

# 40-Mile Race Feature Event Here Sunday

National championship stock car circuit auto racing, the fastest of its kind in America, will attract a great field of drivers to Trenton Sunday afternoon when Bill France staged the first event of this kind at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds track.

Seventy miles of racing will be presented besides the time trials which start at noon. There will be three 5-mile qualification events, a 15-mile consolation race and a 40-mile main event with a guaranteed prize money list of \$3,250.

Pepper Cunningham, Tommy Coates, and Chick Dinatale, of Trenton, along with Johnny Rogers of Paterson will lead the northern contingent against the stars from the South. Cunningham has established himself as one of the cagiest gas jockeys in the game today. He won the 100-mile championship race at Langhorne last season and was leading the field at Flemington last month at the half-way mark when he cracked through a fence.

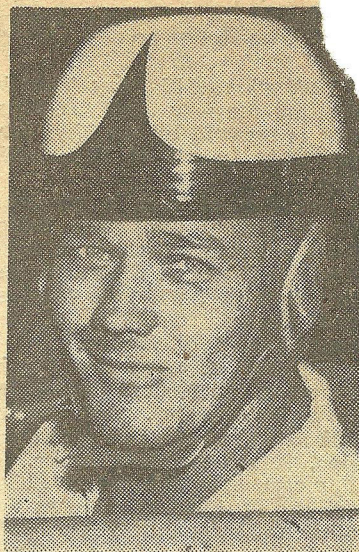
Ed Samples, last year's national champion, along with Fonty Flock, leader so far this year, and Jack Ethridge, all from Georgia way, will be among the Southerners seeking new laurels Sunday afternoon.

Reserved seat tickets are now available at the Checker Store and at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds office.

# Local Drivers Race Sunday



Chick Di Natale



Pepper Cunningham

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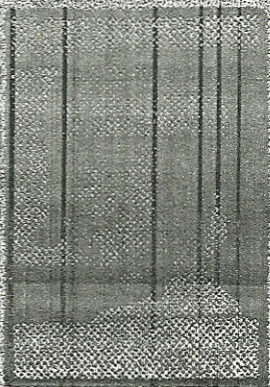
Tommy Coates



# Tom Bradshaw

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Tommy "Tom" Bradshaw of Trenton, has entered the Stock Car Championship races to be staged at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds Sunday. He will drive a 1938 Ford, rebuilt and owned by his brother-in-law, Lee McBride, also of Trenton.



Bradshaw has a fine record and on July 4 captured first place at Allentown.

Tom Bradshaw

Time trials start at noon. Starting at 2:30 P. M., there will be three five-mile qualification races, a 15-mile consolation race and a 40-mile finale, in which 46 cars are slated to start.



# Two Local Stock Car Aces Start in Record Field Here

Stock car auto racing ushers in the 1947 season at the New Jersey State Fairgrounds here tomorrow in 70 laps of racing on the local mile speedway, considered one of the fastest dirt ovals in the east. Sanctioned by the National Championship Stock Car Racing Circuit, the nation's foremost stock car organization, the program calls for three 5-mile heats, a 15-mile consolation and a 40-mile feature, in addition to time trials. The latter will get under way at 12 noon.

The first heat will start at 2:30 P. M.

The \$3,250 prize list will attract the largest field ever to participate in a race on the eastern seaboard. From below the Mason-Dixon Line will be the crack southern contingent headed by Jack Ethridge of Atlanta. However, the northern group, including Pepper Cunningham and Chick Dinatale, both of Trenton, is expected to furnish more than enough competition.

## Ed Samples Entered

Heading the entry list are Ed Samples, 1946 national champion, and Fonty Flock, leader of the 1947 national point standings. The latter also holds the world's five-eighths of a mile qualifying record set at North Wilkesboro, N. C., last month. Flock turned the dirt speedway in 29 seconds, an average speed of 77 miles per hour. That means he was boiling down the straightaway at more than 100 miles per hour.

## SOUTHERN RIDER



Jack Ethridge

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# Races At Fair Grounds Today Record Field of Drivers Set For Stock Car Races Today

The largest field of automobiles ever to participate in an American stock car race is on hand at the New Jersey State Fairgrounds here and drivers are applying last-minute touches to racers before the state championship battle this afternoon.

Indications pointed to over 50 cars taking time trials starting at noon in bids to land positions in the 70-mile race program. Only 46 cars will be permitted to participate in the three 5-mile heats and 15-mile consolation. The starting field in the 40-mile championship feature will be determined by results in the first four races. The first race is scheduled to get under way at 2:30 p. m.

A trio of Northerners and a like number of drivers from below the Mason-Dixon line head the crack field which will be gunning for over \$3,250 in prize money. Batteries for the North are Pepper Cunningham and Chick Dinitale of Trenton, the former regarded as one of the foremost drivers in the nation, and Johnny Rogers, nationally famous stunt driver. The latter holds the unenviable distinction of having broken his neck twice while in the racing game.


For the South it will be Ed Samples, 1946 national champion, and the two "Mad Flock" brothers of racing, Fonty and Bob. Fonty currently leads the national point standing while Bob is in second place. All three of these boys hail from Atlanta, Ga.

Byron, and Jack Ethridge of Atlanta, Ga.; and Marshall Teague, Bill Snowden, and Lucky Sauer of St. Augustine, Fla.

Also expected to be on hand is Baltimore's Bert Helmueller, famous big car driver and veteran of three Indianapolis races.

Other entries include: Jim Dinitale, Tommy Bradshaw, Tommy Coates, Jim McBride of Trenton; Lewis Hawkins of Philadelphia, Pa., Lou Brokoff of Allentown, Pa., Johnny Grubb and Bob Harris of Greensboro, N. C.; Buddy Shuman and Glen Dunaway of Charlotte, N. C., Bill Blaire and Jimmy Lewallen of High Point, N. C.; Fred Mahon of Greenville, S. C.; Swayne Pritchett and Hugh Lanford of Spartanburg, S. C.; Lee Morgan, Red

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Tommy Bradshaw



# Atlanta Boys Score Sweep In Races Here

Speedsters from Atlanta, Ga., monopolized the stock car races yesterday at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds before a crowd estimated at close to 10,000.

Fonty Flock, leader in the national stock car race point standing, added to his margin by coping the 40-mile feature event. His time for the 40 laps around the Fair Grounds mile oval was 36:26.10. At times he roared down the straightaways at more than 70 miles per hour. He took the lead early in the race and held it throughout.

The crowd gasped as the 25 starters in the feature event roared around the first turn. All of 25 of them made the perilous venture safely.

By the time the 40-mile grind was finished, however, the top four all were Atlantans—Fonty Flock first, Ed Samples second, Red Byron third and Bob Flock, brother of Fonty, fourth.

Cunningham 5th

Trenton's Pepper Cunningham did his best to break the Georgia monopoly but the best he could land was fifth place.

Atlantans also finished first in all of the preliminary events. Byron won the first five-mile

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qualifying event in 4:34.41 with Red Campbell of Trenton second, Bob Flock third and Cunningham fourth. Bob Flock set the pace in the second five-miler, timed in 4:42.33. He was trailed to the finish by Trentons' Tom Coates, Buddy Schuman of Charlotte, N. C., and John Grubb of Greensboro, N. C. Another five-miler went to Glen Dunnaway, Atlanta, in 4:55.87. Trenton's DiNatale boys, Chick and Rocky, finished second and fourth in this event, with Campbell third.

Glen Allen, still another Atlantan, copped the 15-mile consolation race in 14:28.74. Bud Sauer of Daytona Beach, Fla., placed second, Dunnaway third and Del Patch of Dayton Beach on a photo finish decision over Chick DiNatale for fourth position.



# Fonty Flock First In Stock Car Race

Fonty Flock, a slow-speaking gentleman from Atlanta, Ga., was the fastest driver on the New Jersey State Fair Grounds half-mile dirt track yesterday.

Hits 70 MPH

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Thrilling a crowd announced at 10,000, Flock won the featured 40-mile stock car race in 36 minutes, 26.10 seconds. He averaged between 60 and 70 miles per hour in his hopped-up buggy to complete an all-Atlanta sweep of the five-event program.

Twenty-five cars started, but Flock took the lead rounding the first turn and held it for 79 laps. Ed Samples beat off the challenge of Red Byron on the 30th lap and rolled in second. Pepper Cunningham, Trenton, was fifth.

## Allen Wins Consolation

The 15-mile consolation race was taken by Glenn Allen, Atlanta, in 14 minutes, 28.74 seconds. Three qualification races of five miles each were also taken by Atlanta entrants. Byron won the first in four minutes, 34.41 seconds; Bob Flock took the second in four minutes, 42.33 seconds, and Glenn Dunnaway won the third in four minutes, 55.87 seconds.

