country, it was announced last night by Dorney Park speed officials.

Steve McGrath, consistent winner on the Dorney Park track last season and this, will be back for tomorrow night's marathon event, and will probably be a favorite to repeat his other early-season triumphs on the local track with his daring outside driving.

McGrath will have plenty of real competition, however. Yesterday Fred Peters, of Long Island, filed his entry, and with it a note that the 50-lap distance was just what he needed to win first place honors, that his Offy will carry him to first place in the longer distance.

Such favorites as Len Duncan, who has won two features here this season, Charlie Miller, Ernie McCoy, Al Herman, Andy Van Heusen, Teddy Renard, Hawley Kight, Eddie Sacks, Mike Mazaruk, Fred Meeker and many others.

The first qualifying heat Saturday night is slated for 8:30 sharp.



Takes 50-lap Midget Feature Race on Dorney Park Track

7/2/1950

Al Herman, an Allentown driver who has been coming along steadily in the midget racing game as well as an occasional shot at the big cars, last night displayed some heady driving as he piloted his Ford V-8 to victory in the first fifty-lap championship race of the season on the **Dorney Park Speedway**.

Competing against a field of some of the best midget race drivers in the east, Herman hung in third place for forty-one laps, and then pulled out in front, passing Tony Martino, of New York City, the leader at that stage, and staying in front until the finish.

Steve McGrath, a pre-race favorite with the biggest crowd of the season at **Dorney Park Speedway**, had to be content with fourth place, despite that he was driving an Offy. Three V-8's finished in front of him. McGrath had won three 25-lap features here previously this season. Last night he started in 11th position in the sixteen car fea-

ture race, but pulled up to third place.

Tony Martino, of New York, placed second behind Herman, who covered the distance in 12:34.77, and in third place was Lou Krouza, of New York.

(First Qualifying Heat—Ten Laps)

1—Len Duncan, Brooklyn; 2—Andy Van Heusen, Paterson; 3—Al Herman, Allentown; 4—Bill Compton, Allentown. Time: 2:30.97.

(Second Qualifying Heat—Ten Laps)

1—Fred Peters, Plainfield, N. J.; 2—Lou Krouza, Paterson; 3—Larry Bloomer Norristown; 4—Steve McGrath, Stanford, Conn. Time: 2:31.33.

(Third Qualifying Heat—Ten Laps)

1—Tony Martino, New York; 2—Eddie Sacks, Allentown; 3—Joe Barzda, New Brunswick; 4—The Mystery Man. Time: 2:30:09.

(First Semi-Final—12 Laps)

1—Lou Krouza; 2—Al Herman; 3—Fred Peters; 4—Steve McGrath; 5—Bill Compton; 6—Larry Bloomer. Time: 2:57.99.

(Second Semi-Final—12 Laps)

1—Tony Martino; 2—Mystery Man; 3—Mike Nazaruk, Freeport, L. I.; 4—Len Duncan; 5—Andy Van Heusen; 6—Ernie McCoy. Time: 2:59.89.

(Consolation—12 Laps)

1—Di Martino; 2—Charlie Miller, Allentown; 3—Fred Meeker, New York; 4—Eddie Sacks, Allentown. Time: 2:56.12.

(Feature—25 Laps)

1—Al Herman, Allentown; 2—Tony Martino, New York; 3—Lou Krouza, New York; 4—Steve McGrath; 5—Mystery Man; 6—Al Compton. Time: 12:34.77.

Al Herman Back In Dorney Park Races Saturday

7/6/1950

Al Herman, young Emmaus mid-get auto race driver who showed the way to a field of some of the east's best speed merchants in winning the 50-lap feature at **Dorney Park Speedway** last Saturday night of this week seeking to repeat in the feature event.

Herman, driving a V-8, trailed in third place until the 41st lap last Saturday night, then went out in front to stay to lead home such drivers as Steve McGrath, Lou Krouza, Len Duncan, Fred Peters, Bill Compton and many other top notch drivers.

Practically the same field of drivers will be back again for Saturday night's speed events, and many of the fans believe that McGrath, with his Offy, will be able to give Herman a real battle for honors all the way.

Midget Stars In Dorney Park Races Saturday

The distance will not be quite as long but the field of drivers competing in the Dorney Park midget



LARRY BLOOMER

auto race program for Saturday night will probably be much the same as that of last Saturday night when Al Herman, Emmaus driver, won the 50-lap feature event.

Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of

the Dorney Park track, said last night that tomorrow night's feature would be for 25 laps, and that there would be three ten-lap qualifying heats, two 12-lap semi-finals and a 12-lap consolation, which should make for plenty of action for the speed fans. The first qualifying heat tomorrow night gets underway at 8:30 o'clock sharp.

Larry Bloomer, the Lansdale speed merchant, is among those entered for tomorrow night's race, and is sure his Offy can take the measure of some of the V-8's which finished up front last Saturday night.

Steve McGrath, four-time winner here this season, will be back again Saturday night, along with Andy Van Heusen, Len Duncan, Charlie Miller, Ernie McCoy and all the other Dorney Park favorites.

7/7/1950



IN STOCK CAR RACES WEDNESDAY—One of the drivers to watch in the stock car races at **Dorney Park Speedway** Wednesday night will be Tommy Coates, above, of San Antonio, Texas, and Trenton, N. J. A veteran of 15 years of driving in midget and stock car competition, Coates was second in American stock car racing association high point scoring last season, and this year set a track record at Richmond. He is one of more than 30 drivers entered for Wednesday night's races.

7/11/1950

Rival Drivers' Feud Tonight May Feature Dorney Stock Car Races

One of the largest crowds to witness stock car auto races at the Dorney Park track this season is expected to be on hand tonight, the magnet bringing out the fans being a 'feud' between a number of the drivers who are members of rival stock car racing organizations.

In the last stock car events here two weeks ago, the feeling between the rival drivers ran so high that they not only bumped cars all around the track during the 25-lap feature race, but when the race was all over they jumped out of their cars and squared off in a free-for-all fistic battle right on the track that resulted in a hurry call for police. While no one was seriously injured, there were a number of black eyes and minor lacerations.

Charlie Wismer, of Easton, one of the drivers prominent in the post-race activities at the last stock car events at the Dorney Park track, will be back again tonight, along with Charlie Dyer and Roscoe Hough, with whom he tangled.

7/12/1950

Lucky Loux, of Doylestown, winner of the last 25-lap feature race here, will be back again tonight hoping to repeat.

Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the Dorney Park fifth of a mile track events, said last night that there would be at least ten drivers present from each of three different stock car racing organizations for tonight's races.

"We have entries from the Penn-Mar racing organization which has been racing around Baltimore, Washington and Williams Grove, and we also have entries from the National and Atlantic stock car organizations," said Crise. "And with that lineup we ought to see

some mighty interesting races Wednesday night."

With thirteen-lap qualifying heats, two 12-lap semi-finals, a 25-lap feature and a 10-lap consolation, there should be plenty of excitement on tap for speed fans tonight.

Stock Car Races Called Off

7/13/1950

When Only 12 Drivers Report

Because of a feud between three stock car racing associations, last night's stock car races at Dorney park were called off.

When only 12 of the scheduled 33 drivers arrived last night, Dorney park director Sherman 'Red' Crise cancelled the races.

The largest crowd of the season of the stock car season were given the choice of receiving their money back or getting tickets for this Saturday midget auto races.

The three associations which are

involved in the mixup, which exploded into a fist fight in the last stock car race two weeks ago, are the Penn-Mar, National and Atlantic associations.

Drivers involved in the fight two weeks ago were not among the 12 drivers who reported last night. A number of the drivers had entered the Paterson races last night.

Thirteen-lap qualifying heats, two 12-lap semi-finals, a 25 - lap feature, and a ten-lap consolation were scheduled last night.

Midwest Midget

Racing Champion

7/14/1950

Here Saturday

Another new face will be added to the big field of midget auto race stars at Dorney Park on Saturday night, for last night it was announced that Al Duris, of Youngstown, O., the midwest midget race champion, had filed his official entry blank for tomorrow night's races.

Duris will be driving an Offy owned by Floyd Davis, of Columbus. It will be his first appearance on the Dorney Park track, altho for a number of years he has been an outstanding driver in Detroit, Chicago, St. Louis, Youngstown and Buffalo.

Steve McGrath, of Stamford, Conn., who won four features here this season but suddenly lost his golden touch, will be back again tomorrow night, along with Al Herman, Emmaus driver who won the 50-lap feature race here recently.

Andy Van Heusen, Ernie McCoy, Charlie Miller, Dick Dowd and nearly a score of other top flight drivers, including the Mystery Man, will also be on hand for Saturday night's midget race program.

Top Stars of Midget Racing in Dorney Park Speed Events Tonight

7/15/1950

With a field of seasoned favorites and a newcomer to their midst who will attempt to show them a few tricks, tonight's program of midget auto races on the slick fifth of a mile track at Dorney Park promises plenty of keen competition for what promises to be another banner crowd of speed fans.

While such Dorney Park favorites as Steve McGrath, the Stamford, Conn., flash who has won four feature events here this season; Al Herman, the Emmaus driver who won the only 50-lap

feature of the year; Ernie McCoy, of Reading, another double winner here this season; and many others, a newcomer will attempt to break into win column in his first appearance here.

The "stranger" is Al Duris, of Youngstown, Ohio, mid-west midget champion who will be driving an Offy in his first appearance on the local track. Duris has been cleaning up all through the west, and was lured east by Sherman 'Red' Crise, Dorney Park speed director, for tonight's program.

There will be over a dozen local favorites in competition tonight. Such speed stars as Larry Bloomer, Charlie Miller, Walt Fair, Andy Van Heusen, Fred Peters, Tony Martino, Len Duncan, Dick Dowd and others will all be on hand tonight.

The first event tonight, a 10-lap qualifying heat, is slated for 8:30 o'clock sharp. There will be three ten-lap qualifying heats, two 12-lap semi-finals, the 25-lap feature race and a 12-lap consolation race for non-winners.

Mystery Man Wins Dorney Feature Race

The Mystery Man finally came through in the **Dorney Park** midget races last night, grabbing the 25-lap feature event from one of the most select fields of the season as he nosed out Dutch Schaeffer, of New York, in a duel that lasted from the tenth lap right down to the finish line.

Four mid-western racing stars, including Al Duris, of Youngstown, mid-west champion; Ray Sherman, of Chicago; Guys Biro, of Dayton; and Al Silvers, of Cincinnati, were in the big field of

midget stars competing, but the mid-west contingent failed to do anything startling. All four drove Offeys, but afterward explained that it was the first time they had ever competed on the Dorney track, had been driving mostly on dirt tracks in the west and couldn't get going on the Dorney asphalt oval.

Steve McGrath, a consistent winner at **Dorney Park** last season and this, arrived early but his car failed to arrive until just before the consolation, and in that event

he failed to place.

Len Duncan placed third behind the Mystery Man and Dutch Schaeffer in the feature race.

It was announced that because of a feud between the **stock car** racing associations there would be no **stock car** events at **Dorney Park** until further notice. The midgets will continue every Saturday night, however.

First Qualifying Heat-Ten Laps

1—Hawley Kight, Norristown; 2—Ernie McCoy, Reading; 3—Dick Dowd, Paterson, N. J.; 4—Fred

Peters, Plainfield, N. J. Time: 2:29.30.

Second Qualifying Heat-Ten Laps

1—Dutch Schaeffer, Long Island; 2—Charlie Ross, Paterson, N. J.; 3—Tony Martino, New York; 4—Larry Bloomer, Lansdale. Time: 2:34.12.

Third Qualifying Heat-Ten Laps

1—Carl Miller, Philadelphia; 2—Eddie Sacks, Allentown; 3—The Mystery Man; 4—Len Duncan, Brooklyn. Time: :30.63.

First Semi-Final—12 Laps

1—Mystery Man; 2—Dutch

Schaeffer, New York; 3—Walt Fair, Norristown; 4—Ernie McCoy, Reading; 5—Charlie Ross; Paterson; 6—Dick Dowd, Paterson. Time: 2:59.15.

Consolation—12 Laps

1—Tony Martino, New York; 2—Al Silvers, Cincinnati. Time: 2:59.30.

Feature—25 Laps

1—Mystery Man; 2—Dutch Schaeffer; —Len Duncan; 4—Carl Miller; 5—Hawley Kight; 6—Dick Dowd. (No time, accident.)

Mid-West Stars Back at Dorney Park Saturday

7/19/1950

Four mid-western midget auto race stars who competed for the first time at Dorney Park last Saturday night but failed to crash into the winning circle will be back again for this Saturday night's speed program. Sherman 'Red' Crise, the director of the Dorney Park speed events, said last night.

The four mid-western drivers—Al Duris, of Youngstown; Ray Sherman, of Chicago; Al Silvers, of Cincinnati; and Guys Biro, of Dayton—were racing for the first time last Saturday night at Dorney Park, and for three of the drivers it was the first time they ever rode on a midget asphalt track. All four are confident they will do better this week.

The Mystery Man, who won last Saturday's 25-lap feature race, will be back again Saturday night, along with such speed stars as Steve McGrath, Len Duncan, Dutch Schaffer, Hawley Kight, Ernie McCoy, Charlie Miller, Larry Bloomer, Walt Fair and over a dozen others.

McGrath Drives His Old Offy Here Saturday

7/21/1950

Steve McGrath, the New England speed merchant who made a big splash in winning **Dorney Park midget** auto races in bunches at the start of the season and then fell off, will be back here for tomorrow night's **midget** events in the same car he piloted early in the season.

In recent weeks McGrath has been piloting a No. 6 car at **Dorney Park**, his own No. 5 Offy having been smashed up. It has been repaired, however, and McGrath will be back with his old Offy Saturday night.

The Mystery Man, who won last week's 25-lap feature race, will be back tomorrow night also, as will such speed notables as Andy Van Heusen, Len Duncan, Larry Bloomer, Charlie Miller, Dutch Schaffer, Mike Nazaruk and nearly a score of others.

The first qualifying heat Saturday night starts at 8:30 o'clock.

Big Field of Midget Race Stars In Dorney Park Events Tonight

With the big majority of the crowd terming last Saturday night's speed program at **Dorney Park** the best of the season, another banner turnout is looked for tonight when practically the same field of drivers as last Saturday competes here. The first event on tonight's program is slated for 8:30 o'clock and from that time on in there will be something going every minute. The Mystery Man, who won last Saturday night's 25-lap feature race, will be back again tonight trying to repeat. The fans are divided on the identity of the Mystery Man, but all agree that he is a first rate driver and his exhibition last Saturday night was the best of the season here. The Mystery Man comes into the race track fully masked, parks his car apart from all the other drivers, and keeps his mask on until he pulls out of the park after the races.

Steve McGrath, the New England speed star who won several races here earlier in the season, will be back tonight with his old Number 5 car. He had been driving another car in recent weeks.

Dick Dowd, the Plainfield, N. J., speed star, figures that he is about due to break into the victory column in the feature tonight, and will be driving a new Offy.

There will be nearly a score of other top notch drivers in tonight's race also. They include such speed stars as Charlie Miller, Walt Fair, Andy Van Heusen, Dutch Schaefer, Carl Miller, Len Duncan, Tony Martino, Al Silvers and many others.



DICK DOWD

7/22/1950

Batman Wins Stock Car Feature;

Jalopy Tangles Thrill Crowd 7/27/1950

Frank Batman, of Pottstown, came from seventh place last night to capture the Dorney Park stock car racing feature which had to be restarted twice because of crackups in the first lap.

Ken Wismer and Jimmy Ryan

tangled on the first turn in the first start and spun into the infield. In the first lap of the second start, the car driven by Wismer ran up on top of Paul Yuhaas's car and then onto the fence between the third and fourth turns.

Cars driven by Russ Delp and Fred Fehr were also involved in the second crackup. None of the drivers were injured.

One of the best performances of the evening was turned in by Bobby Roland who came from away back to third place before having to relinquish his bid for the lead by getting jammed up behind a stalled car.

There was a three car jam up on the fifth lap of the third heat in which no one was injured.

First heat, 10 laps: 1. Roland, Reading; 2. Leshner, Reading; 3. Conrad, Allentown; 4. Held, Bethlehem. Time: 2:55.42.

Second heat, 10 laps: 1. Fehr, Easton; 2. McDonald, Wernersville; 3. Lloyd, Reading; 4. Keen, Allentown. Time: 2:58.49.

Third heat, 10 laps: 1. Newtreiner, Pottstown; 2. Kocher, Easton; 3. Dengler, Reading; 4. Trutman, Reading. No time, accident on fifth lap.

First semi-final, 12 laps: 1. Dengler, 2. Roland, 3. Kocher, 4. Fehr, 5. Delp, Landon, 6. McDonald. Time: 3:31.62.

Second semi-final, 12 laps: 1. Newtreiner, 2. Batman, Pottstown; 3. Wismer, Easton; 4. Held, 5. Hill, Reading; 6. Ryan, Pottstown. Time: 3:29.54.

Feature, 25 laps: 1. Batman, 2. Held, 3. McDonald, 4. Roland, 5. Newtreiner, 6. Lloyd. Time: 7:23.21.

Russ Klar in

7/28/1950

Midget Races

Here Sat. Night

Russ Klar, the New York speed demon who appeared on the Dorney Park track several times last season but who has been missing from the races here this year, has filed his entry for tomorrow night's midget race program. "Red" Crise, director of the Dorney Park speed events, announced last night.

"Some of the midget race fans thought the Mystery Man was Russ Klar" said Crise, "but here they will get a chance to see different, since both Klar and the Mystery Man will be on the same track Saturday night."

Crise said that Steve McGrath, a big winner here earlier in the season, would be back for tomorrow night's races, along with a top flight field of more than twenty of the east's top midget drivers.

Russ Klar and Mystery Man Both Compete in Dorney Races Tonight

7/29/1950

Because many midget auto race fans at **Dorney Park** thought the Mystery Man who has been competing in the Saturday night midget race programs here was Russ Klar, German-born driver making his home in New York City, Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the **Dorney Park** track has arranged to have Klar among the drivers entered for tonight's races here.

While some other race fans insist that the Mystery Man is none other than Doc Shanebrook, former local midget driver who is now located in Detroit, still others insist that it is Klar.

So Crise, director of the **Dorney Park** speed events, succeeded in securing Klar to drive here tonight and the Mystery Man will also be in competition at the same time.

But Klar and the Mystery Man will be just two of the field of more than thirty speed stars entered for tonight's events, which will be topped off by a 25-lap feature race.

Andy Van Heusen, New York and Long Island driver who has been speeding around the local fifth of a mile oval all season, will be back tonight. So will Ernie McCoy, of Reading; Charlie Miller, Hawley Kight, Walt Fair, Dick Dowd, Larry Bloomer and many others.

The first ten-lap qualifying heat tonight gets under way promptly at 8:30 o'clock.



ANDY VAN HEUSEN

Walt Fair Wins Feature Dorney Park Midget Race

7/30/1950

Walt Fair, Dick Dowd, and Tony Martino started and finished 1-2-3 in a tame Dorney park midget feature last night before some 3500 fans. Outside passing was made risky by a slick track.

Fair had earned the inside pole

position with a victory in a semi-final. He earlier took third in a heat.

Dowd had almost as good an evening with firsts in his heat and semi.

First heat (10 laps): 1—Dick Dowd, Paterson; 2—Joe Barzda, New Brunswick, N. J.; 3—Larry Bloomer, Norristown; 4—Russ Klar, Lynbrook, L. I. Time: 2:31.32.

Second heat (10 laps): 1—Ernie McCoy, Reading; 2—Hawley Kight, Philadelphia; 3—Dutch Schaeffer, Floral Park, L. I.; 4—Art Cross, Paterson. Time: 2:49.50.

Third heat (10 laps): 1—Mystery Man, 2—Walt Szabo, Paterson; 3—Walt Fair, Norristown; 4—Red Marlow, Freeport, L.I. Time: 2:32.42.

First semi-final (12 laps): 1—Fair, 2—Cross, 3—Marlow, 4—Bloomer, 5—Schaeffer, 6—Barzda. Time: 3:00.61.

Second semi-final (12 laps): 1—Dowd, 2—Al Herman, Allentown; 3—Fred Peters, Plainville, N. J.; 4—Len Duncan, Brooklyn; 5—Klar, 6—Tony Martino, New York City. Time: 3:01.11.

Consolation (10 laps): 1—Bill Compton, Allentown; 2—McCoy. Time: 2:50.48.

Feature (25 laps): 1—Fair, 2—Dowd, 3—Martino, 4—Herman, 5—Barzda, 6—Peters. Time: 6:21.96.

Newt Reiner Sweeps to Victory In 25-lap **Stock Car** Feature

8/3/1950

Starting in 13th place, Newt Reiner, of Pottstown, last night swept to victory in the **stock car** feature at **Dorney park** track. Reiner negotiated the 25 laps in seven minutes and 21 and a fraction seconds.

He edged Fat Bitting, of Reading, and Blackie Reider, of Pottstown, in a tight race.

Eighteen cars started the wind-up but crashes necessitating two restarts cut the field to 14.

Reiner, driving the standard **stock car** Ford V-8, earlier won a semi-final and placed second in a heat race.

Threatened rain held attendance down.

Summaries:

First heat (10 laps): 1—Fat Bitting, Reading; 2—Harvey McDonald, Wernersville; 3—Red Leshar, Reading; 4—Shorty Kirshner, Reading. Time: 2:53.03.

Second heat (10 laps): 1—Bob Rolland, Reading; 2—Blackie Reider, Pottstown; 3—Matt Kamppenberger, Reading; 4—George Kocher, Easton. No time because of two spinouts.

Third heat (10 laps): 1—Ringey Lloyd, Reading; 2—Newt Reiner, Pottstown; 3—Harold Held, Bethlehem; 4—Walt Witmer, Blanton. Time: 2:57.15.

First semi-final (12 laps): 1—Reiner, 2—Rolland, 3—Kirshner, 4—Kamppenberger, 5—Leshar, 6—Kocher. Time: 3:31.92.

Second semi-final (12 laps): 1—Fred Fehr, Easton; 2—Reider, 3—Bitting, 4—Witmer, 5—Smokey Dengler, Reading; 6—Held. Time: 3:33.19.

Feature (25 laps): 1—Reiner, 2—Bitting, 3—Reider, 4—Held, 5—Kocher, 6—Lloyd. Time: 7:21.98.

Big Entry List for Stock Car Auto Races at Dorney Park Tonight

8/9/1950

Stock car auto races, growing with leaps and bounds in popularity among the speed fans of this section, resume tonight on the fifth of a mile track at Dorney Park and indications are that another banner crowd will be on hand to watch the hot-rod drivers do their stuff. The first qualifying heat tonight is scheduled for 8:30 o'clock sharp.

Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the **Dorney Park Speedway**, said last night that he had more than thirty entries already on hand, including the two feature winners of the past two weeks, and that he expected additional entries before the races got under way tonight.

Newt Reiner, winner of last week's 25-lap feature, and Frank Patman, the Pottstown flash who won here two weeks ago, are the two most recent winners to file their entries.

Last week's stock car racing started off tame enough with no

mishaps in the first qualifying heat, but when the boys started to cut loose in the second heat five cars piled up on the fourth turn, and from that time all through the feature event there were smash-ups galore, though no one was seriously injured.

"The big majority of the drivers were never before on this track prior to last week" added Crise last night, "and at least one of the youngsters never drove in any kind of a race before. But when they get their jalopies out there, they really cut loose with them.

"And when there are sixteen, eighteen or twenty cars in one race such as we we'll have in our feature Wednesday night, there are bound to be crashes as they go hit into those sharp curves. It takes some mighty good maneuvering to get those cars through the traffic jams, but the boys know how to do it."

Ken Wismer Captures 25-Lap Stock Car Feature at Dorney

8/10/1950

Ken Wismer of Easton, won the 25-lap feature stock car race that was marked by three pileups last night on the fifth of a mile track at Dorney park.

Second in the feature was Russ Delp of Landon, Pa., while Lee Lloyd of Reading, was third.

The feature had to be restarted when on the first lap there was 14-car pile up. After the restart there was a four-car tangle, and then another 13-car job on the 13th lap.

In the first 12-lap semi-final race Smoke Dengler of Reading, turned completely over, while Skeets Konerath, Reading, hit a pole.

George Gregory, Norristown, was involved in an accident in the second 25-lap semi-final when he overturned.

The summaries:

First heat: Russ Delp, Landon, Pa.; Red Leshner, Reading; Newt Reinert, Wernersville; Lee Lloyd, Reading. Time—249.42.

Second heat: Smokey Dengler, Reading; Ken Wismer, Easton; Vince Conrad, Allentown; Shorty Kerschner, Reading. Time—254.73.

Third heat: Fred Fehr, Easton; Harold Held, Bethlehem; Dick

Keen, Allentown; Skeets Kronerath, Reading. Time—257.09.

First 12-lap semi-final: Newt Reinert; Kershner; Jimmy Delcamp, Kutztown; Harold Held, Bob Saeger, Allentown; George Kocher, Easton. No time—accident.

Second 12-lap semi-final: Russ Delp; Vince Conrad; Lee Lloyd; Ken Wismer; George Gregory, Norristown; Dick Keen. No time—accident.

25-lap feature: Ken Wismer, Russ Delp, Lee Lloyd, George Kocher, George Gregory; Jimmy Delcamp.

Mystery Man Out of Races Here Saturday

8/11/1950

The Mystery Man of Dorney Park midget racing this season will not be among those present Saturday night for the speed events on the fifth of a mile track here, altho nearly all of the other top notch drivers who have been driving here this summer will be on hand.

"The Mystery Man flipped this week; his car is definitely out of business for a week or ten days, and he himself has suffered a shoulder injury that will keep him out of action for that length of time," said Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the Dorney Park speed events, last night.

While the Mystery Man will be out of action, there will be plenty of other top flight racers in action on the dustless track at Dorney Park Saturday night, among them Russ Clarr and his cycle job; Len Duncan, Dutch Schaffer, Larry Bloomer, Ernie McCoy, Charlie Miller, Dick Dowd, Andy Van Heusen and more than a score of others.

The first event Saturday night is scheduled for 8:30 o'clock sharp.

Bloomer May Be Man to Watch In Dorney Midget Races Tonight

8/12/1950

Last Saturday night's midget auto race program at Dorney Park called off because of showers after

Mystery Man driver would not be in competition tonight because of a spill and injuries at another track this week which badly damaged his car, there will however, be a field of the leading eastern midget driving champions battling for gold and glory in tonight's races.

"Georgie Bloomer tells me that his Offy is really hot now and that he's coming up from Lansdale determined to grab off Saturday night's feature," said Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the Dorney Park track events, last night. "And when Bloomer's car is right he's a hard man to beat on any track. He's one of the veterans at Dorney Park, and he knows every groove on the track here."

Len Duncan, the New York speed merchant; Russ Klarr, the German driver with his cycle job; Dutch Schaffer, with an Offy; Ernie McCoy, Charlie Miller, Dick Dowd, Andy Van Heusen and many other topflight speed stars are entered for tonight's events.

The first qualifying heat of ten laps goes on at 8:30 sharp tonight, and then will follow the other qualifying heats, the semi-finals, consolation and 25-lap feature event.



Hawley Kight Sets Record In Dorney Midget Prelim, Captures Feature Event

8/13/1950

Hawley Kight of Philadelphia ended a long personal drought in the win column last night as he swept to victory in preliminary, semi-final and feature events of the **Dorney park midget** auto races.

A crowd estimated at 5,200 persons saw Kight set a new 12-lap record in winning one of the semi-finals in 2:56.12. It was Kight's first Dorney win this season.

The previous best was a 2:57.43 turned in by Tony Martino last May 27.

Significantly, Len Duncan neared the old record in winning the 12-lap consolation race in 2:57.58.

Kight, competing in a new Ford, had little difficulty with the pack, leading most of the way in the feature.

Dutch Schaeffer of Floral Park, L. I., who had won one of the preliminaries, attempted to overtake a car on the outside without breaks and spun out of the competition.

The Mystery Man was not in action last night, still being sidelined for lack of a car. He probably will return to Dorney park next week.

Summaries:

First heat, 10 laps: Bill Compton, Allentown; Dick Dowd, Paterson, N. J.; Len Duncan, Brooklyn; Charlie Musselman, Norristown. Time: 2:32.98.

Second heat, 10 laps: Hawley Kight, Philadelphia; Howard Marotti, Long Island; Rus Klar, Lynbrook, L. I.; Walt Fair, Norristown. Time: 2:29.02.

Third heat, 10 laps: Dutch Schaeffer, Floral Park, L. I.; Charlie Miller, Allentown; Fred Peters, Plainfield, N. J.; Larry Bloomer, Norristown. Time: 2:29.23.

First semi-final, 12 laps: Hawley Kight, Howard Marotti, Russ Klar, Lou Krouza, Paterson, N. J.; Charlie Miller, Larry Bloomer. Time: 2:56.12.

Second semi-final, 12 laps: Dutch Schaeffer, Len Duncan, Bill Compton, Charlie Musselman, Fred Peters, Dick Dowd. Time: 3:02.04.

Consolation, 12 laps: Len Duncan, Al Herman, Allentown. Time: 2:57.58.

Feature, 25 laps: Hawley Knight, Charlie Musselman, Lou Krouza, Larry Bloomer, Len Duncan, Bill Compton. Time: 6:22.57.

More Than Thirty Cars Entered In Dorney **Stock Car** Races Tonight

Stock car automobile racing on the slick fifth of a mile track at **Dorney Park**, gaining in popularity each Wednesday night, goes on tonight with a mixture of Lehigh Valley stock car jockeys with more than a dozen seasoned **stock car** campaigners.

Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the **Dorney Park** speed events, said last night that there would be more than thirty drivers and cars on hand for tonight's races, with the first qualifying heat slated for 8:30 o'clock sharp.

Included in the list of entries will be a half dozen Lehigh Valley boys who have been coming along at a fast clip in the **stock car** racing game lately. They are Vincent Conrad and Dick Keene, of Allentown; Ken Wismer, Georgie Kocher and Freddie Fehr, of Easton; Harold Held, Bethlehem, and Jimmy Delcamp, of Kutztown.

Crise said that he had been given assurances that Wally Campbell, of Norfolk, Va., who was entered here several times in recent weeks but failed to appear, would definitely be on hand tonight.

"It looks like we'll have enough cars on hand to start twenty in the feature," said Crise last night. "And that ought to be something well worth seeing. If they come through that first bend without a pile-up they are sure to get it in the second."

Last Wednesday night's feature race had to be restarted three times because of pileups, five cars crashing into each other at one stage of the race.



WALLY CAMPBELL

8/16/1950

Shorty Kirschner Captures Stock Car Feature at Dorney

8/17/1950

Shorty Kirschner of Reading won the stock car feature before a fine crowd of some 3500 at Dorney park last night. It gave him a perfect night since he had earlier won a heat and then a semi-final.

The windup race had to be stopped after 21 laps when Bernie Lawhead, of Washington, N. J., lost control of his car and stalled crosswise in the middle of the track.

Kirschner was leading by a quarter of a lap or so at that stage. It had taken two restarts to get the feature rolling.

Second in the feature went to Vince Conrad, a hometown product who had himself a fine evening. He took a heat and then finished in back of Kirschner in one semi-final.

Summaries:

First heat (10 laps): 1—Shorty Kirschner, Reading; 2—Jack Brewer, Reading; 3—Harold Held, Bethlehem; 4—Dick Keene, Allentown. Time: 2:52.40.

Second heat (10 laps): 1—Vince Conrad, Allentown; 2—Ken Wismer, Easton; 3—Jack Walker, Pottstown; 4—Bill Scanlon, Philadelphia. Time: 2:58.47.

Third heat (10 laps): 1—Gil Swartz, Pottstown; 2—Red Leshner, Reading; 3—Noot Reinert, Pottstown; 4—Smokey Dengler, Reading. Time: 2:59.58.

First semi-final (15 laps): 1—Keene, 2—Wismer, 3—Brewer, 4—Swartz, 5—Held, 6—Dengler. Time: 4:29.24.

Second semi-final (15 laps): 1—Kirschner, 2—Conrad, 3—Reinert,

4—Leshner, 5—George Kocher, Easton; 6—Fred Adams, Kutztown. Time: 4:28.31.

Feature (25 laps): 1—Kirschner, 2—Conrad, 3—Fred Fehr, Easton; 4—Leshner, 5—Wismer, 6—Held. (No time because of restarts).

Mystery Man Back in Dorney 8/18/1950 Races Saturday

Out of the **Dorney Park midget** races because of injuries received earlier when his car flipped and was damaged considerably, The Mystery Man has fully recovered, his Offy has been put back in first class condition and he'll definitely be on hand for tomorrow night's weekly **midget** program on the fifth of a mile macadam track.

That was the announcement last night by Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the **Dorney Park** races.

Crise said that the Mystery Man would face plenty of stiff competition tomorrow night, for among the entries are Hawley Kight, winner of last week's 25-lap feature race; Russ Klar, whose cycle job has become a favorite with **Dorney Park** speed fans, Andy Van Heusen, Len Duncan, Dutch Schaffer, Larry Bloomer, Bill Compton, Dick Dowd, Charlie Miller, Ernie McCoy, Fred Peters, Walt Fair and many others.

The first ten-lap qualifying heat Saturday night starts at 8:30 o'clock.

Classy Field of Midget Race Stars at Dorney Park Tonight

8/19/1950

With another big field of drivers, including just about all of the top midget racers in the east, **Dorney Park Speedway** fans should be in for more real thrills tonight in the weekly Saturday night speed program.

Included among the big entry list are the winners of all the recent feature races at Dorney Park, along with The Mystery Man, the driver who dazzled with his brilliant inside and outside racing here in recent weeks but who cracked up on another track and was on the shelf for two weeks. He has

recovered from his injuries, and his Offenhauser has been repaired and he will be on hand tonight.

Hawley Kight, of Norristown, winner of last Saturday night's 25-lap feature, will be back hoping for a repeat tonight, while Walt Fair, of Pottstown, also a winner at the Dorney Park track in recent weeks, will also be among the entries tonight.

Dutch Schaeffer, Len Duncan, Larry Bloomer, Dick Dowd, Ernie McCoy, Charlie Miller, Andy Van Heusen, Lou Krouza, and Fred Peters are just a few of the old Dorney Park favorites who will be on hand.

The first qualifying heat tonight will get under way at 8:30 o'clock.

Field of Forty Drivers Expected For Dorney Stock Car Races

8/23/1950

The stock car racing craze, sweeping the country from California to Canada, has included the **Dorney Park Speedway** here in its leap to popularity in recent months, and indications are that another banner crowd will be on hand at the local fifth of a mile macadam track tonight when the first of the qualifying heats gets under way at eight thirty o'clock.

Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the Dorney Park speed events,

said last night that all indications pointed to an entry list of at least thirty cars and drivers for tonight's events, and that there probably would be forty or more.

"We have entries from some of the best stock car racers in the east, as well as entries from more than a dozen stock car jockeys from right here in Eastern Pennsylvania," said Crise last night.

Allentown drivers entered in tonight's races are Dick Keene and Vincent Conrad, with Harold Held a likely third Allentown entry. Ken Wismer, Georgie Kocher and Freddie Fehr are Easton entries, while from Bethlehem will come Harold Held and from Easton Jimmy Delcamp.

Two Reading boys, Shorty Kirschner, who won last week's 25-lap feature race here, and Billy Gross, a fellow who has been up among the leading stock car jockeys of the east all season, are other entries in tonight's races here.

Automobile race fans have come to realize that they get more real thrills and action in the stock car events than any other style of racing, which accounts for the increasingly large crowds every Wednesday night at Dorney Park.



BILLY GROSS

8/23/1950

Ryan Captures Feature Race At Dorney 8/24/1950

Jimmy Ryan won his first stock car feature at Dorney park track last night before a fine crowd of close to 4,000.

The Pottstown driver did it the hard way, coming from 10th in the starting field. He took over the lead on the 20th lap and outlasted Jack Walker, also of Pottstown, for the victory.

Ryan, driving a Ford coupe, won a heat but failed to qualify for the windup in a semi-final race. So he tried again in the consolation, took first, and made his sweep for the evening the tough way.

Twenty-four cars started the feature but a pileup of eight of them on the second lap cut the field down to working size for the re-start.

Summaries:

First heat (10 laps): 1—Vince Conrad, Allentown; 2—Jack Walker, Pottstown; 3—Mike Roadcap, Pottstown; 4—Jim Delcamp, Kutztown. Time 3:05.64.

Second heat (10 laps): 1 — Jim Ryan, Pottstown; 2—Blacky Reider, Pottstown; 3—Bob Rolland, Reading; 4—Bob Sager, Allentown. Time: 2:51.68.

Third heat (10 laps): 1—Fat Bitting, Reading; 2—Don Smoyer, Pottstown; 3—Robbie Robinson; 4—Dick Kenne, Allentown. Time: 2:55.34.

First semi-final (12 laps): 1—Sager; 2—George Kocher, Easton; 3—Reider; 4—Harold Held, Bethlehem; 5—Walker; 6—Newt Reinert, Pottstown. Time: 3:33.18.

Second semi-final (12 laps): 1—Bitting; 2—Jerry Hahn; 3—Delcamp; 4—Red Leshner, Reading; 5—Rolland; 6—Cliff Watts, Philadelphia. Time: 3:33.86.

Consolation (12 laps): 1—Ryan; 2—Herb Mohr, Easton; 3—Ken Wismer, Easton; 4—Rich Rodenberger, Quakertown. No time because of restarts.

Feature (25 laps): 1—Ryan; 2—Walker; 3—Bill Scanlon, Camden, N. J.; 4—Bitting; 5—Watts; 6—Held. No time because of restarts.

Mystery Man's Last Appearance Here Saturday

8/25/1950

The Mystery Man of Dorney Park midget auto racing this summer will be on hand for tomorrow night's regular Saturday night program here, but it may be his last appearance of the season on the Dorney Park track.

Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the **Dorney Park speedway**, said last night that the Mystery Man has been made an attractive offer to race on the West Coast, and that if he accepts he will leave for California early next week.

The Mystery Man will be only one of more than a score of top flight midget racing stars to compete in tomorrow night's races, for among the entries are such well known speed stars as Len Duncan, Dutch Schaffer, Larry Bloomer, Ernie McCoy, Hawley Kight, Charlie Miller, Walt Fair and many others.

The first event Saturday night, a 10-lap qualifying heat, goes on at 8:30 o'clock sharp.

Mystery Man Heads Big Field Of Dorney Park Drivers Tonight

With another classy field of the best drivers in the east entered, tonight's midget auto race card at Dorney Park is expected to bring out another banner crowd when the first qualifying heat gets under way at 8:30 o'clock.

Tonight's events may also mark the final appearance here this season of The Mystery Man — and then again it may not.

Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the **Dorney Park Speedway**, said last night that the Mystery Man informed him earlier in the week that he had been made an attractive offer to compete on the West Coast, and may accept.

"The Mystery Man will be in Saturday night's races," said Crise last night. "And if we can keep him here he'll be in the races for the rest of the season at Dorney Park."

8/26/1950

"Nobody but myself knows who the Mystery Man is. Some of the fans think he is Steve McGrath, some others say he is Russ Klar and others claim he is Doc Shanebrook. Well, I can tell you that it is not any of those three fellows, and that's definite" said Crise

In all the races at Dorney Park this summer in which the Mystery Man has appeared he has been kept away from all the other drivers and has been masked when in the races with them. None of the other drivers know who the Mystery Man is.

Whoever the Mystery Man is, and he has proved to the Dorney Park track fans this season that he is one of the ablest drivers in the game, he will face some stiff competition tonight.

Among the competition he will face will be such speed notables as Len Duncan, Dutch Schaeffer, Larry Bloomer, Ernie McCoy, Hawley Kight, Walt Fair, Charlie Miller and over a dozen other top flight drivers.

There will be three 10-lap qualifying heats on tonight's program, the two 12-lap semi-finals, a 12-lap consolation and the 25-lap feature event.

Dutch Schaeffer Is Winner Of Dorney Park Main Race

Dutch Schaeffer of Floral Park, L. I., rode into the winner's circle last night for the first time this season at Dorney park's midget auto speed drome.

Starting in 11th position, Schaeffer moved into the lead midway through the race and stayed there to the finish of the 25-lap event over the one-fifth-mile oval.

First heat, 10 laps: Charlie Musselman, Norristown; Dick Dowd, Paterson; Charlie Miller, Allentown; Larry Bloomer, Norristown. Time: 2:35.54.

Second heat, 10 laps: Harold Marotti, New York; Al Herman, Allentown; Bill Compton, Allentown; Ernie McCoy, Reading. Time: 2:37.14.

Third heat, 10 laps: Eddie Sachs, Allentown; Len Duncan, Brooklyn; Lou Krouza, Paterson; Mystery Man. Time: 2:29.72.

First semi-final, 12 laps: Marotti, Musselman, Herman, Walt Fair of Norristown, Duncan, Joe Barzda of New Brunswick. Time: 3:01.98.

Second semi-final, 12 laps: Sachs Miller, Duncan, Bloomer, Dutch Schaeffer of Floral Park, L. I., Red Sanders of Philadelphia. Time 3:03.02.

Consolation, 12 laps: McCoy, Mystery Man. Time: 2:58.27.

Feature, 25 laps: Schaeffer, Fred Peters of Plainfield, N. J., Duncan, Miller, Bloomer, McCoy. Time: 6:21.35.

8/27/1950

Three Most Recent Winners In Dorney Park Stock Car Races

8/30/1950

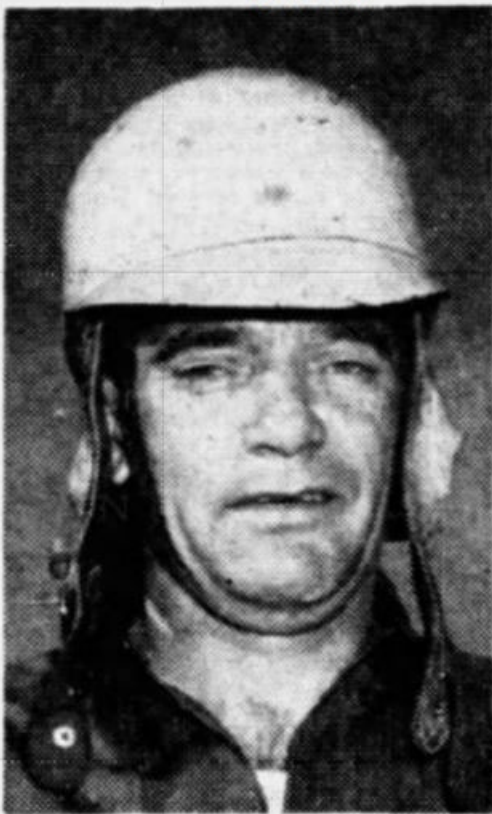
The three 25-lap feature winners in the last three weeks of **stock car** racing at the Dorney Park track are among the big list of entries that will compete for gold and glory tonight in the weekly Wednesday night smash 'em-crash 'em events on the fifth of a mile asphalt track.

Ken Wismer, of Easton; Jimmy Ryan, of Pottstown; and Shorty Kirschner, of Reading, are the three fellows who finished in front in the last three 25-lap feature events, and all have filed their entry blanks with Red Crise.

Those three are just a few of the outstanding **stock car** drivers entered for tonight's thrill program, however, for others include Vince Conrad, Dick Keene, Allentown; Jim Delcamp, Kutztown; Fat Biting, Mike Roadcap, and Black Reider, of Pottstown; Rich Rodenberger, Quakertown; Herb Mohr, Easton; and over two score others.

One of the fellows to watch in tonight's races here will be a veteran of the racing game, Charlie Dyer, of Philadelphia, who will be entered with the Roscoe Hough **stock car** team.

The first of six events on tonight's program, a 10-lap qualifying heat, is scheduled to get under way at 8:30 o'clock sharp.



CHARLES DYER

Johnny Thomson, Starting Last First Time Here, Is Dorney Park Race Winner

9/3/1950

Spinning out on the next to the last lap in the semi-final event and then gaining a spot in the feature race only when another driver who qualified ahead of him in the consolation was ruled off the track for throwing oil, Johnny Thompson, of Lowell, Mass., one of several crack eastern drivers making their first appearance on the local track, last night went on from there to win the 25-lap feature race on the Dorney Park fifth of a mile track.

Thomson driving the same Offy which is rated second in the National ARDC point scoring race, has not lost a feature event in which he has competed this season, but it was not until the 21st lap last night that he took the lead away from Charlie Musselman, of Norristown, and then stayed in front until the finish.

Because he failed to qualify in any of the heats and placed third in the consolation 12-lap event Thomson was forced back to last place in the 25-lap feature event. He kept pulling up gradually, however, and finally on the 21st lap went out in front.

Ernie McCoy, of Reading, placed second in the feature race, with Charlie Miller, of Allentown, third and Fred Peters, of New York, fourth.

The spectators saw plenty of crackups and excitement last night, but nobody was hurt. In the third qualifying heat Tony Martino, Eddie Sachs and Harry Amerling tangled in the first turn, and all spun out, the heat being restarted.

In the feature event Len Duncan, Dutch Schaffer and Bill Compton scraped the wall and sent the starter running in the feature event, and Schaeffer spun out after hitting the wall.

It was announced last night that

there would be stock car races Wednesday night and a 100-lap midget championship race next Saturday night.

First Qualifying Heat—Ten Laps

1 — Dick Dowd, Paterson, N. J.;
2 — Lou Krouza, Paterson, N. J.;
3 — Charlie Miller, Allentown; 4 — Bill Compton, Newark, N. J.
Time: 2:34:01.

Second Qualifying Heat—Ten Laps

1 — George Szabo, Newark, N. J.; 2 — Charlie Musselman, Norristown, Pa.; 3 — Fred Peters, Plainfield, N. J.; 4 — Larry Bloomer, Hatfield, Pa. Time: 2:33:18.

Third Qualifying Heat — Ten Laps

1 — Pete Lorber, Hagerstown, Md.; 2 — Harold Moratti, New York City; 3 — Ernie McCoy, Reading; 4 — Art Cross, Paterson, N. J. Time: 2:25:8.

First Semi-Final — 12 Laps

1 — Fred Peters, Plainfield, N. J.; 2 — George Szabo, Newark; 3 — Charlie Musselman, Norristown; 4 — Len Duncan, New York; 5 — Ernie McCoy, Reading; 6 — Al Herman, Allentown. Time: 3:01:21.

