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New Egypt Speedway opens the NASCAR season in these parts with the Winston 100 modified show Wednesday night at 7:30.

5/25/80

Harbach wins second

NEW EGYPT — Former Winston Racing Series champion Fred Harbach of Huntington Station, N.Y., won his second NASCAR modified stock car feature last night at New Egypt Speedway.

6/19/80

Anderson wires field

NEW EGYPT — Wayne 'The Ace' Anderson of Long Island won the 100-lap NASCAR Modified stock car feature last night at the New Egypt Speedway.

Anderson, who is central Jersey's representative at the 'Race of Champions' at Pocono Raceway on Sept. 21, started on the pole of the 22-car field and led all the way.

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Siscone hungry for Dog Leg

By HARRY BLAZE

Sports Editor

"Some nights I lie in bed, stare at the ceiling and say to myself 'I don't believe it's really happening to me.' It's got to be a dream," says Hammonton's Tony Siscone.

That dream, however is reality.

Twice a week, Tony Siscone, age 30, college grad (Rider '72), teacher (Absegami High), husband (wife Margie) and father (daughter Jacie), sheds his white shirt, suit and tie, dons uniform and helmet, and, more often than not, winds up in victory lane at Wall Stadium or New Egypt Speedway.

"I USED TO DREAM about stock car racing," Siscone recalls, "I'd hang on the pit fence at Vineland or Old Bridge (speedways) and watch guys like Wally Dallenbach, Richie Massing, Joe Kelly and Bob Rossell.

They were the hot shoes.

"My father (Anthony Sr.) and I used to race go-karts. I really wanted to race stocks, but promised him I wouldn't as long as I was in college. As soon as I graduated, I started racing."

By waiting, he gave his future rivals a

running start. But in his first season, 1972, in the sportsman division at Atlantic City Speedway and Wall Stadium, winning four features at each track.

In 1974, he joined a modified team, the Terrusso Brothers, also of Hammonton.

"I ran for them a couple of years, and was in the top 10 in points. But I never won a feature.

"In 1977, I drove for Frank Ransom and won my first feature, at Wall. It was the first team I drove for that had the money to put into a car.

"IN 1978, I WON the first race," Siscone says enthusiastically. Then, his voice becoming solemn, "The next week Frank died of a heart attack... he was only 47."

It looked as though Siscone's career had come to a jolting stop. Then Dick Barney and Hoyt Morrison called. "I thought it was a wrong number," Siscone laughs. "They've always had the 'hot shoes' — Wally, Richie, Kelly. Rossell was their driver then, so what did they want with me? I was really excited."

Barney and Morrison wanted to race at New Egypt and Wall each week, and Rossell was only interested in the Saturday action at Wall.

Siscone became their New Egypt chauffeur.

Last season, he drove at both tracks, and became a significant factor in the field.

Now he's winning regularly, leads in points at Wall Stadium, is in the top three at New Egypt, and leads the statewide (asphalt) standings.

LIKE ANY DRIVER, he has visions of driving NASCAR Grand Nationals or Indy cars some day. But for now, his goal is to be "the best modified driver in the country."

He could take a step that way tomorrow in the Dog Leg 200 at Trenton Speedway.

Winning at Trenton is no small task. There are 80 rivals, most of them stars.

THAT SHOULDN'T discourage him. Last week he got a vote of confidence from one of the best. Wally Dallenbach, visiting Wall Stadium last Saturday, observed, "He's got all the equipment. He should go a long way if he sticks to it. You know, he drives like (Mario) Andretti did when he was coming up. They're about the same size. They even look alike."

7/10/80

Cretty wins at NES

NEW EGYPT — Gary Cretty of Hampton Bays, N.Y., won last night's 35-lap NASCAR modified stock car feature last night, his first win ever at the **New Egypt Speedway**.

He outran last week's winner, Wayne Anderson, after taking the lead on lap two. Fred Harbach was third, Tony Siscone was fourth and John Blewett Jr., fifth.

George Unfried of Ringoes won the VW Sprint feature, while Ray Casteln of Farmingdale took the late model event. Barbara Ann Bohn of Freehold captures the Powder Puff race.

Siscone captures 'Ely'

at **New Egypt Speedway**

NEW EGYPT — Tony Siscone, from Hammonton, won the "Jack Ely Memorial" Winston Racing Series feature last night for NASCAR Modifieds at the **New Egypt Speedway**.

Siscone started ninth in the 18-car field and, after a long battle, took the lead from Charlie Kremer Jr., of Toms River on the 17th lap. It was Siscone's first win at New Egypt but fifth overall of the year.

8/14/80

Son defeats father in New Egypt battle

NEW EGYPT — Rookie driver Alan Harbach of Huntington Station, N.Y., apparently, learned his lessons well as he won his first professional race last night in New Egypt Speedway's main event.

To make the victory even sweeter, Harbach beat his father, 30-year veteran Fred Harbach.

The Harbachs were running 1-2 in the 35-lapper when, on the 23rd circuit, two slower cars momentarily tangled in front of the leaders and the alert youngster took advantage of the opportunity.

8/21/80

Double win for Blewett

at **New Egypt Speedway**

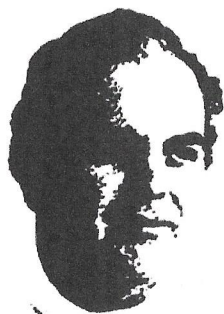
NEW EGYPT — John Blewett Jr. of Brick scored a double victory at the **New Egypt Speedway** last night.

Blewett led every lap of the 5th annual Tom Orbac Memorial 200 to record his third win of the season and also became the 1980 Winston Racing Series Champion at New Egypt.

Runner-up in the prestigious event was last year's track champion, three-time and defending NASCAR National Champion Richie Evans of Rome, N.Y.

8/28/80

Jekyll and Hyde act performed by Blewett



**HARRY
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A couple of weeks ago, we made one of our infrequent visits to the New Egypt Speedway and saw what had to be one of the less flattering performances by young John Blewett Jr.

In the heat race, John tangled with a car driven by Joe Gallini and, when the two machines came to rest in the infield, Blewett climbed from his car, ran over to his rival and gave him a piece of his mind.

