

Disbrow Adds Auto Crashing To His Career

Ex-Boxer Performs In Thrill Show Today

At Fair 9-9-1945

First an amateur boxer, then a professional wrestler, now an automobile thrill show headliner—that's the checkered sports career of Trentonian Harry Disbrow.

Back in 1937 Disbrow won top heavyweight honors in Trenton's Golden Gloves tournament.

Last year he bobbed up as a pro wrestler, appearing several times in Arena bouts. He grappled under the ring name of "Dapper Diz."

Now the husky Trentonian is a member of Jack Kochman's Hell Drivers, who will stage their famous thrill show in front of the grandstand at the Trenton Fair today and tomorrow. Disbrow performs under the name of "Lucky Lee" Crosby. Another Trentonian, Bobby Manson, also is a member of the thrill show troupe.

Headed by Johnny Rogers, former Hollywood stuntman, the Hell Drivers will offer for the first time the two-car "Dynamite Drive" through two flaming board walls. In this event Rogers and Ed Duffy race down the straightway in two stock cars, speed up one rampway on two wheels simultaneously and with both cars separated only by inches they try to swerve their cars through two flaming board walls placed in their path.

Duffy, recognized world's champion motorcycle stuntman, will present a new hair-raising stunt in his mad dash through a solid sheet of plate glass and a flaming fire wall. He will also participate in the "Tunnel of Fire" in which he sends his motorcycle racing through a 30-foot "tunnel" completely covered with flames.

Rogers also will attempt the death-defying bus jump, which cost the life of "Lucky" Teter.

The thrill shows today and tomorrow will start at 2:30 P. M.

Iron Man Feat On Race Track Chitwood Goal

Joie to Drive at Fair On Next Day After Thrill Show

Big-time automobile racing will take place on the Trenton Fair one-mile track for the first time next Sunday, September 10.

The last auto races staged at the Fair were before the war and the track then was a half-mile. Since that time the Fair Grounds oval has been changed to a mile and this undoubtedly will mean faster racing. Many top-notch daredevils of the dirt speedways have avoided half-mile tracks because of their treacherous turns. The larger Trenton Fair oval now will prove a magnet to practically all of the speed title-seekers.

Chitwood First Entry

Heading the list of early entries for Trenton is Joie Chitwood, the famous Indian driver from Oklahoma. Chitwood not only is defending his eastern States auto racing championship, last won in 1942, but he also is the star performer in his own thrill show this year. Chitwood will attempt an "Iron man" stunt never before seen in auto racing when he performs in his thrill show at the Fair on Saturday, the 15th, and then races in the big car auto races on the Fair mile track the very next day, the 16th.

Chitwood originally was booked to stage his thrill show on Sun-

Races Next Sunday



Joie Chitwood

9-9-1945

Wilburn will drive his \$17,000 Offenhauser Special, one of the most powerful racing machines in America.

Time trials will start at 1 P. M. next Sunday at the Fair. The first competitive event will begin at 2:30. There will be six competitive events, climaxed by the feature race of the afternoon.

Auto Races Due Sunday

Chitwood Tops Field In Big Car Speed Event At Trenton Fair

9-13-1945

Big time dirt track automobile racing, long a feature of Trenton Fairs each year but held down by an ODT ruling since 1941, will make a comeback Sunday. All indications are that one of the greatest crowds in the history of the Fair will be on hand to watch the speed demons in action on the one-mile track.

Sam Nunis, director of events for the Nunis Speedways and who was associated with the late Ralph Hankinson for 17 years in staging automobile races all over the nation, will be in charge of Sunday's speed program. Sam announces that a great array of noted race stars will compete.

Headed by Jole Chitwood, the famed Indian race star who three times finished in the money at Indianapolis in the 500-mile grinds, the list of entries also includes Tony Willman, the western champion; Mark Light, the Lebanon (Pa.) Flying Dutchman; Shorty McAndrews of Allentown, Pa.; Lew Heller, Dutch Wohler and a score of others.

Thrill Show Saturday

Chitwood also presents his own thrill show at the Trenton Fair

on Saturday of this week. His "Hell on Wheels" program features a daring array of crash dives, roll-overs and real hair-raising stunts by drivers of automobiles and motorcycles.

Chitwood Set For Dual Role On Fair Track

9-14-1945

Joie Chitwood, the speed-conscious Oklahoma Indian, is all set for his "iron man" role on the Trenton Fair one-mile race track. Chitwood will present his own thrill show, "Hell on Wheels," tomorrow afternoon at the Fair and then will compete with other leading drivers in Sunday's automobile races on the same oval.

The one-mile track will have its first big time auto race program when a great army of speed demons compete in the closing feature of the Fair.

Time trials will start at 1:30 Sunday and the first competitive race at 2:30.

The feature event will be a 15-mile race, and more than 25 of the top drivers of the East and Mid-West have filed their entries with Sam Nunis, of Nunis Speedways, director of Sunday's races.

Chitwood, the Indian race star, held the old half-mile track record at Trenton, and Joe is one of the entries for Sunday's events. He will try for the mile mark as well.

Chitwood has his own "Hell on Wheels" program, a thrill show of crash drives, roll-overs and daring riding similar to that presented by the late Lucky Teter, and he will have this show as one of tomorrow's features of the Fair.

Holland, Sall Foes Of Chitwood Today In Fair Auto Races

9-16-1945

The first automobile races ever staged on the new mile track at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds at Trenton are slated this afternoon when a great array of eastern and mid-west speed talent competes in one of the big features of the annual Trenton Fair.

Headed by Indian Jole Chitwood, 1939, 1940 and 1942 East Coast champion, who has finished in the money three times at Indianapolis, the entry list includes Bill Holland, 1941 East Coast champion; Bob Sall, 1936-37 East Coast titlist; Joe Sanco of Elizabeth, N. J.; Earl Johns' of Earlton, N. J.; Dutch Culp, Lou Heller and Shorty McAndrews of Allentown, Pa.; Mark Light, the Flying Dutchman of Lebanon, Pa.; Wing Bowley of Waterbury, Conn.; George Conklin of Waterbury, the New England champion; Danny Goss of Mount Holly, N. J.; Hock Rodgers of Trenton; Wally Marks, Trenton; Jim Boos of Reading, Pa., and many others.

The time trials start at 1 o'clock with the first competitive event at 2:30. The 15-mile feature race



Bill Holland

will be the big event of the afternoon.

The races are conducted under the auspices of Nunis Speedways and with the sanction of the Central States Racing Association, governing body of automobile racing this year.

Big Crowd Sees Fair Auto Races

9-17-1945

Auto racing returned to the Trenton Fair yesterday and attracted an overflow crowd that was estimated at 52,000 fans.

Every available seating space was sold and the "Standing Room Only" sign had been hung out by the time the cars lined up for the first competitive event on the Fair Grounds one-mile oval. A combination of Saturday's rain and 30 tons of calcium chloride made the track practically dustless.

The nearest approach to a mishap occurred in the 15-mile feature race. Bill Holland,, driving Bob Sall's car, was challenging Jole Chitwood for the lead when a tire blew out. The lock ring on the wheel of the car flew loose and sent boards flying from a section of the fence in front of the grandstand. Some of the splinters hit the Hamilton Township police ambulance but the only damage was to the paint on the front mudguard.

Holland, despite his flat tire, managed to finish second to Chitwood in the feature event. Dan Goss, Mount Holly speedster, finished third.

Holland provided the spectators with their biggest moment of the afternoon when he nosed out Chitwood in a thrilling finish in one of the five-mile preliminary events.

Sall retired for the day after losing to Chitwood in a three-mile special match race.

More Races on 30th

Sam Nunis, general manager of Nunis Speedways, announced that auto races will be held at the Fair grounds track again on September 30.

Yesterday's summaries:

First race, 5 miles: 1, Jole Chitwood; 2, Joe Banco; 3, Dutch Culp. Time—3:58.51.

Second Race, 5 miles: 1, Bill Holland; 2, Jole Chitwood; 3, Dan Goss. Time—3:59.68.

Third Race, 5 miles: 1, Bill Holland; 2, Dan Goss; 3, Joe Banco. Time—3:56.20.

Special Match Race, 3 miles: 1, Jole Chitwood; 2, Bob Sall.

Feature Event, 15 miles: 1, Jole Chitwood; 2, Bill Holland; 3, Dan Goss; 4, Jim Ferriok. Time—10:46.48.

Auto Races Slated Here Next Sunday

9-23-1945

Holland, Chitwood Will Resume Rivalry On Fair Mile Oval

The mile track at the Trenton Fair Grounds, hailed by auto race drivers as the fastest in the east, will be the scene of another program of speed next Sunday afternoon, September 30. Sam Nunis, director of Nunis Speedways, is in charge of arrangements.

Nunis recently staged the first auto races ever held on the new mile track of the Trenton Fair Grounds at the Trenton State Fair, and by popular request of the Fair management, auto race fans and the racers themselves, he will return with a program of speed next Sunday afternoon.

Joe Chitwood and Bill Holland, who staged a red hot duel in the 15-mile feature event recently on the Trenton track, will both be entered in next Sunday's speed program, as well as other eastern and New England drivers. Chitwood won the first feature race, but Holland believes that if he had not suffered a flat tire in the home stretch he would have been the winner. Bill is confident that he can take Chitwood's measure next Sunday.

Nunis, however, may have several surprises in store for both the racers and the fans, because he's dickering for the entry of a number of mid-west race stars to compete at the Trenton track.

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RAIN DATE, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

Holland, Chitwood Resume Racing Rivalry Here Sunday

There promises to be a "grudge" race on the Trenton Fair Grounds one-mile track Sunday afternoon when Sam Nunis presents the second auto race program of the Fall season here.

Two weeks ago Nunis staged the Trenton Fair races and a large crowd saw Indian Joe Chitwood grab the feature race when Bill Holland developed a flat tire in the home stretch. Both Chitwood and Holland are early entrants for Sunday's speed program.

In addition to the Chitwood-Holland entries, Nunis has lined up several mid-western drivers to oppose the East's best on the fast one-mile oval.

9-26-1945

The Trenton mile track is the only mile track in the east now operating for auto races, and race drivers claim it is superior in some respects to the idle Langhorne Speedway.

The complete entry list to date follows:

Joie Chitwood, Pawhuska, Okla.; Bill Holland, Bridgeport, Conn.; Bob Sall, Paterson; Danny Goss, Mount Holly; Earl Johns, Erlton, N. J.; Dutch Culp, Allentown, Pa.; George Marshman, Yerkes, Pa.; Joe Sanco, Elizabeth, N. J.; Bob Cooney, Mount Holly; Warren Bates, Pitman, N. J.; Johnny Favinger, Collegeville, Pa.; Eddie Zalucki, Detroit; Frankle Iaptow, Detroit; Lou Heller, Allentown, Pa.; Shorty McAndrews, Allentown, Pa.; John Croane, Dayton, O.; Ducky Pelman, Reading, Pa.; Bumpy Bumpus, Brockton, Mass.; Pete McKeone, Pitman, N. J.; Johnny Sweetwood, Allentown, Pa.; George Ruddy, Reading, Pa.; Paul Becker, Reading, Pa.; Stan Jones, Erlton, N. J.; Jim Boas, Reading, Pa.; John Shacklogord, Indianapolis; Elmer Norris, Harrisburg; Rex Records, Philadelphia, and Milt Marlon, Hempstead, L. I.

Time trials will start at 1:30 Sunday afternoon and the first competitive race at 2:45.

Trentonian Seeks Honors In Auto Races on Sunday

9-28-1945

Wally Marks' Car Ready For Action—Chitwood, Holland Set

Trentonian Wally Marks reported today that his Hial Special is all tuned up and ready for Sunday's program of big-time auto races on the Trenton Fair Grounds one-mile track.

Time trials will start at 1:30 o'clock Sunday and the first competitive event at 2:45. The feature race will be 20 miles. Several shorter races will determine the post positions of cars in the feature event.

Marks told Director Sam Nunis

that he entertained suspicions that his carburetor was tampered with at the race track on September 18. Marks endeavored to have his car qualified for the races on the closing date of the Trenton Fair but motor trouble developed. A thorough investigation in the garage the next day revealed possible tampering with the carburetor. As a result, the Marks machine will be watched carefully from the time it goes on the track Sunday.

Mid-Westerners to Compete

Marks is the only Trentonian among a score or more drivers slated to compete. Nunis, successor to the late Ralph A. Hankinson as promoter of high speed programs, has lined up a field that includes mid-western as well as eastern drivers. Eddie Zalucki and Frankie Luptow, both of Detroit; Harry Robtoy of Pontiac, Mich., and Clarence Anderson of Zenia, O., head the mid-western contingent.

Jole Chitwood, Oklahoma Indian, will try to repeat his Trenton triumph of the 16th and his win at Flemington Labor Day. Opposing him, however, will be Bridgeport Bill Holland, who might have won the race on the 16th but for a flat tire on the second-to-last lap.

Other outstanding entries for Sunday include Milt Marlon of Hempstead, L. I., driving an Italian Maserati; Danny Goss of nearby Mount Holly and Rex Record, veteran Philadelphia speedster.

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Resume Feud Here Today



Jole Chitwood



Bill Holland

Holland, Chitwood to Renew Rivalry on Fair Track Today

Indian Jole Chitwood and Bridgeport Bill Holland will resume their auto racing feud this afternoon on the Trenton Fair Grounds one-mile track.

