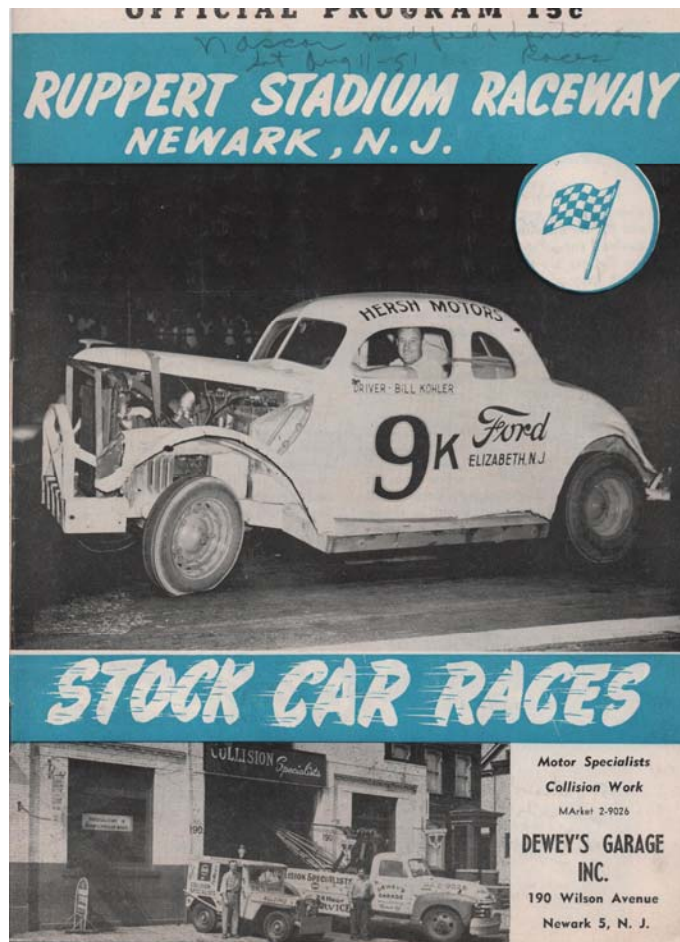


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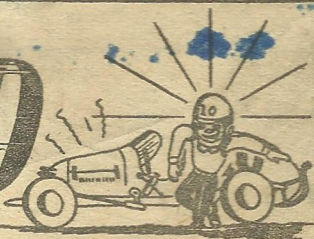
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## SPEAKING OF

# SPEED

by NAT KLEINFELD



1950-03-07

The news has finally broken on several N. J. stadiums, last week's ISN telling (showing, too, in picture form) of Ed Otto's acquiring Ruppert Stadium, Newark, N. J., for motor racing, announcing Thurs. night, April 20, as his inaugural date...More recently the Paterson, N. J., Board of Finance turned over to Harvey Tattersall, Jr., similar rights to Hinchliffe Stadium, Harvey at once being quoted in the Paterson Morning Call as starting the season on Easter Sunday, April 9...Harry Ahrens tells me that his Lodi (N. J.) Stadium will commence its 2nd year of stock car racing on the same date, April 9, a poster in the Paterson's Gasoline Alley Tavern (which has changed hands, by the way) advertising that fact for the past week or so...The Atlantic Stock Car Club (Bob Lauri, business agent), in action at Paterson in 1949, will be seen at Lodi this time while the United Stock Car Club, racing in '49 at Lodi, now moves over to Paterson for Tattersall and Rex Records...Otto has already had announcement made from NASCAR Fla. headquarters that all his future stock car races will be run under that organization's banner.

Fans in N. J., once treated to the most races per sq. mile, will again come under that heading with the above speedways accounting for at least six per week while Bayonne is expected to soon have its schedule in shape, Dover will be in there, so will Long Branch and the new plant in Wall Township...One local paper carries word that Paterson will go three times weekly, Lodi is expected to switch from Sun. afternoons to 3 a week, Bayonne will most probably follow last year's setup of 2 per week, Newark should also have a pair each week, I presume that Long Branch

will do the same—1949 going 2 and 3 weekly at times, Wall Township is figuring on 2 weekly...Of all the above, but one will NOT have a hard surfaced track, that being Newark, where Ed Otto states he will have a dirt or clay top...That makes the 2nd of its kind in recent time for last week I said that Bill Rose told me at the ARDC dance that Richmond, Va. (Royall Stad.) would have a clay track, the former macadam already being removed.

While telling you about things to come I can now state that after some winter months spent in discussing the matter it looks as though this writer will have a nightly series of broadcasts over a metropolitan station to carry motor racing news...The station can be heard in all the areas where racing will be featured in these parts, the time will be practical to gain the most listeners...In addition, it is probable that a television series may develop whereby news, interviews in person and films will be used to help put over all phases of the motor game...More on this later.

That late flash last week on the benefit dance and auction for Art Sprague can be discussed at greater length here; Bud Tatro, with full cooperation of John Hoenig, owner of the Thompson (Conn.) Speedway, will have a big time of it for all who wish to have a good time on Sunday, March 19, and in so doing help unfortunate Art, still laid up at the N. E. Deaconess Hosp., Brookline, Mass....John is donating use of his big Speedway Clubhouse, located on the speedway grounds, as well as an orchestra while Bud expects to work overtime to put over the affair...Starting time is 1 P. M., close-up-shop time at 9 P. M., there being some sort of Conn. law that forbids Sun. af-

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# Stock Cars Will Compete In Newark

Stock car auto racing will have its premiere run in Newark when Promoter Ed Otto presents a double feature program at Ruppert Stadium, formerly the home of the Newark International League Bears, Sunday afternoon, April 23. The initial of an eight event program will get the green flag at 2:30 p.m.

The stadium, located at Wilson avenue and Magazine street, has had its face lifted. The base paths and infield where such illustrious baseball players as Tommy Henrich, Charley Keller, Yogi Berra, George Selkirk, Jerry Coleman, Dixie Walker, and so many others, took a mighty cut is still there but surrounded by a one-fifth of a mile speedway where daredevils of the auto racing world will chase after \$2,000 in prize money once a week until weather permits bi-weekly programs.

Otto, who, besides Newark, operates speedways in Buffalo, Syracuse, Pittsburg and Erie, Pa., says that the Newark track, has cost nearly \$15,000. The saucer takes its place with the best in the country and the unique model, according to designing engineers, should make for interesting racing. It should provide fans with plenty of action with the chauffeurs striving for that good position on the larger turn and long straight away before going into the short turn.

# Stock Cars at Stadium Today

1950-04-23

## Double-Feature on Opening Program

The new occupants of Ruppert Stadium will take over this afternoon when Promoter Ed Otto introduces stock-car racing. A double-feature has been slated for the opening, with the first of eight events getting the green flag at 2:30 P. M.

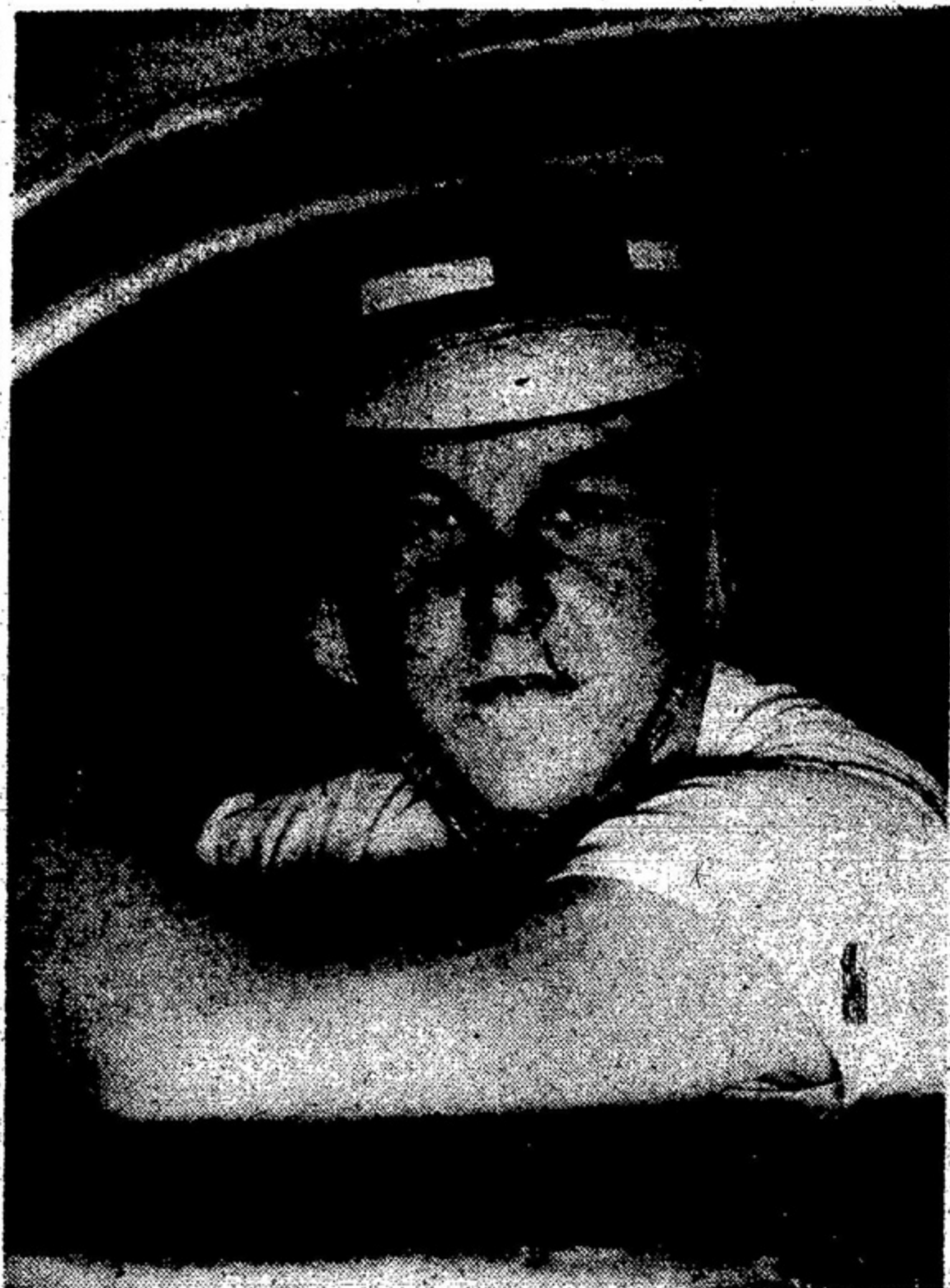
It will be a history-making event as for the first time in 24 years "opening day" at the Stadium will be celebrated by the roar of motors, with daredevil pilots, instead of Triple A baseball.

Mayor Ralph A. Villani will be on hand to drive the first car across the tape during the opening ceremonies. He also will present winners in each feature race with silver loving cups. The Edward D. Balentine Drum and Bugle Corps, 48 strong and directed by Lt. Edward J. Durning of Irvington Police Department, will entertain.

The first feature will be the Sportsmen's class event, and the second headliner will involve pilots in the Modified division. Qualifying rounds, two 10-lap frays, one 15-lap consolation run are scheduled in each class. The Sportsmen's feature is at 20 laps and the Modified at 25 laps.

The difference in the competition lies in the cars. Any registered member of the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing may participate in both events. The Sportsmen's cars are virtually the same as the auto on the street, with compulsory safety devices. The Modified speedsters are permitted to make some motor changes.