Second Semi-Final — 12 Laps

1 — Pete Lorber, Hagerstown, Md.; 2 — Dick Dowd, Paterson; 3 — Dutch Schaffer, Floral Park, L. I.; 4 — Harry Amerling, New York City; 5 — Lou Krouza, New York City; 6 — Charlie Miller, Allentown. Time: 2:55:09.

Consolation — 12 Laps

1 — Bill Compton, Paterson, N. J.; 2 — Harold Moratti, New York; 3 — Johnny Thomson, Lowell, Mass. Time: 2:52:69.

Feature — 25 Laps

1 — Johnny Thomson, Lowell, Mass.; 2 — Ernie McCoy, Reading; 3 — Charlie Miller, Allentown; 4 — Fred Peters, New York; 5 — Bill Compton, Paterson; 6 — Al Herman, Allentown. Time: 6:21:35.

Bethlehemite

9/7/1950

Takes Dorney Feature Race

Harold Held, Bethlehem stock car racer, copped last night's 25 lap feature at the Dorney park "Red" Crise - sponsored jalopy races.

Held went into the lead on the 19th lap after Quakertown's Lucky Loux was flipped out of the lead, which he had grabbed on the sixth trip around the oval.

Held was the victor in the first heat on the night's program, watched by coat-clad stock car fans. He finished fourth in the second semi-final and then grabbed the "checker-flag" in the windup.

Summaries:

First Heat (10 laps): 1—Harold Held, Bethlehem; 2—Jim Ryan, Pottstown; 3—Freddie Fehr, Easton; 4—Bill Scanlon, Camden. Time: 2:45.16.

Second Heat (10 laps): 1—Wayne Motzler, Allentown; 2—Jimmy Delcamp, Kutztown; 3—Jack Gilbert, Philadelphia; 4—Steve Novatni, Bethlehem. Time: 2:52.11.

Third Heat (10 laps): 1—Dick Keen, Allentown; 2—Jack Brower, Pottstown; 3—Lucky Loux, Allentown; 4—Shorty Kirschner, Reading. Time: 2:56.82.

First Semi-Final (12 laps): 1—Jimmy Delcamp; 2—Wayne Motzler; 3—Jack Gilbert; 4—Jim Ryan; 5—Steve Novatni; 6—Bill Scanlon. Time: 3:31.54.

Second Semi-Final (12 laps): 1—Lucky Loux; 2—Fred Fehr; 3—Harold Held; 4—Dick Keen; 5—Shorty Kirschner; 6—Bill Majerik, Allentown. Time: 3:37.42.

Feature (25 laps): 1—Harold Held; 2—Jimmy Delcamp; 3—Wayne Motzler; 4—Freddie Fehr; 5—Steve Novatni; 6—Ken Rapp, Easton. Time: 7:43.18.

Dorney Races Postponed

9/10/1950

Dorney park's midget season ending 100-lap auto race was re-scheduled next Saturday night when the track last night was seemed too slick for safe driving.

Over 40 cars were on hand for the 1950 championship event.

The calloff was made before the start of preliminary races by agreement of the drivers and the promoter, Red Crise.

There'll be the usual **stock car** races Wednesday night at the track, continuing a weekly series expected to last into October.

Local Drivers Enter Tonight's Stock Car Races at Dorney Park

One of the reasons for the growing popularity of stock car racing all over the country is the fact

9/13/1950

The field of drivers entered for the races include a number of outstanding Allentown and Lehigh Valley jockeys.

One of the group racing here tonight, Harold Held, of Bethlehem, won the 25-lap feature race here last week, and he'll be back tonight seeking to put on a repeat performance.

Another favorite with local fans is Lucky Loux, of Quakertown, who drove in the midget races at Dorney Park some years ago before swinging over to the stock cars.

Wayne Mutzler, Dick Keen, Bill Majerik and Jimmy Delcamp are a group of local drivers entered tonight, and other include Jim Ryan, of Pottstown, a former winner here; Freddie Fehr, of Easton; Steve Novatne, of Bethlehem; Jack Brower, of Pottstown; Shorty Kershner, of Reading, and many others.

"We expect to have close to forty cars on hand for the stock car races Wednesday night," said Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the **Dorney Park Speedway**, last night.

"That means we'll have close to twenty starters on the fifth of a mile track for the feature race, and 20 cars on that small track spells excitement."



HAROLD HELD

that local drivers are being developed in those races and generate local interest in those races. Such is the case at Dorney Park where the stock cars renew their warfare tonight in a series of qualifying heats and a 25-lap feature that is expected to bring out another banner crowd.

100-LAP MIDGET RACE AT ALLENTOWN, SATURDAY

9/14/1950

Allentown, Pa., Sept. 14—Originally scheduled for last Saturday night but postponed then because of inclement weather, the 100-lap midget auto race championship at **Dorney Park Speedway** here will go on Saturday night of this week.

The 100-lap championship event is open to all drivers and cars that competed on the slick fifth of a mile track here previously this season, and that means that there should be a field of more than forty drivers on hand when Saturday night's races start off at 8:30 o'clock.

100-Lap Midget Championship Race Saturday

9/15/1950

Originally scheduled for last Saturday night but postponed then because of inclement weather, the 100-lap midget auto race championship at **Dorney Park Speedway** here will go on Saturday night of this week.

The 100-lap championship event is open to all drivers and cars that competed on the slick fifth of a mile track this season. That means that there should be a field of more than forty drivers on hand when Saturday night's races start at 8:30 p.m.

Johnny Thomson, Lowell, Mass., driver who made his first appearance here two weeks ago and won the 25-lap feature, will be back Saturday looking for the gold and glory that goes with winning the 100-lap championship.

A star-studded field that includes such speed notables as Steve McGrath, Larry Bloomer, Len Duncan, Ernie McCoy, Georgie Fonder, Charlie Miller, Dutch Schaefer, will be on hand for Saturday's marathon event.

While the 100-lap race will close down the midget race season at Dorney Park Saturday night, such is not the case with the stock car drivers, who will continue to run every Wednesday and Saturday night while weather permits.

Postponed Date From Sat. Sept. 9

Sat. Sept. 16, 1950

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Speedway

Allentown, Pa.

First Heat 8:30 P.M.

**World's Best Cars
and Drivers**

Abbreviated Dorney Auto Race Feature And Championship Won by Dutch Schaeffer

9/17/1950

Dutch Schaeffer of Floral Park, L. I. was crowned champion of the **Dorney park midget** auto race season last night but he won the laurels in an abbreviated race scheduled for 100 laps.

The big feature was halted on the 81st lap when one of the cars began throwing oil on the track, making it too slick for further competition.

It was only the second feature win this season for Schaeffer but

he made the 100-lapper the big one.

There were three restarts in the race. On the first lap Joe Barzda and the Mystery Man tangled. On the 10th lap Larry Bloomer and Lou Crouza went into a crackup and near the finish five cars were involved in a mixup. All of them continued in action following restarts.

Summaries:

First heat, 15 laps: Len Duncan, Bronx; Al Cooper, Philadelphia; Charlie Ross, Philadelphia; Walt Fair, Norristown; Lou Krouza, Paterson, N. J. Time: 3:49.41.

Second heat, 15 laps: Carl Miller, Norristown; the Mystery Man; Red Saunders, Paterson, N. J.; Dick Dowd, Paterson, N. J.; Charlie Miller, Allentown; Fred Peters, Paterson, N. J. Time: 3:44.49.

Third heat, 15 laps: Al Herman, Allentown; Dutch Schaeffer, Floral Park, L. I.; Eddie Sacks, Allentown; Ernie McCoy, Reading; Larry Bloomer, Norristown; Joe Barzda, Flemington, N. J. Time: 3:36.18.

Consolation, 15 laps: Fred Peters, Joe Barzda, Charlie Musselman, Charlie Miller, Ernie McCoy. Time: 2:53.68.

Feature, 81 laps: Dutch Schaeffer, Fred Peters, Larry Bloomer, the Mystery Man, Art Cross, Joe Barzda, Len Duncan, Charlie Miller, Eddie Sacks. No time.

Field of Forty Drivers Tonight In Dorney Park Stock Car Races

With the Allentown Fair races coming up Saturday and the 1950 Indianapolis winner entered, there



NEWT REINER

is a possibility that a future Indianapolis winner may be in competition tonight in the Dorney Park stock car races when a field of more than forty drivers compete on the slick fifth of a mile track there in the qualifying heats and the 25-lap feature race.

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and every Sunday afternoon thereafter" added Crise.

Newt Reiner, one of Allentown's entries in the stock car races, has been entered for tonight's event at Dorney Park, Crise said, along with more than thirty of the Lehigh Valley's topflight stock car racers.

Harold Held, who won the 25-lap feature here two weeks ago (last Wednesday's stock car races were washed out), will be back tonight.

Another favorite with local fans is Lucky Loux, of Quakertown who drove in the midget races at Dorney Park some years ago before swinging over to the stock cars.

Wayne Mutzler, Dick Keen, Bill Majerik and Jimmy Delcamp are a group of local drivers entered tonight, and others include Jim Ryan, of Pottstown, a former winner here; Freddie Fehr, of Easton; Steve Novatne, of Bethlehem; Jack Brower, of Pottstown; Short Kershner, of Reading, and many others.

Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the Dorney Park speed events, said last night that there would be more than forty cars and drivers on hand for tonight's event, which might be the last night auto races of the season at Dorney Park.

"From the list of entries I already have on hand and from what is expected, I think we'll have at least forty cars and drivers on hand for Wednesday night's stock car race meet of the season at Dorney Park, but so many of the drivers want us to continue that I am not yet certain it will be the last night race" said Crise.

"At any rate, we are going to run next Sunday afternoon with the stock cars at Dorney Park,

Stock Leaders

9/22/1950

Hold Positions

MORRIS PLAINS.—The swirling tides in the Atlantic **Stock Car** Racing club point standings failed to disturb the high riding top three of John Cabral, Frank Schneider and Gordon Oldford, respectively, but did account for several switches in the lower bracket. Caught in the undertow were Len Brown who dropped from fifth to seventh and John DuBois who slipped from sixth to tenth.

Riding the crest of winning ways and in-the-money finishes were Ralph Sheeler, Tony Battle, Paul Barbiche and Russ Dodd. Sheeler, the Yellow Jacket stadium titleholder, moved up a couple of notches to fifth, Battle picked up a pair to sixth, Barbiche a lone rung to eighth and Dodd scrambled into ninth to make the top ten for the first time this season.

Cabral who had clinched the **Dorney Park** crown a few weeks ago sewed up the championship at Bayonne which ended its season Monday. Cabral posted 936 tallies to runnerup Battle's 618.

The final stages of the point race which involves a special purse for the drivers will be held at Paterson on Tuesdays and Saturdays, Morristown on Fridays, Long Branch and Middletown, N. Y., on Saturdays.

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Stock Car Races At Dorney Park Sun. Afternoon

9/23/1950

Sunday afternoon stock car auto racing on the fifth of a mile track at Dorney Park makes its bow tomorrow, and indications are that a banner crowd of fans who have been watching the stock car jockeys perform under the lights will be on hand for the first daylight events of the season.

The races Sunday afternoon start at 2:30 o'clock, and there will be the usual qualifying heats and the 25-lap feature.

Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the **Dorney Park Speedway**, said last night that there would probably be a field of thirty or more cars and drivers on hand, including practically all the previous winners here this season.

"The boys have been rained out for the last couple of weeks at Dorney Park, and they are anxious to get going again," said Crise last night. "From what I gather there ought to be one of the largest crowds of the season on hand Sunday afternoon."

Jim Ryan, Reading, Takes 25-Lap Stock Car Feature Marked by Series of Crashes

9/25/1950

With jams and smash-ups so frequent that at least one re-start was necessary in each of the seven events, Jim Ryan, of Reading, yesterday afternoon won the first 25-lap stock car feature race held in daylight at Dorney Park this season.

The field of drivers on hand was by far the largest of season, there being forty-seven cars entered in the various, qualifying heats and semi-finals along with the consolation.

There were twenty starters in the feature race, but on the very first lap there were seven cars involved in a crash, one flipping over on its side and six others crashing into it. Of the twenty cars which started, only nine finished, the other being eliminated in a series of smash-ups, head on and otherwise.

Ryan started way back in 13th place, but by the time the sixth lap rolled around he was in first place, and stayed there to the finish. Ryan's time for the 25-lap distance was 7:08.79.

The scheduled third 10-lap qualifying heat was cut down to seven laps when Shorty Kershner, Reading driver, flipped over coming out of the first turn, and before seven other drivers could bring their cars under control they were piled on top of each other. With only three cars left to run and those three leading the race, that heat was called off then and there.

All through the qualifying heats, semi-finals and feature races there were a series of crackups which did considerable damage to the Dorney Park protective fence, and a lot of that fence will have to be rebuilt before the stock cars run again next Sunday afternoon.

Yesterday's summaries follow:
(First Qualifying Heat-Ten Laps)
1—Bill Majerk, Allentown; 2—Don Smoyer, Pottstown; 3—Rarley Ewing, Reading; 4—Bill Kolb, Quakertown. Time: No time kept because of accidents.

(Second Qualifying Heat-Ten Laps)
1—Red Leshner, Reading; 2—Bobby Rolland, Reading; 3—Gil Swartz, Reading; 4—Steve Novatne, Bethlehem. Time: 3 minutes flat.

(Third Qualifying Heat - Seven Laps)
1—Jack Walker, Pottstown; 2—Fats Bitting, Reading; 3—Joe Perry, Kutztown; 4—Ken Wismer, Easton. (No time, accident)

(First Semi - Final—12 Laps)
1—Roy Hildebrand, Kutztown; 2—Steve Novatne, Bethlehem; 3—Gil Swartz, Reading; 4—Harold Held, Bethlehem; 5—Bobby Rolland, Reading; 6—Jerry Hahn, Allentown. Time: 3:38.42.

(Second Semi-Final—12 Laps)
1—Fred Fehr, Easton; 2—Jim Ryan, Reading; 3—Fat Bitting, Reading; 4—Snake Knappenberger, Reading; 5—Dick Rodenberger, Quakertown; 6—Herman Wilson, Allentown. Time: .37:31

(Consolation—12 Laps)
1—Jim Delcamp, Kutztown; 2—George Bortz, Wernersville; 3—Ed Thomas, Lebanon; 4—Art Bell, Lebanon. Time: 3:13.72.

(Feature—25 Laps)
1—Jim Ryan, Reading; Bobby Rowland, Reading; 3—Fats Bitting, Reading; 4—Jim Delcamp, Kutztown; 5—Fred Fehr, Easton; Don Smoyer, Pottstown. Time: 7:08.79.

Big Field Back For Stock Car Races Sunday

9/28/1950

"We had forty-seven stock cars in the pits last Sunday afternoon, and every one of them will be back again this Sunday" said Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the **Dorney Park speedway**, last night.

This Sunday afternoon's stock car races at Dorney Park get under way at 2:30 o'clock sharp.

In one of the heats last Sunday there were eighteen cars entered, while in the 25-lap feature there were twenty starters, altho only twelve finished after a series of smash-ups which tore down considerably of the speedway fence at Dorney Park.

"Not only will we have Jim Ryan, last Sunday's 25-lap feature winner, back this Sunday, but we'll also have most of the other stock car feature race winners here this season on hand" added Crise.

Dorney Park Stock Car Races Today

10/1/1950

The second of a series of Sunday afternoon stock car auto races on the fifth of a mile asphalt track at **Dorney Park Speedway** is slated for this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The program will be topped off by a 25-lap feature race.

Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the Dorney Park speed events, said last night that there will be a field of more than forty cars, including the winner of last Sunday's 25-lap feature, Jimmy Ryan of Reading.

"Last Sunday we had 47 stock cars in the pits and all of them competed," said Crise last night. "We'll probably have that many again Sunday afternoon. We may even go over that number."

"One thing is certain, however, we won't be able to start any more cars on the track than we did last Sunday. In one of the qualifying heats we had 18 starters, and in the feature we had 20, altho only nine finished."

Crise said that among the entries tomorrow would be such well known stock car jockeys as Bobby Rolland, Reading; Jim Delcamp, Kutztown; Steve Novatne, Bethlehem; Roy Hildebrand, Kutztown; Fats Bitting, Reading, Gil Swartz, Reading; Jerry Hahn, Dick Keen and Bill Majerk, Allentown; Don Smoyer, of Pottstown; and over a score of others.

One of the many favorites with local stock car races fans entered in today's events will be Lucky Loux, of Quakertown and Souder-ton. Lucky was entered in last Sunday's races, but developed motor trouble and failed to finish among the winners. He thinks he'll do better this afternoon.

Crise said that present plans call for stock car races every Sunday afternoon at Dorney Park as long as the weather remains favorable.

Fred Fehr, Easton Driver, Wins Dorney Park Stock Car Feature

10/2/1950

Surviving a series of crashes early in the race, one a tangle with a car handled by George Bortz, Freddy Fehr, of Easton, Sunday afternoon went on to win the 25-lap car feature race at **Dorney Park speedway**.

Another Easton driver, Ken Wismer, placed second to Fehr, while in third place was Jimmy Delkcamp, of Kutztown.

Another big field of drivers was on hand for yesterday's races, and crashes and smashes were a dime a dozen, with several of the cars tearing out big chunks of the Dorney Park protective fence as they crashed into it.

Although the feature race was restarted twice when the cars tangled in the first turn, there were no serious accidents of any kind.

Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the **Dorney Park Speedway**, said that an even larger field of drivers is expected for the stock car races here next Sunday afternoon.

Yesterday's summaries:

(First Qualifying Heat-Ten Laps)

1—Freddie Adams, Kutztown; 2—Jimmy Delkcamp, Kutztown; 3—Ed Thomas, Philadelphia; 4—Art Wilson, Allentown. Time: 3:12.02.

(Second Qualifying Heat-Ten Laps)

1—Fred Fehr, Easton; 2—Rod Stoltz, Reading; 3—Dick Keen, Allentown; 4—Jack Walker, Pottstown. Time 2:58.40.

(Third Qualifying Heat-Ten Laps)

1—Vince Conrad, Allentown; 2—Fats Bitting, Reading; 3—Hank Wismer, Easton; 4—Harold Held, Bethlehem. Time: 2:53.89.

(First Semi-Final-12 Laps)

1—Fats Bitting, Reading; 2—Shorty Kershner, Reading; 3—Fred Adams, Kutztown; 4—Ed Thomas, Philadelphia; 5—Rod Stoltz, Reading; 6—Art Wilson, Allentown. Time: 3:28.58.

(Second Semi-Final-12 Laps)

1—Ken Wismer, Easton; 2—Ringie Lloyd, Reading; 3—Vince Conrad, Allentown; 4—Harold Held, Bethlehem; 5—Fred Fehr, Easton; 6—Joe Prehinas, Reading. Time: 3:31.42.

(Consolation-12 Laps)

1—Jack Walker, Pottstown; 2—George Bortz, Bethlehem; 3—Ben Pruttman, Reading; 4—Bill Friebel, Coopersburg. Time: 3:14.23.

(Feature-25 Laps)

1—Freddy Fehr, Easton; 2—Ken Wismer, Easton; 3—Jimmy Delkcamp, Kutztown; 4—Jack Walker, Philadelphia; 5—Fred Adams, Kutztown; 6—Shorty Kershner, Reading. Time: 7:36.83.

'Fats' Biting, Reading, Wins

10/9/1950

Dorney Park Stock Car Feature

Fats Biting, Reading speed merchant, yesterday afternoon won the 25-lap stock car feature race at Dorney Park, covering the distance 7:05.72, to beat out a field of twenty drivers starting the race.

Altho twenty drivers started the race, it started to drizzle as the drivers got under way, and one after another the cars spun out on the slippery track, with the result that only eight of the starting twenty cars were able to finish the distance.

All afternoon, in the qualifying heats and semi-finals, the cars were crashing against the fence or knocking each other out of the way, but in the second semi-final the most serious crash of the day occurred when the cars of George Merko, Steve Novatne and Vince Conrad crashed, and all three were out of the race. The race was re-started, and no time was available.

Fifty-Lap Feature Race

Is Booked for Next Sunday

Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the Dorney Park speed events, said last night that he had completed plans for a 50-lap championship stock car race at Dorney Park next Sunday afternoon.

One of the closest races of the afternoon came in the first qualifying heat where Dick Keen, Allentown driver with his No. 2, led for eight of the ten laps, but spun

out then and Lucky Loux, who came up from last place, won the heat.

Yesterdays results:

(1st Qualifying Heat-Ten Laps)

1-Lucky Loux, Quakertown; 2-Al Wilson, Allentown; 3-Dick Keen, Allentown; 4 - Jimmy Delkamp, Kutztown. Time: 2:59.62.

(2nd Qualifying Heat-Ten Laps)

1-Fats Biting, Reading; 2-Jim Ryan, Pottstown; 3-Dick Boltz, Reading; 40 Harold Held, Bethlehem. Time: 2:57.54.

(3rd Qualifying Heat-Ten Laps)

1-Vince Conrad, Allentown; 2-Bobby Rolland, Reading; 3-Fred Leshner, Reading; 4-George Spats, Pottstown. Time: 2:58.70.

(First Semi-Final-12 Laps)

1-Lucky Loux, Quakertown; 2-Shorty Kershner, Reading; 3-Red Boletz, Reading; 4-Bud Mohr, Bethlehem; 5 - Harvey Hanson, Philadelphia; 6-Harold Held, Bethlehem. Time: 3:30.5.

(Second Semi-Final-12 Laps)

1-Jim Ryan, Pottstown; 2-George Spatz, Pottstown; 3-Red Leshner, Reading; 4-Harold Merkle, Reading; 5-Dick Keen, Allentown; 6-Steve Novatne, Bethlehem. (No time, accident.)

(Feature Race-25 Laps)

1-Fats Biting, Reading; 2-Jim Ryan, Pottstown; 3-Red Boletz, Reading; 4-Ringy Lloyd, Reading; 5-Shorty Kershner, Reading; 6-Fred Leshner, Reading. Time: 7:05.72.

Jim Ryan, Pottstown, Captures 50-Lap Stock Car Feature Race

10/16/1950

In the final stock car auto race of the season on the Dorney Park track, Jim Ryan, of Pottstown, winner in several of the 25-lap features here previously this season, yesterday afternoon went out and won the 50-lap event as well, nosing out Bobby Rolland, of Reading, after a see-saw battle in which they exchanged the lead a half dozen times over the marathon distance.

Because of a crash on the 23rd lap of the race in which four cars piled up and forcing a restart single file, no time was kept on the 50-lap distance.

Twenty cars started the feature race, but only thirteen of this number finished, the others spinning out, crashing against the fence or being piled up one on the other in the series of crashes during the race.

There were also a series of spins and crashes in the qualifying heats, and in the consolation, scheduled for twelve laps, the event was cut

to eight when four cars went into a huddle on the first turn.

The summaries:

(First 10-Lap Qualifying Heat)

1—Lucky Loux, Quakertown; 2—Red Boltz, Reading; 3—Bud Mohr, Bethlehem; 4—Phil Friebe, Quakertown. Time: 2:58.23.

(Second 10-Lap Qualifying Heat)

1—Fats Bitting, Reading; 2—Snaky Knappenberger, Reading; 3—Jim Ryan, Pottstown; 4—Ray Krantz, Reading. Time: No time, accident.

(Third 10-Lap Qualifying Heat)

1—Fred Adams, Kutztown; 2—Harvey McDonald, Reading; 3—Dick Keene, Allentown; 4—Bobby Rolland, Reading. Time: 2:52.08.

(First Semi-Final 12 Laps)

1—Jim Ryan, Pottstown; 2—Bobby Rolland, Reading; 3—Phil Friebe, Quakertown; 4—Red Lesh, Reading; 5—Lucky Loux, Quakertown; 6—Charlie Moyer, Kutztown. Time: 3:33.99.

(Second Semi-Final 12 Laps)

1—Harvey McDonald, Reading; 2—Fats Bitting, Reading; 3—Rinky Lloyd, Reading; 4—Ken Resler, Pottstown; 5—Steve Novatne, Bethlehem; 6—Jim Delkamp, Kutztown. Time: 3:29.69.

(Consolation 12 Laps)

1—Bud Mohr, Bethlehem; 2—Jim Dean, Philadelphia; 3—Ray Krantz, Reading; 4—Dick Keene, Allentown. (No time, race stopped on eighth lap, accident).

(Feature 25 Laps)

1—Jim Ryan, Pottstown; 2—Bobby Rolland, Reading; 3—Rinky Lloyd, Reading; 4—Harvey McDonald, Reading; 5—Steve Novatne, Bethlehem; 6—Ken Resler, Pottstown. Time: No time, accident.

Leo McAndrew Is Now Double For Clark Gable

11/6/1950

Allentown's Leo "Shorty" McAndrew long-time record holder at **Dorney Park's speedway**, recently added new laurels to his crown by "doubling" for screen star Clark Gable in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "To Please a Lady," now at the Colonial.

The film is the story of Race Driver Joie Chitwood, whose auto daredevil troupe currently is touring the west.

And a featured driver in the daredevil crew is—of course—Shorty McAndrew.

The pint-sized racer, who once told the Allentown public his one ambition was "To beat every guy who pilots a 'doodlebug'," won high honors in almost every race he entered at Dorney park.

In 1946, he shattered two former track records at the **Dorney Park speedway** by piloting his midget racer eight laps to qualify at 2:00.2. In the 50-lap run, he set a record of 13 minutes, 7 seconds. No one has yet surpassed this record at Dorney Park tracks.

Season's First Midget Races Here May 12

4/26/1951

The first midget races of the 1951 season on the Dorney Park fifth of a mile asphalt track will take place Saturday night, May 12th, it was announced yesterday by Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the speed events on the Dorney oval.

"We'll open with the midget cars on Saturday night May 12th, and the following Wednesday night, May 16th, we'll have our first stock car races of the year" said Crise. "After that we'll have the midget racers every Saturday night and the stock car events every Wednesday during the summer months."

Crise said that the ARDC, for which Steve McGrath is the new president, will present the drivers for the midget races, and that the Valley Stock Car Racing association would again have charge of the stock car events.

McGrath, who was almost unbeatable with his Offenhauser on the **Dorney Park speedway** last season, will be entered in the midget opener, along with Charlie Miller, Ernie McCoy, Dutch Schaffer and nearly a score of other local favorites.

Many Prominent Drivers Booked for Dorney Races

5/6/1951

The American Racing Drivers Club has again granted sanction for operation of **Dorney Park Speedway**. After much dickering between Bob Plarr, of Dorney Park Red Crise, the racing director there, and the heads of both the American Racing Drivers Club, the sponsoring midget association, and Warren Holland, head of the Valley Auto Racing Drivers Assn., there seems to have come a settlement of the difficulties of racing with the announcement that Dorney Park would again favor midget racing on its short track every Saturday night, starting next Saturday.

Steve McGrath, newly elected president of the American Racing Drivers Assn., has assured Red Crise that the entire membership of the ARDC will be available this year for racing at Dorney Park, including many names who have raced the New England circuit and in the past have stayed there.

Among these and a driver well known to Dorney Park is Joe Sostillo, who went to the Midwest last year to try his luck and was very successful and has now returned to his New England home to ready himself for the '51 season. Sostillio has raced in Dorney Park and was a consistent place winner although never in the top brackets.

Another name now famous in Dorney Park annals is Johnny Thompson, who came into the Dorney Park picture one night in the season of 1950 and walked off with a feature event. Thompson then decided to hang on to his laurels and never returned. However he will be back this season.

Charlie Miller of Allentown, one of the old timers of midget racing and one of the first to ride the Dorney Speedway, seems well on his way to many wins this season with his sensational driving in the early races around the Philadelphia area.

Charlie is driving an Offenhauser owned by Stanley Frankenfeld of Ambler, and the combination

of this kind of car and driver seems to be a good one.

McGrath has as yet not announced the car he will drive, but it is believed that his old No. 5 in which he scored so many sensational wins at Dorney will be again the selected one.

To date the Mystery Man has not been heard from.

Len Duncan will return with the famous No. 9 Hickey Offenhauser. Duncan elected this past winter to drive the new three-quarter midget class which is about half the size of a midget racing car and won the recent events in Ottawa, Canada, against the top names of the country.

In the stock car field at Dorney Park, the Valley Auto Racing Drivers Assn. will return under the guidance of Warren Holland and will again feature a tip-top field of sportsmen stock cars.

The ever famous team of Bobby Rolland and "Fats" Bitting will be on hand, with their short-coupled No. 35 and No. 35A stocks. This pair can well be remembered as consistent winners at Dorney Park.

Allentown will be well represented by Vince Conrad and Art Wilson, both of whom rode the complete season of 1950 with the Valley Auto Racing Drivers Assn. and the Bethlehem area will be included with Herbie Held, Ken Wismer and Freddie Fehr, a combination team that proved to be one of the favorites for the latter part of the 1950 go.

Jimmy Delcamp, the boy who washed out his car completely in the middle of the season and returned with a new one, is reported to have put this new one in tiptop shape and will be ready for the opening event. Shorty Kirschner, the sensation who seemed to be the stock car driver giving the most trouble to the rest of the field, should be one of the first winners of the 1951 season.

These boys are the first entries of the initial event which will be held on Wednesday night, May 16. Stocks will run every Wednesday night thereafter with midgets on Saturday nights.

5/8/1951

Midget Auto Races Allentown, Saturday

Allentown, Pa., May 8—The first midget auto races of the year on the slick fifth of a mile asphalt track at Dorney Park here are booked for next Saturday night, May 12, when a field of more than 30 top Eastern midget stars will compete in the 25-lap inaugural.

Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the **Dorney Park speedway**, has completed arrangements with Steve McGrath, president of the American Racing Drivers Club, to furnish the speed stars for the Dorney track every Saturday night during the summer months. It was this same organization which presented such an outstanding speed presentation all of last summer at the local track.

While the ARDC and the midgets will hold forth every Saturday night at Dorney Park, the stock car races which proved so popular last season, will again hold forth every Wednesday night, starting on the 16th.

Charlie Miller In Midget Races Here Saturday

5/11/1951

One of the drivers in the opening midget races of the season at Dorney Park track tomorrow night will be an old favorite with Allentown fans, an Allentown boy, Charlie Miller.

Miller, one of the first drivers to race the **Dorney Park speedway** when it was first built, moved to Allentown from his home in New Jersey several years ago, and is a big favorite with speed fans here. Last year and the year before he had a lot of hard luck, being badly injured in a spill at Langhorne on one occasion.

Tomorrow night he'll be driving an Offy owned by Stanley Frankfield, of Ambler, and in that kind of a car Charlie can go places.

The field of drivers for tomorrow night includes such outstanding drivers as Joe Sostilio and Charlie Either, of Boston; Floyd Young, of Providence; Steve McGrath, an old favorite here who won many feature events; Jimmy DiMarco, Larry Bloomer, Dick Dowd, Ernie McCoy and over a score of others.

The first qualifying heat for the 25-lap feature event will start at 8:30 o'clock Saturday night.

Big Field of Classy Drivers In Dorney Park Midget Race Tonight

If Ol' Jupe Pluvius is in a kindly mood and holds off with his sprinkler, the 1951 midget auto

5/12/1951



DICK DOWD

race season gets started off tonight at Dorney Park's slick fifth of a mile asphalt track, with some of the best known drivers in the east slated for competition.

A 25-lap inaugural feature will be the main event tonight, with a field of approximately twelve or sixteen drivers qualifying in the preliminary heats which get under way at 8:30 o'clock sharp with the first 10-lap event.

Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the Dorney Park speed events, said last night that he had been assured by Steve McGrath, of Boston, president of the ARDC, that that organization would have all of its top drivers on hand for tonight's competition. McGrath himself won many feature races at Dorney Park in the last few seasons, and will be back again tonight with a high-powered Offy.

There will also be a number of other Offys in tonight's race, including those to be handled by such top drivers as Charlie Miller, Dutch Schaffer, Andy Van Heusen and others.

Dick Dowd, the Paterson youngster who is a big favorite with local fans, will also be here tonight with a new Ford.

A contingent of New England drivers will be here along with McGrath. These include Joe Sostilio; Clayton Young, of Boston,

with an Offy in his first appearance here; Charlie Ethier, of Boston, also with an Offy, and others.

Such oldtime favorites Ernie McCoy, of Reading; Larry Bloomer, of Lansdale; Andy Van Heusen, of Paterson; Jiggs Peters, of New York City; Len Duncan and others are slated to race tonight.

With the first midget races booked tonight and scheduled for every Saturday night during the season, the stock car races will take over on Wednesday nights, starting next Wednesday.

Dorney Midget Races Off Because of Weather; Stock Car Races Open Wednesday

5/13/1951

Altho the sun blossomed forth later in the day and dried up the track, weather conditions early yesterday afternoon prompted Dorney Park officials to postpone the first midget auto race program of the season here until next Saturday night.

As a result, the stock car races will get the season's first billing at Dorney Park, being booked for Wednesday night of next week and every Wednesday night thereafter during the summer months.

The opening stock car events will see plenty of action, since the Val-

ley Auto Racing Drivers Association brings its entire membership to the opening of the now famous **Dorney Park Speedway**. Last year's champions, Fat Biting of Reading, Pa., who was teamed up with Bobby Rolland, will be on hand although Rolland has announced his definite retirement from racing and it is not expected that he will be seen on any speedway this year. This will be quite a loss, inasmuch as Rolland has mastered the short **Dorney Park Speedway** and put on a terrific show. The Allentown area will be well represented with Dick Keene of Allentown; Vince Conrad, remembered for his daring driving, and Herbie Held, who also drives a local car.

The Bethlehem-Easton group will be on hand with their top men, Freddie Fehr, George Kocher and Junior Metz; while Lucky Loux, who had turned to modified racing during the 1950 season, will return with a new car for the '51 season at Dorney. Loux hails from Sellersville, and is well known throughout the entire East for his stock car driving.

A newcomer to the **Dorney Park Speedway** will be Beady Ballson, of Tampa, Florida, who is up with a new car and will be riding Dorney Park for the first time. Stock car racing has taken a definite jump in the racing circles of the U. S., and now leads all other types of racing in attendance.

Opening Stock Car Races On Tomorrow Night

5/15/1951

Wednesday's stock car program will inaugurate the racing season on the **Dorney Park Speedway** oval, the stock speedsters stealing the inaugural show away from the midget auto racers when weather conditions forced a postponement of the Saturday night program at the park.

In order to make the 1951 season opener a real classic for local race fans, the Valley Auto Racing Drivers Assn. is bringing its entire membership here including last year's champion, Fat Bitting of Reading.

It will be a real "smashing" opening for the daredevil stock car pilots who will put on a show for the speed fans every Wednesday during the coming season at Dorney. There will be a full complement of drivers from the local area present, plus some boys coming in from points far afield seeking a crack at some of the local prize money.

Heading the parade to the post of the local contingent are Dick Keene, of Allentown, Vince Conrad, who put on some of the finest displays of car handling seen on the Speedway last year, and Herbie Held, who has also adopted Allentown as his home point for stock operations.

In some inter-city rivalry that should "soup-up" the competition on the high-speed oval, a crew of Bethlehem and Easton pilots will be on hand to put up an argument with the Allentown drivers. They include Freddie Fehr, George Kocher and Junior Mertz.

Lucky Loux, the Sellersville flash who is one of the leaders in the east in stock car racing, will have a new car ready for the '51 start at Dorney. Another new car appearing here will be that of Speedy Dawson, Tampa, Fla., racer who is coming to Dorney Park for the first time.

Big Field to Usher in Stock Car Races at **Dorney Park** Tonight

With assurances from the weatherman of clear skies, one of the largest turnouts ever to witness



LUCKY LOUX

stock car auto races on the Dorney Park asphalt fifth of a mile track is expected to be on hand tonight for the opening events of the 1951 season, a 25-lap feature event.

Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the **Dorney Park** speed events, said last night that the entire membership of the Valley Auto Racing Drivers association would be on hand for the first event tonight at 8:30 o'clock, and that some of the most exciting events ever seen on the Dorney Park track should develop.

It will be the first racing of the season on the **Dorney Park** track since the **midget** events slated for last Saturday night were postponed because of weather conditions until Saturday night of this week.

Tonight's stock car races will be the first of a series of weekly Wednesday night stock car events. Such well known local drivers as Dick Keen, Vince Conrad will be among the racers, along with Herbie Held, Ken Wismer and Freddie Fehr of the Bethlehem-Easton sector, Jimmy Delkamp, Lucky Loux and many others.

Loux, a former big car and midget auto racer who turned to the stock cars last season and won several feature races at **Dorney Park**, reports that he's looking forward to a big year in stock car races and aims to get off on the right foot by winning tonight's feature event.

Speedy Dawson, former Florida stock car champion now living in Allentown, is also entered for tonight's races and may prove quite a surprise to some of the other favorites.

5/16/1951

Chitwood And Daredevils At Dorney Park

5/20/1951

Joie Chitwood, famous Cherokee Indian speedway star, will make his first appearance here in several years this Sunday afternoon and night at **Dorney Park Speedway** when he performs in person with his World's Champion Auto Daredevils in a two-hour program of race-track thrillers on the local midget track.

Chitwood, a nine-time money winner in the famous Indianapolis 500 mile speed classic, will offer the new 1951 edition of his auto thrill show at the Dorney track climaxed by the amazing aerial "rocket car" leap, a world's record leap in a new Ford stock sedan.

The Chitwood motor maniacs have been performing before record crowds along the Atlantic Seaboard and Sunday's two performances here at Dorney will mark the popular Indian's first Allentown appearance since 1946. Since then, however, Chitwood has established himself as the top money maker in the thrill show profession with five units touring various parts of the country.

He will bring his No. 1 crew of motor maniacs here Sunday and will feature as added attractions his seven-year old son, Joie, Jr; who will perform on a special-built midget motorcycle, and the amazing "Frankenstein" Frakes, who sets off nine sticks of dynamite while encased in a coffin-like structure.

The Chitwood show gained nation-wide fame when they were featured in the recent Clark Gable film, "To Please A Lady," which also starred Barbara Stanwyck. Gable portrayed the role of a Chitwood stuntman in the film which also offered 17 minutes of thrilling auto crashes with Chitwood "doubling" for Gable in these action-packed sequences.

Record Turnout Looked For at Opening Midget Races Saturday Night

One of the largest crowds ever to witness midget automobile races on the asphalt Dorney Park fifth of a mile track is expected to be on hand Saturday night when the 1951 midget racing season opens here.

5/25/1951

The full membership of the American Race Drivers club, the big ruling organization of midget auto racing in the east, will be on hand for tomorrow night's inaugural, Steve McGrath, president of the ARDC and one of the east's top flight midget racers, has informed Dorney Park officials.

McGrath, who won nearly a dozen 25-lap feature races at Dorney Park in the past two years with his daring driving, will be one of the competitors in tomorrow night's events, topped off by a 25-lap feature.

Dick Dowd Is Winner In First 25-lap Midget Race Of Season at Dorney Park

Dick Dowd, young Peterson, N. J., driver, last night took over on the 15th lap after Eddie McDonald who had been leading up to that stage, to finish in front in the opening 25-lap feature race as midget racing started off its thirteenth season of competition at Dorney Park.

A field of close to forty drivers took part in the evening's competition before a big opening night crowd, there being ten starters in each of the three ten-lap qualifying contests.

To Ernie McCoy, of Reading, who finished in fourth place in the 25-lap feature event, went the honor of winning the first heat of the season on the Dorney Park track. McCoy also won the first 12-lap semi-final event.

Charlie Miller, veteran Allentown driver who finished fifth in the feature race, won the third heat.

Steve McGrath, of Bridgeport, president of the American Race Drivers club and a consistent winner here in the last few years, took third place in the second semi-final but couldn't get out in the clear in the feature race, the one-sided contest.

Some 6,000 fans, including a number of enthusiastic GI's from Germany, watched Robinson win his second straight match of his current tour of Europe.

Robinson, also weighing 162, floored his opponent in the third, fifth, seventh and ninth rounds. The tough Frenchman always came back swinging, however. He landed

The summaries:

First Heat—Ten Laps

1—Ernie McCoy, Reading; 2—Dutch Schaffer, Floral Park, L. I.; 3—Fred Peters, Plainfield, N. J.; 4—Eddie McDonald, Paterson, N. J. Time: 2:31.84.

Second Heat—Ten Laps

1—Russ Klar, Freeport, L. I.; 2—Lou Krouza, Paterson, N. J.; 3—Charlie Ross, Paterson, N. J.; 4—Len Duncan, Philadelphia. Time: 2:31.37.

Third Heat—Ten Laps

1—Charlie Miller, Allentown; 2—Charlie Ethier, Bridgeport, Conn.; 3—Joe Szabo, Philadelphia; 4—Hawley Kight, Philadelphia. Time: 2:30.19.

First Semi-Final—12 Laps

1—Ernie McCoy, Reading; 2—Nick Fonorora, Staten Island; 3—Fred Peters, Plainfield, N. J.; 4—Russ Klar, Freeport, L. I. Time: 3:03.19.

Second Semi-Final—12 Laps

1—Joe Szabo, Philadelphia; 2—Len Duncan, Philadelphia; 3—Steve McGrath, Boston; 4—Hawley Kight, Philadelphia. Time: 3:04.68.

Class B Race—Ten Laps

1—Charlie Musselman, Allentown; 2—Bill Spandola, Trenton, N. J. (No time, spinout.)

Consolation—12 Laps

1—Johnny Kay, Freeport, L. I.; 2—Charlie Ethier, Boston. Time: 2:31.40.

Feature—25 Laps

1—Dick Dowd, Paterson; 2—Len Duncan, New York; 3—Russ Klar, Freeport, L. I.; 4—Ernie McCoy, Reading; 5—Charlie Miller, Allentown; 6—Joe Pinoria, Newark. Time: 6:23.04.

Season's Second Midget Races Booked at Dorney Park Tonight

The second program of midget auto races on the fifth of a mile track at Dorney Park is slated for



ART CROSS

tonight, with another big field of ARDC drivers from all over the east entered for the 25-lap feature event.

The first 10-lap qualifying heat tonight gets under way at 8:30 o'clock.

Some of the east's leading drivers competed here last Saturday night, among them Charlie Ethier, of Boston; Steve McGrath, of Bridgeport; Dutch Schaffer and Len Duncan, of New York, and they were a little disappointed when they had to finish behind young Dick Dowd, of Paterson, N. J., in the feature race.

All will be back tonight at the Dorney Park track, and all will be determined to grab the gold and glory that goes with the feature winner. However, Dick Dowd will

be back again tonight also, seeking to make it two straight on the Dorney Park track.

Walt Fair, Charlie Miller, Georgie Fonder, Larry Bloomer, Ernie McCoy, Lloyd Christopher, Joe McDonald and others will be on the starting line for tonight's qualification heats.

Another old favorite of Dorney Park race fans, Art Cross, will be among the entries, having notified Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the Dorney Park speed events, yesterday that he would be here with an Offy tonight.

Duncan Wins Dorney Midget Race

New York's Len Duncan won the 25-lap feature of the midget auto races held last night at Dorney park.

There was no time on the feature race, a restart being needed when Ernie McCoy and Charlie Miller tangled in the second lap and spun out.

McCoy spun out again, this time for good, in the sixth lap. There were no other accidents.

Charlie Musselman of Allentown, finished second to Duncan, while Russ Klar of Freeport, L.I., was

third and Steve McGrath of Stamford, Conn., fourth.

Musselman was first in the 12-lap consolation event with a time of 3.31.12. McGrath was second.

Summaries:

First heat — 1, Len Duncan; 2, Dick Dowd; 3, Charlie Musselman; 4, Martino; 5, DeNorie. Time 2.32.29

Second Heat — 1, Russ Klar; 2, Charlie Musselman; 3, Steve McGrath; 4, Luke Kruza; 5, Charlie Ross. Time 2:32.31.

Third heat — 1, Len Duncan; 2, Lew Kruza; 3, Ernie McCoy; 4,

Steve McGrath; 5, Charley Wetzler; 6, Carl Miller. Time 2:32.09.

First semi-final — 1, Len Duncan; 2, Martino; 3, Klar; 4, McDonald; 5, McGrath; 6, Kruza. Time 3:00.09.

Second semi-final — 1, Charlie Musselman; 2, McCoy; 3, Kruza; 4, Duncan; 5, Dowd. Time 3:02.92.

Consolation 12 laps — 1, Charlie Musselman; 2, Steve McGrath; 3, Wetzler; 4, Zabo. Time 3:31.12.

Feature — 1, Duncan; 2, Musselman; 3, Klar; 4, McGrath; 5, Martino; 6, Kruza; 7, McDonald; 8 Dowd.

6/3/1951

Dutch Schaffer In Dorney Park Races Saturday

'Dutch' Schaffer, the Floral Park L. I. speedster, will be back at Dorney Park's fifth of a mile asphalt track tomorrow night with the Offy, and Dutch yesterday informed 'Red' Crise, director of the Dorney Park speed events, that he means to capture the 25-lap feature event.

Schaffer, an old favorite at Dorney Park, raced in the two previous midget car events at Dorney Park this season, but failed to cash in either of the feature events. He told Crise yesterday, however, that his Offy is really percolating now and that he'll be out to take the big event tomorrow night.

Another banner field of ARD drivers are listed for tomorrow night's races, including Dick Dowd and Len Duncan, winners of the first two features, Steve McGrath, Charlie Miller, Ernie McCoy and more than a score of others.

The first qualifying heat Saturday night starts at 8:30 o'clock.

Martino Wins Dorney Auto Race

Tony Martino capped a busy evening yesterday by winning his first **midget** racing feature at the **Dorney Park** track before a large crowd.

Competing in five of the seven events, the New York driver finished first in three of them and second in two others.

Starting in No. 2 position, Martino took the lead off the pole man on the first lap and stayed in front for the remaining 24 laps to finish in 6:13.26.

There was no time on two of the races because of spinouts. Summaries, according to finish:

First heat, 10 laps: Tony Martino, New York; Russ Klar, New York; Fred Peters, Paterson, N. J.; Johnny Thompson, Rahway, N. J.; Karl Miller, Norristown; Joe Szabo, Pottstown. Time: 2:03.16.

Second heat, 10 laps: Charlie Miller, Allentown; Dick Dowd, Paterson; Charlie Musselman, Norristown; Lou Kruza, Paterson; Charlie Witzler, Philadelphia. Time: 2:32.61.