Two weeks ago, on the closing day of the annual Trenton Fair, Chitwood defeated Holland in a 15-mile feature event. Bill gave Jole a close battle for 13 of the 15 laps but, on the second-to-last spin around the Fair Grounds oval, one of his front tires went flat. He managed to complete the race and take second money. Many in the audience thought he would have won if the tire hadn't gone flat. Holland nosed out Chitwood in the only preliminary event in which both of them raced.

Today's feature will be a 20-miler. Both Chitwood and Holland have told Director Sam Nunis that they favor the extra five-mile distance. To just whose benefit it will work out is the

question that bids fair to attract a large crowd of speed devotees to the Fair Grounds oval.

Nunis, successor to the late Ralph A. Hankinson as promoter of high speed events, expects a score or more of the leading eastern and mid-western drivers to compete. The entry list includes the names of Detroiters Eddie Zaluski and Frankie Luptow, Harry Robloy of Pontiac, Mich.; Clarence Anderson of Xenia, O.; Dev Snyder of Kent, O.; Johnny Croane of Dayton, O., and Johnny Shackelford of Indianapolis.

Trentonian Wally Marks is one of eight New Jersey drivers lined up by Nunis. Others from the Garden State include Danny Goss and Bob Cooney from Mount Holly and Joe Sanco from Elizabethtown.

Time trials will start at 1:30 and the first race at 2:45 P. M.

Auto Racer Killed, Two Hurt at Fair

Hutchinson Meets Death In Crash Through Fences

Death and injury stalked the race track at the Trenton Fair Grounds yesterday afternoon.

Harry Hutchinson, an auto race driver from Springtown, Pa., was killed when his car crashed through two fences at the first turn of the one-mile track.

Hutchinson, a war hero in the Pacific, was released only last week from the United States Marines. During the Pacific war he received four wounds in as many engagements with the Japs. He was a member of Colonel Evans F. Carlson's Raiders. He received the Purple Heart, the Navy Letter of Commendation and the Presidential Citation for his bravery in the battles of Guadalcanal, Wake Island, Saipan and Bougainville.

Bridgeport Bill Holland, one of the outstanding drivers in the East, is in St. Francis Hospital. He suffered a possible fracture of the left shoulder when his car left the track on the far side of the first turn, heading into the backstretch.

Both of these accidents occurred during the feature race of yesterday.

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One Driver Killed, 2 Hurt In Races at Fair Grounds

Chitwood Wins Feature; Holland in Hospital After Mishap

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day's auto racing program on the Fair Grounds track.

Earlier in the afternoon, while time trials were in progress, the car driven by Frankie Luptow of Detroit overturned heading into the stretch. The car demolished a section of wooden fence. Luptow was thrown clear of his machine and escaped with minor cuts of the face. These were bandaged in time for him to return to the races as a spectator.

Hutchinson was rushed to St. Francis Hospital in an ambulance after his car crashed through both the wooden fence bordering the track and the wire fence several feet beyond. Hutchinson's machine went through both fences and crashed into some parked automobiles. The driver was pronounced dead upon his arrival at the hospital.

Holland, an idol of Trenton racing fans, tried three different cars during the course of the afternoon—his own, Milt Marion's and the one belonging to Bob Sall, veteran Paterson driver. All three cars developed engine trouble and almost kept Bill out of the feature race. Holland, however, offered to drive Sall's car if he could have the 10 minutes necessary to change the magneto.

Holland's request was explained over the loud-speaking system and it was left to the crowd—estimated at more than 10,000 fans—to decide whether or not to wait for Bridgeport Bill. An overwhelming cheer was an immediate affirmative vote. Seven mechanics busted themselves putting a new magneto in Sall's car.

By the time Holland took his place in the starting lineup for the feature race, scheduled for 20 miles, darkness was fast approaching.

Jole Chitwood, Oklahoma Indian, proceeded to win the feature, his second consecutive Fair Grounds triumph. The fatal accident to Hutchinson occurred early in the race and was hardly noticed by the crowd. Chitwood, Holland and Johnny Shackelford

of Indianapolis engaged in a stirring duel for the early lead. Shackelford passed both of his rivals and kept his Miller Special out in front from the eighth lap to the 15th. At this stage of the race, however, one of his tires went flat. This enabled Chitwood to take the lead to win handily. The race was halted after 18 miles of the scheduled, 20 when Holland crashed the fence on the far side of the first turn.

Chitwood's winning time for the 18-mile distance was 14:59.80. Shackelford, although he finished on three tires and one rim, was placed second and Dutch Culp of Allentown, Pa., third. Culp registered a protest in the judges' stand, claiming he had overhauled Shackelford in the closing stages of the race. He claimed to carry his plea to the Central States Racing Association, governing body of auto racing. Yesterday's speed events were sanctioned by the CSRA.

Warren Bates of Pitman, N. J.; Stan Jones of Mount Holly and Duke Dinsmore of Dayton, O., finished in that order behind Chitwood, Shackelford and Culp, according to the judges' placings.

Chitwood won the first qualifying race over the five-mile route in 3:48.53. Sall placed second and Shackelford third. Dinsmore won the second qualifying heat with Culp second and Bates third. The next race, also a five-miler, was won by Shackelford, followed by Jones, Jim Merrick and John White. Still another five-mile event, the semi-feature, saw Culp the winner in a close finish with Dinsmore. Jones placed third.

Milt Marion, driving a high-powered Italian Maserati, couldn't keep pace with the smaller cars in the second qualifying heat.

Several cars developed motor trouble during the time trials and were unable to compete in the competitive events. Included in this category was Wally Marks, the only Trenton entry in the races.

Chitwood, winner by virtue of a flat tire on Shackelford's car, leads a charmed life as far as Trenton fans are concerned. The Indian won in a similar manner on September 16, the closing day of the Trenton Fair. He and Holland were engaged in a close race, but a front tire on Holland's car went flat during the second-to-last lap, enabling Chitwood to win. The tires on Chitwood's car seem to be the only ones that never go flat. As a result, the Indian daredevil, who operates his own thrill show in his spare time, is enjoying a big lead in the race for the Eastern States auto racing championship.

Returns To Action In Races Here



Bill Holland

Idol of Trenton Speed Fans Races at Fair Track May 5

4-21-1946

Big-time automobile racing will return to the Trenton Fair Grounds mile track on Sunday, May 5, and right in there trying for top honors will be the idol of Trenton speed fans—Bill Holland of Bridgeport, Conn.

Promoter Sam Nunis, successor to the late Ralph A. Hankinson, is in charge of the May 5 program. That assures spectators of the best high speed entertainment available. Nunis already has established his headquarters in Trenton and is contacting drivers all over the country, lining them up for the races here. The first Sunday in May will be a historic date for the Fair Grounds oval. The races here will be the first postwar, AAA-sanctioned mile track speed events in the East. The only other auto races held this year in the East have been on half-mile tracks. Many of the top-notch drivers don't like to race on the small half-mile ovals but Trenton's fine mile racing strip is likely to lure them.

Holland, defending Eastern AAA dirt track champ, was one of the first to file an entry with Nunis. This was good news indeed for Trenton fans. Holland had the feature race practically won on the closing day of the New Jersey State Fair last year, only to lose a rim lock on the next to last lap. Bill finished the race in spite of this mishap but Joie Chitwood copped first place. Holland returned a few weeks later and had the misfortune of overturning on the backstretch while driving a borrowed car. He spent several days in St. Francis Hospital but is back in the speed circuit again this year, just as daring as ever. He and Chitwood probably will resume their red hot rivalry on the Fair track. Chitwood, the Indian daredevil from Oklahoma, has promised Nunis that he will race here before going to Indianapolis for the resumption of the 500-mile classic on May 30.



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Pair Of Indianapolis Drivers In May 5 Race Program Here

4-26-1946

Two drivers who will race at Indianapolis May 30 are among the entries announced to date for the auto racing program at the Trenton Fair Grounds on May 5—one week from Sunday. Promoter Sam Nunis will start the time trials of his AAA-sanctioned program at 1 p. m. The cars will line up for the opening competitive event at 2 o'clock.

Ted Horn of Paterson, N. J., and Joie Chitwood, former Oklahoman now making his headquarters in Reading, Pa., are the two who will race here before competing in the 1946 renewal of the famous 500-mile Memorial Day classic at the Indianapolis Speedway. Chitwood, who runs his own thrill show in addition to driving race cars, won two races at the Trenton Fair mile track last fall. He will be seeking a third consecutive postwar Trenton triumph a week from Sunday but he will be up against the toughest field he ever has faced here. Horn, absent from the Trenton racing scene last year, will be at the controls of a high-powered Offenhauser car.

Other definite threats to Chitwood's continued supremacy include Tommy Hinnershitz of Reading, Pa., back for the first time since before the war, and Bridgeport Bill Holland. Trenton racing fans idolize Holland. The fans are convinced to this day that Holland would have beaten Chitwood on the closing afternoon of Fair week last fall if Holland's car hadn't lost a rim lock on the next-to-last lap of the feature event. A couple of weeks later, in an encore, Holland had the bad luck of overturning on the backstretch while driving a car that he borrowed and equipped with a new magneto in a ten-minute rush job before the start of the race. Holland wound up in St. Francis Hospital that day but he's back on the high speed circuit this year, daring and capable as ever.

DIRT TRACK RACING WILL RESUME MAY 5

4/27/1946

TRENTON, N. J.—Receipt of signed entry blanks from Ted Horn, veteran Paterson, N. J. speed merchant; Tommy Hinnerschitz, the Reading, Pa. daredevil; and Hank Rodgers, a home-town boy, for the A.A.A.-sanctioned automobile races on the Trenton Fair Grounds one-mile track have been received.

Followers of the speed game are in for some real thrills in the first big car races on a mile track this year on Sunday, May 5.

Sam Nunis, director of the speed carnival here a week from next Sunday, yesterday said he expected a number of other outstanding drivers to file entries within the next few days, and predicted that there would be a score or more of the best known drivers in the East, South, and Middle West competing.

The entry of Ted Horn was especially interesting, since it will probably result in a personal feud between he and Chitwood. When auto racing was resumed last Fall, Chitwood and Horn engaged in several duals on half-mile tracks, but Horn refused to enter the competition then on the Trenton mile track record last September 30. That was the day when Harry Hutchinson, a driver of Springtown, Pa., crashed into the wall and died.

Another driver who gave Chitwood plenty of competition on the mile track here last year has also filed his entry, Bill Holland of Bridgeport, Conn., "Dutch" Culp, the Allentown, Pa., veteran, is also among the big list of entries to date.

"the one-mile track at Trenton, the drivers can really cut loose they can put their foot on the pedal and go," said Nunis. "That should result in some great competition and real sport for the spectators"



When Joie Chitwood raced at the Trenton Fair Grounds track on September 30 of last year, he adopted eight-year-old Barbara Ann Butts as his mascot. Joie posed for the above picture with Barbara Ann just before the races. The Indian speed king proceeded to win the feature event, his second in a row at Trenton. He will try to make it three straight next Sunday, May 5, at the Fair Grounds oval. Among his ardent supporters will be Miss Butts, daughter of Trentonian Homer N. Butts, who once boxed under the name of Jimmy Flynn.

Chitwood Defends Laurels In Race Here Next Sunday

Outstanding auto race drivers from all over the United States will converge upon the Trenton Fair Grounds track next Sunday with one object in mind—beating Joe Chitwood.

Chitwood, former Oklahoma Indian now making his home in Reading, Pa., won each of two races on the Fair Grounds mile oval last year. Indian Joie paced the pack on the closing day of the 1945 New Jersey State Fair and then repeated in an encore racing program on September 30.

Promoter Sam Nunis, with the sanction of the contest board of the American Automobile Association, has lined up at least three other drivers whom he believes capable of giving Chitwood a run for his money. One of them is Ted Horn of Paterson, N. J., who, like Chitwood, is pointing for the 500-mile Indianapolis race on Decoration Day. The other two are Bridgeport Bill Holland, a popular favorite with Trenton fans, and Tommy Hinnershitz of Reading, Pa., who won a feature race at the Fair back in the days when the track was a half-miler. The racing strip was enlarged three years ago into one of the fastest mile speed ovals in the East.

Numerous other drivers and owners of racing cars are being contacted by Nunis, who expects the pits adjacent to the starting line at the Fair Grounds track to be filled to capacity by the time next Sunday's time trials start at 1 p. m. The first race is scheduled to begin at 2 o'clock.

Fifteen Drivers Mark Time For Auto Races On Sunday

5-2-1946

Fifteen race drivers, including two candidates for the 500-mile race at Indianapolis, were marking time today for this Sunday's AAA sanctioned big car auto races at the New Jersey **State Fair grounds.**

Sam Nunis, the program director, said the latest entrants were Johnny Shackelford, Dayton, O.; Mark Light, Lebanon, Pa.; Lee Wallard, Schenectady, N. Y.; Henry Gritzbach, also of Schenectady; Hank Rogers, Trenton; Buster Warke, Walnutport, Pa.; Stan Jones, Clifton, N. J.; "Dutch" Culp, Allentown, Pa.; Ducky Pehlman and Jim Boas of Reading, Pa.

Those previously signed were Ted Horn, Paterson, N. J., and Joie Chitwood, Reading, the East's foremost representatives in this year's 500-mile race at Indianapolis; Walter Ader, Bernardsville, N. J., winner of the season's inaugural speed events at Williams Grove, Pa., and Bridgeport Bill Holland.