Frank Schneider of Lambertville and Wally Campbell of Trenton, Atlantic Stock Car champion and American Stock Car boss, respec-



**FRANK SCHNEIDER**

tively, will be among the field of more than 60 drivers expected to be on hand. Others are: Bob Cortwright of Hasbrouck Heights, Roscoe (Pappy) Hough of Paterson, Charles Muscatell of Lambertville, Lenny Brown of Lambertville, Jimmy Delaney of Hope and Ed Ader of

Bernardsville. These daredevils will vie in the longer event.

In the shorter run will be Emil Dietrich, Ed Jardin, Johnny Shaef-fer, all Newarkers; George Schai-ber, Verona; Jim Craigh, Irvington; Frank Too, Union, and Johnny Mul-rain, Elizabeth.



# Rain Delays Auto Races

1950-04-24

## Ruppert Stadium Stock Car Meet Rescheduled for Next Sunday

BY WILLIE RATNER

Newark's first stock car race track, at Ruppert Stadium, former home of the Bears, which was to have been opened yesterday afternoon, will not ring up the curtain until next Sunday, when the same inaugural program will be offered by Promoter Ed Otto. Rain forced a cancelation of yesterday's card, to mar what the promoter believed would have been a gala event.

The switchboard operator at Ruppert Stadium, Mrs. Josephine Brydon, reported that not in her memory has she handled as many calls as she did yesterday from fans from various sections, including Connecticut and Maryland, asking about weather conditions here and if the show was going to be held. Even Mayor Villani, who was scheduled to "throw out" the first driver, called up to find out if the meet would be held.

### New Sport for Newark

While there have been race tracks all around Newark, and this city has produced some good drivers, there never has been a track within the city limits. Many years ago there was big-car racing on the half-mile track in Olympic Park, later in Union on the dirt, and more recently midget-car racing on the fifth-of-a-mile flat track at Tri-City Stadium in Union and on the board banked former bicycle track of the Nutley Velodrome.

The nearest thing Newark ever had to auto racing was high-speeded motorcycle racing at the South Orange avenue Motordrome, opposite the old Velodrome, in 1912. When, during the first season, several spectators and competitors, including the star, Eddie Hasha, were killed, motorcycle racing was outlawed by a city ordinance. This law also forbade motor-paced bicycle races at the Velodrome, until some years later when the order was wiped off the books.

Promoter Otto said he had an extremely large list of cars entered, with at least 60 drivers, the majority of them from New Jersey, lined up for the opening. The meet is to be held under the auspices of Outdoor Sports, Inc., and sanction of the National Association for Stock Car Racing. The Edward D. Balentine Drum and Bugle Corps of Irvington, 48 strong, which was to have entertained, will be on hand next Sunday.

# Jupe Pluvie Postpones Ruppert Stadium Card

By JERRY GAST

NEWARK, N. J., April 25—The debut of stock car auto racing at Ruppert Stadium, 258 Wilson Ave., here, was delayed when an all-day heavy rain forced Promoter Ed Otto to re-schedule the card for Sunday afternoon, April 30. Ott then accompanied Ole Jupe Pluvie in the dropping of the tears, from all indications Newark was to get off to a grand start in the introduction of a new sport. The switch-board, handled by Mrs. Josephine Brydon, received a tremendous amount of calls.

Many cars and chauffeurs were on hand despite the heavy rain-drops and all were wishing that somewhere in the house could be found a faucet to put a stop to the cry from above. Every driver who took a gander at the track, shaped like a top, had the urge to get started. And all were inclined to agree with the designing engineers who said that the unique shaped speedway would make for thrilling racing.

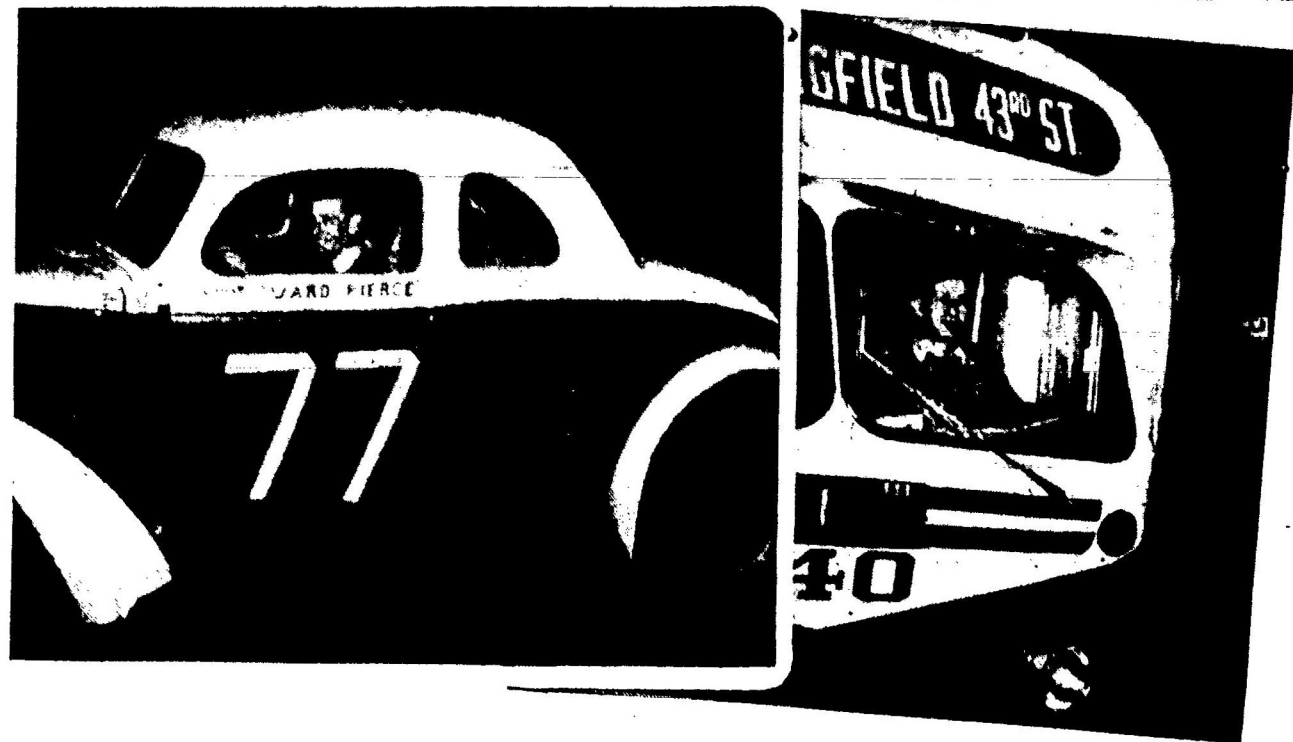
Among the stars who had appeared and will be back for the inaugural are: Lenny Brown, Frank Schneider, Charley Muscatell, Lamberville, N. J., lads Al Peters, Metuchen; Jim Delaney, Hope, Baer Herman. Middletown, N. Y.; Roscoe (Pappy) Hough and Johnny Cabral, Pat-

ersonites; Wally Campbell, Trenton, Bob Courtwright, Hasbrouck Heights and Eddie Ader, Bernardsville, N. J. These star pilots will compete in the Modified feature, distanced at 25-laps.

The other feature between Sportsmen's autoists will have Charley Limdar, Emil Dietrich, Johnny Shaeffer and Ed Jorden, Newarkers; Jim Craig, Irvington; Johnny Mulrain, Elizabeth and Frank Todd, Union. The final ride in this race will be at 20-laps.

A guaranteed \$2,000 will be offered. The promoter announced that 10,000 seats at \$1.25 will be put on sale one o'clock the day of the show. Admission for children will be sixty cents. All tax included.





**DIFFERENCE IN WHEELS**—Ward Pierce, Newark bus driver, gets the "feel" of the stock car which he will drive Sunday at Ruppert Stadium and finds it's quite different from (right) the bus which he daily wheels on the Springfield avenue line.

## *Busman's Holiday*

### *Independent Line Driver to Try Hand at Wheeling Stock Car*

Ward Pierce of 85 40th street, Irvington, has been a bus driver for the last seven years—and a good one, too. He has never had an accident and is a calm, cool and collective operator for the 7-cent passengers who ride the Springfield avenue independent line.

Sunday afternoon he'll try to prove that it is possible to go from one extreme to another—from a quiet, unassuming busman to a wild wheeler of a stock car when he takes part on the inaugural card of the new sport at Ruppert Stadium.

Pierce, who will be chauffeuring Jim Craig's No. 77 race car, will be making his race car debut but isn't new to the sports field. He has tried other athletic endeavors and for years was a handy man to Charley Steinmatz, custodian of Laurel Garden.

Pierce is craving for some thrills. "I can't get them on the bus, so I'll dent a few fenders Sunday afternoon," says Ward, who will compete in the sportsmen's event, one of two features on the opening program.

Such noted drivers as Frank Schneider of Lambertville, Atlantic stock car champ, and Wally Campbell of Trenton, American stock car boss, will vie in the co-starring feature, the modified class.

# Stock Cars Race Today

**Double-Feature Program, Washed Out Last Week,  
Rescheduled for Ruppert Stadium**

1950-04-28

With a break from the weather-man, Promoter Ed Otto will introduce stock car racing at Ruppert Stadium with a double-feature program today. The opening was postponed by rain last week.

Mayor Villani will open the inaugural ceremonies by driving the first car around the fifth-of-a-mile asphalt speedway which surrounds the fringes of the diamond where some of the top major league baseball players got their minor league starts.

Included on the program are the flag raising in centerfield, a parade of the contestants and entertainment by the Edward D. Balentine Drum and Bugle Corps.

Otto said Del Webb and Dan Topping, co-owners of the New York Yankees and still owners of the stadium, and George Weiss, Yankees' general manager, would be on hand.

The first half of the competitive program will be a race among drivers in the Sportsmen's division. The final in this event will be a 20-lap race with the drivers qualify-

ing through two 10-lap runs and a 15-lap consolation.

The second part of the program is a 25-circuit event. The pilots will proceed as the Sportsmen's drivers to qualify for this event.

Two thousand dollars in prize money is being offered by Promoter Otto, and Mayor Villani will donate gold trophies to the victors in each race. The first heat of the day, a Sportsmen's go, will get off at 2:30.

Among the star drivers entered for the opener are Frank Schneider of Lambertville, Atlantic stock car champion; Wally Campbell of Trenton, American stock car kingpin; Roscoe (Pappy) Hough and Johnny Cabral both of Paterson; Jimmy Delaney of Hope; Eddie Ader of Bernardsville, Chuck Mahoney of Camden, N. Y.; Al Peters of Metuchen, Baer Herman of Middletown, N. Y., and Lenny Brown and Charley Muscatell, both of Lambertville.

Newark will be represented by Emil Dietrich, Johnny Shaeffer, Paul Croley, Charley Lindmar, Ward Pierce and Jerry Morese.



# Partners in Everything-but Racing

1950-04-29

Jerry Morese and Phil De Mola, Newarkers, have been buddies and business partners for a long time.

Both are 27 and owners of the P. & J. Auto Repairing Garage at 107 Eighth avenue. Every day from early morning until 5 in the afternoon they earn their pay mending smashed sedans. In the evening the business changes to chasing after stock car prize money which is used to buy the latest equipment for the garage.

The partnership ends when it comes to driving in a race for here only Jerry gets behind the wheel.