Trenton drivers gave these preliminary winners ample competition, but the southern mounts had more "soup" when the going was tough. Buddy Campbell was second to Byron in the first race; Tommy Coates followed Bob Flock across the line in the second, and finishing two-three-four in the third were Chick DiNatale,

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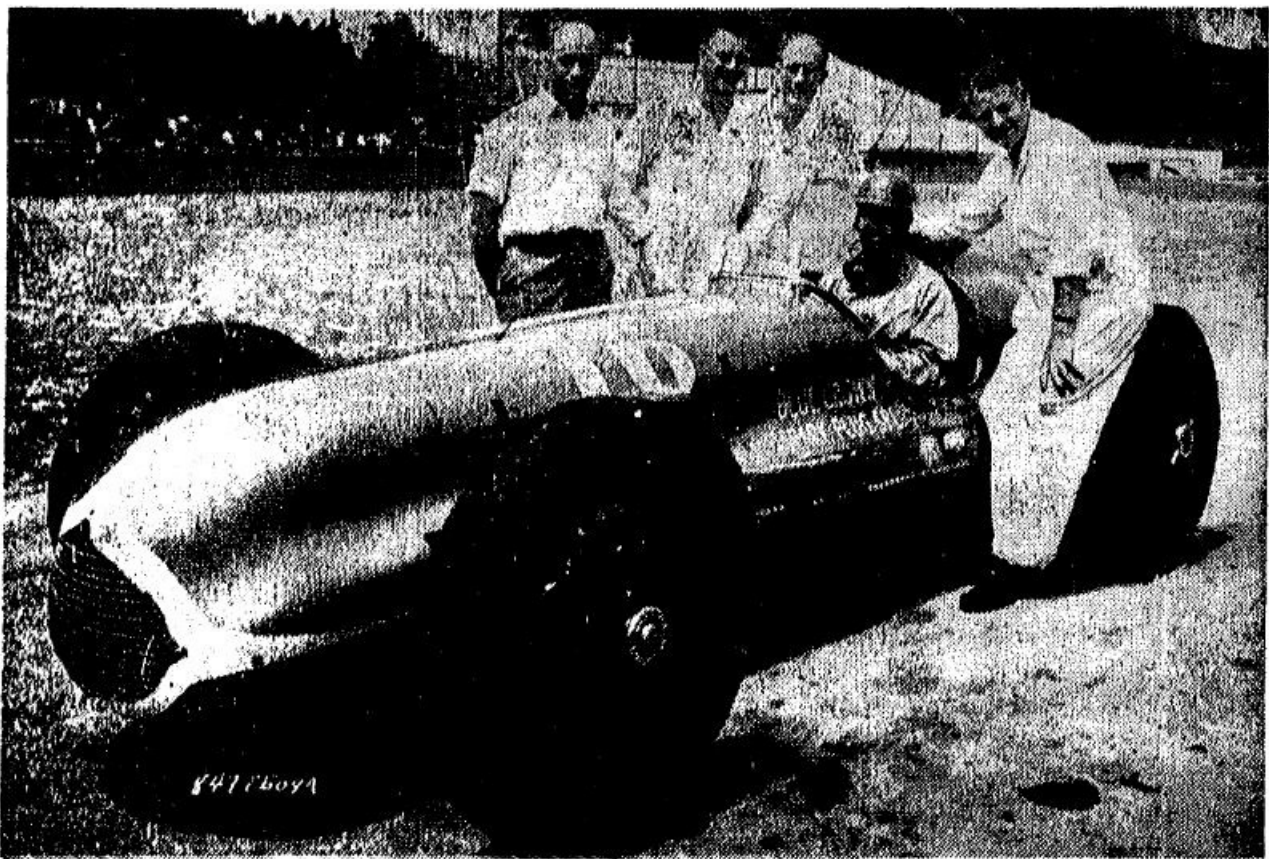
Five-mile qualification—First, Dunnaway, Atlanta; second, C. DiNatale, Trenton; third, Campbell, Trenton; fourth, B. DiNatale, Trenton. Time—4:55.87.

Consolation race (15 miles)—First, Allen, Atlanta; second, Suter, Daytona Beach, Fla.; third, Dunnaway, Atlanta; fourth, Patch, Daytona Beach; fifth, C. DiNatale, Trenton. Time—14:28.74.

Final (40 miles)—First, F. Flock, Atlanta; second, Samples, Atlanta; third, Byron, Atlanta; fourth, B. Flock, Atlanta; fifth, Cunningham, Trenton. Time—36:26.10.



# Allentown Man Mechanic for Moore



Charles Marant of Allentown, N. J., formerly of Trenton, served as a mechanic for Lou Moore, owner of the two Blue Crown Specials that finished first and second in this year's 500-mile auto race at Indianapolis Speedway. Mauri Rose, Chicago, won the classic with Bill Holland, Bridgeport, Conn., a close second. Many fans thought Holland should have won but he slackened his speed in the closing stages and was passed by Rose. Moore of Ventura, Calif., owner of both cars, said he instructed both men to coast the last few miles in order to avoid possible mishaps. Marant, shown on the left in the picture above, predicts a victory for Holland next year. Holland is shown at the wheel of the Blue Crown Special above, with Owner Moore on the right, Marant and two pitmen on the left.

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# Chitwood Retains Mastery In Auto Race At State Fair

Trenton auto race addicts are just about thoroughly convinced that Jole Chitwood, the thrill show king and speed ace, is unbeatable on the New Jersey State Fair Grounds mile track.

Chitwood led from start to checkered flag of yesterday's 20-mile feature event. His time for the 20 laps around the mile oval was 15:06.52. Tommy Mattson of Wilmington, Del., Eastern AAA point leader, trailed Chitwood all the way but managed to stave off every other contender to take second money. Chitwood probably would be the Eastern AAA pacesetter if his thrill show business didn't prevent him from competing in a lot of races. One race date he always keeps, however, is the closing day of George Hamid's annual New Jersey State Fair.

## Scores Grand Slam

With a packed grandstand

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crowd and spectators lined several deep all around the track, Chitwood made his usual runaway of yesterday's card. In addition to copping the feature event, he also won the first qualifying race and turned in the best time trial—42.41 seconds. Jole left in a hurry after the feature race—in order to keep a thrill show engagement last night at Hatfield, Pa.

Mark Light of Lebanon, Pa., finished third to Chitwood and Mattson. Trenton's Hank Rodgers wound up fourth in the AAA-sanctioned, Sam. Nunis Speedways-directed event. Ed Terry of Plainfield was fifth, Dutch Culp of Allentown, Pa., sixth; Fred Carpenter, Albany, N. Y., seventh; Lew Mood, Pitman, N. J., eighth, and Danny Goss, Mount Holly, ninth.

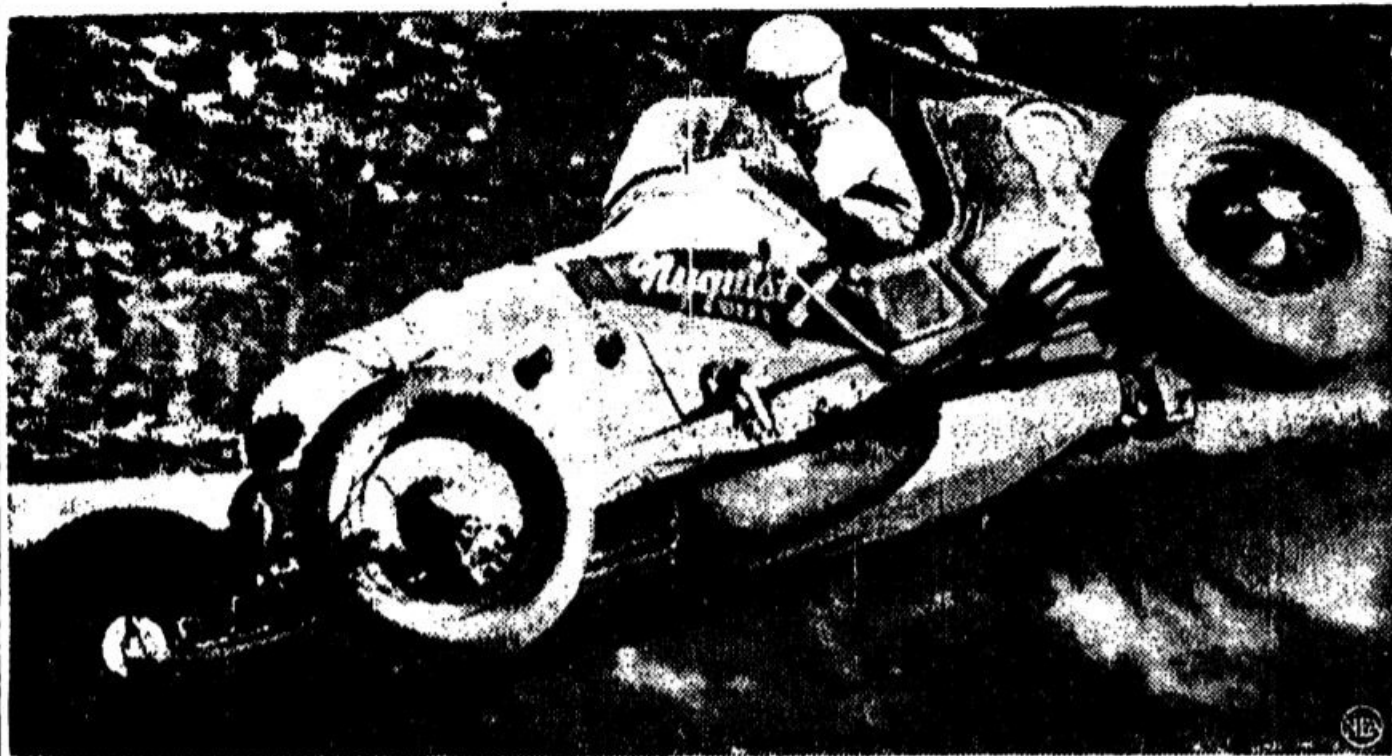
## Flat Tire No Deterrent

Carpenter's car was in third place until a front tire went flat during the sixth lap. His pit crew replaced the tire as quickly as possible and he swung back into action, regaining enough ground to finish seventh.

Chitwood, Light and Rodgers crossed the finish line in that order in the eight-mile first qualifying event. Chitwood's time was 6:10.84. Mattson won the second eight-miler with Larry Smith of Bloomingdale, N. J., second and Ed Terry third. Mattson's time was 8:14.77. Carpenter won the third qualifying race, a six-miler, in 4:41.98. Buddy Rusch of Tampa, Fla., was second and Dutch Culp third. In the consolation event, also six miles, Lee Wallard of Schenectady, N. Y., was the winner in 4:43.23. He was followed across the finish line by Lew Mood, Stan Jones of Callfon, N. J., Danny Goss and Frank Cook of Erlton, N. J.