In Races Here Sunday



Walt Ader

5-3-1946

Horn To Race Here Sunday, Then Head For Indianapolis

Tired of playing the role of bridesmaid in the 500-mile speedway grind at Indianapolis, Ted Horn threatens to quit the race for keeps if he doesn't emerge victorious this year.

"It's now or never," the popular Paterson driver told Sam Nunis Speedways officials while signing his entry for the AAA sanctioned big car auto races at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds this Sunday. "This year will be my eighth attempt to win the 500-miler, and if I'm not successful on May 30 I might as well give it up as a bad job."

Six times in the money, Horn placed third in the last race held at Indianapolis in 1941. He was fourth in 1938, '39 and '40, third in 1937 and second in 1936. The only time he failed to finish among the top ten was in 1935, the year he made his debut on the Hoosier bricks.

Racing experts maintain that Horn's chances in the big race this year are enhanced considerably through acquisition of Wilbur Shaw's former mount. Some even go so far as to install Ted as the odds-on favorite. The car, an Italian-built Maseratti, already holds two victories on the Indianapolis track. Shaw drove it both times. It is owned by Mike Boyle of Chicago.

Despite his threat to retire from the Indianapolis scene, Horn has no intention of quitting the dirt tracks.

"I'll probably be racing until I'm 50," he declared. "It's my livelihood and until I find something better you'll see me out there matching my wits with Joie Chitwood, Bill Holland and the other hot shots in the East and West."

Horn will head for Indianapolis shortly after the races here Sunday.

Horn's rivals at the Trenton Fair Grounds will include Walt Ader, of Bernardville, N. J., a surprise winner at the Williams Grove Speedway earlier this season; Joie Chitwood, the Cherokee Indian speedster; Tommy Hinnershitz of Reading, Pa.; Bill Holland of Bridgeport, Conn.; Johnny Shackelford of Dayton, O.; Mark Light of Lebanon, Pa.; Hank Rogers of Trenton, Lee Wallard, Henry Gritzbach, Buster Warke, Stan Jones, Dutch Culp, Jim Boaz and possibly others.

Time trials will begin at 1 o'clock Sunday and the first competitive race at 2 p. m.

Twenty-Five Drivers Ready For Fair Auto Races Today; 20-Mile Affair Is Main Event

5-5-1946

Twenty-five big time auto race drivers, including four Indianapolis Speedway stars, will take part in today's AAA-sanctioned big car auto races at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds one-mile track.

Today's races, first of the year on a mile track in the East, will feature the presence of Ted Horn, Paterson, N. J.; Joie Chitwood and Tommy Hinnershitz, both of Reading, Pa.; Duke Nalon, Chicago, and Bill Holland of Bridgeport, Conn. Horn, Chitwood, Hinnershitz and Nalon all participated in the last 500-mile race held at Indianapolis in 1941, while Holland won the Eastern States dirt track championship the same year.

Other front-ranking performers in the events at the Fair Grounds here today are Johnny Shackelford, Dayton, O., the Indiana State speed champion in 1940; Walt Ader, Bernardsville, N. J., surprise winner of the season's inaugural half-mile track speed events at Williams Grove, Pa., and Mark Light, Lebanon, Pa., holder of the Eastern AAA Class B speed title in 1938.

Also on hand will be Lee Wallard, Schenectady, N. Y., winner of a National championship race last year at the track in Lehigh, Pa.

The program, as announced by contest board officials of the American Automobile Association, will consist of qualifying time trials, four eight-mile heat races, a special match race with starters and distance to be announced, and a 20-mile feature sweepstakes final. Qualifying time trials are scheduled to begin at 1:30 p. m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, and the first competitive race at 2:30 p. m.

Inverted starts will be employed in the four heat races while the conventional mode of starting, with the fastest car on the pole, will prevail for the match race and the featured sweepstakes final, Promoter Sam Nunis has announced.

The complete list of drivers and their cars follows:

Ted Horn, Paterson, Offenhauser; Joie Chitwood, Reading, Offenhauser; Tommy Hinnershitz, Reading, Offenhauser; Bill Holland, Bridgeport, Offenhauser; Duke Nalon, Chicago, Offenhauser; Walt Ader, Bernardsville, Offenhauser; Mark Light, Lebanon, Offenhauser; Johnny Shackelford, Dayton, O., Miller; Lee Wallard, Schenectady, Dreyer; Hank Rogers, Trenton, Hal; Henry Gritzbach, Schenectady, Cragar; Stan Jones, Clifton, N. J., McDowell; Dutch Culp, Allentown, Pa., Cragar; Jim Boas, Reading, Cragar; Al Fleming, Richmond, Va., Hal; Earl Johns, Earlton, N. J., Hal; Joe Verbely, Bound Brook, N. J., McDowell; Lucky Lux, Lebanon, Hal; Otis Stine, York, Pa., Hal; Dan Goss, Bridgeton, N. J., Miller; Charley Breslin, Philadelphia, McDowell; George Ruddy, Philadelphia, Hal; Warren Bates, Monroesville, N. J., Hal, and Bob Chronister, York, Pa., Riley.

Chitwood Wins Feature Race Before 20,000 At Fair Track

It will be a happy day for Trenton auto racing fans when the driver capable of beating Joie Chitwood comes along. That day wasn't yesterday, however, as the former Oklahoma Indian, now living in Reading, Pa., won the 20-mile feature event of an AAA-sanctioned, Sam Nunis-directed program that drew close to 20,000 fans to the Trenton Fair Grounds one-mile track.

Chitwood, capable driver that he is, fails to register in popularity with Trenton fans. He revels in his unpopularity, winning race after race. All he did yesterday was win the feature, win his qualifying heat, beat Ted Horn in a match race and turn in the best time trail of the afternoon.

Joie's victory in the feature race, timed in 15:02.01, was his third straight in as many racing programs at the Fair Ground mile oval this year and last. Chitwood has yet to sample defeat on the Trenton mile track. Only three auto race programs have been held here since the track was enlarged from a half-mile to a mile a few years back.

Ted Horn, the Indianapolis-bound Patersonian, was second in yesterday's feature. Walt Ader of Bernardsville, N. J., finished third, Detroit's Eddie Zalucki fourth, Trenton's Hank Rodgers, formerly of Fords, N. J., fifth, Bloomingdale's Larry Smith sixth, Philadelphian Charley Breslin seventh, Earlton's Earl Johns eighth and Clifton's Stan Jones ninth. None of the other six starters were able to finish. Popular Bill Holland of Bridgeport, Conn., ran second for a few laps and then had to retire to the pits on account of accelerator trouble.

Two mishaps, both at the first turn, marked the qualifying heats. Philadelphian George Ruddy crashed through the wooden guard rail on the second lap of the first eight-mile qualifying heat, won by Chitwood. Ruddy, thanks to a crash hel-

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met, escaped injury. Lee Wallard, of Schenectady, wasn't so fortunate in the next event. He crashed through almost the same spot on his fourth lap. His speed carried him against the heavy wire fence in back of which several cars were parked and many spectators were standing. Wallard suffered a possible fracture below the knee of his left leg. He was treated at St. Francis Hospital and permitted to leave. Several spectators were shaken up when Wallard's car struck the wire fence but none of them, according to Hamilton Township police, required any more than first aid treatment at the grounds. One car, parked directly in line with the spot where Wallard's machine hit the wire fence, was jolted back several feet and the left front mudguard crushed against the tire.

Horn won the qualifying event in which Wallard was injured. Al Fleming of Richmond, Va., turned in a surprise by beating Holland in the third eight-miler. Earl Johns, disqualified for passing Breslin on the caution signal in the second qualifying heat, came back to win the consolation event from Dan Goss. Trentonian Rodgers was second to Horn in the second qualifying event. Ader chased Chitwood home in the first.

The race between Chitwood and Horn, both Indianapolis bound, resulted in a "dead heat" for three laps, requiring an extra lap before Chitwood won. Chitwood's time trail of 42.73 was the fastest of the day.

Duke Nalon of Chicago was unable to race because his car didn't arrive on schedule. He served as starter for the Chitwood-Horn match event.

Auto Race Encore On 30th

5-8-1946

Another program of AAA-sanctioned auto racing will be staged at the **Trenton Fair** Grounds one-mile track May 30 under the direction of Promoter Sam Nunis.

Following last Sunday's inaugural 1946 program, which drew a crowd of close to 20,000, Nunis announced plans for an encore on Memorial Day. This will be one day that Joie Chitwood won't win the feature event. The Cherokee Indian from Reading, Pa., will be at Indianapolis on the 30th, trying for victory in the postwar renewal of the 500-mile race at the Indianapolis Speedway. Chitwood has won the last three races at Trenton's mile track, two in 1945 and the third last Sunday, when he defeated Ted Horn of Paterson, who also will be at Indianapolis for the 500-mile classic.

With the exception of Chitwood and Horn, Nunis plans to have all the leading dirt track drivers at the Fair Grounds here on the 30th. Nunis also will direct an AAA-sanctioned program of speed events at Reading, Pa., on Sunday, May 26.

In Holiday Races Here



Bill Holland

5-19-1946

Popular auto race driver from Bridgeport, Conn., Holland will return to the Trenton Fair Grounds one-mile track for the AAA-sanctioned speed program on Memorial Day, May 30. Bill was unable to finish the last feature event here on account of motor trouble but he hopes for better luck a week from Thursday. The holiday program will begin at 1 o'clock with the staging of time trials for all entries. The first competitive event will start at 2 p. m., Promoter Sam Nunis reports.

Ader Among First Entrants For Memorial Day Races

5-23-1946

Walt Ader, the Bernardsville flash, has an ambition to fulfil on Memorial Day, May 30. He hopes to become the first New Jersey driver to win a feature race on the Trenton Fair Grounds one-mile dirt track.

The races on the 30th—time trials starting at 1 p. m. and the first competitive event at 2 o'clock—will be sanctioned by the AAA and directed by Sam Nunis Speedways.

Ader's entry was one of the first received by Promoter Nunis. The Bernardsville boy showed his class earlier in the season when he won a main event at the Williams Grove (Pa.) half-mile oval.

Ader will drive a high-powered Offenhauser car and he hopes to take advantage of the long straightaways on Trenton track to score a triumph. Before the war the Trenton Fair Grounds oval was a half-miler, but it was increased to a mile a few years ago. It now is classed as one of the fastest mile dirt tracks in the auto racing circuit.

With a seating capacity of over 10,000 and plenty of standing and parking space at the Fair Grounds, Nunis anticipates a banner turnout on Thursday afternoon, the 30th.

To Race Here Thursday



Johnny Shackleford

Dayton Driver Will Pilot Chitwood's Car Thursday

Johnny Shackleford, a speed demon from Dayton, O., will drive Joie Chitwood's Offenhauser car in the Memorial Day auto races at the Trenton Fair Grounds, Promoter Sam Nunis announced yesterday.

Thursday's holiday program will begin at 1 o'clock with the staging of time trials for all entries. The first competitive race on the Fair Grounds one-mile oval will start at 2 p. m.

Nunis sent word from Reading, Pa., where he is promoting a speed card today, that he has completed arrangements for Chitwood's car to be at Trenton Thursday and for Shackleford to drive it. Chitwood, Cherokee Indian from Reading and winner of the last three feature events staged at the Trenton Fair Grounds, will be in Indianapolis Thursday.

Shackleford, Indiana auto racing champ in 1940, is no stranger to Trenton fans. Johnny appeared on the September 30 program at the Fair Grounds last year. He led the feature event for several laps that day but motor trouble developed near the close of the race and caused him to fall back. A few weeks later, however, he won the main event and set a new track record at Greensboro, N. C.

With Chitwood's high-powered car at his disposal, Dayton Johnny will be the driver to beat on Thursday. Giving him plenty of spirited competition, however, will be such favorites of speed fans as Bridgeport Bill Holland, Bernardville's Walt Ader, Reading's Tommy Hinnershitz, Detroit's Eddie Zalucki and Trenton's Hank Rodgers.

Also in the thick of the action will be Al Fleming of Richmond, Va., who won a heat from Holland at the Fair Grounds track on May 5.

5-26-1946

Rodgers, formerly of Fords, N. J., but now living in Trenton, is undecided as to what car he will drive. He piloted Lee Wallard's Dreyer Special at Williams Grove, Pa., a couple of weeks ago and made a splendid showing. Wallard, who hails from Schenectady, N. Y., is the driver who crashed the fence at the first turn May 5 and sustained injuries necessitating his removal to St. Francis Hospital for treatment. Lee posted his entry for Thursday, notifying Promoter Nunis that he was completely recovered from his injuries. However, if Wallard should decide not to drive in the holiday races, his car will be piloted by Rodgers.

Other New Jersey drivers entered, besides Rodgers and Ader, include Newark's Sam Greco, Pitman's George Bates, Califon's Stan Jones, Elizabeth's Mike Bailey and Brigdeton's Danny Goss.

Still others on the entry list for the AAA-sanctioned card include Philadelphian George Ruddy, Otis Stine of York, Pa.; Ducky Pellman of Reading, Dutch Culp of Allentown, Pa., and Walt Brown, veteran driver from Massapequa, L. I.

Three qualifying heats, a semi-feature and possibly a special match race will precede the feature event.

Promoter Nunis, who attracted a crowd of 18,500 on May 5 despite threatening weather in the morning, hopes for an even better turnout Thursday.