Phil and Jerry are owners of the Checkerboard Special No. 27, that Newark fans will see speeding around the one-fifth of a mile asphalt speedway at Ruppert Stadium where, if weather permits, the debut of the sport is scheduled for Saturday night. The opener on the last two Sundays has been washed out by rain.

Jerry and Phil live within a block throw of each other, the former at 699 South 19th street and the latter on the same block at 551.

Phil won't be a complete loss at the racing business for he'll be in the pit ready to lend mechanical assistance if needed.

Promoter Ed Otto, who has scheduled sportsmen and modified competition for the inauguration, announced that in the event of another intervention by the weatherman, Saturday night the card will be staged Sunday at 2:30 P. M.



Jerry Morese and Phil De Mola.

# Stock Car Racing Opens Before Crowd in Newark

1950-05-11

Automobile speeding was legalized and all other laws by Motor Vehicle Commission A. W. Magee were broken in Newark last Saturday night, but not where Commissioner John B. Keenan is concerned about the safety of this city's law-abiding citizens.

## Stock, Jaloppy Cars Perform at Paterson Track

Stock-car and Jaloppy drivers will combine forces in the semi-weekly auto races at Hinchliffe Stadium, Paterson, this week as Racing Director Harvey Tattersall Jr. sends the speed brigade into action Friday and Tuesday nights under the lights. The first event is scheduled for 8:30 p.m.

The chauffers in the speed ranks on the fifth-of-a-mile Paterson track have been sidelined by the weatherman in recent weeks but hope to capitalize on the recent return of favorable elements as the twice-a-week schedule of racing is presented on the stadium oval.

The winners of the feature events in the first weeks of the season—Johnny Ringer and Tony Bonadies of the Bronx, Johnny DuBois of Paterson, and Johnny Rogers of Charlotte, N. C., will be among those in the stock-car portion of the competition.

Tickets are obtainable in advance at the stadium where a box-office is open every day of the week.

The fast driving, going inside and aside, through a batch of front-running cars and crossing the white line was a history making event when Promoter Ed Otto converted Ruppert Stadium, 258 Wilson avenue, once the proud home of the Newark International League Baseball Club, into an auto racing abode where some of the nation's top auto racers are expected to provide fans with thrills, chills and spills this year.

The large field treated the sports fans, many watching their initial stock car auto race, with plenty of action and the screeching, swooning and swaying with tremendous applause that followed is an indication that the novel speed for stipend sport is here to stay.

Roscoe (Pappy) Hough, granddaddy of auto racing, was the big hero of the inaugural program, though he lost the 25-lap modified feature to Ralph Sheeler of Paterson. Hough, pronounced H-U-F-F, was the shining light by capturing a 10-lap qualifying heat, a semi-final at 15 laps and then the feature in the Sportsmen go.

Then Roscoe was pitted against the field in the 25-lap feature and he lost it by a couple of turns of the wheel. He, however, let Sheeler know that he was in a race. Hough, formerly of Fort Wayne, Ind., now a resident of Paterson gave the fans and the drives a tip on what to expect from him on the one fifth of a mile asphalt saucer at Ruppert Raceway.



# Roscoe Hough Repeats In Card At Ruppert Stadium

1950-05-16

By JERRY GAST

Newark New Jersey—May 13, 1950—Roscoe Hough veteran race car driver won his second successive sportsmen's class feature tonight on Ruppert Stadium's new fifth of a mile speedway before a crowd of 6,123. The scheduled modified class 25-lap feature was rained out and will be added to the program Saturday night.

Starting in the rear of a large field of cars Hough moved up quickly and took the lead from Bob Read early in the race. continued pressing for the lead but the Patersonian managed to stay in front until the checker flag was dropped, and Read had to settle for second money. Hough was clocked in 5:59.88 for the twenty lap event.

Completion of the race was nearly halted in the 18th lap when Al Matson hit the guard rail, but remained parked close to the guard rail and the race was completed. Don Allen of Paterson finished third and Frank Mundy in fourth. The event was marked in the first lap by a four-car pileup involving John Luci, Cas Fluri, Ed Judge and Tom Gillespie. After the restart the winning time of 3:27.58 was recorded. The first sportsmen's heat was won by Bob Read of Hope, N. J.

Qualifying for positions in the modified feature which will be added to the program of Saturday night, May 20, was Ralph Sheeler of Paterson who won a modified heat in 3:19.92. In that event Tiny Besso of Paterson hit the rail along with Bill Gross of Washington, D. C.

Ed Riker, the young Boonton, N. J., chauffeur, won the second modified heat and was followed by Jack Reynolds, a fellow Jerseyman hailing from Ridgewood. Finishing third was Otto Harwi of Easton, Pa., and Nelson Applegate emerged from some heavy traffic to qualify fourth.

Saturday night's, May 20, program will include the rained out modified feature along with the regular program headed by a 20-lap sportsmen's feature and a

25-lap modified type main event.

1st heat Read, Stonewall, Berry, 3:28.14.

2nd heat: Sheeler, Enright, Yannon, 3:19.92

3rd heat (12) Hough, Zittfel, Mundy 3:27.8.

Consolation (15) Henry, Judge, Bayer.

Consolation (15) Gross, Slocum, Smith

Feature (20) Hough, Read, Allen, Mundy, Quanz, Stonewall.



# Sheeler - Hough Split Ruppert Stock Cash

By JERRY GAST

NEWARK, N. J., May 20th—Ralph Sheeler of Paterson copped two modified class feature races at Ruppert Stadium tonight winning the rained out main event from last week's program and also finishing in front of the field in the regularly scheduled 25-lap modified type feature. Roscoe Hough also of Paterson won his third straight sportsmen's feature.

The first modified feature on the program saw Jerry Morese, racing out of Newark's first ward lead the race for seven-teen laps only to relinquish it to the Patersonian at that point. Morese who has been racing for slightly over a year has been improving with each race meet and is expected to develop into one of the top drivers at the Ruppert Stadium raceway. Sheeler was clocked in 6:55.92 for the 25 laps on the fifth of a mile asphalt speedway.

At the half way point in the regularly scheduled modified main event Hough who won the sportsmen's feature was in the lead again but this time Sheeler started moving up and on the fourteenth lap took the lead from Hough and stayed in front for the remainder of the distance. Hough had to settle for second money and Russ Dodd of Middletown, N. Y. came in third. Ed Riker the young driver out of Boston, N. J. came in fourth.

Coming home in front in the 20-lap Sportsmen's main event was made rather difficult by Bob Read of Hope, N. J. who led until the eight lap. Hough took the lead at that point and stayed in front with Read close behind all the way. In winning the event Hough was clocked in 5:59.34 which now stands as the track record for twenty laps. The former best time for the

distance was 5:59.88 also run by Hough. The race proved a rather rugged event with five cars winding up in the guard rail and stranded in the field.

Taking third spot was Arnold Guesno of Baldwin, L. I., and Bill Berry of Oradell, N. J. came in fourth.

1st heat (12) Ader, Schiabor, Shrimp 3:32.40.

2nd heat (12) Riker, Reynolds, Williams 3:30.48.

Modified Feature (25) Sheeler, Morese, Stumpf 6:55.92.

1st heat (12) Hough, Read, Beer, 3:27.78.

2nd heat (M) (12) Sheeler, Enright, Dood, 3:20.52.

Consolation (15) Dood, Henry, Allen No Time.

Consolation (M) (15) Post, Harwi, Mills 3:25.94.

Feature (20) Hough, Read, Guesno, Barri, Morese, Zitzel 5:59.34 (record)



Bob Read of Hope, N. Y., and Charley Dyer of Cranston, R. I. shared the racing spotlight last night at Ruppert Stadium. Read won his second 25-lap sportsman's event and Dyer captured the 35-lap feature modified stock car race. Roscoe Hough, 47-year-old Paterson pilot placed second in both events . . . Neil Cole of Hawthorne copped the feature 50-lap modified stock car race at Hinchliffe Stadium. Bill Smith of Hillsdie was second and Art McBurney of Waterbury, Conn., was third . . . The Sam Frama sweepstakes 10-mile big car feature race at Hatfield Pa., went to Mike Magill of Haddonfield, N. J.

1950-05-31

# Stock Cars Try Again

## Scheduled for Start at Stadium Tonight

1950-05-xx

A third attempt to introduce stock car racing at Ruppert Stadium is on tap for tonight at 8:30 when Promoter Ed Otto offers the twice-deferred double-feature program. The inaugural of the competition on the Ruppert raceways has been rained out the past two Sundays and Otto, in the event of more interference by the weather tonight, has scheduled tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 P. M. as a rain date.

There will be 115 laps of racing on the program, split up into two 10-lap qualifying heats and a 15-lap consolation race with a 20-lap feature run for sportsmen speedsters and a 25-lap main go for modified motormen. \$2,000 in prize money is being offered for the Ruppert raceway meet.

More than 50 chauffeurs hailing from near and far have signed for the event. Listed in the field are:

Roscoe (Pappy) Hough of Paterson, Eddie Ader of Bernardsville, Homer Van Epps of Rome, N. Y.; Chuck Mahoney of Camden, N. Y.; Jimmy Delaney of Hope and Al Peters of Metuchen.

### City Well Represented

Newark will be well represented with Emil Dietrich, Paul Croley, Jerry Morese, Ed Jardin and Charley Lindmar. Elizabeth and Union will have Johnny Mulrain and Frank Todd, respectively. Others will be Johnny Cyrus of East Orange, Johnny Schaeffer of Montclair, George Shaiber of Verona, Ward Pierce of Irvington and Don Stahl of Rahway.

In prerace ceremonies, Mayor Ralph A. Villani will drive the first car, there will be a march to center field for the raising of the Stars and Stripes, all to the musical accompaniment of the Edward D. Balentine Drum and Bugle Corps, 48 strong, under the supervision of Lt. Edward J. Durning of the Irvington Police Department.

Pilots must all be registered members of the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing. They must pass prerace inspection at the pit gates.



# Read Seeking Stock Victory

## After Second in Row and Fifth Win at Ruppert Stadium Tomorrow

1950-05-xx

Bob Read, who was lifted on the shoulders of his followers after his victory Tuesday night, will go after his second straight and fifth feature triumph tomorrow night at the semi-weekly stock car races at Ruppert Stadium.

The Hope driver has been one of the unlucky racers at the Wilson avenue oval this season as motor trouble frequently cut short his efforts for victory in the feature after coming through in the qualifying heats.

Up until Tuesday night, when he broke a 12-lap record in the qualifying heats, Read ranked eighth among the top-flight drivers in the National Sportsmen championship point standing and a victory tomorrow, following Tuesday's success, should place the Hope flyer within closer reach of Pappy Hough, the leader.

### Morese's Car Ready

Jerry Morese's famous No. 27 car, which was missing from Tuesday's race, will be back in the field tomorrow. Morese's coupe ran into motor trouble during the pre-game warmup and had to be withdrawn. Jerry, however, raced in a borrowed vehicle but failed to finish in the money after taking last Saturday's feature event.

Morese's car was reported in shape today and his presence in the field should make tomorrow's program one of the best of the season.

More than 60 cars are expected to race on the eight-event program. In the event of rain, the program will be run Sunday.

# Cabral Seeks Another Sweep

## Paterson Stock Car Racer Attraction Tonight in Ruppert Stadium

Little Johnny Cabral, Paterson auto-racing star who won every night but Saturday last week, will be the cynosure of all eyes when Promoter Ed Otto holds the semi-weekly twin-bill of stock car auto races at Ruppert Stadium tonight.