Third heat, 10 laps: Charlie Ross, Philadelphia; Tony Martino, Charlie Musselman, Steve McGrath, Providence, R. I.; Nick Fonora, New York. No time.

First semi-final, 15 laps: Tony Martino, Russ Klar, Johnny Kay, Charlie Musselman, Dick Dowd, Hawley Kight. Time: 2:59.78.

Second semi-final, 15 laps: Lou Kruza, Charlie Miller, Steve McGrath, Fred Peters, Charlie Ross, Charlie Musselman. No time.

Consolation, 12 laps: Johnny Kay, Tony Martino, Nick Fonora, Joe Szabo, Charlie Witzler, Joe Saunders. Time: 2:58.91.

Feature, 25 laps: Tony Martino, Johnny Thompson, Dick Dowd, Charlie Musselman, Lou Kruza, Charlie Miller, Steve McGrath. Time: 6:13.26.

Charlie Miller Makes A Clean Sweep in Winning Dorney Park Midget Feature

Charlie Miller, veteran Allentown **midget** auto racer, had himself a night of it in the Dorney Park races Saturday night, winning his qualifying heat, a semi-final and the 25-lap feature event in the weekly speed events.

Miller, driving a Ford No. 17 owned by Charlie Stephens of Norristown, started in sixth place in the first 15-lap qualifying heat, but on the fourth lap moved into first place and stayed there to the finish.

In the feature 25-lap event he got out in front in the first turn, and just stayed right on on top through the 25 laps. Tony DeMaria, a newcomer to the Dorney Park races, gave him a battle all the way, however, and finished second. Lou Kruza placed third.

The only mishaps of the night came in the second 15-lap semi-final. On the first turn of the first lap the cars of Martini, Peters and Kight tangled, and Peters was out of the race with a badly damaged machine though he was unhurt. Kight later spun out on the fifth lap of the same event.

MIDGETS AND STOCK CARS IN TWIN FEATURE NEXT WEEK

In addition to the regular Wednesday night stock car races, Sherman 'Red' Crise announced

last night that he had arranged for a doubleheader next Saturday night at **Dorney Park** in which there would be a full program of **midget** races, with a 25-lap feature, and a full program of stock car races, also with a 25-lap feature.

(First Heat—10 Laps)

1-Charlie Miller, Allentown 2-Tony DeMaria, Brooklyn 3-Lou Kruza, New York 4-Hawley Kight, Norristown 5-Charlie Musselman, Norristown 6-Eddie Moran, Paterson Time: 2:35.41

(Second Heat—10 Laps)

1-Charlie Ross, Paterson 2-Fred Peters, Paterson 3-Hawley Kight, Norristown 4-Sid Sibrello, Newark 5-Russ Plarr, Staten Island Time: 2:32.39

(Third Heat—10 Laps)

1-Red Saunders, Bridgeport 2-Eddie McDonald, Paterson 3-Tony Martino, Brooklyn 4-Charlie Musselman, Norristown 5-Dick Dowd, Paterson 6-Fred Peters, Paterson Time: 2:33.28

(First Semi-Final—15 Laps)

1-Charlie Miller, Allentown 2-Russ Plarr, New York 3-Hawley Kight, Norristown 4-Charlie Musselman, Norristown 5-Fred Peters, Paterson Time: 3:01.72

(Second Semi-Final—15 Laps)

1-Red Saunders, Bridgeport 2-Eddie McDonald, Paterson 3-Dick Dowd, Paterson 4-Tony Martino, New York 5-Charlie Ross, Paterson 6-Red Marleau, Bridgeport Time: 3:05.59

(Consolation—12 Laps)

1-Red Marleau, Bridgeport 2-Hawley Kight, Norristown 3-Fred Szabo, Brooklyn 4-Carl Miller, New York 5-Ray Ziegler, Allentown Time: 2:41.12

(Feature—25 Laps)

1-Charlie Miller, Allentown 2-Hawley Kight, Norristown 3-Russ Klarr, New York 4-Fred Peters, Paterson 5-Dick Dowd, Paterson 6-Red Saunders, Bridgeport Time: 6:12.17

Rolland Takes Dorney Feature; 3 Cars Dismantled On Protest

6/28/1951

Bob Rolland, Fat Bitting, and Ken Wismer scored in that order in last night's stock car feature before a jammed house at **Dorney Park**.

But on protest of nine other pilots, officials were busy this (Thursday) morning tearing down the three racers searching for violations of the stock car construction code.

Purses were to be held up until a decision was reached.

A 20-car field started the 25-lap windup. But things quickly became three way. Rolland went out in front in the closing laps to earn his first feature decision this season.

Summaries:

First heat (10 laps): 1—Fat Bitting, Reading; 2—John Cabral, Paterson, N. J.

3—Marty Acker; 4—Vic Detweiler. Time: 2:59.84.

Second heat (10 laps): 1—Fred Fehr, Easton; 2—Rich Rosenberger, Quakertown; 3—Bob Lee; 4—Dick Keen, Allentown. Time: 2:57.01.

Third heat (10 laps): 1—Charlie Cregar, Phillipsburg, N. J.; 2—Ray Frantz; 3—Ken Wismer, Easton; 4—Ringy Lloyd, Reading. Time: 2:57.54.

Fourth heat (10 laps): 1—Walt Whitman, Blanton; 2—Otto Harw, Easton; 3—Nap Knappenberger, Reading; 4—Bob Rolland, Easton. Time: 3:18.33.

First semi-final (12 laps): 1—Marty Acker; 2—Ringy Lloyd; 3—Fat Bitting; 4—Fred Fehr. Time: 3:33.89.

Second semi-final (12 laps): 1—Charlie Cregar; 2—Walt Whitman; 3—Nap Knappenberger; 4—Ken Wismer. Time: 3:31.52.

First consolation (10 laps): 1—Shorty Kirschner, Reading; 2—John Cabral. Time: 2:52.59.

Second consolation (10 laps): 1—Lucky Loux, Quakertown; 2—Bob Herman, Allentown. Time: 2:57.12.

Feature (25 laps): 1—Bob Rolland; 2—Fat Bitting; 3—Ken Wismer; 4—Charlie Cregar; 5—Machinegun Kelly; 6—Rocky Derr, Reading. Time: 7:03.18.

Stocks and Midgets Run in Twin Feature at Dorney Park Tonight

6/30/1951

Automobile race fans will get all the sport they can handle tonight in a double-barreled program on the fifth of a mile asphalt track at Dorney Park when a combination stock car and midget race program will be presented, topped off by a 25-lap feature race in each event.

Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the Dorney Park speedway events, said last night that if weather conditions are favorable tonight an all-time record crowd would be on hand for the Dorney Park dual

race meet, since this is the first time any dual race program has ever been attempted on the local track.

Starting at 8:30 o'clock sharp and Crise said it would be on the dot so that the full double program could be presented.

"We'll have the regular field of ARDC drivers for the midget races, including such fellows as Steve McGrath, Charlie Miller and nearly twenty others," said Crise last night. "They will put on their full program, qualifying heats, semi-finals and feature

"After that we'll bring on the stock car races, and the Valley Auto Race Drivers Association will have more than forty cars on hand for the qualifying heats, semi-finals and 25-lap feature"

This is the first time any dual race meet has ever been attempted at Dorney Park and there promises to be plenty of keen competition all the way.

Included among the stock car entries will be such well-known drivers as Fats Bitting, George Rolland, Dick Keene, Vince Conrad and many others.

Keene and Conrad are local drivers. Conrad won the 25-lap feature race here several weeks ago, but Keene, a winner in several feature races last season, will be seeking his first stock car feature victory tonight.



DICK KEENE

Midgets and Stock Cars Race In Dorney Park Twin Bill Tonight

One of the largest crowds in the history of Dorney Park racing is expected to be on hand tonight



HAROLD HELD

when a double-barreled program of midget and stock car racing will be presented, starting at 8:30 o'clock

sharp.

Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the Dorney Park speed events, said last night that the American Race Drivers Club would have a big field of drivers on hand for the midget events, including such speed notables as Steve McGrath, Dick Dowd, Charlie Miller and nearly a score of others in Fords and Offies.

After the midgets complete their full program of qualifying heats, semi-finals and 25-lap feature, the stock cars will take over for the same program of events, qualifying heats, semi-finals and a 25-lap feature.

The Valley Stock Car Racing association will have a field of more than forty drivers and cars on hand for their events, including such Dorney Park favorites as 'Fats' Bitting, Ken Wismer, Harold Held, Speedy Dawson, Dick Keene, Vince Conrad and many others.

The double feature program was originally scheduled for last Saturday but rained out. It will mark the first time this season that the stock car drivers have been in competition on a Saturday night at Dorney Park, and with the midget racers also performing the anticipated big crowd should get plenty of thrills.

Charlie Miller Wins Midget Feature as Mohr Is Stock Car Winner; One Driver Hurt

7/8/1951

Charlie Miller made it two straight triumphs in the 25-lap midget feature and Bud Mohr, of Bethlehem, grabbed the 25-lap stock car feature last night on the Dorney Park Speedway before an all-time record crowd there, estimated at well over 7,000 persons.

Miller, who won the last midget race feature at the park, took over on the 13th lap of the 25-lap event and stayed out in front to the finish.

Mohr, on the other hand, took the lead at the start of the stock car event and was never headed.

Altho there were dozens of crashes in the stock car race, the only serious mishap of the night occurred in the third qualifying heat of the midget races.

Sewell Peckham, 32 years old, of Old Bridge, N. J., was the midget racer injured. His car hit the fence on the first turn near the end of the 10-lap qualifying event, and he was lifted from it unconscious. His car was badly damaged.

Peckham was rushed to Sacred Heart Hospital in the ambulance, and immediately admitted to surgery. He suffered a deep scalp wound and fractures of the right shoulder and right wrist. He was in critical condition early this morning.

First heat — (10 laps) — 1 — Andy Van Heusen, Paterson, N.J.; 2—Charlie Miller, Allentown; 3—Russ Klar, Freeport, L. I. Time: 2:34.52.

Second heat: (10 Laps) — 1 —

Lou Krouza, Paterson; 2—Charlie Miller, Allentown; 3—Charlie Musselman, Norristown. Time: 2:30.18.

Third heat — (10 Laps) — 1 Joe Durant, Long Island; 3—Charlie Musselman, Norristown. Time: No time, accident.

Consolation — (12 Laps) — 1—Red Marlowe, Paterson; 2—Dick Dowd, Paterson; 3—Dutch Schaffer, Long Island; 4—Fred Peters, Long Island. Time: 3:50:51.

Feature — (25 Laps) 1—Charlie Miller, Allentown; 2—Al Herman, Allentown; 3—Brook Durant, Long Island; 4—Russ Klar, Long Island; 5—Tony Bonadies, New York; 6—Tony Martino, New York. Time: 6:19.22.

Stock Cars)

First heat — (10 Laps) 1—Newt Reinert, Pottstown; 2—Fats Bitting, Reading; 3 — Ed Thomas, Philadelphia. Time: 2:59.52.

Second heat — (10 Laps) — 1 Bob Herman, Allentown; 2—Russ Delp, Kutztown; 3—Ed Kelly, Norristown. Time: 2:56.79.

Third heat — (10 Laps) 1—Rocky Derr, Reading; 2—Bobby Rolland, Reading; 3—Ray Frantz, Bethlehem. Time: 2:57.99.

Fourth heat—(10 Laps) — Bud Mohr, Reading; 2 — Otto Harwi, Easton; 3—Harvey Richards, Reading. Time: 2:58.22.

First consolation (10 Laps) — 1 — Shorty Kirschner, Reading; 2—Ken Ressler, Allentown. Time: 2:52.88.

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7/11/1951

Injured Race Driver Reported Improving

Sewell Peckham, 32, Old Bridge, N. J., **midget** racer seriously injured at **Dorney Park** Saturday night, was "improving nicely" yesterday at Sacred Heart Hospital.

The race driver was allowed out of bed for a short time. His condition was listed as "fair."

Hospital attendants said X-rays showed the driver did not receive a skull fracture. He has a deep scalp wound and fractures of the right shoulder and right wrist.

Reinert Seeks 2nd Win of Week In Dorney Stock Car Races Tonight

Newt Reinert, Pottstown speedster who won the 25-lap stock car feature race at **Dorney Park** on Wednesday night, will be back tonight seeking his second feature victory of the week when a field of more than forty Valley Stock Car Racing Association members compete on the local track.

Tonight's smash-'em, crash-'em stock car races will mark the first Saturday night of the season that the stocks have taken over the **Dorney Park** track completely, altho last Saturday night the stocks shared top billing with the **midgets** in an unusual double feature.

There will be the regular stock car program for tonight's races, including the qualifying heats, semi-finals and the 25-lap feature.

Reinert will face some stiff competition in tonight's races. Fats Bitting, of Reading, the only dou-

ble winner of the season here, will be back seeking No. 3, and Harold Held, who led for more than half the distance Wednesday night, will

be back also. So will such top flight drivers as Lucky Louis, of Sellersville; Speedy Dawson, of Bethlehem; Dick Keene and Vince Conrad, of this city, and many others.

The first qualifying heat tonight starts at 8:30 o'clock sharp.

7/14/1951

Frankie Sneider In Wednesday's Stock Car Races

7/17/1951

Frankie Sneider, sensational young Lambertville, N. J. stock car driver, will make his first appearance in the **Dorney Park** stock car races tomorrow night, and he faces plenty of keen competition.

Sneider, who drives both modified and sportsmen class stock car race cars, was booked here twice earlier in the season, but each time rain prevented his going through with the races.

In tomorrow night's races he'll face a field that includes Fats Biting, of Reading, only two-time winner on the local track this season; Kenny Wismer, of Easton; Lucky Loux, of Sellersville; Vince Conrad and Dick Keene of Allentown, and nearly forty other members of the Valley Race Drivers Association.

The first qualifying heat for the 25-lap feature Wednesday night starts at 8:30 o'clock.

Frankie Sneider Among Forty Drivers at Dorney Park Tonight

7/25/1951

The stock car jockeys, more than forty of them, take over at **Dorney Park Speedway** again tonight, and another big action packed program is in the making before the winner of the 25-lap feature race is decided.

The usual field of Valley Auto Race Drivers association is entered for tonight's races, along with Frankie Sneider, of Lambertville, N. J., who will be making his first appearance here. Sneider, one of the top stock car drivers in the east, both in modified and sportsman class stocks, has been a consistent winner throughout the east, but this will be his first appearance at Dorney Park, altho he was rained out on three previous occasions this season.

There promises to be quite a personal feud between Sneider and Reading's Fats Bitting, only two-time winner on the local track this season. Bitting made his first appearance in modified stocks at Washington, D. C., last Friday night, driving Wally Campbell's car, and Sneider spun him out of the feature race.

'Nap' Knappenberger, of Reading, who won last Saturday night's feature race here, will be back again tonight, along with Newt



FRANK SNEIDER

Reinert, Vince Conrad, Dick Keene, Speedy Dawson, Lucky Loux, Ringy Lloyd, Tony Varrish, Ken Ressler, Al Wilson, Bill Friebe, Ken Wismer, Bucky Derr and more than a score of other drivers who have been performing on the local track each Wednesday and Saturday night this season.

The first qualifying heat tonight gets under way at 8:30 o'clock.

50-Lap Stock Car Feature Race Saturday Night at Dorney Park

A 50-lap feature race, the first of the season at **Dorney Park Speedway**, is expected to bring out one of the largest crowds of auto race fans this season tomorrow night, when more than forty drivers will be entered.

Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the Dorney Park oval, said last night that the Valley Race Drivers Association would have a full field of drivers on hand, and that the long 50-lap grind should provide some of the best racing of the season here.

The first qualifying heat tomorrow night gets under way at 8:30 o'clock sharp.

7/27/1951

50-Lap Feature in Stock Car Races at Dorney Park Tonight

With the season's first 50-lap feature race as the big magnet, one of the largest turnouts of the season for stock car races at **Dorney Park Speedway** is expected tonight when the first qualifying heat gets under way at 8:30 o'clock.

Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the Dorney Park speed events, said last night that there would be more than forty cars and drivers in tonight's events, that there were so many entries that he was forced to reject some because the field would become too bulky.

"All of the old favorites will be here," said Crise, "The boys who have been driving in the stock car races all season will be back. The Valley Auto Race Drivers association has more than forty cars and

drivers, and all of them will be on hand."

Race fans were still talking about the spectacular battle Fats Bitting, Reading speed merchant, gave Frankie Sneider, of Lambertville, in the 25-lap feature last Wednesday night, but Bitting won't have Sneider to contend with tonight.

Bitting is the only two-time winner on the local track this season and tonight he'll be out to make it Number 3. He'll have plenty of formidable competition, however, from such drivers as Snake Knappenberger, Newt Reinert, Ed Roland, Dick Keene, Vince Conrad, Speedy Dawson, Lucky Loux and many others.

7/28/1951

Lou Johnson Entered In Wednesday Night's Stock Car Races Here

Lou Johnson, Wilmington stock car driving star, will be one of the entries in Wednesday night's stock car races at **Dorney Park**. It was announced last night by Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the Speedway events here.

Johnson, a truck driver on the Philadelphia to New Orleans haul, is a powerful big fellow who has been winning consistently throughout the East.

Crise said that in securing Johnson he was following out the policy of having one guest driver each week with the usual field of forty or more drivers from the Valley Race Drivers Association. Last week Frankie Sneider won the 25-lap feature.

Saturday night's scheduled 50-lap feature race was postponed because of rain and will be held next Saturday.

7/30/1951

'Fats' Bitting In 50-Lap Stock Car Feature Here Saturday

Fats Bitting, Reading stock car driver who won Wednesday night's 25-lap feature race at Dorney Park here, the first driver to accomplish that trick three times this season, will be back shooting for a fourth win in the first 50-lap feature race of the year here tomorrow night.

Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the **Dorney Park Speedway**, said last night that he had more entries for tomorrow night's race than for any other stock car feature this season at Dorney Park.

Stock car fans yesterday were still buzzing about Bitting's victory in the 25-lap feature Wednesday night when he beat out Lou Johnson, of Wilmington, by only a car length in a thrilling finish. Twenty-four cars started in the 25-lap feature race, but only about fifteen of them finished, the others being involved in crashes and forced out of action.

50-Lap Stock Car Race Winner Here

8/6/1951



George Sleight, of Easton, center, smiles broadly in the above picture as he was presented with the 50-lap championship cup after he won the Dorney Park Speedway event Saturday night. Making the presentation is Norm Swenson, the race steward, while looking on is Bill Nelson, veteran auto race starter.

Ken Marriott Tops Big Field In Dorney Stock Car Races Tonight

A newcomer to the **Dorney Park Speedway** is slated to compete in tonight's stock car races there when Ken Marriott, of Baltimore, Maryland state champion, makes his first appearance here.

Marriott has been doing most of his driving south of the Mason-Dixon line, and is rated as one of the top stock car performers in that section. He won several feature races at Washington, D. C. this season.

He will be the fourth 'guest' driver in recent weeks, but only one of the previous three was able to come through a winner. Bill Holland, of Indianapolis 500-mile fame, could finish no better than third here, and last week Lou Johnson, of Wilmington, was edged out by Fats Bitting, of Reading. Two weeks ago Frankie Sneider, of

Lambertville, N. J., won the feature event as the 'guest.'

There will be the usual field of



KEN MARRIOTT

more than forty drivers in tonight's races, including Bitting, only three-time winner on the local track this season; George Sleight, of Easton, who won the first 50-lap feature here last Saturday night; Ken Wismer, of Easton, also a feature winner here earlier in the season; Lucky Loux, of Sellersville; Speedy Dawson, of Bethlehem; Vince Conrad and Dick Keene, of Allentown, and many others.

The first ten-lap qualifying heat tonight starts at 8:30 o'clock sharp, and with fair weather, another banner crowd is looked for.

8/8/1951

Rolland Spurs on Last Lap To Edge Biting at Dorney's

8/12/1951

Readingite Bobby Rolland, with a last-lap spurt for one of the most thrilling finishes of the season, last night copped the feature event of the stock car show at **Dorney Park Speedway**.

Rolland was still in second place when they flashed the white flag at him, but he blazed from behind to pass frequent winner "Fats" Biting, also of Reading, with only a few chugs to go.

The 25-lap feature produced an exciting climax for the capacity crowd estimated at 5,500. The first big bang in the race came on the 4th lap when Ringy Lloyd of Beading flipped and his car landed on its lid. Lloyd was unhurt.

On the 14th lap Allentonian Vince Conrad and Newt Reinert of Pottstown crashed into the fence and Conrad required treatment for minor injuries at the ambulance.

Leo McCullough of Bethlehem held the lead until that time, but after the restart developed fuel pump trouble and Biting took over. Biting stayed in front until Rolland surprised him.

In a novel event called an "odds and evens" race Biting "won" and also lost. The race paid off \$2 each for odd-numbered positions of finish (1-3-5-etc.) and \$35 on down for even numbers (2-4.) The cars kept moving but concentrat-

ed on pushing others to the front spot and finally maneuvered Biting into the lead. Charlie Moyer finished second for the top award.

Summaries:

FIRST HEAT—10 LAPS

1—Dick Miller; 2—Fats Biting, Reading; 3—Bill Majerk, Allentown; 4—George Sleight, Easton. T—3:00.76.

SECOND HEAT—10 LAPS

1—Bob Kelly; 2—Marty Acker; 3—Ringy Lloyd, Reading; 4—Ken Ressler, Allentown. T—3:05.51.

THIRD HEAT—10 LAPS

1—Bud Mohr, Trexliertown; 2—Ken Res-

ler, Allentown; 3—Vince Conrad, Allentown; 4—Charles Moyer, Kutztown. T—3:00.71.

FIRST SEMI-FINAL—12 LAPS

1—Bob Kelly; 2—Fats Biting; 3—Charlie Moyer; 4—Leo McCullough. T—3:32.49.

SECOND SEMI-FINAL—12 LAPS

1—Charlie Moyer; 2—Vince Conrad; 3—Harold Held, Bethlehem; 4—Charlie Cregar, Phillipsburg. T—3:38.34.

CONSOLATION—10 LAPS

1—Russ Delp, Kutztown; 2—Newt Reinert, Pottstown. T—2:53.21.

FEATURE—25 LAPS

1—Bobby Rolland, Reading; 2—Fats Biting, Reading; 3—Marty Acker; 4—Smokey Dengler, Reading; 5—Bob Kelly; 6—Leo McCullough, Bethlehem. No time because of restarts.

100-Miler Saturday 8/21/1951

ALLENTOWN, Pa.—A field of nationally-known stock car racers will compete in the longest races in the 13-year history of **Dorney Park Speedway** here next Saturday night in the 100-mile NASCAR championship, 400 laps around the slick asphalt midget track.

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100-Mile Auto Event At Allentown Sat.

8/24/1951

ALLENTOWN—One hundred miles, four hundred times around the slick asphalt track, is the menu for stock car auto racing fans at **Dorney Park Speedway** here tomorrow night. The nation's top stock car jockeys will compete in the NASCAR championship event for new and late model stocks.

Time trials will be held tomorrow afternoon starting at 2 o'clock, and the twenty-four fastest cars out of the field of more than fifty will start in the long 100-mile grind at 8:30 in the evening.

Bob and Fonty Flock, of the famous Atlanta racing family; Frank Mundy, another Atlanta star; Tony Bonadies, of New York; Frankie Schneider, Lambertville, N. J.; Lee Petty, Charlotte, N. C.; Tony Genovay, Philadelphia; Joe Summers, Newark; Preston Welsh, Washington, D. C.; Ronnie Koehler, of Paterson; Lew Volk, Newark; Ken Marriot, Baltimore; Bill Beri, Arcola, N. J.; Charlie Gottolia, Danbury, Conn.; Eddie Rooney, Belle-Meade, N. J.; Jim Delaney, Lyndhurst, N. J.; Roscoe Hough, Paterson, N. J.; and Johnny Morese, of Newark, are just a few of the outstanding stock car drivers entered for Saturday night's distance event.

Rains Postpone 100-Mile Race At Dorney Park Until Tonight

8/26/1951

A heavy shower just about an hour before the scheduled start last night forced postponement of championship race at the **Dorney Park Speedway**.

Dorney Park Officials and Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the speed events there, after conferring with the big field of outstanding drivers, all of whom agreed to remain over in Allentown, the race was set back until tonight at 8:30 o'clock. Accordingly, the same field of drivers originally slated for competition last night will all be on hand for tonight's

100-mile event, 400 laps around the asphalt Dorney Park track.

TONY BONADIES TURNS IN FASTEST TIME TRIAL

Of the nineteen drivers who took time trials yesterday afternoon, Tony Bonadies, of New York City, driving the same 1950 Nash with which he won a 100-mile race at Washington recently, turned in the fastest of the time trials, circling the track in 17.85.

Bonadies, a former midget driver who competed at Dorney Park many times, later saw his time trial mark equalled by Johnny DuBois, of Atlanta, in a

Ford, but Bonadies won the pole position because he set the mark first.

Frank Mundy, of Atlanta, Ga., arrived too late to get into the time trials before the shower broke. He was just pulling into the pits as the drizzle started and later developed into a heavy shower.

There were an estimated 7,000 persons in the grandstand and unreserved sections of the Dorney Park stands an hour before the scheduled start of the races when

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pointed to an all-time record crowd at Dorney Park.

Mundy and several of the other drivers who arrived late in the afternoon and did not get a chance to get in their time trials, will be given a chance to shoot at Bonadies' mark sometime this afternoon.

Lee Petty, of Charlotte, N. C.; Ken Marriott, of Baltimore; Frankie Sneider, of Lambertville, and Lew Volk, of Newark, were among the drivers who arrived just before the showers broke, and did not get a chance at the time trials.

"Every one of the drivers entered for Saturday night assured me that they would stay over in Allentown for Sunday night's race program", said Crise last night. "And we'll put on the same 400-lap race Sunday night just as originally scheduled."

Showers Shackle Stock Car Races

8/26/1951

Allentown, Pa., Aug. 25 —(AP)— A scheduled 100-mile stock car race on the **Dorney Park** track tonight was postponed until tomorrow night by heavy showers an hour before starting time.

Tony Bonadies, New York, driving a Nash and Johnny Dubois, Paterson, N.J., in a Ford, each turned the track in 17.85 seconds for first and second places in the afternoon time trials.

The 400-lap event had attracted a field of 24 drivers.

1st heat—1. Stan Zelek, Coatesville; 2. Sid Hinkle, Rising Sun; 3. Lawrence Snellbaker, York; 4. Buzz Woodward, Coatesville.

2nd heat—1. Gene Holcomb, Aberdeen; 2. Shorty Kershner, Reading; 3. Jerry Benjamin, Rising Sun; 4. Doug Carter, Rising Sun.

3rd heat—1. Buck McCardle, Conowingo; 2. Bob Able, Craley; 3. Bud Hamilton, Rising Sun; 4. Vern Dengler, Reading.

4th heat—1. Jim Dixon, Rising Sun; 2. Russ Delp, Reading; 3. Ralph Smith, Aberdeen; 4. Pop Oliver, Wilmington.

1st consolation — 1. Walt Whitman, Reading; 2. Bernie Denson, Reading.

2nd consolation—1. Lew Snyder, Rising Sun; 2. Clarence Bickleman, Annville.

DuBois Is Winner In 100-Mile Race On Dorney Track

8/27/1951

Johnny DuBois, of Paterson, N. J., driving a Plymouth, last night won the first 100-mile NASCAR championship race for new and late model stock cars on the Dorney Park track, speeding around the four hundred laps in 2:03.19.

An all-time record crowd for the **Dorney Park Speedway** saw DuBois cover the entire distance without a single pit stop, taking over the lead position on the 24th lap and holding it right down to the checkered flag.

Originally scheduled for Saturday night but postponed because of rain, the race Sunday night brought out a jam-packed crowd that filled every available inch of space in the stands.

Placing second to DuBois was Frankie Schneider, of Lambertville, N. J., with a Henry J. In third place was Roscoe Pappy Hough, veteran Paterson, N. J., driver. Frank Mundy, of Atlanta, Ga., was fourth; John Rafferty, of Boston, fifth; Ronnie Kohler, Paterson, sixth; Charlie Cregar, of Phillipsburg, N. J., who took over from Don Smoyer, Pottstown, seventh; Lee Petty, of Randleman, N. C., eighth; Joe Summers, of

Paterson, N. J., ninth; and Jim Reid, also of Paterson, N.J., tenth.

A field of twenty-three started in the race, and two other drivers besides DuBois completed the entire 400-lap race without a pit stop, Frank Mundy and Frank Schneider.

Hough got away in front of the start of the race, and led for the first 23 laps, when he blew a tire and was forced into the pits for a new wheel. Here DuBois took the lead and held it to the finish.

Charlie Cregar, of Phillipsburg, went 175 laps when he broke his front right wheel and was forced out of the race, and then he switched into Don Smoyer's car and finished in seventh place.

Tony Bonadies, veteran New York driver in a new Nash in which he recently won a 250-mile race at Washington, was running neck and neck with DuBois and Schneider on the 52nd lap when he blew a tire, broke an axle and was forced to the pits. He made some rapidfire repairs on his car, got back into the race and finished in 14th position.

An Allentown driver, Harold Held, entered in a new Henry J and was going along fine until the 17th lap when he developed tire trouble, broke a wheel and was forced out of action.

Big Field For Stock Car Races Here Saturday

8/31/1951

With the 1951 stock car racing season rapidly approaching its end, drivers and car owners are going to make an extra effort to finish up in the money in the next few weeks, and because of that speed fans at **Dorney Park Speedway** should be in for some additional thrills in the next few weeks of racing.

Tomorrow night the Valley Stock Car Association will put on its usual Saturday night "Destruction Derby," with more than forty drivers and cars entered in the slam-bang stock car races topped off by a 25-lap feature race.

While Claude 'Fats' Bitting, of Reading, a four-time winner here this season, will be the man to watch in Saturday night's races, there will also be a field of classy drivers battling him all the way. Such well known speed merchants as Newt Reinert, Lucky Loux, Freddie Fehr, Rocky Derr, Speedy Dawson, Harold Held, Dick Keene, Vince Conrad, Ken Ressler, Smok-eye Dengler, Walt Dellkamp and others are entered in Saturday night's races.

There will be the usual three 12-lap qualifying heats; the two semi-finals and the 25-lap feature race, the first event starting at 8:30 o'clock.

Fehr-Freibel Team Wins In 100-Mile Stock Car Race Here

9/16/1951

Taking over on the fiftieth lap, the team of Chet Fehr, Easton, and Phil Freibel, Coopersburg, last night stayed out in front to win the 400-lap, 100-mile tag team stock car auto race championship at **Dorney Park Speedway**, covering the distance with their Nash Ambassador in 2:07. 40.

One of the largest crowds of the season at Dorney Park saw the team of Ken and Don Roessler, of Allentown, get away in front, but Fehr took over on the fiftieth lap after several other drivers had temporarily moved into first place, and stayed there to the finish.

Despite the long grind, there were few crack-ups of any consequence, altho several drivers did spin out, his teammate immediately pulling in to take his place.

Because of an argument among the drivers just before race time as to the division of the purse, only eighteen two-man teams started, six others pulling out and refusing to enter. Some of the drivers wanted the big end of the purse to go to the winner of the race, others wanted it split up among the various places. The latter were in the majority.

It was the final night race of the year at **Dorney Park Speedway**, and one week from this noon the stock car drivers take over in the daylight races there.

The first ten in last night's 100-mile race:

1 Chet Fehr, Easton and Phil Freibel, Coopersburg.

2 Freddie Fehr, Easton, and Otto Harwi, Easton.

3 Curt Sherman and Harold Held, Allentown.

4 Marty Acker, Alburdis, and Jack Paufman, Reading.

5 Ray Frantz, Kutztown, and Paul Bologash, Lehighton.

6 Phil Majerik, Allentown, and Fred Shade, East Texas.

7 Dick Keene, Allentown, and Walter Deikamp, Kutztown.

8 Charlie Moyer, Kutztown, and Vince Conrad, Allentown.

9 Dick Miller, Westcosville and Jake Jakobus, Reading.

10 Harvey Richards, Reading, and Leo McCullough, Bethlehem.

Daylight Stock Car Races At Dorney Sunday

9/22/1951

Records may topple at the Dorney Park Speedway on Sunday for several reasons: (1) The boys will be racing for the first time this year during daylight hours; (2) A number of newcomers will compete, and (3) with the racing season rapidly nearing its end, the Dorney Park "regulars" as well as the newcomers are anxious to collect as much prize money as possible to assure what it takes will be available when the winter coal bills are due.

A number of the speedsters scheduled to appear at Dorney Park on Sunday have engaged in daylight races on other tracks this summer. However, some of the boys have confined their 1951 activities solely to after-dark competition. For them the Sunday races will be a new experience.

Promotor "Red" Crise feels that without the restriction on speed imposed by darkness, it's highly likely that new records may be established on the small Dorney Park macadam track.

Fifty Drivers

9/28/1951

To Honor Bitting

Practically every driver who competed against him here during the season at **Dorney Park Speedway** will be on hand Sunday afternoon to race in the special 'Fats Bitting Day' stock car races on the local oval. Sunday's races start at two o'clock.

"We'll have fifty drivers and cars on hand for Sunday's races," said Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the Dorney Park speed events, last night. "We may have as high as sixty, because I've got entries stacked up on my desk a foot high. All of the Valley Race Drivers Association members are entered, along with a lot of others."

Bitting will be competing in his last race here for some time on Sunday afternoon. He has been tapped by Uncle Sam, and goes into the Army on October 4th.

He is by far the leading point scorer for the season at Dorney Park, winning five feature races, the latest the 25-lap event last Sunday afternoon. He will be presented with a plaque for his feats on Sunday afternoon just before the feature race.

And while on the subject
of midget races, the doodlebugs
will return to **Dorney Park**
Speedway for one last big fling
Sunday afternoon, October 21st

10/1/1951

Stock Car Races At Dorney Park To Start On May 17th

Saturday night, May 17th, has been set as the opening night date for the stock car racing season on the fifth of a mile asphalt track at Dorney Park, and after that there will be stock car races every Wednesday and Saturday nights through the summer months.

That was the announcement made last night by Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the Dorney Park speed events, who said that the Valley Auto Race Drivers Association would again furnish the car and drivers for the stock car events.

"It would be next to impossible to improve on the thrilling programs this organization presented at Dorney Park last summer" said Crise. "We have the finest track in the east for stock car racing, and these drivers of the Valley Association showed in their thrilling events of last season that they know how to handle the track."

Crise said that no decision had been reached on midget races, though there was a possibility that later in the season that several midget car races, as well as the possibility of another 500-lap NASCAR championship event between the nation's top stock car drivers, would also take place.

McAndrews In Stock Car Race Saturday Night

5/16/1952

Leo "Shorty" McAndrews, who compiled quite a record for himself as a **midget** and big car auto race driver, will be among the big

field of drivers competing in the season's first stock car races Saturday night on the **Dorney Park** track. Saturday's first races of the year start at 8:30 o'clock sharp.

"Shorty," a big favorite with **Dorney Park** fans while piloting the **midgets** and voted the most popular driver there one season, will be competing for the first time on the small macadam track in stock cars. He drove in stock car competition with such topflight performers as the Flock brothers and "Red" Byron on half mile dirt tracks through the south, however.

McAndrews and Louis Kocis recently bought a Ford, and fixed up the motor. They say they stand a good chance of winning with it tomorrow night.

There will be a field of fifty VARDA (Valley Race Drivers Association), drivers and cars entered in Saturday night's program, which includes three ten-lap qualifying heat a 12-lap consolation and a 25-lap feature race.

Stock Car Races Postponed

5/18/1952

Last night's rainstorm put the brakes to the opening of the 1952 stock car racing season at the **Dorney Park Speedway**, and the entire program had to be postponed and will be run on Wednesday starting at 8:30 p.m.

On hand to inaugurate another round of the popular stock battles on the Dorney oval was a classy field of pilots from the Valley Auto Race Drivers Association.

Sherman "Red" Crise, the race

director for the Dorney Speedway, had originally planned to open up the track for races every Wednesday and Saturday during the summer. In order to raise the curtain on the season as soon as possible, Crise elected to start the Wednesday programs this week in order to take care of the Saturday wash-out.

All the drivers who were booked to appear last night have promised Crise to be on deck for the

starter's flag Wednesday. These include the appearance of one of the favorites at the track during the running of the midget events, Leo "Shorty" McAndrews.

Stock Car Race Season To Open Here Wednesday

5/19/1952

The formal opening of the 1952 stock car racing at Dorney Park postponed Saturday night because of rain, the entire opening night program will be presented on Wednesday night of this week starting at 8:30 o'clock sharp, with the same big field of drivers originally booked for Saturday night.

Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the Dorney Park speed events, said that indications Saturday night before the rains came were that the field of drivers would be the biggest ever to compete here, and that the way the fans were crowding into the **Dorney Park** **speedway** it would probably have been a record crowd.

The big field of Valley AutoRace Driver Association members (VARDA), will all be back for the opening program Wednesday night.

Stocks Cars To Draw Big Crowd Saturday Night

5/23/1952

If the weather man is in a kindly mood tomorrow night and permits the stock car races at Dorney Park to go on after two postponements, indications are that a banner crowd will be on hand for the season's first speed events.

Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the **Dorney Park Speedway**, last night said that there have been a big demand for reserved seats for tomorrow night's program, and that the crowd would probably be the largest opening night turnout in recent years at Dorney Park.

"This track has been operating for fourteen years," said Crise, "And every year the crowds seem to be getting bigger and bigger. We try to give the fans what they want, and that's probably the answer."

Crise said that the Valley Auto Race Drivers Association (VARDA), was especially disappointed in having the first two dates postponed, and that the more than fifty drivers of that organization would be on hand tomorrow night looking for lots of action.

"The boys are anxious to get into that prize money and you'll probably see some rare driving in the opening events Saturday night" Crise concluded.

Stock Car Racers Launch 1952 Season

5/28/1952

At **Dorney Park** Tonight

With the weather man's promise of clear skies for tonight, members of the Valley Auto Race Drivers Association (VARDA), are looking forward with keen interest to the opening of the 1952 stock car racing season at Dorney Park, and indications are that a near capacity crowd will be on hand to greet the speedsters when they roll away on the first qualifying heat at 8:30 o'clock.

Rained out on three previous attempts to launch the stock car racing season here, the drivers are

all rarin' to go in tonight's inaugural, according to Warren Holland, president of VARDA.

There will be a field of more than fifty drivers in tonight's events, including an old Allentown racing favorite, Leo 'Shorty' McAndrews. McAndrews will be making his debut on the fifth of a mile macadam track at **Dorney Park** in stock car competition, altho he won many feature events on the same oval in **midget** race competition.

There will also be a big field of favorites back from last year, including a number of boys who won 25-lap feature races. These include Freddy and Chet Fehr, the pair of Easton racing brothers; Dick Keene, Otto Harwi, Russ Delp, Bob Herman, Ken Wismer, Lee McClullough, Walter Delkamp, Rocky Derr, Ken Roessler, Ringy Lloyd, Vince Conrad, Bobby Roland, Blackie Ryder and over two-score others.

There will be three 10-lap qualifying heats, a 12-lap consolation, two 12-lap semi-finals and the 25-lap feature event to top off tonight's program.

Newt Reinert Wins 1952

Opener of Stock Car

5/29/1952

Races at Dorney Park

A delayed start usually turns up plenty of action in racing and last night's stock car races at **Dorney Park** were no exception as Newt Reinert of Pottstown won the first feature in the 1952 season.

Rained out on three previous dates, the Sherman "Red" Crise promotion last night produced plenty of thrills for the more than 4,200 persons watching the auto jockies in action.

Reinert had lady luck riding with him in his jalopy as he moved into the lead on the 23rd lap when Dick Miller, Allentown, went into a spin after leading from the start of the feature event.

The feature race was restarted three times and as a result there was no time recorded.

Within minutes after the program opened, the crowd was drawn to a standing position when Stan Chaplin, Allentown, and Bud Mohr, Trexlertown, tangled and went into the wall in the second heat.

Chaplin and Mohr were locked on the second lap and on the second turn crashed into the barrier. This race was restarted.

Crise announced last night that the stock cars will go again Saturday night on the **Dorney Park** oval. The races go off every Wednesday and Saturday, hereafter.

First heat — 1, Dick Miller, Allentown; 2, Fred Fehr, Easton; 3, Jake Jacobus, Lansdale; 4, Phil Majerik, Allentown. Time, 3:00.62.

Second heat — 1, Newt Reinert, Pottstown; 2, Charles Cregar, Phillipsburg; 3, Ray Frantz, Kutztown; 4, Al Wilson, Allentown. No time.

Third heat — 1, Garfield Heffner, Allentown; 2, Fred Adams, Kutztown; 3, Shorty McAndrews, Allentown; 4, Otto Harwi, Nazareth. Time, 3:02.12.

First semi-final (12 laps) — 1, Jacobus; 2, Fehr; 3, Ray Fenstermacher, Trexlertown; Miller. Time, 3:32.04.

Second semi-final — 1, Heffner; 2, Harwi; 3, Reinert; 4, Dick Keen, Allentown. Time 3:30.84.

Consolation (12 laps) — 1, Al Wilson, Pleasant Corners; 2, McAndrews. Time, 3:35.89.

Feature (25 laps) — 1, Newt Easton; 3, Otto Harwi, Nazareth; Reinert, Pottstown; 2, Fred Fehr, 4, Lee McCullough, Bethlehem; 5, Marty Acker, Alburtis; 6, Fred Adams, Allentown. No time

Weather Blots Dorney

Races and 'Berg Baseball

6/1/1952

A weather bugaboo that has fastened a strangle hold on the local sports scene blotted out another Saturday program, cutting off the **Dorney Park Speedway** races and scuttling the final Muhlenberg baseball game among others.

It was the fourth washout of the season for Promoter Red Crise and his Dorney Park fender bangers. Thus far the stock car events have rolled but once; that last Wednesday.

The entire thrill show will be moved back to Wednesday night.

Among those listed to be here are Newt Reinert, one of the hottest pilots currently competing under the aegis of the Valley Automobile Race Drivers Association. Others who will battle it out with Newt are Fred Fehr, Easton, Otto Harwi, Nazareth, Lee McCullough, Bethlehem, Marty Acker, Alburts and Fred Adams of Allentown.

ing skies. The Greyhounds have been listed to take on the A. C., in Bethlehem, in the afternoon while the Moravian racket were set to take on the A. C. in a closing tennis match.

A new date had not been set yet for the booster game between the Reading High School Knights and Slatington High School. Finally booked for 2:30 p.m. this afternoon, the inclement weather forced the sponsors, the Sports and civic organizations, to postpone the tilt.

Arrangements are expected to be completed early next week for the rescheduled date.

On the program for Saturday evening, booked to build up community interest in high school sports, is a parade with the Slatington High band and majorettes, presentation of a round of golf, awards including a bat and ball autographed by the Philadelphia Phillies baseball team.

Dorney Park Stock Car

Races Halted by Rain

6/5/1952

Yesterdays thundershowers impelled Dorney Parks feature stock car race to be held over until this Saturday as an added attraction.

The monsoon - like rain came moments after the second semi race of 12 laps. Officials decided to post-pon the main event until this Saturday at 8:30 p.m. as an added feature.

In the first semi-final, Newt Reinert of Pottstown put on a brilliant exhibition of stock car racing. The speed demon started out in last place. However, he slowly gained on his competitors and in the last lap bolted to the front spot to win.

Ray Kline flipped his car in the second lap of the second heat and the race had to be restarted. He was uninjured, however.

Close competition marked the five heats that were held on the Dorney Park oval.

Yesterdays results:

First Heat Ten Laps: 1—Dick Simons, Allentown; 2—Rocky Derr, Reading; 3—Newt Reinhart, Pottstown; 4—Bud Mohr, Trexlertown. Time 2:57.08.

Second Heat Ten Laps: 1—Freddy Fehr, Easton; 2—Ken Ressler, Allentown; 3—Jake Jacobos, Phillipsburg; 4—Smokey Dengler, Reading. No Time.

Third Heat Ten Laps: 1—Walt Whitman, Blanton; 2—Lee McCullough, Bethlehem; 3—Shorty McAndrews, Allentown; 4—Al Wilson, Allentown. Time 3:00.97.

First Semi 12 Laps: 1—Newt Reinhart, Pottstown; 2—Harold Heid, Bethlehem; 3—Rocky Derr, Reading; 4—Dick King, Allentown. Time 3:32.41.

Second Semi 12 Laps: 1—Freddie Fehr, Easton; 2—Smokey Dengler, Reading; 3—Shorty McAndrews, Allentown; 4—Walt Whitman, Blanton. Time 3:29.32.

FOR . . . THEY'LL START THE
THREE - QUARTER MIDGET
RACES AT **DORNEY PARK**
SPEEDWAY NEXT WEDNES-
DAY NIGHT, cutting the former
fifth of a mile track in half to
accommodate the smaller cars
which they claim do better speeds
than the regulation midget cars.

6/6/1952

Two 25-Lap Feature Races on Stock Car Program Here Tonight

6/7/1952

Stock car racing fans will be on hand early tonight at **Dorney Park**, for the first event of the night will be the first half of a bargain bill, one of two 25-lap feature races, starting at 8:30 o'clock sharp.

The double feature for tonight was brought about when Wednesday night's program was rained out at **Dorney Park** after all but the feature race had been completed. Accordingly, the Wednesday night feature will go on first tonight, after which the regular Saturday night program of three 10-lap qualifying heats, two 12-lap semi-finals, a 10-lap consolation, and a 25-lap feature event will be staged.

"Race fans surely will get their money's worth in Saturday night's program," said Director Red Crise last night, "For all told there will

be over 100 laps of racing and that should provide plenty of thrills."

The Valley Auto Race Drivers Association, (ARDA), will have its full membership out tonight and that means there will be close to sixty cars. In fact, before the rains came last Wednesday night there were more than forty cars in the consolation alone.

Tonight's stock car races will be followed next Wednesday night by the first program of three quarter **midget** racing here, the little cars which make up to 100 miles an hour spinning around on a track just half the size of the present oval. Such drivers as Dutch Schaffer, Tony Bondadies, Charlie Miller, Russ Klarr and many other top notch **midget** racers are now running the three-quarter **midgets** and will be in next Wednesday night's program here.

Fred Fehr Wins Both Stock Car Main Races At Dorney Park Track

6/8/1952

Freddie Fehr hit the jackpot twice last night by taking the two 25-lap feature races at **Dorney Park** before a record crowd for **stock car** events at the local track.