Chitwood's feature race victory was the tenth of his career at the Trenton Fair Track. Since the resumption of auto racing after World War II Jole has won his every start at the mile oval, including three consecutive appearances on the final day of the Fair. He also was a consistent Trenton winner before the war, back in the days when the track was a half-miler.

# Holland Takes Turn On One Wheel



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Bill Holland holds on to the wheel for dear life as his car balances on one wheel during turn at Atlanta's dirt track. Holland, second place winner in the Indianapolis 500-mile speed classic last year, is among the drivers who will be seen in action at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds here Sunday, April 18.



# Reading Auto Races Today Prelude to Trenton Event

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Virtually the entire star-studded field of drivers competing this afternoon at Reading, Pa., will enter the Eastern mile track inaugural AAA auto races Sunday, April 18, at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds track.

Sam Nunis, director of the season's half mile opener at Reading, stated that all the big name chauffeurs entered today would be served contracts for the big Trenton opening. The importance of the Trenton events in the official AAA standings is expected to attract all the speed stars, Nunis said.

This year, as in the past, the lightning fast Trenton saucer will be the scene of the breath-stopping action only displayed in titular AAA racing. Track records here are shared by Walt Brown, Long Island, N. Y., one mile in 41.45; Fred Carpenter, Albany, N. Y., six miles in 4:41.98; Bill Holland, Bridgeport, Conn., eight miles in 5:52.83, and Joie Chitwood, Reading, Pa., 20 miles in 15:02.01. All four speedsters are expected back here April 18 to defend their honors.

A featured Eastern Mile Inaugural sweepstakes is to be supported by a group of qualifying heat races and the exciting qualifying time trials. The time trials open at 1 p. m. Race events begin at 2:30.



Bill Holland

## Kansas City Halts Yanks

LAKE WALES, Fla.—UP—The Kansas City Blues of the American Association parlayed two hits and two New York Yankee errors yesterday to gain a 2 to 1 victory over the World Champions.

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## ENTERED IN RACES HERE



WALT ADLER

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# Bernardsville Ace Enters Trenton AAU Auto Races



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New Jersey last night had its second official entry for the Eastern Inaugural AAA auto races over a mile track here at the Fair Grounds, Sunday, April 18. He is whizzing Walt Ader from Bernardsville.

## Drives \$15,000 Job

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Claimant of the gas-pédaling championship of the "Skeeter" State, Ader informed race director Sam Nunis he'll be present to match speed and "moxie" with the nation's top racers at Trenton. He is down to pilot a streamlined \$15,000 Offenhauser car.

Just what can be expected of the zooming Jerseyite in big time competition this year was uncovered at last Sunday's half mile opening at Reading, Pa. Despite the fact it was his first start of the season, Ader finished a bang-up third to Ted Horn, twice National AAA champion from Paterson, N. J. Horn signed for the Trenton inaugural after the Reading victory.

## Beat Old Mark

As Horn's time of 11:10.41 surpassed the previous 25-lap record at Reading, it also recorded that Ader's clocking in the race was better than the old mark. The Bernardsville chauffeur ranked 13th among sanctioned AAA drivers last year.

Speedway's boss Nunis has a big seven-event bill carded for the mile strip opener. A thrilling 20-mile Eastern Inaugural sweep-

stakes feature is to be joined by four eight-mile heat races, a special three-car match race and the qualifying time trials. Ticket reservation can now be made at the Fair Grounds office.

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**Warren Bates**

4-9-1948

## Enters Racing Program Here

Robust Warren Bates, of Monroeville, N. J., a veteran dirt track racing chauffeur, today agreed to take part in the big opening auto race program, Sunday, April 18, at the New Jersey State Fairgrounds track.

Bates, who drives a whizzing Hal Special car, is faced with a tough assignment inasmuch as his competitors here will be "hand picked" drivers with the best cars money can buy. The Monroeville pilot had to be satisfied with 24th position among the East Coast racers last year.

The Jerseyite has been working overtime on his speed wagon for Trenton, however, and he's predicting he'll hand some of the "name" speedmen a big surprise next Sunday. Already booked to oppose him in the races are such Indianapolis bigwags as Ted Horn, Bill Holland, Jole Chitwood, Walt Ader and Tommy Hinnershitz. To make it all the worse for Bates, the stars each will drive a super-speed Offenhauser, America's fastest racing car.

Entries for the program are still arriving at local headquarters and it's expected that a racing field will roll out for the starting flag. Seven events on next Sunday's card are to be highlighted by a 20-mile inaugural mile track sweepstakes.



# Speedy Trio To Race Here Next Sunday

Ted Horn, Bill Holland and Indian Jole Chitwood, the big three of championship triple A auto racing, have their speed sights on the big eastern opening of mile track auto racing here next Sunday afternoon.

With the Indianapolis "500" just around the corner, all three speedsters are "pointing" to the Trenton opener as a primer for the Memorial Day classic. The trio will be joined by a star-studded collection of drivers for the events at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds.

The Trenton Fair raceway, one of the East's fastest mile saucers, is "dressed" and ready to give the speed notables a last opportunity to prepare for Indianapolis. Horn, Holland and Chitwood, like other starters here, will invade the Hoosier capital shortly after competing in this city. "Warm up" periods begin at Indianapolis around May 1, with the qualifying rounds listed to start May 15.

## Ader Set For Action

Among other noted chauffeurs who will grace next Sunday's field are Walt Ader, Bernardsville, N. J.; Tommy Hinnershitz, Reading, Pa.; Freddy Carpenter, Albany, N. Y.; Walt Brown, Long Island, N. Y., and Tommy Mattson, Wilmington, Del. All, with the possible exception of Mattson, have enrolled for this year's Indianapolis race.

The Trenton program will include seven events and will feature a 20-mile inaugural mile track sweepstakes. Time trials begin at 1 p. m., with the first race down to roll at 2:30.

# 'Big Three' Top Field Here



Ted Horn



Bill Holland

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Jole Chitwood

# Two Jersey Drivers Enter Fair Grounds Auto Races

The field for next Sunday's opening AAA auto races at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds was bolstered with the signing of two more Jerseyites. They are Len Brown, from Lambertville and Jim Boas of Plainfield.

The home state gas-pedalers enrolled for the Sam Nunis Speedways' events over the week-end to run the list of Jersey entries so far to five. Ted Horn of Paterson, Walt Ader of Bernardsville and Warren Bates from Monroeville were previously entered.

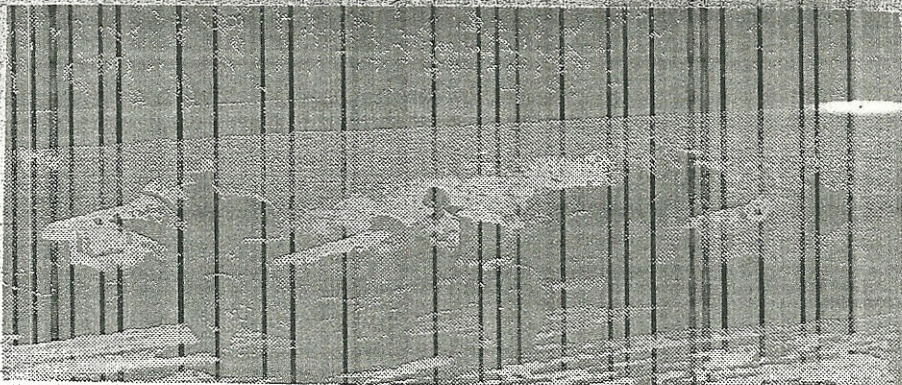
Listed among the up-and-coming dirt track speedsters along the east coast, both Brown and Boas are expected to "pour it on" before the home populace. Brown will drive a fast McDowell Special car while Boas is slated to chauffeur a streaking Cragar.

Along with Horn and Ader, such Indianapolis "name" drivers as Bill Holland, Tommy Hinnershitz, Indian Joie Chitwood and Walt Brown are also entered for next Sunday. The entries are open until Friday at midnight.

A 20-mile sweepstakes finale is to top the seven-event program which will usher in big time auto racing on a mile track in the east this year. Tickets are on sale at the Fair Grounds office and the Checker Auto Stores, 108 E. Hanover St.

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## Ted Horn Heads Fast AAA Field In Fair Grounds Races Tomorrow

Whirling AAA chauffeurs and roaring motors will grind out a nerve-tapping sound picture at the Fair Grounds tomorrow afternoon when major auto racing opens the season with a thrill-packed seven-event program. The first events over a mile track in the east this year begin with qualifying time trials promptly at 1 o'clock. The first race is listed to start at 2:30.

### Horn Tops List

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Gas-pedalers from many states are set for the day's big race—a 20-mile sweepstakes finale—with coveted AAA championship points going to the winners. Earlier on the bill, the entrants get a chance to qualify for the feature in four

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No. 1 . . . Micharskis, City League playoff champions, will work out at 1 P. M. today at Riverview Field . . . Hamilton Post 31 Hudlers will practice at 1 P. M. today at Hamilton High . . . Al Marzani, manager of Chambersburg A. C., requests all players to report at 10 A. M. today at Trenton High . . . Sears Post 458 Junior Legion baseball team will drill at 1 P. M. today at Junior High School No. 1.

White Horse A. C. of the Central Jersey League, will play White Horse Fire Co. of the Hamilton Township 20-Year-Old League an exhibition game tomorrow at Hamilton High, 2 P. M.