It was obvious that he thought the other driver had done him wrong.

Blewett, who was pushing for the track driving championship, made it into the feature and drove hard to catch the front runners. A good finish would give him a comfortable lead with only one more race meet remaining.

ONCE AGAIN, HE tangled with another car, this time

winding up scuffing the side of his car against the outside crashwall.

Again, he climbed from the car and this time waved an angry finger at the driver he felt had offended him.

It was an even worse performance by one of the members of a loyal band of Blewett fans in the grandstand. This big kid in a John Blewett jacket stood in front of the grandstand throwing rocks at the "offending" driver in the first incident.

It was a less than gentlemanly performance by the driver nicknamed "Jungle John," and an even more outrageous showing by one of his fans.

At the time, we wondered just how Blewett managed to do as well as he has this season, with those temper tantrums and rather loose driving.

It was not an isolated incident. He was put on indefinite suspension at Wall Stadium this season after punching another driver, Tony Hirschman Jr., following a pair of mishaps on the track. Track officials say they have a tape of one of the incidents, and it suggests that Blewett was the one at fault.

He has since returned to the good graces of Wall pit steward Tom O'Rourke, but his father, John Sr., remains banned from the track.

We went back to New Egypt last Wednesday for the final race of the season, and discovered a totally different John Blewett.

HE QUALIFIED FOR the season-ending 200-lap Tom Grbac Memorial race with a good time trial run, then managed to grab the No. 1 pill in the luck-of-the-draw selection for the starting lineup.

He then proceeded to drive an aggressive but very skillful race, holding off two of the best chargers in modified racing, Geoff Bodine and Richie Evans. It was a

demonstration of skill and determination, and it underlined the fact that, faced with a real challenge, Blewett could rise above petty bickering. He won the race and, in so doing, wrapped up the 1980 track title.

His two performances were in such startling contrast that it almost seemed as though a different person had climbed behind the wheel.

Blewett has shown flashes of brilliance in his relatively short career in the asphalt modifieds. He has the skills that can carry him a long way if he manages to harness his temper.

He has shown both skill and bad judgment in the past. Hopefully, the maturing process will lift him to the level of a consistently top-caliber driver in the near future.

He has the skill and the desire, and there's always room at the top for that kind of man. But tempers will have to be harnessed not only his temper, but that of his band of boosters.

For, no matter how good a driver may be, if he can't play it cool at the track, he doesn't belong behind the wheel, and a man's rooters frequently reflect his attitude.

8/31/80

By HARRY BLAZE
Staff Writer

Wall Stadium opens the asphalt racing season in New Jersey tomorrow night with VW Sprints joining modified, sportsman and modern stocks. The first race is 7.

Wall is using an "automatic rain date" this season, with the races shifting to Sunday nights when the Saturday dates are rained out.

THE OTHER asphalt oval in Jersey, New Egypt Speedway, has selected Friday nights for racing, according to the track's new publicist, Earl Krause. For several years, NES ran on Wednesday nights.

That means two tracks in our area will be running the same night, since Don Jones already has announced he'll run the East Windsor Speedway

near Hightstown on its traditional Friday weekly schedule, with sportsman and late model stocks, starting April 24.

NEW EGYPT'S opening night will not be until May 22, when a 100-lap NASCAR National Championship modified show tops the billing.

Of course, Windsor is clay, so there shouldn't be much of a conflict in cars. A battle for the fans may develop, although there generally isn't that much of a crossover between the dirt racing and asphalt racing crowds.

4/10/81

AUTO RACING / Harry Blaze

New Egypt Speedway opens

As is the case with most holiday seasons, a number of area racetracks have scheduled special events, but none quite as significant as the New Egypt Speedway agenda.

For the little, asphalt-topped quarter-mile oval, tonight not only is a Memorial Day weekend special, but also is the season opener, the initial Friday night program (in past years NES ran on Wednesdays), and is a 100-lapper listed by NASCAR as a National Modified Race.

Extra distance races at New Egypt usually draw many of the top names in asphalt modified racing, since NASCAR pays bonus points toward the national title chase.

5/22/81

Baldwin captures 5/24/81 100-lap NASCAR run at New Egypt

NEW EGYPT — Tommy Baldwin of Bellport, N.Y., captured the 100-lap NASCAR modified national championship stock car race at the New Egypt Speedway Friday night in what he called "the biggest win of my career."

Baldwin drew the pole position for the race but couldn't hold off the charge of defending national champion Richie Evans of Rome, N.Y., who grabbed the lead on lap 10.

Then, on lap 75, Evans was caught in a chain reaction crash that resulted when another car drove Frankie Schneider's racer into the Evans machine. Evans went into the air and slammed the third turn fence.

Baldwin regained the lead after the mishap and led the rest of the way. Tony Siscone placed a close second, followed by Bob Park, John Megill and Rich Sendzik.

Siscone wins at New Egypt

NEW EGYPT — Tony Siscone took the lead from Jamie Tomaino on lap 29 and went on to win the 35-lap NASCAR modified stock car race last night at New Egypt Speedway.

Tomaino, who grabbed the lead on lap one, held off all challengers until he got out of shape one lap after a caution period. But then Siscone, Wayne Anderson and Fred Harbach slipped past, dropping Tomaino to fourth, spots they held to the checkered flag. Mark Engle came in fifth.

Modified heats went to Siscone, John Megill and Harbach while Hal Smalley took the consy.

Bob Howard won the late model feature.

5/31/81

AUTO RACING

New Egypt Speedway

Mark Engle of Columbus, driving the finest race of his young career, captured the "Scibelli 50" for NASCAR modifieds. Engle took the lead from his outside pole starting spot, surrendered it to Alan Harbach on lap 21, but regained the top position on lap 27 when Harbach experienced handling trouble. From there to the finish, Engle had to fight off the attacks first of Wayne Anderson, then John Blewett Jr.

Blewett came home second, Anderson third, Bob Park fourth and Sonny McCurdy, fifth.

Heats went to Harbach, Engle and Jamie Tomaino while Park won the Consy. Pat Bowen took the late model main.

6/6/81

Tomaino captures New Egypt feature

NEW EGYPT — Jamie Tomaino started third, took the lead on lap four, and hung on the rest of the way to win last night's 35-lap NASCAR modified stock car feature at **New Egypt Speedway**.