The Easton driver beat out Vince Conrad of Allentown in the first feature, which carried over when last Wednesday's program was rained out during the consolation event.

With three laps to go Fehr passed Bethlehem's Lee McCullough, who had taken the lead when Harold Held of Allentown spun out after setting the pace for 10 laps. Another Allentown driver, Shorty McAndrews had amishap when he flipped on the fifth lap.

In the second feature Curley Moyer held the lead for more than half the race. He was blanketed for several laps with four other drivers, McCullough, George Sleight of Easton, Fehr and Rocky Derr of Reading.

When Derr was forced into the fence Fehr spotted an opening and shot into the lead.

The finale also had its share of accidents. Two Easton drivers, Otto Harwi and Ken Wismer, flipped out in the first heat.

On the fourth lap Stan Chaplin of Allentown and Charlie Cregar of Phillipsburg were involved in a

crash. Chaplin wound up on the fence and was forced out of the race. Cregar was able to continue, but later he had a blowout and had to quit also.

The three-quarter midget racers replace the **stock car** drivers for next Wednesday night's program at **Dorney Park**, the **stock cars** returning for their usual program next Saturday night.

Last night's summaries:

Rained-Out Consolation

1. Otto Harwi, Easton; 2. Shorty McAndrews, Allentown. Time 3:0182.

First Feature (25 Laps)

1. Freddie Fehr, Easton; 2. Vince Conrad, Allentown; 3. Charlie Cregar, Phillipsburg; 4. Lee McCullough, Bethlehem; 5. Otto Harwi; 6. Phil Freidel, Coopersburg. No time, accidents.

First Heat (10 Laps)

1. Charlie Moyer, Kutztown; 2. Phil Freidel; 3. Smokey Dengler, Reading; 4. Ken Ressler, Allentown. Time 2:5061.

Second Heat (10 Laps)

1. George Sleight, Easton; 2. Rocky Derr, Reading; 3. Vince Conrad; 4. Lee McCullough. No time.

Third Heat (10 Laps)

1. Ken Wismer, Easton; 2. Harold Held, Allentown; 3. Chet Fehr, Easton; 4. Dick Keen, Allentown. Time 3:0361.

First Semi-Final (12 Laps)

1. Charlie Cregar; 2. Lee McCullough; 3. Freddie Fehr; 4. Jake Jacobus. Time 3:2564.

Second Semi-Final (12 Laps)

1. Harold Held; 2. George Sleight; 3. Ken Wismer; 4. Smokey Dengler. No time.

Consolation (10 Laps)

1. Newt Reinert, Pottstown; 2. Bud Mohr, Trexliertown. Time 2:5288.

Feature (25 Laps)

1. Freddie Fehr; 2. Curley Moyer; 3. Lee McCullough; 4. George Sleight; 5. Vince Conrad; 6. Newt Reinert. No time.

Larry Bloomer In Three-Quarter Midget Races

6/10/1952

A whole flock of favorites with Eastern Pennsylvania midget racing fans of recent years will be



LARRY BLOOMER

back at **Dorney Park Speedway** tomorrow night when the new three-quarter midget race cars make their debut here on the macadam track at 8:30 o'clock.

It will be the first time the three-quarter midgets, (three quarters as big as the former midget cars), performed here, and in order to scale the track to the size of the cars, the regulation Dorney Park oval has been cut in half, a slice of macadam being placed in the center. In other words, they'll be racing on a track only half as big as the track the stock cars race on.

The three-quarter midgets originated in California, and are highly popular on the West Coast. Many of the thirty-five to forty cars in the races here tomorrow night will be seen in Madison Square Garden competition in the Fall, contracts have already been signed for the indoor races there.

Larry Bloomer, of Lansdale, a heavy favorite with midget race fans here in former years, will be back with his new three-quarter Klarr. Dutch Schaffer, Charlie Miller, Nick Fonora, Shorty McAndrews, Hawley Kight, Steve McGrath and many others.

Three-Quarter Midget Race Cars Take Over At Dorney Tonight

6/11/1952

The fence-bustin' stock car drivers take a breather at **Dorney Park** tonight as the three-quarter midget cars make their debut on the local track, with the first of the three 10-lap qualifying heats scheduled for 8:30 o'clock sharp.

It will be the first appearance on the **Dorney Park** track of the three-quarter midget cars, and while the three-quarter cars are not as large as the former midget cars which competed here, they have powerful motors, scaled along the Offenhouer line, and make up

to seventy-five miles an hour on the local track. On the West Coast, where the three-quarter midget car idea originated, the cars have been known to make up to 100 MPH on straightaways.

The **Dorney Park** track has been scaled down, too, for the three-quarter cars, for they'll race on an oval only half as large as the regulation stock car track, a fifth of a mile. A solid macadam strip has been built through the center of the **Dorney Park** fifth of a mile oval, and that will be the track to be used for tonight's races.

Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the **Dorney Park** speed events, said last night there will be a field of more than forty drivers in tonight's races.

"All of the top midget drivers in the east have switched from the regulation midget cars to the three-quarter sized cars," said Crise last night.

"Included in the field here Wednesday night will be such top flight midget drivers as Russ Klarr, Larry Bloomer, Charlie McDonough, Dutch Schaffer, Leo 'Shorty' McAndrews, Charlie Miller, Steve McGrath, and in fact just about everybody connected with the ARDC, (American Race Drivers club).

"The drivers are anxious to put on a red hot race meet for the fans, and I'm sure that the type of fans who like plenty of speed, skillful and daring driving will get plenty of it."

Fred Peters Wins 25-Lap Feature in Three-quarter Midget Racing Debut Here

6/12/1952

Fred Peters, who grabbed a first place in a first heat and a second spot in the semi-final, won the 25-lap feature of the three-quarter midget races last night at Dorney Park.

The witnesses to the first three-quarter midget races in Allentown were unanimous that Sherman "Red" Crise has again succeeded in bringing topflight speed driving artists into the Lehigh Valley.

A novelty in the speed car racing field, the three quarter midgets weigh approximately 450 pounds.

First heat, 12 laps—1. Ed McDonald, Plainfield, N.J.; 2. Norman Smizer, Philadelphia; 3. Russ Klar, Lynbrook, Long Island. Time 2:17.78.

Second heat, 12 laps—1. Dutch Schaffer, Floral Park, Long Is-

land; 2. Charlie Miller, Allentown; 3. Al Herman, Allentown; 4. Dick Dowd, Plainfield. Time 2:22.73.

Third heat, 12 laps—1. Fred Peters, Plainfield; 2. Larry Bloomer, Norristown; 3. Tony Martino, New York; 4. Tony Romit, New York. Time 2:17.98.

First semi-final, 16 laps — 1. Norm Smiser; 2. Fred Peters; 3. Dutch Schaffer; 4. Russ Klar. Time 3:04.63.

Second semi-final, 16 laps — 1. Larry Bloomer; 2. Charlie Miller; 3. Tony Romit; 4. Tony Bonadies, Bronx, N. Y. Time 3:01.78.

Consolation, 10 laps — 1. Ray Ziegler, Allentown; 2. Nick Fornora, New York. No time.

Feature, 25 laps—1. Fred Peters; 2. Ed McDonald; 3. Larry Bloomer; 4. Russ Klar; 5. Tony Romit; 6. Dutch Schaffer. Time 4:41.98.

3rd Straight Win In Dorney Stocks Tonight

6/14/1952

The stock car drivers return to the **Dorney Park Speedway** tonight for some more fence-bustin' activi-

and they know the fans like the action they get. This track was really built for stock car racing.

Freddie Fehr, of Easton, who won last week's double feature, taking both 25-lap events, will be back tonight seeking to make it three straight, but he'll have lots of competition from Newt Reinert, of Pottstown, who won a 25-lap feature here earlier in the season, and the more than fifty other members of VARDA who will be on hand for tonight's races.

Fehr, a winner here several times last season, is rapidly taking over where 'Fats' Bitting, of Reading, left off last season when he was called into the service. Bitting was the big gun in practically all of last season's stock car races here, but Fehr is off to a fast start this season.

There will be the usual three 10-lap qualifying heats, two 12-lap semi-finals, a 10-lap consolation and the 25-lap feature tonight, starting at 8:30 o'clock.



FREDDIE FEHR

ties, and after a layoff since last Saturday night one of the biggest crowds of the season is expected to be on hand when the first heat starts rolling at 8:30 o'clock sharp.

The stock cars were idle last Wednesday night at Dorney Park as the three-quarter midgets put on their first show of the season, but the full membership of the Valley Auto Race Drivers Association, (VARDA), will be on hand for tonight's affair, again next Wednesday and one week from tonight.

"The VARDA drivers like this Dorney Park fifth of a mile oval" said Warren Holland, president of VARDA, last night. "They like the action they get on the small track,

Reinert Wins Feature Of Stock Car Program

6/15/1952

Stock car racing competition at **Dorney Park** developed into a two-man maneuver last night as Newt Reinert of Pottstown captured the 25-lap feature before a capacity crowd of 5,500 fans.

Reinert now has two main event triumphs notched in his dashboard, the same number as Freddy Fehr of Easton who copped both ends of the doubleheader last Saturday.

Fehr was in the running last night after taking one of the 12-lap semi-finals but was no match for the pacing speed of Reinert in the 25-lapper and finished fourth.

The Pottstown driver, winner of the season's first big race several weeks ago, trailed Otto Harwi, Easton, until the 13th lap, then passed him with pure speed advantage. Harwi wound up third back of Blackie Ryder of Pottstown.

There were no serious accidents. Fans were furnished with one free-for-all collision, however, in the

second semi-final when Stan Metz, Easton, spun out on the third lap and seven cars piled up. Only five of the original field of 12 continued in the race.

Another **stock car** card will be run Wednesday night, replacing three-quarter midnets in the mid-week spot.

Summaries:

1st heat, 10 laps — 1. Marty Acker, Allentown; 2. Dick Miller, Allentown; 3. Blackie Ryder, Pottstown; 4. Harry Abum, Sellersville. Time 2:40.87.

2nd heat, 10 laps — 1. Curt Sherman, Phillipsburg; 2. Jake Jacobus, Easton; 3. Newt Reinert, Pottstown; 4. Dick Keen, Allentown. Time 3:00.21.

3rd heat, 10 laps — 1. Otto Harwi, Easton; 2. Sam Metz, Easton; 3. Freddy Fehr, Easton; 4. Al Wilson, Allentown. Time 2:36.76.

1st semi-final, 12 laps — 1. Curt Sherman; 2. Newt Reinert; 3. Bud Mohr, Trexlertown; 4. Jake Jacobus. Time 3:24.21.

2nd semi-final, 12 laps — 1. Freddy Fehr; 2. Leo McCullough, Bethlehem; 3. Bob Herman, Allentown; 4. Dick Keen. No time.

Consolation, 12 laps — 1. George Sleight, Easton; 2. Smokey Dengier, Reading; Time 3:20.57.

Feature, 25 laps — 1. Newt Reinert; 2. Blackie Ryder; 3. Otto Harwi; 4. Freddy Fehr; 5. Bud Mohr; 6. Jake Jacobus. Time 6:12.73.

Lou Johnson

6/17/1952

'Guest Driver'

Tomorrow Night

Lou Johnson, rough, tough Wilmington, Del., stock car racer who leads the Nascar Southern Circuit in point-scoring this season, will be the year's first "guest driver" at **Dorney Park Speedway** when he appears here tomorrow night in the Wednesday night stock car events.

Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the Dorney Park speed events, said last night that Johnson, who won the 50-lap feature race at Washington, D. C., last Friday night, would drive his car here tomorrow night in the field of more than fifty Valley Race Driver Association, (Varda), members.

It will not be Johnson's first appearance on the local track, since he was also a "guest driver" here last season when his daring outside driving helped him capture one of the semi-final events and he placed second in the feature to Fats Bitting.

Freddie Fehr, the Easton driver who has taken a big liking to the local track, winning two feature events in one night recently, and Newt Reinert, who also has won two features here this season, will both be in tomorrow night's event, along with the other big field of VARDA drivers.

The first event tomorrow night is scheduled for 8:30 o'clock sharp.

Al Keller May Drive Here On Wed. Night

6/24/1952

"If I can get a car for Al Keller, he'll be out guest driver in Wednesday nights stock car races at **Dorney Park**, said Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the local speedway events last night.

"Keller has assured me he will drive in place of Charlie Dyer, whom we had booked originally but who will not be present, Crise continued. Dyer's motor blew up on him Sunday and he's probably out of action for quite a spell.

If Keller should compete here tomorrow night stock car racing fans would get a glimpse at one of the nation's leading drivers. A former **midget** racer, Keller came up from Florida to compete in the 100-mile stock car event at Langhorne and is staying over until next Sunday when the Langhorne race was postponed.

"We'll have the usual big field of drivers, Crise continued. "And after the postponement of Saturday nights races the boys are anxious to get going again.

Ken Wismer on 'Late Sneak' Wins Stock Feature at Dorney

6/29/1952

Easton's Ken Wismer picked up top prize money in both a semi-final and the 25-lap feature of last night's stock car grind at the **Dorney Park Speedway**, but the big win came almost in the form of a gift as he sneaked the lead after a restart on the 5th lap due to a track pileup.

Blackie Rider was knocked out momentarily when his car spun and hit the fence in the final race. Rider was given emergency first aid and fed oxygen until he was revived by the standby Sacred Heart Hospital ambulance crew. Outside of a badly bumped noggin Blackie had no other injuries, and was able to leave the track under his own power.

Dick Symons, who pushed Wismer for a close runnerup spot in the second 2-lap consolation event, was leading the big race at the time Rider piled into the fence. When the race was restarted, he had the pole position, but Wismer

sneaked through on the inside on the first turn and held onto the margin until the checkered flag.

Symons had to be satisfied with a sixth place in the feature's finish. Newt Reinert, Pottstown speedster and a perennial winner on the Dorney oval copped second money and another regular at the payoff window, Freddie Fehr, Wismer's fellow - Eastonian, roared home in third place.

One of the season's largest turnouts at the speedway, a reported attendance of 4,300 persons, was on hand to witness the program that produced more than the average amount of thrilling incidents.

Besides the Rider crash one other event had to be flagged down when Jack Jacobus and Leo McCullough tangled in the eighth lap of the third 10-lap heat event. No one was hurt, and the race was called at that point.

Tonight's thrill-paced program and large turnout of stock car

racing fans augers well for next week's special program. It was announced tonight that a 50-lap championship event has been booked for the Dorney track next Saturday.

Summaries of tonight's races:

First heat, 10 laps—Bob Herman, Allentown, first; Freddie Fehr, Easton, second; Rocky Derr, Reading, third. 2:53.67.

Second heat, 10 laps—Vince Conrad, Allentown, first; Curt Sherman, Phillipsburg, second; Paul Bologash, Lehighton, third. 2:51.59.

Third heat, 10 laps—Harold Held, Bethlehem, first; Dick Symons, second; Ed Thomas, Quakertown, third. No time due to accident.

Semi-final, 12 laps—Vince Conrad, first; Freddie Fehr, second; Fred Adams, Kutztown, third; Bob Bufton, Allentown, fourth. Time 2:19.40.

Semi-final, 12 laps—Ken Wismer, Easton, first; Dick Symons, second; Newt Reinert, Pottstown, third; Blackie Rider, Pottstown, fourth. Time 3:39.73.

Consolation race, 12 laps—Bud Mohr, Trexlertown, first; Paul Bologash, second. Time 3:28.79.

Feature race, 25 laps—Ken Wismer, first; Newt Reinert, second; Freddie Fehr, third; Vince Conrad, fourth; Curt Sherman, fifth; Dick Symons, sixth. No time due to accident.

Ken Wismer Seeks His Second Straight At Dorney Park Tonite

7/2/1952

Ken Wismer, Easton speed merchant who won several features here last season but wasn't able to crash through to victory at Dorney Park until last Saturday night in this season's competition, will be out to make it two straight in tonight's 25-lap feature race on the fifth of a mile macadam **Dorney Park** oval.

Tonight's races start at 8:30 o'clock, and there will be the usual three 10-lap qualifying heats, two 12-lap semi-finals, a 10-lap consolation in addition to the 25-lap feature race.

Wismer, of course, will have to win one of the qualifying heats or the consolation to get into tonight's feature events, the same as Newt Reinert, of Pottstown, and Freddie Fehr, of Easton, the other two big winners on the local track this season, will have to do.

The field for tonight's races gives promise of being one of the largest of the season. Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the **Dorney Park** events, points out that most of the drivers have their cars pointed up for Saturday night's 50-lap championship event here, the first of the season, and they will be shooting the works to try them out tonight.

The **Dorney Park** races have proven highly popular with speed fans who also like thrills with their racing, and undoubtedly another banner crowd will be on hand for tonight's events with favorable weather conditions.



Sleight Scores 2nd Victory In Dorney Stock Car Races

7/3/1952

Taking advantage of a restart on the 17th lap, George Sleight of Easton scored his second win of the season last night in the stock car races at Dorney Park.

Another Eastonian, Freddy Fehr finished second and Dorney's leading winner, Newt Reinert of Potts-

town, came in third. Reinert has three victories and Fehr two.

Harold Held held the lead for the first 17 laps, with Sleight on his tail. On the 17th Dick Miller and Garfield Heffner landed in the fence on the third and fourth turns.

Moments later Held hit the fence on the first turn, forcing officials to stop the race. In the restart, Sleight had the pole position and remained in the lead during the remainder of the 25-lap event.

Another large crowd is expected Saturday night when a 50-lap championship race is scheduled.

The summaries:

FIRST HEAT (10 LAPS)

1—Harold Held, Allentown; 2—Dick Miller, Allentown; 3—Newt Reinert, Pottstown. Time: 2:5518.

SECOND HEAT (10 LAPS)

1—Freddy Fehr, Easton; 2—Al Wilson, Allentown; 3—Ringle Lloyd, Kutztown. Time: 2:5249.

THIRD HEAT (10 LAPS)

1—Harty Acker, Alburtis; 2—Ray Fenstermacher, Trexlertown; 3—Blackie Reider, Pottstown. Time: 2:5337.

FIRST SEMI-FINAL (12 LAPS)

1—Al Wilson; 2—Vince Conrad, Allentown; 3—Paul Bologash, Lehighton; 4—Freddy Fehr. Time: 3:3061.

SECOND SEMI-FINAL (12 LAPS)

1—George Sleight, Easton; 2—Marty Acker; 3—Newt Reinert; 4—Ray Fenstermacher. Time: 3:2472.

CONSOLATION (10 LAPS)

1—Lee McCullough, Bethlehem; 2—Dick Miller. Time: 2:5211.

FEATURE (25 LAPS)

1—George Sleight; 2—Freddy Fehr; 3—Newt Reinert; 4—Paul Bologash; 5—Otto Harwi, Easton; 6—Eddie Riker, Dover, N. J. No time, accident.

Big Field For Stock Car Races On Saturday

7/11/1952

Given a full week in which to whip their battered buggies into shipshape condition for more of the spine-tingling sport that delights thousands of Lehigh Valley fans when stock car races are held on the **Dorney Park Speedway**, the

member drivers of the Valley Automobile Racing Driver's Association will be out in full force Saturday night.

Because the havoc has been so great among the cars that have been banging into each other all season twice weekly at Dorney, last night's races were not held. The pilots were unable to keep their cars in fit shape and the field was threatened with too great a reduction.

By dropping Wednesday night's program, the boys have a full week in which to put their chariots in

running order, and action should be at top level this Saturday.

Dick Miller Crashes Winner's Circle in Dorney Park Feature

7/13/1952

An unheralded rookie named Dick Miller broke the Fred Fehr-Newt Reinert monopoly on the feature 25-lap event climaxing last night's stock car racing program at **Dorney Park Speedway.**

Miller, an Allentown driver who entered the stock car sport only last summer and up to last night wasn't close enough to smell the smoke of the feature winners, reversed the tables and left Fehr and Reinert far out of sight. Fehr finished sixth and Reinert was in the also-ran gang.

Miller's triumph, cheered by 3,800 fans, was clean cut, the result of pure speed. He whipped his red and white wagon out front from fifth starting position as early as the first lap and there he stayed for the next 24. At the end Vince Conrad, a more experienced rider, was virtually pushing Miller's radiator cap but the checkered flag touched Miller first.

In fact, it was a comparatively quiet night for the junk jockeys all around, except for two noisy sessions in the finale. The night's only accident happened on the ninth lap when Charlie Hansler, of Kunkletown, Charlie Cregar, Phillipsburg, and Fehr of Easton joined wheels on the second turn and spun against the wall. The race was halted, but all three returned to action.

In the same race Phil Majerk,

running in tail position, was spun into the infield while being lapped by the cars in 2-3-4 spots. Marjerk came back in a lap later and in so doing spun out the No. 2 man, Jake Jacobus of Phillipsburg.

Ray Frantz, another stranger to the winner's circle, won two events during the night and was third in the feature.

Promotoer Sherman (Red) Crise

announced plans for a novel race system this Wednesday, when the last two laps of every event will be shifted automatically to the half-size 1-10th of a mile section of the regulation track. Crise admitted the stocks, who have scarcely enough room on the large track, may be forced to ride piggy-back, but it will be tried Wednesday nevertheless.

Summaries:

First Heat, 10 Laps: 1—Freddy Fehr, Easton; 2—Phil Majerk, Allentown; 3—Dick Miller, Allentown. Time 2:54.64.

Second Heat, 10 Laps: 1—Lee McCullough, Bethlehem; 2—Ed Thomas, Quakertown; 3—Smokey Dengler, Reading. Time 2:56.11.

Third Heat, 10 Laps: 1—Ray Frantz, Allentown; 2—Jake Jacobus, Phillipsburg; 3—Dick Symons, Pottstown. Time 2:53.62.

First Semi-Final, 12 Laps: 1—Dick Keene, Allentown; 2—Smokey Dengler; 3—Charlie Cregar, Phillipsburg; 4—Freddy Fehr. Time 3:32.79.

Second Semi-Final, 12 Laps: 1—Ray Frantz; 2—Newt Reinert, Pottstown; 3—Ed Thomas; 4—Vince Conrad, Allentown. Time 3:28.63.

Consolation, 10 Laps: 1—Bud Mohr, Trexlertown; 2—Rocky Derr, Reading. Time 2:51.98.

Feature, 25 Laps: 1—Dick Miller, Allentown; 2—Vince Conrad; 3—Ray Frantz; 4—Rinky Lloyd, Kutztown; 5—Otto Harwi, Easton; 6—Freddy Fehr. No time due to accident.

Reinert Wins Stock Car Feature at Dorney Park

7/17/1952

Newt Reinert of Reading overtook Jake Jacobus of Phillipsburg on the 20th lap and went on to win the 25-lap feature race of last night's stock car program at Dorney Park.

It was the Reading speedster's fourth victory this year on the local track and placed him one ahead of Freddy Fehr in their battle for top seasonal laurels.

Jacobus, who had held the lead from the fourth lap, finished second. He was followed by Ringie Lloyd, Kutztown; Rocky Derr, Reading; Al Wilson, Allentown, and Fehr.

An innovation of having the last two laps of the heats run on a smaller track produced its share of laughs for the crowd and heartbreaks for several drivers.

First Heat, 10 laps

1. Otto Harwi, Easton; 2. Jake Jacobus, Phillipsburg; 3. Freddy

Fehr. No. time.

Second Heat, 10 laps

1. Smokey Dengler, Reading; 2. Rocky Derr, Reading; 3. Newt Reinert, Pottstown. Time: 2:5216.

Third Heat, 10 laps

1. Paul Bologash, Lehighton; 2. Ringie Lloyd, Kutztown; 3. Charlie Hansler, Kunkletown. Time: 2:5272.

First Semi-final, 12 laps

1. Jake Jacobus; 2. Marty Ackerman, Alburtis; 3. Ray Fenstermacher, Trexlertown; 4. Rocky Derr. Time: 3:30.

Second Semi-final, 12 laps

1. Al Wilson, Allentown; 2. Otto Harwi; 3. Newt Reinert; 4. Ringie Lloyd. Time: 3:2843.

Consolation, 10 laps

1. Smokey Dengler; 2. Bud Mohr, Trexlertown; Time: 2:5201.

Feature, 25 laps

1. Newt Reinert; 2. Jake Jacobus; 3. Ringie Lloyd; 4. Rocky Derr; 5. Al Wilson; 6. Freddy Fehr. No time.

Freddy Fehr's Late Spurt Nets Victory In Dorney Park Race

7/20/1952

After storming into contention on the 19th lap, Easton's Freddy Fehr shot into the lead on the 23rd lap and won his fourth feature victory of the year last night in the **Dorney Park stock car** races.

The win placed Fehr in a tie for season's honors with Newt Reinert of Pottstown, who failed to qualify last night.

Fehr's stirring homestretch driving had the fans jumping and screaming. Dick Symons of Allentown took the lead at the start and held it for 20 laps, with Smokie Dengler haunting him half the way.

When Fehr joined the battle, the three speedsters tore around the track, side by side. After leading for two laps, Dengler was caught in a jam and Fehr took advantage of the moment to take over.

Dengler finished second, Symons third, Ringle Lloyd of Kutztown, fourth; Paul Bologash of Lehighton, fifth, and Ray Frantz, of Allentown, sixth.

There were two fence-busting episodes. Don Ressler of Wescosville, who had been side by side with two other cars, was forced to ride the outside and finally took out a stretch of the wire fence in

front of the starter's stand during the first heat.

On the 24th lap of the feature race, Otto Harwi of Easton lost a wheel and crashed into the fence. Unaware of the wheel on the track, Al Thomas and Vince Conrad hit it and also wound up in the barrier. All three cars were badly smashed.

The gimmick of having the cars finish the last two laps on the one-tenth mile inner track will again be used in the three heats of Wednesday night's races, which start at 8:30 o'clock.

The summaries:

FIRST HEAT—10 LAPS

1—Dick Symons, Allentown; 2 — Neut Reinert, Pottstown; 3—Dick Miller, Allentown. No time.

SECOND HEAT—10 LAPS

1—Freddy Fehr, Easton; 2 — Harry Ahlum, Sellersville; 3—Ringle Lloyd, Kutztown. Time: 2:5482.

THIRD HEAT—10 LAPS

1—Paul Bologash, Lehighton; 2—Ed Thomas, Quakertown; 3—Vince Conrad, Allentown. Time: 2:5259.

FIRST SEMI-FINAL—12 LAPS

1—Dick Symons; 2—Ringle Lloyd; 3—Smokie Dengler, Reading; 4—Harry Ahlum. Time: 3:2976.

SECOND SEMI-FINAL—12 LAPS

1—Freddy Fehr; 2—Ray Frantz, Allentown; 3—Paul Bologash; 4—Vince Conrad. Time: 3:3238.

CONSOLATION—10 LAPS

1—Ken Wismer, Easton; 2—Charlie Hansler, Kunkelstown. Time: 2:5611.

FEATURE—25 LAPS

1—Freddy Fehr; 2—Smokie Dengler; 3—Dick Symons; 4—Ringle Lloyd; 5—Paul Bologash; 6—Ray Frantz. Time: 7:1628.

Stock Car Drivers In 2-Track Races At Dorney Park Tonight

7/23/1952

Two of the drivers in last Wednesday night's stock car races at **Dorney Park** who got on the wrong track at the wrong time promise not to make the same mistake in tonight's races there.

As was the case last Wednesday night, the first three 10-lap qualifying heats tonight will start on the regulation fifth of a mile asphalt track, but in the last two laps of each race the cars will switch over to the smaller tenth of a track recently used for the three-quarter **midget** races.

Ken Wismer, of Easton, and Smokey Dengler, of Reading, were the two drivers who got confused on when to turn to the smaller track last Wednesday. Wismer was out front at the time, but failed to turn on to the smaller track for the last two heats, Dengler did and won the heat.

Newt Reinert, who won the 25-lap feature last Wednesday night, and Freddie Fehr, who won last Saturday night's 25-lap feature, will both be on hand tonight in an effort to add to their laurels. They are running neck and neck in points at **Dorney Park** this season, leading all other drivers.

There will be a field of more than fifty drivers of the Valley Auto Race Drivers Association, (Varda), on hand for tonight's races, among them such favorites as Paul Bolgash, Rocky Derr, Ringie Lloyd, Otto Hardwi, Jake Jacobson, Charlie Hansler, Al Wilson, Marty Ackerman, Ray Fenstermacher, and many others.



NEWT REINERT

VARDA Issues Wide Challenge to Outsiders In **Dorney Park** Races

Believing it has the best outfit of racing drivers in the East, the Valley Auto Race Drivers association, (VARDA), has issued a sweeping challenge to other driver organizations to compete in the **Dorney Park** races here each Saturday and Wednesday night.

Accordingly, on Saturday night VARDA will bring in two 'outside' drivers to compete in the **Dorney Park** stock car drivers, and if either of these drivers can beat the VARDA members in the feature race of 25 laps he'll get an additional \$100 purse from Sherman 'Red' Crise, the **Dorney Park** speed director. If an outsider fails to win, \$50 will be added to the purse of the 'outsiders' next Wednesday night, and \$50 every race thereafter until some outsider wins.

7/25/1952

NASCAR Title Race Set for Allentown

7/25/1952

ALLENTOWN, Pa.—The one and only 100-mile NASCAR championship race for late model and new cars on the **Dorney Park** track here will take place Saturday night, August 2nd, and indications already point to this affair being the high spot of the racing season here.

Last year Charlie DuBois, of North Carolina, won this event on the local track before the largest crowd in the history of **Dorney Park** racing.

There will be an entry list of more than 25 top NASCAR drivers and when they take off on the 400 laps around the small **Dorney Park** asphalt track, making 1600 turns in their journey, there promises to be real excitement from start to finish.

Only 1950, 1951 and 1952 cars will be entered in the race, and the **Dorney Park** track will take on a "Little Indianapolis" appearance as pits are set up in the infield for the drivers to make quick tire changes, oil changes or any repairs that may be necessary.

Jim Reed, of Tarrytown, N. Y., the national point-scoring leader of NASCAR; Lee Petty, of Randleman, N. C.; and Tom Chamberlain, of St. Petersburg, Fla., are among the early entries for the 100-mile race here August 2nd.

Harwi Moves Up From 14th To Win Stock Car Feature

7/31/1952

Moving up from the 14th spot, Otto Harwi overtook Harry Ahlum on the 21st lap and copped the feature event of the Dorney Park stock car races last night.

The race was halted after 21 laps when Charlie Foyer and Charlie Cregar hit the fence between the first and second turns.

Sputtering jalopies were so demolished that the usual consolation heat was eliminated. Marty Acker, Freddie Fehr, and Lee

McCullough all had automotive fisticuffs with the fence in preliminary events.

Al Wilson of Allentown, one of the VARDA boys, has been entered in the races Saturday night.

FIRST HEAT—10 LAPS

1—Freddie Fehr, Easton; 2—Ringy Lloyd, Kutztown; 3—Rocky Derr, Reading.

SECOND HEAT—10 LAPS

1—Charlie Cregar, Phillipsburg; 2—Harold Held, Allentown; 3—Lee McCullough, Bethlehem. Time 2:51.63.

THIRD HEAT—10 LAPS

1—Dick Keen, Allentown; 2—Charlie Moyer, Kutztown; 3—Ken Ressler, Allentown. Time 2:52.12.

FIRST SEMI-FINAL—12 LAPS

1—Ringy Lloyd; 2—Dick Keen; 3—Charlie Cregar; 4—Otto Harwi, Nazareth.

SECOND SEMI-FINAL—12 LAPS

1—Harry Ahlum, Sellersville; 2—Vince Conrad, Allentown; 3—Harold Held, Allentown; 4—Dick Miller, Allentown. Time 3:26.42.

FEATURE—25 LAPS

1—Otto Harwi; 2—Harry Ahlum; 3—Vince Conrad; 4—Ringy Lloyd; 5—Harold Held; 6—Dick Keen.

Big Field Enters 100-Mile Dorney Race on Saturday

8/1/1952

Time trials for Saturday night's 100-mile NASCAR championship race for new and late model stock cars on the Dorney Park track will start at 6 p.m. Saturday night, with the 20 fastest cars slated to start the long 400-laps, 1600 turns around the asphalt oval at 8:30 o'clock.

This is the only NASCAR-sponsored race on the Dorney Park track this season, and has attracted a field of some 30 drivers.

One of the drivers to file his entry yesterday is Leo McCullough, of Bethlehem, who will drive a 1951 Ford. Al Wilson of Allentown, has also filed an entry with his 1949 Ford.

Frank Mundy, of Atlanta, Ga., one of the nation's top point scorers in NASCAR and who competed in last year's 100-miler here won by Charlie DuBois, also filed his entry blank yesterday.

The top ten drivers in the Short Track Division point scoring of NASCAR are entered. They are Neil Cole, Pakland, N. J.; Jim Read, Tarrytown, N. Y.; Roscoe Hough, Paterson, N. J.; Lee Patty, Randleman, N. C.; Ralph Li-

gouri, Bronx, N. Y.; Bud Farrell, Shrewsbury, N. J.; Ed Van Horn, Hackensack, N. J.; Jack Reynolds, Hawthorne, N. J.; Ronnie Koshler, Paterson, N. J.; Ted Chamberlain, St. Petersburg, Fla.

Other top light entries, all of whom will pilot new or late model cars, include Tony Bonadiss, Charlie Dyer, Lloyd Moore, Joe Weatherly, Cal Johnson, Wimpy Erwin, Sam De Russo, Buck Mason, Ed Keller, Red Cagle and many others.

This is one of the major events of the racing season at Dorney Park, and undoubtedly will attract another crowd similiar to last year when even standing room was at a premium.

100 - Mile Race Postponed ..

Last night's scheduled 100-mile Nascar-sanctioned race for new and late model stock cars on the Dorney Park track was postponed when afternoon rains dunked the track and grandstand there, altho it cleared off later in the day and the sun was out bright.

Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the Dorney Park speed events, called off the 100-miler shortly before three o'clock yesterday afternoon when it appeared the rains showed no signs of letting up. Some of the thirty or more top flight Nascar drivers entered in the race, unaware that it had been

postponed, showed up at the track for the scheduled time trials at six o'clock.

"We may put ont he 100-mile race later in the season," said Crise, "But right now I don't know what date we can get from Nascar. They must approve the date before we can make any announcement, and it might not be until mid-September."

Meanwhile, Crise said that the Valley Auto Race Drivers Association would resume its regular Wednesday and Saturday night programs starting next Wednesday.

8/3/1952

Dorney Races Fall Victim To Rain 2nd Time in Week

8/7/1952

On top of last Saturday night's postponement of the scheduled 100-mile NASCAR championship race, last night's scheduled stock car races at **Dorney Park** also fell a victim of the showers of Wednesday afternoon and night.

Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the **Dorney Park** speed events, said last night that the rained out program will go on Saturday night, with 'Possum' Jones, of Tampa, Fa., and Snaky Knappenberger, of Reading, the two 'outside' drivers who will try for the \$100 bonus.

If any of the drivers 'outside' the membership of the Valley Auto Race Drivers Association wins the 25-lap feature race, he picks up the bonus. If the bonus isn't won by an 'outsider,' \$50 additional is offered each race.

There will be the full field of Valley Auto Race Drivers Associ-

ation (VARDA) on hand for Saturday night's program, which in addition to the 25-lap feature also includes three 10-lap qualifying heats, two 12-lap semi-finals and a 10-lap consolation.

Novice, Veteran Drivers In Dorney Races Tonight

8/20/1952

Rained out on several occasions in recent weeks, the latest last Saturday night, stock car auto racers will be well set for a big night of competition tonight on the Dorney Park Speedway, where the first event is slated for 8:30 o'clock.

Warren Holland, of Easton R.D. 3, president of the Valley Auto Race Drivers Association, said last night that there would be close to 60 drivers and cars on hand for tonight's race from his organization.

"The boys are going out after that prize money. They're running a little short as a result of the recent postponements," said Holland. "And there ought to be plenty of real competition all the way."

One of the features on tonight's program will be the running of another 10-lap novice race between youngsters just breaking into the racing game. They made quite a hit with the fans last Saturday night, and despite their inexperience on the small fifth of a mile Dorney Park track, there were no fences knocked down nor any serious crashes.

It will be the veteran, seasoned

drivers, however, that the fans want most to see in action, and there will be plenty of these on hand for tonight's races, among them Freddie Fehr of Easton, and Newt Reinert of Pottstown, the two top money winners at Dorney Park this season.

In addition to the 10-lap race for novice drivers, there will be the usual three 10-lap qualifying heats, two 12-lap semi-finals and a 25-lap feature race.

Sleight Wins Stock Car

8/21/1952

Feature at Dorney Park

Jalopy jockey George Sleight, of Easton, copped his third Dorney Park stock car feature last night, when he overtook Bob Herman, who finished second, after marking time for 17 laps.

Barring the second heat, each of the six races were restarted. Seventy cars participated in the melee.

Ernest Friend, of Bethlehem, won the novice race with a time of 3:33.76, while Archie Follweiler, of Stony Run, was second.

Warran Holland, of Easton R. 3, VARDA president, started in the rookie race, but spun out and had to retire.

First Heat—10 Laps

1. Chet Fehr, Easton; 2. Freddie Fehr, Easton; 3. Bob Harmon, Allentown.

Second Heat—10 Laps

1. Bob Ressler, Wescoastville; 2. Ray Fenstermacher, Trexlertown; 3. Charlie Cregar, Phillipsburg. Time 2:52.98.

Third Heat—10 Laps

1. Al Wilson, Allentown; 2. Harry Charles, Pottstown; 3. Harold Held, Bethlehem.

First Semi-Final—12 Laps

1. George Sleight, Easton; 2. Bob Roland, Reading; 3. Ed Thomas, Quakertown; 4. Jake Jacobus, Glen Gardner, N. J. Time 3:31.76.

Second Semi-Final—12 Laps

1. Bob Herman; 2. Ray Fenstermacher; 3. Rocky Derr, Reading; 4. Charlie Cregar. Time 3:24.97.

Consolation—10 Laps

1. Harold Held; 2. Vincent Conrad, Allentown. Time 2:56.42.

Feature—25 Laps

1. George Sleight; 2. Bob Herman; 3. Jake Jacobus; 4. Rocky Derr; 5. Bud Moore, Trexlertown; 6. Lee McCullough, Bethlehem.

Three Types of Cars Race Tonight at Dorney Park

8/23/1952

Three different types of racing cars will take over the Dorney Park track tonight in what promoter Sherman "Red" Crise predicts will be the biggest speed program there this year.

In addition to the usual stock car events, **midgets** and three-quarter midgets will be here tonight to compete in regular cards, climaxed by 25-lap features.

The first event of the long program will start at 8:30 o'clock.

A field of more than 30 top drivers will race first in the three-quarter **midget** events and then the regular **midget** races.

Among them will be such stars as Fred Peters, 1951 national midget champion, Dutch Schaffer, Steve McGrath, Nick Fonora, Charlie Miller and Tony Bonadies.

Heading the familiar stock car drivers will be the two leading winners at **Dorney Park** this year, Easton's Freddie Fehr, who has five feature event victories, and Pottstown's Newt Reinert, who has four triumphs.

With three 25-lap feature races, along with all the qualifying heats and semi-finals, there will be close to 150 laps of racing tonight.

And not the least of the evening's program will be a 10-lap novice race, a repeat of the event which proved so popular with **Dorney Park** fans last Wednesday night.

"It looks like the fans better

make arrangements to stay out a bit later than usual Saturday night," said Crise last night. "But we'll make every effort to run the program off as fast as possible. While the stock cars and **midget** races compete on the regular fifth of a mile track, the three-quarter **midget** races will be held on our new small tenth of a mile oval."

Martino, Miller, Rolland, Geist Win in Features Of **Dorney Park** Races

8/24/1952

Staggering under the weight of a three-division "speed carnival," the **Dorney Park** auto races, after five restarts, two overturns and assorted traffic jams early this morning finally picked its winners.

Tony Martino of Bronx, N. Y. in the three-quarter midgets; Carl Miller of Philadelphia in the midgets; Bob Rolland of Reading in the stock cars, and Norm Geist of Bethlehem in the slightly-mixed-up novice race.

Martino spotted the outside pole and jumped to an early lead which was never challenged during the 20 lap feature. He coasted to an easy win with a time of 4:01.12. Dutch Schaefer, who copped the second heat, rolled over while warming up for the feature and was scratched from the race.

Sandwiched in fourth position, Miller inched ahead on the first lap and roared to an easy victory in the midget event with a time of 6:38.23.

And after two restarts, Don Ressler led the pack for 17 laps, but Rolland sped up from the rear and stayed ahead to cop the stock car feature. Ressler later overturned but was uninjured.

Somewhat resembling a merry-go-round with its wires crossed, 24 novices restarted three times, finally got under way, but confused the scorers so effectively that they couldn't keep track of the rookies. Norm Geist eventually won the favor of the chilled, packed house.

THREE-QUARTER MIDGETS

FIRST HEAT 10 LAPS

1—Charlie Musselman, Allentown; 2—Ed McDonald, Patterson, N. J.; 3—Charlie Miller, Allentown. Time 2:17.42.

SECOND HEAT 10 LAPS

1—Dutch Schaefer, Floral Park, Long

Island; 2—Fred Peters, Plainfield, N. J.; 3—Walt Fair, Norristown. Time 2:11.43.

FEATURE 20 LAPS

1—Tony Martino, Bronx, N. Y.; 2—Walt Fair; 3—Fred Peters; 4—Charlie Miller. Time 4:01.12.

MIDGETS

FIRST HEAT 10 LAPS

1—Steve McGrath, Stamford, Conn.; 2—Fred Meeker, Danbury, Conn.; 3—Walt Fair. Time 2:36.47.

SECOND HEAT 10 LAPS

1—Red Sanders, N. Y.; 2—Tony Martino. 3—Charlie Musselman. Time 2:32.83.

THIRD HEAT 10 LAPS

1—Charlie Miller; 2—Dick Dowd, Plainfield, N. J.; 3—Vernon Land, North Bergen, N. J. Time 2:32.62.

FEATURE 25 LAPS

1—Carl Miller, Philadelphia; 2—Charlie Miller; 3—Walt Fair; 4—Fred Peters; 5—Bill Johnson, N. Y.; 6—Tony Martino. Time 6:38.23.

STOCK CARS

FIRST HEAT 10 LAPS

1—Don Ressler, Allentown; 2—Harry Charles, Pottstown; 3—Bud Mohr, Trexlertown. Time 2:52.85.

SECOND HEAT 10 LAPS

1—Chet Fehr, Easton; 2—Ken Wismer, Easton; 3—Jake Jacobus, Philipsburg. Time 2:54.13.

THIRD HEAT 10 LAPS

1—Ed Thomas, Quakertown; 2—Vince Conrad, Allentown; 3—Ray Fenstermacher, Trexlertown. Time 2:53.16.

CONSOLATION 10 LAPS

1—Blackie Ryder, Pottstown; 2—Rockie Derr, Reading. Time 2:51.52.

FEATURE 25 LAPS

1—Bob Rolland, Reading; 2—Charlie Hansler, Kunkletown; 3—Freddie Fehr, Easton; 4—Bud Mohr; 5—Ray Fenstermacher; 6—Rockie Derr.

NOVICE RACE 10 LAPS

1—Norm Geist, Bethlehem; 2—Archie Follweiler, Stony Run, N. J.

Wismer Nails 3rd Win In Dorney Feature

8/28/1952

Nailing his third win of the season, Easton's Ken Wismer, who trailed with a half-dozen sardine-packed jalopies, forged ahead of Ray Frantz on the 20th lap last night to snare the Dorney Park stock car feature.

But Wismer's victory was anti-climatic, for Charlie Hansler's blown tire on the 24th lap forced Freddie Fehr's buggy into three rollovers — and a handkerchief would have covered the four cars clustered at the scene. Wismer, who also copped the second semi-final, was just 25 feet ahead.

Fehr was unhurt, but his car was scratched from the race.

Cornelius Marx, 19-year-old Allentonian, emerged victorious in the novice race when he overtook Ernie Friend on the 13th lap.

Friend's buggy rubbed noses with another, and consequently was too involved in fender - skirt trouble to win the heat.

The rookies had another race filled with crashes 17 of the 20 entrants in the feature event crossed the finish line, but only nine of the original 27 novices completed their 15 lap race.

(First Heat, 10 Laps)

1, Ernie Uff, Allentown; 2, Malcolm Balthausen, Allentown; 3, Harold Held, Allentown.

(Second Heat, 10 Laps)

1, Don Ressler, Allentown; 2, Ray Fenstermacher, Trexlertown; 3, Vince Conrad, Allentown. Time 2:54.42.

(Third Heat, 10 Laps)

1, Dick Keen, Allentown; 2, Charlie Cregar, Phillipsburg, N. J.; 3, Rocky Derr, Reading. Time 2:52.67.

(First Semi-Final, 12 Laps)

1, Dick Keen, 2, Charles Hansler, Kunkletown; 3, Don Ressler, 4,

Freddie Fehr, Easton. Time 3:29.38.

(Second Semi-Final, 12 Laps)

1, Ken Wismer, Easton; 2, Charlie Cregar, 3, Vince Conrad, 4, Bob Cain, York.

(Consolation, 12 Laps)

1, Harold Held, 2, Ringy Lloyd, Kutztown. Time 3:28.62.

(Feature, 25 Laps)

1, Ken Wismer, 2, Charlie Cregar, 3, Newt Reinert, Pottstown; 4, Rocky Derr, 5, Dick Keen, 6, Ringy Lloyd.

(Novice Race, 15 Laps)

1, Cornelius Marx, Allentown; 2, Charlie MacIntyre, Allentown.

Dick Keen Clean Sweeps In Dorney Stock Races

8/31/1952

Dick Keen, of Allentown, made a clean sweep by copping the feature, second semi-final and third heat last night in the **Dorney Park stock car races**.

After three restarts, Keen paced his charge for the first five laps and then swiped the lead—and stayed there. No one challenged his supremacy in the heat and 12-lap semi-final.

Harry Ahlum's fence-scaling on the fourth lap instigated a four-car pileup which nullified the first start; then two other jalopy jockeys soused the track when their water hoses were disengaged.

Keen had built up a half-length lead at the halfway mark, but Charlie Cregar whittled it down to about four car lengths at the finish.