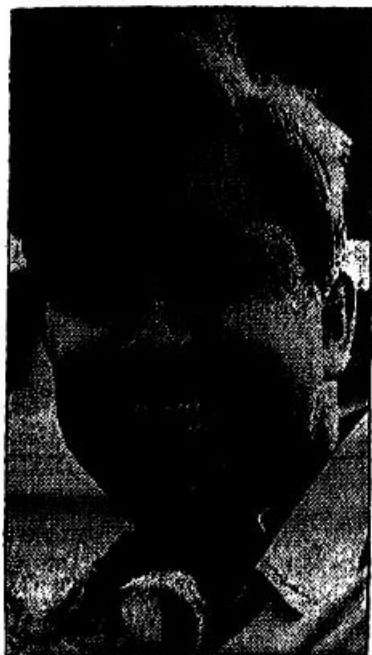
# Light Enters Speed Event Here Sunday

A tried-and-true veteran of big time auto racing, battle-scarred Mark Light, of Lebanon, Pa., will be back in Trenton for Sunday's opening AAA auto races at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds. The popular "Flying Dutchman" is billed to drive a new \$12,000 Dreyer car.

Having previously engaged in nerve-tugging action at the local mile saucer, Light, because of his new Dreyer, is predicting he'll surpass all previous attempts for victory Sunday. In the new machine, which is self-designed, he hopes to return to his form of 1938, when he won the Eastern AAA dirt track crown.

Regardless of whether Dame Fortune smiles or frowns on the Lebanonite here, he is sure to display the same speed and courage that marks all his racing performances. At Reading, Pa., recently he won the fourth 10-lap event to qualify for the 25-lap feature race.

Perhaps the biggest and best field ever to open the season here is scheduled to join Light for Sunday's racing. Along with such nationally-famous Jerseyites as T e d H o r n, Hank Rogers and Walt Ader, there'll be such stars as Bill Holland, Indian Joie Chitwood, Walt Brown, Tommy Hinnershitz, Tommy Mattson, Fred Carpenter, Lee Wallard and Johnny Shackelford at the post. Reserved tickets for the seven-event program can be purchased at the Fair Grounds office or the Checker Store, 108 East Hanover Street.



**Mark Light**

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# Indian Driver Is Anxious To Hit Pay-Dirt on Sunday

Indian Joie Chitwood, famed auto racer-stuntman, is on the warpath for wampum and additional glory at Sunday's opening AAA auto races over the New Jersey State Fair Grounds track. The charging Cherokee is holder of the 20-mile record of 15 minutes 02.01 seconds here.

**Delayed**

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Having been delayed with his famous thrill troupe, the Hell Drivers, this year due to a shortage of materials, Chitwood is over-eager to cash in at Sunday's pay window. Ordinarily booked to open this month, his thrill show schedule has been set back until June.

The business setback along with a yen to stir up additional records has the big chief in full war regalia for the Trenton races. He is listed to make his bid in a streamlined \$15,000 Offenhauser car.

Already this year Chitwood has earned the tag of big time auto racing's "Unlucky Mose." At both the National AAA opening at Atlanta, Ga., last month and the eastern half-mile opening two weeks ago at Reading, Pa., he was forced out in the time trials due to motor trouble. These reverses add to Chitwood's anxiety regarding Sunday's races.

However, in order to hitch his wagon to the pay train here Indian Joe will have to out-speed many of the nation's top drivers.

Ted Horn, Bill Holland, Walt Ader, Tommy Hinnershitz, Walt Brown, Hank Rogers, to mention some, are also awaiting the starting flag. A 20-mile sweepstakes final race heads Sunday's seven-event program.

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Ready For Races Here Today

Stellar Field

## In Auto Races At Fair Today



Joie Chitwood

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Hank Rogers

Sanctioned triple A auto racing invades this New Jersey metropolis again this afternoon when the Eastern inaugural mile track program will hold sway at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds. Qualifying time trials open the seven-event bill promptly at 1 o'clock, with the first race down to roll at 2:30.

Headed postward by New Jersey's favorite speed son, Ted Horn, of Paterson, a record field, including many Indianapolis drivers, is listed to furnish the action. The two-time National AAA champion is to be joined in the field by such zooming notables as Bill Holland, Indian Jole Chitwood, Tommy Hinnershitz, Walt Brown, Johnny Shackleford, Walt Ader, Tommy Mattson, Fred Carpenter, Mark Light and Trenton's Hank Rogers. Bill McConnell, another Trenton driver, is among the late entrants.

### Big Four Favored

While the entire racing ensemble is primed for a winning effort this afternoon, most of the action is expected from Horn, Holland, Hinnershitz and Chitwood. Horn previously won the 1948 mile track inaugural at Atlanta, Ga., and the half-mile opener at Reading, Pa., and he's the chauffeur to pass for today's laurels.

Hinnershitz prepared for Trenton by posting two new records at Reading and Holland's chances are brightened by the fact he was second to Horn at Atlanta. Chitwood, who holds the standing 20-mile record of 15 minutes 02.01 seconds here, has won virtually every big race he has taken part in in this city.

Today's bill-o-fare will include a featured 20-mile inaugural sweepstakes, three 8-mile heat races, an 8-mile consolation event and a special three-car match race along with the time trials.

Official entries are as follows:  
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Bill Holland, Reading, Pa., Offen-

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Walt Brown, Massapequa, L. I.,

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Joie Chitwood, Reading, Pa.,

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Freddy Carpenter, Albany,

N. Y., Offenhaus-  
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Tommy Hinnershitz, Reading,

Pa., Offenhaus-  
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Johnny Shackleford, Dayton, O.,

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Walt Ader, Bernardsville, N. J.,

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Mark Light, Lebanon, Pa.,

Dreyer.  
Len Brown, Lambertville, N. J.,

McDowell.  
Tommy Mattson, Wilmington,

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# Horn Victor As Chitwood Reign Ends

A crowd estimated at 22,000 jammed the New Jersey State Fair Grounds yesterday for the season's Inaugural Eastern auto racing program over a mile track.

The devotees of the high speed sport were well rewarded. They saw three track records lowered and they witnessed the end of Jole Chitwood's post-war reign as king of the Fair Grounds mile track.

Chitwood's first defeat in a feature race on the mile oval was not his own fault, however. Jole was leading the pack for eight of the 20 miles. Then he developed serious motor trouble and was forced to withdraw.

Ted Horn, the National AAA point champ from Paterson, went on to win the feature. His time for the 20 miles was 14:44.34 — a new track record for the distance. The previous mark of 15:02.01 was held by Chitwood.

Another driver upon whom Lady Luck frowned was Tommy Hinnershitz of Reading, Pa. Tommy defeated Horn in the first qualifying event and set a new track record of 5:41.10 for the eight-mile route. Just before the feature event, however, Tommy's motor acted up and he wasn't able to start in the 20-miler.

## Two Records for Ted

Horn treated himself to two of the three new records that were written into the Fair Grounds books. In addition to his whirlwind time in the feature, Ted spun a 40.36 time trial — the best ever negotiated for once around the mile saucer.

Back before the war, racing fans will recall, the Trenton Fair track was a half-miler. Just before the war years the track was enlarged for a mile. When auto racing resumed after the war Chitwood won the first feature race staged on the enlarged oval. Jole then proceeded to win his every other start on the Trenton track — until yesterday. Even then, his defeat was due to motor trouble. Whether or not he could have held his lead for 12 more laps is a question that racing fans probably will debate for a long time.

## Fourth Win in Row

Horn's victory was his fourth in as many starts this year. His previous wins were at Atlanta, Ga., Reading, Pa., and Williams Grove, Pa. He led the pack at the Williams Grove half-mile track just day before yesterday. In between the two races he found time for a fast trip home to Paterson. His next start will be at Arlington Downs, Texas. Then he probably will concentrate on the Memorial Day 500-mile classic at Indianapolis.

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Competitive event No. 8 found Ken Carpenter of Albany, N. Y., home first after eight speedy laps. Johnny Shackelford of Dayton, O., finished second and Walt Brown of Massapequa, L. I., third.

Hank Rogers, Trenton speedster, won the consolation race, followed by Mark Light of Lebanon, Pa., and Len Koenig of Palmyra, Pa.

## Chitwood Cops Special

A special race, in which the three contestants were selected by the crowd's applause, was won by Chitwood, with Horn second

and Hinnershitz third. This was a three-miler and the time was 2:08.39.

Then came the final and feature event. Chitwood electrified the crowd by taking the early lead. Jole's followers groaned when he headed for the pits after eight laps — victim of the old motor trouble bugaboo. Horn roared into the lead and stayed there. Carpenter copped second money, Ader third, Holland fourth, Shackelford fifth and Rogers sixth.

Sam Nunis, director of Nunis Speedways, announced that he will stage a stock car racing program at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds on Sunday, May 9.

# Horn Cracks Record to Take Feature Fair Grounds Race

By DICK KULP

Ted Horn, last year's national champion-dirt-track driver, captured first place in the 20-mile Inaugural Sweepstakes at the Trenton Fair Grounds yesterday, before about 25,000 fans. In winning the race, Horn set his second record for the day. In the time trials he established a new mark for

the mile track by racing around in 40:36 seconds or averaging about 90 miles per hours. In the feature race he did the 20 miles in 14 minutes, 44.34 seconds, knocking almost a half minute from the old record, held by Joie Chitwood.

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## Trial Record Set

The first qualifying heat of eight miles was taken by Tommy Hinnershitz from Reading, Pa., driving his special Offenhauser to set a new mark for the eight-mile event. His time was 5 minutes, 41.10 seconds. Horn was close behind with Bill Holland, also of Reading, bringing up the third spot.

Walt Ader of Bernardsville, N. J., took first place in the second qualifying heat, with Chitwood second, and Tom Mattson third. The third and last qualifying race was won by Fred Carpenter, of Albany, who was chased over the line by Johnny Shackelford of Dayton, Ohio, and Walt Brown of Long Island.

All the qualifying races were started in single file with the fastest cars in the rear. This, according to Sam Nunis, director of the speedway, forces the faster cars to pass the entire field one by one, thereby making a more interesting race.

For a three-car race, with all three drivers selected by the applause of the spectators, Chitwood, Hinnershitz and Horn were picked. This three-lap event was taken by Chitwood in the time of two minutes, 6:39 seconds.