Tony Siscone came home second, followed by Alan Harbach, John Blewett Jr. and Wayne Anderson.

Modified heat winners were John Giacobbe, Tomaino and Anderson, while Sonny McCurdy took the consolation race.

Steve Springsteel captured the late model feature race.

7/11/81

New Egypt

NEW EGYPT — John Blewett Jr. certainly didn't blow it in last night's 35-lap modified stock car feature at New Egypt Speedway, taking the checkered flag. The Lakewood driver was followed by Long Island's Wayne Anderson, Red Bank's Vinnie Green, Farmingdale's Frank Biddle and another Islander, Fred Harbach.

There was also a 50-lap late model modern stock car race at the New Egypt oval. Brick Town's Harold Dauncey came home first, East Brunswick's Pat Bowen was second and Farmingdale's Ray Gastelu third.

Next action at New Egypt is tomorrow morning at 11, when the go karts go wild.

6/27/81

Blewett is a winner

NEW EGYPT — Lakewood's John Blewett, Jr. won the 100-lap NASCAR Winston Cup Modified race at New Egypt Speedway last night. With the win, Blewett becomes New Egypt's representative at the Race of Champions, which will be run this September at the Pocono International Speedway.

Also on the New Egypt bill was a 20-lap modified feature. And Keith Roberts of Belmar outdrove Frank Reynolds to post his first career victory at the Monmouth County oval.

7/4/81

Engle wins at New Egypt

NEW EGYPT — Columbus' Mark Engle was a winner Friday night at the **New Egypt Speedway**, taking the 35-lap modified feature. Tom Baldwin of Long Island was second.

Finishing in third place was Wayne Anderson, also of Long Island.

7/19/81

Siscone wins wild one in New Egypt thriller

NEW EGYPT — In a wild finish at the **New Egypt Speedway** last night, Tony Siscone led a four car bumper-to-bumper pack across the finish line to capture the Jack Ely Memorial 35-lap Memorial.

Right behind Siscone (Hammonton) were John Blewett, Jr. (Lakewood), Fred Harbach (Huntington Station, L.I.), and Wayne Anderson (Yaphank, L.I.).

Blewett wins feature race at **New Egypt Speedway**

NEW EGYPT — Lakewood's John Blewett Jr. took the checkered flag in the 35-lap NASCAR modified feature at **New Egypt Speedway** last night. Second was Hammonton's Tony Siscone, while Jacobstown's Gil Hearn placed third. Wally Dallenbach's 18-year old son, Wally Jr., placed sixth in the race.

In the 20-lap modern stock feature, East Brunswick's Pat Bowen raced home with the win. He was followed by Matawan's Bob Howard and Howell Township's Glenn Osborn.

8/22/81

In New Egypt's Modern Stock L Model 20-lap feature, Ray Gastu (Farmingdale) took the checker flag ahead of Frank Reynolds (West Belmar) and Pat Bowen (East Brunswick).

8/15/81

Harbach wins in New Egypt

NEW EGYPT — Fast Fred Harbach, of Huntington Station, L.I. fame, was the winner in the big 35-lap NASCAR modified feature at **New Egypt Speedway** last night, outdistancing runnerup John Blewett Jr. of Lakewood. Fred's son, Al Harbach, took fourth.

In the 20-lap modern stock feature, Howell Township's Glenn Osborn recorded his first win ever. Pat Bowen of East Brunswick took second. Farmingdale's Ray Gastelu third, West Belmar's Frank Reynolds fourth and Vineland's Howie Stern fifth.

There will be another regular Friday night card at New Egypt next week, and on Sept. 11, a big 200-lapper unfolds.

8/29/81

First of year for Anderson

NEW EGYPT — Wayne Anderson of Long Island recorded his first win when he captured the Tom Grbac Memorial 200-lapper at the New Egypt Speedway last night. Tony Siscone (Hammonton) was second followed by Fred Harbach of Huntington Station, L.I.

9/12/81

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East Windsor Speedway will open its season next Friday night, while **New Egypt Speedway**, originally slated to start on May 1, has pushed its opening day to May 16.

4/23/82

Blewitt wins at New Egypt

NEW EGYPT — A huge crowd viewed five feature races at **New Egypt Speedway** yesterday.

In the big race — the 100-lap Oval Track Speed Equipment Special — John Blewitt Jr. of Lakewood came home first, followed by Hammonton's Tony Siscone. The other modified feature saw Richie Evans of Rome, N.Y. take the checkered flag. Blewitt took second.

There were two modern stock car races. Brick Town's Harold Dauncy won the 50-lapper, while Tony Ferrante of Franklin Square won the 20-lapper. Toms River's Dom Randazzo took second in that race.

In a new feature at New Egypt called mini mods, George Unfried of Ringoes was the victor.

Action was also aplenty at Flemington Speedway yesterday. The big race was a 50-lap modified feature. Stockton's Billy Pauch once again returned to victory lane, followed by C.D. Coville of Scotia, N.Y., Frenchtown's Ken Johnson, Trenton's own Larry Kline and Rich Smith of Nazareth, Pa.

In the SMRC (midget) race, Ron Dunstan of Allentown, Pa., took the checkered flag.

5/17/82

Evans wins at New Egypt; Travagline captures third

5/22/82

NEW EGYPT — Defending national NASCAR champ Richie Evans, of Rome, N.Y., captured the Budweiser Series-Winston 100 race last night at the **New Egypt Speedway**.

John Blewitt Jr., of Lakewood, led for 97 of the 100 laps before a flat tire dropped him back to fifth. Tony Siscone of Hammonton was third, behind Wayne Anderson of Yaphank, N.Y.

East Brunswick's Pat Bowen captured the Modern Stock feature, ahead of Brick's Harold Dauncy and Frank Reynolds of Belmar. New Egypt's own Art Crammer was fourth.

In the Mini-Modified race, Flemington's Jim Smith edged Ringoes' George Unfried, with Bob Williams of Lakehurst and Mercerville's Chris Jones finishing 3-4.

Jackson's Kent Tice won the Street Stock feature.