The novices—again were up to their usual unorthodox antics. Cliff Tresse, of Allentown, a seasoned veteran of two novice events, was declared the winner, but had to

reclaim the lead from Cornelius Marx.

Spurting and taking the lead for six laps, Treese relinquished to Marx for the seventh and eighth, but then shot ahead and coasted in for the win.

FIRST HEAT—10 LAPS

1—Bob Herman, Allentown; 2—Arnie Troxell, Egypt; 3—Ringy Lloyd, Kutatown. Time 2:51.79.

SECOND HEAT—10 LAPS

1—Ernie Uff, Phillipsburg, N. J.; 2—Dick Symons, Allentown; 3—Newt Reinart, Pottstown. Time 2:55.97.

THIRD HEAT—10 LAPS

1—Dick Keen, Allentown; 2—Don Reaser, Allentown; 3—Ken Wismer, Easton.

FIRST SEMI-FINAL—12 LAPS

1—Bob Herman; 2—Bob Mann, Allentown; 3—Ernie Uff; 4—Ringy Lloyd. Time 3:28.36.

SECOND SEMI-FINAL—12 LAPS

1—Dick Keen; 2—Ken Wismer; 3—Chet Fehr, Easton; 4—Jake Jacobus, Grand Gardner, N. J. Time 3:26.08.

CONSOLATION—10 LAPS

1—Otto Harwi, Easton; 2—Malcolm Ballhausen, Allentown. Time 3:54.99.

FEATURE—25 LAPS

1—Dick Keen; 2—Charlie Cregar, Phillipsburg; 3—Chet Fehr; 4—Freddie Fehr, Easton; 5—Ken Wismer; 6—Otto Harwi.

NOVICE RACE—10 LAPS

1—Cliff Treese, Allentown; 2—Ralph Bauer, Kutatown; 3—Paul Madtes, Slatington.

Large Fields Expected For Stock Car Races Tonight at **Dorney Park**

9/3/1952

With a field of more than 20 drivers entered for the novice race alone, there promises to be plenty of excitement and fence busting out at **Dorney Park** tonight when the regular Wednesday night stock car races take place, starting at 8:30 o'clock.

Although it had been announced that there would be no races tonight, this plan was changed when Monday's Labor Day program of afternoon and night races was rained off the schedule.

Accordingly, the Valley Auto Race Drivers Association, (Varda) will have its full membership of more than 60 cars and drivers on hand for the three 10-lap qualifying heats, two 12-lap semi-finals, a 10-lap consolation and the 25-lap feature race.

All of the top drivers of Varda will be on hand, including Freddy Fehr of Easton, and Newt Reinert, of Pottstown, the two top money winners at **Dorney Park** this season. All of the other feature win-

ners this season will also be on hand for tonight's races.

Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the **Dorney Park** speed events, said last night that he has had 24 entries already filed for the Novice Race tonight, and that at the rate they are coming this may be doubled with last minute entries tonight.

Some of the novice drivers don't worry about a little thing like an entry blank, just driving their cars right off the highways onto the race track.

At any rate, the novice drivers have made a decided hit with the fans at **Dorney Park** this season, and with Monday's slated double-barreled program called off because of weather conditions, a banner crowd will probably be on hand for tonight's races.

Willard Miller Wins First Dorney Stock Car Race

9/4/1952

Willard Miller, Lenhartsville, vaulted into his season's first win by copping the 25-lap **Dorney Park stock car** feature late last night.

Although a leaky radiator drenched the track to force a restart on the 16th lap, Miller, who also copped the third qualifying heat, again resumed the lead and coasted on to the win.

Ernest Friend, Bethlehem, notched his second novice race verdict after overtaking Norm Geist, Bethlehem, on the 12th lap of the 15-lap event.

Geist, who recored his first novice win Aug. 23, had a "normal accident" with another jalopy which KO'd him from the running.

Saturday night's program will provide a 50-lap **stock car** feature, including a 25-lap for the proverbial crowd pleasers, the novices.

The Demolition Derby, originally scheduled Labor Day, will be listed on Sunday's special **stock car** card.

Approximately ten cars will queue up back to back, roar around the fifth-of-a-mile oval in opposite directions and deliberately dismember each other. The remaining auto which can still navigate is declared the winner.

FIRST HEAT—10 LAPS

1—Jake Jacobus, Phillipsburg, N. J.; 2—Newt Reinert, Pottstown; 3—Red Leshner, Reading. Time 2:55.06.

SECOND HEAT—10 LAPS

1—Dick Symons, Allentown; 2—Harold Held, Allentown; 3—Rinky Lloyd, Kutztown. Time 2:51.82.

THIRD HEAT—10 LAPS

1—Willard Miller, Lenhartsville; 2—Paul Bologash, Lehighton; 3—Lee McCullough, Bethlehem. Time 2:58.67.

FIRST SEMI-FINAL—12 LAPS

1—Harry Charles, Pottstown; 2—Dick Keene, Allentown; 3—Don Ressler, Allentown.

SECOND SEMI-FINAL—12 LAPS

1—Ray Frantz, Allentown; 2—Marty Acker, Alburts; 3—Charlie Cregar, Phillipsburg. Time 3:24.03.

CONSOLATION—10 LAPS

1—Jim Dulaney, Patterson, N. J.; 2—Bob Rowland, Reading. Time 2:52.32.

FEATURE—25 LAPS

1—Willard Miller; 2—Jake Jacobus; 3—Dick Symons; 4—Newt Reinert; 5—Don Ressler; 6—Marty Acker.

NOVICE RACE—15 LAPS

1—Ernest Friend, Bethlehem; 2—Dave Vogt, Allentown; 3—Dick Seibert, Allentown.

Bob Rolland Captures 50-Lap Feature Race On Dorney Park Oval

9/7/1952

Copping his second win of the year, Bob Rolland, of Reading, overtook Willard Miller on the 17th lap and zoomed on to cop the 50-lap Dorney Park stock car feature last night.

Miller, who was running a close second, blew a tire on the 33rd lap and vaulted into the fence—forcing him from the race.

Miller, of Lenhartsville, had recently captured his first Dorney Park feature Wednesday night.

Smokey Dengler of Reading, followed in second place, while Charlie Cregar of Phillipsburg, N. J., finished third. Rolland's time was 16:22.12.

Dengler also snared the 12-lap Consolation with a time of 3:18.59—the fastest 12 laps of the evening.

FIRST HEAT—12 LAPS

1—Jake Jacobus, Phillipsburg; 2—Bob Rolland, Reading; 3—Ray Frantz, Allentown; 4—Newt Reinert, Pottstown. Time 3:30.57.

SECOND HEAT—12 LAPS

1—Harry Charles, Pottstown; 2—Paul Bologash, Lehighton; 3—Charlie Cregar, Phillipsburg; 4—Phil Majerick, Allentown. Time 3:29.28.

THIRD HEAT—12 LAPS

1—Arnie Troxell, Egypt; 2—Bob Herman, Allentown; 3—Willard Miller, Lenhartsville; 4—Don Ressler, Allentown. Time 3:26.59.

FOURTH HEAT—12 LAPS

1—Dick Symons, Allentown; 2—Chet Fehr, Easton; 3—Marty Acker, Alburtis; 4—Charlie Hansler, Kunkietown. Time 3:28.86.

CONSOLATION—12 LAPS

1—Smokie Dengler, Reading; 2—Ed Thomas, Quakertown. Time 3:18.59.

FEATURE—50 LAPS

1—Bob Rowland; 2—Smokey Dengler; 3—Charlie Cregar; 4—Paul Bologash; 5—Newt Reinert; 6—Vincent Conrad, Allentown. Time 16:22.12.

NOVICE—25 LAPS

1—Henry Troxell, Egypt; 2—Stanley Stelpen, Alburtis; 3—Ernest Friend, Bethlehem.

Freddie Fehr Grabs His Sixth Dorney Park Feature Race of 1952

9/8/1952

Annexing his sixth win of the season, Freddie Fehr, of Easton, captured the 25-lap feature at the Dorney Park stock car races yesterday on the fifth-of-a-mile saucer.

Although Charlie Cregar's 'O' coupe annihilated all competition in the Demolition Derby, an ebony 16-cylinder Lincoln — careening about the track on a smoking flat tire — equally shared the fireworks.

Fred Hoffman's bloated ruptured duck, vainly assailed the other seven featherweight jalopies, while rebounding from fence to fence. It "finished" third.

Meanwhile Cregar methodically blasted the remaining survivor, Don Ressler, by reversing and ramming into the hood of the crippled auto.

Fehr's adept cornering paid off when the six-time victor overtook Harold Held on the 16th lap and finished 30 feet ahead of runnerup Snakey Dengler, of Reading, to take the feature.

Dengler, who won the second semi-final, had lost nearly a full lap when another stock car

jammed him into the fence on the 10th lap.

It was announced that an all-novice race program, with a 25-lap feature, would be held Wednesday night. The regular stock car drivers will be permitted to enter, but in novice class cars rather than their hopped up stock racers.

The 100-lap championship feature will take place next Saturday night.

FIRST HEAT—10 LAPS

1—Jake Jacobus, Green Gardner, N. J.; 2—Freddie Fehr, Easton; 3—Paul Schade, Emmaus. Time 2:57.19.

SECOND HEAT—10 LAPS

1—Warren Spohn, Reading; 2—Charlie Hansler, Kunkletown; 3—Marty Acker, Altburtis.

THIRD HEAT—10 LAPS

1—Arnie Troxell, Egypt; 2—Smokey Dengler, Reading; 3—Dick Keene, Allentown. Time 2:52.58.

FIRST SEMI-FINAL—12 LAPS

1—Harry Alhum, Allmont; 2—Lee McCullough, Bethlehem; 3—Ray Frantz, Allentown; 4—Freddie Fehr. Time 3:24.77.

SECOND SEMI-FINAL—12 LAPS

1—Smokey Dengler; 2—Arnie Troxell; 3—Dick Keene; 4—Ed Thomas, Quakertown. Time 3:25.36.

CONSOLATION—10 LAPS

1—Harold Held, Allentown; 2—Dick Symons, Allentown. Time 2:52.59.

FEATURE—25 LAPS

1—Freddie Fehr; 2—Smokey Dengler; 3—Dick Keene; 4—Newt Reinert, Pottstown; 5—Rocky Derr, Reading; 6—Harry Alhum. Time 7:06.33.

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Charlie Hansler Wins in Dorney Park Feature

9/22/1952

Charlie Hansler, a pink-cheeked Dutchman from Kunkletown, seized his first feature win yesterday in the Dorney Park stock car races.

Starting 10th in the 20-car field, Hansler burst into the lead on the 7th lap and remained ahead of the pack for the victory.

Other than a few buzzes here and there, no accidents spiked the feature as 18 of the 20 jalopies completed the grind.

Earl Nothstein, Allentown, won the novice race.

FIRST HEAT—10 LAPS

1—Bob Buffton, Allentown; 2—Jake Jacobus, Green Gardner, N. J.; 3—Dick Symons, Allentown. Time 2:57.48.

SECOND HEAT—10 LAPS

1—Harry Ahlum, Almont; 2—Smokey Dengler, Reading; 3—Newt Reinert, Pottstown. Time 2:51.62.

THIRD HEAT—10 LAPS

1—Jack Rudy; 2—Bud Mohr, Trexler-town; 3—Lee McCullough, Bethlehem. Time 2:47.37.

FIRST SEMI-FINAL—12 LAPS

1—Freddie Fehr, Easton; 2—Harry Ahlum; 3—Smokey Dengler; 4—Dick Symons. Time 3:26.47.

SECOND SEMI-FINAL—12 LAPS

1—Jack Rudy; 2—Paul Bologash, Lehigh-ton; 3—Charlie Hansler, Kunkletown; 4—Bud Moore. Time 3:20.41.

CONSOLATION—10 LAPS

1—Dick Keene, Allentown; 2—Ed Thomas, Quakertown. Time 2:51.19.

FEATURE—25 LAPS

1—Charlie Hansler; 2—Paul Bologash; 3—Bud Moore; 4—Rocky Derr, Reading; 5—Freddie Fehr; 6—Newt Reinert. Time 7:03.32.

NOVICE RACE—15 LAPS

1—Earl Nothstein, Allentown; 2—Leroy Keller; 3—Daryl Schrader. Time 4:56.52.

Triple Feature In Dorney Park Races on Sunday

10/3/1952

Whoever it was invented double feature action movies is a sissy compared to Sherman (Red) Crise, the adventurous promoter of stock car races at **Dorney Park Speedway**.

"We're having a triple feature production on Sunday," Crise said earlier this week.

In two of them, he explained, fans likely will see more action than in a couple of wild west thrillers. And the third, according to Crise, "should be more fun than a barrel of monkeys."

The latter is the "demolition derby" in which two squadrons of five cars each start off in opposite directions. When they meet half-way around—"Well," Crise said, "there's no place for them to steer but straight. That's why we call it a "demolition derby."

Object of the accidents on purpose is to put the other cars out of commission without at the same time destroying your own buggy. The last car with a cough left is the winner.

Sunday's program, starting at 2:30 p.m., will include a repeat of the popular novice feature of 15 laps' length. Windup of the day, however, will be the 25-lap feature event in which the "old pros" tangle for top money. The full membership of Valley Auto Race Drivers Association (VARDA) will participate in the seven regular races.

Newt Reinert Wins In 30-Lap Dorney Feature; Final Race Next Sunday

10/6/1952

Newt Reinert, Pottstown driver who is second highest in point scoring for the season at the local track, yesterday afternoon grabbed off the 30-lap feature in the **Dorney Park stock car** races, taking an early lead and holding it most of the way.

The afternoon's program, witnessed by another big crowd, was jammed full of thrills. The feature event had to be re-started after the second lap after Dutch Schrader's car crashed into the fence on the first turn, and several other cars piled up on top of him. Nobody was injured, however.

Most of the action came in the 15-lap novice race, however, where eighteen cars started and only three finished, the winner being Paul Madtes, of this city. The cars piled up right and left around the track, and the race had to be re-started three different times.

Another thrill-producer was the Demolition Derby, in which fourteen cars started. All but two were 'eliminated' in the series of crash-

es and smashes, these two cars being driven by Lee McCullough and Al Wilson, and it was declared a tie when their two cars met head-on in a collision and were so tight-jammed together it was impossible to separate them.

It was announced that the final races of the season on the **Dorney Park** track would take place next Sunday afternoon, a 200-lap team race, with a \$500 purse going to the winning team.

The summaries:

FIRST QUALIFYING HEAT—15 LAPS

1—Arnie Troxel, Egypt; 2—Freddie Fehr, Easton; 3—Charles Hansler, Kunkletown; 4—Rocky Derr, Reading. Time 4:10.40.

SECOND QUALIFYING HEAT—15 LAPS

1—Newt Reinert, Pottstown; 2—'Smoker' Densler, Reading; 3—Bobby Rolland, Reading; 4—Lee McCullough, Reading. Time 4:07.58.

THIRD QUALIFYING HEAT—15 LAPS

1—Harry Ahlum, Reading; 2—Paul Bolegash, Lehighton; 3—Dick Keene, Allentown; 4—Charlie Cregar, Phillipsburg, N. J. Time 4:18.07.

FEATURE RACE—30 LAPS

1—Newt Reinert; 2—Arnie Troxell; 3—Harry Ahlum; 4—Bobby Rolland; 5—Freddie Fehr; 6—Jack Mann. Time 8:33.42.

NOVICE RACE—15 LAPS

1—Paul Madtes, Allentown; 2—Buddy Ahner, Allentown; 3—Ernest Friend. No time, accident.

200-Lap Team Race Today Closes Season At Dorney Speedway

The curtain drops on the stock car racing season at Dorney Park this afternoon with a 200-lap team race scheduled to get under way at 2:30 o'clock, and with favorable weather conditions one of the biggest crowds of the season is expected to be on hand.

Operating continuously since 1937, with the exception of the war years, the Dorney Park track is closing out one of the biggest seasons in its history.

The team race this afternoon will be the first of the season here, and follows a policy adopted last season in closing out the racing campaign with a race of this type. The 100-lap event a year ago proved so popular that the distance has been doubled for this afternoon, with a \$500 purse going to the team finishing first.

All of the drivers who won feature events here during the sea-

son will be on hand this afternoon, in addition to all other members of the Valley Auto Race Drivers Association, (Varda.) On top of this, Varda has decided to make today's race an open event, which means that outside drivers of any association will be eligible to compete for the \$500 prize money.

Many of the favorites here during the season will be teamed up with or against each other in today's 200-lap race. Sherman "Red" Crise, director of the **Dorney Park Speedway**, said last night that there are 30 two-man teams ready to start in today's races, but that since it is an "open" race, entries will be accepted right up to race time this afternoon.

Freddie Fehr of Easton, and Newt Reinert of Pottstown, the 1-2 winners in points and money at Dorney Park this season, will both be entered, but neither would reveal his teammate last night. Fehr, it is believed, will have his brother Chet as his driving partner.

Paul Bologash, Dick Keene, Vince Conrad, Bobby Rolland, Arn'e Troxell, Harry Ahlum, Charlie Cregar, Lee McCullough, Snokey Dengler, Charlie Hansler and more than two-score others will be teamed up.

The infield will be roped off as pits, with one car and driver ready to take over if his teammate is forced into the pits by crashes, tire changes, oil or gas needs or any other emergency.

10/13/1952

Fehr and Reinert Team Up To Take 200-Lap Final Race

The two top drivers for the season at the **Dorney Park Speedway**, Freddy Fehr, of Easton, and Newt Reinert, of Pottstown, teamed up yesterday afternoon to win the season's stock car finale here, the pair finishing in first place of the 200-lap feature.

Because of several crack-ups and caution flag driving for several laps, no time was available for the long grind.

Finishing in second place was Charlie Cregar, of Phillipsburg, and Vince Conrad, of Allentown. Third place went to Bob Buffton, Allentown and Harry Ahlum, of Allmont, Pa. Fourth place position was won by Charlie Hansler, of Kunkletown, and Dick Keene, of Allentown. Fifth place went to the team of Bud Mohr, Trexlertown, and Paul Bologash, Lehighton. Sixth position went to Al Wilson and Dave Vogt, both of Allentown.

Sixteen two-man teams started in the long grind, with ten of the teams finishing.

Reinert started off the winning team, and after riding in third place for nearly forty laps, finally moved to the front, taking over on the 65th lap, only to lose the lead again to Charlie Cregar.

Reinert regained the lead once again, but was forced out of action when his car hit the fence and broke off a wheel, with Fehr then coming on in his Number 29 to stay in front the last thirty-five laps, finishing a lap and three-quarters in front of the second place team.

The race closed out the 1952 stock car racing season on the Dorney Park track.

Inside Stuff

12/23/1952

LEO 'SHORTY' McANDREWS, the automobile racer, yesterday found a basketball kit containing two new uniforms and new basketball shoes near Keystone Trail Inn, and the owner can recover the equipment by identifying it at McAndrew's home, 1317 Chew Street . . .

THE LATEST RUMOR ABOUT BREADON FIELD is that it will be turned into a **midget** auto racing track for the coming summer, but that may not be too good since the **midgets** failed to draw at **Dorney Park** after stock car racing was introduced there . . . SAM-

ALMQUIST AT PENNSYLVANIA MOTOR SPORTS SHOW

3/26/1953

When the Pennsylvania Motor Sports Show opens in **Dorney Park Auditorium** next Saturday night, March 28th, running from then through nine consecutive days to April 5th, speed fans will get an opportunity to see everything from hot rods to Indianapolis race cars, from midget airplanes that do up to 250-miles per hour to the fabulous five-ton Bluebird with which Sir Malcolm Campbell set world records on the salt flats of Utah, at Daytona Beach and in Australia. N

There will be foreign cars of many makes, custom-built cars, all kinds of cycles and motorboats as well as **stock car** models which recently won races at Daytona Beach.

The show will run daily from 4 to 11:00 p.m. excepting Sundays, when it will run from noon to 11 p.m. There will be more than a hundred animated exhibits, a "Theatre of Speed" showing the last two Indianapolis races as well as the famous record runs of the Bluebird.

Ed Almquist, of Almquist Engineering, will have one of his usual attractive displays. Says Ed. "the Allentown Show out-classes the New York show 100 per cent." If you're interested in hot-rods and custom cars see this show.

Dorney Park

4/12/1953

Racing Season Opens May 2

The 1953 stock car racing season at Dorney Park's famed fifth of a mile asphalt track will start on Saturday night, May 2, and from that time on there will be stock car races booked every Wednesday and Saturday night during the summer months.

Robert Plarr, Dorney Park owner, said last night that there would be a number of improvements made to the Dorney Park speedway, but this will consist of new lights and a general check-up of the grandstands.

"We couldn't improve much on the safety of the spectators," said Plarr, "because with the heavy protective wire cables all around the track, Dorney Park has the safest race track anywhere in the East. There is no dust or dirt connected with the Dorney Park races, since the track is asphalt, eliminating all the dust and dirt."

Plarr said that there was a possibility that Dorney Park may go Nascar for the coming summer, but that this was not definite as yet.

"We are still negotiating," said Plarr, "but it appears that just about all the stock car drivers and owners around this section want to go Nascar because of its protective insurance and other features for the drivers. We'll know in another week or 10 days what's what on that score."

Nascar to Sanction Dorney Park Races

4/19/1953

Official sanction of NASCAR, the biggest name in stock car automobile racing, has been secured for the famous fifth of a mile asphalt track at Dorney Park. It was revealed yesterday by Capt. Sherman "Red" Crise, race director, and Robert "Bob" Plarr, park owner.

In operation continuously since 1937 with the exception of the war years, the Dorney Park oval will open the 1953 season on Saturday night, May 2, and run every Wednesday and Saturday night thereafter during the summer months.

Last season the Valley Auto Race Drivers Association, (VARDA), operated at Dorney Park, but that organization has

been dissolved and the big majority of its members taken into NASCAR, the national governing body of stock car racing. The benefits of joining the national organization are many. The two most important are the point system on a national basis and the enforced insurance and safety regulations.

With practically the same field of drivers as last season but with NASCAR sanction, Dorney Park looks forward to its biggest season of stock car racing.

Elwood "Woody" Zuber, of Egypt, and LeRoy Ernst, Allentown, have been named by NASCAR to direct the Dorney Park races, serving as pit stewards for the national organization.

Race Drivers Told Nascar Program

With more than one hundred **stock car** drivers in attendance, Bobby Sall, former AAA race star and now a field executive for NAS-CAR, (National Association of **Stock Car** Auto Racers), last night outlined the benefits to be derived by membership in the national organization at a get - together at **Dorney Park Tavern**.

The **Dorney Park** track, which opens the stock car racing season Saturday night, will have NAS-CAR sanction for the first time during the coming season, the only track in Eastern Pennsylvania outside of the famed mile oval at Langhorne to have such sanction.

A large number of the former Valley Auto Race Drivers Association, (VARDA), signed up with NASCAR at last night's get-together and will compete in Saturday night's opening program here.

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Second Stock Car Program Booked Tonight at Dorney

5/16/1953

The second **stock car** auto race program of the season on the fifth of a mile asphalt track at **Dorney Park** goes on tonight, with the first 10-lap qualifying heat scheduled for 8:30 o'clock.

Opening last Saturday night with a thrill-packed program in which Arnie Troxell, of Egypt, won the 20-lap feature race, the scheduled program Wednesday night was rained out, so that the **stock car** jockeys will be out to shoot the works tonight to grab off points and that important moola that goes with winning heats, semi-finals and the feature. In addition, the boys are anxious to pile up as many points as possible in the early-season races in the Nascar standings, realizing that points will be tougher to get as the season rolls along.

In addition to the big field of drivers who competed in last Saturday night's race program, another old favorite will be back tonight when Smokey Dengler, of Reading, competes with the best of the **stock car** jockeys in this section.

Troxell, who won last week's opening feature in a hot battle with Otto Harwi, Bobby Rohland and Charlie Cregar, will be back tonight seeking to make it two straight.

Bud Mohr, of Trexlertown; Leo McCullough, Bethlehem; Paul Bolgash, of Lehighton; Fred Adams, of Kutztown; Marty Acker, of Alburts; Ed Thomas, of Quakertown; Ken Ressler, Vince Conrad, Dick Keene, and over a score of

other **Dorney Park** favorites will also be on hand for tonight's races.

The **Dorney Park** races go on every Wednesday and Saturday

night during the summer months, and popularity of the dustless track was again evidenced by the big turnout for the opener last Saturday.

Tonight's program will include three 10-lap qualifying heats, two 12-lap semi-finals, a 12-lap consolation and a 20-lap feature event.

Dorney Racers Hope for Break In Weather

5/19/1953

Rained out four of the first five scheduled dates at **Dorney Park**. **stock car** auto racers affiliated with Nascar competing on the local track are hopeful that the weather jinx will hold off so that this week's scheduled Wednesday and Saturday race programs can go on as booked.

Tomorrow night's race program, starting at 8:30 o'clock sharp, will see the biggest field of the year in competition on the local fifth of a mile asphalt track. Among the entries are those of Arnie Troxell, of Egypt, winner of the 30-lap feature, and Smokey Dengler, of Reading, who was unable to compete in the only race staged thus far this season at **Dorney Park**.

There will be the usual three 10-lap qualifying heats, two 12-lap semi-finals, a 12-lap consolation and a 20-lap feature on Wednesday night's program.

McCullough Overtakes Arnie Troxell to Win Dorney Feature Race

5/21/1953

Overtaking Egypt's Arnie Troxell on the 21st lap, Leo McCullough won the feature race from a "starving" pack of NASCAR-sanctioned drivers last night at the **Dorney Park stock car** races.

Promoter **Sherman "Red" Crise's** seven-event card has been

rained out five of the seven scheduled dates, and Troxell, the early leader, just about had his second straight win of the season sewed up before he spun out with a flat tire.

McCullough, who hails from Bethlehem, zipped past him and held the lead for the remaining nine laps. Charley Cregar, of Phillipsburg, was second and Vince Conrad, of Allentown, was third.

The feature was restarted three times. The drivers were all over the track the first time, Jack Mann turned turtle on the fifth lap of the second restart and Ray Frantz spun out between the third and fourth turns on the sixth lap of the third restart.

The summaries:

FIRST HEAT, 10 LAPS

1. Dave Vogt, Allentown; 2. Charley Cregar, Phillipsburg; 3. Jack Mann, Allentown. Time: 2:59.96.

SECOND HEAT, 10 LAPS

1. Ed Thomas, Quakertown; 2. Paul Bologash, Lehighton; 3. Bob Rollands, Reading. Time: 2:54.83.

THIRD HEAT, 10 LAPS

1. Harry Ahlum, Allentown; 2. Leo McCullough, Bethlehem; 3. Dick Miller, Allentown. Time: 2:53.81.

FIRST SEMI-FINAL, 12 LAPS

1. Ray Frantz, Allentown; 2. Dave Vogt, Allentown; 3. Charley Cregar, Phillipsburg; 4. Ken Ressler, Allentown.

SECOND SEMI-FINAL, 12 LAPS

1. Willard Miller, Allentown; 2. Al Wilson, Allentown; 3. Bud Mohr, Trexlerstown; 4. Vince Conrad, Allentown. Time: 3:26.01.

FEATURE, 30 LAPS

1. Leo McCullough, Bethlehem; 2. Charley Cregar, Phillipsburg; 3. Vince Conrad, Allentown; 4. Dave Vogt, Allentown; 5. Paul Bologash, Lehighton; 6. Ed Thomas, Quakertown.

Two Winners To Race Tonight At Dorney Park

5/23/1952

The two feature winners in the first two races of the season at **Dorney Park**. Annie Troxell, of Egypt, and Leo McCullough, of Bethlehem, will be among the big field of **stock car** drivers in tonight's Nascar-sanctioned events on the **Dorney Park** fifth of a mile asphalt oval. The first 10-lap qualifying heat tonight is scheduled for 8:30 o'clock.

Under a new policy at **Dorney Park**, if tonight's races should be postponed because of weather conditions, they will go on Sunday afternoon. That policy will be in vogue for the entire season, the races to go on Sunday afternoon any time the Saturday night program is postponed.

McCullough beat out Arnie Troxell on the 21st lap in last Wednesday night's feature race, and stayed in front to the finish, but the two previous feature winners could run into all kinds of stiff competition tonight from the big field that has entered.

Dave Vogt, of Allentown, a newcomer to the **Dorney Park** track, won the first qualifying heat in which he competed last Saturday night, and placed fourth in the final.

Such old favorites as Smokey Dengler, of Reading; Charlie Cregar, of Phillipsburg; Ed Thomas, of Quakertown; Paul Bologash, of Lehighton; Jack Mann, of Allentown; Willard Miller, Allentown; Ray Frantz, Allentown; Bobby Rohland, of Reading; Ken Ressler, Allentown; Bud Mohr, Trexlertown; Dick Keen, Vince Conrad, and Willard Miller, Allentown; and Harry Ahlum, of Altmont, all will be among the big field trying for their first win of the season tonight.

There will be the usual three 10-lap qualifying heats, two 12-lap semi-finals and a 30-lap feature race on tonight's program.

Allentown Driver Wins Dorney Feature Race

5/24/1953

The summaries:

FIRST HEAT—10 LAPS

1—Jack Mann, Allentown; 2—Al Wilson, Allentown; 3—Don Reasier, Allentown. Time: 3:53.18.

SECOND HEAT—10 LAPS

1—Willard Miller, Lenhardtsville; 2—Bill Wetzel, Allentown; 3—Arnie Torxell, Egypt. Time: 2:54.59.

THIRD HEAT—10 LAPS

1—Charlie Hansler, Kunkletown; 2—Leo McCullough, Bethlehem; 3—Ray Frantz, Allentown. Time: 2:52.43.

FIRST SEMI-FINAL—12 LAPS

1—Al Wilson, Allentown; 2—Jack Mann, Allentown; 3—Ed Thomas, Quakertown; 4—Charlie Cregar, Phillipsburg. Time: 3:25.42.

SECOND SEMI-FINAL—12 LAPS

1—Bill Wetzel, Allentown; 2—Willard Miller, Lenhardtsville; 3—Bud Mohr, Trexler-town; 4—Vince Conrad, Allentown. Time: 3:27.62.

FEATURE—30 LAPS

1—Jack Mann, Allentown; 2—Vince Conrad, Allentown; 3—Willard Miller, Lenhardtsville; 4—Charlie Hansler, Kunkletown; 5—Al Wilson, Allentown; 6—Arnie Troxell, Egypt

Taking over on the second-last lap, Jack Mann, Allentown, last night won the 30-lap feature at **Dorney Park** in one of the lead-changingest **stock car** races in a long time.

Newcomer to the NASCAR-sanctioned program, Bill Wetzel, Allentown, led for the first 11 laps, but he got thoroughly baptized when Ray Frantz rode him into the fence between the third and fourth turns.

Then Willard Miller led for three laps, Mann took over for five more and then Al Wilson set the pace until the second-last round.

Bud Mohr's jalopy shimmied up the fence and Wilson's car spun and hit the fence, but he recovered in time to finish fifth, while Mann took the lead for good.

Mohr, Trexlertown Driver, Wins Dorney Feature Race

Bud Mohr, Trexlertown, won the 30-lap feature at the **Dorney Park stock car** races last night and thus preserved a trend that has a different driver winning the top event at each outing.

Arnie Troxell, Egypt, Leo McCullough, Bethlehem, and Jack Mann, Allentown, won the first three feature events.

There were no accidents—which is rather rare — and Mohr apparently had little difficulty, for he

jockeyed his jalopy into the lead position for the final 15 laps.

Vince Conrad, Allentown, and Troxell had a nip-and-tuck battle for the runnerup spot, and Conrad beat him out on the last lap.

Bob Snyder, Allentown, won a 10-lap novice race. Another novice race will be included in Saturday night's race program.

The summaries follow:

FIRST HEAT (10 LAPS)

1. Harry Ahlum, Almont; 2. Vince Conrad, Allentown; 3. Arnie Troxell, Egypt. Time 2:51.89

SECOND HEAT (10 LAPS)

1. Willard Miller, Lenhartville; 2. Charlie Cregar, Phillipsburg; 3. Jack Mann, Allentown. Time 2:46.65.

THIRD HEAT (10 LAPS)

1. Dick Keen, Allentown; 2. Bud Mohr, Trexlertown; 3. Don Ressler, Allentown. Time 2:50.82.

FIRST SEMI-FINAL (12 LAPS)

1. Harry Ahlum; 2. Vince Conrad; 3. Arnie Troxell; 4. Al Wilson. Time 3:27.98.

SECOND SEMI-FINAL (12 LAPS)

1. Dave Vogt, Allentown; 2. Don Ressler; 3. Charlie Cregar; 4. Charlie Hansler, Kunkletown. Time 3:25.63.

FEATURE (30 LAPS)

1. Bud Mohr; 2. Vince Conrad, Allentown; 3. Arnie Troxell; 4. Don Ressler; 5. Charlie Cregar; 6. Jack Mann, Allentown. Time 7:38.28.

Dorney Races

5/31/1953

Washed Out; Booked Tonight

Postponed last evening because of the rains of yesterday morning and afternoon, the stock car auto race program at the Dorney Park fifth of a mile asphalt track will go on this afternoon, the seven-event program for a field of close to 50 Nascar drivers being scheduled for 2:30 o'clock.

With the weather man's prediction of clear skies and warmer weather for today, the Sunday afternoon program is expected to bring out a banner program to the **Dorney Park speedway**.

Sherman "Red" Crise, director of the Dorney Park races, said last night that he had assurances of the biggest field of the season for today's races, including the four drivers who have won the only four feature races staged here this season, Leo McCullough, of Bethlehem; Arnie Troxell, of Egypt; Jack Mann, of Allentown; and Bud Mohr, of Trexlertown.

This quartet of stock car jockeys will run into plenty of competition, however, for such drivers as Charles Cregar, Willie Hansler, Smokey Dengler, Willie Miller, Dick Keene, Harry Ahlum, Vince Conrad, Don Ressler, Al Wilson and more than a score of others will be on hand.

One of the events on today's program promising plenty of thrills will be a special novice race for stock car beginners. These novice events proved among the big favorites with Dorney Park speed fans last season, when the youngsters showed no mercy in busting down Bob Plarr's fences as they sought to break into the winning ranks.

There will be the usual three 10-lap qualifying heats, two 12-lap semi-finals, a consolation and the 20-lap feature race on today's program.

Reading Driver Captures Dorney Park Feature Race In First: 1953 Start There

6/4/1953

Curt Sherman, Reading, driving in the **Dorney Park stock car** races for the first time this season, copped the 30-lap feature last night and thus stuck to the new precedent of a different winner every race.

Everything was going merrily along in the feature until the ninth

lap when five cars became involved in a pileup on the fourth turn.

No one was injured and there was a restart. Sherman took over on the tenth lap and led the rest of the way for the victory.

Harry Wenhold, Quakertown, piloted his jalopy to a half-lap lead to win the 10-lap novice race.

FIRST HEAT (10 LAPS)

1. Bill Wetzel, Allentown; 2. Willard Miller, Lenhartsville; 3. Arnie Troxell, Egypt. Time: 2:50.61.

SECOND HEAT (10 LAPS)

1. Jim Delcamp, Kutztown; 2. Curt Sherman, Reading; 3. Harry Ahlum, Allentown. Time: 2:47.79.

THIRD HEAT (10 LAPS)

1. Bud Mohr, Trexlertown; 2. Ken Ressler, Allentown; 3. Don Ressler, Allentown. Time: 2:54.28.

FIRST SEMI-FINAL (12 LAPS)

1. Bill Wetzel, Allentown; 2. Marty Acker Alburtis; 3. Curt Sherman, Reading; 4. Ray Johnson, Reading. Time: 3:28.64.

SECOND SEMI-FINAL (12 LAPS)

1. Jim Delcamp, Kutztown; 2. Dave Vogt, Allentown; 3. Don Ressler, Allentown; 4. Doug Carter, Wilmington, Del. Time: 3:25.97.

FEATURE (30 LAPS)

1. Curt Sherman, 2. Willard Miller, 3. Don Ressler, 4. Doug Carter, 5. Jim Delcamp, 6. Marty Acker.

NOVICE RACE (10 LAPS)

1. Harry Wenhold, Quakertown; 2. Bob Snyder, Allentown; 3. John Toth, Allentown.

6/8/1953

Showers Again

Postpone **Dorney**

Park Auto Races

The **Dorney Park stock car** races, hard hit by postponements this season, were rained out again Sunday afternoon after being postponed Saturday night when three heats were completed before the rains came.

The rain checks issued to the fans Saturday night will be good for Wednesday night's races, when the **stock car** jockeys hope to get going after the two postponements over the weekend.

In the three heats run off Saturday night before the rains called a halt to the program, Freddie Adams, Jimmy Delcamp and Willard Miller were the winners.

While their heat triumphs will count in the Nascar point scoring, there will be an entirely new program for Wednesday night, with three 10-lap qualifying heats, two 12-lap semi-finals, a 12-lap consolation and a 25-lap feature. In addition, there will also be a ten-lap event for novice racers.

Acker Wins, Cracks No. 2

Jinx in Dorney Park Races

6/15/1953

Marty Acker, the Alburdis speed star, finally broke the "Number 2" jinx in the **Dorney Park stock car** races Sunday afternoon, but in becoming the first driver to win two feature events at the local track this season he had to have an assist from Lady Luck.

Acker was declared the winner of the scheduled 30-lap feature event yesterday when the race was stopped on the 26th lap after cars driven by Charlie Moyer, Harry Ahlum and Vince Conrad crashed into the fences at three different spots on the fifth of a mile track with blown tires.

Accordingly, the field of 19 starters was flagged down at the end of the 25th lap. Acker, who was leading declared the winner, and Ahlum and Conrad, who had completed the 25th lap in second and third positions, respectively, were declared holders of those positions at the race's end.

The feature race was restarted twice in single file, the first time on the third lap when "Red" Rhode went into a spin on the back stretch and tangled with Ken Ressler and Ed Thomas. It was restarted again after the 18th lap when Al Delcamp, of Kutztown, almost flipped after going into a spin between the third and fourth turns.

All of the heats and semi-finals were close and interesting, and in the Futurity Event for novice driv-

ers, Bob Snyder, of Allentown, was finally declared the winner of the eight-lap race after a series of crashes which at one time had one of the drivers going in the opposite direction from all the others.

It was announced that for Wednesday night's **stock car** races that Lou Johnson, the Wilmington, Del., tough guy of **stock car** racing, would make his first appearance here. He is also slated to drive the Jaguar owned by Jack Spry, of Washington, D. C., in the 200-mile International at Langhorne next Sunday.

FIRST HEAT—10 LAPS

1—Dick Keen, Allentown; 2—Willard Miller, Lenhartsville; 3—Ed Thomas, Quakertown. Time: 2:49.11.

SECOND HEAT—10 LAPS

1—Vince Conrad, Allentown; 2—Bud Mohr, Trexlertown; 3—Arnie Troxell, Egypt. Time: 2:52.26.

THIRD HEAT—TEN LAPS

1—Bill Wetzel, Allentown; 2—Al Wilson, Allentown; 3—Charlie Cregar, Phillipsburg, N. J. Time: 2:49.29.

FIRST SEMI-FINAL—12 LAPS

1—Willard Miller, Lenhartsville; 2—Jack Mann, Allentown; 3—Harry Ahlum, Allentown; 4—Marty Acker, Alburdis. Time: 3:27.82.

SECOND SEMI-FINAL—12 LAPS

1—Charlie Cregar, Phillipsburg; 2—Al Wilson, Allentown; 3—Dan Ressler, Allentown; 4—Ken Roessler, Allentown. Time: 3:24.19.

FEATURE—30 LAPS

1—Marty Acker, Alburdis; 2—Harry Ahlum, Allentown; 3—Vince Conrad, Allentown; 4—Charlie Cregar, Phillipsburg; 5—Al Wilson, Allentown; 6—Arnie Troxell, Egypt. (No time, accident.)

NOVICE RACE—8 LAPS

1—Bob Snyder, Allentown; 2—Dutch Roth, Allentown; 3—Tom Rooney, Allentown. (No time, accidents.)

Keene Captures Feature In Dorney Park Races

6/21/1953

Dick Keene, Allentown, copped his second straight victory last night in the 30-lap feature at the **Dorney Park stock car** races.

But, Keene, who also won the 12-lap first semi-final, didn't have an easy time of it for the first 11 laps. Not by a longshot.

Curly Moyer, Temple, a new driver in the Nascar-sanctioned races, took the early lead and at one time or another was running neck-and-neck with either Jack Mann or Bud Mohr for the first eight laps.

Then he battled with Keene for four laps before the Allentonian took over for good. Moyer ran second until the 20th lap when he got involved in a little scramble with Arnie Troxell on the fourth turn.

Charlie Cregar and Ray Frantz then sped by, taking second and third places, respectively.

FIRST HEAT—10 LAPS

1—Curly Moyer, Temple; 2—Ed Thomas, Quakertown; 3—Dick Keene, Allentown. Time: 2:55.06.

SECOND HEAT—10 LAPS

1—Bill Wetzel, Allentown; 2—Ken Ressler, Allentown; 3—Gogie Heffner, Allentown. Time: 2:52.45.

THIRD HEAT—10 LAPS

1—Jim Delcamp, Kutztown; 2—Ken Ressler, Allentown; 3—Charlie Cregar, Phillipsburg, N. J. Time: 2:48.93.

FIRST SEMI-FINAL—12 LAPS

1—Dick Keene, Allentown; 2—Arnie Troxell, Egypt; 3—Curly Moyer, Temple; 4—Bud Mohr, Trexlerstown. Time: 3:26.31.

SECOND SEMI-FINAL—12 LAPS

1—Ray Frantz, Allentown; 2—Ed Thomas, Quakertown; 3—Charlie Cregar, Phillipsburg, N. J.; 4—Ken Ressler, Allentown. Time: 3:20.61.

FEATURE—30 LAPS

1—Dick Keene, Allentown; 2—Charlie Cregar, Phillipsburg, N. J.; 3—Ray Frantz, Allentown; 4—Curly Moyer, Temple; 5—Ken Ressler, Allentown; 6—Arnie Troxell, Egypt.

NOVICE RACE—10 LAPS

1—Elden Roth, Allentown; 2—Bob Snyder, Allentown; 3—Ronald Schnable, New Tripoli.

Dorney Park Stock Car

Races Will Be Open To All Drivers in Future

6/22/1953

The Dorney Park stock car races, limited this season only to Nascar members, will also be open to drivers of other associations for the balance of the season, starting with Wednesday night's program, it was announced yesterday by Bob Parr, the Dorney Park owner.

In lifting the restriction on other associations, Mr. Plarr said that the races from her in at Dorney Park would be "open competition," and that drivers from all sections of the country will be eligible to compete in the regularly-scheduled Wednesday and Saturday night speed programs.

Delcamp Noses Out Keene In Dorney Feature Race

6/25/1953

After leading all the way, Jim Delcamp nosed out Dick Keene by a car length to win his first 30-lap feature last night at the **Dorney Park stock car** races.

Keene, who previously had copped two straight features last week, rubbed elbows with Sam Keller on the 15th lap and Keller wound up in the second turn fence with "Googie" Heffner.

That forced a restart and Delcamp maintained his pace to bring home the victory.

Vince Conrad, Allentown, placed third, with Ken Ressler, Marty Acker and Lou Johnson finishing up in that order.

Elden Roth, Allentown, won the 10-lap novice race; Don Arnold, Allentown, and Ronald Schnable, New Tripoli, finished second and third, respectively.

FIRST HEAT (10 Laps)

1. Vince Conrad, Allentown; 2. Marty Acker, Alburtis; 3. Jim Delcamp, Kutztown.

SECOND HEAT (10 Laps)

1. Bill Wetzel, Allentown; 2. Sam Keller,

Pottstown; 3. Lou Johnson, Wilmington, Del. Time: 2:49.27.

THIRD HEAT (10 Laps)

1. Ken Ressler, Allentown; 2. Don Ressler, Allentown; 3. George Slight, Easton. Time: 2:50.52.

FIRST SEMI-FINAL (12 Laps)

1. Dick Keene, Allentown; 2. Sam Keller, Pottstown; 3. Bill Wetzel, Allentown; 4. Jim Delcamp, Kutztown. Time: 3:22.47.

SECOND SEMI-FINAL (12 Laps)

1. Bud Mohr, Trexlerstown; 2. Lou Johnson, Wilmington, Del.; 3. Don Ressler, Allentown; 4. Googie Heffner, Allentown. Time: 3:30.61.

FEATURE (30 Laps)

1. Jim Delcamp, Kutztown; 2. Dick Keene, Allentown; 3. Vince Conrad, Allentown; 4. Ken Ressler, Allentown; 5. Marty Acker, Alburtis; 6. Lou Johnson, Wilmington, Del.

Jim Delcamp Joins Double Winners in Dorney Races

6/28/1953

Jim Delcamp recorded his second win in a row by copping the 30-lap feature last night at the Dorney Park stock car races.

Delcamp, who also won Wednesday night's feature, therefore became the third man in three consecutive weeks to wrap up both top events.

Others in the triumvirate include Dick Keen, who did it last week, and Marty Acker, who not only initiated the new precedent the week before that, but also broke the old one of having a new winner every night out.

Delcamp however, didn't have clear sailing by a long shot. The feature was restarted three times on the first lap. When the jaolopies came around the fourth turn Willard Miller spun off the fence and caused a five car pileup. Then, on the second try, six cars, a little pressed for elbow room, forced another restrat. The same thing happened again on the third.

Delcamp had to hustle for 17 laps before he took over for good. Ralph Kuser led for the first four Paul Bologash for the next eight

and George Sleight for the next five before Delcamp shot past and wound up with a quarter-lap lead.

Bill Padan, Easton, copped the futurity race for novices. Charlie Quinton, Allentown, Jim Sandt, Easton, and Ron Schnable, New Tripoli, followed in that orde.

FIRST HEAT (10 Laps)

1. Paul Bologash, Lehighton; 2. Jack Rudy, Reading; 3. Dick Keen, Allentown. Time: 2:50.01.

SECOND HEAT (10 Laps)

1. Jim DelCamp, Kutztown; 2. Jack Mann, Allentown; 3. Vince Conrad, Allentown. Time: 2:51.52.

THIRD HEAT (10 Laps)

1. Bud Mohr, Trexlertown; 2. Charlie Cregar, Phillipsburg, N. J.; 3. Jake Jacobus, Glen Gardner, N. J. Time: 2:51.63.

FIRST SEMI-FINAL (12 Laps)

1. Jack Rudy, Reading; 2. Ralph Kuser, Bechtelsville; 3. Vince Conrad, Allentown; 4. Don Ressler, Allentown. Time: 3:31.28.