There were 14 cars starting the feature 20-mile sweepstakes. In the list were some of the top drivers of the country including Horn who finished first, Carpenter, second; Ader, third, followed by Holland, Shackelford, Hank Rogers, Walt Brown, Hinnershitz, Mattson, Len Koenig, Bill Gause, Larry Smith and Lem Brown. Chitwood was forced out of the race when he developed motor trouble after a few laps. All events of the day were run without an accident and no one was hurt.

Nunis announced that on Sunday afternoon, May 9, the fair grounds would be the scene of stock car races including a 40-mile feature event.

his green play had never been better. Putting accuracy and faultless pitch shots pulled him well ahead of the field.

Sarazen was tied at third with Dick Metz of Arkansas City, Ark., and Herman Keiser of Akron, Ohio. Each collected \$700. Demaret earned \$300.



# 3 More Drivers Entered

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Two up-and-coming Jerseyites and a veteran Pennsylvania Dutchman are officially listed among the starters for Sunday's AAA auto races over the mile Fair Grounds track.

Len Brown of Lambertville, Warren Bates of Monroeville, and Mark Light from Lebanon, Pa., have advanced signed entries to speed headquarters here. Upwards of 20 speedsters are expected to compete in seven events.

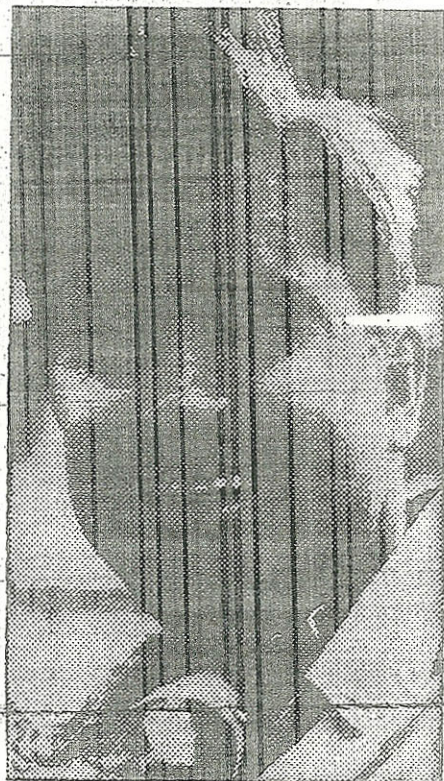
## Light a Veteran

While both of the Jersey newcomers have been on Eastern tracks for years, Light is probably the best known of the trio. The Lebanonite is a former East Coast and Pennsylvania State AAA champion and is a battle-scarred campaigner. Brown and Light saw action in the season's opening races here on April 18.

A star-packed field, similar to the starting cast for the previous races here, will furnish the action Sunday afternoon. Ted Horn, of Paterson, who is currently enjoying a sensational victory streak, will be on hand to zoom after another Fair Grounds triumph. He won the featured 20-mile event of the earlier bill in the record time of 14.44.34.

Other entrants to date include Bill Holland, Tommy Hinnershitz, Freddy Carpenter, Walt Ader, Tommy Mattson, Frank Cook and Bill McConnell. The entries are open until midnight Friday.

Tickets for the seven event card of time trials, four eight-mile heat races, a special match race and a 20-mile feature can be procured either at the Fair Grounds office or the Checker Auto Store, 108 E. Hanover St.



MARK LIGHT  
... at Fair Grounds Sunday



# Shackleford Real Threat In Race Here

5-7-1948

Johnny Shackleford, of Dayton, O., twice champion of Mid-Western AAA racing drivers, will return here for Sunday's championship auto races at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds. He will be at the wheel of his title-winning car, a streaking Offenhauser owned by Charles Engle, Dayton businessman.

A "tight" motor so hampered Shackleford's style in the April 18 races here that he was unable to finish better than fifth in the 20-mile feature. In signing for Sunday's encore, he stated that his car had been thoroughly "tuned up" and is ready for the second big seven-event bill of the year here.

Having outfinished every big time race chauffeur in his home section, Shackleford is after more worlds to conquer. He's invading the East Coast ranks this year with guns trained on the AAA championship. The Dayton demon beat out "Spider" Webb, Indianapolis driver, for the Mid-West crown last year.

Both Shackleford and his Offenhauser will have to be in race form Sunday, however, in order to take top honors. The nation's leading drivers, including AAA Champion Ted Horn, Bill Holland, Walt Brown, Walt Ader, Tommy Mattson, Fred Carpenter, Mark Light and Len Brown will be here to block his plans. Many drivers in the field will engage in final action prior to the Indianapolis 500-mile race.

A thrilling 20-mile sweepstakes final, four 8-mile heat races, a special match race and a qualifying time trials comprise Sunday's program. The time trials begin at 1 o'clock and the races open at 2:30.

# Horn Heads Classy Field In Auto Races Here Today

With at least a half dozen aspirants for Indianapolis 500-mile glory in the field, thrill-packed AAA auto racing gives a repeat performance here this afternoon when seven events break the stillness at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds. Qualifying time trials open the action at 1 o'clock, with the first race listed to roll at 2:30.

Record-tearing Ted Horn, of Paterson, the most talked of race driver today, is billed to lead upwards of 20 speed-hungry contestants to the post. The Jersey speed artist is coveting his seventh straight win of the year in today's main spot, a 20-mile sweepstakes finale. Four 8-mile heat events, a special three-car match race and the time trials complete the bill-o-fare.

On hand to see that today's feature race isn't lucky seven for Horn will be Bill Holland, Tommy Hinnershitz, Walt Ader, Walt Brown and Freddy Carpenter, all 1948 "500" entrants. Carpenter was second, a few car lengths behind Horn, in the season's opener here on April 18. The Paterson pilot posted a new Fair Grounds 20-mile mark of 14.44:34 on that occasion.

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## Rogers, McConnell Vie

Also present this afternoon, and hopeful of stealing the show from the Indianapolis greats, will be a band of the nation's topflight dirt track drivers. The cast, including Tommy Mattson, Hank Rogers, Lee Wallard, Johnny Shackelford, Mark Light, Buster Warke, Mark Soocy and Warren Bates, represents a half-dozen States.

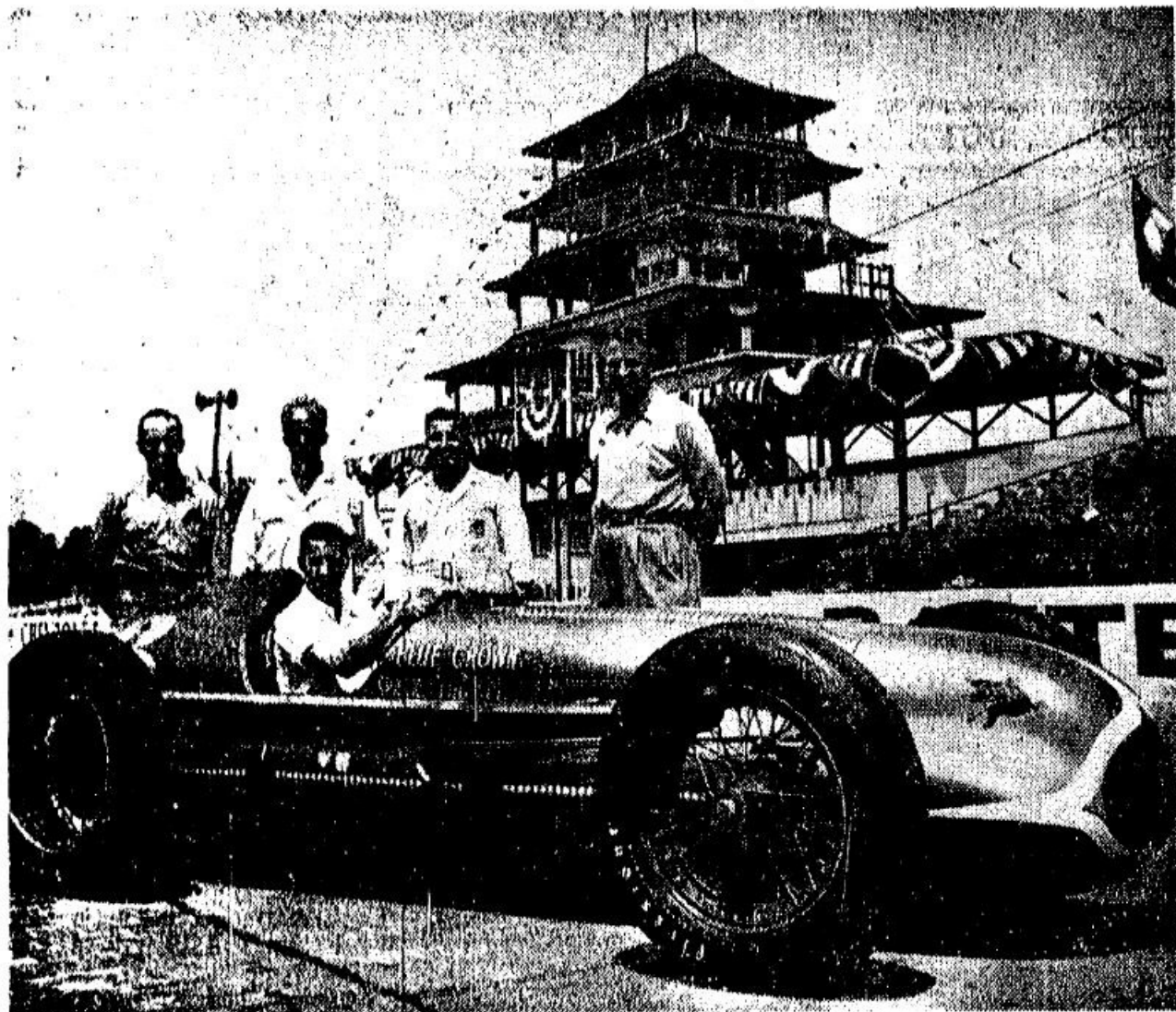
## Adres Flying In

In an added effort to stop the current win streak of Ted Horn, Race Director Sam Nunis yesterday signed Emil Andres of Chicago for today's AAA auto races at the Fair Grounds. Andres will arrive here via plane shortly before the races and will drive the famed O'Day Offenhauser, which Walt Ader was originally scheduled to drive this afternoon. Ader agreed to turn the wheel over to the Indianapolis-famed Chicagoan.