It was quite possible that Cabral, known around the asphalt speedways as Caveman, might have made it six straight if the rainman hadn't interfered with Saturday night's card. Incidentally, though the raincheck was voided, the three

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remaining heats from Saturday's program will be added to this Saturday night's regular card.

Cabral copped features at Philly's Yellow Jacket Stadium, Ruppert Stadium, Long Branch, Bayonne and Washington, D. C., in the order named, last week.

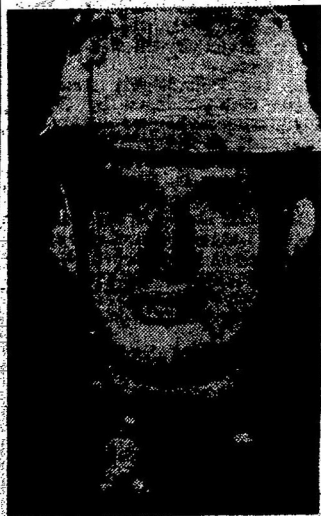
### Has Four Children

Married and the father of four children, Cabral is a heady driver with plenty of grit. His nerve gets him through the smallest hole in the pack and he is a good front racer.

Cabral's eldest son, Nelson, is a member of the New York Chiefs' troller derby team.

All the favorite speedsters will be among the 60-odd car field tonight. Among them are Roscoe (Pappy) Hough, Tex Enright and Ralph Sheeler, Paterson; Arnold Guessno, Baldwin, L. I.; Walter Quanz, Jamaica, L. I., and Jerry Morese and Johnny Schaeffer, Newarkers.

Eight events for a total of 115 laps, divided into four 10-lap qualifying heats, a couple of 15-lap consolation cruises and the 20-lap Sportsmen, and 25-lap Modified features, with an 8:30 P. M. start, will comprise tonight's activities.



**JOHNNY CABRAL**



# Hough-Sheeler Divide Ruppert Stadium Cash

1950-06-06

By JERRY GAST

NEWARK, June 3.—Roscoe (Pappy) Hough of Paterson, and Ralph Sheeler, also of Paterson finished in front last night on Ruppert Stadium's fifth of a mile speedway winning the 20-lap sportsmen feature race and the 25-lap modified main event, respectively.

The sportsmen main event saw Hough and his chief adversary in that division, Bob Read of Hope, N. J. move into one two position early in the race. Though Read challenged the leader several times the veteran Patersonian stayed in front to win the twenty lap event in 6:32.81.

Early in the evening's racing it looked as if Read was on his way to another feature win when he won the first sportsmen qualifying heat while Hough took second spot behind Al Peters of Plainfield in the other Sportsmen class heat. Read also recorded the fastest time of 3:33.95 for

the twelve lap heat.

Sheller came from far back in the 25-lap modification main event to take the lead at the half way mark and led by a wide margin until the last two laps when Ed Riker of Boonton made a strong bid for the lead but finally settling for second place. Roscoe Hough came in 3rd in this event.

In the modified feature the 1st sportsmen's (12 laps): Read, Zittel, Enright. 3:33.95.  
1st modified (10 laps): Sheeler, Besso, Stevens. 2:59.74.  
2nd sportsmen's (12 laps): Peters, Hough, Judge. 3:34.31.  
2nd modified (12 laps): Fornora, Riker, Battle. 3:30.06.  
Sportsmen's consolation (15 laps): Cuesno, Du Dodine, Baer. 4:39.54.  
Modified consolation (15 laps): Williams, Post, Strong. 4:35.64.  
Sportsmen's Feature (20 laps): Hough, Read, Barri, Allen, Enright, Morese. 6:32.81.  
Modified feature (25 laps): Sheeler, Riker, Hough. 7:05.28.

# Dyer-Read Split Stock Car Honors At Ruppert Track

1950-06-06

**NEWARK, N. J., June 2nd** — Bob Read, the new favorite of racing fans at Ruppert Stadium won his second successive 25-lap sportsman's feature race on the Stadium's new fifth of a mile Speedway. The program was the first of what will be a regular Tuesday night race meet this season.

Making his first appearance at Ruppert Stadium, Charlie Dyer of Cranston, R. I. got off to a good start by winning the 35-lap modified feature race. Ralph Sheeler who up to this point had been top man in the modified division spun out in the fifth lap. Taking second was Roscoe Hough of Paterson who for the first time this season at Ruppert Stadium was unable to cop a main event win.

Read sped away from the remainder of the field early in the race setting a terrific pace and almost cracking into the guard rail several times. At the completion of the race he had lapped the entire field excepting Hough. Hough was never able to get closer than a quarter of a lap to his youthful opponent from Hope, N. J.

Dyer who failed to qualify in the heats came back to win the consolation 15-lap race and set a record of 4:20.88 for the distance.—Jerry Gast.

1st sportsmen's (12 laps): Hough Gillespie, Schaeffer. 3:35.94.

1st modified (12 laps): Muscatel, Stumpf, Du Bois. 3:35.32.

2nd sportsmen's (12 laps): Sheerer, Reib, Tauber. 3:37.86.

2nd modified (12 laps): Sheerer, Dodd, Kohler. 3:21.77.

Sportsmen's consolation: Enright, Bruce, Hammerslev. No time.

Modified consolation: Dyer, Williams, Hough. 4:20.82.

Sportsmen's Feature (25 laps): Read, Hough, Quanz. No time.

Modified Feature (35 laps): Dyer, Hough, Du Bois. 9:42.83.

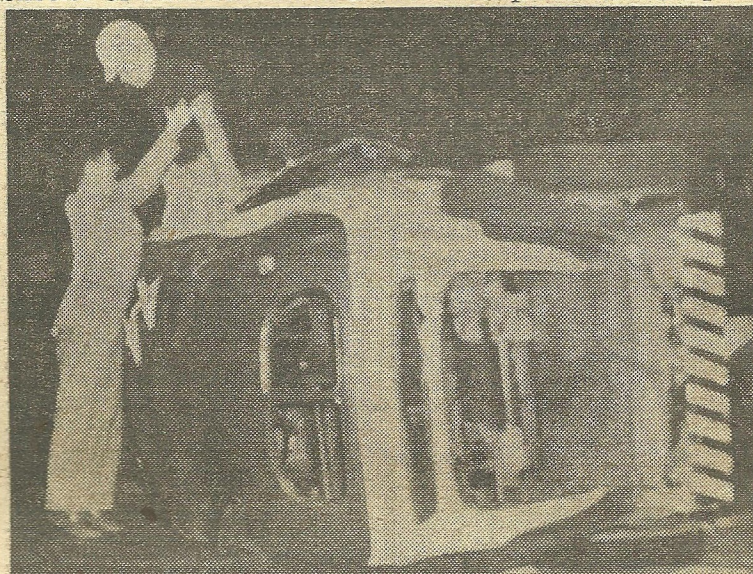


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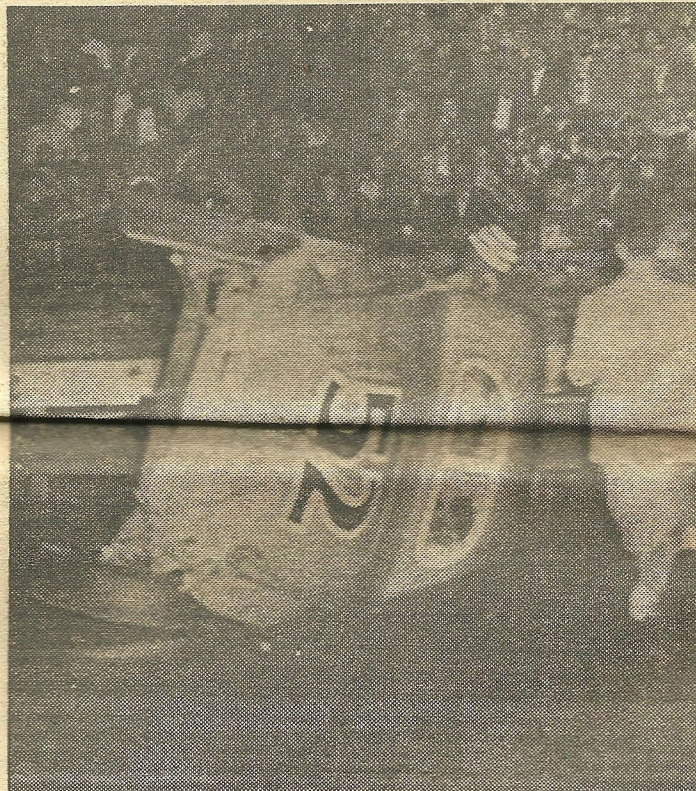
# Hough Stable Back in Ruppert Groove

BY JERRY GAST

Newark, June 3—Roscoe (Pappy) Hough and Ralph Sheeler of Paterson ended a two week period of lean pick-



Joe Radzick is assisted from his overturned stock car last Saturday night at Ruppert Stadium. Joe was uninjured.



Jack Reynolds, Ridgewood N. J. driver pokes his head out of his overturned stock job after a flip and 80 foot slide at Ruppert last Sat. nite. He too was uninjured, and this flip earned him a television interview. Pix by N.S.S.N. Staff Photographer Jack Snyder

ings at Ruppert Stadium's fifth of a mile speedway by winning the Sportsmen and Modified feature events respectively on tonight's program.

The sportsmen main event saw Hough and his chief adversary in that division, Bob Read of Hope, N. J. move into one two position early in the race. Though Read challenged the leader several times the veteran Patersonian stayed in front to win the twenty lap event in 6:32.81.

Earl in the evenings racing it looked as if Read was on his way to another feature win when he won the first sportsmen qualifying heat while Hough took second spot behind Al Peters of Plainfield in the other Sportsmen class heat. Read also recorded the faster time of 3:33.95 for the twelve lap heat.

Sheeler came from far back in the 25-lap modified main event to take the lead at the half way mark and led by a wide margin until the last two laps when Ed. Ricker of Boonton made a strong bid for the lead but finally settling for second place. Roscoe Hough came in third in this event.

In the modified feature the hood of John Strall's car swung up blocking his windshield, but Strall peering out of the side of his car continued in the race in spite of the handicap.

The first qualifying heat had hardly gotten under way when Joe Radzick of Hanover skidded on the second turn of the first lap rolled over first

and climbed out of the car waving to the crowd. Jack Reynolds of Ridgewood flipped in front of the grandstand in the Sportsmen consolation race and came out smiling though the top and side of his car was damaged.

Promoter Ed Otto announced tonight that in case of Tuesday night programs being rained out the races will be held on Wednesday nights. When Saturday night programs are rained out the races will be run on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m.

First Sportsman's Qualifying Heat (12 Laps)—1, Bob Read, Hope; 2, John Zittel, East Orange; 3, Lex Enright, Paterson. Time 3:33.95.

First Modified Qualifying Heat (10 Laps)—1, Ralph Sheeler, Paterson; 2, Tiny Besso, Paterson; 3, Henry Stevens, Newark. Time 2:59.94.

Second Sportsman's Qualifying Heat (12 Laps)—1, Al Peters, Plainfield; 2, Roscoe Hough, Paterson; 3, Ed Judge, Union. Time 3:34.95.

Second Modified Qualifying Heat (12 Laps)—1, John Fornore, Whippany; 2, Ed Riker, Boonton; 3, Tony Battle, Paterson. Time 3:30.06.