SECOND SEMI-FINAL (12 Laps)

1. Curly Moyer, Kutztown; 2. Ed Thomas, Quakertown; 3. George Sleight, Easton; 4. Jake Jacobus, Glen Gardner, N. J. Time: 3:26.49.

FEATURE (30 Laps)

1. Jim DelCamp, Kutztown; 2. George Sleight, Easton; 3. Paul Bogolash, Lehighton; 4. Ed Thomas, Quakertown; 5. Don Ressler, Allentown; 6. Vince Conrad, Allentown. Time: 8:33.98.

FUTURITY (10 Laps)

1. Bill Padan, Easton; 2. Charlie Quinton, Allentown; 3. Jim Sandt, Easton; 4. Ron Schnable, New Tripoli.

50-Lap Feature Race

6/29/1953

Booked July 4th At

Dorney Park Speedway

The first 50-lap stock car race of the season on the Dorney Park track has been booked for next Saturday night, July 4th, and will be a 'Bonus Race,' with the winner to receive an added bonus.

The 50-lapper will be in 'open competition', which means that any driver of any stock car racing association, can enter. There is one stipulation, however, and that is that to be eligible for the 50-lap Bonus Race next Saturday the driver must compete in the regular Wednesday night program at Dorney Park.

The holiday 50-lapper is expected to bring out a banner crowd, and with the drivers seeking to qualify, it is believed that the field of drivers for Wednesday night's races will be one of the largest of the season.

Wetzel Leads From Start To Score First 1953 Win In Dorney Feature Race

7/2/1953

Bill Wetzel, Allentown, started at the pole and led from start to finish to cop his first feature of the season last night at the **Dorney Park stock car** races.

Wetzel "cleaned house." He also won the 12-lap first semi-final and the 10-lap second heat.

He and the 40-odd other drivers who competed in last night's pro-

gram automatically qualify for the 50-lap July 4th feature highlighting the seven-event card. Starting time Saturday is 8:30 p.m. There will be no novice racing.

George Sleight, Easton, finished second; Dick Keene, Allentown's two-time winner, came in third, and Jim Delcamp, another two-time winner, wound up fourth.

Barton Behler, Walnutport, won the 10-lap Futurity, or novice race, while Ronald Schnable, New Tripoli, and Kermit Dottery, Allentown, followed in that order.

FIRST HEAT 10 LAPS

1. Dick Keene, Allentown; 2. Jim Delcamp, Kutztown; 3. John Roberts, Baltimore, Md. Time: 2:47.36.

SECOND HEAT 10 LAPS

1. Bill Wetzel, Allentown; 2. Curly Moyer, Kutztown; 3. Paul Bologash, Lehighton. Time: 2:49.32.

THIRD HEAT 10 LAPS

1. George Sleight, Easton; 2. Newt Reinert, Pottstown; 3. Jack Rudy, Pottstown. Time: 2:46.72.

FIRST SEMI-FINAL 12 LAPS

1. Bill Wetzel, Allentown; 2. Marty Ackler, Alburtis; 3. Jim Delcamp, Kutztown; 4. Warren Mutter, Boyertown. Time: 3:23.36.

SECOND SEMI-FINAL 12 LAPS

1. Curly Moyer, Kutztown; 2. Bud Mohr, Trexlerstown; 3. George Sleight, Easton; 4. John Roberts, Baltimore, Md. Time: 3:18.89.

CONSOLATION 10 LAPS

1. Curt Sherman, Reading; 2. Charley Cregar, Phillipsburg, N. J. Time: 3:07.47.

FEATURE 35 LAPS

1. Bill Wetzel, Allentown; 2. George Sleight, Easton; 3. Dick Keene, Allentown; 4. Jim Delcamp, Kutztown; 5. Monk Keller, Pottstown; 6. Warren Mutter, Boyertown.

NOVICE 10 LAPS

1. Barton Behler, Walnutport; 2. Ronald Schnable, New Tripoli; 3. Kermit Dottery, Allentown.

Rudy Cops 50-Lap Feature for 1st Win

7/5/1953

Jack Rudy, Reading, won the 50-lap July 4th feature at the **Dorney Park stock car** races for his first triumph of the season.

Alternating between the second and third spots for the first 26 laps, he overtook Red Rhoad, the early leader, and led with little trouble the rest of the way.

Al Wilson and Charlie Hansler forced the first restart by locking fenders on the fourth turn of the 10th lap.

Ten laps later, Ray Frantz whirled around like a pinwheel when he blew a tire between the third and fourth turns.

Curly Moyer, hitting the fence in the first heat, got knocked out for a few minutes, but other than that, the capacity crowd just leaned back and enjoyed some good racing.

George Sleight, Easton, one of the newer drivers appearing in the NASCAR - sanctioned races, finished second. Fred Adams, Kutztown, Vince Conrad, Allentown, Bud Mohr, Trexlertown and Leo McCullough, Bethlehem, wound up in that order.

Rudy was driving a jalopy owned by Smokey Dengler, who is

more-than-familiar to many **Dorney Park** fans. Dengler had expected to enter the races last night, but his car failed to pass inspection.

Dengler was apparently in a hurry to get his car entered and didn't have the time to install roll off bars, supporting the roof, and a fire wall, a sheet of metal or asbestos that protects the driver if the gas tank explodes.

FIRST HEAT 10 LAPS

1. Leo McCullough, Bethlehem; 2. Jack Rudy, Reading; 3. Jim Delcamp, Kutztown.

SECOND HEAT 10 LAPS

1. Jack Jacobus, Glen Gardner, N. J.; 2. Dick Keene, Allentown; 3. Curly Moyer, Kutztown. Time: 2:46.22.

THIRD HEAT 10 LAPS

1. Fred Adams, Kutztown; 2. George Sleight, Easton; 3. Arnie Troxell, Egypt. Time: 2:21.88.

FIRST SEMI-FINAL 12 LAPS

1. Jack Rudy, Reading; 2. Jim Delcamp, Kutztown; 3. Leo McCullough, Bethlehem; 4. Ray Frantz, Allentown. Time: 3:19.57.

SECOND SEMI-FINAL 12 LAPS

1. Fred Adams, Allentown; 2. George Sleight, Easton; 3. Jake Jacobus, Glen Gardner, N. J.; 4. Willard Miller, Lenhartsville. Time 3:15.28.

CONSOLATION 10 LAPS

1. Ed Thomas, Quakertown; 2. Vince Conrad, Allentown. Time: 3:06.52.

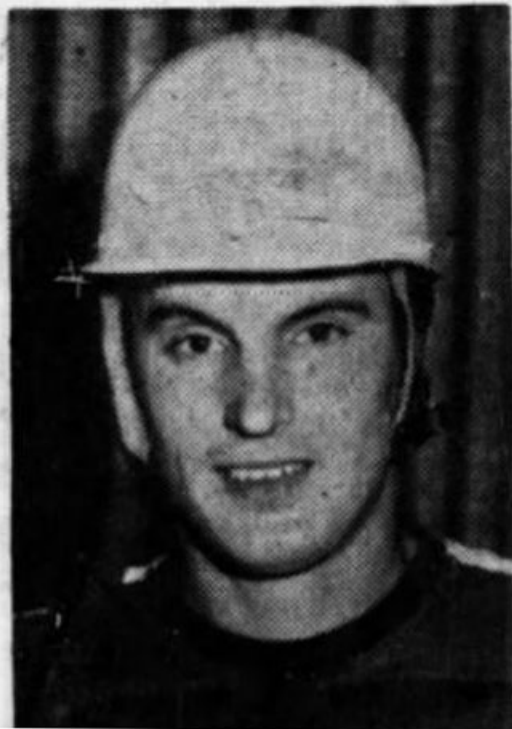
FEATURE 50 LAPS

1. Jack Rudy, Reading; 2. George Sleight Easton; 3. Fred Adams, Kutztown; 4. Vince Conrad, Allentown; 5. Bud Mohr, Trexlertown; 6. Leo McCullough, Bethlehem.

Expect Banner Crowd Tonight At Dorney Races

7/11/1953

With another big field of drivers competing and with a banner crowd expected as a result of



Wednesday night's postponement after two heats were completed with the rain checks good tonight only, Dorney Park Speedway's regular Saturday night stock car racing program starting at 8:30 o'clock should provide plenty of excitement for the fans.

Jack Rudy, Reading driver who won last Saturday night's 50-lap feature, will be back tonight trying for his second win of the season, and Dick Keene, Allentown boy, one of four drivers who have won twice this season, will be seeking to become the first driver to capture three feature races.

In addition to Keene, other drivers who have been double winners this season and will be seeking Number 3 tonight include Marty Acker, of Alburtis, and Jim Delcamp, of Kutztown.

Drivers who have won one feature this season and who will be seeking their second are Arnie Troxell, of Egypt; Leo McCullough, of Bethlehem; Bud Mohr, Trexlertown; Jack Mann, Allentown; and Bill Wetzel, of Allentown. In addition, there will be a big field of other drivers seeking their first triumph.

One of the big features on tonight's program will be the Futurity, a novice class event in which 14 drivers will be racing for the first time in a 10-lap race.

Maryland Driver Captures 25-Lap Dorney Feature

7/12/1953

Ed Adams, of Rising Sun, Md., got off to a good start last night. Driving for the first time in the Nascarsanctioned Dorney Park stock car races, he shot into the lead and stayed there to cop the 25-lap feature.

But while Adams was racking up a substantial lead, probably most of the capacity crowd's sympathies were with Dangerous Don Ressler, Allentown, who finished fourth behind runnerup Vince Conrad and Bud Mohr.

Ressler recently ferried in a hybrid jalopy of rather ancient vintage from the Midwest. Powered with a Studebaker engine, the car has a Rockne body with an oversized steering wheel and cut down doors, but Ressler's chances vanished when he got boxed in on the 17th lap.

Starting in 10th position, Ressler passed one car at a time until he was in the fourth spot when Charles Cregar and Bud Mohr ruined his bid.

Promoter Sherman (Red) Chrise announced last night that a mammoth dual program for stock cars and midget racers will be on tap at 8:30 p.m. next Saturday night.

He expects to run 50-lap features for midgets and stocks, including three 10-lap heats and consolations for both type cards.

A few of the drivers and their cars appearing Saturday are: Nicky Fornora, Danberry, Conn., Fred Meeker, Stamford, Conn., Steve McGrath, New Canaan, Conn., all in Offenhausers; Charlie Miller, Allentown, Ford or Offenhauser, and Chuck Arnold, New York, Ford.

FIRST HEAT—10 LAPS

1—Jack Rudy, Reading; 2—Dick Keen Allentown; 3—Ed Adams, Rising Sun, Md. Time: 2:43.72.

SECOND HEAT—10 LAPS

1—Jack Jacobus, Glen Gardner, N. J.; 2—Arnie Troxell, Egypt; 3—John Kumernitsky, Ironton. Time: 2:46.48.

THIRD HEAT—10 LAPS

1—Jim Delcamp, Kutztown; 2—Don Ressler, Allentown; 3—Fred Adams, Kutztown.

FIRST SEMI-FINAL—12 LAPS

1—Ed Adams, Rising Sun, Md.; 2—Warren Mutter, Boyertown; 3—Jack Rudy, Reading; 4—Charles Cregar, Phillipsburg, N. J. Time: 3:21.39.

SECOND SEMI-FINAL—12 LAPS

1—Fred Adams, Kutztown; 2—Jim Delcamp, Kutztown; 3—Ed Thomas, Quakertown; 4—Vince Conrad, Allentown. Time: 3:18.99.

CONSOLATION—10 LAPS

1—Willard Miller, Lenhartsville; 2—Dick Keen, Allentown; 3—Curly Moyer, Kutztown. Time: 2:49.97.

FEATURE—25 LAPS

1—Ed Adams, Rising Sun, Md.; 2—Vince Conrad, Allentown; 3—Bud Mohr, Trexlerstown; 4—Don Ressler, Allentown; 5—Jim Delcamp, Kutztown; 6—Charlie Cregar, Phillipsburg, N. J. Time: 7:53.49.

FUTURITY—10 LAPS

1—George Green, Pleasant Corner; 2—Howard Weidner, Allentown; 3—Joseph Payna Jr., Indianland.

Triple Feature Race Card Set

7/14/1953

For **Dorney Park**

Automobile race fans of Eastern Pennsylvania get a real bargain billi at **Dorney Park** here next Saturday night in the form of a triple feature a 50-lap stock car race, a 50-lap **midget** car race and a 25-lap stock car race exclusively for novice drivers.

There will be the usual full programs in both **midget** and stock car programs, qualifying heats, semi-finals and consolation.

Among the stock car entries will be such favorites as Jack Rudy, of Reading, who recently won a 50-lap feature here; Fred Adams, Kutztown; Bud Mohr, Trexler-town; Arnie Troxell, Egypt; Dick Keen, Bud Roessler and Jack Jacobus, of Allentown, all of whom have won 25-lap events here this season.

Among the big field of ARDC **midget** drivers entered are Steve McGrath, Nick Fonora, Charlie Miller, Fred Meeker and Chuck Arnold, all top flight **midget** drivers.

The 25-lap Futurity for novice drivers promises to be one of the big features, since at least 20 are expected to compete in their first stock car race.

To be eligible to compete in Saturday night's stock car races, drivers must compete in the regularly-scheduled Wednesday night program tomorrow night starting at 8:30 o'clock.

Mutter Staves Off Challenge To Win Dorney Feature

7/16/1953

Warren Mutter, Allentown driver, captured his first feature victory of 1953 in the **Dorney Park stock car** races last night, but he had to fend off a challenge by Fred Adams of Kutztown on the last lap.

Adams almost overtook Mutter, but then on the fourth turn Curly Moyer, another Kutztown driver, jockeyed past Adams to take second place. Adams finished third.

There were a number of crack-ups, including a five-car pile-up in the first semi-final that began when Sam Keller hit the fence and rolled into Ed Thomas' car. However, nobody was injured.

In the 10-lap novice race, Fred Sigley of Egypt took first place, defeating Andy Harris of Phillipsburg and John Yerger of Allen-

town, who finished second and third, respectively.

The summaries:

FIRST HEAT 10 LAPS

1—Fred Adams, Kutztown; 2, Curly Moyer, Kutztown; 3, Jacky Rudy, Reading. Time: 2:49.48.

SECOND HEAT 10 LAPS

1—Red Rhode, Allentown; 2, Charlie Cregar, Phillipsburg; 3, Don Ressler, Allentown. Time: 2:55.98.

THIRD HEAT 10 LAPS

1—George Sleight, Easton; 2, Ed Adams, Rising Sun, Md.; 3, Warren Mutter, Boyertown. Time: 2:45.58.

FIRST SEMI-FINAL 12 LAPS

1—Jim Delcamp, Kutztown; 2, Jack Mann, Allentown; 3, Curly Moyer, Kutztown; 4, Bill Wetzel, Allentown. Time: 3:22.44.

SECOND SEMI-FINAL 12 LAPS

1—Jake Jacobus, Glen Gardner, N.J.; 2, Ed Adams, Rising Sun, Md.; 3, Warren Mutter, Boyertown; 4, Red Rhode, Allentown.

TAG RACE

1—George Sleight, Easton.

FEATURE 30 LAPS

1—Warren Mutter, Allentown; 2, Curly Moyer, Kutztown; 3, Fred Adams, Kutztown; 4, Ed Adams, Rising Sun, Md.; 5, Jake Jacobus, Glen Gardner, N.J.; 6, Dick Keen, Allentown. Time: 7:13.03.

NOVICE RACE 10 LAPS

1—Fred Sigley, Egypt; 2, Andy Harris, Phillipsburg, N.J.; 3, John Yerger, Allentown.

Delcamp Wins Stock Car Feature at Dorney Park; Fenora Cops Midget Race

Jim Delcamp posted his third win of the season last night by copping the 50-lap stock car feature before a packed, standing-room-only crowd of 6,400 fans at Dorney Park.

Delcamp's victory, however, was under protest and the official ruling is forthcoming in the next few days.

Nicky Fenora, Danbury, Conn., driving an Offenhauser, won the 50-lap midget feature, after thwarting challenges by Steve McGrath and Fred Meeker.

But the stock car feature easily captured the milling crowd's fancy. The stock jockeys got wrapped up, all told, into seven restarts—a new high for the season—before Delcamp took over on the 42nd lap.

Here's the restart tabulation:

1. Red Rhode spun out in the middle of the track on the first turn of the first lap.

2. Half of the field gamboled all over the infield on the next restart attempt.

3. George Sleight and Marty Acker flipped upside down on the fourth turn of the seventh lap.

4. Curly Moyer blew a tire on the next lap and rammed under the fence. An ambulance scurried to the scene, but Moyer was apparently okay, suffering only minor cuts and bruises.

5. Jack Mann blew a tire on the same lap and crashed into the fence.

6. Fred Adams and Red Rhode rubbed fenders a little too playfully and crossed up between the third and fourth turn on the 14th lap. Dick Keen, trying to avoid the fracas, rumbled up onto the fence.

7. Vince Conrad, leading the race since he had passed Johnny Kummernisky on the 11th lap, blew a tire and was forced to withdraw at the 42nd lap.

This was also where the protest angle came in: some of the drivers asserted that Delcamp had changed a radiator hose shortly before the final restart.

Delcamp denied this, saying that he had only filled up the radiator with water. The Nascar rulings, which govern the track races, state that all car repairs must be made at the rear of the field, and conse-

quently, be scratched from the race.

Jake Jacobus, Glen Gardner, N. J., placed second to Delcamp; Don Ressler's likeable "Parisian Taxicab" was third; Charlie Cregar, George Sleight and Red Rhode followed in that order.

Other finishers in the midget feature were: Steve McGrath, Fred Meeker, Chuck Arnold, Dick Dowd and Art Gottier.

FIRST HEAT—10 LAPS (STOCKS)

1—Vince Conrad, Allentown; 2—Curly Moyer, Kutztown; 3—Jim Delcamp, Kutztown. Time: 2:50.41.

FIRST HEAT—10 LAPS (MIDGETS)

1—Chuck Arnold, Stamford, Conn.; 2—Nicky Fenora, Danbury, Conn.; 3—Joe Woolsey, New York City. Time: 2:44.62.

SECOND HEAT—10 LAPS (STOCKS)

1—Joe Kummernisky, Ironton; 2—Jack Rudy, Reading; 3—Dave Vogt, Allentown. Time: 2:31.73.

SECOND HEAT—10 LAPS (MIDGETS)

1—Fred Meeker, Stamford, Conn.; 2—Steve McGrath, Stamford, Conn.; 3—Bill Henry, Maple Shade, N. J.

THIRD HEAT—10 LAPS (STOCKS)

1—George Sleight, Easton; 2—Ed Adams, Rising Sun, Md.; 3—Al Wilson, Allentown. Time: 2:56.49.

CONSOLATION—10 LAPS (STOCKS)

1—Fred Adams, Kutztown; 2—Marty Acker, Alburtis. Time: 2:49.52.

FEATURE—50 LAPS (MIDGETS)

1—Nicky Fenora, Danbury, Conn.; 2—Steve McGrath, Stamford, Conn.; 3—Fred Meeker, Stamford, Conn.; 4—Chuck Arnold, New York City; 5—Dick Dowd, Plainfield, N. J.; 6—Art Gottier, Chester. Time: 9:13.36.

FEATURE—50 LAPS (STOCKS)

1—Jim Delcamp, Kutztown; 2—Jack Jacobus, Glen Gardner, N. J.; 3—Don Ressler, Allentown; 4—Charlie Cregar, Phillipsburg, N. J.; 5—George Sleight, Easton; 6—Red Rhode, Allentown.

Conrad Scores First Win In Dorney Feature Race; Delcamp Victory Upheld

7/23/1953

Vince Conrad, Kutztown, copped the 25-lap feature for his first triumph of the year last night at the Dorney Park stock car races.

He overhauled John Kumernitsky on the 15th lap and set the pace the rest of the way. Jack Rudy turned turtle in front of the grandstand of the 11th lap, taking the cue from the other crack-ups that occurred in two of the three heats.

The drivers staged a 30-minute "sitdown strike" earlier in the evening, refusing to race until a decision was reached on the winner of last Saturday night's feature.

Jim Delcamp's protested victory

was validated at a meeting of the drivers with a Nascar representative early this morning at the local track.

Jake Jacobus, Glen Gardner, N. J. had filed a \$100 forfeit fee pending a hearing before a Nascar representative last night. Jacobus charged that Delcamp changed a radiator hose in the feature, violating a Nascar ruling which prohibits any repairs during a race. Delcamp, however, denied it, saying that he only filled the radiator with water.

The drivers finally agreed to go on with the program when it was agreed to hold a meeting immediately after the race.

FIRST HEAT—10 LAPS

1—Warren Mutter; 2—Bill Wetzel; 3—Dave Vogt. Time: 2:54.61.

SECOND HEAT—10 LAPS

1—Jack Rudy; 2—Fred Adams; 3—Jack Mann.

THIRD HEAT—10 LAPS

1—Willard Miller; 2—Jim Delcamp; 3—Jake Jacobus.

FIRST SEMI-FINALS—12 LAPS

1—Jack Mann; 2—Bill Wetzel; 3—Jack Rudy; 4—Fred Adams. Time: 3:36.22.

SECOND SEMI-FINAL—12 LAPS

1—Jim Delcamp; 2—Marty Acker; 3—Ed Thomas; 4—Dick Keen.

TAG RACE

1—Jack Rudy; 2—Al Wilson.

FEATURE—25 LAPS

1—Vince Conrad; 2—Marty Acker; 3—Jake Jacobus; 4—Dick Keen; 5—Jack Mann; 6—Willard Miller.

NOVICE RACE—10 LAPS

1—Charles Quinton; 2—Keith Willieder; 3—George Green.

7/26/1953

Cregar Wins by Half Lap In Dorney Feature Race

Taking over on the 17th lap, Charlie Cregar copped his first stock car feature of the season by a half-lap last night at the Dorney Park track.

The main event, originally slated for 25 laps, was cut short two rounds when Arnie Troxell rammed into Curly Moyer, who had spun out on the first turn, on the 2rd lap. Under the Nascar

rulings, a race which is 75 per cent completed may be declared finished if an accident ties up the action.

George Sleight, whose jalopy was pushed halfway up the track in the second semi-final, repaired his buggy well enough to finish sixth in the feature behind Vince Conrad, Wednesday's winner, Bill Wetzel, Ed Thomas and Dick Keen.

Jim Delcamp and Jake Jacobus, whose fued rivals the Hatfield-McCoy legend, wound up in eighth and ninth place, respectively, behind Marty Acker. Delcamp last Saturday won the 50-lap feature for his third triumph of the season, although Jacobus protested until the dispute was settled in the wee hours Thursday morning.

FIRST HEAT—10 LAPS

1—Warren Mutter; 2—Fred Adams; 3—Dave Vogt. Time: 2:48.61.

SECOND HEAT—10 LAPS

1—Bill Wetzel; 2—Jack Rudy; 3—Charlie Cregar. Time: 2:48.50.

THIRD HEAT—10 LAPS

1—Ernie Uff; 2—Jack Mann; 3—Ed Thomas. Time: 2:50.85.

FIRST SEMI-FINAL—12 LAPS

1—Warren Mutter; 2—Bill Wetzel; 3—Vince Conrad; 4—Dick Miller. Time: 3:26.20.

SECOND SEMI-FINAL—12 LAPS

1—Curly Moyer; 2—Ernie Uff; 3—Dick Keen; 4—Al Wilson.

FEATURE—25 LAPS

1—Charlie Cregar; 2—Vince Conrad; 3—Bill Wetzel; 4—Ed Thomas; 5—Dick Keen; 6—George Sleight.

FUTURITY (NOVICE)—10 LAPS

1—Harry Oswald; 2—John Yerger; 3—Fred Sidley.

Ernie Uff, Allentown Driver, Wins Dorney Park Feature Race

8/2/1953

Ernie Uff, Allentown, won his first 25-lap feature of the season, and, for that matter, of his driving career, last night at the **Dorney Park stock car** races before a full house.

Uff, who started on the pole, just whizzed off and unlike the fans,

didn't bother watching what was going on behind him.

That's where Jack Mann, Dick Keen, Warren Mutter and Red Rhode were battling for the second spot. Mann, with Keen and Mutter right on his bumper, finally overhauled Rhode on the home stretch.

Dave Vogt, Charlie Cregar and Keen locked hubcaps on the third turn of the third lap to force the feature's lone restart.

Jack Rudy, who copped the second heat, outmaneuvered the field to cop the tag race. Bob Snyder won the Futurity race for novices.

FIRST HEAT—10 LAPS

1—Dave Vogt, Allentown; 2—Arnie Troxell, Egypt; 3—Jack Jacobus, Mount Pleasant, N. J. Time: 2:46.68.

SECOND HEAT—10 LAPS

1—Jack Rudy, Reading; 2—Charlie Cregar, Phillipsburg, N. J.; 3—Dick Keen, Allentown. Time: 2:47.22.

THIRD HEAT—10 LAPS

1—Jim Delcamp, Kutztown; 2—George Sleight, Easton; 3—Ken Ressler, Allentown. Time: 2:48.16.

FIRST SEMI-FINAL—12 LAPS

1—Warren Mutter, Boyertown; 2—Jack Jacobus, Mount Pleasant, N. J.; 3—Jack Mann, Allentown; 4—Jack Rudy, Reading. Time: 3:17.19.

SECOND SEMI-FINAL—12 LAPS

1—Jim Delcamp, Kutztown; 2—Red Rhode, Allentown; 3—Marty Acker, Alburtis; 4—Vince Conrad, Allentown. Time: 3:17.82.

TAG RACE

1—Jack Rudy, Reading.

FEATURE—25 LAPS

1—Ernie Uff, Allentown; 2—Jack Mann, Allentown; 3—Dick Keen, Allentown; 4—Warren Mutter, Boyertown; 5—Red Rhode, Allentown; 6—Marty Acker, Alburtis. (No time.)

FUTURITY (NOVICE)—10 LAPS

1—Bob Snyder, Allentown; 2—Paul Madtes, Slatington; 3—A. Grimm, Cetronia. (No time.)

Jack Mann Wins Second

8/6/1953

Dorney Park Feature Race

Jack Mann of Allentown, won his second 25-lap feature of the season last night at the Dorney Park stock car races.

A stroke of luck helped Mann. He was trailing the early leader, Warren Mutter, for 20 laps when Charlie Cregar crowded Mutter's jalopy, which eventually overturned, into the fence. Mann then took over and won handily.

But Mutter's flip had nothing on the stunt Arnie Troxell pulled in the first lap of the second semi-final. Troxell turned completely over, landed on four wheels and roared around the track.

He finally spotted the red flag (signaling a restart) that Starter Bill Nelson had dropped when Troxell turned over.

"Why didja stop the race?" Troxell wanted to know.

The fans got a big laugh out of it. Troxell didn't finish in the second semi, but he did wind up fifth in the feature.

Saturday night's program promises to be one of the best of the season. Promoter Sherman (Red) Crise is bringing modified cars to the fifth-mile Dorney Park track for the first time.

The card will include three qualifying heats, consolation, a 25-lap feature strictly for stock cars and a 100-lap modified feature. Time trials will begin at 7 p.m. Saturday.

FIRST HEAT—10 LAPS
1. Jack Rudy, Reading; 2. Marty Acker, Alburtis; 3. Charlie Cregar, Phillipsburg, N.J. Time: 2:49.31.

SECOND HEAT—10 LAPS
1. Jim Delcamp, Kutztown; 2. Jack Jacobus, Mount Pleasant, N.J.; 3. Wally Witman, Blanton. Time: 2:51.36.

THIRD HEAT—10 LAPS
1. Smoky Dengler, Reading; 2. Ray Frantz, Allentown; 3. Don Atkinson, Allentown. Time: 2:59.62.

FIRST SEMI-FINAL—12 LAPS
1. Charlie Cregar, Phillipsburg, N.J.; 2. Jake Jacobus, Mount Pleasant, N.J.; 3. Dave Vogt, Allentown; 4. Jim Delcamp, Kutztown. Time: 3:21.51.

SECOND SEMI-FINAL—12 LAPS
1. Don Reasler, Allentown; 2. Jack Rudy, Reading; 3. Wally Witman, Blanton; 4. Warren Mutter, Boyertown. Time: 3:19.38.

BALLOON RACE
1. Delbert Hahn, Allentown.

FEATURE—25 LAPS
1. Jack Mann, Allentown; 2. Wally Witman, Blanton; 3. Jim Delcamp, Kutztown; 4. Bud Mohr, Trexlertown; 5. Arnie Troxell, Egypt; 6. Jake Jacobus, Mount Pleasant, N.J. (No time.)

FUTURITY (NOVICE) RACE—10 LAPS
1. John Yerger, Allentown; 2. Keith Will-ever, Bethlehem; 3. Harry Oswald, Allentown. (No time.)

**100 LAP CHAMPIONSHIP
MODIFIED STOCK CAR RACES!**

8/7/1953



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Rain Kayoes Dorney Races In Time Trials

8/9/1953

After 12 drivers had completed their time trials, rains last night washed out the scheduled 100-lap modified **stock car** race at **Dorney Park**, and it was immediately re-scheduled for next Saturday night.

Some of the top modified drivers in the South and East had either completed their time trials or were waiting to get on the track when it started to rain and decision was made to postpone the 100-lap event until next Saturday night.

No announcement was made of the times made in last night's trials, but the 12 who did make the time trials will not have to drive in next Saturday's time trials, which start at 7 o'clock. Approximately 30 other drivers are expected in the time trials next week.

The usual Wednesday night program of sportsman class **stock car** races will go on Wednesday night.

Conrad Edges Mohr For 3rd Dorney Win

8/13/1953

Vince Conrad of Allentown, joined the elite circle of three-time winners last night as he won the 25-lap stock car feature in a "photo finish" at Dorney Park.

Conrad edged runnerup Bud Mohr of Trexlertown, who had led for 24 laps, by six inches in probably the closest finish at the track all season.

A pair of restarts also pepped things up a wee bit before Conrad came up with the triumph that put him in the class with Jim Delcamp, the only other three-time winner.

Al Wilson lost a wheel between the first and second turns on the

11th lap; Arnie Troxell spun out, slamming into the fence between the third and fourth turns of the 15th lap.

Also, a dead heat cropped up in the 12-lap second semi-final when Conrad and Charlie Cregar of Phillipsburg, N. J., finished in a tie for second place behind Red Rhode of Allentown.

The modified autos will team up with the regular stocks Saturday night for one of the biggest programs of the year at Dorney Park.

The card was originally slated for last Saturday, but was rained out. The billing includes a 25-lap feature strictly for stocks and a 100-lap feature for modifieds and stocks that qualify in the time trials which will begin at 7 p.m. The regular races will get underway at 8:30 p.m.

The summaries follow:

FIRST HEAT—10 LAPS

1. Fred Adams, Kutztown; 2. Al Wilson, Allentown; 3. Dick Keen, Allentown. Time: 2:46.49.

SECOND HEAT—10 LAPS

1. Curly Moyer, Kutztown; 2. Bud Mohr, Trexlertown; 3. Ken Ressler, Allentown. Time: 2:47.63.

THIRD HEAT—10 LAPS

1. Don Ressler, Allentown; 2. George Sleight, Easton; 3. Dave Vogt, Allentown. Time: 2:46.88.

FIRST SEMI-FINAL—12 LAPS

1. Al Wilson, Allentown; 2. Marty Acker, Alburtis; 3. Dick Keen, Allentown; 4. Ernie Uff, Allentown. (No time).

SECOND SEMI-FINAL—12 LAPS

1. Red Rhode, Allentown; 2. Vince Conrad, Allentown; Charlie Cregar, Phillipsburg, N.J. (tie); 4. Smokey Dengler, Reading. Time: 3:22.61.

FEATURE—25 LAPS

1. Vince Conrad, Allentown; 2. Bud Mohr, Trexlertown; 3. Warren Mutter, Boyertown; 4. Smokey Dengler, Reading; 5. Fred Adams, Allentown; 6. Dick Keen, Allentown. (No time).

First 100-Lap 'Modified' Race Here Tonight

8/15/1953

Headlined by a field that includes Joe Weatherly, of Norfolk, Va., the national NASCAR point-leader in that division, the first 100-lap modi-

fied **stock car** race in the 15-year history of the **Dorney Park** asphalt track is scheduled tonight on the local track.

Time trials tonight start at seven o'clock, and the first competitive event is slated for 8:30 o'clock sharp.

The "modified" division of **stock car** racing is that group of "souped up" cars in which the owner and driver can make any adjustment to the engine to give it more speed. In the recent 200-mile modified race at Darlington, N. C., qualifying speed was 120.5 miles per hour, and a number of those drivers who competed in that Darlington race will be seen in action here tonight.

Al Keller, of Florida, runner-up to Weatherly in the national NASCAR point standings; Pee Wee Pobletts, of Baltimore, Maryland state champion; Tommy Elliott, of Trenton, New Jersey state champion; and Lou Johnson, of Wilmington, Delaware state titlist, are just a few of the big name drivers appearing here tonight.

The winner of tonight's 100-lap race here qualifies for the national 200-miler at Daytona Beach, Fla., in October, the race tonight being an Eastern States championship event.

The local drivers, Bod Mohr, Don Ressler, Jimmy DelCamp, Arnie Trocell, Dick Keene, Vince Conrad, Charlie Cregar and many others will have their own 25-lap qualifying race for tonight's feature. That will go on just before the 100-lap race, and the winner will qualify right into the 100-lap event.

Weatherly Wins 100-Lap Feature At Dorney Park

Joe Weatherly of Norfolk, Va., won the 100-lap feature for stocks and modifieds early this morning at the Dorney Park races.

Weatherly, who led all the way, lapped every driver on the track, including runnerup Ken Marriott of Baltimore, Md.

Weatherly, therefore, qualifies for the National NASCAR championships for modifieds and stock cars at Palm Beach, Fla., Nov. 29.

Thomas Elliott of Trenton, N. J., copped the 25-lap strictly stock car feature in 6:56.50. Charlie Cregar of Phillipsburg, N. J., finished in second place ahead of Ed Adams. Jake Jacobus, Marty Acker and Dick Keen.

Jacobus was the only stock car man, outside of Elliott who placed third, to place in both the strictly stock and modified features.

The strictly stock event went off without a hitch, but there were two restarts in the main event.

A car blocked the track on the 40th lap, forcing a restart. Then on the 41st lap, Cregar and Bill Erico got in a wrangle on the third

turn. Ed Thomas and Curly Moyer romped in to join the fun; no one was injured, but Erico was forced to withdraw from the race, since his jalopy was knocked out of commission.

FIRST HEAT—10 LAPS

1—Thomas Elliott, Trenton, N. J.; 2—Curly Moyer, Kutztown; 3—Joe Weatherly, Norfolk, Va.; 4—Red Rhode, Allentown. Time: 2:47.78.

SECOND HEAT—10 LAPS

1—Bud Mohr, Trexlerstown; 2—Dick Keen, Allentown; 3—Charlie Cregar, Phillipsburg, N. J.; 4—Jim Deicamp, Kutztown. Time: 2:49.02.

THIRD HEAT—10 LAPS

1—Ed Thomas, Quakertown; 2—Dick Symons, Allentown; 3—Ken Marriott, Baltimore, Md.; 4—Arnie Trexell, Egypt. Time: 2:43.55.

CONSOLATION—10 LAPS

1—Marty Acker, Alburtis; 2—Jim Dulaney, Patterson, N. J.; 3—Ken Reasler, Allentown; 4—Dave Vogt, Allentown. Time: 2:43.28.

SPORTSMAN'S (STOCK) FEATURE—25 LAPS

1—Thomas Elliott, Trenton, N. J.; 2—Charlie Cregar, Phillipsburg, N. J.; 3—Ed Adams, Rising Sun, Mr.; 4—Jake Jacobus, Mount Pleasant, N. J.; 5—Marty Acker, Alburtis; 6—Dick Keen, Allentown. Time: 6:56.50.

MODIFIED, STOCK FEATURE—100 LAPS

1—Joe Weatherly, Norfolk, Va.; 2—Ken Marriott, Baltimore, Md.; 3—Thomas Elliott, Trenton, N. J.; 4—Pec Wee Pobletts, Baltimore, Md.; 5—Jim Dulaney, Paterson, N. J.; 6—Jack Jacobus, Mount Pleasant, N. J. (No time.)

Jack Rudy Takes His Third **Dorney Park** Feature This Season

Taking over on the fourth lap after George Slight led for the first three, Jack Rudy, of Reading, won the 30-lap feature race in the Wednesday night **stock car** race at **Dorney Park**, giving him a sweep for the night as he won a qualifying heat and a semi-final as well.

In winning his third feature of the season at **Dorney Park**, the Reading driver went out front after Smokey Dengler, also of Reading, lost a wheel in the third turn and stayed there to the finish.

Most of the slam-bang fireworks of the evening came in the novice race in which there were twenty starters, two cars driven by Char-

lie Quinton and Johnny Sawyer, coming out of the fourth turn and crashing into the starting stand. Fortunately nobody was hurt, but quite a bit of fence was knocked down.

It was announced that there have been ten entries so far for Saturday night's Demolition Derby, the first of the season here, to be held in conjunction with the regular **stock car** race program.

Last night's summaries:

FIRST QUALIFYING HEAT-TEN LAPS

1—Jack Rudy, Reading; 2—Curley Moyer, Kutztown; 3—Smokey Dengler, Reading. Time: 2:45.

SECOND QUALIFYING HEAT-TEN LAPS

1—Willard Miller, Allentown; 2—Jake Jacobus, Mt. Pleasant, N.J.; 3—Marty Acker, Alburtis. Time: 2:45.17.

THIRD QUALIFYING HEAT-TEN LAPS

1—Don Ressler, Allentown; 2—Bud Mohr, Trexlertown; 3—Jimmy DeCamp, Kutztown. Time 2:45.55.

FIRST SEMI-FINAL-12 LAPS

1—Jack Rudy, Reading; 2—Charlie Cregar, Phillipsburg; 3—Curley Moyer, Kutztown; 4—Willard Miller, Allentown; Time: 3:22.50.

SECOND SEMI-FINAL-12 LAPS

1—Bud Mohr, Trexlertown; 2—Marty Acker, Alburtis; 3—Dick Keene, Allentown; 4—Don Ressler, Allentown. Time: 3:17.25.

FEATURE-30 LAPS

1—Jack Rudy, Reading; 2—Charlie Cregar, Phillipsburg; 3—Curley Moyer, Kutztown; 4—Don Ressler, Allentown; 5—Bud Mohr, Trexlertown; 6—Willie Miller, Allentown. Time: 6:55.

NOVICE RACE-10 LAPS

1—Earl Schaffer, Allentown; 2—John Yerger, Allentown; 3—Warren Heffner, Macungie; 4—Bob Snyder, Allentown. (No time).

Cregar Spurts to Win Dorney Feature Race

8/23/1953

Taking over with three laps to go, Charlie Cregar of Phillipsburg, N. J., last night won the 25-lap feature at the **Dorney Park stock car** races.

Cregar overhauled Fred Adams, the runnerup, on the 22nd lap. Adams had overtaken the early leader, Smokey Dengler, on the ninth lap.

George Sleight's jalopy was completely smashed in a 5-car tieup on the first turn of the 13th lap in the only restart of the feature.

Sleight, Curly Moyer, Ed Adams and Jake Jacobus motored down the straight-away four abreast and there just wasn't room at the turn.

Ed Thomas also joined the fun and when it was all over, Sleight's buggy looked like a fugitive from the Demolition Derby.

Al Wilson won the special event, and Sleight finished in the runner-up slot when two cars, with one and two wheels, respectively, banged his car out of commission.

Charlie Quinton of Allentown, won the Futurity (or novice) event. Paul Maddes of Slatington, and Warren Heffner of Macungie, followed in the second and third spots.

FIRST HEAT—10 LAPS

1—Charlie Cregar, Phillipsburg, N. J.; 2—Ed Adams, Rising Sun, Md.; 3—Smokey Dengler, Reading. Time: 2:44.72.

SECOND HEAT—10 LAPS

1—Fred Adams, Kutztown; 2—Marty Acker, Alburdis; 3—Jack Rudy, Reading. Time: 2:45.33.

THIRD HEAT—10 LAPS

1—Arnie Troxell, Egypt; 2—Ed Thomas, Quakertown; 3—Willard Weizel, Allentown. Time: 2:44.84.

FIRST SEMI-FINAL—12 LAPS

1—Ed Adams, Rising Sun, Md.; 2—Jake Jacobus, Mount Pleasant, N. J.; 3—Bud Mohr, Trexlertown; 4—Charlie Cregar, Phillipsburg, N. J. Time: 3:20.42.

SECOND SEMI-FINAL—12 LAPS

1—Curly Moyer, Kutztown; 2—Don Ressler, Allentown; 3—Jack Mann, Allentown; 4—George Sleight, Easton. (No time.)

FEATURE—25 LAPS

1—Charlie Cregar, Phillipsburg, N. J.; 2—Fred Adams, Kutztown; 3—Jack Rudy, Reading; 4—Smokey Dengler, Reading; 5—Willard Miller, Allentown; 6—Bud Mohr, Trexlertown.

Kutztown Driver Cops 25-Lap Dorney Rose

8/27/1953

Fred Adams of Kutztown, won the 25-lap feature last night at the Dorney Park stock car races. Adams, starting in the third position, simply took off and left the field.

Vince Conrad of Allentown, and Jack Rudy of Reading, waging a red-hot battle for the runnerup slot, finished second and third, respectively.

Bud Mohr of Trexlertown, forced the only restart of the feature when he spun out on the second turn of the fourth lap.

The novices apparently were a wee bit over confident. But after 10 laps of navigating the one-fifth of a mile oval like a slalom course, John Toth of Allentown, managed

to come home a winner ahead of John Yerger and Phil Eppler.

Last night's races were the last for the season on Wednesdays. However, they will continue Saturday nights until later in the season, when they will be held Sunday afternoons, it was announced.

FIRST HEAT, 10 LAPS

1. John Roberts, Baltimore, Md.; 2. Frank Beck, Emmaus; 3. Jack Mann, Allentown. Time: 2:51.10.

SECOND HEAT, 10 LAPS

1. Fred Adams, Kutztown; 2. Curly Moyer, Kutztown; 3. Jack Rudy, Reading. Time: 2:45.89.

THIRD HEAT, 10 LAPS

1. Arnie Troxell, Egypt; 2. Ed Thomas, Quakertown. Time: 3:26.81.

FIRST SEMI-FINAL, 12 LAPS

1. John Roberts, Baltimore, Md.; 2. Fred Adams, Kutztown; 3. Jack Mann, Allentown; 4. Bud Mohr, Trexlertown. Time: 3:20.18.

SECOND SEMI-FINAL, 12 LAPS

1. Jack Rudy, Reading; 2. Vince Conrad, Allentown; 3. Curly Moyer, Kutztown; 4. Ralph Kuser, Boyertown. Time: 3:19.17.

FEATURE, 25 LAPS

1. Fred Adams, Kutztown; 2. Vince Conrad, Allentown; 3. Jack Rudy, Reading; 4. Charlie Cregar, Phillipsburg, N. J.; 5. John Roberts, Baltimore, Md.; 6. Bud Mohr, Trexlertown. (No time.)

FUTURITY (NOVICE), 10 LAPS

1. John Toth, Allentown; 2. John Yerger, Allentown; 3. Phil Eppler, Pleasant Corner.

52 Finish Run Of

8/29/1953

Foreign Make Cars

Allentown, (AP) — Supervising officials of the three-day, 1,000-mile sports car test reviewed performance records today to determine the winner from among 52 foreign-made autos which completed the run from West Chester County, New York.

All but two of 54 starters in the endurance and performance trial checked in at the nearby Dorney Park terminus by the 7:30 p. m. deadline last night.

Winners are determined by checks on such items as traffic violations, nicked fenders, condition of brakes, ability to maintain an average speed of 38 to 45 miles per hour, and other indications of conduct on the road.

Contestants are scheduled to perform today in a braking and accelerating contest on the one-fifth mile **Dorney Park Speedway** and a 42-mile "reliability run." An all-around winner will be announced tonight.

The 1,000 mile route took the cars to Alexandria Bay, N. Y., on the first day, and to Buffalo, N. Y., via Toronto, Canada, Friday.

National Leader In 100-Lap Race At Dorney Park

9/3/1953

Johnny Roberts of Baltimore, national point leader in sportsman class stock car racing, is among the big field of entries for the 100-lap sportsman class event at the Dorney Park track Saturday night. The winner will qualify directly into the national championships at Langhorne Oct. 11.

Tommy Elliott, Trenton flash whose famous No. 3 placed third in the modified 100-lapper here recently, will also compete in Saturday's big race.

They will get plenty of competition from such topflight local drivers as Bud Mohr of Trexlertown, Charlie Cregar, Phillipsburg, N. J.; Smokey Dengler, Reading; Jimmy DelCamp, Kutztown, and more than a score of others.

The time trials for the 100-lap race start at 7 p.m. An added feature will be a 25-lap novice championship race, with a beautiful trophy to be awarded the winner.

At **Dorney Park****Jacobus-Rudy Team Wins 200-Lap Race**

Jake Jacobus and Jack Rudy won the 200-lap **stock car** team feature last night at the Dorney Park races. The victory for Jacobus of Mount Pleasant, N. J., and Rudy of Reading, climaxed the Saturday night season, and as a result the stock car events will switch to Sunday afternoon programs next week.

Marty Acker of Alburdis, and Ar-

nie Troxell of Egypt, finished second.

Charlie Cregar of Phillipsburg, N. J., who teamed up with Dick Keen of Allentown, led for the first 100 laps; Cregar broke a gear box and his partner led for the next 50 laps before he crashed into the fence after a hassle with Ernie Beck.

Ed Thomas rolled over during the red hot feature and injured his back. After X-rays at a local hospital disclosed no serious harm, he was discharged in fair condition.

The summaries for the feature race follow:

1, Jack Jacobus and Jack Rudy; 2, Arnie Troxell and Marty Acker; 3, Curly Moyer and Bill Wetzel; 4, John Kuminisky and Joe Kletzing; 5, Vince Conrad and Jim Delcamp; 6, Willard Miller and Fred Adams; 7, Jack Mann and Ernie Uff.