Sam Nunis' Innovations Keep Auto Racing Fans On Edge

Sam Nunis, the speed-conscious former Texan, is giving auto racing so many innovations these days that followers of the dirt track sport don't know what to expect next.

The former announcer and handy man for the late Ralph A. Hankinson is the No. 1 promoter of the dirt track and fair grounds speed circuit now. And he's carrying several ideas of his own into the sport he followed for 17 years as a Hankinson helper.

Perhaps the foremost Nunis idea was the clearing of the dangerous pit area of everybody but drivers and mechanics. In order to distinguish these eligibles from racing fans, Sam provides his own uniforms for the drivers (including safety helmets) and special jackets for the mechanics.

The next Nunis promotion will be at the Trenton Fair Grounds one-mile dirt track on Thursday afternoon of this week. The Memorial Day program will get under way at 1 o'clock, EDT, with the staging of time trials for all entries. The first competitive race will begin at 2 p. m. Several qualifying heats will determine post positions in the feature race—the climax of the afternoon.

Trentonians Rodgers, Ader Loom Holiday Race Threats

5-28-1946

With Johnny Shackelford driving Joie Chitwood's Offenhauser car and at least 17 other drivers opposing him, auto race fans are due for a real treat here Thursday. The occasion will be the season's second AAA-sanctioned big car racing program on the Trenton Fair Grounds one-mile track. Time trials will start at 1 p. m. and the first competitive event at 2 o'clock, Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

Shackelford, Indiana State speed champ in 1940, made a favorable impression with Trenton fans on September 30, 1945. Driving in the feature event at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds that day, he led a good part of the way, only to be forced out of the lead with motor trouble in the last few laps. A couple of weeks later he won the feature and set a track record at the Greensboro (N. C.) Fair Grounds.

With Chitwood's high-powered machine at his disposal, Shackelford looms the driver to beat in Thursday's Memorial Day action. The holiday card also has attracted to Trenton such top-notch speed jockeys as Bridgeport Bill Holland, Detroit's Eddie Zalucki (currently fourth in the Eastern AAA point standings) and Reading's Tommy Hinnerstiz.

Seven New Jersey entries will try their best to reap a sizeable share of the laurels for the Garden State. Walt Ader of Bernardville and Hank Rodgers, Trenton, loom the best bets of the New Jersey contingent, but equally anxious to be heard from will be Sam Greco, Newark; Mike Bailey, Elizabeth; Stan Jones, California; George Bates, Pitman, and Danny Goss, Bridgeton. Goss recently won a heat at the half-mile track in Williams Grove, Pa.

Other Trenton entries for Thursday include Al Fleming, of Richmond, Va.—who won a heat from Holland at the same track May 5—Otis Stine of York, Pa., Ducky Pehlman, Reading; Dutch Culp of Allentown, Pa.; Walt Brown, of Massapequa, L. I. and Lee Wallard of Schenectady, N. Y. Wallard will drive if he has recovered sufficiently from injuries suffered in a May 5 crash through the fence at Trenton's first piloted by Rodgers.

Eastern, Midwest Drivers Will Race Here Tomorrow

5-29-1946

Eastern and mid-western auto racing drivers will lock horns tomorrow for the entertainment of fans at the Trenton Fair Grounds one-mile track. Time trials will start at 1 o'clock and the first competitive event at 2 p. m. as Promoter Sam Nunis stages his second AAA-sanctioned speed program of the season at the Fair Grounds oval.

Included among the 20 or more drivers slated to compete are winners of feature races this past Sunday at two tracks several hundred miles apart. Walt Ader, the speed pride of Bernardsville, N. J., will strive to repeat his success of three days ago at the Reading (Pa.) Fair Grounds oval, where he beat such stars as Bridgeport Bill Holland and Reading's Tommy Hinnershitz in the feature race. The latter two also will be among tomorrow's Fair Grounds competitors.

Heading the mid-western contingent will be Buster Wilbur of Indianapolis, who drove a brand new \$10,000 Offenhauser car to victory Sunday at Winchester Ind.) Speedway. Wilbur was contacted Monday by Promoter Nunis and agreed to make the special trip to Trenton to compete in tomorrow's holiday events.

Other mid-westerners on the Memorial Day card are Johnny Shackelford, of Dayton, O., who will drive to Joie Chitwood's high-powered Offenhauser machine; Charley Engle, also of Dayton, O., and Detroit's Eddie Zalucki, who ranks fourth in the Eastern AAA point standings this season.

Ader heads a New Jersey group that also includes Trenton's Hank Rodgers, Newark's Sam Greco, Pitman's George Bates, Bridgeton's Danny Goss and Mike Bailey from Elizabeth. Mike is a brother of Frankie Bailey, 1937 Eastern dirt track champ and a frequent Trenton Fair Grounds racer before the war when the track was only a half-miler. It was enlarged a few years ago into a mile oval.

Still others on the entry list for tomorrow are George Ruddy, Philadelphia; Al Fleming, Richmond, Va.; Otis Stine, York, Pa.; Dutch Culp, Allentown, Pa.; Walt Brown, Massapequa, L. I., and possibly Lee Wallard of Schenectady, N. Y.

Although Wallard has filed his entry with Promoter membering only too vividly how he crashed through the fence at the first turn on May 5. He wound up in St. Francis Hospital on that occasion. He claims to have recovered fully from his injuries but most fans expect to see Trentonian Rodgers at the wheel of Wallard's Dreyer Special tomorrow afternoon. Rodgers has been driving the Wallard machine with considerable success at half-mile tracks.

The usual qualifying heats and consolation event will set the stage for tomorrow's feature race.

Chitwood-Owned Car Driven To Victory At Fairgrounds

5-31-1946

Joie Chitwood was close to 1,000 miles away from the Trenton Fair Grounds race track yesterday but his Offenhauser car won the feature race just the same. With Johnny Shackelford of Dayton, O., at the controls, the Chitwood-owned machine took the lead at the first turn and never was headed in the 20-mile feature event of the Sam Nunis Speedways Memorial Day program, which attracted a crowd of about 9,000 to the Fair Grounds.

Bridgeport Bill Holland finished second in the 20-lap grind, with Bernardsville's Walt Ader third, Bus Wilbert of Indianapolis fourth and Detroit's Eddie Zalucki fifth. Midwesterners thereby copped three of the first five positions in the feature race.

Chitwood's high-powered car thus stayed unbeaten on the Fair Grounds mile oval. During the war years, when auto racing was discontinued on account of the gas shortage, the Fair Grounds track, previously a half-miler, was enlarged to a mile. Upon the resumption of auto racing during Trenton Fair week of 1945 Chitwood won the first mile track race ever staged here. He also won the second on September 30, 1945 and he flashed home in front a third time on May 5 of this year. Yesterday Joie was in Indianapolis for the 500-mile classic there but he made arrangements for Shackelford to drive his dirt track car at Trenton.

Shackelford had some difficulty in qualifying. He failed to finish in the first heat but came back and won the consolation race. By this time he was so familiar with the track and the car that he won the feature with ease. His time for the 20 miles was 15:42.05.

Wilbert, Holland and Ader won the qualifying heats that preceded the consolation event. Shackelford defeated Holland by about one-fourth of a car length in a two-lap match race just before the feature.

Only one mishap occurred on yesterday's card. Philadelphian Walt Walker crashed the fence at the first turn during the consolation race. He was uninjured.

Thrill Show Here Sunday

6-5-1946

Thrills galore will be presented at the **Trenton Fair** Grounds on Sunday at 3 p. m. when Jack Kochman's World Champion Hell Drivers make their appearance.

In formulating plans for his spectacular show this year, Manager Kochman has secured the tops in stuntmen. Old standbys who served in World War II has been signed to new contracts. New Stuntmen have been taken from the Hollywood movie lots and will be seen performing in person.

As attractions for outstanding Fairs throughout the country, Kochman's Hell Driver have been hailed throughout the nation's press for versatility and talent. The show has earned an enviable reputation wherever it has appeared and offers keep pouring into Promoter Kochman's New York offices for return dates and repeat performances.

Midget Cars To Race Here On July 14th

6-18-1946

Great interest has been aroused throughout the East in the 100-mile Midget Car Championship Race, which will be staged at the Trenton Fair Grounds, on Sunday afternoon, July 14. Indications are that 100 cars will be on hand on Saturday, July 13, when the time trials will be held. Fifty cars will be qualified to start in the big race, which will get under way promptly at 2:30 o'clock on the 14th.

The first entry for the championship, according to Promoter Red Crise, is that of Rex Records, who is now high-point man in the Eastern Circuit. He will drive a new Offenhauser for Ken Hickey, of Ambler, Pa.

A veteran of 10 years of racing, Records was leading in the last 100-mile race, held at Langhorne in 1941, when the midget car he was driving was forced out of the race by a blown tire. He will be one of the favorites to cop the big prize money award.

The Fair Grounds track will be a scene of great activity the week before the races for pits will be installed. The same procedure followed at Indianapolis for the big cars will be in order so that the racing fans will be able to see the cars as they come into the pits for gasoline and repairs and also will be able to follow them throughout the race as announcers will keep them informed at all times.

**National 100 - Mile
Midget Championship
JULY 14**

Trenton Fair Grounds

2 P. M.

Time Trials, Saturday, July 13

Reserved Seat Tickets on sale at:

7-9-1946

Checker Store, 108 East Hanover, Phone 5231

Curry Ticket Agency, 115 W. State, Phone 9118

New Jersey State Fair Office, Phone 6379

Admission to Grounds \$1.20 Inc Tax . . Parking Free .

Fifty Midget Cars Expected To Start In 100-Mile Race At Fair Grounds Oval Today

7-14-1946

Fifty midget cars, the fastest in the country, will roar away this afternoon on the Trenton Fair Grounds track at 2:30 o'clock when the starter drops his flag at the start of the 100-mile National Championship. The race has aroused great interest among the fans and the advance sale of tickets indicates a record-breaking crowd.

Time trials were staged yesterday afternoon under the direction of Sherman (Red) Crise, the promoter of the event, but as many of the drivers raced last night, the trials will be continued this morning and up to noon in order that the required number of qualifiers will be ready to start.

Gibbons Sets Mark

Chet Gibbons of Paterson, N. J., highly touted on the midget tracks throughout the country, gave a brilliant exhibition in the time trials yesterday as he set a record for the mile. Gibbons drove his Offenhauser around the Fair Grounds oval in the fast time of 45:18 to qualify for the 100-mile feature today. He will hold the pole position when the starter drops the flag today.

Charley Breslin of Philadelphia had the next best time, completing the distance in 48:05 while

driving a Ford, finished in 48:29. Ed Kulp of Washington, D. C., posted a 48:42 time trial while Len Dunlan of New York finished in 49:50.

Others who will compete are driven by Lou Volk of Paterson; Walt Buckman, Lebanon, Pa.; Frank Beebe, Philadelphia; M. San Felice, Philadelphia, and Bud Lang of Easton, Pa.

Miller to Compete

Others who will compete are Carl Miller of Trenton, Lee Wallard, Paterson; Johnny Wolfiel, Detroit; Bill Boyd, Pontiac, Mich.; George Rice, Milford, Conn.; Ernie Gessel, Freeport, L. I.; Joe Sostillo, Natick, Mass.; Ted Toppett, Long Island; Red Redmond, Atlanta, Ga.; Shorty McAndrews, Allentown, Pa.; Bill Schindler, Freeport, L. I.; Rex Records, Philadelphia; Wild Bill Holmes, Boston; Dutch Scafer, Hicksville, L. I.; Larry Bloomer, Allentown, Pa.; George Fonder, Lansdale, L. I.; Charley Miller, Allentown, Pa.; Vic Sloane, Buffalo, N. Y.; Johnny Jars, Ambler, Pa.; Wes Seagesser, Tulsa, Okla., and many others.

100-MILE AUTO RACE

ANNEXED BY DUNCAN

7/15/1946

TRENTON, N. J., July 14 (AP)—Len Duncan of Brooklyn, N. Y., captured the 100-mile championship midget auto race today before 18,000 fans at the Trenton Fair Grounds.

Duncan covered the distance in 1 hour 31 minutes 49.82 seconds.

John Favinger of Philadelphia placed second; George Marshman, Philadelphia, third; Walt Buckman, Lebanon, Pa., fourth; Bud Ashenfelder, Pottstown, Pa., fifth, and Norman Powell, Washington, D. C., sixth.

Duncan received the Hamid Trophy, symbolic of the 100-mile championship, run by the Midget Auto Drivers Association for the first time since 1941 when it was staged at Langhorne, Pa. Duncan drove a steady race, going out only once, and then for refueling.

Rex Records of Philadelphia, a favorite, was forced out on the thirty-seventh lap with engine trouble when he was leading the pack. Mike Josephs of Philadelphia then took over the lead, but on the seventieth lap a gasket blew and he had to go in for repairs.

TO RIDE IN AUTO RACES AT FAIR



Very popular with local fans who have seen him in action throughout the summer in auto races in this area, Ted Horn (above) will compete in Sunday's auto classic at the New Jersey State Fair. Horn is from Paterson, N. J., and is a cool, daring speedster.

9/15/46

Adler Threat In Auto Race Here Sunday

9-25-1946

With the entry list including some of the nation's top auto racing stars and mounting daily, a spectacular program of AAA-sanctioned automobile races will be staged at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds Sunday.

The speed program, to be presented under the direction of Sam Nunis Speedways, America's leading producer of auto race events, threatens to out-shine all previous Fair races for speed, thrills and name drivers entered.