Sportsman's Consolation Race (15 Laps)—1, Arnold Guesno, Baldwin; L. 1.; 2, Serge Dudine, Staten Island; 3, Tiny Bayer, Lyndhurst. Time 4:39.54.

Modified Consolation Race (15 Laps)—1, Bob Williams, Ridgewood Park; 2, Fred Post, Paterson; 3, John Strall, Hackensack. Time 4:35.61.

Sportsman's Feature (20 Laps)—1, Roscoe Hough, Paterson; 2, Bob Read, Hope; 3, Bill Berry, Oradell. Time 6:32.81.

Modified Feature (25 Laps)—1, Ralph Sheeler, Paterson; 2, Ed Riker, Boonton; 3, Roscoe Hough, Paterson. Time 7:05.28.



# Point Race at Ruppert Stadium Close Between Pappy Hough and Bob Read

1950-06-07

Roscoe (Pappy) Hough, veteran Paterson auto racer, and Bob Read, youthful Hope, N. J. daredevil, are waging a merry battle for first place in the Sportsmen division of the stock car auto racing competition at Ruppert Stadium, Newark, N. J.

Posting of the latest point standing showed that Hough had compiled a total of 490 points or 45 more than Read. Hough earned his advantage by winning four of the features and finishing second in another while Read managed to stay close to the leader by scoring a couple of firsts and three seconds.

Read definitely has proven himself the youngster to watch since the sport was introduced in Newark May 6. On the opening meet the Hope chauffeur took second place behind Hough and while it was evident that if Hough was to be beaten Read would turn the trick. And that's just what happened. Hough had won three straight, when Read's reckless handling of the car brought him home to snap Hough's streak.

The points are valuable and at the end of the season a fund enriched by each promotion being assessed 5% of the guaranteed purse is shared by the ten top drivers in competition sanctioned by the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing throughout the nation.

These ten high scorers plus fifty more speed merchants compete every Tuesday and Saturday night on the fifth or a mile asphalt speedway at Ruppert Stadium. Promoter Ed Otto announced that in the event of rain on Tuesday night races will be held on Wednesday night. When Saturday night's program is rained out the autos go to the post at 2:30 Sunday afternoon.

# Cabral Enters Win Circle At Ruppert; Hough Also Stars

By JERRY GAST

1950-06-13

NEWARK, N. J., June 10th — John Cabral, the little hot shot from Paterson, New Jersey, won his first main event of the season on Ruppert Stadium's fifth of a mile speedway Tuesday night, taking the 25-lap Modified Feature 6:33.49, the best time recorded for the distance thus far. Roscoe Hough also of Paterson finished in front of the field in the Sportsmen's feature covering the distance in 5:49.69.

Cabral took the lead in the Modified feature in the first lap and never relinquished it or in any danger of losing it to Tony Battle who finished second and who was running in that position throughout the race. Battle made the best showing of his career which started last season and may have been prompted by the fact that his garage in River Edge, N. J., where he stores his fleet of taxi cabs was robbed last night. The Patersonians, Ralph Sheeler and Roscoe Hough finished third and tenth respectively.

Hough, however, got the smile from Dame Fortune in the 20-lap Sportsman Feature, winning the event easily after taking an early lead. It was Hough's sixth main event win here at Ruppert Stadium this season. Bob Read of Hope, N. J., who is second to Hough in NASCAR (National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing) point standings for New Jersey, developed motor trouble and was forced out early in the race.

Jerry Morese of Newark who has been doing pretty well at this speedway ran into a bit of tough luck in the Sportsmen consolation. He was leading for 13 laps of the 15 lap race when he blew a tire. Walt Quanz who was running second took over the lead and went on to win.

1st. sportsmen's heat (12 laps): Read, Enright, Doudine. 3:35.59.  
1st Modified heat (12 laps): Cabral, Battle, Sheeler. 3:18.35.  
2nd Sportsmen's heat (12 laps): Hough, Tauber, Crozier. No time.  
2nd Modified heat (12 laps): Riker, Dodd, Dyer. 3:18.26.  
Sportsmen's consolation (15 laps): Quanz, Schaefer, Zitzel. 4:22.67.  
Modified consolation (15 laps): Hough, Stonewall, Schneider. 4:19.87.  
Sportsmen's Feature (20 laps): Hough, Enright, Quanz. 5:49.69.  
Modified Feature (25 laps): Cabral, Battle, Sheeler, Riker, Dyer. 6:33.49 (new track record).



# Schneider-Read Split Cash-Glory At Ruppert Oval

1950-06-20

NEWARK, June 17th—Frank Schneider of Lambertville making his second appearance of the season on Ruppert Stadium's fifth of a mile speedway won the 25-lap modified main event while Bob Read of Hope, N. J. won the 20-lap sportsmen division main event in 5:37.09 bettering his own previous record set two weeks ago by seven seconds.

It wasn't until the fifteenth lap that Schneider running a close second got by Johnny Cabral who was looking for his seventh win of the season on eastern speedways. Cabral who spun in front of the field did not finish the race. Schneider's victory was his first at Ruppert Stadium this season. He has raced here only once before.

In the sportsmen's feature of 20-laps duration it was a battle between Bob Read and Roscoe Hough with Read emerging with the victory and a new track record. Read started in 13th starting position, took the lead at the half way mark and fought off challenges from the Patersonian to take the checkered flag first.

The modified consolation event saw Ed Riker of Boonton spurt to an early lead and was well on his way to a victory when with three laps to go he developed engine trouble and was slowed down considerably, Roscoe Hough emerged with the victory taking the lead in the last lap.

1st sportsman's heat (12 laps): Hough, Faulkner, Berry. 3:35.51.

1st modified heat (12 laps): Gross, Dyer, Applegate. No time.

2nd sportsman's heat (12 laps): Reynolds, Hammersly, De Mola. 3:19.19.

2nd modified heat (12 laps): Schneider, Cabral, Delaney. 3:27.31.

Sportsman's consolation (15 laps): Raykowski, Judge, Tauber. 5:31.15.

Modified consolation (15 laps): Hough, Riker, Haven. No time.

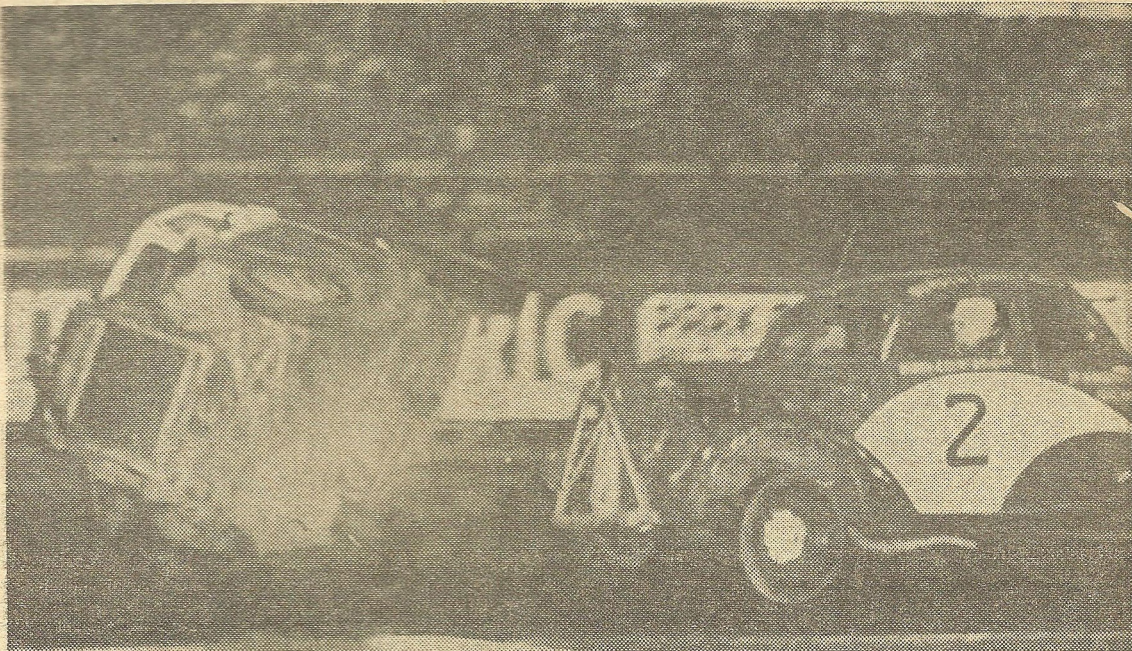
Sportsman's feature race (20 laps): Read, Hough, Morese. 5:27.90 (New track record).

Modified feature race (25 laps): Schneider, Hough, Schaefer. No time.



1950-06-21

## 'Bottoms Up'



Ralph Sheeler, Fair Lawn, N. J. driver shown here in his first flip in Stock Car competition at Ruppert Stadium. Ralph is one of the point leaders at this action packed track. (Pix by N.S.S.N. Staff Photographer Johnny Walick)

# Schneider Modified Winner, Read Takes Sportsman's Event at Ruppert Stadium

1950-06-21

By JERRY GAST

Newark, June 13—Bob Read of Hope, N. J., and Frank Schneider of Lambertville won feature races on Newark's fifth of a mile speedway last night. Read, winner of the 20-lap sportsmen main event was clocked in 5:37.90 for the distance. Schneider, winner of the 25-lap modified feature

—was not clocked due to a crackup early in the race.

Read moved to an early lead in his feature win and stayed in front of the field all the way. Finishing second was Roscoe Hough, a steady front runner at this track. Taking third was a native son of Newark, Jerry Morese.

Johnny Cabral of Paterson led most of the way in the modified feature but spun out late in the race yielding first position to Frank Schneider of Paterson who won the event. Hough who took second in the sportsmen main took another second in the modified.

First Sportsman's Qualifying Heat (12 Laps)—Roscoe Hough, Paterson; Tex Faulkner, Bayonne; Bill Berry, Oradell. Time—3:35.51.

First Modified Qualifying Heat (12 Laps)—Bill Gross, Philadelphia; Charlie Dyer, Paterson; Nelson Applegate, Trenton. No time, delayed by accident.

Second Sportsman's Qualifying Heat (12 Laps)—Jack Reynolds, Hawthorne; Bill Hammerslev, Staten Island; Phil De Mola, Newark. Time—3:39.19.

Second Modified Qualifying Heat (12 Laps)—Frankie Schneider, Lambertville; Johnny Cabral, Paterson; Jim Delaney, Hope. Time—3:27.31.

Sportsman's Consolation Event (15 Laps)—Ed Raykowski, Red Bank; Ed Judge, Union City; Al Tauber, Parsippany. Time—5:31.15.

Modified Consolation Event (15 Laps)—Roscoe Hough, Paterson; Ed Riker, Boonton; Dick Haven, Plainfield. No time.

Sportsman's Feature Event (20 Laps)—Bob Read, Hope; Roscoe Hough, Paterson; Jerry Morese, Newark. Time—5:37.90. New Record.

Modified Feature Event (25 Laps)—Frankie Schneider, Lambertville; Roscoe Hough, Paterson; John Schaefer, Paterson. No time, delayed by accidents.



# Ruppert Stadium Stock Car Devotees Treated to Four Main Event Program

1950-06-21

BY JERRY GAST

Newark, June 17—Citizens of Newark's first ward have been keeping a watchful eye on their native son Jerry Morese since stock car racing was first offered at Ruppert Stadium, and last night his fans were rewarded when Morese who has shown steady improvement since the beginning of the season won the first Sportsmen's feature of the evening.