Jake Jacobus Takes 25-Lap Stock Car Dorney Park Feature

9/28/1953

Jake Jacobus, of Glen Gardner, N. J., Sunday afternoon won the 25-lap feature race at Dorney Park when he overtook Smokey Dengler, of Reading, on the 19th lap and stayed in front to the finish.

The feature event had to be re-started twice because of crack-ups, and when it did finally get under way it looked as though Dengler was going to be the winner as he went out front right at the start and held it until Jacobus took over. Dengler finished third behind Willard Miller, of Trexlertown.

Bob Ward, of Allentown, won the Demolition Derby as his car outlasted the field in a crashing smashing bit of destruction work, and Cornelius Marks captured the 15-lap novice race.

The summaries:

FIRST HEAT—10 LAPS

1—Jack Mann, Allentown; 2—Willard Miller, Trexlertown; 3—Jimmy Delcamp, Kutztown; 4—Vince Conrad, Allentown. Time: 2:47.62.

SECOND HEAT—10 LAPS

1—Bill Wetzel, Allentown; 2—Jack Rudy, Reading; 3—Jake Jacobus, Glen Gardner, N. J.; 4—Freddie Adams, Kutztown. Time: 2:48.15.

THIRD HEAT—10 LAPS

1—Ken Ressler, Allentown; 2—Don Ressler, Allentown; 3—Dick Keen, Allentown; 4—Ernie Beck, Emmaus. Time: 2:48.52.

CONSOLATION—10 LAPS

1—Curley Moyer, Kutztown; 2—Jimmy Delcamp, Kutztown; 3—Red Rhode, Allentown. Time: 2:49.12.

FEATURE—25 LAPS

1—Jake Jacobus, Glen Gardner, N. J.; 2—Willard Miller, Trexlertown; 3—Smokey Dengler, Reading; 4—Dick Keen, Allentown; 5—Don Ressler, Allentown; 6—Jimmy Delcamp, Kutztown.

NOVICE RACE—15 LAPS

—Cornelius Marks, Allentown; 2—Al Grim, Allentown; 3—John Hess.

DEMOLITION RACE

1—Bob Ward, Allentown.

Dorney Park

Race Season Closes Today

10/4/1953

A combination **stock car** auto race program and miniature airplane demonstration of dogfights and aerial acrobatics is on the card for racing fans at **Dorney Park** this afternoon as the fifth of a mile asphalt oval drops the curtain on a highly successful season of speed.

Today's races start at 2:30 o'clock sharp.

There will be the usual three 10-lap qualifying heats, two 12-lap semi-finals, a 25-feature race as well as a 10-lap novice race.

The miniature planes have been making a big hit with speed fans all over the East, and were originally billed to appear here last week but the engagement was postponed because of the many other dates for which they are booked. There are as many as six or eight of the planes engaged in dogfights over the heads of the spectators at one time.

"Fats" Bitting, of Reading, who made a terrific hit with Dorney Park speed fans before he went into the service, will be back in action today at **Dorney Park** after 14 months of service in Korea.

Other topnotch drivers included on today's program include Charlie Cregar, Bud Mohr, Paul Bologash, Vince Conrad, Jimmy DelCamp, Dick Keen and over a score of others.

Dorney Park's First Stock Car Races Set Saturday, April 30

Starting the 70th anniversary of **Dorney** Park and the 50th anniversary of Bob Plarr as manager there, announcement was made by Park officials yesterday that the first stock car auto races of the season there would take place Saturday night, April 30th.

4/11/1954

The **fifth** of a **mile** asphalt track at **Dorney** Park, regarded as one of the best anywhere in the east and which annually attracts the best in the business, will be put in top notch shape for the opener, the stands painted and additional lighting facilities installed.

The races will hold forth every Saturday night until the weather warms up sufficiently, and then there will be racing every Wednesday and Saturday nights.

Inside Stuff

4/15/1954

SCOTTY STOUDT, has two fine stock cars ready to go in the Dorney Park stock car races this season, two cars which he built during the winter months and both will be painted in overall gold colors to commemorate the Golden Anniversary of Dorney Park . . . SCOTTY HAD HIS CARS OUT ON THE DORNEY PARK TRACK THIS WEEK and was enthusiastic over their performance . . . He said the handling qualities so necessary for the fast fifth of a mile asphalt track at Dorney Park were great, and that with a few minor bugs worked out he would be ready for the April 30th FORD V-8 ENGINES, both cars are complet in every detail to qualify under NASCAR (National Association Stock Car Auto Racers) rules . . . THESE INCLUDE SHUT - OFF FIRE WALLS BETWEEN ENGINE AND DRIVER, safety belts welded or chained doors and safety hubs on the wheels. . . CHARLIE CREGAR, of Phillipsburg, who finished second in the point scoring at Dorney Park last season, will be Scotty's driver for the 1954 season . . . IT'S

Dorney Park

Races Start

4/24/1954

Next Saturday

The season's first stock car auto races on the fifth of a mile asphalt track at Dorney Park will be held one week from tonight, and in preparation for the inaugural extensive improvements are being made to both the track, the grandstand and the lighting system.

A new protective cable is being installed all around the grandstand and bleacher sections, and the first turn of the track is being rebuilt entirely.

A big field of drivers, many of them old Dorney Park favorites, already have announced their plans to compete on the Dorney track during the coming season, and many others are expected to sign up during the coming week.

Dorney Park track officials are planning for several innovations in stock car racing, but these will not be announced until late next week.

Dorney Races

4/25/1954

Start Saturday

A number of old favorites at Dorney Park's famous fifth of a mile asphalt track have already signed up to compete there during the coming season which gets under way next Saturday night, and indications are that the field of drivers will be bigger than ever this year.

"Fats" Bitting, the Reading speed star who cleaned up here before going into the Army, will be back in a new car next Saturday night, while such old favorites as Newt Reinert, Jack Mann, Dick Kenn, John Kuminsky, Marty Acker, Charlie Cregar and many others will also be back in new cars.

Two Top **Dorney** Drivers of '53 Race Saturday

4/29/1954

The two top drivers in the 1953 point scoring at **Dorney** Park's **fifth** of **a mile** asphalt track here, Charlie Cregar, of Phillipsburg, N. J., and Vince Conrad, of Allentown, will both be on hand to compete in the season's opener here this Saturday night, May first.

Both will have plenty of competition, for a select field of NASCAR drivers, including over a dozen **Dorney** Park favorites of last season, are already entered for Saturday night's inaugural which will be topped off with a 25-lapp feature race.

Operated under NASCAR sanction last year, the **Dorney** Park track will again work under the national organization governing stock car races, which means that all of the top drivers will be eligible to compete here.

A field of close to thirty drivers will be on hand for the season's opening qualifying heats which get under way at 8:30 o'clock Saturday night.

Dorney Park

Races Start

4/30/1954

Off Saturday

Dorney Park is all set to start off its Golden Anniversary year tomorrow night with a program of stock car races on the **fifth** of a **mile** asphalt track that is expected to bring out a banner opening night crowd. The first qualifying heat for the 25-lap feature event tomorrow night goes on at 8:30 o'clock.

As was the case last year, the **Dorney** Park track will again operate under a sanction by NASCAR, the governing body of national stock car auto racing, which means that top drivers and cars will be eligible to compete on the fast **Dorney** track.

Extensive arrangements have been made to the **Dorney** Park track and stands. The first turn of the track has been completely rebuilt, the stands strengthened and repaired where needed and additional lights added.

A field of more than thirty drivers is expected to be on hand for tomorrow night's inaugural, including Charlie Cregar, of Phillipsburg, N. J., and Vince Conrad, of Allentown, the two drivers who finished one-two on the **Dorney** Park point scoring race last season.

Season's 1st Stock Car Races At Dorney Park Tonight

5/1/1954

Starting off the 50th anniversary year of **Dorney** Park, the stock car auto racers go back into action there tonight to launch a summer-long program of speed events that promise to provide plenty of thrills for followers of the popular sport.

Operating again under sanction of NASCAR, the national governing body of stock car automobile racing, the field of drivers for tonight's events includes just about all the outstanding performers on the local **fifth** of a **mile** oval last season, among them are the two drivers who finished one-two in the final NASCAR point scoring here, Charlie Cregar, of Phillipsburg, N. J., and Vince Conrad, of Allentown. Other top flight drivers entered, many of them with new cars, include Marty Acker, Dick Keene, Newt Reinert, Jack Mann, John Kuminsky and many others.

Another old favorite returning to thrill the **Dorney** Park fans tonight will be 'Fats' Bitting, the Reading speed merchant who made a big killing in the 1952 races here and then went into the Army. He was discharged last year and has a brand new car to work with at **Dorney** Park this season.

There will be the usual three 10-lap qualifying heats, two 15-lap semi-finals and a 25-lap feature race on tonight's program, starting at 8:30 o'clock, in addition to a 15-lap consolation race.

The **Dorney** Park track and stands have undergone considerable repairs in recent weeks, and the entire first turn of the track has been rebuilt.

Bob Streeter Here To Announce **Dorney** Park Races Tonight

"Bob" Streeter, widely known announcer and authority on racing, will be in Allentown tonight as official announcer for the races to be held at **Dorney** Park Speedway.

Known as the Sinclair Voice of the Speedways, Streeter is now sponsored by Sinclair Refining Co. according to W. B. Harned, local Sinclair marketer. The colorful announcer has had more than 17 years experience throughout the country and is a recognized authority on drivers, cars and racing events.

Rudy Wins Dorney Race Opener; Levingood 2nd

5/2/1954

Jack Rudy of Reading edged Bob Levingood of Pottstown by a car length last night to win the opening 25-lap feature of the season at the **Dorney Park** Nascar-sanctioned **stock car** races.

Rudy took the lead for good after a restart on the 16th lap. Red Rhode was the pacesetter for the first eight but then Dick Kenn took over and led until the 16th when he and Charlie Cregar and Stan Fink smacked into the fence off the second turn.

Rudy, who was running second at the time, forged into the top spot, then fought off a late surge by Levingood to cop the victory.

John Kumernitsky and Freddie Adams each turned in identical times of 2:49.24 on the first heat and the consolation, which is something of a rarity since the times are computed to one-hundredth of a second.

The summaries follow:

FIRST HEAT (10 LAPS)

1. John Klumernitsky, Ironton; 2. Red Leshar, Reading; 3. Jake Jacobus, Mount Pleasant, N. J. Time: 2:49.24.

SECOND HEAT (10 LAPS)

1. Willard Miller, Lenhartsville; 2. Jim Delcamp, Kutztown; 3. Charlie Cregar, Phillipsburg, N. J. Time: 2:47.33.

THIRD HEAT (10 LAPS)

1. Dick Keen, Allentown; 2. Stan Fink, Pottstown; 3. Bob Levingood, Pottstown. Time: 2:49.16.

FIRST SEMI-FINAL (12 LAPS)

1. Jake Jacobus, Mount Pleasant, N. J.; 2. Charlie Kelly, Pottstown; 3. Marty Acker, Alburtis; 4. Red Leshar, Reading. Time: 3:28.41.

SECOND SEMI-FINAL (12 LAPS)

1. Jack Rudy, Reading; 2. Tom Scheetz, Pottstown; 3. Willard Miller, Lenhartsville; 4. Red Rhode, Allentown. Time: 3:17.47.

CONSOLATION (10 LAPS)

1. Freddie Adams, Allentown; 2. Ernie Uff, Allentown; 3. Bill Wetzel, Macungie. Time: 2:49.24.

FEATURE (25 LAPS)

1. Jack Rudy, Reading; 2. Bob Levingood, Pottstown; 3. Red Leshar, Reading; 4. Charlie Kelly, Pottstown; 5. Red Rhode, Allentown; 6. Charlie Moyer, Fleetwood. No time (accident).

Opening Victor Back in Dorney Races Saturday

5/7/1954

When Jack Rudy, of Reading, edged out Bob Levingood, of Pottstown, in the opening 25-lap feature race at Dorney Park last Saturday night, it might have been the start of a feud between the two drivers, for both have filed their entries for the second speed program of the season on the local fifth of a mile asphalt oval this Saturday night.

Not only are the one-two finishers in the initial event back again, but 'Fats' Bitting, of Reading, and Vince Conrad, of Allentown, the Nascar-point scoring leader at the local track last season, will also be on hand this Saturday. Each will be driving a new car this season, and neither had that new car ready for the season's opener last week.

In addition, there will be at least ten new drivers on hand this week, fellows well-known on Eastern Pennsylvania tracks, who have signed up with Nascar during the past week.

All told, a field of thirty or more drivers and cars will be on hand for Saturday night's races, with the first qualifying heat slated for 8:30 o'clock.

Large Field Entered For Dorney Park Races Tonight

5/8/1954

If Jupiter Pluvius holds off with his sprinkler, a banner field of stock car drivers are scheduled to compete tonight on the Dorney Park fifth of a mile asphalt track in the second speed program of the season there. The first qualifying heat in tonight's races gets under way at 8:30 o'clock sharp.

Jack Rudy, of Reading, winner of the opening 25-lap feature race last Saturday night, will be back trying to make it two straight to night, and Bob Levingood, of Pottstown, who finished second last week, will be out seeking to finish in front tonight.

The field of drivers tonight will be considerably larger than the first program, since a number of the drivers who have new cars did not have them ready last week for the opener. Among these were Vince Conrad, of Allentown, the Nascar point-scoring leader at Dorney Park last season, and 'Fats' Bitting, of Reading, who will be back to try regain the laurels he held at Dorney Park before going into the service.

Such old favorites as Charlie Cregar, of Phillipsburg; Jake Jacobus, Mount Pleasant, N.J.; John Kumerinsky, of Ironton; Willard Miller, of Lenhartsville; Red Rhode, of Allentown; Charlie Moyer, Fleetwood, Freddie Adams, Allentown; Ernie Uff, Dick Keen, of Allentown; Marty Acker, of Alburts; Charlie Kelly, of Pottstown, and many others.

The Dorney Park track will again operate under Nascar sanction this year, and a number of

new Nascar members were added during the past week.

For the present the races will be run on Saturday nights, and by the end of May it is planned to swing into the usual Wednesday and Saturday night speed events which proved so popular last season.

Drivers 'Itchy' For Dorney Park Races Saturday

5/14/1954

Kept idle last week because of rain, thirty or more stock car drivers who compete in the Dorney Park races are itchy to get going in tomorrow night's speed events on the fifth of a mile asphalt track here, and as a result the spectators should see some mighty competition.

Jack Rudy, of Reading, who captured the only 25-lap feature run off to date on the Nascar-sanctioned Dorney Park oval thus far this season, will be back Saturday night, along with some of the best known speed merchants in Eastern Pennsylvania. In addition to the field of Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton and Lehigh Valley drivers, there will be a number of top performers here from Pottstown and Reading also.

The first qualifying heat for the 25-lap feature Saturday night starts at 8:30 o'clock sharp.

Thirty Drivers Listed For Dorney Races Tonight

5/15/1954

The second of the season's stock car races on the fifth of a mile asphalt track at Dorney Park is slated for tonight, with a big field of drivers ready for the first qualifying heat slated for 8:30 o'clock sharp.

Since last Saturday night's race program was washed off the schedule, the drivers are all rarin' to go in tonight's events. Several will have new cars competing for the first time, including Vince Conrad, the top Nascar point maker here last season, and Fats Biting, the Reading speed merchant who comes back to Dorney Park after a hitch in the Army.

Jack Rudy, of Reading, winner of the opening 25-lap feature race will be back trying to make it two straight tonight, and Bob Levin-good, of Pottstown, who finished second will be out seeking to finish in front tonight.

Such old favorites as Charlie Cregar, of Phillipsburg; Jake Jacobus, Mount Pleasant, N.J.; John Kumerinsky, of Ironton; Willard Miller, of Lenhartsville; Red Rhode, of Allentown; Charlie Moyer, Fleetwood, Freddie Adams, Allentown; Ernie Uff, Dick Keen, of Allentown; Marty Acker, of Albur-tis; Charlie Kelly, of Pottstown, and many others.

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Cregar Cops **Stock Car** Feature at Dorney Oval

5/16/1954

Charlie Cregar of Phillipsburg, N. J., won his first feature of the season last night at the **Dorney Park stock car** races.

Cregar relieved Bill Wetzel, who finished third, of the lead on the sixth lap and simply outdistanced

the field. Marty Acker of Alburdis finished second, one-half lap behind Cregar.

Earlier Paul Bologash crashed into the fence on the third lap and forced a restart.

Al Grim of Allentown won the novice race.

The summaries follow:

FIRST HEAT—(10 LAPS)

1. Jack Mann, Allentown; 2. Willard Miller, Kutztown; 3. Jack Rudy, Reading. Time: 2:38.26.

SECOND HEAT—(10 LAPS)

1. Fat Bitting, Reading; 2. John Kumer-nitsky, Ironton; 3. Curly Moyer, Fleetwood. Time: 2:38.02.

THIRD HEAT—(10 LAPS)

1. Paul Bologash, Lehighton; 2. Charlie Cregar, Phillipsburg, N. J.; 3. Bob Levin-good, Reading. Time: 2:36.52.

FIRST SEMI-FINAL—(12 LAPS)

1. Fat Bitting, Reading; 2. Jake Jacobus Grand Gardner, N. J.; 3. Marty Acker, Alburdis; 4. Curly Moyer, Fleetwood. No time (accident).

SECOND SEMI-FINAL—(12 LAPS)

1. Bob Levingood, Reading; 2. Dick Keen, Allentown; 3. Paul Bologash, Lehighton; 4. Charlie Cregar, Phillipsburg, N. J. Time: 3:24.73.

FEATURE—(25 LAPS)

1. Charlie Cregar, Phillipsburg, N. J.; 2. Marty Acker, Alburdis; 3. Bill Wetzel, Macungie; 4. Jake Jacobus, Grand Gardner, N. J.; 5. Jack Rudy, Reading; 6. Curly Moyer, Fleetwood. No time (accident).

NOVICE RACE—(10 LAPS)

1. Al Grim, Allentown; 2. Cornelius Marks, Allentown.

Dorney Race Winners Get Gold Jackets

5/21/1954

Winners in the 25-lap feature stock car auto races on the fifth of a mile asphalt track at Dorney Park here each Saturday night this season get something a little more than gold and glory, though that is sometimes considerable.

This being Dorney Park's Golden Anniversary year, the feature winner in every race on the local track will also be presented with a bright gold-colored jacket, suitably decorated with the park's Golden Anniversary emblem.

The Dorney Park track is probably one of the best known in the East and some of the nation's top drivers have competed on it. It has been in operation continuously, with the exception of the war years since 1937, first as a midget oval and in recent years for Nascar-sanctioned stock car races.

Jack Rudy, of Reading, who won the 1954 inaugural, and Charlie Cregar, Phillipsburg, N. J., last week's winner, have already won one jacket, and they will be back among the field of forty Nascar drivers competing this Saturday night. The first of the three 10-lap qualifying heats for the 25-lap feature starts at 8:30 o'clock sharp.

SATURDAY NITE

May 22

**THRILLING STOCK
CAR AUTO RACES**

Dorney Park

Macadam *Speedway*

1st Event — 8:30 P.M.

5/21/1954

Reinert, Acker Tie In Dorney Feature

5/23/1954

Marty Acker staged a sensational comeback to catch Newt Reinert at the wire for the first dead heat last night in **stock car** racing history at the **Dorney Park** track.

Acker was trailing at one point by one-quarter of a lap but put on a dramatic, lead-footed spurt to spoil Reinert's first appearance in a Dorney feature this season.

Official scorer Florence Owens and chief steward Melwin Etchells called the finish a dead heat. Both men covered the distance in 7:07.46, which was considerably off the track record.

Dick Keen came in second behind Acker and Reinert. Charlie Cregar, who won last week's feature, placed third and Fat Bitting fourth.

Reinert started in the No. 5 spot and was leading the pack at the end of the second lap. Reinert piled up a substantial lead, but then Acker made his bid and nabbed him at the finish.

Stan Rohr of Kellers Church topped 12 other entrants in the 10-

lap novice race.

Only accident in the races occurred in the second heat when Dick Wetzel's car flipped as neatly as a gymnast into the infield. Wetzel was unhurt.

FIRST HEAT (10 LAPS)

1. Newt Reinert, Pottstown; 2. Willard Miller, Kutztown; 3. Jack Rudy, Reading. Time: 2:49.18.

SECOND HEAT (10 LAPS)

1. Marty Acker, Breinigsville; 2. Charlie Kelly, Pottstown; 3. Charlie Cregar, Phillipsburg, N. J. No time (accident).

THIRD HEAT (10 LAPS)

1. Vince Conrad, Kutztown; 2. Curly Moyer, Fleetwood; 3. Jack Mann, Allentown. Time: 2:49.82.

FIRST SEMI-FINAL (12 LAPS)

1. Charlie Kelly, Pottstown; 2. Marty Acker, Breinigsville; 3. Newt Reinert, Pottstown; 4. Jim Delcamp, Kutztown. Time: 3:21.78.

SECOND SEMI-FINAL (12 LAPS)

1. Dick Keen, New Tripoli; 2. Charlie Cregar, Phillipsburg, N. J.; 3. Jack Rudy, Reading; 4. Vince Conrad, Kutztown. Time: 3:21.88.

CONSOLATION (10 LAPS)

1. Fat Bitting, Reading; 2. Curly Moyer, Reading. Time: 2:48.63.

FEATURE (25 LAPS)

1. Newt Reinert, Pottstown, and Marty Acker, Breinigsville, (dead heat); 2. Dick Keen, New Tripoli; 3. Charlie Cregar, Phillipsburg; 4. Fat Bitting, Reading; 5. Vince Conrad, Kutztown; 6. Jake Jacobus, Jersey City, N. J. Time: 7:07.46.

NOVICE RACE (10 LAPS)

1. Stan Rohr, Kellers Church; 2. John Shuslock, Emmaus; 3. Don Rott, Indianland. No time.

Stocks, Midgets In Dorney Park Races Saturday

5/26/1954

Midget automobile races, always popular in this section, return to the Dorney Park fifth of a mile asphalt track here Saturday night of this week to join with the stock car racers in a big combination program of holiday week-end racing.

Alternating throughout the evening there will be two complete programs, including three ten-lap qualifying heats, two 12-lap semi-finals and a 25-lap feature race in both the midget and stock car classes.

Both classes will be under NASCAR sanction. The midget drivers will include such speed notables as Charlie Miller, "Dutch" Schaffer, Fred Meeker, Jim DeMarco, Chuck Arnold, Bill Compton, Dick Dowd, Vic Sloan, Bert Banks, Lee Hammer, Steve McGrath, Bud Olsen and many others.

The big field of stock car racers competing every Saturday night on the Dorney Park oval will be on hand, including such favorites as Jack Rudy and Fats Bitting of Reading; Charlie Creegar, Phillipsburg, N. J.; Dick Keen, Jack Mann and Vince Conrad, of Allentown; Paul Bologash, of Lehigh-ton; and almost two score others.

Because of the double-barreled program for Saturday night, the first qualifying heat will go on at 8:30 o'clock sharp.

MIDGET RACES SATURDAY ON **DORNEY** PARK TRACK

ALLENTOWN, — Sleek little Offenhauser midget race cars worth up to \$12,000 each and hardworn jalopy-looking stock cars that on appearances might not bring a hundred bucks. That's the contrast in racing equipment speed fans will see on the **fifth** of a **mile** asphalt track at **Dorney** Park here Saturday night when a combination midget-stock car program will be presented.

5/28/1954

Dorney Races Reslated for Monday Night

5/30/1954

A heavy rain which broke just as the cars were lining up for the first heat last night washed out the scheduled combination midget and stock car racing program at Dorney Park.

Park officials, after quick conferences with the 34 stock car and 30 midget race drivers on hand, immediately arranged to hold over until Monday night, Memorial Day evening, the entire program of races.

All of the drivers on hand for last night agreed to return for the program on Monday night, and if favorable weather conditions prevail the turnout will probably exceed that of last evening, by far the largest of the season at Dorney Park. The first qualifying heat Monday night starts at 8:30 o'clock.

Miller-Dengler Take Dorney Feature Races Before Record Crowd

6/1/1954

Allentown's Charlie Miller and Reading's Smokey Dengler copped the midget and stock car 25-lap features last night before a turn-away crowd at the Dorney Park races.

Miller took the lead from Joe Woolsey of Bellport, Long Island N. Y., on the seventh lap and led the rest of the way. Vernon Land, of North Bergen, N. J., was two car lengths behind in second place.

Three other Allentown drivers placed in the first six finishers. Bill Compton came in third, Shorty McAndrews fifth and Steve Yanigan sixth.

Fred Meeker forced the race's only restart when he flipped on the 13th lap between the third and fourth turns. The car turned over on him and he was taken to the ambulance pit. He was not injured seriously.

Dengler also had to hustle to top Red Rhode of Allentown, who was second by half a car length. Fred Adams, the Kutztown driver who won the stock consolation, rolled

over on the second lap, forcing a restart.

FIRST HEAT (10 LAPS)

1. Ed Thomas, Quakertown; 2. Bud Mohr, Trexlertown; 3. Jake Jacobus, Jersey City, N. J.; 4. Marty Acker, Alburtis; 5. Bob Levingood, Pottstown. Time: 2:53.06.

SECOND HEAT (10 LAPS)

1. Jack Rudy, Reading; 2. Curly Moyer, Kutztown; 3. Ken Ressler, Allentown; 4. Cornelius Marks, Egypt; 5. Red Rhode, Allentown. Time: 2:59.01.

THIRD HEAT (10 LAPS)

1. Newt Reinert, Reading; 2. Eddie Adams, Rising Sun, Md.; 3. Smokey Dengler, Reading; 4. Jimmy Delcamp, Kutztown; 5. Dick Keen, Allentown. Time: 2:46.51.

CONSOLATION (10 LAPS)

1. Freddie Adams, Kutztown; 2. Bill Fey, Stanton, Pa.; 3. Paul Boiogash, Lehigh; 4. Jack Mann, Allentown; 5. Machine Gun Kelly, Kutztown. No time: accident.

FEATURE (25 LAPS)

1. Smokey Dengler, Reading; 2. Red Rhode, Allentown; 3. Jimmy Delcamp, Kutztown; 4. Eddie Adams, Rising Sun, Md.; 5. Curly Moyer, Kutztown; 6. Jack Rudy, Reading. No time: accident.

MIDGETS

FIRST HEAT (10 LAPS)

1. Fred Meeker, Stamford, Conn.; 2. Red Marlow, Brooklyn, N. Y.; 3. Vernon Land, North Bergen, N. J.; 4. Steve Yanigan, Allentown; 5. Tony Romit, Bronx, N. Y. Time: 2:28.52.

SECOND HEAT (10 LAPS)

1. Shortie McAndrews, Allentown; 2. Dutch Schaffer, Floral Park, L. I., N. Y.; 3. Charlie Miller, Allentown; 4. Chuck Arnold, Philadelphia; 5. Bert Brooks, Rockville, Conn. Time: 2:28.50.

AUSTRALIAN PURSUIT

1. Charlie Miller, Allentown; 2. Fred Meeker, Stamford, Conn.; 3. Vernon Land, North Bergen, N. J.; 4. Dutch Schaffer, Floral Park, L. I., N. Y.

FEATURE (25 LAPS)

1. Charlie Miller, Allentown; 2. Vernon Land, North Bergen, N. J.; 3. Bill Compton, Allentown; 4. Dutch Schaffer, Floral Park, L. I., N. Y.; 5. Shorty McAndrews, Allentown; 6. Steve Yanigan, Allentown. No time: accident.

Big Field of Stock Cars In Dorney Races Tonight

6/5/1954

With a field of more than thirty Nascar-approved drivers entered for the regulation stock car program and some fifteen novice drivers competing in a special feature event, tonight's weekly Saturday night race program at Dorney Park promises to provide spectators with some real thrills. The first ten-lap qualifying heat gets under way at 8:30 o'clock sharp.

The list of entries includes such Dorney Park favorites as Charlie Cregar, Phillipsburg; Ed Thomas, Quakertown; Bud Mohr, Trexler-town; Jake Jacobus, Jersey City; Marty Acker, Alburtis; Bob Levin-good, Pottstown; Newt Reinert, Fats Bitting and Smokey Dengler, Reading; Red Rhode, Vince Conrad, Jack Mann and Dick Keen, Allentown; and nearly a score of others.

There will be the regulation three ten-lap qualifying heats for the seasoned stock car drivers, two 12-lap semi-finals and a 25-lap feature race.

The novice races promise to provide plenty of thrills for the spectators, since many of the boys will be driving for the first time in actual competition. There are others in the races who have had two or three tries at the races and now feel they are ready to go out and win the 20-lap feature event.

As an added feature tonight, the fans will be entertained by "Beezy and Buzzie," a pair of clowns who have been making a big hit at speedways all over the east.

Wednesday Night Race At **Dorney** Park Track To Start This Week

6/7/1954

The first of the mid-week stock car auto race programs at **Dorney** Park starts off on the coming Wednesday night, and throughout the summer months there will be racing every Wednesday and Saturday nights on the local **fifth** of **a mile** asphalt track.

Dorney Park Lists Stock Car Event

ALLENTOWN — The first mid-week stock car auto races of the season on the fifth of a mile asphalt track at Dorney Park here are slated for Wednesday night, with an all-star field of Nascar drivers entered.

With three 10-lap qualifying heats, two 12-lap semi-finals, a 12-lap consolation and a 25-lap feature event booked, the first event is slated to get under way at 8:30 o'clock sharp.

Such favorites as "Fats" Bitting, Smokey Dengler, Vince Conrad, Jack Mann, Dick Keen, Jake Jacobu and nearly two score other Nascar drivers entered for Wednesday night's racing, real thrills are in store for the fans. 6/8/1954

Season's First Midweek Races at Dorney Park

6/9/1954

The season's first mid-week stock car auto races on the fifth of a mile asphalt oval at Dorney Park

night speed programs, there will be racing on the Dorney Park oval every Wednesday and Saturday nights throughout the summer season, with Nascar drivers in command each night.

The field of drivers for tonight's opening mid-week program includes some of the top speed jockeys in this section. One of the local drivers seeking his first feature win of the season will be Dick Keen, who has his car in first class shape for the first time this season and he's confident that with a break or two he'll be able to come home in front tonight.

Others among the big field of Nascar drivers in tonight's race will include Vince Conrad, local driver who was top individual point man at Dorney Park last season; Jack Mann, Jake Jacobus, Jack Rudy, Ed Thomas, Bud Mohr, Newt Reinert, Smokey Deng'ler, Jimmy Delcamp, Red Rhode and nearly a score of others.



DICK KEEN

are slated for tonight, and with the weather man's promise of clear skies a banner crowd is expected when the first qualifying heat gets under way at 8:30 o'clock sharp.

With the start of the Wednesday

Auto Thrill Stars Perform Here Sunday At Dorney Park Track

The greatest collection of motor maniacs ever assembled in front of any grandstand — and representing the outstanding thrill shows touring the nation—will appear at the **Dorney Park Speedway** this Sunday afternoon and night, June 13, at 2:30 and 8:30 p.m. in the 1954 edition of the "Tournament of Thrills," world's championship auto stunt contest series.

A total of 22 stuntmen, including the top stars of the Indianapolis Auto Daredevils, 1953 world champions of the stunt tournament, Hollywood Thrill Drivers, Canadian Aces, and a Joie Chitwood Inc. team, will race, leap and jump new 1954 Ford stock sedans in a 27 event program of automobile thrills destined to keep the most

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thrill-hungry speed fan in a frenzy of excitement.

The aerial "Torpedo Car" leap, greatest of all automotive thrillers, will climax the 90 minute program in which a new '54 Ford will zoom through space a distance of 35 feet from a long launching platform, clear three other cars passing directly underneath and then attempt to land completely under control on a receiving platform, completing one of the longest aerial car leaps on record.

This is the same automotive event that erased the life of the late "Lucky" Teter, beloved king of all daredevils, on July 5, 1942, at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.

25-Lap Novice Race On Dorney Program Tonight

6/12/1954

The novice drivers, the boys who break down the fences trying to get out in front and stay there, will have a big chance to show their stuff in a 25-lap feature race tonight topping off the regular Saturday night stock car race program at the Dorney Park fifth of a mile asphalt track.

Dorney Park track officials said last night there would be a field of at least fifteen starters in the novice feature, marking the first time many of these drivers have ever been under fire in actual competition. And when fifteen newcomers get on the track in one race, the fences are certain to take a beating.

The usual big field of Nascar drivers will be on hand for the regular stock car program, which starts at 8:30 o'clock sharp.

Charlie 'Machine Gun' Kelly, who won last Wednesday night's feature, will be back tonight seeking to make it two straight in the 25-lap feature, while Smokey Dengler, of Reading, and Newt Reinert, both of whom have each won a feature here this season, will also be in the competition tonight. Reinert and Marty Acker engaged in a

dead heat in the feature here on May 22nd, the first time such a finish ever occurred at Dorney Park.

Vince Conrad, the Nascar point leader at Dorney Park last season; Jake Jacobus, Paul Bologash, Bob Levingood, Fats Bitting, Ed Thomas, Curley Moyer, Dick Keen, Fred Adams, Ed Thomas, Bud Mohr and over a score of others will be on hand for tonight's speed events.

50-Lap Feature Race Booked at Dorney Park Track Saturday Night

The season's first 50-lap stock car auto race on the fifth of a lap asphalt track at Dorney Park tomorrow night is expected to bring out one of the biggest field of drivers to compete there this season, and with favorable weather conditions the season's largest crowd of spectators is also expected to be on hand.

The first qualifying heat Saturday night will get under way at 8:30 o'clock sharp, and there will be 18 to 20 starters in the 50-lap feature race. With that number of machines all trying to get out front on the fifth of a mile track, there should be plenty of real thrills for the spectators.

6/18/1954

Novice Races Feature Dorney Bill Tonight

6/23/1954

The novice drivers take over the spotlight tonight in the weekly Wednesday night stock car race program on the fifth of a mile asphalt track at Dorney Park, with at least a half dozen newcomers competing for the first time.

In addition to the novice races, there will be the usual Nascar-sanctioned stock car race program, with the field of drivers seeking to halt the sensational winning streak of Newt Reinert, the Pottstown speed merchant who has been cleaning up here in recent weeks, taking last Saturday night's 50-lap race among others.

The six newcomers to the novice class will be driving cars purchased by the Dorney Park track management especially for the novice races, and while they may appear to be somewhat battered jalopies, all have first class engines that can show plenty of speed.

The field of Nascar drivers seeking to halt Reinert's win streak includes just about all the top flight among them Machine Gun Kelly, of Pottstown, who himself has won several features here this season; Jimmy Delcamp, of Kutztown; Vince Conrad, Dick Keen and Jack Mann, of Allentown, and nearly two-score others.

Tonight's stock car program will be one of two big events booked for the Dorney Park track this week, the other being the season's first 100-lap grind on Saturday night which already has attracted the cream of the crop of the Dorney drivers this season.

Tonight's races get under way at 8:30 o'clock, and with favorable weather conditions another banner turnout is looked for.

Stock Car Races At Dorney Park

6/24/1954

ALLENTOWN, Pa.—The season's first 100-lap stock car auto race on the fifth of a mile asphalt saucer at Dorney Park Speedway here Saturday night, (June 26th), has already attracted some of the top Nascar drivers and a field of close to forty cars are expected to compete.

Such Dorney Park favorites as Newt Reinert, of Pottstown, who won three 25-lap features here this season and finished in a dead heat in another; 'Fats' Bitting and Smokey Dengler, of Reading; Jimmy Dellcamp, of Kutztown; Dick Keen and Jack Mann, of Allentown; Vince Conrad, last year's top Nascar point-scorer at Dorney Park; Paul Bologash, of Lehighton, and over two-score others have already filed their entries for Saturday night's 100-lapper.

In addition to the 100-lap event, there will be three 10-lap qualifying heats and two 15-lap semifinals, with the first qualifying heat starting at 8:30 o'clock sharp.

Newt Reinert Man To Beat in 100-Lap Race Here Saturday

6/25/1954

Newt Reinert, the Pottstown speed merchant who has been cleaning up in the **Dorney** Park stock car races this season, looks like the driver to beat in Saturday night's 100-lap race on the local **fifth** of **a mile** asphalt saucer, the longest event of the season here.

Reinert, winner of last Saturday night's 50-lap event here, won two 25-lap races earlier in the season and also finished in a dead heat in another 25-lap race.

But Reinert will have plenty of competition tomorrow night, and fellows like 'Fats' Bitting, Vince Conrad, Jimmy Delcamp, Dick Keene, 'Machine Gun' Kelly, and more than two-score other top Nascar drivers feel confident that over the marathon distance they'll be able to halt Reinert's streak.

Because of the added distance on Saturday night's race, the first qualifying heat will start promptly at 8:30 o'clock sharp.

100-Lap Race Tops

6/26/1954

Dorney Card Tonight

The longest race of the season on the fifth of a mile asphalt track at Dorney Park, one hundred laps is scheduled for tonight and with favorable weather conditions a banner turnout of speed fans is



JIMMY DELCAMPE

looked for. Because of the length of the race and big program of qualifying heats and semi-finals, the first qualifying heat tonight is scheduled for 8:30 o'clock sharp.

A top field of Nascar drivers is entered in tonight's event, including Newt Reinert, the Pottstown flash who won two 25-lap feature races here this season and finished in a dead heat in another, and also grabbed the 50-lap feature last Saturday night.

Reinert will find plenty of stiff competition in tonight's race, for among the drivers entered are

Jimmy Delcamp, of Kutztown, who feels that he is about due to break into the victory column after chasing Reinert most of the season.

Bob Levingood, who like Reinert hails from Pottstown and who finished second to Newt in the 50-lap race last Saturday night, thinks he can make it interesting again tonight and really finish in front.

Vince Conrad, Nascar-point leader at Dorney Park last season and who has a host of followers, was leading the 50-lap event last week until he crashed into the fence and was finished for the night, but he's hoping for better luck tonight.

The field of drivers entered tonight also includes such Dorney Park favorites as Dick Keen, Jaak Mann, Kenny Ressler of Allentown; Smokey Dengler and Fats Bitting, of Reading; Marty Acker, Breinigsville; Bud Mohr, Trexler-town; John Kumernitsky, Iron-ton; Jake Jacobous, Jersey City; Fred Adams, Kutztown; Red Rhode, Allentown; Paul Bologash, Lehigh-ton, and nearly two-score others.

There will be approximately eighteen starters on the fifth of a mile track for the 100-lap feature race, but how many will finish is another matter.

Reinert Nabs 100-Lap Race at Dorney Park

6/27/1954

Newt Reinert of Pottstown fought off a brilliant comeback by Jake Jacobus to win the 100-lap feature last night at the **Dorney Park stock car** races.

Reinert, copping his fourth feature of the season, finished 100 feet ahead of Jacobus, who at one point was a full lap behind.

But the Jersey City, N. J., driver made up the distance during the last 10 laps to take the second spot in front of Smokey Dengler.

While Reinert has won the most features, Jacobus, however, remained tops in the points department.

Al Grim led the race for the first 12 laps, then Dengler took over

until Reinert surged in front for good on the 40th lap.

There were two restarts in the feature. Bud Mohr and Vince Conrad blew tires on the 61st and 63rd laps, respectively. Mohr ripped the fenders off his car and continued in the race, but Conrad was unable to continue.

The summaries follow:

FIRST HEAT (10 LAPS)

1. Jake Jacobus, Jersey City, N. J.; 2. Red Rhode, Allentown; 3. Dick Keen, Emmaus, and Vince Conrad, Kutztown, (tie).
Time: 2:47.71.

SECOND HEAT (10 LAPS)

1. Newt Reinert, Pottstown; 2. Bud Mohr, Trexlertown; 3. Jack Mann, Allentown. No time: accident.

THIRD HEAT (10 LAPS)

1. Smokey Dengler, Reading; 2. Al Grim, Allentown; 3. Jim Delcamp, Kutztown. No time: accident.

CONSOLATION (10 LAPS)

1. Warren Mutter, Boyertown; 2. Al Wilson, Allentown; 3. Ernie Uff, Allentown.
Time: 2:52.17.

FEATURE (100 LAPS)

1. Newt Reinert, Pottstown; 2. Jake Jacobus, Jersey City; 3. Smokey Dengler, Reading; 4. Irvin Eshbach, New Berlinville, Pa.; 5. Al Grim, Allentown; 6. Al Wilson, Allentown. No time: accidents.

REINERT WINS

Allentown, (AP)—Newt Reinert of Pottstown won the 100-lap feature Saturday night at the Dorney Park stock car races. Jake Jacobus of Jersey City, N. J., was second and Smokey Dengler of Reading was third. 6/28/1954

Smokey Dengler Winner In Dorney Feature Race

Smokey Dengler of Reading shot into the lead on the 18th lap and remained in front to win his second 25-lap feature victory of the season last night at the **Dorney Park stock car** races.

Bud Mohr paced the drivers for the first 13 laps, then Jack Rudy took over for one lap, but spun out and Mohr held the lead for three more laps.

Then Dengler surged ahead with one of his customary spurts for the triumph.

Charles Houze of Allentown won the novice race.

It was announced that there would be combination midget and **stock car** races on Saturday night's program.

The summaries follow:

FIRST HEAT (10 LAPS)

1, Jack Rudy, Reading; 2, Marty Acker Alburts; 3, Jake Jacobus, Jersey City, N. J. Time: 2:49.03.

SECOND HEAT (10 LAPS)

1, Willard Miller, Kutztown; 2, Jim Delcamp, Kutztown; 3, Smokey Dengler, Reading. Time: 2:44.64.

THIRD HEAT (10 LAPS)

1, Jack Mann, Allentown; 2, Cornelius Marks, Allentown; 3, Stan Metz, Easton. Time: 2:48.63.

FIRST SEMI-FINAL (12 LAPS)

1, Jake Jacobus, Jersey City, N. J.; 2, Willard Miller, Kutztown; 3, Jack Rudy, Reading; 4, Steve Rhos, Allentown. Time: 3:21.69.

SECOND SEMI-FINAL (12 LAPS)

1, Curly Moyer, Kutztown; 2, Red Rhode, Allentown; 3, Joe Kletzing, Sellersville; 4, Jack Mann, Allentown. Time: 3:25.12.

FEATURE (25 LAPS)

1, Smokey Dengler, Reading; 2, Curly Moyer, Kutztown; 3, Stan Metz, Easton; 4, Willard Miller, Kutztown; 5, Jack Rudy, Reading; 6, Ken Ressler, Allentown. No time: accidents.

NOVICE RACE (10 LAPS)

1, Charles Houze, Allentown; 2, Dick Symons, Allentown; 3, Andy Kumernitsky, Ironton. No time.

Stocks, Midgets In Dorney Races

7/1/1954

ALLENTOWN—Many of the top midget auto race drivers in the East and Middle West compete here this Saturday night in the holiday weekend combination program of midget and stock car auto races on the fifth of a mile asphalt track at **Dorney Park Speedway.**

Bob McClain, of Fort Wayne, Ind., the mid-west champion and his \$10,000 Offy; George Renfro and Bright Eicheltz, both of Three Rivers, Mich., filed their entries today, along with such Eastern favorites as Charlie Miller, Dutch Schaffer, Fred Meeker, Chuck Arnold, Bill Campbell, Art Gottier, Steve McGrath, Bud Olson, Bill Compton, Jim DeMarco, Bert Brooks and many others.

There will be two complete programs for Saturday night, with the midget racers and the stock car drivers in alternating events, a 25-lap feature topping off each classification. Because of the double-barreled program the first qualifying heat Saturday night will start promptly at 8:30 o'clock.

Midwest Midget Race Stars Here Saturday Night

7/2/1954

Many of the top midget auto race drivers in the East and Middlewest compete here this Saturday night in the holiday weekend combination program of midget and stock car auto races on the fifth of a mile asphalt track at **Dorney Park Speedway.**

Bob McClain, of Fort Wayne, Ind., the mid-west champion and his \$10,000 Offy; George Renfro and Bright Eicheltz, both of Three Rivers, Mich., filed their entries yesterday, along with such Eastern favorites as Charlie Miller, Dutch Schaffer, Fred Meeker, Chuck Arnold, Bill Campbell, Art Gottier, Steve McGrath, Bud Olson, Bill Compton, Jim DeMarco, Bert Brooks and many others.

There will be two complete programs for Saturday night, with the midget racers and the stock car drivers in alternating events, a 25-lap feature topping off each classification. Because of the double-barreled program the first qualifying heat Saturday night will start promptly at 8:30 o'clock.

Included among the big field of Nascar stock car drivers entered in Saturday night's program are Newt Reinert, of Pottstown, who recently won 25, 50 and 100-lap feature races here; Smokey Dangler and Fats Bitting, of Reading; Jimmy Delcamp, of Kutztown; and Vince Conrad, Dick Keene and Jack Mann, of Allentown, just to mention a few.

Midgets and Stock Cars

7/3/1954

In Dorney Races Tonight

A combination midget race and stock car program will be one of the big holiday weekend features for speed fans at Dorney Park tonight, with the double-barreled program slated to get under way promptly at 8:30 o'clock.

A trio of midwest midget race stars, each behind the wheel of a high-powered Offenhauser, will be added to the regular field of ARDC midget racers in tonight's event.

One of the entries for tonight's Dorney Park field is Bob McClain, of Fort Wayne, Ind., he is recognized as the top midget driver in the middle west and who has been a consistent winner. He is expected to prove one of the most spectacular drivers here since Steve McGrath was making his spectacular clean-ups on the Dorney Park track several years ago. The other two mid-west drivers in

tonight's races will be Bright Eicheltz and George Renfro, both of Three Rivers, Wis., and both driving Offenhausers.

The field of ARDC speedsters who will be in action tonight includes McGrath, Dutch Schaffer, Fred Meeker, Charlie Miller, Bud Olson, Bill Compton, Jim DeMarco, Art Gottier, Bert Brooks and others.

The midget races and the stock cars will alternate in tonight's races, and the stock car field will include just about every top Nas-car driver who has been campaigning on the Dorney Park fifth of a mile asphalt oval this season.

Such favorites as Newt Reinert, Fats Bitting, Jimmy Delcamp, Smokey Dengler, Vince Conrad and more than thirty others will be on hand for tonight's events.