Besides the renowned twosome of Ted Horn, Paterson, N. J., and Jole Chitwood, Reading, Pa., who whirled to glory at Indianapolis this year, Director Nunis will have Walt Ader, a new Eastern speed star. Hailing from Bernardsville, N. J., Ader caused the auto racing world to blink this year when he scored two wins over Horn and Chitwood during the early season. Ader finished in front of the two stars in AAA competition at Williams Grove, Pa., and duplicated a short time later at Reading, Pa. These two conquests have caused eastern speed fans to place Ader up front with the leading contenders for national dirt track honors.

Both Horn and Chitwood have become arch-rivals of the Bernardsville driver, and the two would relish nothing better than an impressive win over Ader before the New Jersey State Fair crowd.

However, the feature race will be far from a three-way affair with such noted speed specialists as Johnny Shackelford, Dayton, O., ex-Indiana State AAA dirt track king; Tommy Hinnershitz, a former Indianapolis money winner from Reading, Pa., and Bill Holland, Bridgeport, Conn., erstwhile East Coast champion, slated to compete. Many other entries also are on Nunis' list.

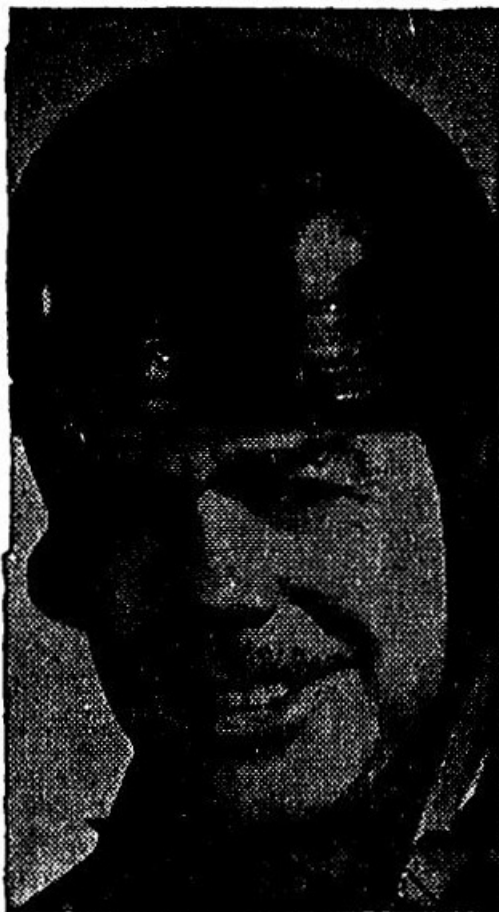
Horn Defies Chitwood Rule On Fair Track

Ted Horn of Paterson, star of the Indianapolis classic and a veteran of many years in auto racing, will compete Sunday in the AAA big car races on the one-mile New Jersey State Fair Speedway.

Considered one of the finest one-mile speedways in the country, the Fair oval will give the speed kings a chance to show their ability in the program under the direction of the Sam Nunis Speedways. A one-mile track gives the drivers the opportunity to "open up" and show what their cars can really do.

Other famous drivers who have filed for the AAA big car race which will be the final of the season on the New Jersey State Fair track are Jole Chitwood of Reading, Pa.; Bill Holland of Bridgeport, Conn., 1941 AAA Eastern Dirt Track champion; Red Byron of Atlanta, Ga., equally famous in both big car and stock car racing; Tommy Hinnershitz of Reading, another veteran of the Indianapolis classic, and Walt Ader from Bernardsville, N. J.

Races Here Sunday



Ted Horn

9/29/1946

Horn is the uncrowned AAA National Champion for 1946, and will receive the title officially at the close of the season. He has been driving at Indianapolis since 1936, and finished third in the "500" this year. Ted has never been better before than he has proven himself this season, winning race after race from the best drivers in the country.

Big car race fans at the Trenton track are promised one of the most exciting, action-packed programs of the season when the greatest racing talent from throughout the country gathers Sunday to compete under the Sam Nunis banner. Chitwood, the thrill show star, has won two races in as many postwar starts at Trenton but Jole will have his hands full Sunday against Horn, Holland, Ader and Company.

fastest time trial.

The Trenton crowd, hostile to Chitwood in past races, gave the former Oklahoma Indian, now resident of Reading, Pa., a rousing ovation after his triumph in the 20-mile main event. Jole's newfound popularity probably is due to his thrill show performances at the Fair. He performed Monday and Saturday afternoons of last week in his own Hell Driver show and proved himself a worthy successor to the late "Lucky" Tetter. He executed the 31st and 32d big car leaps of his thrill show career. And Trenton fans, who disliked him violently in previous years, seem finally to have been won over to Jole's side.

It was estimated that close to 30,000 speed addicts viewed yesterday's races. The Fair Grounds stands, with a capacity of almost 10,000, were sold out long before Director Sam Nunis lined up his first qualifying heat. Spectators were lined three, four and five deep in back of the fences all the way around the mile oval. The races even attracted an out-of-the-Fair audience. Nearby housetops were crowded with onlookers.

Chitwood's time for the 20-mile feature was 6:43.66. Holland, second all the way, finished about an eighth of a lap in back of Jole. Walt Ader of Bernardsville, N. J., winner at Shelby (N. C.) on Saturday, placed third. Tommy Hinnerhitz of Reading was fourth.

Otis Stine of York, Pa., fifth and Trenton's Hank Rodgers sixth.

Holland, Chitwood, Ader and Earl Johns of Marlton, N. J., won the four qualifying heats, each over an eight-mile distance. Holland's time was 6:15.24, Chitwood's 6:01.51, Ader's 6:11.57 and Johns' 6:43.66.

A scheduled match race between Holland and Ader had to be cancelled because spectators swarmed onto the track after the feature race.

Ted Horn of Paterson, N. J., a scheduled participant, drove in Atlanta, Ga., Saturday and sent word that his car had broken down in Spartanburg, S. C., making it impossible for him to reach Trenton in time.

Director Nunis announced that he was considering a 50-mile feature at the Trenton Fair Grounds track on October 27 but that he would have to obtain permission from the Contest Board of the American Automobile Association before making it official.

9-30-1946

Speed Reign Of Chitwood Is Extended

It was the same old story in the auto race program that drew the curtain on the 1946 New Jersey State Fair yesterday afternoon. Jole Chitwood led the feature race from start to finish—his seventh consecutive triumph and his third victory in as many post-war appearances at the Trenton Fair one-mile track.

For Chitwood's car, a high-powered Offenhauser, the feature race triumph was the fourth in as many post-war appearances. On Memorial Day of this year, while Jole was racing in the 500-mile Indianapolis classic, Johnny Shackelford drove the same Offenhauser to victory in a Trenton Fair Grounds feature.

There was one deviation from the usual Chitwood custom yesterday. Joe didn't turn in the fastest time trial of the day. He yielded that honor to Bridgeport's Bill Holland—43 seconds flat for Holland and 43.39 for Chitwood.

Jole, who glories in the records that he holds, claimed it was the first time he ever raced at Trenton that he didn't turn in the

Auto Racing Carded Here On April 13

2-25-1947

Big car auto racing will be resumed at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds on Sunday, April 13. The program will again be under the direction of the Sam Nunis Speedways and the crack drivers of the East are expected to compete in what will be one of the first outdoor racing meets of the Eastern season.

A number of other events will also be held during the Summer at the big mile track, which is one of the best racing strips in the country. Midget cars and motorcycle races may be scheduled and the big car drivers will make several appearances before the opening of the Fair, which will operate from September 21 to 28.

Record-breaking crowds attended the various race meets last year and with a greater number of drivers and cars available this Summer, it is expected that auto racing again will prove a crowd-attracting sport.

Pilots Chitwood Car



Hank Rogers

4-4-1947

Local Driver Enters Race On April 13

Trenton's own Hank Rogers, who who will drive the car which has won every race here since the wartime ban was lifted in 1946, was announced today by Director Sam Nunis as a new entry in the East's first 1946 big car auto races at the New Jersey state fair grounds Sunday, April 13.

Rogers finished 13th in national championship competition last year, winning the event at Charlotte, N. C., over such topnotch drivers as Ted Horn of Paterson, N. J., Tommy Hinnershitz of Reading, Pa., and Bill Holland of Bridgeport, Conn.

National Champion Horn, Holland; Emil Andres of Chicago, and Lee Wallard of Schenectady, N. Y., are other entries in the inaugural races. Andres was third and Holland fourth in national AAA point standings last year.

The blue Offenhauser to be piloted by Rogers is owned by Ted Nyquist, a former Reading, Pa., race driver. It was steered to seven victories in 1946 by Joey Chitwood, who has retired from racing to operate the Hell Driver's show.

Three of the car's victories here since the war ended were with Chitwood at the wheel, the other with Johnny Shackelford, Pa., driving. Shackelford won the May 30, 1946 race.

By profession, Rogers is a pottery worker here.

Wallard, whose entry was announced late yesterday, is a former traffic policeman at Rotterdam, N. Y. He served as a sailor aboard a cruiser in the North Pacific during the war. He will chauffeur his own car, the famed Winfield "Flathead" formerly owned by Bill Drake of New Brunswick, N. J.

Horn Among Classy Entries In Auto Races Next Sunday

Five of the six top-ranking auto race drivers in the nation last year have entered the Eastern inaugural big car auto race here at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds next Sunday, April 13.

They are Ted Horn, the national

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dirt track and speedway champion from Paterson, N. J.; Emil Andres, Chicago, Ill.; Bill Holland, Bridgeport, Conn.; Tommy Hinnershitz, Reading, Pa.; and Walt Ader, Bernardsville, N. J.

According to the AAA National point standings released at the close of the 1946 campaign, Horn finished first with 2,448 points; Andres placed third, Holland fourth, Hinnershitz fifth and Ader sixth. Second place in the point standings went to George Robson, winner of last year's 500-mile race at Indianapolis, who later lost his life in a racetrack mishap at Atlanta, Ga.

Both Horn and Andres also finished among the first ten at Indianapolis. Horn placed third after encountering motor trouble during the early stages of the race. Andres came in fourth.

Horn, Andres, Holland and Hinnershitz already have signified their intention of competing in the 500-miler this year, while Ader's presence at Indianapolis hinges on his ability to obtain a suitable car.

At Trenton, the five headliners will pilot some of the fastest dirt track cars in the United States. Appearing in the role of pre-race favorite will be Holland, who won the first race of the season at Atlanta, Ga., last Sunday.

In receiving the sanction for the 1947 Eastern opener, the Trenton track steals the march on several neighboring tracks in Pennsylvania. Prior to the war, the inaugurals were staged annually at the Reading (Pa.) Fair Grounds.

Ader To Race Christie Car Here Sunday

4-8-1947

Young Walt Ader, sixth ranking auto race driver in the nation last year, has contracted to drive one of the country's best known race cars in the AAA sanctioned big car auto races here at the New Jersey state fairgrounds this Sunday.

The machine, a Marine Offenhauser, is owned by Lyle Christie, of Detroit, Mich., and formerly was piloted by such well known chauffeurs as the late Billy Winn, Tony William and George Robson. With Ader at the controls, it finished second in the season's inaugural speed events at Atlanta, Ga., one week ago last Sunday.

A native of Bernardsville, N. J. Ader formerly drove the famous "4-Spot" Offenhauser, owned by Ted Horn, National dirt track and speedway champion from Paterson, N. J. During the past winter, Horn sold the car to Tommy Hinnershitz, of Reading, Pa., for the reputed sum of \$6,000.