Official entries are as follows:

Ted Horn, Paterson, Offenhauser.  
Bill Holland, Reading, Offenhauser.  
Freddy Carpenter, Albany, Offenhauser.  
Tommy Hinnershitz, Reading, Offenhauser.  
Walt Brown, Massapeque, L. I., Offenhauser.  
Hank Rogers, Trenton, Offenhauser.  
Walt Ader, Bernardsville, Offenhauser.  
Johnny Shackelford, Dayton, Offenhauser.  
Tommy Mattson, Wilmington, Offenhauser.  
Buster Warke, Allentown, Pa., Offenhauser.  
Mark Light, Lebanon, Dreyer.  
Len Brown, Lambertville, McDowell.  
Lee Wallard, Schenectady, Winfield.  
Warren Bates, Monroeville, N. J., Hal.  
Bill McConnell, Trenton, McConnell Spl.  
Mark Soocy, Pitman, Riley.  
Frank Cook, Plainfield, Hal.  
Jim Boas, Plainfield, Cragar.

# Trenton Area Mechanics Big Help to Rose



6-20-1948

Mauri Rose, winner for the second straight year in the 500-mile Indianapolis Speedway Memorial Day classic, once again had help from two Trenton area mechanics — Joe Scopa of Trenton and Princeton and Charley Marant of nearby Allentown, N. J. Scopa, who lives in Trenton and has his place of business in Princeton, and Marant both are employed by Lou Moore of Ventura, Calif. Moore is the owner of the Blue Crown Specials driven by Rose and Bill Holland. Rose and Holland finished one-two for the second straight year. Above photo shows the winning car at Indianapolis with Rose in the driver's seat. Left to right in the group in back of him are Fred Forsyth of Los Angeles, Marant, Scopa and Owner Moore. Scopa serves as pit steward at Langhorne Speedway, where a 100-mile race is scheduled today. Holland will drive one of Moore's cars at Langhorne today and his mechanic will be Marant.



# Holland Heads Early List Of Entries For Race Here

Indianapolis Speedway driver Bill Holland heads the list of early entrants for the Eastern Inaugural mile track auto races here at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds on Sunday, May 1.

One of the country's top dirt track and speedway drivers, Holland hails from Reading, Pa., where he operates a large roller rink on the Reading Fair Grounds.

Holland launched his current dirt track campaign in impressive fashion by winning the season's inaugural big car, racing events at Atlanta, Ga. He finished third in the recent speed sortle at Reading. He established two new track marks in the Atlanta race.

As a result of his early season showing, the Reading driver is the current pace-setter in the 1949 Eastern dirt track standings released by the contest board of the American Automobile Association.

Holland, who was AAA Eastern dirt track champion in 1941, made his first start in the 500-mile speedway race at Indianapolis in 1947 and finished second. He placed second in the 500-mile race again last year to

become the only driver in history to finish second two consecutive years.

Holland's entry for this year's Indianapolis race was announced by speedway officials as early as last February. He will drive a Blue Crown Special, the same car he piloted in 1947 and '48.

San Nunis, director of the Trenton events, said last night that nearly every top dirt track driver in the land is expected to be on hand for the races here. The entry list also is expected to include at least four other veterans of Indianapolis racing.

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# Fair Readies Racing Strip For May 1st

4-19-1949

New Jersey State Fair Grounds officials are putting their house in order for the opening of the Eastern mile track auto race season Sunday, May 1.

Norman Marshall, State Fair manager, said today that the spacious fairgrounds plant will undergo a thorough house cleaning in preparation for its 1949 opening.

Marshall said one of the biggest tasks confronting workmen is ridding the grounds of dirt and refuse that accumulated during the past Winter. He said the three large grandstands also will receive a thorough cleaning.

However, of principal concern to members of the racing fraternity is the one-mile dirt-surfaced racetrack which has lain dormant throughout the Winter.

Sam Nunis, director of the Trenton events, said he has been informed that the track will be thoroughly conditioned for the opener. He said 25 tons of calcium chloride, a dust allaying chemical, will be applied to the track on the night before the race.

Nunis also disclosed that many of the nation's leading dirt track and speedway drivers will participate in the program. The first entrant, he said, is Bill Holland, Reading, Pa., who won the 1949 inaugural big car racing events at Atlanta, Ga., last month.

Holland, a former winner at Trenton, is regarded as one of the country's top speedway drivers as a result of his phenomenal showing in the 500-mile speedway race at Indianapolis. In his only two starts on the Indiana speedway, Holland finished second both times. He turned the trick in 1947 and '48.



# Ader Renews Race Career Here May 1

4-20-1949

Absent from the local racing scene for more than a year, Walt Ader, Bernardsville auto race driver, has announced his candidacy for the AAA big car auto races here at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds, Sunday, May 1.

Ader, who operates a general contracting business in the upstate town, was one of the country's leading dirt track drivers in the years following the close of the war. He finished fourth in the 1947 AAA Eastern dirt track championship and announced his retirement shortly before the start of the 1948 season.

In the events at the State Fair Grounds, Ader will be at the controls of an Offenhauser car owned by racing interests in Brooklyn, N. Y. The car was formerly chauffeured by Hank Rogers of nearby Fords, N. J. He drove it to victory in a race at Reading, Pa., in the Spring of 1947.

According to Director Sam Nunis, two other nationally known chauffeurs also have entered the events here. They are Lee Wallard, Schenectady, N. Y., and Bill Holland, of Reading, Pa. Wallard and Holland were among the first 10 money winners in the 500-mile race at Indianapolis last year, Wallard placing eighth and Holland second.

The Trenton speed program, first mile track auto race of the year north of the Mason Dixon line, will consist of time trials, four eight-mile heat races, a match race and a 25-mile sweepstakes final. A field of 16 cars will be eligible to start in the sweepstakes event.

According to racing officials, most of the top dirt track drivers in the East and midwest are expected to participate.

# Brown Files

## Racing Entry

— 4-22-1949

Walt Brown, former holder of the one-mile qualifying record at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds track, is the most recent entrant for the AAA big car auto races here May 1.

Brown, who hails from Massapequa, L. I., N. Y., also is a well-known Indianapolis Speedway driver. He placed seventh in the 500-mile Memorial Day race in 1947.

Although he failed to procure a car for the race at Indianapolis last May, Brown traveled to nearby Langhorne less than one month later and took the measure of most of the Indianapolis money winners in a 100-mile National championship joust. At Langhorne, he defeated such topflight stars as Rex Mays, Johnny Mantz, Ted Horn and Tony Bettenhausen.

Brown will be at the controls of an Offenhauser owned by Milt Marion, of Freeport, L. I. An ex-race driver, Marion also owns two Indianapolis Speedway cars, an Alfeo Romeo and a Curtis Craft Special. Both are entered in the 500-mile race this year.

In 1946, Brown came to the local fairgrounds track and posted a new one-mile qualifying mark of 41.7 seconds. The mark was erased last October by Horn. The present record, held posthumously by Horn, is 40.13 seconds.

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# Holland Tops Racing Field Here Sunday

— 4-26-1949

Bill Holland, the Indianapolis Speedway race driver from Reading, Pa., looms as the "man to beat" in the AAA Eastern inaugural mile track auto races here at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds Sunday.

Now at Indianapolis to try out his speedway car for the 500-mile race there on Memorial Day, Holland plans to return East tomorrow or Thursday. Then he'll contact Ralph Malamud, of Brooklyn, N. Y., to make plans for Sunday's race.

Malamud is the owner of the cream-colored Offenhouser which Holland drives on the mile and half mile dirt tracks. The two men have been associated as car owner and driver since 1937 when Holland made debut in AAA racing.

Holland assumes the role of pre-race favorite here by virtue of his performance in the first mile track race of the year at Atlanta, Ga., in March. Competing against many of the leading dirt track drivers in the nation, he hoisted two new track records in accounting for an eight-mile heat event and the 25-mile feature.

Among his victims were Tommy Hinnershitz, Tommy Mattson, Spider Webb, Lee Wallard, Hank Rogers and Walt Brown, all of whom will compete in the events Sunday.

## Tommy Stern Threat

Hinnershitz, however, turned the tables on the well known Indianapolis driver in the season's inaugural half mile track races at the Reading, Pa., Fair-Grounds three weeks ago last Sunday. Tommy experienced little difficulty in making a clean sweep of the half mile track events.

Time trials Sunday will begin at 1 p. m. First racing event is scheduled at 2:30 p. m.



# Stellar Field In Auto Races At Fair Today

Big car auto racing makes its 1949 bow on the New Jersey State Fair Grounds mile track this afternoon with many of the nation's top drivers listed as participants.

Twenty-two drivers had entered last night, and Director Sam Nunn said the number of post entries might swell the starting field to more than 30 drivers and cars. Among the entries are four candidates for this year's 500-mile race at Indianapolis — Bill Holland, Tommy Hinnershitz, Tommy Mattson, Lee Wallard and Walt Brown.

A fifth Indianapolis candidate, Spider Webb, also will appear here if mechanics are able to procure "hard-to-get" parts for his car. Webb's Offenhauser has been sidelined for a month as a result of damages sustained in the opening events of the season at Reading, Pa.