New Egypt washed out

NEW EGYPT — The racing program at **New Egypt Speedway**, including a 50-lap feature for NASCAR modified stocks, was rained out last night. It will be rerun in its entirety next Friday night.

6/5/82

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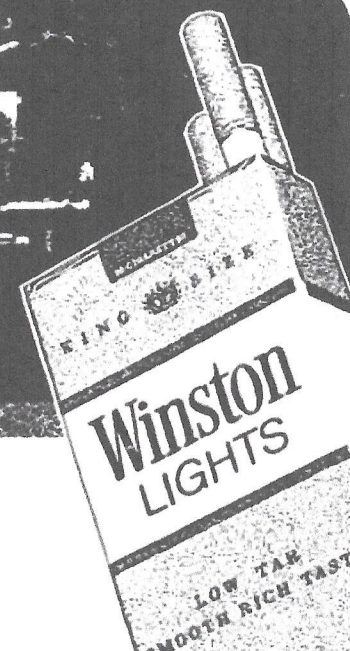
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5/19/82

Evans: Consistency makes him one impressive driver

NEW EGYPT — Of the hundreds of drivers who compete on racetracks in this area, none is quite so impressive in as Richie Evans.

That is saying quite a bit, since most of the nation's finest pilots make at least one showing each year in the east. We have the chance to watch racers from the CART Indy car circuit, NASCAR's Grand National tour and IMSA's Camel GT series, to mention the three most prominent. This is in addition to all the sprint, midget, modified and sportsman drivers who run on a host of short tracks in the area.

We are offered the opportunity to watch the likes of Richard Petty, Darrell Waltrip, Bobby Allison, A.J. Foyt, the Unser brothers, and the father-and-son team of John Paul Sr. and Jr., to mention just a few whose names pop into the mind when you discuss class operations in auto racing.

The thing that leads me to "vote" for Evans is the way he gets the job done. He is, perhaps, the most consistent competitor in the sport.

All of the others I've named have had good years and bad. Evans always seems to be at top of his game. How many times has he been the NASCAR modified national champ? Five overall, four in a row.

The modified championship is quite different than most of the other national titles. It is based on points awarded at many tracks for many races. In contrast, the other top

circuits have no conflicting dates and run a comparative handful of races — 30 in NASCAR GN, a dozen or so in CART and IMSA, all neatly spaced, so that the crews have time to rework the cars after each race.

Evans routinely runs twice as many races as his Grand National brothers, four or five times as many as his Indy car cousins. He frequently races two or three times a week.

It is a brutal routine which can wear out the toughest of men.

Evans would be the first to admit that he is not "perfect" every time out. But he is so good so often that he shifts the odds into his favor simply by throwing his driving gloves on the crashrail.

Part of the Evans secret of success is his attention to detail. His car always is in top condition. Also, at age 42, he has accumulated vast experience on most of the tracks he visits, and usually has his car "set up" right.

His driving skills are second to none.

There is still one other part. Lady Luck seems to be riding in the passenger seat.

Friday night's race at New Egypt Speedway is an example of all those facets working together to add another chapter to the Evans mystique.

The event was the "Winston 100" a 100-lap race which was part of the new Budwiser series.

Evans thought he was going to

outsmart the competition by underinflating his right rear tire. He figured that, since it was a relatively long race, the tire would heat up, the air would expand, and the car handle better as the laps wore on.

But the heat expansion did not occur — at least, not enough. So, instead of steering through the turns of the little, quarter-mile asphalt oval, Evans found himself forcing the car to slide through the corners. It was not a textbook performance, and yet the car looked good and ran well, even with all the sliding.

Despite this handicap, Evans gradually edged his way up from the ninth starting spot until he had passed everyone except front-running John Blewett Jr.

By then, though, there were only five laps remaining and Blewett had a straightaway lead over Evans. It seemed as if Blewett had this one in the bag.

Lady Luck had a different idea.

With four laps to go, Blewett went into the first turn and began to slither around the track, obviously in trouble.

Evans pounced on the opportunity. In lap 97 he took the lead from Blewett, while the Lakewood driver was busy fighting his car.

Blewett slowed even more, and now he was blocking the path of the others who still were pursuing Evans.

At the checkered flag, it was Evans by a straightaway over runner-up Wayne Anderson.

Evans wrote the whole thing off as luck. But it was more than that. Had the Rome, N.Y., driver been anything less than a talented, stubborn fellow who forced his car do things it didn't want to do — such as turn left — he would not have been in a position to take advantage of Blewett's misfortune. Were Evans not the kind of driver who is capable of "seeing" what is going on far ahead of him on the track, and then acting to anticipate trouble, he more than likely would have been caught among the also-rans.

I've seen more than one good driver in a similar situation, with an ill-handling car, simply pull off the track and say "To heck with it."

But Evans stuck to his task. That's something beyond talent and luck. That's dedication.

5/23/82

At New Egypt, this Bud was for Richie Evans

NEW EGYPT — Richie Evans from Rome, N.Y. won the Budweiser 150 last night at **New Egypt Speedway**, taking the checkered flag in front of second-place Tony Siscone of Hammonton.

Jerry Cook finished third, followed by George Kent and Jamie Tomaino.

Harold Dauncey of Brick took the 20-lap modified stock feature.

6/16/82

Evans wins Pocono qualifier

NEW EGYPT — Richie Evans, of Rome, N.Y., won the Pocono Speedway Race of Champion Qualifier last night at the **New Egypt Speedway**. Evans won the 100 lap NASCAR Modified event to represent **New Egypt Speedway** in September's Pocono Race.

Hammonton's Tony Siscone was second followed by Mark Engle of Columbus. Doug French of Wall and Dick Healy of Howell.

Neptune's Jeff Loesch won the Modern Stock event and Mercerville's Chris Jones won the Mini-Modified. Frank Garofola of Absecon was the tops in the Street Stock competition.

Dauncey takes 50-lapper

NEW EGYPT — The modern stocks took the spotlight at New Egypt Speedway Friday night with the Marshall's Corner Restaurant 50-lapper. Brick's Harold Dauncey came home first, followed by Belmar's Frank Reynolds, Howell's Glenn Osborne, Matawan's Bob Howard and Oceanville's Frank Fegel Jr.