Deal Consummated

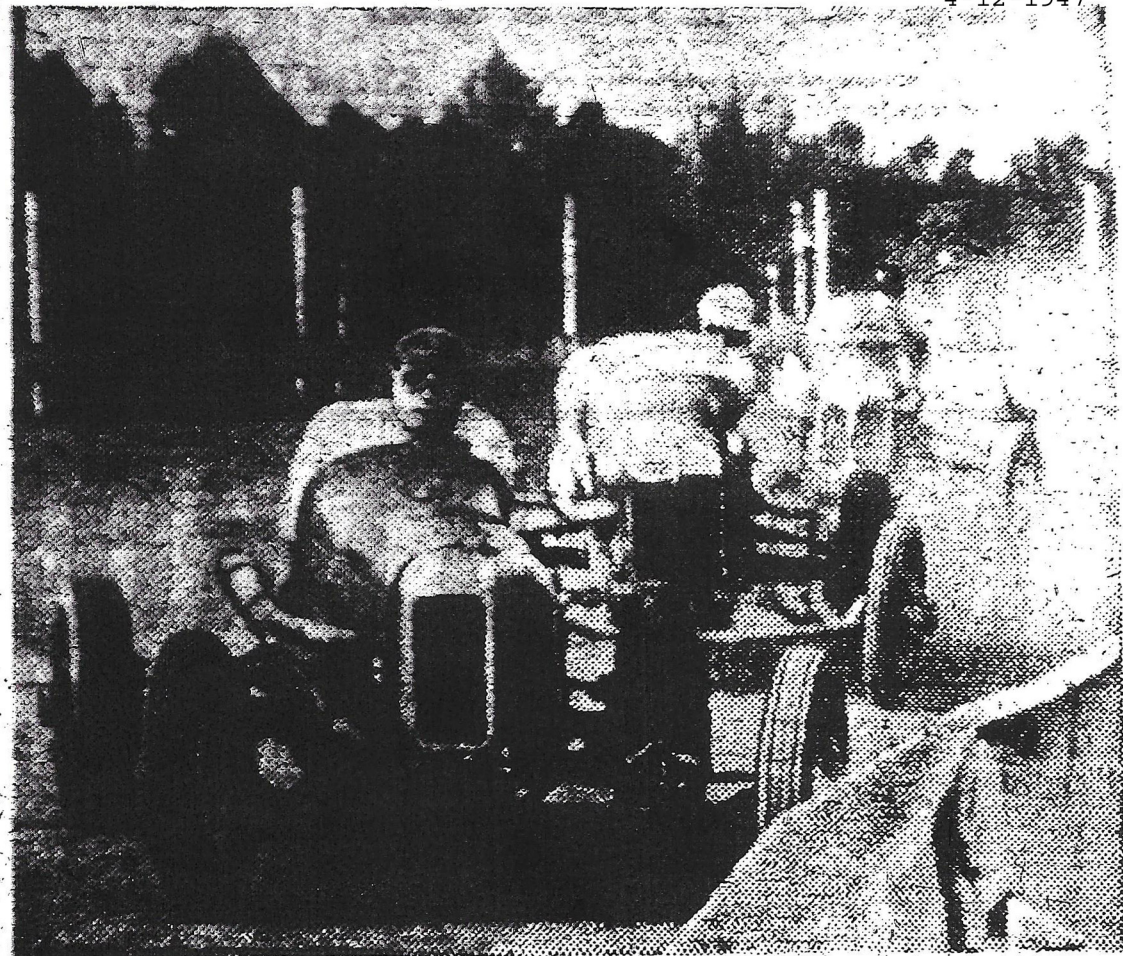
The sale left Ader without a car and he immediately contacted Sam Nunis, director of the events here. Nunis put him in touch with Christie and the deal was consummated. The contract calls for his appearance in the car throughout the entire 1947 season.

Among Ader's opponents in the races this Sunday will be Horn, Hinnershitz, Bill Holland, Emil Andres, Lee Wallard and Hank Rogers. The field includes five of the six top men in last year's AAA National point standings.

Tickets for the races are now on sale at 108 East Hanover and also at the Fair Grounds main office.

ROUNDING CURVE INTO HOME STRETCH

4-12-1947



Big Cars Zoom Here Tomorrow

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4-12-1947

A last minute switch in drivers will put Emil Andres, of Chicago, Ill., at the wheel of the famous O'Day Offenhauser car tomorrow in the eastern inaugural big car auto races here at the New Jersey state fair grounds.

"Peaches" Campbell of Tulsa, Okla., owner of the car, announced the change. He had originally assigned another driver to pilot it.

The O'Day, built by Hank O'Day of St. Charles, Ill., dominated eastern tracks in 1939 and 1940, winning 21 feature races and setting records on more than a dozen tracks in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and North Carolina. It was then driven by Joey Chitwood.

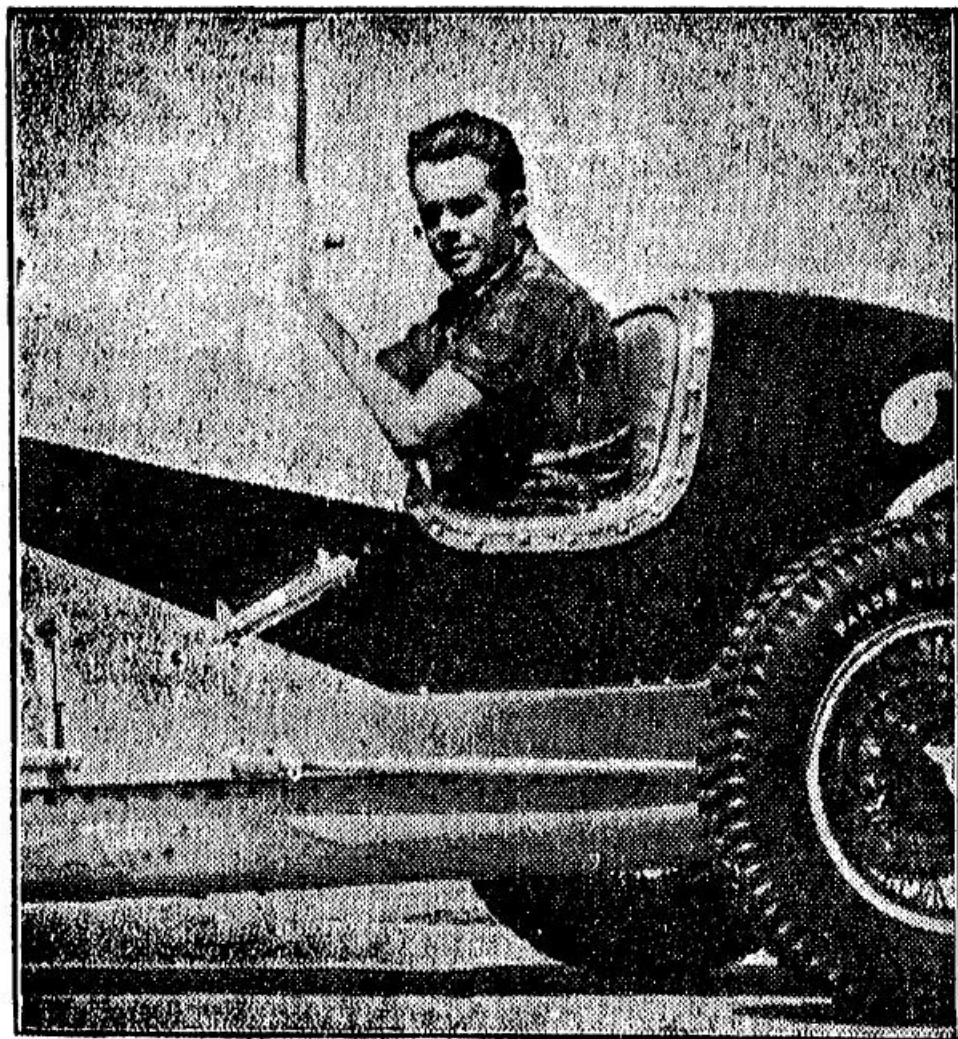
Racing interests in the southwest purchased the machine from O'Day early in 1941 and after a year on independent tracks in the midwest it was bought by Campbell, who continued to campaign it on midwestern tracks.

Campbell contacted Sam Nunis, director of the races here, several weeks ago and arranged to bring the famed Offy back to the east.

Andres, third in national AAA point standings last year, figures to make an excellent showing in the eastern inaugural races against such other top-ranking stars as Ted Horn, national dirt track and speedway champion from Paterson, N. J.; Tommy Hinnershitz of Reading, Pa.; Bill Holland of Bridgeport, Conn., and Walt Ader of Bernardsville, N. J.

The program opens at 1 P. M. with time trials and the first race starts at 2:30 P. M.

In Races at Fair Grounds



Ted Horn

4-13-1947

17 Drivers to Participate In AAA Sanctioned Big Car Races at Fair Grounds Today

Many of the country's top ranking auto race drivers, including National dirt track and speedway champion Ted Horn, will participate in today's AAA sanctioned big car auto races here on the New Jersey State fairgrounds mile track.

The events, first of the season in the East, have attracted five of the top six drivers in the nation last year. In addition to Horn, they are Emil Andres, Chicago, Ill.; Bill Holland, Bridgeport, Conn.; Tommy Hinnershitz, Reading, Pa., and Walt Ader, Bernardsville, N. J.

Only absentee will be the late George Robson, winner of the 500-mile race at Indianapolis, who was credited with second place in the 1946 National point standings.

Horn who hails from nearby Paterson, will seek his first post-war triumph on the Trenton track. In his only appearance here last year, he finished second to Jole Chitwood, who has since retired.

Despite the presence of Horn, the pre-race favorite is expected to be Holland, winner of the inaugural speed events in Atlanta, Ga., one week ago last Sunday. Holland, a native of Philadelphia, finished fourth in last year's National speed championship.

Rogers Entered

According to Director Sam Nunis, 17 drivers have entered, and other topnotch candidates include Johnny Shackelford, Dayton, O., winner of the speed events here last Memorial Day; Hank Rogers, well known Trenton driver who

scored a major triumph at Charlotte, N. C., last November "Spider" Webb, a newcomer in the East from Alameda, Cal.; Eddie Zalucki, the blond-haired speedster from Detroit, Mich., and Mark Light, battle-scarred dirt track veteran from Lebanon, Pa.

The program, as announced by contest board officials of the American Automobile Association, will consist of time trials, four eight-mile qualifying heats, a three-mile match race, and a 20-mile sweepstakes final. Time trials are scheduled at 1 p. m., and the first race at 2:30 p. m.

Sixteen cars will be eligible to participate in the feature event. The field will consist of cars finishing first, second and third in each of the first three qualifying jousts, and cars finishing first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh in the fourth qualifying heat.

Inverted starts will be employed in the four heat races, while the conventional mode of starting will prevail in the match race and the featured final event.

State fair officials announced last night that the track will be in splendid shape for today's encounter. More than 10 tons of calcium chloride has been applied to allay dust.

The entries:
Driver, Ted Horn; Residence, Paterson, N. J.; Car, Offenhauser.
Driver, Emil Andres; Residence, Chicago, Ill.; Car, Offenhauser.
Driver, Bill Holland; Residence, Bridgeport, Conn.; Car, Offenhauser.
Driver, Tommy Hinnershitz; Residence, Reading, Pa.; Car, Offenhauser.
Driver, Walt Ader; Residence, Bernardsville, N. J.; Car, Offenhauser.
Driver, Johnny Shackelford; Residence, Dayton, O.; Car, Offenhauser.
Driver, Hank Rogers; Residence, Trenton, N. J.; Car, Offenhauser.
Driver, "Spider" Webb; Residence, Alameda, Cal.; Car, Offenhauser.
Driver, Mark Light; Residence, Lebanon, Pa.; Car, Droyer.
Driver, Lee Wallard; Residence, Schenectady, N. Y.; Car, Winfield.
Driver, Eddie Zalucki; Residence, Detroit, Mich.; Car, Droyer.
Driver, "Dutch" Gulp; Residence, Allentown, Pa.; Car, Cragar.
Driver, Mark Sooy; Residence, Bridgeton, N. J.; Car, Cragar.
Driver, Warren Bates; Residence, Monroeville, N. J.; Car, Droyer.
Driver, George VanHook; Residence, Clarkboro, N. J.; Car, Alexander.
Driver, Stan Jones; Residence, Califon, N. J.; Car, Winfield.
Driver, Guy Hastings; Residence, Rutledge, Pa.; Car, Riley.

Holland Wins Feature Race At Fair Oval

4-14-1947

An estimated close to 30,000 fans roared a welcome to big time auto racing at the Fair Grounds yesterday afternoon. Before a grandstand well filled and a grounds overflowing with spectators all around the mile dirt track, Bridgeport Bill Holland sped to an easy victory in the 20-mile feature race.

Director Sam Nunis announced that the knights of the roaring road would return Sunday, May 4, for the second Trenton Fair Grounds speed program of the season. Yesterday's card was auto racing's 1947 inaugural in the East.

Holland, intrepid Bridgeport driver, led from start to checkered flag of yesterday's feature. He never was extended. His time for the 20 times around the mile oval was 15:18.83.

Tommy Hinnershitz of Reading, Pa., finished second; Lee Wallard, Schenectady, N. Y., was third; Mike Magill, Haddonfield, N. J., came in fourth, and Dutch Culp, Allentown, Pa., was fifth. Tren-

ton's Hank Rogers, driving the Ted Nyquist car formerly piloted by Jole Chitwood, developed motor trouble and stalled on the backstretch about midway in the race.

Two records were set in the early portion of the program. Walt Brown turned in a mile time trial of 41.45 seconds for one mark. He drove a Milt Marion car in which a brand new Offenhauser motor just had been installed. Holland also set a Fair Grounds record in his eight-mile qualifying heat, which he won in 5:52.83. Other heat winners were Hinnershitz, Rogers and Brown. The latter also defeated Holland in a two-mile match race.

Siegfried Slightly Hurt

The only accident of the day occurred at the first turn in the second qualifying heat. Cars driven by Warren Bates, Monroesville, N. J., and J. B. Siegfried, Centre Valley, Pa., tangled. Siegfried was treated on the grounds for slight face lacerations. Bates, uninjured, finished second to Brown in a later qualifying event.

Bill Holland Is Winner In Trenton Auto Race

Trenton, N. J., April 13 (AP)—
Leading from start to finish, Bill
Holland of Bridgeport, Conn., cap-
tured the 20-mile feature event of
an AAA auto race program at the
New Jersey State Fair Grounds
mile dirt track today. Close to 30,-
000 swarmed the grandstand and
grounds for the 1947 Eastern Rac-
ing Inaugural.

Two new records were set dur-
ing the program. Walt Brown of
Massapequa, N. Y., turned in a
time trial of 41.45 seconds for one
mile to set one new mark. Holland
established another for the eight-
mile distance when he won a quali-
fying heat in 5:32.83. 4/17/1947

Sailor Seeks Race Honors Here May 4

4-25-1947

Lee Wallard, of Schenectady, N. Y., who roared across the finish line third in the Eastern inaugural big car auto races here April 13, has added his name to the list of entrants in the big car events here Sunday, May 4, at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds.