## 25-Mile Featured

The program this afternoon will consist of time trials, four eight-mile heat races, a match race and a 25-mile Ted Horn Memorial Sweepstakes. Just before the running of the sweepstakes event, a 30-second period of silence will be observed in memory of Horn, who lost his life at DuQuoin, Ill., last October.

Time trials will begin at 1 p. m., and the first racing event is scheduled to get under way at 2:30 p. m., daylight saving time.

According to word received last week from AAA contest board headquarters in Washington, D. C., leadership in the 1949 Eastern speed championship will be at stake in the events here. Contest board officials reported that any one of three drivers can overtake the present pacesetter, Holland, with a victory this afternoon. The three drivers are Hinnershitz, Wallard and Jimmy Gibbons.

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## Holland Risks Lead

Holland has maintained the championship lead since winning the first big car racing events of the season at Atlanta, Ga., in March.

Wallard occupies second spot in the championship lineup. Gibbons is third.

Only 1949 feature winner in today's starting field besides Holland is Hinnershitz, who emerged triumphant at Reading and Williams Grove. The Pennsylvania Dutchman pilots an Offenhauser which is powered by a motor formerly owned by Horn.

Hinnershitz fell victim to motor trouble in the inaugural events at Atlanta, but he broke one of Horn's old records by a full second before the trouble developed. Tommy posted a new mile qualifying record of 37.8 seconds.

Three drivers in this afternoon's races—Holland, Wallard and Hinnershitz — were among the first 10 money winners in last year's Indianapolis "500." Holland placed second for the second time in as many years, Wallard was seventh, and Tommy finished eighth. It was Wallard's initial appearance in speedway competition.

Later in the season, Wallard took the measure of most of the Indianapolis "hot shots" by winning a 100-mile national championship race at DuQuoin, Ill. He finished seventh in last year's AAA National championship standings.

After today's races here, most of the top flight drivers will head for Indianapolis to begin pointing for the 500-mile classic on Memorial Day.

# Fair Grounds Race Program Next Sunday

5-2-1949

Auto race fans will have another chance to see the East's top race drivers in action at the New Jersey State fair grounds next Sunday after being denied the opportunity yesterday because of rain and a wet track.

Early today, Director Sam Nunis said the entire field of drivers will return for the postponed events. The field yesterday included such topnotch performers as Bill Holland, Tommy Hinnershitz, Lee Waldard, Jimmy Gibbons, Tommy Mattson, Walt Brown, Walt Ader, Hank Rogers, Otis Stine and Buster Warke.

The races attracted 25 cars, 12 of them Offenhausers.

Three drivers had qualified when the proceedings were interrupted by rain. They were Hinnershitz, who turned the one-mile oval in 40.3 seconds, less than two-tenths of a second off the track record of 40.13 seconds held by the late Ted Horn; Stine, who was clocked in 42.36 seconds, and Mattson, whose time was 42.76 seconds.

Hinnershitz's qualifying time was described by veteran speed observers as "phenomenal" because of the fact that rain had already begun to fall when the Pennsylvania Dutchman started his run against time.

Meanwhile, AAA officials announced that the original program will be presented in its entirety next Sunday. The program called for time trials, four eight-mile heat races, a match race, and a 25-mile Ted Horn Memorial Sweepstakes.

Nunis said the starting time for the program next Sunday will be delayed one hour because of Mother's Day. He explained that the delay will give fans an opportunity to enjoy their family dinner before coming out to the track.

The new schedule calls for time trials at 2 p. m., and the first competitive race at 3 p. m., daylight saving time.

# Drivers Alter Plans to Race Here Sunday

5-4-1949

Postponement until this Sunday of the AAA big car auto races at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds has raised hob with the plans of drivers who arrange their itinerary weeks in advance of each scheduled race.

Immediately after last Sunday's program had been halted because of rain, contest board officials of the American Automobile Association reported that all of the topflight drivers will be back for the events this Sunday.

The postponement makes it necessary for several members of the racing fraternity to forego important racing events in other sections of the country in order to appear in the events here. At least one prominent speedway in the mid-West will open its season, Sunday, and Bill Holland, Tommy Hinnershitz, Lee Wallard, Walt Brown and others had expected to take part in the events there.

However, all of them advised Director Sam Nunis before their departure last Sunday that they will return for the races here at the State Fair Grounds.

As one well known driver said: "It's a cinch you can't be two places at one time. Trenton had first call on my services, so I will race at Trenton."

Meanwhile, Nunis said today that the field is expected to number more than 30 drivers and cars. More than 20 cars were on hand last Sunday when the rain began to fall.

The program will remain unchanged, Nunis said. It will consist of time trials, four eight-mile heat races, a match race and a 25-mile Ted Horn Memorial Sweepstakes. Time trials will begin at 2 p. m., and the first race at 3 p. m.



# Twenty-Two Leading Drivers Ready For Big Car Races At Fair Grounds Today

Many of the country's top auto race drivers return here today to take part in a big car speed program that was postponed last Sunday because of rain.

The AAA sanctioned race card, fourth of the season on a dirt track east of the Mississippi River, will be presented on the New Jersey State Fair Grounds mile oval. It will be the first speed offering of the year on a mile track north of the Mason-Dixon line.

Despite the fact that three drivers had qualified their cars before the program last Sunday was halted by rain, contest board officials of the American Automobile Association have ruled that the trio of speed merchants must re-qualify their machines in the events this afternoon. They said the entire program will be presented as originally scheduled.

The program calls for time trials, four eight-mile heat races, a match race, and a 25-mile Ted Horn Memorial Sweepstakes. A 30-second period of silence will be observed before the running of the sweepstakes in honor of Horn who lost his life at DuQuoin, Ill., last October.

## Starting Time Set Back

Because today is Mother's Day, local racing officials have set back the starting time one hour to permit fans to partake of their family dinner before coming to the track. Under the revised schedule, time trials will begin at

2 p. m., and the first racing event at 3 p. m.

Twenty two drivers are entered, and the field includes Bill Holland, Lee Wallard, Tommy Hinnershitz and Walt Brown, four veterans of the 500-mile speedway race at Indianapolis. Holland and Wallard spent the last week at Indianapolis in trying out their speedway cars. They plan to return to the Hoosier speedway at the conclusion of today's events.

Other outstanding entrants are Jimmy Gibbons, Walt Ader, Hank Rogers, Len Koenig, Mark Light, Buster Warke and Otis Stine. Holland, Wallard, Gibbons and Hinnershitz rank first, second, third and fourth respectively in the 1949 AAA Eastern point standings.

Holland, Wallard and Hinnershitz also were among the first 10 money winners in last year's 500-mile Indianapolis race. Holland

5-8-1949

# Mays to Race Here On 19th

6-5-1949

"Rapid Rex" Mays, king of the lead-foot drivers and teammate of Duke Nalon on the powerful Novi team in the Indianapolis Speedway "500," has filed his entry for the 100-mile national championship auto race June 19 at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds.

Mays, who holds the long-time record for popularity with fans, will be at the wheel of the Wolfe Special which Jole Chitwood drove to fifth place in the Indianapolis classic. Mays' own Novi Special still is confined to the garage because of mechanical troubles which forced him out of the "500"—and a possible victory—on the 49th lap.

"Rapid Rex" is "at home" in the Wolfe Special for he drove it to second place in the season's opening championship race at Dallas, Tex., in April.

All the big names of this year's Indianapolis Speedway race—the fastest in the history of the famous track—have been provided with entry blanks by Sam Nunis, veteran race operator, who is bringing national championship competition to Trenton this year for the first time.

Everything possible is being done to provide a fast mile course at the State Fair Grounds for the Indianapolis drivers who broke records on Memorial Day. Since early May road graders have been at work smoothing out the track. Two carloads of calcium chloride—40 tons—are waiting at the railroad siding at the Fair Grounds to be spread on the course to provide a dustless running strip.

# Six-Wheeler In Auto Race Here On 19th

6-9-1949

Eastern race fans are going to have their first opportunity to see the world's only six-wheel race car on June 19 when Sam Nupis presents the 100 Mile National Championship Auto Race Classic at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds here.

This sensation of the Indianapolis Speedway is the Clancy Special which Jackie Holmes drove in the 500 mile race. It is auto racing's latest contribution to the automotive world and one of the most revolutionary developments to come out of the Indianapolis race in its 33-year history.

Holmes' masterful handling of the six-wheeler at Indianapolis convinced owner Pat Clancy of Memphis, Tenn., that the car is ready for the rugged competition of the mile Trenton track. The June 19 race will mark the only appearance of the six-wheeler in the East this year.

One of the top qualifiers at Indianapolis with a speed of 128.087 miles per hour, Holmes expects his two extra wheels to carry him to a front row position in the Trenton qualifying runs. The trials will start at 12:45 p. m. on race day.

## Classy Field Assured

With other prize winning cars of the Indianapolis race already entered, one of the fastest races ever run in the East is predicted. Lou Moore will enter one of his Blue Crown victory cars. Emil Andres will be at the wheel of his \$30,000 Tuffy Offey. Johnny Parsons will drive the Kurtis Kraft Special he piloted to second place. Rex Mays will wheel the Wolfe Special he gunned to second in the Dallas title event and which Joie Chitwood had in second place and finished fifth at Indianapolis.

Advance sale of 10,000 individual chair seats under the grandstand roof has opened.



# Wilbur Shaw In Pace Car Here Sunday

6-14-1949

Wilbur Shaw, auto racing's outstanding personality, has added his name to the star-studded 100 Mile National Championship Auto Race here Sunday at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds.

Shaw will see action as driver of the pace car which will set the gait for the speed kings on their warmup lap just before they receive the green starting flag which sends them on the grueling 100 miles. One of the greatest drivers of all time, Shaw won the Indianapolis 500 mile race three times and twice was national champion of the sport. He now is president of the Indianapolis Speedway where the drivers in Sunday's classic here raced on Memorial Day.