In the 35-lap NASCAR modified race, Hammonton's Tony Siscone was first.

7/25/82

Siscone cops 150-lapper

NEW EGYPT — Tony Siscone took the checkered flag in the 150-lap Matheny School Championship Race for modifieds at **New Egypt Speedway** Friday night. He was followed by Rich Evans, Jamie Tomaino, Tom Mauser, Jerry Cranmer and Walley Dallenbach Jr.

Other winners include Harold Dauncey (modern stock), Bruce Edwards (street stocks) and John Storms (mini mods).

8/8/82

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At **New Egypt Speedway**, Richie Evans of Rome, N.Y., who is the defending national champion for NASCAR modifieds, took the track title by the slimmest of margins — six points — over John Blewett. Harold Dauncey copped the Modern class crown and Jim Smith grabbed the honors in the Min-Modified division.

9/23/82

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Tomorrow at **New Egypt Speedway** there will be an all-day Auto Flea Market, with proceeds going to the Matheny School. Then, at 1 p.m. on Sunday, New Egypt will run its final race of the season, the Mountain Dew 100 for modified stocks.

10/15/82

NEW EGYPT — Chesterfield's Jerry Cranmer captured the Mountain Dew 100 yesterday at the **New Egypt Speedway**. The race was part of the NASCAR-Winston Racing Series for modified cars.

Finishing behind Cranmer was Wayne Anderson from Long Island and third was Lakewood's John Blewett Jr. with Jerry Cook fourth and Lenny Boyd fifth.

10/18/82

Hearne celebrates silver anniversary

There were no public announcements or plaque presentations when Gil Hearne pulled onto the track at Wall Stadium last Saturday, but the day was quite a landmark for the Jacobstown race car driver — his silver anniversary in the sport.

By competing in the season-opening stock car race on the seashore area's ½-mile asphalt oval, Hearne made it 25 years of racing.

It all began on Memorial Day of 1957. His first race was at the Hialeah (Fla.) Speedway.

Gil made his northern debut in 1961, at Wall Stadium. His first track title came in 1964 — at New Egypt Speedway.

For the past dozen years, Gil has been a Wall Stadium regular. Before long, he was a top competitor there, and won back-to-back track titles in 1973 and '74.

Even with all his experience, Gil still gets a thrill when the green flag drops. And don't get the impression that the years have slowed him down.

He won back-to-back track championships at Wall in '77-'78 and came back again last season to win his fifth track crown, beating runner up Charlie Kremer Jr. by a solid 150 points (1088 to 938).

All five of Gil's championships at the Stadium came behind the wheel of Tom Dirkin race cars. Hearne drove for Dirkin for 12 years. But this season Gil is going it alone.

"It could be a tough year," he told us, "because I don't have a sponsor right now, and you know how

expensive it is to run a race car these days. But I'll run as long as the money holds out, and I'm still looking (for a sponsor)."

Hearne does a lot of the work on the car himself, but has a half-dozen friends who pitch in. "It's the same crew I've had for years," he explained.

Hearne's car for '82 will be a Geoff Bodine-built Pinto that Gil bought in '79 and which he has run "about 10 times," at major tracks and extra-distance races.

"It's not real fancy; it doesn't have the offset or anything trick, but it's a solid, reliable car," Hearne said.

He plans to concentrate his racing on Wall Stadium, and possibly some of the New Egypt Speedway events, this season, if the equipment holds up.

"I know that the big tracks and the long distance races are where the money is, but it's also where the competition's toughest," said Hearne. "After I bought the car in '79, I tried some of the long races. You can win a lot on money, but it costs a lot to travel to places like Martinsville (Va.) and to stay for a weekend at a time. It just didn't work out too well."

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Last season, en route to the Wall championship, Gil won seven feature events — meaning he won just over 28 percent of the 24 modified feature races. In the season opener last week, he came home sixth.

Wall had three divisions last season — modified,

sportsman and modern — with a total of 71 feature events. Only Tom Mauser, who wound up with the sportsman crown, came anywhere near Hearne's performance. Mauser had six feature wins.

In the modified division, Jamie Tomaino had five feature wins, including the season-ending "Turkey Derby," but only placed fourth in the driver standings.

Other modified winners were: Charlie Kremer Jr., three; Tony Siscione, Tommy Comerford and Vinnie Green, two each, and one apiece for Don Stives (the extra-distance Garden State Classic), Jeff Taylor and "Chargin' Charlie" Jarzombek. (Jarzombek, the Long Island ace, batted 1,000 for the season, winning the only Wall Stadium event he entered.)

Other multiple winners among the Sportsman drivers were Bob Knee, four, and two apiece for Ed Senkewicz and Jeff Wolcott.

Multiple winners in the Modern division were the champ, Lee Taylor, and Bernie Bailey, four apiece, and two each for Butch Colσιμο and Harold Dauncey III.

Among the notable events at Wall last season was the arrival of Wally Dallenbach Jr., who, following in his Indy-car driving father's footsteps, ran eight stock car events at Wall. Wally Jr. is expected back again this season.

Perhaps the most unusual competitor at Wall last season was Bill Wishnick, who is chairman of the board of the Kendall Oil Co. He won one feature in the Modern division.

10/18/82

Evans got his points across

This year's asphalt track modified stock car racing season in New Jersey was mostly a three-man affair — Richie Evans, Tony Siscone and Jamie Tomaino.

Evans, the NASCAR modified superstar, eked out the narrowest of victories in the driver point race at New Egypt Speedway, the state's only NASCAR track.

The Rome, N.Y., veteran finished the year with 418 points, only four better than Siscone. Tomaino was a distant third with 264 points.

Evans' New Egypt points, plus a similar championship at the Shangri La Speedway at Owego, N.Y., helped carry him to the Budweiser Divisional title and the new NASCAR's Northeast Regional championship. He started 74 races eligible for Bud points, and won 23 of them. It's his sixth divisional crown, five of them in the past five seasons. George Kent of Horseheads, N.Y., was runner-up, more than 1,200 points behind Evans' 4,716 tallies.

Siscone made up for his New Egypt disappointment by locking up the driving crown at Wall Stadium, which is not a NASCAR track.