The former sailor, who served aboard a cruiser in the North Pacific during the last World War, was a hard-luck driver last year, receiving injuries in three different races. But he has apparently regained his pre-war racing form this season.

Wallard won the New York state championship in 1938 and enlisted in the Navy at the outbreak of war.

Early in 1946 he drove a car owned by Mark Light, of Lebanon, Pa. In October he purchased his own racer, famed "Old 99," the Winfield "Flathead" formerly the property of Bill Drake of New Brunswick, N. J.

Wallard is second among early entrants in the May 4 races here. It was announced earlier by Sam Nunis, director of the events, that Walt Ader of Bernardsville, N. J., would compete.

The seven-event program will consist of time trials, four eight-mile qualifying heats, a match race and the featured 20-mile sweepstakes final.

Chitwood Returns to Action In Races Here Next Sunday; Thrill Show on Same Card

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Joie Chitwood of Reading, Pa., the famed race card and stunt show driver, has contracted to compete here next Sunday, May 4, in the season's second program of big car auto races at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds.

Chitwood, Eastern states dirt track champion in 1939, '40 and '42, has won all except two of the post-war races at the fair grounds.

He finished fifth in the Indianapolis Speedway 500-mile race last Memorial Day and later announced his retirement from racing to operate and play the starring role in his Hell Drivers' thrill show, which will be a part of the May 4 program here.

In the races, Joie will drive the famous O'Day Offenhauser owned by "Peaches" Campbell, of Tulsa, Okla. It is the same car the part Cherokee Indian drove when he first came East in 1938 and he piloted it to the Eastern states title the following year.

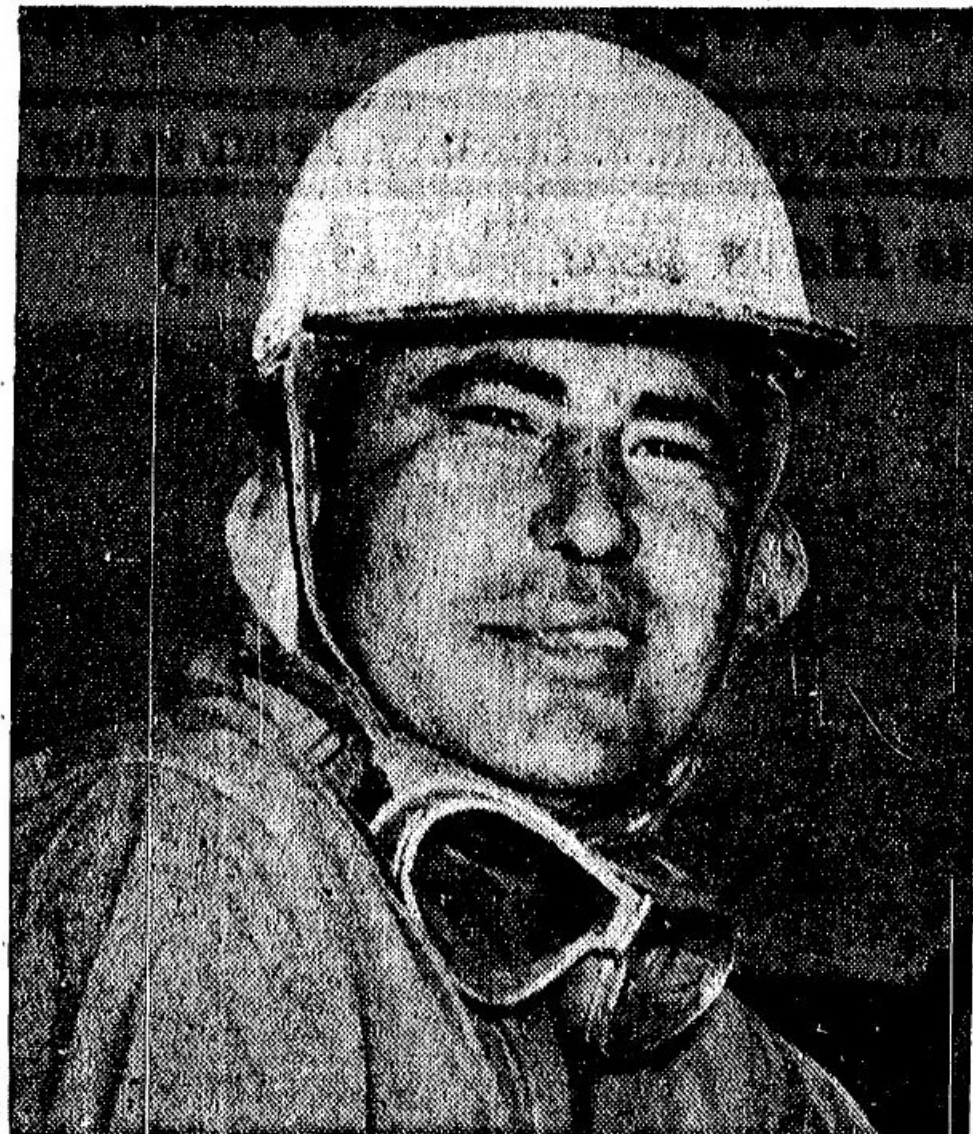
Due to the length of the program, Chitwood's Hell Drivers will start performing at 1 p.m. Time trials for the races will be at 1:45 p.m. and the first race begins at 2:45 p.m.

Other drivers entered to date include Walt Adler, of Bernardsville, N. J., and Lee Wallard, of Schenectady, N. Y., who finished third in the Eastern Inaugural feature April 13 at the fair grounds.

Sam Nunis, director of the events, said that he expected most of the nation's other topnotch dirt track drivers to participate.

Chitwood is still recuperating from the effects of a stunting mishap three weeks at Arlington Downs, Tex.

In Duel Role Next Sunday



Joie Chitwood

Webb Enters Fair Grounds Race Sunday

4-28-1947

"Spider" Webb, of Altadena, Cal., Midwestern States dirt track champion in 1941, has been announced by Director Sam Nunis as a new entrant in the big car auto races here at the New Jersey State Fairgrounds this Sunday.

Webb, a veteran of 15 years of racing, finished third last month in the feature event of the first race program of the season at Atlanta, Ga.

In the races here he will drive the famous Johnson Offenhauser from Los Angeles.

A field of more than 20 of the nation's outstanding drivers and cars is expected to compete in the second big car program of the year at the fairgrounds.

Chitwood In Action

Jole Chitwood, of Reading, Pa.; Lee Wallard, of Scheiactady, N. Y.; Walt Ader, of Bernardsville, N. J., and Mark Light, of Lebanon, Pa., are among early entrants in the seven-event program.

Prior to the auto races, and starting at 1 p. m., will be performances by Chitwood's celebrated Hell Drivers, a daring group of auto stunt men.

The time trials for the races will get under way at 1:45 p. m. and the first race is scheduled to start at 2:45 p. m. There will be four eight-mile qualifying heats, a match race and a 20-mile sweepstakes final.

An overflow crowd saw the Eastern inaugural races here April 13.

4th '47. Win Holland Goal Here Sunday

4-29-1947

Bold Bill Holland, of Bridgeport, Conn., leading money winner of big car racing this season, will compete here Sunday in the second 1947 program of big car races at the New Jersey State fairgrounds.

Holland, fourth in AAA National championship point standing last season has triumphed in three featured races this year. His 1947 victories have been at Atlanta, Ga., here in the Eastern inaugural April 13 and at Richmond, Va.

The noted speedster broke Jole Chitwood's old one-mile qualifying mark in addition to setting a new record in an eight-mile qualifying heat during the inaugural races before more than 30,000 fans at the fairgrounds.

Sam Nunis, director of the races, was notified that Holland will drive the same car with which he won the inaugural. The car is a glistening white Offenhauser owned by Ralph Malemud, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Holland graduated from independence racing ranks in 1939, making his first start in the big time at Langhorne. Two years later he captured the Eastern AAA dirt track championship.

He has never appeared in the 500-mile race at Indianapolis, but hopes to make his debut there next month in a car owned by Bill Wolfe of Wichita, Kas.

The versatile New Englander is a roller skating expert of nationwide renown. He operates two rinks in Connecticut.

The races Sunday will be preceded at 1 p. m. by a 45-minute performance by Chitwood's famous thrill show.

Thrill Show Spices Race Card Sunday

5-2-1947

With entries pouring in daily, indications are that more than 25 drivers, including many of the nation's best, will compete here this Sunday in the big car auto races at the New Jersey State Fairgrounds.

Five names were added to the list today, it was announced by Sam Nunis, director of the races.

They are: "Dutch" Culp, veteran driver from Allentown, Pa., who owns several race cars; Mark Soocy, of Bridgeton, N. J.; Fred Carpenter, of Albany, N. Y.; Al Fleming, of Richmond, Va.; and Lou Mood, of Pitman, N. J.

The field now includes 19 drivers, headed by Bill Holland of Bridgeport, Conn., who is leading Eastern dirt track drivers with three sweepstakes victories this year; Jole Chitwood, of Reading, Pa., who has won the AAA Eastern dirt track title three times; Walt Ador, of Bernardsville, N. J.; Hank Rogers, of Trenton; Walt Brown, of Massapequa, L. I., and Lee Wallard, of Schenectady, N. Y.

Chitwood is already here preparing for the races and for the show his celebrated Hell Drivers will stage at 1 p. m., just before the racing events.

The Hell Drivers will perform several daring auto and motorcycle stunts.

Time trials for the races will start at 1:45 p. m. The first of four eight-mile qualifying heats is scheduled for 2:45 p. m. Winding up the big program will be a match race and the featured 20-mile sweepstakes final.

Auto Race Card Deferred By Rain Until May 25th

— 5-5-1947

Many of the nation's top-ranking auto race drivers are scheduled to compete in a postponed program of big car auto racing here at the New Jersey State Fair grounds Sunday May 25.

The program, originally scheduled for yesterday, was deferred three weeks on account of rain. A heavy downpour, which fell throughout the morning hours, converted the one-mile racetrack into a sea of mud forced cancellations of all scheduled events.

Director Sam Nunis said the double-barrelled program of thrills would be presented in its entirety on the postponed date. The scheduled program included a 45-minute performance by Jole Chitwood and his Hell Drivers.

Chitwood, who finished fifth in last year's 500-mile race at Indianapolis, also was scheduled to participate in the big car racing events. Immediately after the program had been called off he announced he would be back for the repeat performance three weeks hence.

Local racing officials said it was the first time in recent years that a big car auto race has been rained out at Trenton. The program was the second scheduled this year on the State Fair Grounds track.

It was announced that tickets sold for yesterday's scheduled races would be honored on May 25. Likewise, all entries will remain in good standing for the May 25th race, officials of the American Automobile Association contest board disclosed.

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Rogers to Race Here In Sunday's Carnival

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Trenton's own Hank Rogers, who has been making life tough for top ranking speed jockeys this season with a sensational new car, will compete here this Sunday in the big car races at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds.

Rogers earned the sobriquet "Cinderella Kid" of 1947 auto racing after winning the inaugural feature at Reading, Pa., on April 27, with an Offenhauser machine that had never appeared before on any track.

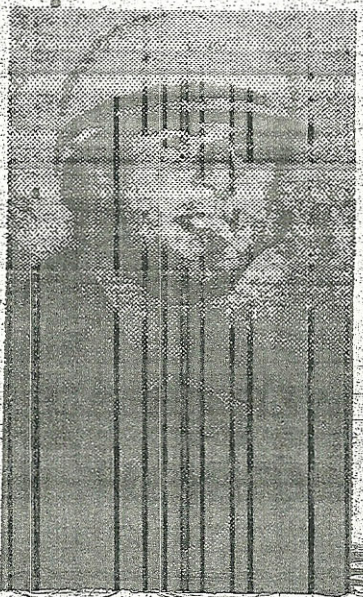
The car, owned by John Fetzer and Hank Goñanson of Lynbrook, L. I., was completed the morning of the Reading races and rushed to the Pennsylvania city in time for the co-owners to make a hurried deal with Rogers.

The Trentonian finished second in the first qualifying heat, then roared to victory in the featured 25-lap sweepstakes final.

Later, Hank drove the car to third place at Langhorne Speedway behind Wild Bill Holland of Bridgeport, Conn.

Rogers appears headed for a higher spot in AAA rankings than he earned last year when he was 13th in the national championship point standings. He rates well up among the list among eastern States drivers.

The big car races this Sunday will follow an added attraction in which Joie Chitwood and his celebrated Hell Drivers will present a series of daring automobile and motorcycle stunts. Chitwood also is entered in the races along with most of the other topnotch pilots in the nation.



Hank Rogers

Classy Field In Big Car Races Here

5-23-1947

A fast field of more than 25 drivers and cars will compete in the big car auto races here at the New Jersey state fairgrounds this Sunday.

Outstanding speed jockeys entered include Wild Bill Holland, of Bridgeport, Conn.; Jolie Chitwood, of Reading, Pa.; Walt Ader, of Bernardsville, N. J.; Lee Wallard, of Schenectady, N. Y., and Hank Rogers, of Trenton.

Holland is current king of 1947 AAA drivers with four feature victories to his credit. Chitwood held the AAA Eastern States title three times and is a consistent winner at the fairgrounds here. Ader is third in national point standings, in which Wallard and Rogers also rank highly.

Prior to the races, Chitwood and his Hell Drivers will perform a 45-minute series of highly dangerous automobile and motorcycle stunts, starting at 1 p.m.