Newt Reinert Wins 5th Dorney Park Feature And His 2nd 50-Lapper

7/6/1954

Newt Reinert of Pottstown won his second 50-lap feature and fifth of season last night at the **Dorney Park stock car** races.

Reinert, overtaking Dick Keen on the 33rd lap, breezed in a winner by three car lengths. Keen finished second.

The lead changed hands five times during the feature race. Ernie Uff led for the first seven laps, Al Grim for the next four, Curly Moyer for 16 and then Keen took over for five on the 28th lap.

Then Reinert, who had been running in the first five, shot into the lead for good.

There were two restarts in the race. Ernie Uff spun into the fence on the 10th lap. Jim Delcamp blew a tire on the 31st lap and caught a broadside from the rest of the field as his car stalled crosswise on the track.

Claude Sterner won the novice race, but apparently the fans were more interested in the performance of Dottie Diehl of Bethlehem.

Miss Diehl is the first woman driver ever to compete at the track. She handled her car quite well and was not involved in any accidents.

The summaries follow:

FIRST HEAT (10 LAPS)

1. Red Rhode, Allentown; 2. Smokey Dengler, Reading; 3. Al Grim, Allentown, Time: 2:48.04.

SECOND HEAT (10 LAPS)

1. Jake Jacobus, Jersey City, N. J.; 2. Marty Acker, Breinigsville; 3. George Sleight, Easton. No time, accident.

THIRD HEAT (10 LAPS)

1. Bill Wetzel, Allentown; 2. Dick Keen, Emmaus; 3. Stan Metz, Easton. No time, accidents.

FIRST SEMI-FINAL (12 LAPS)

1. Rex White, Annapolis, Md.; 2. Marty Acker, Breinigsville; 3. Ed Thomas, Quakertown. No time, accident.

SECOND SEMI-FINAL (12 LAPS)

1. Bill Wetzel, Allentown; 2. Dick Keen, Emmaus; 3. Jim Delcamp, Kutztown; 4. Al Wilson, Allentown. No time, accident.

NOVICE RACE (10 LAPS)

1. Claude Sterner; 2. Harry Oswald; 3. John Roth. No time, accident.

CONSOLATION (10 LAPS)

1. Joe Kretzing, Sellersville; 2. Ken Ressler, Allentown; 3. Jack Mann, Allentown. No time, accident.

FEATURE (50 LAPS)

1. Newt Reinert, Pottstown; 2. Dick Keen, Emmaus; 3. Paul Bologash, Lehighton; 4. Marty Acker, Breinigsville; 5. Stan Metz, Easton; 6. Eddie Adams, Rising Sun, Md. No time, accidents.

Novices and Veterans In Dorney Park Races Tonight

7/10/1954

With a big field of Nascar drivers set to "Stop Newt Reinert" and a strong field of novice drivers set for a big evening of competition, the stage is set for a doublebarreled speed program tonight on Dorney Park's famed fifth of a mile asphalt oval, with the first event slated for 8:30 o'clock sharp.

Reinert, the Pottstown flash who has been cleaning up at the local track all season, feels that he has the car and driving ability to beat the field of Nascar drivers at Dorney Park any time he cares to, and will be out to add another feature event to his list in tonight's races.

However, he will get plenty of competition from one of the largest fields of the season on the local track, including such red hot favorites as Fats Bitting and Smokey Dengler, of Reading; Dick Keene, Vince Conrad, Red Rhode and

Jack Mann, among the local entries; and Ernie Uff, Al Grim, Jake Jacobus, Marty Acker, George Sleight, Bill Wetzel, Stan Metz, Paul Bologash, Eddi Adams and nearly a score of others.

The novice drivers, however, have been making a big hit at the Dorney Park track in recent weeks and they'll have a field of at least fourteen starters in their battle to knock down the fence tonight. These will include five drivers at the wheels of cars owned by the Dorney Park management. They are Andreas Reichard, Lehighton; Rowland Kemeter, Allentown; Donald Ruch, Fullerton; Alfred Seifer, Northampton; and Rodney Nofem, Stockertown.

In addition to these five, there will be at least eight or ten others driving their own cars.

Fat Bitting Is Winner In Dorney Park Race

7/11/1954

Fat Bitting of Reading broke the Newt Reinert monopoly last night by copping his first Dorney Park stock car race feature.

Bitting nicked Reinert, who had won the last four features, at the finish by less than a car length.

Dave Vogt of Allentown led the 25-lap event for the first five laps. Then Ed Thomas of Quakertown moved in front for two laps before Bitting took over for good.

There were three restarts during the feature race and a sizeable number of other accidents during the preliminary heats, semi-finals and consolation events.

Reinert, Charley Moyer and Bob Herman slammed into the fence on the fourth turn of the fifth lap. Earlier, the race was restarted twice on the first lap as the drivers got tangled up in jockeying for position.

Don Horning of Fogelsville won the 10-lap novice race.

The summaries follow:

FIRST HEAT (10 LAPS)

1. Newt Reinert, Pottstown; 2. George Sleight, Easton; 3. Dick Keen, Emmaus. Time: 2:49.12.

SECOND HEAT (10 LAPS)

1. Jake Jacobus, Jersey City, N. J.; 2. Irvin Eshbach, New Berlinville, Pa.; 3. Curly Moyer, Kutztown. Time: 2:48.38.

THIRD HEAT (10 LAPS)

1. Marty Acker, Breinigsville; 2. Bud Mohr, Trexlertown; 3. Steve Rhos, Allentown. No time; accidents.

FIRST SEMI-FINAL (12 LAPS)

1. Fat Bitting, Reading; 2. Curly Moyer, Kutztown; 3. Dick Keen, Emmaus; 4. George Sleight, Easton. No time; accident.

SECOND SEMI-FINAL (12 LAPS)

1. Charley Moyer, Kutztown; 2. Marty Acker, Breinigsville; 3. Jake Jacobus, Jersey City, N. J.; 4. Charley (Machine Gun) Kelly. Time: 3:21.62.

NOVICE RACE (10 LAPS)

1. Don Horning, Fogelsville; 2. Harry Oswald, Allentown; 3. Sonny Oswald, Allentown. No time.

CONSOLATION (10 LAPS)

1. Newt Reinert, Pottstown; 2. Dick Wetzel, Allentown; 3. Malcolm Balhausen, Allentown. Time: 2:58.61.

FEATURE (25 LAPS)

1. Fat Bitting, Reading; 2. Newt Reinert, Pottstown; 3. Jake Jacobus, Jersey City, N. J.; 5. Curly Moyer, Kutztown; 5. Bud Mohr, Trexlertown; 6. Dick Keen, Emmaus. No time; accidents.

Novice Drivers In 7/13/1954

Dorney Park Races

Again Tomorrow Night

The novice drivers are having one of their biggest seasons on the **Dorney** Park **fifth** of a **mile** asphalt track, and the popularity of these potential speed stars of the future with the race fans is growing in leaps and bounds.

Wednesday night the novice speed stars will have another race program of their own, with at least twelve or fifteen drivers entered in the competition.

The **Dorney** Park management, in an effort to help develop stock car drivers and at the same time provide some real sport for the spectators, tried something new this season, providing four cars for the four drivers picked out of the audience each week to drive. In addition, there are nearly a score of other drivers with their own cars entered. The novice drivers, however, are only one of the features booked for tomorrow night, since the regular program of Nascar drivers will be on hand for their usual thrill-packed program.

The first qualifying heat tomorrow night is scheduled for 8:30 o'clock sharp.

Dorney Park Races Have Big Field for Tonight

7/14/1954

With the novice drivers again holding an important spot on the program, having their own twenty-lap feature race with a field of more than sixteen newcomers in competition, the Dorney Park mid-week stock car race program tonight gives promise of providing plenty of thrills.

The first qualifying heat tonight starts at 8:30 o'clock sharp.

The big field of Nascar drivers entered in the regular stock car races tonight includes Fats Bitting, Reading driver who last Saturday night broke Newt Reinert's string of feature victories at the Dorney Park fifth of a mile oval, as well as Reinert himself. The latter of Pottstown, feels that he can get back in the groove tonight and take Bitting's number.

But Bitting and Reinert will both find plenty of competition in tonight's events, for the field to compete is one of the largest of the season here, including such Dorney Park favorites as Dick Keen, Vince Conrad, Paul Bologash, Charlie Moyer, George Sleight, Jake Jacobus, Marty Ackler, Nud Mohr, Dick Wetzell, Charlie 'Machine Gun' Kelly and many others.

In addition to the 20-lap novice feature, there will also be the regular program for the Nascar drivers, this including three 10-lap qualifying heats, two 12-lap semi-finals and the 25-lap feature event.

Dorney Races Tonight

7/17/1954

To Attract Banner Crowd

Wednesday night's races washed out before the semi-finals were completed. Tonight's program of stock car races at Dorney Park's fifth of a mile asphalt oval are expected to bring out the banner crowd of the season, since the rain checks issued for Wednesday night's races will be honored tonight.

A big field of Nascar drivers will be on hand for tonight's speed program, including 'Fat' Biting, of Reading, who won last Saturday night's feature here to break the monopoly. Newt Reinert, the Reading driver, had of winning the Dorney feature races.

Reinert and a big delegation of Pottstown racers, including 'Machine Gun' Kelly, will be back tonight to try to put a crimp on Biting and the other Nascar drivers in the big field.

Such Dorney Park favorites as Vince Conrad, top Nascar point man for last season on the local track; Dick Keene, Jack Mann, Marty Acker, Curley Moyer, Jake Jakobus, Jimmy Delcamp, Bud Mohr, George Sleight and many others will be on hand for tonight's competition.

The novice drivers, who have been making a terrific hit at Dorney Park this season, will be back in all their glory tonight, fourteen or more drivers being ready to knock down the Dorney Park fences with their daring and spectacular driving.

The first qualifying heat on tonight's program is slated for 8:30 o'clock sharp.

Rhode Wins at Dorney

7/18/1954

Red Rhode of Allentown edged Dick Wetzel by half a car length to capture his first feature of the season last night at the **Dorney Park stock car** races.

Rhode led the 20-car field from start to finish although he had to fight off a strong rally by Wetzel.

FIRST HEAT—10 LAPS

1. Dave Vogt, Allentown; 2. Bud Mohr, Trexlertown; 3. Smokey Dengler, Reading. Time: 2:49.71.

SECOND HEAT—10 LAPS

1. Red Rhode, Allentown; 2. Fat Bitting, Reading; 3. Dick Keen, Emmaus. Time: 2:43.67.

THIRD HEAT—10 LAPS

1. Al Grim, Cetronia, and Jack Rudy, Reading, (tie); 2. Newt Reinert, Potts-

town; 3. Dick Wetzel, Allentown. Time: 2:47.82.

FIRST SEMI-FINAL—12 LAPS

1. Dick Keen, Emmaus; 2. Al Wilson, Allentown; 3. Paul Boloagsh, Lehighton; 4. Charlie (Machine Gun) Kelly, Pottstown. Time: 3:20.86.

SECOND SEMI-FINAL—12 LAPS

1. Dick Wetzel, Allentown; 2. Jack Rudy, Reading; 3. Dave Vogt, Allentown; 4. Newt Reinert, Pottstown. Time: 3:26.60.

NOVICE RACE—10 LAPS

1. Johnny Toth, Allentown; 2. Don Rott, 3. Don Reddniger. No time: accident.

CONSOLATION—10 LAPS

1. Brook Shafer, Scranton; 2. Irvin Eshbach, New Berlinsville; 3. Don Ressler, Allentown. Time: 2:51.11.

FEATURE—25 LAPS

1. Red Rhode, Allentown; 2. Dick Wetzel, Allentown; 3. Jake Jacobus, Jersey City, N. J.; 4. Jack Rudy, Reading; 5. Stan Metz, Easton; 6. Dick Keen, Emmaus. No time, accidents.

Midgets-Stock Cars In Races Saturday 7/21/1954 Night at **Dorney** Park

Midget auto racing returns to the **fifth** of **a mile** asphalt track at **Dorney** Park here next Saturday night, when a big field of ARDC drivers compete in a combination program of stock car events to be presented under Nascar sanction.

The double-barreled program Saturday night gets under way at 8:30 o'clock sharp.

The list of midget drivers to compete on the **Dorney** track here Saturday night includes some of the top names in the east, including Charlie Miller, Nick Fonora, Steve McGrath, Vic Sloan and many others. There will be a field of at least twenty midget drivers, the majority of them piloting sleek little Offenhausers worth \$10,000 or more each.

The field of Nascar drivers will include all of the big favorites at **Dorney** Park this season, among them Machine Gun Kelly and Newt Reinert, of Pottstown; Fats Bitting and Smokey Dengler, of Reading; Vic Keen, Jack Mann, Red Rhodes and Marty Acker, of Allentown; Jimmy Delcamp, of Kutztown; Bud Mohr, of Trexlertown; Paul Bologash, of Lehighton, and a score of others.

7/23/1954

Midget and Stock Car Races Booked Saturday Night at **Dorney** Park

Some of the top midget race drivers of the east who have been competing on the **Dorney** Park **fifth** of **a mile** asphalt oval ever since it was opened in 1937, will be back there tomorrow night for competition in the combination stock car-midget race program.

Fellows like 'Dutch' Schaffer, Steve McGrath, Charlie Miller, Bill Compton, Dick Boyd, Vic Sloan, Jim DeMarco, Chuck Arnold, Bud Olsen and others will be in tomorrow night's midget program.

In the stock car races, which will alternate with the midgets throughout the evening, such **Dorney** Park Nascar favorites as Jack Rudy, Newt Reinert, Fats Bitting, Red Rhodes, Jack Mann, Vince Conrad and more than a score of others will compete.

Because of the double-barreled program Saturday night, the first event will start promptly at 8:30 o'clock.

Fred Meeker, Dengler Win Dorney Races

7/24/1954

Fred Meeker and Smokey Dengler captured the midget and stock car feature races last night at the Dorney Park track.

Meeker's half-car length triumph over Steve McGrath produced his second straight victory in the midget event at the Dorney track.

MIDGETS

FIRST HEAT—10 LAPS

1, Bud Olson; 2, Vernon Land, Paterson, N. J.; 3, Dick Sloan, Allentown. Time: 2:30.04.

SECOND HEAT—10 LAPS

1, Dutch Schaffer, Floral Park, L. I., N. Y.; 2, Connie Oels; 3, Al Fleming, Richmond, Va. Time: 2:34.54.

THIRD HEAT—10 LAPS

1, Chuck Arnold, Stamford, Conn.; 2, Ed Moran, New York City; 3, Shorty McAndrews, Allentown. Time: 2:30.09.

CONSOLATION—10 LAPS

1, Tom Goggin; 2, Bob Courtwright, Trenton, N. J. No time.

FEATURE—25 LAPS

1, Fred Meeker, Stamford, Conn.; 2, Steve McGrath, New Canaan, Conn.; 3, Chuck Arnold, Stamford, Conn.; 4, Dutch Schaffer, Floral Park, L. I., N. Y.; 5, Vernon Land, Paterson, N. J.; 6, Al Fleming, Richmond, Va. No time: accidents.

STOCK CARS

FIRST HEAT—10 LAPS

1, Ed Thomas, Quakertown; 2, Art Stauffer, Allentown; 3, Ken Ressler, Allentown. Time: 2:48.47.

SECOND HEAT—10 LAPS

1, Bud Mohr, Trexlertown; 2, Dave Vogt, Allentown; 3, Red Rhode, Allentown. Time: 2:40.03.

THIRD HEAT—10 LAPS

1, Smokey Dengler, Reading; 2, Stan Metz, Easton; 3, Fat Bitting, Reading. No time: accident.

CONSOLATION—10 LAPS

1, George Sleight, Easton; 2, Jack Rudy, Reading; 3, Jake Jacobus, Jersey City, N. J. Time: 2:47.93.

FEATURE—25 LAPS

1, Smokey Dengler, Reading; 2, Red Rhode, Allentown; 3, Charlie (Machine Gun) Kelly, Pottstown; 4, George Sleight, Easton; 5, John Kumernitsky, Ironton; 6, Fat Bitting, Reading. No time: accidents.

Novice Drivers Have Their Inning Saturday Night at **Dorney** Park

The novice drivers will be back in all their glory again at **Dorney** Park's **fifth** of **a mile** asphalt track Saturday night, when the regular Nascar-sanctioned stock car races will be held, starting at 8:30 o'clock.

The novice drivers were crowded out of the picture last Saturday night when the midget drivers and stocks took over, but the novice drivers will have their own special competition this weekend.

The regular Nascar field of drivers will be on hand, including Newt Reinert, Fats Bitting, Jack Mann, Dick Keene and over a score of others.

7/29/1954

Bud Mohr Shoots For Dorney Park Triumph

7/31/1954

Newt Reinert, Pottstown driver who has been a big winner at **Dorney Park** this season, is leading the Nascar point scoring there and will be out to boost his lead in tonight's qualifying heats and 25-lap feature event, but he will get plenty of stiff competition from one of the largest fields entered there this season. Tonight's racing starts at 8:30 o'clock sharp.

One of those who will be challenging Reinert's string of victories tonight will be Bud Mohr, of

Trexlerstown, who feels that his car is now working in tip top shape and that he's about due to win a couple features himself.

Mohr was a winner in a half dozen races at **Dorney Park** last season and has been winning on other tracks this season, and he feels confident that he's about ready to shoot up among the **Dorney Park** leaders.

Such other **Dorney Park** favorites as Smokey Dengler, Fats Bitting and Jack Rudy, the Reading trio; Jack Mann, Dick Keene and Ken Ressler, of Allentown; Vince Conrad, last season's top individual scorer at **Dorney Park** will be among the field of thirty or more drivers competing tonight.

The novice drivers will also have a big night of it tonight, since there are a dozen newcomers slated to make their first appearance in competition on the **Dorney Park** track tonight.

Twin Race Card At **Dorney** Park Over Weekend

8/6/1954

Auto race fans will get a double program of their favorite sport on the **fifth** of **a mile Dorney** Park asphalt track here this weekend, for Nascar - sanctioned stock car races will hold forth on Saturday night and then the famed Three-Quarter Midgets take over on Sunday night in the first TQ midget races of the season here. The program each night will get under way at 8:30 o'clock sharp.

The stock car races for Saturday night include a 25-lap feature race, two 12-lap semi-finals and three 10-lap qualifying heats. Such **Dorney** Park favorites as Newt Reinert and Charlie (Machine Gun) Kelly, of Pottstown; Smokey Dangler and 'Fats' Bitting, of Reading; Dick Kenne, Vince Conrad and Jack Mann, of Allentown; Bud Mohr of Trexlertown; and Fred Sleight, of Easton, will be among the field of more than thirty drivers.

In bringing the Three Quarter Midgets back to the fast Dorney Park track, the management has secured entries from such top flight drivers as Charlie Miller, local driver who won last Saturday night's foreign car race at Hatfield with Paul Whiteman's Jag; Dutch Schaffer, Tony Martino, Carl Miller, Vernon Land, Chuck Arnold, Lee Hammer, Wayne Boerstler, Herb Frantz and many others.

The TQ Midgets will run on the **fifth** of **a mile** track, not the smaller oval at **Dorney** Park, and the program will be the same as for the stock cars, three 10-lap qualifying heats, two 12-lap semi-finals and a 25-lap feature.

2 Nascar Events

Offered at Dorney

8/6/1954

ALLENTOWN — Auto race fans will get a double program of their favorite sport on the fifth of a mile Dorney Park asphalt track here this weekend, for NASCAR-sanction stock car races will hold forth on Saturday night and then the famed three-quarter midgets take over on Sunday night in the first TQ midget races of the season here. The program each night will get under way at 8:30 o'clock sharp.

The stock car races for Saturday night include a 25-lap feature race, two 12-lap semi-finals and three 10-lap qualifying heats. Such Dorney Park favorites as Newt Reinert and Charlie (Machine Gun) Kelly, of Pottstown; Smokey Dengler and "Fats" Bitting, of Reading; Dick Keene, Vince Conrad and Jack Mann, of Allentown; Bud Mohr, of Trexlertown; and Fred Sleight, of Easton will be among the field of more than thirty drivers.

In bringing the three-quarter midgets back to the fast Dorney Park track, the management has secured entries from such top flight drivers as Charlie Miller, local driver, who won last Saturday night's foreign car races at Hatfield with Paul Whiteman's Jag; Dutch Schaeffer, Tony Martino, Carl Miller, Vernon Land, Chuck Arnold, Lee Hammer, Herb Frantz, Wayne Doerstler and many others.

Dorney Park Stock Car Races Booked Tonight

8/7/1954

With a field of more than thirty Nascar drivers in competition, the first of a two-night racing carnival at Dorney Park's fifth of a mile track takes place tonight with the stock cars doing their stuff, and to be followed Sunday night with the initial race of the season here between the Three Quarter Midget cars. Tonight's races start at 8:30 o'clock, and the Sunday night midget races get under way at the same hour.

Dorney Park race officials said last night that the field of stock car drivers tonight would be just about tops thus far this season, that an array of local favorites including 'Fats' Bitting, 'Smokey' Dengler, Jack Mann, Vince Conrad, Dick Keen, Marty Acker, Ken Ressler, Jack Rudy, Newt Reinert,

Bud Mohr, Curley Moyer, Jimmy Delcamp and many others would be on hand tonight.

An added feature for tonight will be the novice feature, for which a field of twelve drivers have already been signed.

The TQ Midgets on Sunday night promise some real competition, since some of the top midget drivers in the east will be on hand. Such favorites as 'Dutch' Schaffer, Charlie Miller, Dick Land, Tony Martino and many others will race here Sunday night.

Unlike last year when they competed on the small track at Dorney Park, the midgets Sunday night will race on the fifth of a mile asphalt oval, where they will have plenty of room to pass and get around each other.

Don Ressler Is Winner In Dorney Park Feature; TQ Midgets Race Tonight

8/8/1954

Don Ressler became the second Allentonian this season to win a feature event at the Dorney Park stock car races.

Ressler, who started in the third spot, led the race last night from start to finish and beat Art Stauffer of Allentown at the wire by 1½ car lengths.

Red Rhode, who was involved in a smashup during the second heat, is the only other Allentown man who has scored at Dorney this year. Rhode won his feature July 16.

There was one restart in the feature race. Al Grim spun out between the second and third turns on the 13th lap. He was not injured.

The stock car program started off a two-night speed carnival on the fifth of a mile Dorney Park track, for tonight the Three Quarter Midgets take over with their first races of the season.

A big field of top midget drivers from all over the east are entered for tonight's program, which includes three ten-lap qualifying heats, two semi-finals and a 25-lap feature.

FIRST HEAT—10 LAPS

1. Vince Conrad, Kutztown; 2. Art Stauffer, Allentown; 3. Al Grim, Cetronia. Time: 2:47.53.

SECOND HEAT—10 LAPS

1. Bob Snyder, Allentown; 2. Charlie Moyer, Kutztown; 3. John Kumernitsky, Ironton. Time: 2:58.27.

THIRD HEAT—10 LAPS

1. George Sleight, Easton; 2. Charlie (Machine Gun) Kelly, Pottstown; 3. Jake Jacobus, Jersey City, N. J. Time: 2:44.31.

NOVICE RACE—10 LAPS

1. Claude Sterner; 2. Don Reddinger; 3. Warren Hamman. Time: 3:13.04.

FIRST SEMI-FINAL—12 LAPS

1. Art Stauffer, Allentown; 2. Al Grim, Cetronia; 3. John Kumernitsky, Ironton; 4. Fat Biting, Reading. Time: 3:23.02.

SECOND SEMI-FINAL—12 LAPS

1. Ken Ressler, Allentown; 2. Don Ressler, Allentown; 3. Jake Jacobus, Jersey City, N. J.; 4. Jack Rudy, Reading. Time: 3:19.23.

CONSOLATION—10 LAPS

1. Vince Conrad, Kutztown; 2. George Sleight, Easton; 3. Bud Mohr, Trexler-town. Time: 2:45.42.

FEATURE—25 LAPS

1. Don Ressler, Allentown; 2. Art Stauffer, Allentown; 3. Charlie (Machine Gun) Kelly, Pottstown; 4. Charlie Moyer, Kutztown; 5. Dick Keen, Emmaus; 6. Jack Rudy, Reading. No time; accident.

8/10/1954

200-Lap Team Race at Dorney Park Saturday

Plans were completed last night for a 200-lap team race, the first and only team race of the season here, on the **Dorney** Park **fifth** of **a mile** asphalt track here, with a guaranteed purse of \$500 for the winning team.

Following a meeting with the drivers, it was agreed that there would be 24 teams in Saturday night's race, not only including the **Dorney** Park drivers but also drivers from other tracks. One stipulation, however, is that all cars competing must have one member of the team who raced at **Dorney** Park previously this season.

Jake Jacobus and Jack Rudy were the winners of this event at **Dorney** Park last season, and they are expected to team up again for Saturday night.

Pits will be set up in the infield, and while one car is running on the track, its teammate will be ready to take over.

With 24 teams already entered and more expected, the race promises to be one of the highlights of the **Dorney** Park racing season.

24 Teams In 200-Lap Race On Saturday

8/13/1954

A 200-lap team race, the first and only event of its kind this season on the fifth of a mile asphalt track at Dorney Park here, is booked for next Saturday night, (August 14th), and already a banner field of Nascar drivers have filed their entries for the marathon grind.

Among the 24 two-man teams already entered are Jack Rudy, of Reading, and Jake Jacobus, of Lehighton, who won this same event last year. They will begin by shooting for the guaranteed \$500 first money purse, but will have a big field of Dorney Park favorites to contend with.

Among the pairings entered for Saturday night's long distance event are George Sleight and Marty Acker, Newt Reinert and John Kuminisky, Charlie and Curley Moyer, Dick Wetzel and Red Rhode, Fats Bitting and Dick Keen, LeRoy Ritter and Ken Deterling, Jack Mann and Cornelious Marks, Smokey Dengler and Charlie (Machine Gun) Kelly, and a number of other two-man teams.

Pits will be set up in the infield Indianapolis style, and while one driver is out on the track his teammate will be in the pits ready to take over when necessary.

The race Saturday is wide open to all Nascar drivers, the only restriction being that one member of each team must have competed at Dorney Park track at least once previously this season.

Saturday night's marathon grind starts at 8:30 o'clock sharp.

200-Lap Team Race Will Be **Dorney** Feature Tonight

The longest race of the season on the **fifth of a mile** asphalt track at **Dorney** Park, two hundred times around, is scheduled for tonight, with a field of close to thirty teams scheduled to start the long grind promptly at 8:30 o'clock in the annual team championship race.

The infield at the **Dorney** Park Speedway will take on an Indianapolis look, since the pits will be erected right in full view of the spectators where one car will be worked on in the pits ready to take over when and if the driver's teammate runs into trouble on the track, needs gas or a tire change.

Jack Rudy, of Reading, and Jake Jacobus, of Lehighton, who won the 200-lap grind a year ago, will team up again tonight in an effort to do a repeat job and take the \$500 first money.

Practically every driver who has competed on the **Dorney** Park track this season, and all are eligible, have entered for tonight's race, teaming up with other favorites for tonight's big event.

Among the pairings entered for tonight's long distance event are George Sleight and Marty Acker, Newt Reimert and John Kuminisky, Charlie and Curley Moyer, Dick Wetzel and Red Rhode, Fats Bitting and Dick Keen, LeRoy Ritter and Ken Detterling, Jack Mann and Cornelious Marks, Smokey Dengler and Charlie (Machine Gun) Kelly, and a number of other two-man teams.

This is the drivers' own race. They pick their partners for the long drive, and while last year's

winners, Rudy and Jacobus, are given a good chance of repeating, every other team entered also feels that it can come through a winner.

8/14/1954

At any rate, there promises to be plenty of thrills for the spectators tonight as the boys cut loose in an effort to win the big one of the season.

Fight for Points Adds Interest To Dorney Races

8/19/1954

Hitting into the home stretch of the 1954 racing season at Dorney Park's fifth of a mile asphalt track here, the fight for the Nascar individual championship of the local track continues to sizzle and becomes more interesting with each Saturday night's speed program.

Newt Reinert, of Pottstown, who piled up a commanding point lead with a series of early-season victories: Fats Bitting, Smokey Dengler and Jack Rudy, a trio of Reading speed merchants; Charlie 'Machine Gun' Kelly, of Pottstown; George Seleight, of Easton, who started late but has been coming along fast in recent weeks; Vince Conrad, of Allentown, last year's individual point winner, along with Jack Mann, Dick Keen, Marty Acker and Red Rhodes, are all in the running for the 1954 track title and will be battling it out in the final weeks of the season.

This Saturday night's program at Dorney Park Speedway will include three 10-lap qualifying heats; two 12-lap semi-finals; the 25-lap feature race; and a 10-lap consolation event for non-winners.

In addition, the boys who knock down the fences here, the novice drivers, will have their own 10-lap race Saturday night, and they never fail to provide plenty of excitement.

Newt Reinert Out For Repeat Win In **Dorney** Races

8/20/1954

When the big field of Nascar drivers line up for tomorrow night's stock car races on the **fifth** of **a mile Dorney** Park track, one of the fellows to watch will be Newt Reinert, the Pottstown Flyer, who has been doing some consistently good driving on the local track all season.

Reinert will face plenty of stiff competition Saturday night, however, for the list of entries is one of the largest of the season here and includes such local favorites as Dick Keen, Jack Mann, Vince Conrad, Marty Acker, Jake Jacobus, Fats Bitting, Smokey Dengler, Charlie 'Machine Gun' Kelly and many others.

There will be the usual three 10-lap qualifying heats tomorrow night, two 12-lap semi-finals and a 25-lap feature.

There will also be a novice race of ten laps.

Dorney Races For Saturday Night Draws Big Field

8/26/1954

Last Saturday night's races at **Dorney** Park called off because of afternoon showers, the big field of Nascar drivers competing on the local **fifth** of **a mile** asphalt track are getting itchy palms, and when they get back into action there Saturday there should be plenty of excitement.

The field for Saturday night will again be a top one, with outstanding favorites at **Dorney** Park back in competition for gold and glory.

Newt Reinert, Fats Bitting, Smokey Dengler, Charlie 'Machine Gun' Kelly, Jack Mann, Dick Keene and Vince Conrad are just a few of the close to thirty drivers who will be in competition here Saturday night.

There will also be a novice feature on Saturday night's program, featuring the newcomers to the racing game who never fail to provide plenty of thrills and excitement.

Drivers in **Dorney** Races Saturday

8/27/1954

There will be a field of at least thirty top Nascar drivers in Saturday night's weekly stock car race program on the **fifth of a mile** asphalt oval here at **Dorney Park**, the track officials announced yesterday.

Vincent Conrad, local driver who won the top point scoring honors at **Dorney Park** last season; Newt Reinert, of Pottstown, this season's leading point winner here; Smokey Dengler, Fats Bitting and Jack Rudy, a trio of Reading speedsters; Jack Mann, Dick Keene, Marty Acker, and Red Rhodes, three top Allentown drivers, are just a few of the outstanding speed stars who will be in competition Saturday night.

Headed by a 25-lap feature race, there will also be the 10-lap qualifying heats, two 12-lap semi-finals and a 10-lap consolation.

In addition there will be a 10-lap novice race in which the drivers will be making their first competitive appearance, and when these fellows get out on the fifth of a mile track there is always plenty of action.

The first qualifying heat Saturday night starts at 8:30 o'clock sharp.

Rudy Is Victor

8/29/1954

In Dorney Race

Jack Rudy of Reading bolted back into the winner's circle last night as he captured the abbreviated feature event in the **Dorney Park stock car** races.

It was Rudy's first feature triumph since he won the season inaugural last spring.

First Heat (10 laps)—1. Ed. Thomas, Quakertown; 2. Marty Acker, Allentown; 3. Cornelius Marx, Allentown. No time due to accident.

Second Heat (10 laps)—1. Charlie Moyer, Kutztown; 2. John Ressler, Allentown; 3. Smokey Dengler, Reading. Time 2:74.4.

Third Heat (10 laps)—1. Ted Mohr, Trexlertown; 2. Jake Jacobus, Jersey City; 3. Curley Moyer, Kutztown. Time 2:49.2.

Semi-final (12 laps)—1. Art Stauffer, Allentown; 2. Red Rhode, Lehighton; 3. Smokey Dengler, Reading. No time due to accident.

2nd Semi-final (12 laps)—1. Curley Moyer, Kutztown; 2. Newt Reinert, Pottstown; 3. Jack Rudy, Reading. Time 3:17.2.

Feature Race (25 laps)—1. Jack Rudy, Reading; 2. Bud Mohr, Trexlertown; 3. Marty Acker, Allentown; 4. Jake Jacobus, Jersey City. No time due to accident.

Novice Race (10 laps)—1. Harry Oswald, Allentown; 2. Don Readinger; 3. Don Horting. Time 3:19.2.

Midget Race Stars Here On Saturday

9/2/1954

"We'll have all the top midget race drivers in the East at Dorney Park Saturday night, there's no midget races scheduled anywhere else in the East that day and they'll all be here," said Bob Plarr, **Dorney Park** owner, last night.

"Vernon Land, Dutch Schaffer, Charlie Miller, Fred Meeker, Bill Compton, Jim DeMarco, Art Gottier, Bert Brooks and Steve McGrath are just a few of the midget drivers who have already signed in."

The midget races Saturday night will be only half the program, however, for there will be a combination midget-**stock car** program. Each class will have its own full program of events, with a 25-lap feature in each class.

Because of the lengthy program, the first event Saturday night starts at 8:30 o'clock sharp.

Next Monday night, Labor Day, the **stock cars** will take over again and an added feature for the holiday program will be the season's first Demolition Derby here.

Midgets, Stock Cars Race In **Dorney** Park Program

9/4/1954

Top midget auto race drivers of the east and some of Nascar's best stock car drivers will team up here tonight on the **fifth** of **a mile** asphalt track at **Dorney** Park for a doubleheader speed program starting at 8:30 o'clock.

There will be two separate and complete programs alternating throughout the evening. The midgets will have their own qualifying heats and 25-lap feature race, and the stocks will also have their own heats and 25-lap feature.

Among the top ARDC midget drivers entered are such favorites as Dutch Schaffer, Charlie Miller, Steve McGrath, Fred Meeker, Bill Compton, Vernon Land, Jim DeMarco, Art Gottier, Bert Brooks and many others.

The field of stock car drivers for Saturday night's double-barreled program includes such favorites as Newt Reinert and Charlie (Machine Gun) Kelly, of Pottstown; Fats Bitting, Smokey Dengler and Jack Rudy, of Reading; Paul Bologash, of Lehighton; Bert Keen, Jack Mann, Vince Conrad, of Al-

lertown, and over a score of others.

On Monday, Labor Day night, the stock cars will again hold forth on the **Dorney** Park track, with a Demolition Derby as an added feature.

With favorable weather conditions tonight, one of the largest crowds of the **Dorney** Park season is expected to be on hand for the pre-holiday speed program. The combination midget-stock car races made a decided hit with the race fans here earlier in the season, and there have been many requests of the management to bring them back.

"We'll have a top field of midget drivers," said Bob Plarr, **Dorney** Park owner, yesterday in talking of tonight's races. "The American Race Drivers Club will be out in full force, since there are no other midget races booked anywhere in the east. And our regular stock car field will be on hand, too, so that we should have one of the best speed programs of the season."

McAndrews, Moyer Victors

In Dorney Park Features

9/5/1954

Shorty McAndrews and Charley Moyer won the midget and stock car features last night at the Dorney Park auto races.

McAndrews, who drives out of Allentown, took over for good on the 17th lap after trailing Connie Oels, the early leader.

Moyer, winning his first stock car feature of the season, replaced Malcolm Balthausen on the sixth lap and led the rest of the way, nicking Vince Conrad at the finish by a car length.

Two cars—driven by Tony Romit and Joe Szabo—spun out on the second turn of the 17th lap in the midget feature, forcing the race's only restart.

Joe Kletzing, Red Rhode and Smokey Dengler piled up on the fourth turn of the 11th lap in the stock feature. None of the drivers was injured.

MIDGET RACES

FIRST HEAT (10 Laps)

1. Jim Whitman, Teaneck, N. J.; 2. Charlie Miller, Emmaus; 3. Steve Yanigan, Allentown; 4. Tony Romit, Bronx, N. Y. No time.

SECOND HEAT (10 Laps)

1. Charlie Miller, Emmaus; 2. Steve

McGrath, New Canaan, Conn.; 3. Vernon Land, East Bergen, N. J.; 4. Tommy Goggin, Brooklyn, N. Y. Time: 2:43.01.

THIRD HEAT (10 Laps)

1. Connie Oels, New York City; 2. Freddie Meeker, Stamford, Conn.; 3. Chuck Arnold, Stamford, Conn.; 4. Willie Compton, Allentown. Time: 2:41.59.

CONSOLATION (10 Laps)

1. Tony Romit, Bronx, N.Y.; 2. Vic Sloan, Allentown; 3. Frank Bush. Time: 2:42.97.

FEATURE (25 Laps)

1. Shorty McAndrews, Allentown; 2. Dutch Schaffer, Floral Park, L. I., N. Y.; 3. Charlie Miller, Emmaus; 4. Cliff Riggett, Fairfield, Conn.; 5. Steve McGrath, New Canaan, Conn.; 6. Fred Meeker, Stamford, Conn. No time; accident.

STOCK CAR RACES

FIRST HEAT (10 Laps)

1. Charley Moyer, Kutztown; 2. Smokey Dengler, Reading; 3. Malcolm Balthausen, Allentown; 4. Steve Rhos, Allentown. Time: 2:59.14.

SECOND HEAT (10 Laps)

1. Vince Conrad, Kutztown; 2. Dick Keen, Allentown; 3. Newt Reinert, Pottstown; 4. Buck Jones. Time: 2:54.21.

THIRD HEAT (10 Laps)

1. Joe Kletzing, Allentown; 2. Curley Moyer, Kutztown; 3. Red Rhode, Allentown; 4. Phil Seidel, Coopersburg. No time; accident.

FEATURE (25 Laps)

1. Charley Moyer, Kutztown; 2. Vince Conrad, Kutztown; 3. Smokey Dengler, Reading; 4. Red Rhode, Allentown; 5. Jake Jacobus, Jersey City, N.J.; 6. Curly Moyer, Kutztown. No time; accident.

Jack Rudy Is Winner In Dorney Park Race

9/7/1954

Jack Rudy, of Reading, whipped by Curly Moyer, of Allentown, on the 24th lap to capture his third victory of the season last night at the **Dorney Park stock car** races.

Rudy was trailing Moyer in the second slot when the Allentown driver rammed into the fence on the fourth turn of the next-to-last lap.

Rudy forged ahead to finish first and Red Rhode of Allentown, who was running third, came in second.

Paul Bologash won the season's first Demolition Derby at **Dorney Park**. There were 13 cars in the derby and in 20 minutes time, Bologash was the only driver able to maneuver his jalopy on the track.

FIRST HEAT—TEN LAPS

1. Buck Jones, Allentown; 2. Art Stauffer, Allentown; 3. John Kumernitsky, Iron-
ton. Time: 2:46:38.

SECOND HEAT—TEN LAPS

1. Al Wilson, Allentown; 2. Marty Acker, Breinigsville; 3. Vince Conrad, Allentown.
Time: 2:40:51.

THIRD HEAT—TEN LAPS

1. Smokey Dengler, Reading; 2. Paul Bologash, Lehighton; 3. Bud Mohr, Trexlertown. Time: 2:50:21.

CONSOLATION—TEN LAPS

1. Malcolm Balthausen, Allentown; 2. Steve Rohs, Allentown; 3. Al Grim, Cetronia. Time: 2:15:40.

25-LAP FEATURE

1. Jack Rudy, Reading; 2. Red Rhode, Allentown; 3. Jake Jacobus, Jersey City; 4. Dick Keen, Allentown; 5. Al Wilson, Allentown; 6. Smokey Dengler, Reading. Time: 7:25:23.

10-LAP NOVICE RACE

1. Don Horning, Fogelsville; 2. Johnny Toth, Allentown; 3. Wil Haman, Cata-sauqua.

Dorney Race

Season Is 9/10/1954

Nearing End

Hitting into the home stretch of the stock car auto racing season on the fifth of a mile asphalt track at Dorney Park, the speed events booked for this Saturday night will have an important bearing on who wins the Nascar point - scoring championship for the season on the local oval. Saturday night's races start at 8:30 o'clock sharp.

Such well known drivers as Smokey Dengler, Fats Bitting and Jack Rudy, of Reading; Newt Reinert and Charlie 'Machine Gun' Kelly, of Pottstown; Jack Mann, Dick Keen and Vince Conrad, of Allentown, the latter the individual winner last season; Paul Bologash, of Lehighton; and Joe Kuminitsky, of Ironton, are all very much in the running for the seasonal point-scoring laurels at Dorney Park, and all will be out to shoot the works Saturday night in an effort to better their chances.

There will be the usual three 10-lap qualifying heats, two 12-lap semi-finals, a 25-lap feature and a 10-lap consolation for non-winners on Saturday night's program.

One week from this coming Saturday, Sept. 18th, the Dorney Park season ends with the annual 100-lap championship race in which the first five cars qualify for the 100-mile National Nascar championship race at Langhorne Speedway.

Smokey Dengler Popular With Dorney Racing Fans

9/11/1954

They don't call him 'Smokey' for nothing, because when 'Smokey' Dengler cuts loose in **stock car**



SMOKEY DENGLER

racing competition the smoke really lets loose. That's why the Reading speed merchant is a big favorite with **Dorney Park stock car** auto race fans and why he'll have a big delegation of fans cheering for him in tonight's program of events on the local track.

Dengler is just one of more than thirty drivers who will be in competition in tonight's races, the last regular **stock car** program of the season. The closing event of the year for **Dorney Park** racing is slated for one week from tonight when the annual 100-lap championship race takes place, with the first five cars in that event qualifying for the 100 National Nascar race next month at Langhorne's famous mile speedway.

Among the big field of drivers entered in tonight's **Dorney Park** races in addition to Dengler will be another pair of Reading stars, Fats Bitting and Jack Rudy. Coming up from Pottstown will be Newt Reinert, a big winner at **Dorney Park** this season, and Charlie 'Machine Gun' Kelly. Among the many Allentown competitors will be Dick Keene, Jack Mann, Vince Conrad and others.

There will be three 10-lap qualifying heats, two 12-lap semi-finals and a 25-lap feature race on tonight's program, in addition to a 12-lap consolation for non-winners.

The first event tonight starts at 8:30 o'clock sharp.

100-Lap Race Saturday At Dorney Park

9/17/1954

A 100-lap championship race, open to all drivers who competed at least once previously this season on the fifth of a mile asphalt track at Dorney Park here, will mark the close of the 1954 stock car racing on the local oval this Saturday night, (Sept. 18th).

Capt. Sherman 'Red' Crise, director of the Dorney Park speed events, said that close to forty Nascar drivers have already entered for the marathon grind Saturday night.

The first five finishers here Saturday night will automatically qualify for the 100-mile Nascar Sportsman Class championship race at Langhorne's famed mile speedway in October.

Vince Conrad, of Allentown, individual Nascar point-scorer at Dorney Park track last season; Jack Rudy and Smokey Dengler, of Reading; and Newt Reinert, of Pottstown, the leading drivers here this year, are among the big field of drivers already entered for Saturday night's 100-lapper.

Saturday night's races start promptly at 8:30.

100 Lap Race Tonight Marks Close of Season At Dorney Park Track

9/18/1954

A 100-lap championship race, with the first five finishers qualifying for the 150-mile Sportsman Class Championships at Langhorne track next month, is booked for tonight on the fifth of a mile asphalt track at Dorney Park. Starting at 8:30 o'clock sharp, the marathon grind tonight will be the last of the season at Dorney Park.

All drivers who competed at least once on the Dorney Park track previously this season are eligible to go in tonight's race, and as a result one of the largest fields of the season is expected to be on hand.

Such favorites as Vincent Conrad, Dick Keene, Jack Mann, Jack Rudy, Charlie (Machine Gun) Kelly, Newt Reinert, Charlie Moyer, Smokey Dengler, Fats Bitting, 'Red' Rhodes, Curley Moyer, Phil

Seidel, Malcolm Balthausen, Jake Jacobus and many others have already signed in for tonight's race, and a last-minute entry rush tonight is expected to swell the field to close to fifty drivers.

"We've had a lot of good racing at Dorney Park all season" said Bob Plarr, general manager of the Park, last night, "But I believe this one Saturday night will be the daddy of 'em all. We've got a field of top drivers, boys who have been thrilling the spectators here at Dorney Park, and since it will be the last race of the season here the boys will be out to shoot the works.

"They all want to qualify for that 150-mile championship race at Langhorne, too, and since only the first five can do so, there promises to be some real fighting down to the wire."

100-Lap Race At Dorney Park Next Sunday Afternoon

9/28/1954

A 100-lap championship race, final event of the stock car racing season on the fifth of a mile asphalt track at Dorney Park here, is scheduled for next Sunday afternoon, October 3rd, and is expected to prove one of the highlights of the season.

Originally scheduled two weeks ago but rained out on that occasion, the 100-lap event Sunday will be open to all NASCAR drivers who competed at least once this year on the Dorney Park oval.

That means that a field of more than fifty drivers is eligible for the long grind Sunday. The first five finishers Sunday will automatically qualify for the 100-mile National Sportsman Class race at Langhorne's famed mile track next month.

Vince Conrad, individual NASCAR point scorer at Dorney Park last year; Jack Rudy and Smokey Denger, of Reading, and Newt Reinert, of Pottstown, the leading point-scorers this season are among the early entrants for Sunday afternoon's long-distance event.

Arrangements have been made to keep baseball fans in attendance informed on the inning-by-inning detail of the Giants-Cleveland World Series game.

Sunday's race starts promptly at 2:30 o'clock.

Stocks Car Races At Lehighton^N Sunday Afternoon

10/1/1954

With the cancellation of the 100-lap championship race booked at **Dorney Park** here Sunday, slated to be the final event of the season at the local track, a group of Lehigh Valley **stock car** drivers have taken over the Lehighton Fair Grounds' half mile track and will stage their first race there Sunday afternoon, starting at 2:30 o'clock.

Harry Barron, owner of the Orange 39 car which competed at **Dorney Park**, heads the group of drivers who will be at Lehighton Sunday, others including Bud Mohr, Dick Keene, Jack Mann, Paul Bologash, Newt Reinert and Fats Bitting.

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