The Hammonton driver had 1,068 points, 62 more than runner-up Tomaino, who hails from Tinton Falls.

In the races-won category, Evans had six, all at New Egypt, while Siscone had nine — four at NES and five at Wall. Of the Wall wins, two were biggies — the Garden State Classic 200 and the Budweiser Crown Classic.

The season came to a horrible end for Siscone on Oct. 31 when his car crashed in flames in a modified stock car race at the Martinsville (Va.) Speedway. Tony still is recovering from second and third degree burns he suffered on his hands.

Tomaino had five wins at Wall and one at New Egypt.

AUTO RACING Harry Blaze

Three New Egypt feature wins went to John Blewett Jr. of Lakewood, and all three were major events — the season-opening "100," An August 100-lapper and the Tom Grbac Memorial 200.

John was NES track champ in '80 and '81, but his trouble-plagued '82 campaign left him fourth in the point standings.

The only other race winners at NES were Doug French of Wall, Wayne Anderson of Yaphank, N.Y., and Tom Mauser of Farmingdale.

At Wall, Tommy Comerford came in fourth in points, but matched Siscone and Tomaino in races won (five).

Wall's '81 champ, Gil Hearne of Jacobstown, was fifth in the standings.

Other Wall feature winners were Tony Hirschman of Northampton, Pa. (4 wins); Chip Graves of Wall (2). First-time winners Tommy McCann of Huntington Station, N.Y.; Ray Evernham of Hazlet and Tom Mauser of Farmingdale. Ex-midgeteer Lenny Boyd scored his only win of the season in the season finale, the Turkey Derby.

The Sportsman Division, run only at Wall Stadium, was won by Doug Wolcott of Neptune followed by Rob Taylor of Shrewsbury, each driver scoring four feature wins.

Tim Arre of Toms River was only sixth in points, but took seven features, while rookie Tony Ferrante Jr. had five wins and was fifth in points.

Bob Wolf and Bob Cramer were third and fourth respectively, in the point standings

Both New Egypt and Wall had Modern Divisions this season. At NES the title went to Harold Dauncey of Brick Township, who also was tops in trips to victory lane with seven. Frank Reynolds of Belmar was second.

Wall's Modern Division crown went to Bob Ormsbee of Wall, who managed the feat through consistency — he did not to win a race all season.

Dauncey was a controversial second, losing by 36 points to Ormsbee's 870 tallies. Dauncey and Butch Colosimo each had three feature wins.

Two Flemington drivers, Jim Smith and Chuck Schneider, placed 1-2 in the Mini-Modifieds, a new division at New Egypt this season. Jim won two features and Chuck three. Mercerville's Chris Jones was fifth and won one main event, while Trenton's Larry Thoman was ninth in the point chase.

New Egypt's Street Stock Division was won by Kent Tice of Jackson. He and point runner-up Frank Garafola of Absecon each had five feature wins. George Idell Jr. of Browns Mills was third and won two races.

12/26/82

5/20/83

All of the area tracks have racing programs scheduled for the weekend except New Egypt Speedway, where the season doesn't open until next Friday, and the big mile Nazareth National Motor Speedway, which has a one-day doubleheader for modifieds and late models next Sunday.

NEW EGYPT — Last night's card at New Egypt Speedway was rained out and will be made up next Friday (8 p.m.) as part of 7-11 Muscular-Dystrophy Night. The card included NASCAR modifieds, modern stocks, mini-modifieds and street stocks.

Proceeds from slurpees, coffee, and a bicycle raffle at 7-11 Night will go to 7-11's M-D fund.

6/4/83

Park wins 100-lapper at New Egypt track

NEW EGYPT — Bob Park of Long Island captured the 100 Lapper Cam-2 Budweiser Series Championship last night at the New Egypt Speedway.

John Blewitt Jr. finished second, while Tony Siscione was third. Richie Evans came in fourth and Jim Spencer finished fifth.

Steve Springsteel of Woodbridge won the 20-lap Modern Stock Race.

6/16/83

NEW EGYPT — Tony Siscione won the 100-lap Pocono Race of Champions qualifier for NASCAR modifieds at New Egypt Speedway.

Runners-up were, in order, Tom Mauser, Bob Parks, Mark Engle and Jerry Cranmer.

Kip Muha won the street stocks race; Jerry Solomito the mini-modified; and Bob Howard the modern stocks.

7/2/83

5/27/83

Memorial Day weekend always brings the running of the Indianapolis 500 at America's most famous race-track. But for those who aren't making the annual pilgrimage to the Brickyard, there are dozens of racing programs in the Delaware Valley area.

New Egypt Speedway, on Route 539, opens its stock car season tonight with a 150-lap feature for the asphalt NASCAR modifieds. At the same time, East Windsor Speedway has twin 20-lappers for the dirt track small block modifieds, and Bridgeport runs an "experimental" Friday night stock car show — Bridgeport normally runs on Saturday.