The racing half of the double-barrel program will get under way at 1:45 p.m. with time trials. There will be four eight-mile qualifying heats, a match race and the featured 20-mile sweepstakes final.

Other drivers entered in the second program of races this year at the mile oval are: Mark Light, Lebanon, Pa.; Tommy Mattson, Wilmington, Del.; Eddie Zalucki and Frank Luptow, both of Detroit, Mich.; Buster Warke, Walnutport, Pa.; Warren Bates, Monroesville, N. J.; Mark Soeey, Bridgeton, N. J.; Fred Carpenter, Albany, N. Y.; J. B. Siegfried, Centre Valley, Pa.; "Dutch" Culp, Allentown, Pa.; Al Fleming, Richmond, Va.; "Ducky" Pehlman, Reading, Pa.; Lew Moody, Pitman, N. J.; Stan Jones, Califon, N. J.; Paul Becker, Temple, Pa.; Larry Smith, Butler, N. J.; Mike San Felice, New York, N. Y., and Len Brown, Lambertville, N. J.

Ready For Races Today



Walt Ader (left) with Bridgeport's Bill Holland

Chitwood Program Highlights AAA Sanctioned Auto Races At Fair Grounds Oval Today

Idle two weeks because of inclement weather, many of the nation's top-ranking auto race drivers will resume activity here today in a program of AAA sanctioned big car auto races at the New Jersey State Fairgrounds.

The program, originally scheduled for May 4 but deferred on account of rain, will include a 45-minute performance by Jole Chitwood and his Hell Drivers, nationally known automobile and motorcycle stuntmen. The racing events will consist of time trials, four eight-mile qualifying heats, a match race, and a 20-mile sweepstakes final.

According to program director Sam Nunis, the Chitwood show will get under way at 1 p. m. Auto race time trials are scheduled at 1:45 p. m. and the first competitive racing event at 2:45 p. m., daylight saving time.

Chitwood In Main Event

Although Chitwood is slated to lead his Hell Drivers in such death defying stunts as a deliberate rollover of a stock sedan automobile, and a ramp-to-ramp leap of a speeding motorcycle through a panel of fire, he also will participate in the main racing events which follow.

One of the nation's top-notch race drivers, Chitwood boasts an enviable record on the Trenton

here since the war, he has never suffered defeat. He emerged victorious twice in 1945, and twice in 1946. He did not participate in the inaugural speed events at the state fairgrounds on April 13.

A perennial performer in the 500-mile speedway classic at Indianapolis, Chitwood placed fifth in the race there last year.

Despite Chitwood's impressive record, the favorite in the events here today is expected to be Bill Holland, top man in the AAA point standings, who recently completed his driver's test for this year's Indianapolis race. Holland, the Eastern States speed champion in 1941, has been a consistent winner this year, turning the trick at Atlanta, Ga.; Richmond, Va.; Langhorne, and in the inaugural events at the state fairgrounds.

Another outstanding participant is Hank Rogers, of this city, who will make his first appearance before the home folks since his recent triumph at the Reading, Pa., fairgrounds. Rogers will be at the helm of a new Offenhauser which made its maiden run in the race at Reading.

Other outstanding candidates are Walt Ader, the Bernardsville star, who placed sixth in last year's National speed championship; Eddie Zalucki, a newcomer from the midwest; Lee Wallard, a heat winner at Richmond, and Tommy Mattson, winner of second place money at Reading.

5-25-1947

The Entries:

Driver	Residence	Car
Bill Holland	Bridgeport, Conn.	Riverside Special
Jole Chitwood	Reading, Pa.	Offenhauser
Walt Ader	Bernardsville, N. J.	Riverside Special
Lee Wallard	Schenectady, N. Y.	Windfield
Hank Rogers	Trenton, N. J.	Offenhauser
Mark Light	Lohanon, Pa.	Dreyer
Tommy Mattson	Wilmington, Del.	Offenhauser
Buster Warka	Walnutport, Pa.	Offenhauser
Eddie Zalucki	Detroit, Mich.	Dreyer
Warren Bates	Monroeville, N. J.	Dreyer
Mark Soopy	Bridgeton, N. J.	Cragar
Fred Carpenter	Albany, N. Y.	Hal
J. B. Siegfried	Centre Valley, Pa.	Riley
"Dutch" Culp	Allentown, Pa.	Cragar
Al Fleming	Richmond, Va.	Hal
"Ducky" Pohlman	Reading, Pa.	Hal
Lew Mood	Pitman, N. J.	Hal
Stan Jones	Califon, N. J.	Riley
Frank Luptow	Detroit, Mich.	Frontenac
Bob Chronister	York, Pa.	Riley
Paul Becker	Temple, Pa.	Riley
Larry Smith	Butler, Pa.	Hal
Mike Sanfelic	New York City, N. Y.	Hal
Len Brown	Lambertville, N. J.	Cragar

Auto Races Cut Short By Shower

5-26-1947

Yesterday's heaviest shower couldn't have come at a worse time for some 5,000 auto racing fans at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds. Just as the cars were trying to line up hastily for the feature event, the downpour deluged the track and made further racing impossible.

As a result, Jole Chitwood, Hank Rogers and Walt Ader shared the laurels on a racing program curtailed to three events of eight miles each. The crowd also had the satisfaction of seeing Chitwood and his celebrated Hell Drivers open the afternoon's activities with a 14-event thrill show performance.

The heavy rain was a tough break for the fans but they took it good-naturedly. It was like attending a baseball double-header and having the second game rained out in the fourth inning.

Tough Luck for Holland

Bill Holland, an Indianapolis qualifier on Saturday, had his usual Trenton luck yesterday—all bad. Holland led for seven of the eight laps of the first race. Then

a burnt bearing rod in his car forced Bridgeport Bill into the pits for the balance of the abbreviated card. Chitwood, who had been trailing Holland, roared on to win the eight-miler with Warren Bates of Monroesville, N. J., in second place and Charley Breslin of Philadelphia third. Chitwood's time was 6:02.25 This was to have been the first qualifying heat of the racing card.

Both Chitwood and Holland flew East by plane after appearing at Indianapolis on Saturday. Holland qualified for the 500-mile Memorial Day race but Chitwood was rained out of his planned qualification trial. As a result, Indian Jole will return to Indianapolis today. He still hopes to qualify before Friday for the 500-miler.

Rogers, Trenton speed ace, won the second eight-miler yesterday and turned in the day's best time of 5:58.05. Buster Warke of Walnutport, Pa., was second and Eddie Zalucki, Detroit driver, third.

Walt Ader, piloting a speedy new Offenhauser, flashed in front in the third and final eight-mile dash. Lew Mood, Bridgeton N. J., placed second, followed by Jim Boas of Reading, Pa.

Throughout the thrill show, in which Chitwood himself participated, and the three races that were run intermittent light rains fell. After Ader's win in the scheduled third qualifying heat darker clouds began to gather. Promoter Sam Nunis and AAA



Bob Flock

**Trenton Site
Of Stock Car
Race on 13th**

7/1/1947

Championship stock car auto racing will make its initial debut at the New Jersey State Fair-Grounds here July 13, Bill France, president of the National Championship Stock Car Racing Circuit has announced.

A total of five races, including a 40-lap feature for the New Jersey state championship, will be held in addition to time trials on the mile dirt track.

Heading the entry list are Ed Samples, 1946 national champion; Bob Flock, present leader of the national point standings and holder of the 100-mile world's stock car racing record; Johnnie Rogers of Paterson, N. J., who holds more world's stunt records than any other driver; Lonny Bradshaw of New Brunswick, N. J., veteran race driver, and Fonty Flock, at present second in the point standings and holder of the half-mile dirt track world's mark.

Over \$3,250 prize money has been set, with first place in the feature bringing \$800 and a handsome trophy symbolic of the New Jersey state title.

46 Cars to Qualify

Since one of the largest fields ever to enter a stock car race in history is expected, places will be open only to the fastest 46 cars in the qualifying trials.

Not to be confused with jalopy racing, stock car speed programs have boomed into the South's No. 1 Summertime sports attraction. This is the first invasion of the northeast by the National Championship Circuit, labeled as the fastest in the United States.

The racing cars are equipped with two and four carburetors, locked rear ends, special racing gears and oversized engines, capable of sending these hopped-up jobs down the straightaway at speeds in excess of 130 miles per hour.

40-Mile Race At Fair Oval On July 13

7-2-1947

Stock car racing, which is making a great hit in this part of the country, will make its debut at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds on Sunday afternoon, July 13. According to Bill France, president of the National Championship Stock Car Racing Circuit, the program will entice the best drivers in the country, many of them coming from the South, and the thrills produced by this kind of racing are sure to please every fan, who generally clamor for more of these events.

Qualifying tests will start at noon on the day of the race with the first event scheduled to get under way at 2:30 o'clock. There will be three five-mile qualifying events; a 15-mile Consolation and a 40-mile feature race with 46 of the fastest cars in the preliminary events qualifying for the finale.

Among the drivers already in line are Bob Flock, present leader in the national point race and holder of the 100-mile record; Johnnie Rogers of Paterson, outstanding stunt driver; Lenny Bradshaw, of New Brunswick; Fonty Flock, king of the half-mile drivers and Ed Samples, last year's national champion. A number of Trenton drivers have been trying out their cars the past week and expect to have them ready in time for the big events.

Fair Grounds Site of Races Next Sunday

7-6-1947

Championship stock car auto racing, which has broken attendance records at tracks up and down the Eastern seaboard, bows into Trenton, Sunday at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds when more than 40 of the nation's top drivers gun for over \$3,250 in prize money.

A trio of Atlanta, Ga., drivers will head the southern contingent when it bows into big-time competition against the gas jockeys

from the North. They are Ed Samples, 1946 national stock car racing champion; Bob Flock, holder of the 100-mile world's stock car racing record, and Fonty Flock, Bob's brother, now leading in the national point standings. The latter, incidentally, will be one of the big favorites here Sunday—he has won six consecutive races.

Time trials will begin at noon with the first race set for 2:30 P. M.

The Trenton track, labeled as one of the fastest mile dirt speedways in the East, is expected to play host to one of the largest throngs ever to witness a race in New Jersey. Appropriately enough, the prize plum at stake for these high speed boys will be the New Jersey State championship.

Not to be confused with jalopies, stock cars are regular automobiles with a few exceptions—the latter permits top speeds of 135 or 140 miles per hour on long straightaways. Under the modified stock car racing rules, the boys are allowed to increase the size of pistons, engines and lock the rear ends of the cars. In other words, it's an ordinary family car only in body design.

The race schedule calls for two five-mile heats, a 15-mile consolation and a 40-mile event in addition to time trials. Because of the expected large field, only the fastest 46 cars in the qualifying runs will be allowed a shot at the main event.

RIVALS IN FAIR GROUNDS RACE

7/17/47



MARSHALL TEAGUE



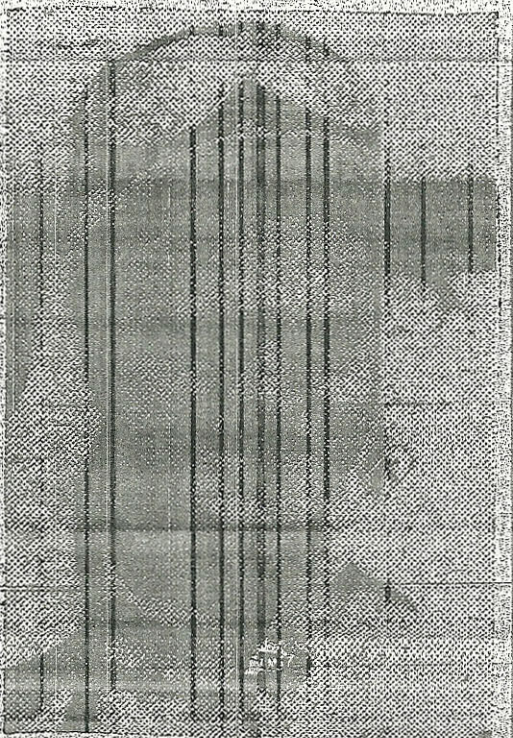
LENNY BRADSHAW

Teague, winner of the championships of North and South Carolina last year, and Bradshaw, daredevil from New Brunswick, will be in Trenton's first stock car race Sunday at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds.

More Than Sixty In Races Sunday

7/18/47

IN RACE SUNDAY



ED SAMPLES

Bill France, president of the National Stock Car Championship Circuit, and director of the stock car races to be held next Sunday afternoon at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds, announced last night that more than 60 drivers have notified him that they will be on hand for the events.

Time trials are scheduled to begin at noon Sunday with the first race scheduled for 2:30 o'clock. There will be three 5-mile qualification races, a 15-mile consolation event and a 40-mile final in which it is expected that 46 cars will start.

The southern contingent is headed by Ed Samples of Atlanta, Ga., last year's stock car champion and high on the list of the point winners this year. Pepper Cunningham, Trentons' sensational driver, will be among those from this section who will uphold the honors for the north.

Risks Leadership



7-10-1947 **Fonty Flock**

Leader to date in point standings for the national stock car championship, Flock, who hails from Atlanta, Ga., will risk his No. 1 position Sunday in a program of speed events on the New Jersey State Fair Grounds one-mile track. Seventy miles of racing will be presented along with the time trials, which start at noon. The first competitive race is slated for 2:30 p. m. The 40-mile feature event will be limited to 46 cars.