Morese took the lead in the seventh lap of the 20-lap event and battled off threats from the two big winners in the sportsmen's division at Ruppert Stadium, Bob Read of Hope and Roscoe Hough of Paterson, Hough came in second Read third.

In the first modified feature Jim Delaney of Hope battled his way to an early lead and had little trouble winning the event. This event had some added action when Gene Stonewall of Paterson and Nelson Applegate of Trenton exchanged blows after Applegate's car was involved in a crackup.

Delaney who has been showing very well of late in the Modified Division almost scored a second main event win in the second Modified Feature. He and Ralph Sheeler had pulled well ahead of the field and by the half way mark were lapping the field. Sheeler held a very slight lead throughout the last ten laps but it was just enough to win the event for him.

Hough who was upset in the first Sportsmen's main event by Newark's Jerry Morese had an easy time with the second Sportsmen's 20-lap feature. The two top rivals for top honors

Morese were forced out early in the event by motor trouble.

The results:

Summaries:

Postponed Modified Consolation (12 Laps)—Stumpf, Little Ferry; Williams, Ridgefield Park; Malach, Landsdown, Pa. Time 4:17.94.

Postponed Sportsman's Feature (20 Laps)—Morese, Newark; Hough, Paterson; Read, Hope. Time 5:39.13.

Postponed Modified Feature (25 Laps)—Delaney, Hope; Sheeler, Paterson; Reynolds, Ridgefield Park. (No time, race delayed by accident).

First Sportsman's Qualifying Heat (12 Laps)—Read, Hope; Berry, Oradell; Quanz, Jamaica, L. I. (No time; race delayed by accident).

First Modified Qualifying eHat (12 Laps)—Delaney, Hope; Malach, Landsdown, Pa.; Black, Reading, Pa. Time 3:26.03.

Second Sportsman's Qualifying Heat (12 Laps)—Hough, Paterson; Tauber, Parsippany; Judge, Union City. Time 3:37.44.

Second Modified Qualifying Heat (12 Laps)—Stumpf, Little Ferry; Sheeler, Paterson; Jervis, Yonkers. Time 3:21.54.

Sportsman's Consolation (15 Laps)—Bruce, Paterson; Morese, Newark; Braberry, Paterson. (No time; race delayed by accident).

Modified Consolation (15 Laps)—Berry, Oradell; Pessio, Paterson; Sanford, Paterson. (No time; race delayed by accident).

Sportsman's Feature (20 laps)—Hough, Paterson; Hammersly, Madison; Claren, Paterson. Time 6:06.82.

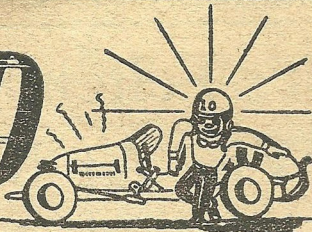
Modified Feature (25 Laps)—Sheeler, Paterson; Delaney, Hope; Reynolds, Ridgefield. Time 6:55.31.



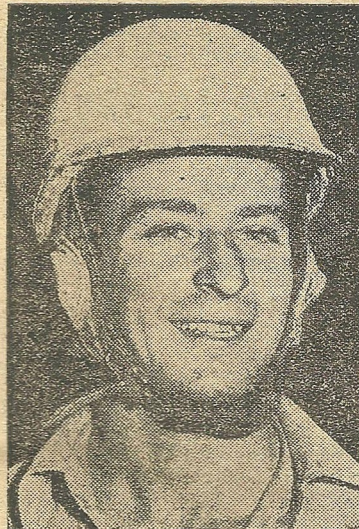
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## Jernigan Tough Rival



WALLY CAMPBELL

1950-07-04

Newark's Ruppert Stad., scene of the best attended stock car races in the East, also scene of the Roller Derby nightly since June 22. The cars, drivers, etc., had to look for other raceways for a 3-week spell.

The Atlantic Stock Car group moved to nearby Paterson, where the United Stocks had been serving up the action. At the same time, the Friday night date was switched to Sat., which is a Newark night and to top off matters, WATV, operating out of Newark for weeks past, started to pick up Paterson races. In other words, Paterson, currently is using the same nights, same sanctioning body, same tely channel as Newark did 'til Roller Derby time. What will happen when Newark swings back into racing business, come Wed. nite, July 12, remains to be seen?... Mark that change, too, from Tues. to Wed., at Newark while Sat. will be the 2nd night, as in the past.

Ed Otto, Newark promoter, is now head man of a Canadian speedway, not far from Niagara Falls, I am told. Harry Ahrens, Paterson racing figure for many years, notifies me that he will again head the stock car programs to be presented at Lodi, (N.J.) Stadium, where he put on some fine shows last year... Tho not definite on what organization

will show there I believe Lew Volk will bring a group in for the Route 6 site meets.

Did Dutch Strupp become a daddy for the 3rd time as of last week?... Dutch, former pres. of Atlantic, is now a NASCAR representative... Some inquiries received as to reopening of Dover Speedway, on Route 6, and I have no word on that.

Wall Stadium, N. J. shore resort raceway, increasing its ambitious layout with Tues., Wed. and Fri. racing, in order jalopies, ARA migets and American stocks while being worked on is a deal to operate AMA motorcycles on a special figure eight course... Wall is looking into motorbikes because of the tremendous interest shown everywhere in the state in the buzz boxes... Charley Watson, Paterson M.C. leader and AMA rep, tells me of the record breaking crowds at ALL motorcycle races this year, everyone on a Sunday afternoon, some with high humidity and intense heat, yet excellent crowds... One meet, at So. Plainfield, N. J., almost washed out, yet being run after mild flood conditions prevailed 'til near noon; a fine crowd, with TV men filming the action on 16 mm. stock to be used in not one, but two, later TV showings.

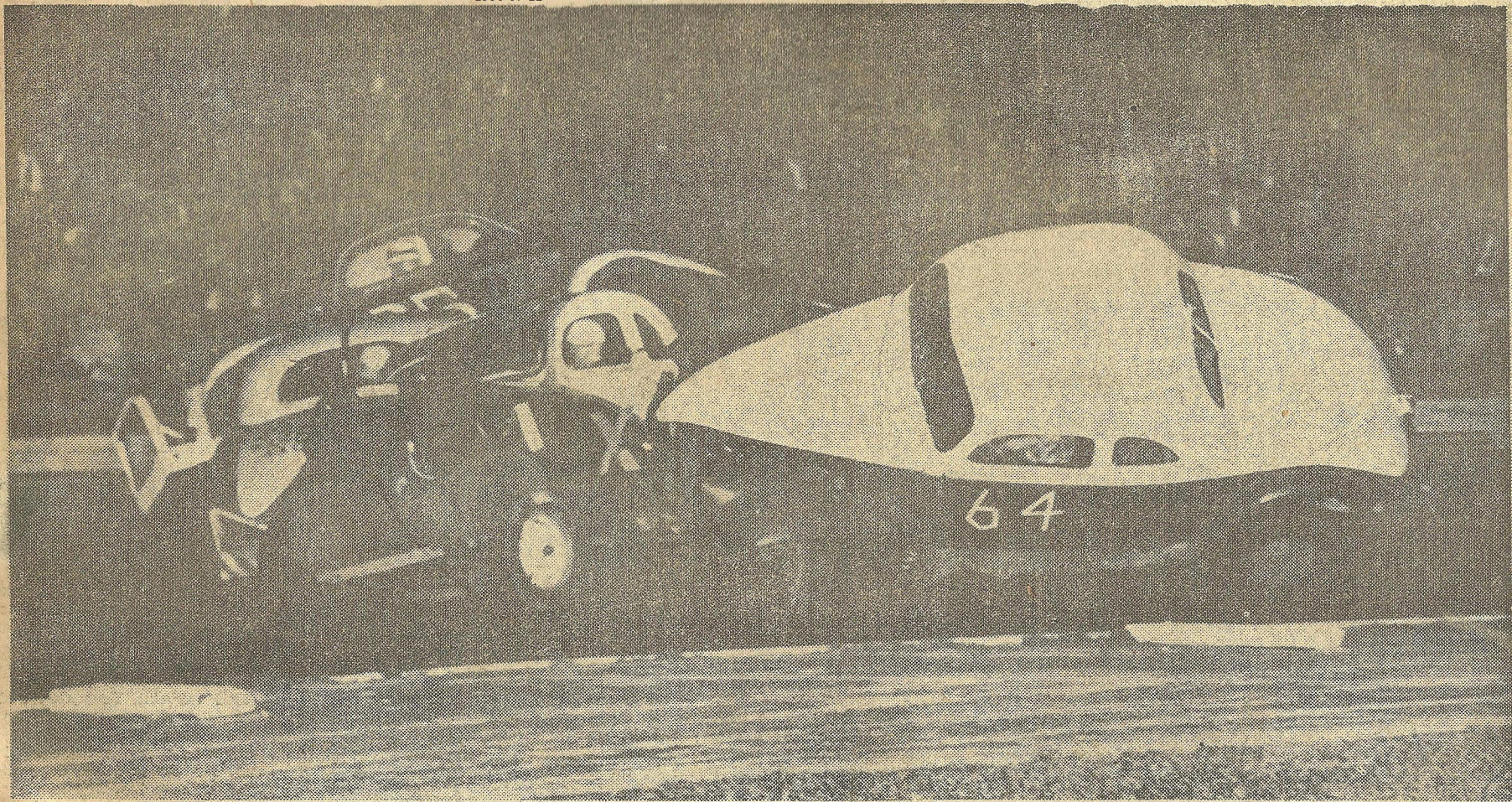
No question about Freeport being a solid success this year,

more so than ever, both Tues. and Sat. dates drawing crowds Sat. with overflows and all this DESPITE TV coverage which so many argue cuts attendance... Stan Lomax, veteran WOR radio and TV sports reporter, made a personal appearance at a recent dinner here, stated that TV sports programs will be severely curtailed in the future due to dwindling box office receipts... He cited boxing, baseball and a few more... But, properly handled, auto racing DOES NOT SUFFER FROM TV, though one Eastern case proved otherwise.

Dick Eagan, whose eye case almost erased him from competitive sports, tells me he may be able to dispense with spectacles soon, so improved is the orb... Yellowjacket, off to a slow start this year, now boosting rapidly in attendance both for Mon. stock

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A high speed mixup, starring Tiny Besso, whose No. 64 seems to be losing its left front wheel, Tom Bruce in Car X, Tom Berry in 407 headed for the gents room, and the high flyer on the outside is Don Stummp. All of this took place at Ruppert Stadium, in the NASCAR sanctioned Stock Car Races now being held on every Wed. and Sat. Nites.—Pix by N.S.S.N. Staff Photog Jack Snyder.



# Morese Wins 'A' Feature In Ruppert Stadium Test

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NEWARK, N. J., July 18.—Jerry Morese of Newark, won his second straight Class A feature race on Ruppert Stadium's fifth of a mile speedway, Saturday night. There was no time recorded for the event because of two crack-ups which halted proceedings.

The eighteen car field went two laps when a three car pile-up halted the race. After the restart Morese took the lead hotly pursued by Earl Mills of Millburn and Bob Read of Hope.

The race was stopped again in the 10th lap when a radiator blew up steaming water on the track. After the restart Morese grabbed the lead again and pulled away from Read and Mills. The latter two battled it out for second with Read finally finishing behind Morese.