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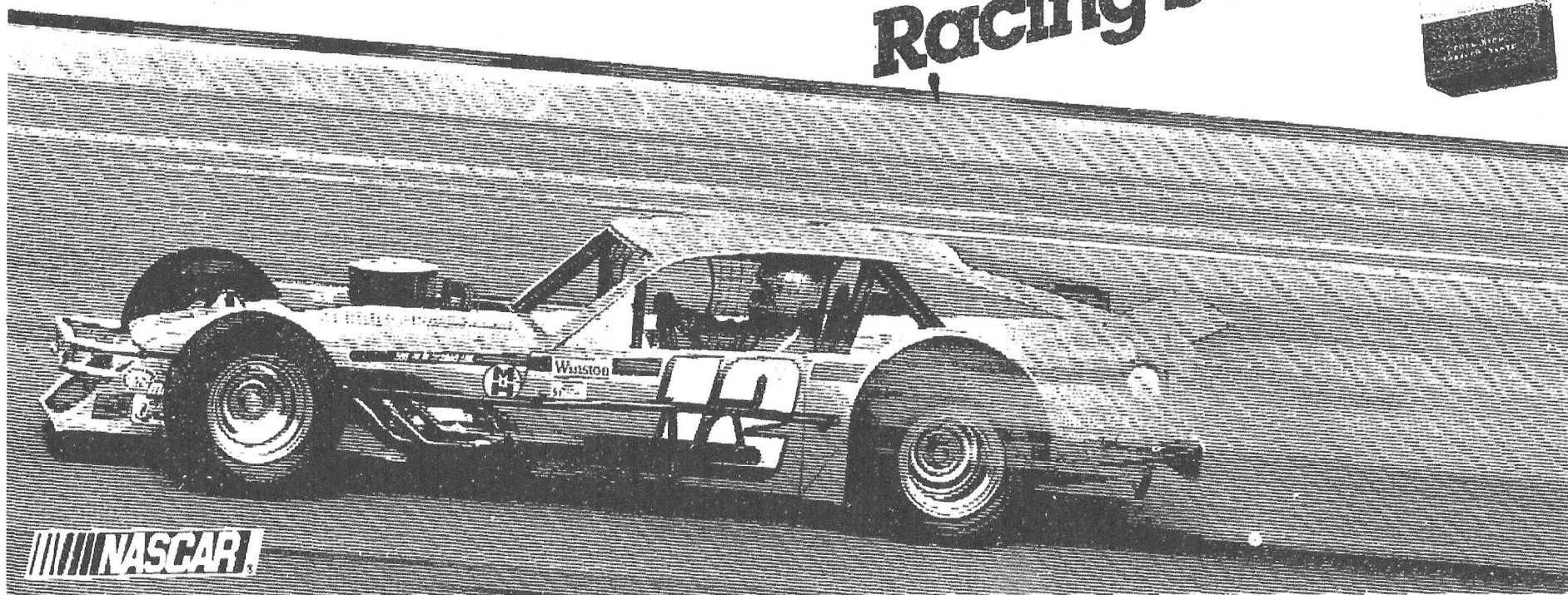
NEW EGYPT — Jamie Tomaino of Tinton Falls won the NASCAR Winston Racing Series Modified 35-lap event at the New Egypt Speedway. Hammon-ton's Tony Siscione was second. Action resumes on Tuesday with a 150-lap feature.

7/16/83

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5/23/83

AUTO RACING

7/20/83

NEW EGYPT — Heavy weather in the area, including a small tornado which touched down here in mid-afternoon, forced cancellation of last night's card at **New Egypt Speedway**.

The entire program, featuring a 150-lap Budweiser Series Championship race for NASCAR modifieds, will take the green flag tonight.

Mauser wins first

NEW EGYPT — Tom Mauser of Farmingdale won his first race of the season last night in the 35-lap feature for NASCAR modifieds at New Egypt Speedway. John Blewett, Jr. of Lakewood was second.

8/6/83

Siscone double winner

NEW EGYPT — Tony Siscone won last night's 35-lap race for NASCAR modifieds at **New Egypt Speedway**. And he won something more besides — the overall points championship for modified racing this season.

Siscone, of Hammonton, was followed by Jamie Tomaino, Ed Lilly, Tom Mauser and Ken Woolley Jr. in the next-to-the-last race of the season at the speedway.

Next week's feature will be by the 200-lap Rom Garbac Memorial.

8/20/83

Evans wins 200-lapper

NEW EGYPT — Richie Evans of Rome, N.Y. won last night's 200-lap Rom Garbac Memorial race for NASCAR Modifieds in the feature at New Egypt Speedway.

8/27/83

Evans takes 150-lapper at **New Egypt Speedway**

NEW EGYPT — Richie Evans of Rome, N.Y., drove to victory last night in the 150-lap Budweiser Championship before a large crowd at New Egypt Speedway.

Tony Siscone of Hammonton was second in the race for NASCAR modifieds, followed by Wayne Anderson of Yaphank, L.I., Tom Baldwin of Bellport, L.I., and Charlie Kremer Jr. of Toms River.

The racing produced a female winner when Erna Lamond of Langhorne, Pa., captured the microstock event.

Keith Roberts of Pittsfield, Mass., took the mini-modified race.

7/21/83



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9/9/83

Siscone doesn't win, but finishes first

This is the first in a series of reports on the final standings at area speedways for the 1983 auto racing season.

Modified stock car ace Tony Siscone scored a double last season at New Jersey's two asphalt tracks, Wall Stadium and New Egypt Speedway.

It was particularly impressive in that Siscone was on the comeback trail after suffering severe burns of both hands in a racing crash at the Martinsville, Va., Speedway at the end of 1982.

Although 12 different drivers won features at Wall during the '83 campaign, Siscone was not among them. But the talented chauffeur from Hammonton was so consistently among the top five finishers that he took the seasonal championship for the second time in as many years.

At New Egypt, a NASCAR-sanctioned track, he won three feature races and ran away with the title, beating runnerup Tom Mauser of Farmingdale by a solid 94 points, 366 to 272.

Siscone's regular mount at both tracks was the Welsh Farms-sponsored No. 14 owned by Dick Barney and Hoyt Morrison.

John Blewett Jr. of Lakewood also had three feature wins and was third in the New Egypt point standings.

THE "RAPID ROMAN," Richie Evans of Rome, N.Y., was busy seeking NASCAR's national and regional titles, so he wasn't a New Egypt regular. Still, he won two features and was 10th in points.

Evans won both the Northeastern and National Modified championships in NASCAR. He beat Bob Park for the national title, 4,700 points to 3,498 points. He outdistanced George Kent for the Northeastern championship, 10,146 points to 7,915 points. It was a record seventh time he has won that title.

AUTO RACING Harry Blaze

Evans, with 28 feature wins during the season, was second in the NASCAR Winston series, covering the major racing divisions at the NASCAR tracks which run weekly shows. Southern Region driver Mike Alexander of Franklin, Tenn., won the title with 31 feature wins.

Jamie Tomaino of Tinton Falls and Gil Hearne of Jacobstown tied for the most feature wins at Wall, each collecting five. Gil also won 10 heat races. Ray Evernham won three features, while four drivers — Jerry Cranmer, Charlie Kremer, Tony Hirschman and Tommy Comerford — won two features apiece. Cranmer and Kremer were driving different cars for each of their wins, and one of Kremer's wins was the Pocono Race of Champions qualifier.