The addition of Shaw to the list of personalities who will greet fans here Sunday assures the 100 mile title race of all the big names of the 500 mile race. Seth Klein, veteran starter for the "500", also will be here to wave the flags.

## Holland To Compete

The driver list includes two speed kings who set new records this year — Bill Holland, winner of the "500" at a record average of 121.327 miles per hour, and Johnny Parsons, second place finisher who set an all-time qualifying record of 132.9 miles per hour for four-cylinder cars. The lineup includes Myron Fohr, winner of the Milwaukee title go, Emil Andres, second at Milwaukee, Rex Mays, Johnny Mantz, Mack Hellings, Jackie Holmes, Walt Brown, Hal Cole, Paul Russo, Norm Hauser and other drivers who provided thrills at Indianapolis. Some 20 speed pilots will bid for starting places.

Choice reserved seats may be obtained in advance by writing the New Jersey State Fair Grounds office. There are 10,000 individual chair seats available under roof in the huge grandstand. The race starts at 3 p. m., qualifying trials at 12:45 o'clock and warmup laps at 12 noon, Eastern daylight time.

# Sunday's Race Here Another Goal For Fohr

Sunday's 100-mile national championship auto race here at the State Fair Grounds will bolster the U. S. speed crown hopes for at least three top drivers.

Closely matched for the coveted AAA title as they go into the grueling 100 miles will be Bill Holland, Indianapolis "500" winner; Johnny Parsons, second at Indianapolis winner at Dallas, Tex., and 12th at Milwaukee, and Myron Fohr, fourth at Indianapolis and winner at Milwaukee. Holland has 1,040 points, Parsons, 1,010 and Fohr, 800.

If Holland or Parsons should win the local classic and Fohr should finish at the rear, he will be out of the running for the crown. But if Fohr should win he will loom as a new favorite for the title. The winner here receives 200 points.

Each of the three pilots has plenty of fan support because of early-season achievements. Some say that Fohr's brilliant showing on the Milwaukee mile track gives him an edge over the Indianapolis winner and runner-up.

## 20 Drivers on Hand

Making the going tougher will be the bid by other headliners of the "500" such as Rex Mays, who has the heaviest foot of any driver on the mile speedways; Emil Andres, Paul Russo, Mack Hellings, Johnny Mantz, Jackie Holmes, Hal Cole, Walt Brown, Buster Warke, Ed Haddad, Norm Hauser, Teddy Duncan, Bill Grouse and Buster Warke. Twenty drivers will be here. Only Indianapolis Speedway cars and drivers are eligible.

The race, the only championship to be run in the East this year, will start at 3 p. m. Qualifying trials will be at 12:45 o'clock with warmup laps at 12 noon. The gates will open at 10 a. m.

There are 10,000 individual chair seats available under roof. Tickets may be ordered in advance by writing New Jersey State Fair Grounds, Trenton. Forty tons of calcium chloride will be applied to the raceway to guarantee a dustless track.

## Eyes 100-Mile Crown



Myron Fohr

6-15-1949

# Fohr Takes Point Lead With 100-Mile Victory; 3 Drivers Hospitalized

Myron Fohr of Milwaukee, Wis., is the leading auto race driver in the nation today.

The 27-year-old, 200-pound driver took over first place in the 1949 AAA point-scoring race by winning the 100-mile national championship at the New Jersey State Fair Grounds yesterday.

A throng of 16,352 was on hand to watch Fohr pilot his No. 2 Marchese Special into the lead on the first lap and maintain that position throughout the grind. Running a no-stop race Fohr was timed in one hour, 19 minutes and 11.156 seconds.

## Holland Forced Out

The Milwaukeean, who finished fourth in the Indianapolis "500" classic, gained 200 points for yesterday's victory to boost his season total to 1,140. He displaces Bill Holland of Reading, Pa., at the top of the point standings. Holland was forced out of yesterday's race after eight miles because of radiator trouble. Fohr finished second to the late Ted Horn in the 1948 point standings.

Mel Hansen of Los Angeles, trailing Fohr by a mile-and-a-half at the finish, was second. He and Fohr were the only drivers to complete 100 miles. Walt Brown of Massapequa, L. I., was third, followed by Emil Andres, Chicago, fourth, and Duke Dinsmore, Dayton, O., fifth.

Three drivers are in St. Francis Hospital today as a result of injuries sustained before or during the race yesterday.

Bayard (Bill) Sheffler, 27-year-old Pacific Coast AAA champion from Los Angeles, suffered a possible skull fracture and serious head injuries during early warmup spins. He was given oxygen and blood plasma yesterday afternoon. A broken radius rod and split rear axle caused Sheffler's car to crash into the fence on the track's northeast turn. Sheffler was thrown high into the air as his car turned over several times.

Hospital authorities described his condition as "critical" today. He was still unconscious this morning.

Norm Houser, 34, of Indianapolis, lost control on the same north turn during a qualifying trial. His car turned over eight times. The mid-West driver suffered possible fractures of both arms, possible rib fractures, lacerations of the chin, multiple abrasions and possible internal injuries. His condition is "serious."

## Hellings Goes 99 Miles

The third casualty, Mack Hellings of Burbank, Calif., went 99 miles before losing control and crashing into the fence on the north turn on the next-to-last lap. He held fourth place at the time and was attempting to overtake Brown in third when he hit the boards.

Pinned beneath the wreckage, the 33-year old Californian received a severely lacerated right leg and was treated for shock. He underwent an emergency operation late last night and his condition was described as "good" this morning.

Hellings, driving the Pat Clancy six-wheeler, merely came to the race as a spectator. But when it was learned that Bill Cantrell, original driver of the car, was injured in a speedboat race earlier in the week, Hellings took over the job.

## AAA Official Hurt

Jack Griffin of Short Hills, N. J., chief AAA steward of yesterday's race, received a crushed finger in aiding Hellings after the mishap.

All of the injured were taken to St. Francis Hospital by the Liberty Rescue Squad of Trenton.

Fohr, in winning top money of \$2,040 yesterday, averaged 75.79 miles per hour. The speed was good considering that the drivers were slowed down no fewer than four times by the yellow caution flag.

Eight of the 16 starters finished the race. Three drivers — George Connor, Buster Warke and Hal Cole — failed to qualify.

## Mays Out On 77th Mile

Rex Mays of Glendale, Calif., who drew the pole position with his fastest qualifying time of 42.280 seconds, broke a steering arm on his Wolfe Special and had to call it quits after 77 miles. He was in third place at the time.

Johnny Parsons of Van Nuys, Calif., who was second most of the way, was stopped by mechanical trouble on the 52d mile.

Other drivers forced by the wayside because of mechanical trouble or mishaps included Ted

Duncan, Jack McGrath and Johnny Mantz.

The order of finish:

1 — Myron Fohr, Milwaukee, Wis.; 2 — Mel Hansen, Los Angeles; 3 — Walt Brown, Massapequa, L. I.; 4 — Emil Andres, Chicago; 5 — Duke Dinsmore, Dayton, O.; 6 — Mike Salay, South Bend, Ind.; 7 — Johnny McDowell, Los Angeles; 8 — Paul Russo, Richmond, Ind.; 9 — Mack Hellings, Burbank, Calif.; 10 — Rex Mays, Glendale, Calif.; 11 — Johnny Parsons, Van Nuys, Calif.; 12 — Ted Duncan, Chicago.



# Sheffler Condition Reported Critical

6-21-1949

Racing car driver Bill Sheffler is still unconscious and in critical condition from an accident at Sunday's national 100-mile championship AAA race here.

Sheffler, 31, of Los Angeles, suffered a possible fractured skull when a radius rod broke during a warmup before the race at the **State Fair Grounds.**

Listed in good condition were Norm Houser of Indianapolis and Mac Hellings of Burbank, Calif.

Houser received possible fractures of both arms and suffered possible internal injuries when his car rolled over eight times during the time trials. Hellings, crashing into the track fence on the 99th lap, sustained a severe laceration of the right leg. He underwent an emergency operation Sunday night.

# Injuries Fatal To Race Driver

6-29-1949

Bill Scheffler, 31-year-old veteran speedway driver from Los Angeles, died yesterday in St. Francis Hospital from injuries sustained when he crashed through a rail prior to the national 100-mile speed championship on June 19.

Hospital authorities said Scheffler died without recovering consciousness. He was hospitalized with a skull fracture and severe internal injuries after a rod on his racer broke in preliminary trials and he ploughed through the north wall at the **State Fair Grounds**.

Two other drivers also hospitalized as the result of spills, Mack Heelings of Burbank, Calif., and Norm Houser of Indianapolis, were reported in improved condition.

# Big Car Races On Slate Here For April 23

4-9-1950

The first auto race program of 1950 at the New Jersey State Fair grounds will take place Sunday, April 23, and many of the nation's top drivers are expected to participate.

Race officials regard it likely that at least two of the present record-holders on the local track—Tommy Hinnershitz and Bill Schindler—will take part in the big car racing events.

Hinnershitz, winner of the half-mile track speed events at Reading, Pa., last Sunday, holds the eight-mile record of 5:40.35 on the local track. Schindler, another front-ranking contender at Reading, possesses the one-mile qualifying record of 40.45 seconds.

Schindler, the one-legged speed chauffeur, set the present qualifying mark last October in the same car Hinnershitz now drives. The machine is the No. 1 Offenhauser the late Ted Horn owned and drove.

Immediately after the races at Reading, both Hinnershitz and Schindler said they planned to take part in the Trenton events. Schindler now pilots the No. 29 Ralph Malamud Offy in which Indianapolis Winner Bill Holland campaigned for many years.

Although Schindler partially demolished the car at Reading, it is expected that Owner Malamud will have the machine together in time for the races here.

According to contest board officials of the American Automobile Association, the Trenton races will be the first mile track events of the year, east of California. The program will consist of time trials, four eight-mile heat races, a match race, and a 25-mile sweepstakes final.