The twenty lap Class B race was marked by a series of crack-ups. Ed Sherman of Irvington flipped in his car and landed upside down, Al Bayer of Lyndhurst lost a tire in the event and the other cars had to swerve to

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avoid hitting it. Ed Riker of Boonton won the event and was chased across the finish line by Ralph Sheeler of Paterson.

1st heat (12 laps): Hough, Bruce, Claren. 3:35.94.

2nd heat (12 laps): Reed, Morese, Morgan. 3:22.25.

3rd heat (12 laps): Mills, Malach, Hanaford. 3:29.16.

4th heat (12 laps): Sheeler, Wormem, Quanz. No time.

B feature (20 laps): Riker, Sheeler, Guesno. No time.

A feature race (25 laps): Morese, Read, Mills. No time.

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# Morese Nips Hough In Newark Feature

1950-07-18

NEWARK, N. J., July 15.—It was fitting that local boy Jerry Morese should sweep through to the most sensational finish of the season and win the Class A feature at Ruppert Stadium Wednesday night.

When the white flag was dripped at the 24th lap it appeared that Roscoe Hough of Paterson, who had taken the lead from the youthful newcomer in the 15th lap, would emerge the winner. Hough however swung a little wide on the last turn of the race and Morese slipped through to win by about five yards.

Stock cars will continue at Ruppert Stadium on Tuesday and Saturday nights.

1st heat (12 laps): Read, Sheeler, DeMola. 3:28.63.

2nd heat (12 laps): Hough, Riker, Bayer. 3:27.24.

3rd heat (12 laps): Morese, Batissa, Madson. 3:30.52.

4th heat (12 laps): Applegate, Tauber, Gillespie. 3:30.85.

Consolation heat (15 laps): Mills, Judge, Warner. No time.

Special match (5 laps): Hough, Read, Riker. 1:26.76.

B feature (20 laps): Adar, Smith, No time.

Feature race (25 laps): Morese, Hough, Read. 5:25.56.

## **Read Captures Auto Race**

**NEWARK, July 29 (AP)—**Bob Read of Hope, N. J., broke the five-mile track record tonight in capturing the feature stock car event at Ruppert Stadium in 6:03.71, a full half minute better than the previous 25-lap mark set by Johnny Cabral of Paterson.

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1950-07-30

# Repeat Performance For Read At Newark

By JERRY GAST

NEWARK, July 31.—Rapid Robert Read of Hope, N. J., sped to his second main event stock car win of the week at Ruppert Stadium Friday night, winning the 25-lap main event in 6:03.71, a record for the distance. It was his fifth main event win on the stadium's fifth of a mile speedway.

Read took the lead in the fourth lap and was never headed as he poured on his speed. Roscoe Hough of Paterson was running second early in the race but was never able to threaten the low flying speedster and eventually yielded second spot to Jerry Morese of Newark. Morese finished the race in second and Hough came across the finish line third.

The Class B 20-lap event saw Bill Smith of Hillside take the checkered flag first while Tony Correnti of Newark Aly Bayer of Lyndhurst and Charles

Dyer of Cranston, R. I. fought it out for second.

Walter Quanz of Jamaica, L. I. set a new record for 10-laps. He won his ten laps consolation race in 2:52.85, the best time yet recorded for that distance.

1st heat (12 laps): Morese, Cochran, Kohler.

2nd heat (12 laps): Hammersly, W. Berry, Holzhauer.

3rd heat (12 laps): Hough, Bayer, Williams. 3:33.67.

4th heat (12 laps): Read, Batissa, Erwin.

1st consolation (10 laps): Quanz, Tauber, Lacey. 2:52.85 (new track record).

Feature race (25 laps): Read, Morese, Hough, Berry.



# READ AND SCHINDLER STAR AT RUPPERT STADIUM SPEEDFEST

NEWARK, July 29th—Bob Read of Hope, N. J. won the 25-lap feature race and Johnny Parsons of Van Nuys, Calif., lost to Bill Schindler of Freeport, L. I. in a special match race and then beat Roscoe "Pappy" Hough in another match race Tuesday night at Ruppert Stadium.

In the long awaited match race between, Parsons, winner of this year's Indianapolis '500' and Bill Schindler, outstanding midget car racer for many years it was Schindler who took two out of three races from the Californian. In another special match race Parsons faced Pappy Hough in one thre lap event and defeated the stock car driver who hadn't appeared in a midget since before World War II.

Bob Read, the Hope, N. J. speedster returned to his winning ways in spectacular style winning the 25-lap race after setting a new record in a semifinal. Read spurted out in front on the fourth lap of the feature and came home to the starting line a half lap ahead of his nearest rival.

Hough, who started midway in the pack could not avoid the many jams during the race and was forced to settle for second money.

1st heat—12 laps: Correnti, Borrey, Tauber. Time: 3:39.24.

2nd heat—12 laps: Dyer, B. Read, Quanz. Time: 3:22.32.

3rd heat—12 laps: Hough, Judge, Berry. Time: 3:31.53.

1st semi-final—12 laps: Quanz, C. Dyer, Kempfe. Time: 3:33.41.

2nd semi-final—12 laps: Read, R. Hough, Morese. Time: 3:17.45.

## Midget Races

1st race—Schindler. Time: :44.58.

2nd race—Parsons, Van Nuys. Time :44.61.

3rd race—Schindler. Time: :43.91.

4th race—Between Parsons and Hough. Won by Parsons. Time: :44.23.

Feature—25 laps: Read, Hough, C. Dyer. Time: 6:54.05.

# 'Rapid Robert' Read Snags Two Straight at Ruppert

1950-08-02

By JERRY GAST

Newark, July 28—"Rapid" Robert Read of Hope, N. J. raced his way to top honors at Ruppert Stadium this week winning the feature races on both Tuesday and Saturday nights and setting a record for the 25-lap distance on Saturday that is likely to stand for some time to come. The Hope speedster cut a full half minute off the previous best time.

Read moved to the front of the field in the third lap and was never headed as he poured on the speed in his record breaking effort. Roscoe Hough of Paterson tried to head off Read as he ran second for many laps never getting close enough to challenge the Hope speedster. Hough eventually dropped back to third where he finished yielding to Jerry Morese of Newark who crossed the finish line in the runnerup spot.

Don Knapp of Linden continued his upside down technique for the fourth successive night of racing competition at Ruppert Stadium. Knapp smashed into the guard rail rebounded into the infield and landed upside down.

In Tuesday night's victory, Read shared the limelight with Johnny Parsons of Van Nuys, Cal. winner of this year's Indianapolis '500 and Bill Schindler of Freeport, N. Y. Read sped easily to his fourth victory of the season at Ruppert Stadium. He was clocked in 6:54.05 for 25 laps. Roscoe Hough of Paterson finished second and he was followed across the finish line by Charlie Dyer of Cranston, R. I.

Read moved to the front of the field in the sixth lap and immediately put plenty of distance between himself and runnerup Hough. Dyer and Hough then fought it out for second money with Hough emerging with the runnerup position.

The Hope speedster added to his many laurels by winning the 12 lap semi final event in 3:17.45. The previous record for that distance was last week by Jerry Morese of Newark.

In the match racing between Johnny Parsons of Indianapolis fame and Bill Schindler nationally known midget car champion, the one-legged racer from Freeport, L. I. beat Parsons in two out of three 3 lap races. Schindler won the first and third while Parsons won the middle dash.

In another special event Roscoe "Pappy" Hough of Paterson ventured into a midget auto for the first time since before Pearl Harbor when he was well known to midget auto fans around the nations speedways. It was a three lap affair and Parsons won it with Hough on his tail all the time. Parsons was clocked in 44.23.

1st heat, 12 laps: Correnti, Borrey, Tauber, Mulrain, Kempfe, Stephan. Time 3:39.24.

2nd heat, 12 laps: Dyer, Read, Quanz, Morese, Williams, DeMola. Time 3:22.32.

3rd heat, 12 laps: Hough, Judge, Berry, Luxi, Riker, Smith. Time 3:31.53.

1st semi-final, 12 laps: Quanz, Dyer, Kempfe, Mulrain, Williams, Bruce. Time 3:33.41.

2nd semi-final, 12 laps: Read, Hough, Morese, DeMola, Smith, Bayer. Time 3:17.45, new track record.

Class B, 10 laps: Schaefer, Robertson, Nyman, Cochran. No time.

Consolation, 12 laps: Morgan, Correnti, Coman, Wournem. Time 3:28.69.

Feature, 25 laps: Read, Hough, Dyer, Riker, Bayer, Morese. Time 6:54.69.

Midget Races, 3 laps (two out of three)

First Schindler (44.58); Second, Parsons, (44.61); Third Schindler, (43.91).

Midget match race, 3 laps: Parsons, Hough. Time 44.23.

1st heat, 12 laps: Morese, Cochran, Kohler. Time 3:37.69.

Second heat, 12 laps: Hammersly, Berry, Holzhauer. Time 3:36.77.

3rd heat, 12 laps: Hough, Bayer, Williams. Time 3:37.67.

4th heat, 12 laps: Read, Batissa, Irwin. Time 3:38.83.

1st consolation, 10 laps: Quanz, Tauber, Lacy. Time 2:52.85, new track record.

2nd consolation, 10 laps: Bayer, Warner, Stephens. Time 3:30.21.

Class B, 20 laps: Smithit, Dyer, Bayer. Time 5:58.14.

Feature, 25 laps: Read, Morese, Hough. Time 6:53.71, new track record.



## Lady Luck Aids "Old-Timer"

# "Pappy" Hough Shows 'Em How In Newark Stock Win

By JERRY GAST

NEWARK, Aug. 8th—Roscoe (Pappy) Hough of Paterson came through to win the 50-lap Mid-Season Championship Race Saturday night on Ruppert Stadium's fifth of a mile speedway. The race not only taxed all of the veterans speedsters skill and stamina but the old timer needed a smile from Lady Luck to finish the race in front of the field.

Hough took the lead for the first time in the fifth lap only to lose it in the 16th lap when Jim Delaney of Hope took over the front running position. Delaney raced around the speedway in grand style until the 35th lap when he blew a tire, hit the guard rail and flipped. He climbed out of the car and just a few minutes later was making a television appearance.

When the cars lined up for the restart and Jerry Morese of Newark was starting first and

Roscoe Hough second because Morese had taken second spot in the lap before the race was halted. Just a few laps later Hough moved to the front of the field and stayed there.

The Newarker kept trying for the lead in the remaining laps but couldn't pass the veteran Patersonian and had to settle for second money. Charlie Dyer of Cranston, R. I. who won the feature race on Thursday night, came in third.

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## Morese First in Auto Race

NEWARK, Aug. 15 (AP)—Jerry Morese of Newark won the 25-lap feature stock car race tonight at Ruppert Stadium. 1950-08-16



# Wally Campbell Upset At Newark

1950-08-24

NEWARK —AP— The 25-lap feature stock car race at Ruppert Stadium last night provided a prime upset as Charley Dyer of Cranston, R. I., won over heavily favored Wally Campbell of Trenton.

Campbell, with six straight wins at other tracks, led in his debut here until the 18th lap, when he was bumped off the track. He got back in time to defeat Bob Berry of Oradell, who was third.

Dyer's time was 7:02.63.

# Campbell Clicks

NEWARK, N. J. —AP— **Wally**

**Campbell** of Trenton broke the Ruppert Stadium ice Saturday night with his first feature race victory at the track. In taking the 25-lap feature in 7:02.73, he edged out Charley Dyer of Cranston, R. I.