Extra-distance features went to Hirschman (Garden State Classic 200), Lenny Boyd (Memorial Day 150), and Eddie Bohn (Turkey Derby). Single, regular feature wins went to Tom Mauser, Rich Rigsby and Barney Truex.

New Egypt's Modern Stock Division seasonal title went to Frank Fegel Jr. of Oceanville, who had two feature wins but edged out Bob Howard of Matawan for the crown despite Howard's four triumphs. It was Fegel's career first track championship. Harold Dauncey was the only other double winner.

The Mini-Modified Division crown at New Egypt went to Keith Roberts of Pittsfield, Mass. He won seven features while chalking up his first track title at New Egypt.

New Egypt's Street Stock Division,



RICHIE EVANS

... Northeastern champion

Kent Tice of Jackson won two features along the route to his second consecutive seasonal championship.

Wall Stadium's Sportsman crown went to Steve Golembeski of Sayreville, with 848 points, over runnerup Jeff Wolcott of Lakewood, with 782 tallies. Steve G. got off to a flying start, with five feature wins in a row, then lost a few weeks because of engine problems, but rallied to salvage the championship.

The Stadium's Modern Stock title was grabbed by Woodbridge's Steve Springsteel, by a 32-point margin over Glenn Osborn. Springsteel won two features during the season.

FINAL STANDINGS NEW EGYPT SPEEDWAY

Modified
1. Tony Siscone, 366 points; 2. Tom Mauser, 272; 3. John Blewett Jr., 252; 4. Bob Park, 228; 5. Mark Engle, 208; 6. Jerry "Mopee" Miller, 132; 7. Jamie Tomaino, 112; 8. Blair Guker Jr., 104; 9. (tie) Doug Craig and Tom Baldwin, 104 each; 10. Richie Evans, 72.



GIL HEARNE

... most wins at Wall

Modern
1. Frank Fegel Jr., 270 points; 2. Bob Howard, 242; 3. Art Cranmer, 210; 4. Dan Beckett, 192; 5. Jeff Loesch, 166; 6. Roger Maynor, 162; 7. Don Bernardi, 128; 8. (tie) Steve Springsteel and Bill Allerton, 120 each; 9. Vinnie Pasuco, 118; 10. Harold Dauncey, 114.

Street Stocks
1. Kent Tice, 244 points; 2. Bryon Dunbar, 198; 3. Kevin King, 176; 4. Paul Lawall, 160; 5. Vic Gleason, 130; 6. Pete Radford, 124; 7. Ray Horner, 120; 8. George Idell, 104; 9. Frank Garafola, 100; 10. Pete Bernardi, 88.

Mini-Modified
1. Keith Roberts, 282 points; 2. Dan McMahon, 234; 3. Jon Clemens, 178; 4. John Storms, 146; 5. (tie) Lance Booth and Chuck Dubick, 144 each; 6. Bruce Runyon, 136; 7. (tie) Paul Herold and Alan Creveling, 114 each; 8. Rich Gurr, 112; 9. Charlie King Jr., 110; 10. Ken Friedell, 68.

WALL STADIUM

Modified
1. Tony Siscone, 1,240 points; 2. Ray Evernham, 1,218; 3. Tony Ferrante Jr., 998; 4. Gil Hearne, 858; 5. Jamie Tomaino, 846; 6. Lenny Boyd, 824; 7. Ed Lilly, 804; Jerry Cranmer, 790.

Sportsman
1. Steve Golembeski, 848 points; 2. Jeff Wolcott, 782; 3. Bob Cranmer, 686; 4. Tony Gentile, 606; 5. Tony Ciccone, 582; 6. Fred Tuski, 560; 7. Bill Grafton, 556; 8. Martin Truex, 528; 9. Bill Stephens, 484; 10. Ted Alt, 460.

Modern Stocks
1. Steve Springsteel, 1,062 points; 2. Glenn Osborn, 1,030; 3. Lee Taylor, 952; 4. Harold Dauncey, 882; 5. Bob Haberslick, 824; 6. Bob Howard, 736; 7. Bob Ormsbee, 704; 8. Bill Kutma, 680; 9. Jack Ely Jr., 664; 10. Jon Mine, 578.

NEW EGYPT Speedway, always the final short track in the area to start its season, goes to the gate Sunday, May 6, at 2 p.m. with a 100-lap qualifier for the Pocono Raceway's spring thing for the NASCAR modifieds, plus modern, mini-modified and street stocks.

2/12/84

A fling in spring

If you wait until Monday afternoon to head for New Egypt Speedway, you'll have missed the Spring Fling 100-lap race.

Yesterday's *Trenton Times* reported that afternoon racing at New Egypt this week would take place Monday.

The Spring Fling will be held tomorrow afternoon. Racing begins at 1.

If you're looking for some racing action Monday, Flemington Speedway has an 85-lap modified stock car feature. Action gets under way at 2 p.m.

5/26/84

New Egypt Speedway

NEW EGYPT — Wayne Anderson from Waphank, Long Island, won the Winston 100-lap Feature at the New Egypt Speedway in the NASCAR Winston Series. Hammonton's Tony Siscone was second followed by Jim Spencer and Frank Biddle.

6/2/84

Anderson wins Spring Fling

NEW EGYPT — Wayne Anderson of Yathank, Long Island was the winner of the Spring Fling 100 for NASCAR modified autos yesterday at New Egypt Speedway.

Jim Spencer of Berwick, Pa. took second place and Rich Evans of Rome, N.Y. was third.

Tony Siscone of Hammonton won

New Egypt Speedway, usually a Friday night track, will hold an unusual Sunday afternoon program. It's the "Spring Fling," a 100-lap feature for the NASCAR modifieds. First race is 2 p.m.

Most of the rest of the area's tracks will provide their usual racing programs at the usual time. Meanwhile, MODCAR organization's modified stockers will be on the road again, running tomorrow night at US 13 Speedway in Delmar, Del., and Sunday night at Hagerstown (Md.) Speedway.

5/4/84

the 35-lap modified stock car feature, followed by John Blewitt Jr.

In the 20-lap street stock features, Kip Muha of Manasquan and Joe Wisniewski of Wall Township were the winners.

Chuck Dublick of Vincetown and Dolf Battle of Oaklyn won the 20-lap mini-modified features.

5/28/84