1950-08-28



# Newark Card Highlighted By Campbell; Dyer Wins

1950 By JERRY GAST

Newark, Aug. 29.—Wally Campbell of Trenton, "cleaned house" at Ruppert Stadium Saturday night and Charley Dyer of Cranston, R. I., emerged with a 25-lap feature stock car victory on Wednesday night, which was a rain date for Tuesday, on Newark's fifth of a mile speedway promoted by Ed Otto and sanctioned by NASCAR.

Campbell was particularly impressive as he sped to victory in the second qualifying head, came home in front of the field in the first semi final event and topping off his evening's activities by capturing the 25-lap feature event to make for a "clean sweep" of the races in which he competed.

The Trentonian started 14th in the field made his move in the 15th lap when he passed Charley Dyer to take second place and on the following lap he passed Bill Hammersley to take and keep the lead in the main event.

Charley Dyer did some maneuvering late in the race ahead of Bill Hammersley, who was second at the time, and charging after Campbell.

Earl Mills of Millburn set a 10-lap record of 2:51.73 in a consolation race. Hammersley who is showing better every time out took his qualifying heat and semi final in addition to a third in the feature.

Dyer's victory on Wednesday night was his second in succession as he had won the feature race at the Newark speedway on Sunday night. The Rhode Islander seems to like rain dates to win prize money at Ruppert Stadium. Two of his five victories here have been rain dates.

Dyer was clocked in 7:02.6 for the 25-laps and was trailed across

the finish line by Wally Campbell of Trenton and Bill Berry of Oradell. Campbell was far in front of the field by the 18th lap when a four car crack up occurred forcing Campbell into the infield to avoid damage to his car and in that way lost the lead to Dyer. After returning to the track Campbell passed Berry but was unable to catch up with Dyer.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT

1st heat (12 laps): Berry, Radwick, Hammersley. 3:39.47.

2nd heat (12 laps): Dyer, Grenz, Bayer. 3:37.68.

3rd heat (12 laps): Tauber, Campbell, Quanz. No time.

1st semi-final (15 laps): Stephan, Dyer, Correnti. 4:14.53.

2nd heat (15 laps): Campbell, Quanz, Zittel. 4:23.85.

1st consolation (12 laps): Kempfe, Cardinale, Borre. 2:29.51.

2nd consolation heat (12 laps): Grenz, Gross, Minard. 3:32.89.

Match race (5 laps): Dyer, Morese. 1:20.47 (new track record).

Match race (8 laps): Dyer, Hammersley. 2:25.33.

Feature race (25 laps): Dyer, Campbell, Berry, Stephan. 7:02.63.

## SATURDAY NIGHT

1st heat (12 laps): Read, Dyer, Ackerman. 3:22.86.

2nd heat (12 laps): Campbell, Martin, Berry. No time.

3rd heat (12 laps): Riker, Brown, Sommers. No time.

4th heat (12 laps): Hammersley, Gross, Cochran. 3:27.62.

1st semi-final (15 laps): Campbell, Quanz, Dyer. 4:10.37.

2nd semi-final (15 laps): Hammersley, Morese, McClaren. 4:13.90.

1st consolation (10 laps): Mills, Davis, Grenz. 2:51.73 (new track record).

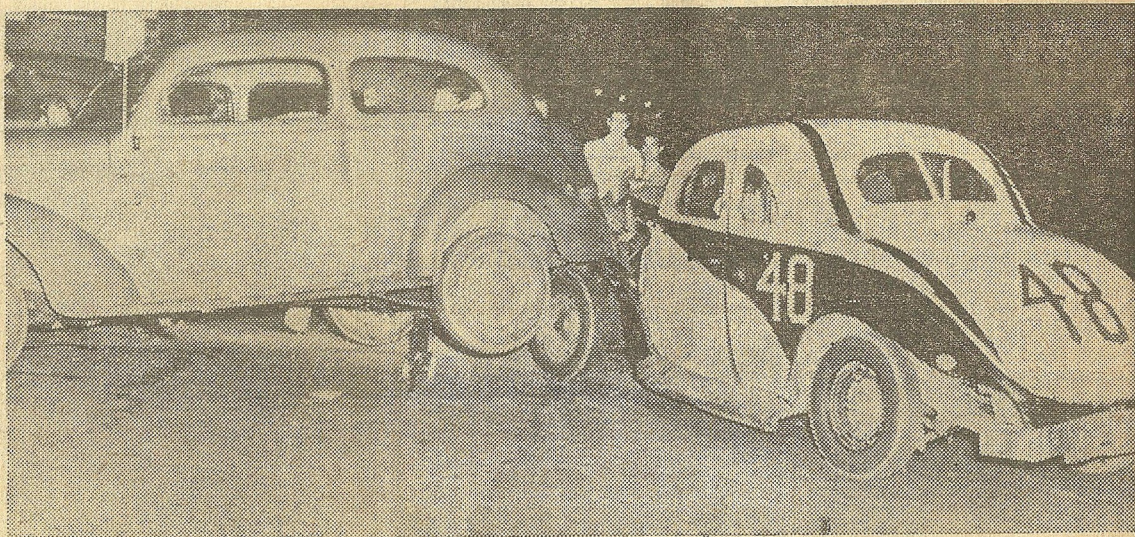
2nd consolation (12 laps): Minard, Ryan, DeMola. 2:54.67.

Consolation feature (12 laps): DeMola, Riker, Gross. 3:19.73.

Feature race (25 laps): Campbell, Dyer, Hammersley. 7:03.72.

1950-09-13

## Nearest Racetrack



**JOHNNY WALICK**, N.S.S.N. Staff Photographer attended the races at Newark's Ruppert Stadium, and did not snap a picture all night long. On the way home after the races, he happened upon contestant Bob Neill of East Orange who caught an oncoming vehicle with his tow car, with his stock job piling right in.



*Scores in Model Car and Stock Features*

# Bob Read Writes Winning Ticket in Newark Stocks

By JERRY GAST

NEWARK, Sept. 16.—They gathered from every corner of the country to compete in the 100-lap new car race at Ruppert Stadium, Tuesday night, but it was a native Jerseyan, Bob Read, racing out of Hope, N. J., who won top honors. The ex-Air Corps gunner who competed in 50 missions in the ETO, led the field to victory in the 100-lap new car race and topped off the evening by also taking the 25-lap stock car melee.

Read gave notice to all present early in the evening by recording the fastest one lap clocking in the time trials. He also copped the ten lap consolation race through which he qualifield for the feature new car race.

The Hope speedster started in the front row of the 100-lapper driving a 1946 Ford but dropped the lead in the first lap. After falling a half lap behind Dick Linder of Pittsburgh, Read began coming back until the 23rd lap when he grabbed the lead only to lose it three laps later.

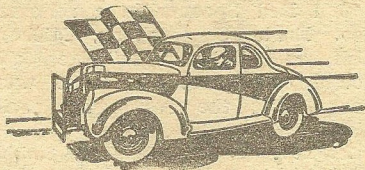
At the half way mark, it was Read and Linder battling it out for the lead until Linder pulled out in the 52nd lap for a tire change. The Pennsylvanian had recorded the second best time in the pre race trials.

Read, who had never raced in Grand National Competition, then proceeded to lap the entire field bringing a tremendous ovation from the crowd on hand. He was followed across the finish line by Johnny Grubb of Greensboro, N. C. and Roscoe (Pappy Hough of Paterson.

Johnny Mantz of Long Beach, Cal., winner of the 500-mile Race at Darlington, N. C., broke a wheel in his qualifying heat. He entered the feature with a sub-

stitute but it apparently slowed him down considerably as he finished far back in the field. The highly regarded A (Speed) Thompson of Monroe, N. C., who recorded the third best quaifying time and was right behind Read until the three-quarter mark blew a tire in the 78th lap and was out of the race.

Read was presented with a



trophy by Promoter Ed Otto in recognition of his fine performances on the Ruppert Stadium Raceway where he competes each Tuesday and Saturday nights. He has won six feature races in competition here and has become a favorite of the fans.

Time trials: Bob Read, 17.44.  
1st heat (10 laps): Hough, Wittman, Roberts. 3:13.43.  
2nd heat (10 laps): Linder, Sents, Thompson. 3:10.59.  
3rd heat (10 laps): Parks, Fanelli, Campbell. 3:16.31.  
Consolation heat (10 laps): Read, Grubb, Courtwright. 3:08.25.  
Feature Stock race (25 laps): Read, Guesno, Riker. 7:00.3.  
Feature Model Car race (100 laps): Read, Grubb, Hough, Gauvén, Smith. 31.38.83.

# Read Repeats At Ruppert; Driver Hurt

1950-09-20

By JERRY GAST

Newark Sept. 17—Bob Read emerged from a hectic evening of stock car racing at Ruppert Stadium last night, with a 25-lap main event victory on the stadium's fifth of a mile speedway.

The Hope speedster, who won the new car and 25-lap event here on Tuesday night was clocked in 6:50.26. He was followed across the finish line by Tony Lanzaro and Jerry Morese, both of Newark.

Read took the lead in the eighth lap of the feature event. After moving to the front he put a full lap between himself and the rest of the field. Ed Riker of Boonton was running second at this point but collided with a spinning car and landed in the infield.

During the second semi final Ed Robillard of Newark was involved in a serious crack up in which he rolled over several times. He was removed to Newark City Hospital where his condition was reported fair.

First Qualifying Heat, 12 laps (3:33.71)—1, Gillespie; 2, Langdon; 3, Quanz; 4, Dyer; 5, Hulse; 6, Elliott.

Second Qualifying Heat, 12 laps (3:26.27)—1, Riker; 2, Smith; 3, Guesno; 4, Tauber; 5, Brown; 6, Schaefer.

Third Qualifying Heat, 12 laps (no time due to a restart)—1, Campbell; 2, Davis; 3, Fraso; 4, Lanzaro; 5, Demola; 6, Dyer.

First Semi-final, 15 laps (4:21.04)—1, Hulse; 2, Bruce; 3, Riker; 4, Quanz; 5, Brown; 6, Jarvis.

Second Semi-final, 15 laps (no time, race halted at 10 laps)—1, Steffan; 2, Campbell; 3, Read; 4, Correnti; 5, Bayer; 6, Mills.

Fourth Qualifying Heat, 12 laps (no time due to a restart)—1, Read; 2, Mills; 3, Sommers; 4, Detrich; 5, Sherman; 6, Radwick.

First Consolation, 10 laps (3:13.36)—1, Jarvis; 2, Williams; 3, Blasi; 4, Waldron.

Second Consolation, 12 laps (no time due to a restart)—1, Morese; 2, Grenz; 3, Ryan; 4, Rudolph.

Third Consolation, 12 laps (no time due to a restart)—1, Morese; 2, Williams; 3, Davis; 4, Sommers.

Feature, 25 laps (6:50.26)—1, Read; 2, Lanzara; 3, Morese; 4, Quanz.



# Wally Campbell Wins 35-Lap Newark Race

1950-09-27

NEWARK —AP— Al Bayer of Lyndhurst won the 25-lap feature stock car race at Ruppert Stadium last night.

He was timed in 6:59.21.

Bill Berry of Oradell took second and Harry Sauchelli of Paterson was third.

**Wally Campbell** of Trenton was first in a 35-lap feature postponed from last week. Second was Charley Dyer, Cranston, R. I. and third was Ed Riker of Boonton.